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The Art of Radio Reception

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And women's influence in adapting radio to the refinements of the well appointed home, and adding to its comforts, is discussed from the viewpoint of experience by Mrs. Christine Frederick. You will find "Home Comforts" rich in suggestions.

A Radio Tale of the Orient

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Then turn to "The True Story of Heinrich Hertz" for a glimpse of the genius who first demonstrated physically the existence of electromagnetic waves, and reflect on the reach his work has had in the every-day-world.

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For the home-builder, further developments in the wonderful "WIRELESS AGE D-Coil Receiver" are noted by Mr. MacIlvain, the designer of the D-Coil, and in addition, the constructional article on the "One Control Regenerative Receiver," will appeal to DX fans because it contains a real low loss coupler that sharpens the tuning and increases the signal strength.

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A display of period art cabinet radio receivers-the Colin B. Kennedy line

Flip of the Dial

The Gentle Art of Tuning-in on Radio Programs, and the Reception Problems and Their Solution of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

By Austin C. Lescarboura

MERICANS, according to the Man from Mars, are a unique race of automobile drivers and dial twisters. In their leisure moments they divide their precious time between driving their cars not so much with the object of getting from one place to another as for the sheer sensation of leaving mile after mile behind them, and twisting the dials of their radio receivers for the purpose of harvesting music and talks from one end of their country to another without so much as getting out of their comfortable arm chair.

Comes the Fall of the year, and these Americans are in a state of feverish expectancy. They scan the advertising pages of periodicals and newspapers. They search the windows of the shops. They probe the luckless engineers and salesmen who fall into their hands. All this they do. For, to them, it seems a matter of life-and-death whether the ABC automobile is coming out with nickel-plated hub caps and leather-covered bumper for its 1925 model, and whether the XYZ radio company is bringing out a sixteentube super-headortail or a five-tube reflexocluck.

All of which seems very strange to the Man from Mars, since the automobile of from one year to the next varies but little in its real essentials, while the radio sets seem to be reaching that stage of standardization in which the yearly changes must soon simmer down to non-essentials which affect the general appearance rather than the performance. Stranger still, so muses our visitor from Mars, is the attitude of the man who loudly proclaims that automobiles and radio receivers are still in their infancy, and that he will buy his car and his receiving set when they are perfected!

PERFECTION is that goal which is never quite made. To say that present-day receiving sets are perfect is to rob that word of its full meaning. But in a practical sense it is true that radio sets have been perfected to a remarkable degree, and that from now on we must not expect startling changes. The receivers of reliable manufacture that are on the market today will function for some time.

When radio broadcasting came down upon us without any warning, we turned to any receiving apparatus which we could lay our hands on. There was the simple tuning coil, consisting of many turns of wire on a cylinder, with a sliding contact serving to connect any desired number of turns into the circuit. There was the simple crystal detector, with its delicate cat-whisker wire touching the elusive sensitive spot on the crystal. There was the vacuum tube of that time, drawing over an ampere of current for the filament and draining the storage battery in short order. There was the regenerative receiver, with its tricky, but amazingly sensitive "tickler" control, which enabled us to pull in the long-distance programs even if we did convert them into fog-horn reproductions through the forcing process of regeneration.

Those early receiving sets were radio instruments. They had all the ear marks of laboratory apparatus and, indeed, belonged there rather than in the living room of the American home. And they were true radio instruments

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in that their operation called for considerable skill, so that the lady of the house, as often as not, could get nothing more out of the receiver than a collection of squeals, groans and barks.

Radio broadcasting proved to be too big a force to be played with for a while and then set aside as a passing craze, as had been freely predicted. It grew and grew, and became a definite part of our daily life. With it was born the demand for simple listening-in devices to take the place of the former radio

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apparatus. While a large part of the American public took to radio as a hobby, and have found much fun in tearing apart and rebuilding their radio receiving sets as often as the radio writers can concoct new diagrams with enticing claims and high-sounding names, the major portion soon insisted on the minimum of radio complications and the maximum of simplicity in intercepting their radio entertainment. This major portion has become interested in radio broadcasting solely for the programs, and is interested in radio only as a means to an end, and not in radio itself.

The lady of the house has had no little influence on the development of what may be termed popular radio. Because the fair sex objected so much to the unsightly appearance of the early radio receiving sets, and especially the exposed batteries, the trend in radio receiving sets of late has been decidedly toward attractive cabinets and selfcontained batteries. Even the loud-speaker horn has been disappearing, being taken into the cabinet along with the batteries. So the radio receiving set has finally reached a state of near perfection. Changes, from now on, must be less spectacular and more in the nature of refinements and mechanical improvements. Of course, there is always a possibility of basically new developments which may alter our whole scheme of radio reception, but any such surprise seems rather remote for the time being, at least.

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finish on our bakelite panel, the main consideration is one of the circuit behind the dials.

The trend of popularized radio has been from the very beginning in the form of a search for a means of controlling radio-frequency amplifying tubes at a point where they are almost oscillating. To permit the tubes to oscillate is to distort the reproduction of the radio programs, while to keep the radio-frequency tubes far below the oscillating point is to render the receiving set relatively insensitive. In the regenerative circuit, which has been the pioneer circuit in broadcast reception, the feed-back action is confined to a single tube. Part of the outfit of this tube, which happens to be the detector, is fed back into the tube, thus amplifying the signals. However, the great drawback of the regenerative circuit is that the amplifying action is limited to a single tube, and, unlike other circuits, this arrangement cannot be expanded. For this reason the regenerative circuit has now been limited to the simpler types of receiving set, although the regenerative principle is to be found in conjunction with other arrangements in some of the elaborate receivers.

Then there is the neutrodyne, in which the radio-frequency amplifying tubes are prevented from oscillating by neutralizing the capacity coupling within the tube, between the plate and grid circuits. In this manner we prevent the interplay of energy from one circuit to the other, and therefore stop the radio-frequency tubes from oscillating. This arrangement produces an excellent receiving set, which is as simple to operate as it is efficient. The standard neutrodyne receiver uses five tubes, two of which are radio-frequency amplifiers, one a detector, and

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two for audio-frequency amplification. Of late the various neutrodyne manufacturers have been introducing three-tube receivers, with two controls instead of the usual three.

Next, we come to the superdyne circuit, in which the output and the input circuits of the detector are so coupled as to transfer output energy to a maximum degree while opposing this transferred energy to the initial energy, in order that the two will balance at the point where there is an excess of initial energy to operate the tube at its highest efficiency. The four-tube superdyne receiver is re-markably efficient, although its manipulation is somewhat

complicated for the layman in the initial stages of operation Then there is the reflex circuit, in which the plate energy from the radio-frequency amplifying tubes is rectified by means of a crystal detector or detector tube, as the case may be, and fed back to the grid circuit of the radiofrequency tubes at audio frequency, so that these same tubes now perform as audio-frequency amplifiers. Generally the amplifier tubes are controlled by means of a stabilizing potentiometer in the grid circuit. The reflex circuit has the advantage of accomplishing the utmost with the least number of tubes. It is essentially a loop receiver,

operating with a loop instead of the usual antenna and ground connection. The reflex circuit, making use of a loop, is simple to operate. It has the decided advantage of being self-contained. The receiver of this type may be moved from place to place, without installation of any kind. It is ready to operate anywhere, at any time, by anyone.

Again, we have the superheterodyne circuit, which, we are assured by radio experts, is the last word. The problems of radio-frequency amplification have been cleverly solved by the simple expedient of dodging them. The frequency of the signal to be amplified is changed to such

a low frequency that the capacity of the tubes is minimized. At the low frequency, known as intermediate frequency, the capacity coupling between the circuits is practically nil. The superheterodyne, like the reflex circuit, operates on a loop. Thus it may be used anywhere. It has two tuning controls, one for tuning the loop wave-intercepting system, and the other for controlling the oscillator, which generates a frequency that is thrown into interference with the incoming signal, so that the resultant "beat" note, or difference in the two frequencies, may be of the desired frequency for the intermediate frequency amplifier.

Meeting all the requirements of refined surroundings, the FADA Neutroceiver finds a place in the best homes







Ornamental and efficient, the Tuska Superdyne "fits" the well appointed living room

And then there are all manner of radio-frequency circuits now in use, making use of transformer-coupled amplifiers and tuned radio-frequency amplifiers. The transformer-coupled amplifiers have the advantage of simplicity of operation, since they will handle the signals without additional adjustments over the usual tuning. However, transformer-coupled amplifiers, having to cover a more or less broad band of wave lengths, cannot prove as efficient as the tuned radio-frequency amplifiers which are adjusted for maximum efficiency in handling any given signal. The latter, on the other hand, have the disadvantage of additional tuning controls to offset their increased efficiency. Thus each stage of tuned radio-frequency amplification must be tuned for a given signal, and this complicates the manipulation of such an arrangement not a little.

IRRESPECTIVE of the circuit employed, the trend in radio receivers is distinctly towards stable circuits. The greatest demand today is for radio receivers that may be logged—that is to say, receivers which will bring in the same stations with the same dial settings day after day, in sharp contradistinction to the early regenerative receivers the control handles of which were seldom twice in the same positions for given signals. The neutrodyne receiver won its first spurs on that score: with its three tuning dials which could be set time and again to the same numbers, just like the combination numbers of a safe, it appealed to the laity as no other set had done up till that time. Today there are numerous receiving sets which can be logged much after the fashion of the neutrodyne. Indeed, the bulk of the present-day receiving sets have three tuning dials which are logged for the various stations.

The Radiola superheterodyne receiver charts the position of the tuning controls right on the dials themselves, which in this instance consist of paper disks which are renewed whenever desired. The call letters of the various stations are indicated on the paper disks, so that the lay operator merely sets the two control handles to the call letters of the desired stations.

More and more this charting or logging is coming into favor. The radio receiver of today is essentially a listening-in device. Anyone must be able to operate it without months of experience. Just how far this simplicity of (Turn to page 64)



And the well known Radiola Super-VIII proves a companion to the business man in the office as well as at home

Artists on the Air



When the Monsoon Broke!

A Radio Fan Invades the Heart of India With a Radio Set and the Gods of Krishnu and Kaali and Brahma Become Powerless to Stop the Consternation—Ay! the Monsoon—That Breaks Forth

By Kenneth Perkins

THERE was a clatter and a bang; a smashing of tubes, of tables, of mahogany. The Director of Central Intelligence, with a swing of his arm, sent the wireless set crashing to the chunammed floor. Never had he been in such a temper. He had fumed and stamped about the Residency bungalow all day, kicking the soft skinned natives around, precisely like a bull in a china shop. Everything went wrong at the worst time of the year that is to say when the Monsoon was about to break. The punkah-wallah kept going to sleep, the ice-making machine would not work; the "English water" was lukewarm; the obese Director himself broke out like a pink baby with prickly heat; and worst of all the nap before tiftin was lost because an agent had been demonstrating a wireless to a bazaar keeper across the compound gate. And now the same agent had the nerve to call on the Director himself !

Now there are certain things toward which the Southeast Monsoon shows no mercy whatsoever: One is a fat melting giant of a man like the Director of Central Intelligence; and the other is a wireless. No wireless set has ever been invented—so it was said at Madras, which could work during the steaming days before the breaking of the Monsoon.

The Director reclined in one of those long "grasshopper" chairs with his feet elevated on the long, extended arms, one hand fanning himself, the other holding his glass of arrac which he exchanged intermittently with a puff from his cigar. The punkah overhead squeaked and flapped—for he had posted his housekeeper to keep the old punkah-wallah awake. But it was all to no avail.

The energetic business of fanning himself, of puffing at that cheroot, of lifting his glass, of wiping his brow, of scratching his flabby neck, made him hotter than ever. He fumed and itched and swore. Mosquitoes and flying ants hummed about him; the pens of the writer-babus at



their desks on the verandah iritated him; the parrots and crows tormented him; and that wireless beyond the compound had made him hysterical.

It was at this most unfortunate moment that a salesman had come in and tried to sell him a wireless set!

"HERE I've been slowly going crazy waiting for the Monsoon and cooler weather—and you come in trying to sell me that confounded ballyhoo! And you actually start it screeching in my ears!" He called to his chupprassi—"Sweep up this mess, and throw the gentleman out!"

The salesman, Mr. Wemble, a complacent but shabbily clothed youth, stooped to gather up the remains of his demonstration outfit.

"Who let you in anyway, I'd like to know?" the pompous Director fumed on. He turned his crimson perspiring face to his office force of gaping natives, writer-babus, punkah boys. "Out with the bally swine! White man or no white man—take him by the scruff of the neck and throw him into the street! Where's my hostler—get me





my horsewhip, you! I'll show him! And you half-caste idiots who let this codger in-I'll teach you a lesson! A good fine for each of you-that's jolly well what you get! And as for you-"

The unlucky Mr. Wemble was hurriedly bundling his wares into his bag. In the process his pith hat fell to the floor. And the Director gave it such a kick that it spiraled like a football through a tatti curtain and down the long verandah.

Two native constables pulled at their black, forked beards, bowed, begged Mr. Wemble's pardon for the indignity they were about to commit on his person. The salesman was too much engaged in gathering up the wreckage of his wireless to resist them. The two giant blacks with continued and abject apologies took him by the arms and threw him into the street as they might throw out a boy who has stolen an armful of cocoanuts.

The Director, tortured by the prickly heat, gasping for

air, turned to his terror-stricken office force-"It is the last straw, confound you all!" he fairly screamed. "It is the end! My nerves are broken-snapping. I'm going amok and I admit it! You are looking on a crazy man!" The office came fearfully to a military attention, each man quaking and praying as the enraged master tore up and down like a snorting rhinoceros. "To hell with the whole Department! I'm through until the Monsoon breaks! Saddle my horse. Get out the elephants and shikaris. I'm off for the hills. At least there I'll find quiet from these beggars and hawkers-and infernal machines. If another man plays a wireless in my hearing I'll tear him to pieces with my bare hands! I'll mash him to such a pulp that the dogs will smell his rotting carcass!"

HE night came with a suffocating blanket of jungle mists. Far up in the mountain khors the Director found little relief from the heat. It was a heavily timbered tract where he periodically went for a few days' hunting and a complete escape from the affairs of state. But now everything was wrong. The khors were dry. Deer and sambhur had fled to other water-holes. The jheels sent up a fetid smell from their beds of ooze, which choked

anyone who tried for a gasp of air. The wind had died down. The picket-line for the pack elephants had been chosen in a bad place where there were too many anthills. The Director had knocked down his mahout with a blow and the miserable black had fled into the jungle. As a result the picket-line was in a turmoil—as was the whole camp.

The Director sat in the midst of this misery, tortured with prickly heat, with night moths, with the lack of mosquito netting, or ice for his English water, or quinine which the matey had forgotten. Utter torment. The squawk of a parrot made him howl oaths. Before the hour was up—so the elephant keepers, the shikari, the cook and the matey affirmed—the Director Sahib would kill some one.

And he was of the same opinion. The person he decided upon as the first and most deserving to be killed was a stranger, a white man who had followed the hunting equipage up into the hills—riding on a tat-pony and leading by its halter another pony—his pack animal, which looked suspiciously like a cross between a bandicoot and a jackass.

"It is a white sahib, Heaven-born!" the matey announced to the Director, as the latter—after a miserable meal of soggy rice, sat fuming at the door of his tent. "A white sahib who purports to be your friend." JANUARY, 1925

I T was less than a moment now, when out of the black vertical lines of the hamboo glen there emerged into the moonlight two shabby snub-nosed, calf-kneed horses, on one of which was a man in wrinkled and torn whites, a crushed pith helmet, and soiled tennis shoes. On the pack horse which he led was a kit of provisions, and a satchel of rusty buckles and torn leather.

The Director's eyes bulged until they turned red. He withheld the smoke in his gaping mouth; his nostrils widened. His heart—if that were possible—had practically stopped beating. And so had the hearts of the matey, the elephant bomos, the cook and the guide. It would hardly be stretching a point to say that the elephants—a few yards away—stopped milling and watched this newcomer with little twinkling eyes which were as red as the Director's.

But there was one heart that beat heroically. The visitor, who was none other than Mr. Wemble, alighted from his horse, and unstrapped the satchel from the other.

"I have here, sir, something that will make your Department of Central Intelligence ninety per cent. more efficient."

The Director choked: "The Department doesn't want

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"I don't want to see any friend!" the Director growled. "I came up here for my nerves!"

The matey sped off into the darkness of the jungle beyond the rim of the encampment, and returned scarcely a moment later.

"The white sahib, O Heaven-born, maintains that I gave his message wrongly. He is not a friend, but as he says a fellow-white man, who has lost his way."

"Bally ass. trying these elephant trails without a guide. Tell him I won't see him! My shikari can lead him back to the Pangarh highway."

Again the native merged into the blackness of the bamboos, and reappeared a moment later.

"Again I misunderstood him, O Son of Heaven! The white sahib said he did not want to see a shikari, but to see you. He feels these jheel mists in his bones and wants quinine."

"Ten thousand hells!" the sweating and itching Director cried. "You, yourself, forgot the quinine in my kit! Send him away. Let him stick his head in a swamp. Plenty of 'em around. That'll cool him."

A third petition a moment later:

"He says that you being a pillar of the Central Intelligence and a great magistrate of Government and the British Raj, can not refuse audience to a fellow countryman lost in the wilderness." The matey added in his own flowery English: "It is a matter, O Heaven-born, of life and death!"

"Send the confounded nuisance here! And warn him

to be ninety per cent. more efficient. Who said it wanted to be ninety per cent. more efficient? I'd like to know. Damn you for an infernal nuisance! The Department is efficient enough!"

"Very well then, sir," said the resourceful Mr. Wemble. "It's something that no hunter in the jungle can afford to be without. In the desperate loneliness of these salforests you can have brought to your very tent-flap, all the entertainment of the world! You can listen to His Majesty's Band at the Government Dock Yard in Bombay. You can listen to the orchestra of the Royal Hotel in Madras. The dancing Nautch girls in Madura will sing their temple songs. While you are brooding and lonely, you will hear the jingle of their anklets as if they were dancing in there under that banyan. Instead of the roar of the tiger you will hear the speeches of the Legislative Council in Calcutta! Or tune in anywhere you please : to Columbo; to a French song sung in Pondicherry; to the temple bells of Mandalay!"

The rash intruder had actually set his satchel on the canvas-top hunting table at the Director's right hand, and during his oration was adjusting connections, uncoiling wires, turning the dials, lighting dim lights.

For a moment the jungle held its breath. The servants, elephant keepers, beaters, stood around in a circle, ghastly eyes, confident in the expectation that the first game to be bagged in that hunting expedition was to be a man—and a white man at that.

The Director lumbered out of his chair, sniffing like a wild beast that has caught the scent of prey.

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The luckless Mr. Wemble went on:

"You don't even have to get out of that grasshopper chair of yours when you hear the Royal Indian Marines playing 'God Save the King.' There's luxury for you! 'God Save the King' listened, but not stood up to! A jolly good one-eh? And look here. A fine set for your Intelligence Department! Quite reasonable you know and all that sort of thing. Four dry cell tubes, reflex mute-sofine circuit, don't you know, two stages audio. Double scaled voltmeter. Indoor or outdoor antenna—rather sort of neat I'd say! And the price—why mention it? Two hundred rupees to bring 'God Save the King' into this jungle!"

Mr. Wemble looked breathless but up, otherwise calm, from his labor. He found himself facing that favorite gun of the British tropics-the 9 mm. Luger pistol. Something that the Director customarily used against elephants, but now contemplated another use.

Me seemed miracu-R. Wemble lously possessed of the conviction that the trigger would not be pulled. Of course he was right-except for the fact that his suaveness was like a red flag. The magistrate was not in his right mind.

"Pray, sir, do not be hasty until you have heard me tune in on-let us say-the broadcasting station at Madras. Now you see-

He began twisting one of the dials.

The Director exploded in a roar of oaths. A parrot screamed. The pistol

"If you so much as dare to start that was lowered. infernal machine spluttering I'll-

A brown hand was laid lightly upon the Director's uplifted arm. It was the shikari, terror-stricken at the possible outcome of this situation.

"The Heaven-born must not fire!" he cautioned. "One of the elephants is in musth and the noise will start them all bolting. They are all irritable and nervous. May Brahma forbid that some mouse does not scurry up to the elephant lines and start a stampede !"

The magistrate paused. And a moment later he regretted it with all his heart.

From out of the box on the table came a wail, a whistle, a squawking as of twenty parrots and a banyan tree of monkeys.

"I'll have it working in a moment, sir," Mr. Wemble said cheerfully. "You see-this atmosphere before the Monsoon isn't propitious. Static, you know, and that sort of thing.

He fiddled with screws, dials, wires. The squawking

stopped. And then suddenly a long-drawn-out squeak—as of a mouse torn by a cat. "I believe I'm getting Madras, sir!'

The squeak which Mr. Wemble attributed to Madras was followed by a terrific trumpeting, a roar, a thunderous crashing of bamboos that came from the direction of the elephants.

"The gundas! The gundas!" the shikari howled. "The elephants have bolted! May Vishnu preserve us! The sound of the mouse—for which they have been waiting! They have heard it!" He pointed frantically at the squawking wireless. Mr. Wemble was fumbling madly with the dials. The squeaking grew excruciating.

> The elephant keepers ran to and fro, howling to their gods; the shikari took up his goad and yelled orders. The elephants lifted their trunks, trumpeted wild calls. and went galloping off down the dry khor in a mad stampede. The Director sent a well aimed shot into the very middle of the object of his hysteria -that mahogany case. It splintered the wood, put out the lights, and in fact made the whole contraption jump as if possessed of an acrobatic devil.

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And then in the midst of all this maelstrom of turmoil-it began to rain! The Monsoon had broken.

"Thank God. sir!" the delighted Mr. Wemble cried. "The air will clear by morning. Don't blame you, sir, for getting into such a funk over the squeak. Merely stat-ic, sir, I assure you. Air is too damp and hot, you know. When the air clears-I as-

"-threw him into the street as they might throw out a boy who has stolen an armful of cocoanuts"

sure you I'll have the temple bells at Mandalay!"

NFORTUNATELY before morning a very grave mishap overtook the Director Sahib. If it had not been for the demolishing effect of the Monsoon, the pouring rains, the freshets in all the trails, everything might have turned out all right. But the Director was left practically alone in this mêlée of storm and lashing trees and floods; while his beaters and servants spent the whole stormy night herding the routed elephants together again.

It was during this adverse combination of circumstances that the great magistrate was attacked by a band of murderous dacoits who had long planned to take his life. He found himself gagged, bound and thrown into a dhoolie packed by four men. When the gag and blindfold were removed, he looked about and realized that he was in the mountain stronghold of the dacoit leader, a tall slim, brown skinned gentleman by the name of Bukri Dhinn.

Although Bukri Dhinn was a savage, with fierce look-(Turn to page 79)



Heinrich Hertz

Who found that waves produced by the spark of an electrical machine could be received by a circular loop of wire and was able to show the reflection, refraction, diffraction and polarization of the waves

By Raymond Francis Yates

HE German physicist, Heinrich Hertz, was born at Hamburg in 1857. He studied to become a civil engineer, but forsook this profession for the study of mathematics and pure science, which he pursued at Munich and Berlin, becoming Helmholtz's assistant at the latter university in 1880. His earlier experiments with electromagnetic waves were performed during his professorship of physics at the Polytechnic Institute at Karlsruhe, and made for Hertz such a reputation that he was in 1889 called to the important chair of physics at Bonn, previously occupied by Clausius. To Hertz is due the realization and detection of the electromagnetic waves which Maxwell had discovered in his theoretical consideration of the nature of electricity.

The first paper describing these wonderful discoveries was published in 1887 and the series continued for several years in Wiedermann's Annalen. In 1890 was published Ueber die Beziehungen zwischen Licht und Electricitat, while his Gesammelte Werke were published in Liepzig the year after his death. English translations entitled Electric Waves, by D. E. Jones, with a preface by Lord Kelvin (1893), and Miscellaneous Papers, by D. E. Jones and G. A. Schott, with an introduction by Philipp Lenard (1896) have been published.

That Hertz's classical experiments were inspired by our own Thomas Edison is not generally known. 'It was during one of the industrial exhibitions in Paris in the early eighties that Edison displayed for the first time a very mysterious black box. It was arranged at one side of the booth and he placed within it a tiny spark gap. A peep hole allowed the curious visitors to observe the gap.

On the opposite side of the booth there was a heavy induction coil connected to another spark gap. When this coil was operated a tiny spark was seen to pass across the gap located in the little black box. From the



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standpoint of pure science, this experiment was one of the features of the whole exposition. Many of the great scientists of Europe were awed at the remarkable demonstration. The best of them could not quite understand what was taking place. In fact, Edison himself was quite at sea.

One day a gaunt young man with a long, thin face smoothly shaven wandered through the exhibit and stopped at Edison's booth. He casually stepped up to the little box and peeped into it. That was an important moment in the history of radio, for it marked the birth of the inspiration that later gave the world a new art of communication. When this young man saw the mysterious spark, the thought of James Clark Maxwell and his electromagnetic theory of light flashed through his mind. This, he argued to himself, is no doubt caused by some of the electromagnetic waves that Maxwell had accounted for in his mathematics.

The young man mentioned was none other than Prof. Heinrich Hertz of the University of Bonn, Germany. Hertz was twenty-eight years old at the time and bubbling over with the ambition to make his mark in the world of science. Indeed, his mind was restless and his fingers twitched until he had arrived back at the laboratory of the university where he later not only proved the correctness of Maxwell's wonderful reasoning, but placed in the hands of the world a new and powerful instrumentality.

That Hertz's commercial vision was by no means as keen as his experimental vision is proven by the part of his paper where he says, "We have applied the term rays of electric force to the phenomena which we have investigated. We may perhaps, further designate them as rays of light of very great wave length. The experiments described appear to me at any rate eminently adapted to remove any doubt as to the identity of light, radiant heat and electromagnetic wave motion. I believe that from now on we shall have greater confidence in making use of the advantages which this identity enables us to derive both in the study of optics and electricity."

It is evident that Hertz's interest in pure science was in no way dimmed by commercialism. He was essentially an investigator and cared little or nothing for invention. He formed a part of that preciously small army of experimenters who prepared the fertile soil in which many of our great inventions of the day took root.

Immediately Hertz got back to the laboratory he set up a crude form of oscillator and from the results of his first experiments with it it is pretty certain that he was sure of just what he was doing. The brass balls of his oscillator were separated by a spark gap about seven millimeters 1 on g. A Ruhmkorff coil supplied the oscillator with its high voltage discharge.

high voltage discharge. When this oscillator was operating, Hertz visualized electromagnetic waves spreading out from it, and to prove that they were present he built the simplest radio receiver that could possibly be produced. It was formed by a loop of wire 70 centimeters in diameter. This loop was broken so that a tiny spark gap would be formed between its ends. The total length of the wire forming the loop corresponded with the length of the oscillator, for it was evident to Hertz that his transmitter and receiver would have to be in tune with it.

Hertz took his small receptor and walked about the laboratory with it. At certain points he noticed a little spark passing between the tiny spark gap. It must have thrilled him for he then knew that there was an actual transference of energy between his oscillator and receptor. Furthermore he must have known that he was dealing with a wave motion, for he could easily knock his receptor out of tune with the transmitter.

Inspired by this success, Hertz enthusiastically jumped in to a series of experiments that have since marked him as one of the world's greatest minds. He put these newly discovered waves through all the experimental antics that could be imagined. He played with them as a child plays with a new toy.

His next experiment was performed to demonstrate that these waves had all the properties of light waves. To do this he made use of the phenomenon known as interference and in this he was probably guided by Young's classical experiment in light made a number of years previous Hertz set up a metal reflector and interposed between it and the oscillator his simple receiver. By changing the position of the receiver he reached points where he found that no spark

The originator of "Hertzian Waves" occurred between the balls of the re-

ceptor. This, he reasoned, was due to the interference caused between the reflected waves and the waves from the oscillator that were on their way to the reflector. In doing so he demonstrated that there was a unit of electric force at the reflector. By moving his simple receptor to various positions he easily picked out the points at which the waves interfered with each other. This was of course at their crossing points as will be understood from the illustration.

Searching further into the mysteries of electromagnetic wave phenomena, Hertz set up and used a transmitter and receptor capable of dealing with shorter wave lengths. The apparatus used was not unlike that first employed, save that it was connected to cylindrically shaped reflectors. The wave generated had about 1/10th the length of the one originally employed.

The first experiment made with the new equipment demonstrated the fact that radio waves, like light waves, are capable of casting a shadow. To demonstrate this Hertz simply interposed a metal screen in a direct line between his oscillator and receptor. The effect produced was exactly as he anticipated; the waves were entirely screened off and prevented from reaching the receptor.

> The simple expedient of turning his receptor to a point where it would be at right angles to the transmitter showed polarization. Here again Hertz showed the great similarity between light waves and electric waves. Not satisfied with this proof, he made further experiments in polarization by interposing between the receptor and transmitter a grating of wires and he anticipated that this simple apparatus would act in the same way as tourmaline crystals when applied to light. Still again he found his assumption was correct, for the simple wire grating was capable of controlling the passage of the waves. When the wires were in a horizontal position the waves passed freely, but turning the grating ninety degrees caused it to become opaque.

> If these electric waves follow so obediently the law of reflection and polarization, one should

be able to cause them to demonstrate the property of refraction. So argued Hertz and forthwith he constructed a huge prism of pitch. This prism was $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters high and had a total weight of 1,200 pounds with a refracting angle of 30 degrees. Setting his receiver and transmitter up as illustrated, Hertz shot his newly discovered waves through the pitch. Again his action and forethought were vindicated for the waves were bent to an appreciable extent upon passing through the huge pitch prism. Calculations of Hertz placed the index of refraction of the pitch at 1.69.

Briefly, this is the story of Hertz and his history-making experimentation. The simplicity of the apparatus that he employed and the positiveness of its operation when in the hands of even the most rank experimenter make it possible for any novice to reproduce the original experiments in all their beauty and accuracy. There is nothing intricate or difficult about them.

Pacific Coast StationS

Tune in on the Hoot Owls, the Little Symphony Orchestra, the Sandman and Queen Titania, Uncle John, Hollywood, Creatore and the Wampas Programs

By Dr. Ralph L. Power

S the DX hound goes romping around the dials probably there is nothing that gives him greater pleasure or more genuine thrills than to bring in Pacific Coast stations. Of course the Pacific Coast radio stations always have worth while programs, but there are some features that stamp the various stations in the minds of radio fans elsewhere. The average radio enthusiast can hear music and other entertainment from his home town or nearby stations, but when tuning in for long distance, he usually wants something different. And he nearly always gets it.

Let's take an imaginary trip down the Coast and visit the stations that are most frequently heard in the middle west and on the Pacific Coast. There's the Morning Oregonian station of KGW in Portland, Oregon, on 492 meters. Wait until Friday nights and tune in sharply at 10.30, Pacific time, and the Hoot Owls, one of the most famous of the early radio organizations, will come to you right in your home. Listen to their initiations, the various splurges of horseplay, even the intermission when they take the goat out for water, and you will become part of the regular audience each week as are thousands of others scattered in all parts of the country.

Then perhaps we'd better drop down the Coast a bit to Oakland where the gigantic KGO of the General Electric Company on 312 meters, is famous for the Sunday afternoon concerts by the KGO Little Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Carl Rhodenhamel, which is a regular feature beginning at 3.30 o'clock.

The evening program hour from 8 until 10 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday brings a splendid array of talent to radioland not the least of which is the radio dramatic offerings under the direction of Wilda Wilson Churchill. The same evenings from 10 to 1



CREATORE The director of the Metropolitan Theatre Orchestra which broadcasts its classic programs every Sunday night direct from the stage of the theatre through Station KFI

o'clock Henry Halstead's Orchestra in the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, broadcasts its dance music through remote control to the Oakland station with the cable laid beneath the waters of San Francisco Bay for a distance of ten miles.

Right in the same city the Oakland *Tribune* on 509 meters celebrated the third birthday of its station KLX in November. Besides its regular fine program hours this station broadcasts a remote control line every Monday evening for two hours beginning at 8 o'clock from the University of California Associated Students on the University Campus at Berkeley. The program makes no attempt to inflict a serious lecture course on radioland, but rather a varied offering of instru-

mental and vocal numbers and occasionally a live, up-to-the-minute, snappy talk on some current event of world wide importance and interest.

Continuing our little radio journey along the Pacific Coast we next go across the bay to San Francisco where NPO of Hale Brothers, on 423 meters, makes a feature of the station organ recitals on Monday and Thursday of each week from 8 to 9 in the evening by Theodore J. Irwin, the official organist of the station. During the regular evening hours this station also broadcasts remote control lines featuring Rudy Seiger's concert orchestra, both from the Fairmont Hotel, and E. Max Bradfield's Versatile Band playing in the Palace Rose Room Bowl.

And now for the sunny clime of Los Angeles where five 500-watt stations almost continuously fill the air and a 1,000-watter is nearly ready for operation. KHJ, *The Times*, on 395 meters, has made a feature for nearly two years of the weekly visit of the Sandman and Queen Titania and the bedtime stories of Uncle John every Tuesday for an hour beginning at 6.30. Tune in on KHJ and give the kiddies a treat for the children's hour program always presents something unique and novel for the youngsters of radioland.

KFSG, the Angelus Temple on 278 meters, is extremely interesting for its water baptism service and music by the Temple Choir and Silver Band every Thursday for two hours starting at 7.30 P. M. At other times, except Mondays, there is an almost continuous program of religious services, testimonial meetings, divine healings and other broadcast features from KFSG. But the baptism services, with from 75 to 125 people being baptized each week, offers a unique program for listeners-in. KNX, the new Los Angeles *Express* station in Hollywood, on 337 meters, starts the

day-not with the alarm clock or the daily dozen like some eastern stationsbut with the morning prayer by clergymen of all denominations every morning promptly at the hour of 8. Its dance music program from 10 o'clock until the hour of midnight on Wednesdays has become one of the most popular programs featuring the Hollywoodland dance orchestra-an organization composed of young college men who have been playing Wednesday night programs from Los Angeles radio studios

during the past two years. KFI, on 469 meters, known as the Radio Central Station, with five remote controls to various parts of Los Angeles, is well known for the Packard Ballad Hour, presenting popular songsters every Tuesday night from 10 to 11 as well as the Packard Radio Club on Saturdays during the same program hour. These are broadcast from the studio of Earle C. Anthony Inc., located on the roof of the Packard

P. M. the Wampas programs are broadcast to an audience that can hardly be estimated in numbers. Known as the Western Motion Picture Advertisers and Wampas for short, they present movieland programs on which have appeared Marion Davies, Elinor Glyn, Lew Cody, Monte Blue, Milton Sills and other celebrities. It is small wonder then that hundreds of thousands of radio and movie fans eagerly

These programs come to you twice a month on Wednesday at 9 o'clock for a full hour of enjoyment featuring vocal and instrumental music as well as talks by stage and screen luminaries. And don't forget, too, that many of these celebrities can entertain you in other ways than through the spoken word. Bill Desmond and his favorite harmonica; Ben Deely, with his own songs; Carmel Myers, singing popular selections-all these and many more have made tremendous successes out of their radio programs. Many of these famous people were musicians or actors before joining the talented movie colony.

On alternate Wednesday evenings at the same hour and from the same station, the Los Angeles Branch of the League of American Penwomen-a national organization-presents a literary program interspersed with musical numbers. Books of the day. volumes sparkling with wit and humor, the more serious kind, tomes of fiction and travel-everything, in fact, that



in operation by the New Year.

Sunday nights from 7 to 8 an un-

usually fine program composed mainly

of classic selections comes to radioland

from KFI direct from the stage of the

Metropolitan Theatre where the great

Creatore directs the orchestra of 100

musicians and soloists. This has be-

come one of the really big features

of each week in radioland of the great

Pacific Southwest where the air is full

of religious services all day Sunday,

and this hour of orchestra selections

Los Angeles Examiner and twice a

month on Wednesdays from 9 to 10

Another remote control goes to the

makes for variety.

(Left) Lew Cody of Wampas fame, (center) Hobart Bosworth, movie star of ranch life in the great North country and (right) Monte Blue, all of whom present movieland programs through KFI

Angeles and the colony of artists from

cently for the Wampas a curious

coincidence was brought to light. A

large family on a Montana ranch had

driven twenty miles away to see a movie-a privilege not often theirs-

and they saw Hobart Bosworth in one

of his thrilling and gripping film ver-

sions of the great North country. Re-

turning to their lonely ranch home in

the rugged fastnesses of the hills,

without knowing what was on the air,

they tuned in KFI, and lo and behold !

Bosworth himself was speaking from

the Los Angeles station. Truth is

indeed getting more and more to be

stranger than fiction.

When Hobart Bosworth spoke re-

Hollywood.

is good reading is presented in a series of three-minute sketches for each book.

The information set forth herein offers the solution to a speedy trip down the Western coast line while seated comfortably right in your own home no matter where the location is. Tune in on the receiving set and visit all of these stations.

The time schedules given are, of course for Pacific standard time. These 500-watt stations and KGO's 1,000-watt set, all have fine programs and are on the air many hours each day. This little story, howver, gives you the gist of the programs that are regular features during the long winter months. Tune in when you can and you will not be disappointed.

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KNOW a fifteen-year-old girl who lives on an isolated farm in the hills of northern Vermont. Lucy Williams isn't her real name, but it will do for the purposes of this article. A year ago, she used to go about as hungry for companionship and good times as young puppies are hungry for steak bones. Fifteen is a lonely age. Any grown woman who remembers her youth will tell you that. And rural Vermont is a silent, lonely country, especially in Winter when the Fords stop running and each tiny farmhouse is snow bound-shut away by mile upon mile of white, glittering wastes.

One day last December the voice of the Girl Scouts called Lucy to join a big sisterhood of girls of her own age. It was like a miracle—Cinderella's

fairy godmother and Aladdin's lamp rolled into one. From Station KDKA of Westinghouse the Company of Pitts-burgh the voice had traveled, over fields and farms and cities and mountains, until it reached the neat, stove-warmed kitchen in the Williams farmhouse. Lucy's brother, Tom, had installed a radio set two weeks before; and when he heard Miss Laura Holland, local director of the Pittsburgh Girl Scouts, organizing a radio troop of girls on lonely farms, he called to Lucy:

"Here, Sis, this is girl stuff. You listen. It doesn't mean anything to me."

The voice was clear and strong. It was full of fun and friendliness. Miss Holland was making a word-picture of the Girl Scouts. Lucy gave breathless attention.

"A long time ago in England," Miss Holland said, "Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a British gentleman, decided that the boys of England ought to have a chance to learn to be better citizens of their country. That was the beginning of the Boy Scout program, and you all know how fast it grew. Today, it has spread to all civilized nations, and there are hundreds of thousands of Boy Scouts in the world. In those days—twenty-five years or so ago—nobody ever thought of girls as good citizens. It never of-

By Alice Mary Kimball

curred to the men who started the Boy Scont movement that there were millions of girls who might like a chance to grow into women trained to take a real place in their homes and neighborhoods as citizens. It didn't take the girls of England long, however, to discover that they were being neglected. They began everywhere to ask, 'Why can't we be Boy Scouts, too?' "Of course," Miss Holland con-

"Of course," Miss Holland continued, "the girls didn't really want to be Boy Scouts. There are too many differences between the things boys and girls like to do! But the more they thought about it, the more sure they were that it was not fair to give the boys all the chances for work and fun that the Boy Scouts have, and never to pay any attention to the girls what-



Girl Scouts listening to the Radio Troop programs 30

ever. It wasn't fair for the boys to have all the hikes and camps and the girls have none. It wasn't fair for the boys to have splendid opportunities for service to the homes and communities, with no girl ever being asked to help. So the men at the head of the Boy Scouts decided that the girls should have their chance, too. They called in their wives and sisters who worked up a pro-gram of scouting for girls. This was the start of the Girl Scouts. They were called Girl Guides in England, but when the work began to

grow in the United States, American girls wanted to be called Girl Scouts. So that is what we are called over here."

THE voice went on telling about the Girl Scouts of the United States. There are over 150,000 of them, it said, and within the last five years, nearly 500,000 girls have had Girl Scout training.

"The Girl Scouts include nearly every kind of girl you ever heard of," said Miss Holland. "There are white ones and black ones and yellow ones and red ones; little ones, big ones, fat ones and thin ones; Girl Scouts of all nationalities and all religions. Some of these Girl Scouts meet in schools, some in churches, some in playgrounds. settlement houses, or libraries. Any place will do for a meeting, if there is room for a group of peppy girls with a leader to get together for work or play. I feel sure that there are hundreds of lonely girls all over the country who cannot be Girl Scouts because they live too far from other girls to form a troop; and because there is no older woman in the neighborhood who has the time to be a leader. It is for such girls that we are starting a Radio Troop. How would you like to be a long-distance Girl Scout with your leader far off in Pittsburgh? I want



Mrs. Jane Deeter Rippin, National Director of the Girl Scouts

to organize a troop made up of girls from every corner of our country and to help them have a good time over the radio! Shall I tell you the way to start such a troop and what you have to do to join?"

Lucy clapped her hands in excite-ment. She had often longed to be a Girl Scout. She had seen in news-papers and magazines pictures of healthy, laughing girls in khaki outing suits, tramping over mountain trails, with packs on their backs. She had seen pictures of Girl Scouts in campswimming, diving, boating, studying birds and flowers, and setting up tents and "lean-tos" for sleeping out-ofdoors. How she had longed to be in on this fun! But it had seemed impossible. In the first place, the girls of Girl Scout age-from ten to eighteen vears-lived far apart, with miles of joggly, narrow hillside roads between. And life on the Vermont farms, for young. fun-hungry girls like Lucy, is to a great extent an all-workand-no-play proposition.

I AM familiar with the country in which Lucy lives because I was born there and spent my girlhood there. It is a natural pleasure-ground, but only the city people who come as visitors in summer, really use it for pleasure. There are, within five miles of Lucy's



Girl Scouts broadcasting folk songs from WFI, Philadelphia. Mrs. Julia Williamson, local director of the Philadelphia Girl Scouts, is in uniform. Miss Edith Hale holds a silver cup won by the Girl Scouts in a folk song contest

home, a dozen clear, forested lakes for swimming, boating and camping.

Mount Mansfield, Camel's Hump, and Smuggler's Notch near by are real scenic wonders-magnificent for hikes or overnight camping. In summer, the trees are alive with birds, the clear brooks are full of queer caddis-worms and water-insects, and the roads are interesting with the tracks of furry animals. The spring and summer animals. woods have their secrets-yellow lady's slippers, arbutus, Indian pipes, thousands of varieties of ferns and mushrooms. What a country for boys and girls to have fun in !

The boys do have a certain amount

of out-of-door fun. Lucy's brother Tom and his companions, go as a matter of course to the lakes and learn to swim. Fishing trips keep them out-of-doors over night. In deerhunting season, a group of boys sometimes hire a cabin in the woods and spend a week or ten days living in the open. But with the girls it is a different story.

"Nobody seems to think I need to have good times," Lucy used to complain to me. "When I was a little girl I had fun. I liked to play with Rover on the front lawn, and to give tea parties for my doll, and to play with the children at school. Now I'm fifteen these things aren't fun any more.

There just isn't a thing to do. The young folks around don't know how to have parties and Ma says I'm too young to have a beau. There isn't a thing for me to see but stupid granite boulders and hills and trees. There isn't a thing to do, but wash dishes and feed the chickens."

Imagine a little country girl in a gingham dress saying this. Her strawcolored hair hangs in two braids down her back. There is a sprinkle of freckles over her turn-up nose. She is rather homely-fifteen is an awkward gosling age-but she is attractive and likable just the same. Two big tears are crawling out of her hungry blue eyes and trickling down her cheeks!

It did seem to me that Lucy had a case. Not a girl in the country where she lived owned a swimming suit, or had ever learned to swim in the clear mountain lakes. Neither Lucy nor

her friends had ever taken a hike in the woods, with a leader who could call attention to the interesting secrets of the flowers and birds. Not one of them could row a boat, dance a folkdance, set up a tent, or cook a meal out-of-doors over a campfire. The charades, games, stories, songs, and dramas which are the everyday life of the city Girl Scout are altogether lacking.

We all know what the result of the mental emotional poverty of country girls or women has been in the past. Thousands of little girls like Lucy, untrained and inexperienced, have run away to the cities because they could

live up to the laws of the Girl Scout organization. The Girl Scout laws give the teen-age girl a simple code of ethics which she can understand and put into practice in her daily living. The mem-ber pledges herself to be loyal and trustworthy, cheerful, courteous, kind to others, clean in word, thought and deed, a friend to animals and to people, and a sister to every other Girl Scout.

Lucy became a Radio Scout. She wrote to National Headquarters, 670 Lexington Avenue, New York City, for the Girl Scout handbook. She could hardly wait for the next meeting.

The second meeting of the Girl Scouts was even

more thrilling than

the first. Lucy was on hand at the ap-

pointed time, Mon-

day night at 8:15

with her ears glued

to the receiving set,

and pencil and paper

before her to take

notes. Miss Hol-

land had said that

through the Radio talks the girls would

learn of all sorts of

Girl Scout activities:

knot-tying, first aid,

games. There was

also to be singing

by the troop of real

Girl Scouts in Pitts-

meeting was opened

Girl Scout gather-

Sure enough! The

burgh.



Girl Scouts studying folk lore, folk dances and folk songs at Camp Hoffman, Kingston, R. 1.

not stand the loneliness, and have lived precarious lives as factory workers. Others, driven into early marriage by the sheer dullness and tedium of their lives, have been swamped while too young with the responsibilities of motherhood and home-making. The insane asylums still take their toll of these lonely farmers' wives.

Rural free mail delivery, rural telephones, and the motor car have, of course been powerful factors in destroying the deadly vacuity of country women's lives; and now here is the radio, getting hold of girls on the threshold of life, bringing them into companionship with girls of their own age, telling them of books to read. games to play, and of ways to enjoy the out-of-doors.

T wasn't difficult to join the Girl Scouts. A girl had to be at least ten years old. She had also to promise to

ing in a club room. Miss Holland's voice came through distinctly as she greeted the Girl Scouts. Throughout the country, it seemed, the Radio Wizard had worked magic. Would-be Girl Scouts had come alive from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Florida. The postman came every day to Miss Holland's office in Pittsburgh with Radio Girl Scout letters. From little towns, from ranches, lumber camps, mines and farms, Girl Scouts had written in. From Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, to Palmetto, Georgia; from Iron River. Michigan, to Oak Lawn, Rhode Island; from Grey Eagle, West Virginia, to Corsica, South Dakota, girls just as lone-some as Lucy had awakened and found themselves Girl Scouts overnight. Girls also enrolled from Canada-from Quebec, Ontario, and Mon-

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Jimmy Clark and his White Way Entertainers

Have Appeared at Most of the New York Stations and Proved Very Popular

By Mary Gray Reed

JIMMY CLARK has caused me to lose just a speck of my regard for one of the greatest of American authors, Mark Twain, because with all the latter's stories of the Mississippi in which I have reveled since I was knee-high to a grasshopper he never mentioned a colorful bit of river life which Jimmy Clark knows all about. When Jimmy was a kid his family moved westward to Chicago where at ten years of age the selftrained pianist began to play the songs he learned at school. This was a onefingered performance on the piano, but it developed into an engagement, at fifteen, on the steamer "Eastland," the excursion boat which had the fateful accident some time ago and which was then plying between Chicago and South Haven, Michigan. Here the excursion crowds must have felt that Jimmy added a decidedly festive touch to the daily trips as he played a steam calliope on deck. But this was only a stepping stone to what I shall always consider the high point of Jimmy's career, although he himself would consider that point to be his appearance at the Palace Theater in New York.

Down the river from Marietta. Ohio, to New Orleans, Eisenbarth Henderson's "Floating Palace" was wont to make its leisurely way. This was a boat with a theater built on a barge and pushed by a tug, and as it puffed along Jimmy Clark played his steam calliope on the deck and its raucous sounds drifted fifteen to eighteen miles on either side of the river. At night when they anchored, the farmers would flock to the shores and in the Barge Theater they would witness "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" or one of (Turn to page 73)



Jimmy Clark with some of his entertainers in action-and this is the picture you get over the air when you listen in

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Regenerative D-Coil

On transformer connections—application of 23-plate condensers to original circuit—use of regeneration—plate potential increase for r. f. tubes and proper biasing battery in r. f. circuit

By K. M. MacIlvain

N the June issue of WIRELESS AGE, I described "The D-Coil Receiver." This receiver had two stages of tuned raido-frequency amplification, a detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification. The novel point of the circuit was the construction of the radio-frequency transformers which embodied an idea that was new for broadcast fans. These transformers were constructed on the plan of the "D-Coil" or "Figure 8" coil which has the property of possessing a very small stray field and hence its obvious adaptability to radio-frequency circuits. By the volume of mail that came in to the editor regarding this circuit it was evident that it had attracted widespread attention and by the number of congratulatory letters among them from fellows that had built the receiver and had met with success far beyond their expectations it was also evident that the circuit was popular and a success. Naturally, there were letters from fellows that had not started the construction of the set and wanted more detailed information before making the attempt and there were letters from others who had constructed the receiver and had experienced difficulties and wanted certain points made more clear. From a summary of this mail the author has picked out particular points that were not treated in sufficient detail in the previous article, and will attempt to clear them up for the benfit of those who probably experienced trouble, but failed to write in about it and gave up the work as a bad job, instead.

The circuit changes and additions are shown in the schematic diagram in figure (1) which is the latest model of the "D-Coil Receiver." The antennaground circuit is traced from the antenna, through the 14-turn primary of the first radio-frequency transformer and thence to ground. It it so be noted that the primary in this case has 14 turns as compared with 10 turns in the previous case. This is due to the fact that the secondary turns have been increased to compensate for the decrease



Construction of the transformer and feedback coll 34

in the capacity of the condensers used for tuning and since it is desirable to keep the same ratio of transformation (4 to 1) the primary turns had to be increased as well. The antenna-ground system is an untuned circuit and simply functions as an untuned pick-up of radio-frequency energy. The secondary winding of this transformer has 56 turns, as against 40 where the 43plate condensers were used for tuning. A 23-plate condenser is used for tuning the secondary of this transformer and obviously should be as efficient as possible. If you are looking for good results it is well to spend a little more and get a better grade of apparatus and subsequently experience a proportionately greater increase in efficiency in the operation of the receiver. For instance, in the case of the tuning condensers, it is desirable to get condensers with as low a loss as possible. It is resistance in a tuned circuit that makes the tuning broad, therefore, the lower the loss in our condensers (the lower the resistance) the greater will be the selectivity of the set when it is in operation. The transformer between the first radio-frequency amplifier tube and the second, is similar to the one used to couple the antenna circuit to the first radio-frequency stage, but the third transformer, although identical to the first two, electrically, is somewhat different in mechanical construction due to the fact that it is mounted in conjunction with another coil which is also a "figure 8" coil and is used to feed back radio-frequency energy from the plate circuit of the detector tube to the grid circuit of the same tube and thus accomplish regeneration. Since regeneration is used it is essential and important to connect a radio-frequency by-pass condenser between the high side of the first audio-frequency transformer and the negative filament lead. In this case a .005 mfd. condenser was found to be a proper value to use, the point being to select a condenser of sufficiently large value to offer a comparatively low resistance path to the passage of currents of radio-frequency,
THE REGENERATIVE D-COIL



Circuit diagram of latest developments in the ever popular Wireless Age D-Coil Receiver

but not of large enough capacity to offer a low resistance path to the path of currents of audio-frequency, as, if the latter were the case, the audio-frequency currents in the plate circuit of the detector tube would be shunted around the primary of the first audio-frequency transformer and therefore we would not get efficient audio amplification. It might be well to add here for the benefit of those desiring the information, that, in the case of a capacity inserted in a circuit carrying alternating currents, for any particular frequency, the larger the value of the capacity the lower the capacity reactance and for any particular value of capacity, the lower the frequency the greater the capacity reactance. Care should be capacity reactance. taken to see that this condenser is inserted in the circuit in the manner shown in the diagram and not from the plate terminal of the detector tube socket to negative filament, because in the latter case, much of the radio-frequency energy in the plate circuit of this tube would be shunted around the feed-back coil and the result would be that it would be impossible to obtain a very high degree of regeneration. Another .005 mfd. condenser is connected between the positive 90-volt "B" battery terminal and the negative filament lead to by-pass radio-frequency currents

around the "B" battery used to supply the plate potential for the radio-frequency amplifier tubes and thus increase the efficiency of operation. A potential of 90 volts is used on the plates of the first two tubes as compared with 45 volts used in the circuit that appeared in the June issue, since this increases the degree of radio-frequency amplification obtainable. In order to preserve the length of life of the "B" battery, it is advisable to insert a 4.5 volt "C" battery in the grid circuits of the two tubes in question and the point to insert this battery in the circuit is shown in the diagram in figure 1. Since this "C" battery is inserted directly in series in a circuit carrying radio-frequency currents it is well to shunt a radio-frequency by-pass condenser across the terminals of the battery. A .005 mfd. condenser will suffice at this point and the condenser leads made No jacks are shown in the short audio-frequency amplifier circuit as this subject has been discussed quite thoroughly in all radio publications and is well understood by all radio fans who have reached the stage of building their own sets, hence, an explanation of that phase of the subject at this time would only occupy undue space and be a waste of time.

The mechanical and electrical con-

struction of the third transformer with the method of mounting the feed-back coil adjacent to it in such a manner that coupling between it and the secondary of the transformer may be effected and controlled, will be taken up first. since all the points involved in the construction of the first two transformers will be covered in the present discussion. The diagram in figure 2 shows the construction and method of winding the third transformer and the feedback coil. The first thing to get is a piece of bakelite tubing 3 inches in diameter and 31/4 inches in length. The thickness of the walls of the tubing to be 1/16 of an inch. The end piece that is inserted in this piece of tubing is cut to the exact diameter to allow for its itting on the inside of the tubing and the 1/16 inch walls forms the basis of the figuring. If the walls are thicker it will be necessary to cut the end piece to a smaller diameter. Starting at one end of the tubing, cut a slot down the side, with a hack saw, to within 3/4 of an inch of the other end. Make this slot 1 inch in width. Then cut a similar slot on the other side of the tubing and directly opposite the slot you have just completed. The manner in which these slots are cut are shown by the diagram in figure 2; the two slots being marked

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"I CALLED because I wanted you to know that my D-Coil receiver has re-discovered America. I have had loud speaker reception of WSB, WBAP, KFI, KGO, KFAE, CFAC, CFCA, CKAC, WBZ. This list bounds the United States, so I'm satisfied that I have the best homemade receiver." Such is the comment heard recently from one of our readers and such is the substance of letters on D-Coil.



Home Comforts

Radio sets can be utilized in the home without destroying harmony in decoration or occupying much space or being conspicuous—How you may add to your home comforts

By Mrs. Christine Frederick

FOR the first couple of years of radio, nobody seemed to think it strange to pile the library table with mechanical paraphernalia or to treat the radio set like a temporary novelty. Today this situation must now be completely changed, because radio is undeniably, as Secretary Hoover has expressed it in so many words—"a permanent part of the daily routine of the American home." The fact that the radio only recently began to be treated as a permanent part of home equipment in its design and its installation, is largely due to the fact that until this current year radio was the toy and the joy of men rather than women. It has been only since women have taken a practical home making interest in radio that we have had the right attitude. This coming of woman's definite interest as a housekeeper in radio, has, perhaps, not been appreciated in its industrial significance.

The insistence of woman to make radio a fit home equipment has resulted in demand for higher class, more beautiful and more artistically designed sets.

I well remember that the same thing happened in other years when the phonograph first came on the scene. I remember a cousin of mine bringing in one of the old type wax cylinder phonograph machines, which was just about as ugly a home duckling as some

of the radio sets we have seen in recent years. He, too, stood it on the library table, the gawky wooden horn of it being quite as unsightly as some of the loud speakers of today. But, then, just as now, the miracle of a voice coming out of a mechanism, overshadowed all other considerations for the time being. Soon the phonograph was transformed to good-looking outfits. There are today 9,000,000 homes, I am told, which have phonographs, 4,000,000 more homes than have radio; and I venture to say that in not a single home of the 9,000,000 is there one of the unsightly old type phonographs which I remember.

It is amazing, to one who, as I do,

THE insistence of woman to make radio fit the home equipment has resulted in a demand for higher class, more beautiful and more artistically designed sets. Mrs. Christine Frederick in the present article describes how various homes have been embellished and made more comfortable through the installation of radio sets.

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gets about all over the country into many classes of homes, how even the poorer classes have their cabinet phonographs in oak and mahogany bought at good prices. It is a well known fact that 75 per cent. of phonographs are sold on the installment plan, that these installment purchases are for cabinets.

I cite all this to indicate what we may expect with regard to radio. I am told that the demand for complete radio cabinets of good appearance is increasing more rapidly all the time, and that the home-built sets must make way for them.

Cherchez la femme! It is woman

who is behind all this! She is thoroughly through with all the original radio messiness, the unprotected storage batteries which leak acid on her rugs, the unsightly technical tangles of wires and the dinky mechanism which has not the slightest relation to the general decorative scheme of her home.

What then is the development in this direction and what can the clever woman do, in collaboration with her men folk and the radio experts to increase the usefulness as well as the good looks of radio in the home? This, I find, is the question which is receiving most attention from women. It is no longer a question, as it used to be, whether or not to buy a radio. This is a foregone conclusion, which the remarkable test afforded by election night perhaps certified to in quite final fashion. Our old

national habit with regard to election nights are changed by radio, as the New York *Times* editorially acknowledged the day after election. We sat around our radio sets in perfect comfort, hearing election returns far more rapidly at home than they ever were returned before. The whole ancient system of crowding in the street around the newspaper offices, in lodge rooms, clubs, etc., or before bulletin boards, blocking traffic and hugging one's overcoat in the cold, was rather done away

with to the benefit of all concerned. We enjoyed this time all the privacy and comfort that the wealthy men used to enjoy who installed a private wire to their homes to receive election returns; and we beat them in speed even at that.

At my home on Long Island, half a dozen people who heretofore were obliged to wait until the following morning or walk several miles of country road, dropped in at my house, and around the fireplace listened comfortably to the returns; thus demonstrating how the country resident was not second behind his city cousin in point of time in knowing election results and side of the practical electrician, who wants to simplify the wiring, and from the point of view of the family who want comfortable listening in. Of course, those who have a set with a loop antenna enjoy a greater portability, for their set can readily be moved from room to room. Undoubtedly the greater number, however, still use the outdoor aerial and the location of this aerial makes it sometimes necessary to place a set rather arbitrarily in some room. However, clever, careful installation in any house may be so calculated that wherever the housewife indicates it to be most useful, there it can be placed.

I realize that a city apartment is exceedingly different from a detached house and I shall not pay especial attention to the apartment, because it always represents a special situation, but I will devote myself to the situation in the ordinary detached home.

After a great deal of experiment, I am of the opinion that the right place for the radio set is in the living room or the room where the family most frequently assembles. I know homes which have a radio set in the illfrequented parlor or in a side room which is only occasionally used by the family. I do not believe this is the right place for a radio set.

In my home, we have a very large living room and there is a comfortable settle before the fireplace. At the head of this settle we have installed the radio set *permanently* as a fixture. Someone sit-

the incidents associated with them. So we may say that this presidential election has certified to the value of radio in the home, and to raise the question is now simply *passé*. Every home needs and wants a radio set; that is no longer open to doubt.

The leisure hour in the den is made more enjoyable by radio

The first question which the practical housewife faces when she considers the matter of radio in her home is in what room shall she locate the set? There is always divergence of opinion on this point, both from the ture. Someone sitting or reclining on this settle can tune in without the slightest alteration of his comfortable position and in this way we get the maximum comfort out of it. Prior to placing it here, we had experimented in several ways, all of which proved unsatisfactory.

We had it located in a corner of the room on a shelf about shoulder high. This meant standing up to tune in and we found that there was a strong disinclination to move away from a comfortable chair to change the dials.



When we changed the set to another location and used our phonograph for a loud speaker, something of the same objection arose. There was the same feeling that we did not want to get up from a comfortable position and tune in or change the dials. I then realized that for its maximum value, the radio must be viewed as you view the library table or your table lamp itself. That is, you must regard it as a value and a service which is at its best only when it is immediately "to hand," and arranged to fit intimate convenience. One can put a telephone in a hallway,

desirable convenience of radio and phonograph in a single cabinet. We have, also, artistic combinations of cabinet and horn concealed in one cabinet structure. Then we also have more artistic loud speakers, even parlor lamps which are loud speakers; and I believe that by a little ingenuity radio can be utilized without loss of harmony in decoration or taking much space or being conspicuous.

For instance, take the manner in which I have installed my set. At one end of the settle, I have stood a neat upright bookshelf and had a carwires was led inconspicuously along the leg of the settle to the floor, through the floor, and into the basement, where the storage battery is much more fittingly kept, and connections made with the "aerial" and the "ground." This keeps our set in the living room free from protruding wires, awkward connections, and the dangers of harm from the "A" battery acids and grime.

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Bear in mind, however, that this is only an individual instance, and that various other handy methods of dealing with a radio set are possible. Some



Reading the best seller in one's library to the tune of broadcast music is the modern style of enjoying good literature

but not a radio set, it must be right where the family gathers.

Many housewives have hesitated to place a radio equipment conspicuously in the living room, and I think rightly so. They have felt strong antagonism to the ungainly horns and instruments constituting the average radio set. This disadvantage must first be done away with before radio is thoroughly harmonized with the home. There are now three or four methods of achieving this result. We have now the very penter fit a slot for the horn in among the shelves so that its full length was sunk below the arm of the settle and not visible. Over the arm of the settle, therefore, appears only the mouth of the horn and the neat dials of the set, the taper of the horn as well as the "B" batteries being entirely hidden from view. I have also eliminated a further element of awkwardness of the radio outfit by discarding altogether the presence in the living room of the storage battery. A cable of friends of mine who recently built a house had the plan arranged while the house was being built. Their set is in a recess of the wall with hidden wires leading to the basement. Even the horn is set in a built-in closet, with the mouth of the horn flush with the wall. This is all done in careful color combination, harmonized with the wood trim of the room. Another friend of ours has installed his set in a somewhat unused closet just behind his fireplace. (Turn to page 83)

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AND RADIO RECEPTION

The bipolar and balanced armature permanent magnet types described

By Dr. John P. Minton

Dr. Minton testing high quality loud speakers

ALL of us are familiar with the performance of some loud speakers which have been placed on the market and advertised "to the sky." Few persons have much regard for a human "loud speaker." He gets on our nerves; we avoid him, we close our eyes to avoid his gaze and we stop our ears to exclude his "noise." This is about the status of some loud speakers on the market today!

A group of capable acoustical engineers spend two years to develop an efficient and good loud speaker. Its performance is excellent. Another second rate company with an unpronounceable title spends two minutes to make a Chinese copy of this speaker, gives it a fancy name, such perhaps as "Aulettehowlophone" and puts it on the market. It is worth about two shekels, from the viewpoint of efficient and faithful reproduction. The public buys it, tries it, and calls it "unbearably rotten." This designation is soon applied by the indiscriminating public to the original loud speaker itself, which happens to be a very excellent device. Those people desiring to purchase loud speakers and other radio devices, therefore, should set down as the first and primary requisite to purchase from reliable concerns of long standing and experience. Such concerns have engineers of wide technical knowledge and experience, without which apparatus of high grade performance cannot be turned out.

These remarks apply particularly to loud speakers. There are on the market various makes of these devices and they give, with very few exceptions, poor and unsatisfactory performance and reproduction. The main object of this group of articles, beginning this month, on loud speakers, is to make it possible for the public to know a good one from a poor one and to see the significance and importance of developments which have been carried through to completion recently by those of us who have given much thought and time to this important field of radio.

To the expert, a goodly number of loud speakers are not worthy of serious thought. He knows they are far from being even slightly satisfactory, and fall hopelessly short of doing what is claimed for them.

For example, in a recent issue of a radio magazine we find no less than twenty-five or thirty different types or makes of loud speakers illustrated. In some cases it is claimed by the makers that their loud speakers will reproduce perfectly and give plenty of volume. This is rather questionable to say the least, of any loud speaker on the market. Few give plenty of volume and less reproduce perfectly. If we had obtained perfect reproduction, our job



Figure 3-A Radiola Loud Speaker unit of the bipolar permanent magnet form

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would be finished from the development standpoint. I think the public cannot be fooled quite so easily as this. One needs but listen to the piano over an average loud speaker and then compare it immediately with the piano in his own home. One does not need a pair of "million dollar ears" to observe the difference when the first chord is struck.

After a careful review of loud speaker literature in which the origin of loud speaker nomenclature has been traced back to its inception, it seems appropriate to begin this series of articles first by describing some of the existing makes of loud speakers and pointing out their likenesses and differences.

In figure 1 is shown the writer in his office examining an experimental model of a 10-tube superheterodyne receiver which he built for testing high quality loud speakers. In figure 2 is shown a photograph of a number of loud speakers made by different manufacturers.

type UZ 1325, of the ordinary bipolar permanent magnet form. Both the assembly and dismantled views are shown. Figure 4 gives a familiar type of the ordinary balanced armature, permanent magnet, unit. Here again both the assembled and dismantled units are shown for purpose of clearness. In a photograph to be given in the next article will be shown one make of the moving coil type of unit with the coil placed in the magnetic field set up by an electromagnet instead of a permanent magnet. The electromagnetic type here referred to requires an external source of electric power to set up the strong magnetic field. To avoid the use of an external source of electric power to produce the magnetic field, a permanent magnet, such as is

this type of loud speaker also will be shown later. The one to be shown, of course, is an experimental model and does not represent a commercial sample. As will be shown in the picture, there is a large aluminum diaphragm, thin and very light, clamped between two large "pan-cake" coils, so to speak. This type of loud speaker requires an external source of electric power to supply the coil and, therefore, set up a radio magnetic field. The diaphragm is forced to move back and forth by the currents induced in the diaphragm by the signals, as will be explained more fully later. This explains briefly why this loud speaker has been called the induction type.

Having described these various types of loud speaker units briefly and shown views of some of them assembled and dismantled, let us see what causes them to respond as they do to the radio

Figure 2-Various makes of loud speakers being tested for their operating characteristics

These have been arranged by Mr. Ringel in a group, so that he can observe their comparative performance very quickly by connecting them successively to a receiving set of superior quality and selectivity designed especially for just such comparison or by connecting them to a tube oscillator to measure their performance with very great precision.

The source of sound of a loud speaker is the unit itself, attached to the small end of the horn. There are many different makes of loud speaker units, but there are comparatively few different types. In the photographs shown in figures 3 and 4, are given some of the main types of units. Figure 3 shows the Radiola loud speaker unit, used in the bipolar and balanced armature types, is frequently used. Manufacturers make much of this point in advertising their product by stating that no external source of power is required.

Another form of this moving coil type of loud speaker has been produced in Germany rather recently. We have no photograph of it, however, and will give only a sketch of it in the next paper. In this type the moving coil happens to be not a coil at all, but a wrinkled or corrugated piece of aluminum strip, very thin, very light, about three inches long and placed between the poles of a strong magnet.

There is still another type of unit, called the induction type. A picture of

signals. Let us also see what the relative merits of each type are and what kind of performance we should expect from each.

The most common form of loud speaker unit is the so-called bipolar, permanent magnet type shown in figure 3. Referring to the sketch in figure 5 we get a schematic view of this type of unit. The different parts are indicated in the sketch. The output wires of the radio receiver are connected to the terminals leading to the coils surrounding the pole pieces of the permanent magnet. The electric currents, therefore, corresponding to the musical and vocal sounds, cause a strengthening and weakening of the magnetic pull on the diaphragm placed in close prox-



Figure 4-The ordinary balanced armature permanent magnet loud speaker unit

imity to the pole pieces as shown in the sketch. This increase and decrease in the pull or force on the diaphragm is in unison with these currents and causes the diaphragm to vibrate accordingly. The diaphragm, of course, has to be iron or one of its alloys, because it has to be made of magnetic material. If this were not so, there would be no pull or force on the diaphragm and hence no mechanical vibrations of it to set up the sound waves. We have seen in one of our earlier papers of this series why it is necessary to have mechanical vibrations in order to produce the sound.

All of us know that an electric current flowing around a coil sets up magnetism in the region of the coil. If a piece of iron is placed within the coil as illustrated by the pole pieces in the sketch shown in figure 5, the magnetic field, so called, is strengthened greatly. This is one of the important properties of iron—and therefore called a magnetic substance.

We know how to calculate the force on the diaphragm. We shall not bother with this calculation, but we shall, however, show by simple arithmetic, how important the permanent magnet is. The magnetic pull on the diaphragm depends upon the magnetism "squared." That is, if the force of pull on the diaphragm were a given amount, say 10 ounces, and the magnetism made just twice as much, then the force or pull would be 10x10=100 ounces and not 2x10=20 ounces. Suppose, then, the pull on the diaphragm caused by the permanent magnetic was 10 ounces and the pull caused by the signal current from the radio receiver was 2 ounces additional. The total pull will be $(10+2) \ge (10+2) = 100+20 \times 2$ -+4-144 ounces. Of this 144 ounces, 100 represent the steady, unvariable pull of the permanent magnet, and the

other 44 represent the pull caused by connecting the radio signal to the loud speaker unit. Of this 44 ounces, 40 of it represent true undistorted signals and 4 ounces represent the amount of distortion of these signals, and it is quite an appreciable percentage in this case.

The important thing, however, is that if there were no permanent magnet in this unit then the pull on the diaphragm would be only $2 \times 2 = 4$ ounces in the cases cited. All this would be that caused by the signals. But, what is more important, is that all of it would represent distortion. That is, there would be none of the original musical or speech sounds present and the resulting sound would not be understandable. So, the use of the permanent magnet performs two very important functions. First, it makes possible the reproduction of the

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Schematic diagrams of the bipolar and balanced armature loud speaker units



HE simplest form of a regenerative type of tuner is found in the "fixed untuned primary, tuned secondary, rotatable tickler coil." This unit is made up in many forms today and most of them are advertised as being "low-loss," or of low loss construction. The adjective "low" permits a wide and varied scope and does not confine itself to any upward or downward limit with respect to these losses. In other words low-loss may mean, from some manufacturers' standpoint, anything from sort of low to so low that the losses cannot be measured. Some of these coils are no more low loss than our old twovariometer-variocoupler combination which we were so proud of three or four years ago. In fact some of them present greater obstacles to the poor little signal than did ever our threehoneycomb-coil outfits.

The radio fans for the past few months have been literally swamped with various types of coil windings which have been more or less efficient. But in presenting the low loss coupler in the "pickle bottle" form of winding we believe that a superior development of low loss winding has been achieved. In the first place one criticism to be found with some types of regenerative tuners is the fact that the rotor and stator windings are of different design. For instance—the rotor winding of spiderweb form and the stator winding

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One Eastern Low Loss Tuner One National Velvet Vernier Condenser .0005 mfd. Three Garod Pyrex Sockets Two Federal Audio frequency trans-formers No. 65 and 65A Three Bradleystats Three Carter Single Closed Circuit Jacks Nine Eby Binding Posts One .001 mfd. Dubilier Micadon One .00025 mfd. Dubilier Micadon One Bradleyleak One Small Knob for 1/4" shaft One 7"x21" Insuline Panel Frieze Finish One 10"x3/4" binding post strip Two small Angle brackets to support terminal strip. One 61/2"x201/2" soft pine baseboard

of basket-weave form. It is at once apparent that high inductance cannot be obtained from this combination because the magnetic lines of force do not coincide.

In the low loss coupler used in this receiver all three windings are the same form althought the diameters differ. The greatest source of loss in an inductance coil is the capacity and energy absorption in the tubing which supports the coil. If this can be removed as it is in the low loss coupler used in this receiver the direct result is sharper tuning and greater signal strength, which are of, course the essential features for DX reception. The only dielectric in the field of this coil is the insulated strip for mounting purposes and the one for the binding post connections. The coil form is self-supporting because of the nature of its formation and good large sized wire is used in its makeup.

In connecting up the instrument, as will be shown later. it is possible to ground the main shaft which turns the rotor coil. This places the framework of the unit at ground potential and helps to prevent any capacity effect from the end of the dial. For anyone wishing to construct the standard three-circuit regenerative set, which still maintains its popularity due to its economy of parts and ease and simplicity of construction, we know of nothing to compare with the results obtained with low loss coils and low loss condensers. The receiver as shown employs various little conveniences which may be eliminated if desired to simplify the set further. Among these are the detector jack, the filament switch, the complicated binding post strip.

You will note that we have omitted the dial on the shaft of the low loss coupler. We have often wondered why a dial is used in this connection. The tickler action is not critical, and besides, nine times out of ten the home



The connections to the Pyrex tube sockets may be made either to a screw at the terminal or as we have it here, soldered to the socket prong contacts, themselves



builder is not concerned how to place the dial when the coupling between the tickler coil and secondary coil is maximum or zero. The dial should be set so that as you turn the dial from zero to one hundred you should approach the regeneration point and pass it before 100 is reached. If you have your instrument adjusted in this manner then your dial reading may mean something to you, but personally we prefer to use simply a knob with which the fingers can fit closely around and adjust our tickler action in that manner. The condenser dial is an entirely different matter. Here your dial reading essentially means something and it is very important that the plates should be entirely "in" when the dial is set at one hundred and completely "out" when the dial is set at zero.

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The numbers themselves on the dial mean nothing at all. However, they should be used to draw comparisons.

We have said this many times before, but there are still those who do not see the reason for it. Let us take the dial readings for this particular tuner as an example. WEAF was tuned in at 66 on the condenser dial and WJZ at $45\frac{1}{2}$. The former's wave was 492and the latter, 455. Now if we are looking for a station whose wavelength is between 455 and 492 then we will know that on the dial this station should be received between the other two and the comparison of wavelength made with the dial readings. The curve for the National Condenser shunted across the tuner is unusually good. The stations are well separated and the tuning very sharp. The wavelength range of this receiver ran from below 200 meters to 575 covering, all possible broadcasting requirements with the exception of the few stations below 100 meters, for which special apparatus is necessary. The arrangement of the condenser and coupler with respect to the detector tube is the most satisfactory arrangement. By so placing your instruments your grid leads as well as your other leads are made especially short. The wire runs from the stator plates of the variable condenser to the coil and from the other side of the tuning condenser to the grid condenser.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOW LOSS RECEIVER

SECURE for your baseboard for this receiver a piece of straight grained white pine and place your transformers and tube sockets on it temporarily so that you may make in your own mind a tentative lay-out for the placing of the instruments. A glance at the illustrations, particularly the one of the top view of the set will be helpful in this matter. The detector tube socket is directly behind the variable con-(Turn to page 87)



By closely following this illustration, the wiring of the receiver will be easily accomplished. Note the short straight connections of bare bus-wire



WORLD WIDE NEWS

Photos by Radio-Turkish Government Admits Radio Sets-France, West Africa, and Madagascar Service-Island of Yap Station-Belgrade to Beirut Service

Photos by Radio

THE Radio Corporation of America has successfully demonstrated a new and practical method of transmitting photographs across the Atlantic by wireless.

More than a dozen pictures were sent from London to the offices of the Radio Corporation at No. 66 Broad Street, including photographs of Queen Alexandra and Ellen Terry, on November 30.

The transmission time was from twenty to twentyfive minutes for each picture. The pictures generally were recognizably good and it is understood the system can easily be refined to produce perfect results.

It will meet wide commercial application in the transmission of pictures, in the belief of the men who developed it.

General James G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corporation of America, said :

"It is not too much to say that we are on the eve of

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developments whereby it will be within the realm of possibility to transmit a complete newspaper page from London to New York by means of radio and in a fraction of the time it would take to transmit the entire text of the page

either by radio or cable telegraph signals."

According to Mr. Ranger, the engineer who is in charge of the work, the new system rests on a "time element," or varying lengths of life of

electrical impulses, rather than on the varying intensity of a continuous electric current.

This is an inherent advantage, making trans-oceanic transmission of pictures possible for the first time and minimizing the effect of static and all interference.

The necessary apparatus is the result not only of the co-operative work of the company's engineers but of the General Electric Company, whose recently developed photo-electric cell is the "eye" of the transmitter.

It is compact, inexpensive apparatus which is simply superimposed on existing radio facilities. The chief expense of transmitting a photograph, therefore, lies in the time required and further development already contemplated will reduce this to a minimum.



President Kalenin of Russia using radio to broadcast his address to the all-Russian Council of Soviets

Station on Island of Yap

THE Japanese Government is planning to erect a large wireless station on the island of Yap in the Pacific Ocean at a cost estimated at 1,500,000 yen. Construction work on the new station is expected to be started early this year. It was stated in official circles that the plan of the Japanese Government is in accordance with the treaty between the United States and Japan concerning Yap and other mandated islands in the Pacific Ocean, which was signed at Washington at the time of the Disarmament Conference.

While Japan will be

in possession of the wireless station, all other interested nations will be able to share the communication facilities and may make use of the station for relaying purposes.

Turkish Authorities Admit Radio Receivers

THE Turkish Government has admitted on principle the installing of private radio receivers all over Turkey, but radio transmitters for private use are strictly forbidden.



Winston Churchill using the radio public loudspeaker system in an address to the British electorate

France, West Africa and Madagascar Service

ON November 27, the Minister of Colonies and the Assistant-Secretary of State of P. T. T., inaugurated the official opening of radiotelegraphic communications between France and Madagascar (Tananarive) and between France and West Africa (Bamako). The ceremony was held at 9 a. m. at the Ministry for Public Works. Wireless messages can now be sent from the colonies to France.

Motion of Atoms Heard by Radio

THE roaring of the atoms in iron as they are attracted by the magnet can be heard by means of a device recently perfected in the research laboratory of the General Electric Company here. The device indicates that magnetism is not a silent phenomenon; in fact the roaring when the magnet is brought near a piece of iron plainly can be heard from an ordinary radio loud speaker, according to experimenters, and consequently it now will be possible to listen to the effect of a magnet on iron or other material.

The apparatus carries out the idea of Dr. H.

Barkhauser of Dresden, Germany. A piece of soft iron is inserted in a coil of 17,000 turns of 3-m. wire. The coil is attached to an amplification set, which in turn is connected to head phones or a loud speaker.

Belgrade to Beirut Service

A RADIOTELEPHONIC service is being actually carried out on a regular schedule between Belgrade (Jugoslavia) and Beirut (Asia Minor) by the French Radio-Orient Company.



Broadcasting in Cuba has met with popular approval, as evidenced by this street scene at San Jose de las Lajas, Station PWX is broadcasting the program

Trouble Shooting

Learn the proper care of your set and accessories— Clean apparatus in the receiver means clear and better reception

By Robert Alan

HE suggestions embodied in this article record the advice given during six months' work in answering phone calls and letters inquiring into the difficulties that the owners of radio sets are beset with in the course of time. After all there are not so many awfully wrongs that can happen to a receiver, and most of them can be obviated by proper ob-servance of the meaning of the one word "CARE." This is, of course, presuming that your set at one time did behave as a well designed radio set should behave. For those that have never reached that state we refer you to past issues of WIRELESS AGE and to articles entitled "How to Reanimate a Dead Receiver."

The worst enemy of a radio set is dust. A pinch of dust can cause more trouble in a superflopadyne than anything we know of. The queer part about this is that the dust may be removed easier, and the trouble relieved with less labor, than one would suppose after gazing at five blown out tubes, or a shorted B battery, or a condenser with plates which touch. The simple application of a soft paint brush and very little elbow grease removes this item, and we recommend that you take this prescription in doses varying from once a month to once every five minutes, depending upon the volume of dust in your parlor. Variable condenser plates are the chief hiding place of dust. This may not seem so important since the area of one molecule of dust is incredibly small, but two units of dust and a few more can be measured in thousandths of an inch, and the spacing of the plates in a variable condenser is only a few thousandths of an inch. So you see if you have a good dusty condenser it soon becomes a very good grid leak which of course gives very nice broad tuning-all the local stations all the time-BUT it has a great tendency to keep out the outside stations and your DX soon becomes nil. Now instead of



The "pipe cleaner" method of removing dust particles from between the condenser plates. Be very careful not to disturb the alignment of the plates

dashing wildly to the dealer and trying to convince him that your radio set is no longer functioning, get a simple pipe cleaner and run it between the plates of the condenser. Don't do this as if your were cleaning your teeth, because the condenser plates can be damaged even if your teeth cannot be. This cleaning performed on a good variable condenser will keep your set in operation, all other parts being in order.

Next comes that \$21.00 storage bat-



Removing collected dust and copper sulphate from the top of your batteries insures a longer life for the battery and less noise in your receiver

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tery that you had to work two weeks. to earn the money to buy. A storage battery is a very wonderful device, but it should be treated like a watch, only more so. In the first place, your connections from your set to your storage battery should be made with rubber covered wires with clips on the ends. If the wires are fastened to the battery directly the action of the acid fumes on the copper will shortly leave you no connection at all. The acid eats the copper connections and the copper sulphate which is left collects around the teminals of the battery. This gathers in a film across the top of the individual cells and produces more or less of a short circuit. This is not relieved by opening the switch to your set, for you still have more or less of a closed circuit. The best remedy for this is a piece of paper or a cloth with which you can clean the top of the battery. This should be done each time the battery is charged. Keep dust away from the vent caps of the cells. This will prevent a possibility of dust getting into the electrolyte. A quantity of sediment or foreign matter in the electrolyte will very shortly ruin it.

Another favorite form of trouble is the lightning arrestor, and remember this right now, that the Flim Flam Special Lightning Arrestor will never arrest lightning in this world and does not pass the Fire Underwriters' Regulations even though it may ease your misguided conscience. If you have been operating a set without an arrestor, satisfied with the idea that the Fire Underwriters and your insurance man have not caught you yet, but you now feel that you really ought to have one so that you may mingle in the best society, be sure that you get a good one, and before you hook it up, put it on a closed battery circuit—that is one dry cell, one pair of phones and the lightning arrestor. If you get a click through the lightning arrestor the instrument is shorted and should be returned. If you do not get the click you can be sure that it will not affect the operation of the set. Now in connecting up your lightning arrestor observe that there are two posts. One of these should go to the aerial and to the aerial binding post on the set; the other should go to the ground and the ground binding post of the set.

About 50 per cent. of the noise in a radio set comes from the tube socket. The tube socket is one of the best little dust collectors that can be had. We are supposing that you bought a good socket in the first place, or at least had good sockets in your receiver; if you didn't the alternative is to put them in. The end of a tube prong is a drop of solder which is a lead composition. You have seen this when it was shiny, and also when it was dull with perhaps seven shades of green copper sulphate decorating it. A little piece of emery paper or your wife's nail file will shine up these prongs and insure that millionth of a microwatt signal energy from the station on the other side of the world reaching your tube, not greatly diminished in strength.

However, this will not do it alone. The socket contacts must be clean too. Now in cleaning these be careful not to bend the prongs down so that they lose their shape or their elasticity. They should make very firm contact with the terminals of the tube. If you get that combination of hash and clicks in your set and you can't attribute it to anything else you can be pretty sure that the trouble is in your tube sockets or your tube contacts. The paint brush, with which we removed the dust from the rest of the set, comes in very handy here.

Now even though this has taken us a long time to tell you, it does not follow that the entire operation of house cleaning in your pet regerative receiver will take anywhere near that long. About five minutes' work will see the job done well, and we again recommend that you perform the house cleaning frequently and a good time to remember when "frequently" is, is when you charge your storage battery.

EVERY radio fan has heard of "body capacity" until he is tired of it, and it is safe to say that nearly every fan has had his own troubles with it. Most of them would have better luck if they had a better understanding of what it really is. What is this mysterious force that often upsets the finest tuning with unruly squeals, and what is the best way to prevent its effects?



Bending up the tube socket contact prongs is good practice provided the prongs are made of elastic springy metal



The application of a fine file or emery paper to the tube contacts makes for better contact and a quieter set



In the hard-to-get-at nooks and corners of a radio receiver where you cannot remove dust with a cloth, a soft bristle paint brush does the trick



The right way and the quickest way of finding out whether or not your lightning arrestor is arresting lightning or DX signals

Body capacity, or hand capacity, is the term applied to the property of the human body which makes it act as an electric condenser. Your body is not a good condenser. Compared to the variable condensers in a receiving set it has an extremely small capacity. The trouble is that even an extremely small variation in either capacity or inductance of a set can throw fine tuning out of adjustment.

Each time the operator's hand takes hold or lets go of a knob in the process of tuning, the capacity of the set varies by a small amount, because some of the body capacity is communicated to the set while the hand is in contact with it. Then you know too well what happens.

A very fine adjustment of the total capacity of a set can be obtained with modern vernier knobs for rotating the parts of the condensers, which supply practically all of the capacity of the circuit. In the same way a very fine adjustment of the total inductance is obtained by rotating the parts of the coils which supply nearly all of the inductance in the circuit. Thus these two elements in the set itself can be very closely controlled. Body capacity, while small enough in itself, is quite beyond control. That is why, if it is allowed to act on the set at all, it is likely to upset the whole apple cart.

Some radio enthusiasts who can build anything from a pocket crystal set to a super-heterodyne do not know just why this adjustment of capacity and inductance values is so important in its effect on reception. The reason, technically, is that when these values are properly related to each other for any given wave length the equivalent resistivity, or total equivalent resistance, of the circuit is reduced to the minimum. As the voltage supplied to the set by batteries or lighting circuit is constant, minimum resistance means maximum current. With the maximum current flowing through the set, you have reached the point of resonance -the point at which signals are strongest.

Attempts have been made to eliminate body capacity by various methods, but the most effective has been the protection of the panel, or in some cases of individual parts of the set, with a metallic shield. The shield, until recently, had to be applied either by the user or by the dealer, but an "anticapacity" panel of hard rubber is now being made with a shield vulcanized in place. Shielding, while decreasing the effects of body capacity, does not detract in any way from the quality or volume of the tone.

In order to make shielding thoroughly effective, care must be used in making connections in the cir-(Turn to page 90)

The Vacuum Tube as a Detector

Reception of damped and undamped r. f. waves, and modulated c. w.—Grid-potential plate-current characteristic curves—Hard and soft detectors

By Donald Gordon Wade

I N the first of this series of articles concerning the operation of the vacuum tube we were concerned with the experimentation and mathematical interpretation in connection with the development of the character-

tubes, in fact, which may contain some small trace of a gas which has either been allowed to remain in the tube when it was evacuated or else which may have been deliberately introduced during the process of evacuation.

curve of the "soft" tube having very pronounced bends in its characteristic curve as illustrated in figure 1 at points A and B while the "hard" tube has a characteristic curve similar to figure 2 with a much slighter bend as illustrated



"Soft" and "hard" tube characteristic curves—diagrammatic figures of spark waves, and undamped and modulated continuous waves

istic curves of these tubes and with a general interpretation of these curves, while in this article we will deal with the specific application of these curves to an interpretation of their actions in receiving circuits; especially treating in this article the vacuum tube employed as a detector of radio frequency energy.

Generally speaking, there are two classes of vacuum tubes with respect to the degree of vacuum within the tube; namely, "hard" or high vacuum tubes, i.e., tubes which have had the air exhausted to the highest possible degree, or as it has been aptly stated, the most perfect "nothing," and "soft" or low vacuum tubes, i. e., tubes which have not been so highly evacuated or "Hard" or high vacuum tubes are used as amplifiers of various sorts, such as radio frequency amplifiers, audio frequency amplifiers, direct current amplifiers, and as oscillators or generators of radio frequency or audio frequency energy; for the tube in its function as a generator actually functions as an amplifier. "Soft" or low vacuum tubes are to be found in use as detectors in receivers and as modulator or control tubes in transmitters. That they are not always used as detectors, for good and sufficient reasons, will be noted later.

"Hard" tubes and "soft" tubes are to be distinguished from each other by the shape of their grid-potential plate-current characteristic curves, the

by the bend at point A. In the curves usually given of "hard" tubes it is not common to include the upper bend of the curve, though it is always present, for this is a point on the characteristic curve which is avoided in normal operating practice, and if it is found advisable to use it for some special experimentation it is common for the experimenter to take his own curves of the particular tube which he is using, as general curves are not to be compared with specific curves for accuracy. It, however, is unnecessary to do this with the tube as used in the receiver, as laboratory methods and practice call for entirely different standards of accuracy, and the average man who operates a receiver is not

interested in obtaining the accuracy of the experimenter for even if he could attain this degree of accuracy, it would be impossible to maintain it in practice. The above statement is included for the benefit of those who might be inclined to criticize this article for not dealing with accuracies to the *nth* degree, which it does not do for the reason that they are of no interest to the majority of those who will read this article.

There are several types of radio frequency energy with which the detector must deal. They are: damped radio frequency waves such as come from a spark transmitter, as illustrated in figure 3; undamped radio frequency waves, which are the output of a tube transmitter which is used for telegraph

In fact any source of audible sound may be used to modulate the signals from the transmitter. We are going to deal with all of these various wave forms in order to answer the question that has been asked many times as to the reason for a broadcast receiver picking up telegraph signals, for if we are able to show the similarity of reception of these various forms of signal energy, the reason for the broadcast receiver picking them up will be self-evident.

Another question often asked in connection with the functioning of the vacuum tube is as to the reason for the same tube acting as a detector in one circuit, but functioning as an amplifier of either radio or audio frequency currents when placed in

by simply adjusting our output circuit to the audio frequency currents and neglecting the radio frequency currents we may use the latter and have no difficulty in doing away with the former. If for example we consider the figure 7, which is a simple tuning and detecting circuit, the energy is taken from the air by the first tuned radio frequency circuit by virtue of the fact that is tuned to oscillate or vibrate, electrically, at the same speed as that of the wave which it is to pick up. This wave coming to the antenna sets this circuit oscillating. This first tuned radio frequency circuit then passes on the energy to the second radio frequency tuned circuit by the same means as was employed by the first circuit to pick the energy out



Receiving circuit diagram and grid-potential plate-current characteristic curves

purposes when used with a direct current input to the tubes, as shown in figure 4; completely modulated continuous waves which are the result of applying alternating current to the tube transmitter, as illustrated in figure 5; and voice modulated continuous waves which result from modulating, that is moulding or shaping the continuous waves as illustrated in figure 4, by means of the human voice, which results in a wave having a shape similar to figure 6. It is with this last form of wave that the broadcast listener is most particularly concerned, as it is this form of wave which comes into his detector to be employed in giving him entertainment through musical instruments. another or perhaps in another posi-The tion in the same circuit. reason for this is that the incoming radio frequency energy in the detector tube is also present in the output circuit of the tube. In fact, it is this so-called radio frequency component of the plate current which is used to make regeneration possible. However, in the tube which is employed merely as a detector it is our wish to put radio frequency currents into the tube and to get audio frequency currents out of the tube and therefore even if we do have radio frequency currents in the plate or output circuit of our tube in addition to the desired audio frequency currents,

of the air, that is, it is tuned to the same frequency as that of the first oscillating circuit. During all of this time the radio frequency energy, if it is coming from a broadcasting transmitter is of the general form of the wave as illustrated in figure 6. The tube which we are going to use as a detector has a characteristic curve of the shape shown in figure 1, that is, one with a sharp bend in the curve. We will take this curve and note that the two bends on the curve occur at the points where the grid is 2 volts negative and 1 volt positive with re-spect to the filament. This operating point is regulated by the "C" battery (Turn to page 88)

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And this—little dears—is "Uncle Bob" Wilson telling another one from KYW. Bedtime stories is his specialty on the air, but we'll wager he knows a few. . . . for that matter just gaze at him and then tell us you don't believe it!



Edward H. Smith, director and leading man of the WGY Players. Look at him—just now he is thinking. And when Edward thinks —it's time to tune in on Schenectady

A PHYSICAL CULTURE instructor, broadcasting from one of the large stations, received a letter thanking him for the fine exercises broadcast every morning at 7:30, the listener saying that he listened in bed. The physicalculture instructor replied that he was glad to hear from his lazy listener, and added, "I broadcast the exercises—lying in bed."





HERE AND THERE WITH

THE BROADCASTERS



Grinning from left to right: Ernest Hare, Larry Briers and Billy Jones; the Happiness Boys at WEAF. Not that we care to insinuate—nor even to raise the question —BUT why the hands in the hip pockets and the fair weather mirth? Broadcasting is very serious nonsense



Josiah Zuro broadcasting from WNYC-He is the conductor of the Sunday Symphonic Society and Director of Music at the Rialto, Rivoli and Criterion theatres in New York



Wendell Hall, broadcast artist at large, impersonating Santa Claus to the accompaniment of his "Uke," And we are not abusing any confidences when we say that Wendell knows what he is doing



Dr. Ralph L. Power, telling the wor.d all about it from KFI, the home-town station of Loz Angelaz. And when he gets through saying whatever is on his mind Dr. Power writes it down and has it published in various forms

C HARLIE CHAPLIN successfully broadcast a neat bit of pantomime when he announced that he would play a violin solo, 'cello solo, flute solo, trombone, and drum, his a u dience marveling that Charlie could play even one of the instruments named. *Then* he announced that he would play them all at once! His orchestra, of course, obliged, and the B.C.L.'s still marveled.



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Afloat and Ashore with the Operator

"A MERICAN steamship Leviathan, WSN, 850 miles east of Ambrose, traveling at a speed of 24 knots, now signing off.

"Ding-ding, ding-ding, ding-ding six bells, ship time eleven o'clock good night."

Chief operator E. N. Pickerill was testing the *Leviathan's* duplex radio phone set on 316 meters, little thinking that his voice and the ship's "bells" were being heard two thousand miles away.

Not many minutes after, two fully-paid radiograms one from Canada — were received aboard the *Leviathan* acknowledging the broadcast, then upon arri-



val in New York Pickerill received more than a hundred post cards and letters from radio listeners as far West as the Mississippi.

Almost every acknowledgment spoke of the clearness of the "bells" and the writers' elation over the unique experience of hearing the ship's time being struck so far away.

struck so far away. The "bells" consisted of a crowbar and a marlinspike!

S PEAKING of the Leviathan brings to mind a story illustrating the vastness of the big vessel, as told by Mr.

Pickerill on his last arrival in New York.

It was to the effect that a ship's officer passing through one of the numerous companionways was stopped by an admittedly lost and very sea-



sick passenger who inquired :

"Officer, please direct me the nearest way to the ocean."

A N exciting incident happened aboard a passenger ship about ten years ago which resulted in the radio operator the present writer—receiving unusual recognition.

About eleven o'clock in the evening the operator was at work with his coat

By W. S. Fitzpatrick

off in the radio cabin when he heard the scream of a woman in the social hall. Rushing there he saw a man armed with a gun in each hand and a large knife in his cartridge-loaded belt.

Realizing that a show of authority was needed he ran back to the radio cabin where he quickly donned his uniform coat and cap and returned to the man with the guns.

"What're you doing here?" he bawled out in true rough salt-air fashion with the commanding tone of a combined captain, mate and bo'swain behind it.

For answer the man raised his arm and leveling one of his guns, pulled the trigger. The gun missed fire, because, as was afterward learned, it was loaded with old Mexican bullets that had been so imperfectly manu-

factured and improperly stored as to render many of them useless.

It was readily seen that the uniform and the commanding voice had no effect and was certainly no match against a man who would not answer

except with wicked-looking guns.

Within one second after he looked into the barrel of the gun and heard the click, the operator was off with a spring which broke into the fastest run he ever made.

In the meantime the woman's screams had awakened many of the passengers and had also brought out the men from the smoking room. Passengers who did not hear the screams were awakened by the general confusion and practically the entire ship witnessed the operator's mile-aminute sprint.

Someone went up to the captain, who in turn called the mate, and the battle was on to capture the bad man.

Everybody was cautious and a sight of the man caused a general scramble. The bartender had no desire to meet up with him, but out of curiosity wanted to get just a look at him—and that at a distance.

Proceeding very carefully he was about to take a peep around the corner of one of the halls when he came face to face with him.

"They're after me," he told the bartender.

"W-w-well g-g-give me your

g-g-guns and I'll g-get them," the trightened barman managed to speak out.

The man handed over the guns and knife and thus unarmed was immediately captured and made prisoner while the poor bartender collapsed from the excitement.

It was found that the man was an ex-British army sharpshooter who had been helping in a recent Mexican revolution and was on his way home to England.

The following day word came that the wireless operator was wanted in the smoking room. Arriving there he found it jammed with passengers. He was led to the center where a lawyer made a brilliant speech winding up with:

"... and heroic deeds have never failed to thrill. All the world looks up to and clamors to pay homage to the hero. Thus we have gathered here to greet you, the hero, the life-saver. It gives me pleasure to safety-pin this medal over your heart in recognition of your prompt and speedy act in saving a life—your own—by running."

This medal, cleverly fashioned of leather, neatly worded and with three bullets—the center one with a decided nick in the cap—suspended with baby ribbon, is still among the writer's most treasured mementoes of his travels.

A HUMOROUS tale surrounds the history of the early experiments during July, 1903, at the first radio

station constructed at Cleveland, Ohio. There was another station at Toronto with which an effort was being made to establish communication. Scheduled times had been arranged for transmitting and listening. Tests were

carried on daily without results. The equipment of both stations was overhauled and the tests continued. Still no results! Word came from the Gulf that both stations were being heard down there.

With thoughts of directional aerials and "reflectors" the stations were again changed around. About this time someone thought of the hour's difference in time between the two places. This solved the problem and was a lesson the radio pioneers never forgot.





POTENTIOMETERS

By John R. Meagher

The Mysteries of this Important Device Explained in the Author's Usual, Easily-Understandable Mode of Writing. Mr. Meagher has the Knack of Making One Comprehend

POTENTIOMETER or potential divider is generally repre-sented as a fixed resistance shunted across a source of voltage and arranged with a slider to make contact with any portion of the resistance. The purpose of the potentiometer, as we use it, is to divide the voltage by making use of the "drop" across any portion of the resistance.

Figure 2 represents a potentiometer in shunt to a battery V; R is the re-sistance; A and C are the ends of the resistance and B is the slider.

Irrespective of the resistance of R, we find by connecting a static voltmeter between the slider B and one of the ends, say A. that when the slider is at the other end, C, the meter reads the full battery voltage. If the slider is at the center of R the meter reads onehalf the full battery voltage. When the slider is at the end A, the reading is zero. Thus we find that the percentage of resistance between the points A and B is to the total resistance R as the voltage across AB is to the total voltage.

Suppose the slider were turned to include 10 per cent. of the resistance R between AB and let the battery voltage equal 6, then 10 per cent. is to 100 per cent. as X—the unknown voltage across AB—is to 6. This gives X equal to .6 volt.

Or we can say the fraction of resistance between the points AB of measurement is also the fraction of voltage (of the total voltage) across AB. As in the case above, AB is 10 per cent. or one-tenth of R; then the voltage across AB is one-tenth of the battery voltage or .6 volt.

EXACT RESISTANCE NOT IMPORTANT

This action can be explained in another way, but we wish to neglect the value of the resistance R.

It should be evident from the above that the resistance value of R has no bearing on the division of voltage-provided the resistance of the circuit connected across the portion of R is very high in comparison to R. In radio the circuits connected across the portion of R have a high resistance value compared to the usual values of R. The latter ranges in values from 100 to 1,000 ohms; the circuits (grid and

plate) have much higher resistances. The effect of having a low resistance across the portion of R is shown at (F) and (G) figure 3. Here the potentiometer has a resistance of R plus R or 2R and, in G, a circuit of R resistance is connected across half the potentiometer. Now the effective resistance from A to C is not 2R, but is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ R so the voltage across AB is not $\frac{1}{2}$ V—as might be expected from the statements above-but is instead

^{1/3}V. The reason for using a 400-ohm po-

DO YOU KNOW-

Of what importance is the actual re-sistance value of a potentiometer? Why do some people specify 200 ohms; others 400?

What happens when the slider on a potentiometer is moved from one end of the resistance element to the other end?

end? Are condensers necessary with a potentiometer? If so, what value should they have, and why? Actually, what effect is produced by bringing the grid return lead to dif-ferent points in the filament circuit? What value should a rheostat have for the common control of three UV-201A tubes? Of five UV-199s? Of any number of tubes on any voltage? Can you answer all these questions? If you can not, then dig right into this

If you can not, then dig right into this splendid article and learn something splendid article and learn sometning about direct current as encountered in radio work. You will profit by the knowledge, for, as Mr. Meagher points out, this phase of radio is very im-portant and means a great deal in the successful design and performance of successful design and performance of receiving instruments.

value is that the current drawn from the battery to which the potentiometer is connected is lower. With a 6-volt battery the current through a 200-ohm resistance is .03 ampere-half as much as the filament of a UV-199 requires on 3 volts. The current through a 400-ohm resistance on a 6-volt battery is only .015 ampere. As the action is no different it is advisable to use the higher resistance type.

How the GRID VOLTAGE IS CHANGED

The potentiometer is used extensively for grid voltage control of radio frequency amplifying tubes; in this use it is frequently termed a "stabilizer" or "volume control" as its purpose in con-trolling the grid voltage is to control self-oscillation of the radio-frequency amplifying tubes-for self-oscillation of a tube may be stopped by making the grid positive so the grid circuit will draw current.

In figure 4 is shown a diagram of a two-step radio frequency amplifier and crystal detector with a potentiometer as stabilizer. The grid leads from the two RF tubes after going through their tuning devices are connected to the slider of the potentiometer. When the slider is at the negative side of the filament there is zero voltage on the grids with respect to the negative terminals of the filaments. It is well to know that we always measure from the negative end of a system and talk about other parts having a definite voltage meaning that the voltage is of a certain value with respect to the negative end-in radio, to the negative terminal of the filament.

As the slider is moved along to the positive side of the battery, the grid voltage—which is to say the slider voltage—is made increasingly positive -with respect to the negative terminal of the filament. When the slider is at the center of the resistance the grid voltage will be one-half the filament battery voltage-and so on, as ex-plained above, in considering potentiometer action.

If a grid or C battery is used, movement of the potentiometer slider varies the grid voltage about the steady C hattery voltage by an amount equal to the change produced by movement of the potentiometer slider. Thus, if the C battery were of negative 3 volts and the change in voltage by moving the slider was from 0 to positive 6, then the grid voltage could be varied from negative 3 to positive 3.

When the potentiometer is used across the A battery for control of plate voltage the action is in every way similar to that given above for the grid control. Thus, if the B battery voltage is 10 and the movement of the slider makes a change of from 0 to positive 6 volts, the plate voltage can be changed from 10 to 16 by moving the slider from the negative to the positive side of the battery—or rather, the resistance. See figure 5.

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Thus it should be seen that in effect, movement of the slider has the same result as if we brought the return lead from the plate or the return lead from the grid to a series of taps on the A battery. The advantage of using the potentiometer is that a fine adjustment can be secured.

Other voltage sources than the A battery can be used and indeed must be used when the range obtainable with the A battery is not sufficient for the purpose. Figure 6 shows an interesting case of voltage control to obtain either positive or negative differences. When the slider is in the center of the resistance, the voltage difference between the points A and B is zero; as the slider is moved to the left or to the



right the voltage difference increases, being negative or positive, as the case may be. This particular arrangement is often found in tube-testing circuits where a negative and positive range of voltages is required on the grid.

EFFECT OF RHEOSTAT

If we place a rheostat in series with the filament as at (L) figure 7, then, when the slider is at the negative side of the resistance there will be no volt-

age difference between the negative terminal and the slider; but if we shift the rheostat to the negative side of the line as at (M) figure 7. the slider does not touch the negative terminal of the filament and there is a difference of voltage equal to the drop of voltage across the rheostat. Say the tube were a UV-201A and the rheostat of 4 ohms value so that the terminal voltage across the tube was propernamely, 5 volts, then there would be a drop of one volt across the rheostat-assuming the battery to be 6 volts. If the grid return were connected to the slider, the grid voltage could be varied from negative 1 with respect to the negative terminal of the filament, up to positive 5. Look at this carefully and apply some of the rules given above to "doping it out.

CONDENSERS WITH

POTENTIOMETERS

Now we come to something more interesting. Are condensers necessary in shunt to the slider and filament? If so, why and what value should they have?

If we think of a potentiometer as a miniature single slide tuning coil of high resistance, we can more readily appreciate what follows:

When a potentiometer is used for grid-voltage control of one tube in a radio-frequency amplifier, it is advisable to have a fixed condenser from the slider to either side of the filament. so that movement of the slider will not change the wavelength adjustment of the circuit; the condenser acts as a by-pass around the turns of wire included between the slider and the filament, so that varying the number of turns does not materially affect the impedance of the circuit comprising the fixed condenser and the turns of wire of the potentiometer included in the circuit. Thus we need make the fixed condenser only large enough to keep the impedance constant, or practically so, for the frequency band be-For regular broadcast ing received. reception using the regular type of wire wound potentiometer the fixed condenser may have a value of say .002 mfd.

When the potentiometer is used for grid voltage control of two or more tubes in a radio frequency amplifier, another factor in addition to the detuning effect, increases the necessity for a shunt condenser. This factor is the common coupling afforded by the turns of wire and the resistance of that wire included between the slider and the



Figure 8.—Shows the method of by-passing part of the potentiometer and B-Battery. This is a very important condenser and should not be omitted except when a separate detector B-battery is used as-shown in figure 9. In figures 10 and 11 we have the usual filament-resistance battery circuit showing how the grid bias voltage is computed

filament. (Realizing, of course, that the number of turns and the resistance is the mean value of either side of the slider.) That is, before the grid circuits are complete to the filament, they must go through a single or common resistance and the latter, of course, provides a small amount of auto-coupling between the grids. The value of .002 mfd. suggested above is sufficiently large, on broadcast frequencies and with the usual type of potentiometer, to make the coupling of a neglible value. The last point applies also to carbon rod or other forms of "non-



Figure 7.—The connection for positive and negative grid bias

inductive" potentiometers, as the autocoupling in either case—with wirewound or carbon potentiometers—is mostly resistive.

When a potentiometer is used for plate voltage control of one tube there is no necessity for using a by-pass condenser, as even the maximum effective resistance of the potentiometer would have little effect on the plate circuit.

But when, as in figure 8, the common negative lead of the plate battery for two or more tubes is brought to the

potentiometer slider, a large audio-frequency by-pass condenser may be needed-depending on whether the maximum common coupling due to the common resistance coupling is large enough to cause sufficient inter-plate coupling for the production oscillations of continuous among the tubes. The necessity for this condenser can best be found by trial when using the regular tubes and plate batteries; if the amplifier howls then a condenser of .006 mfd. up should be connected from either side of the filament to the slider, or, better still, to the positive terminal of the B battery, as in this case the condenser shunts not only the used portion of the potentiometer, but also the B battery. If the set does not howl, then the condenser is not required. If a separate detector B battery is used, as in figure 9, and the negative lead of the amplifier B bat-

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Night view of Des Moines, Ia.

RADIOVIEWING THE INDUSTRY

THE Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies has issued a report on the radio appeal in the field of non-technical adherents to the art. This statement indicates the doubled volume of complete set sales for the past year also an increase in parts sales. Mr. George J. Eltz, Jr., of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company, accounts for this change first, on the basis of available statistics and, secondly, on the critical interest in broadcast programs evidenced by the listening public.

THE WIRELESS AGE was the first radio publication to sense this trend and act promptly, in accordance with the public's taste.

THE Radio Department of Arthur Rosenberg Co., Inc., advertising agents, 110 West 34th Street, New York, is now distributing

to radio manufacturers the first issue of the Radio Advertisers' Data Book, which it has compiled and published. This fifty-four page book contains the advertising rates, circulation, mechanical requirements and other data regarding all the radio consumer and trade publications, as well as those general magazines which feature radio-the allied trade papers, covering such fields as the electrical, hardware, talking machine, music trades and sporting goods in the United States and Canada. Other data of interest to the trade and buying public alike is included, fulfilling a demand of long standing.

A STUDY of the export trade has been undertaken by the Bureau of Foreign and

THIS MONTH

A. M. E. S. Report Radio Advertisers' Data Book Export Trade Survey and Trade Gossip

Domestic Commerce. With the assistance of American representatives in all parts of the world, the customs requirements and procedures, postal regulations and special peculiarities of each foreign market have been studied in detail. Definitions of samples and advertising matter, methods of shipment, handicaps of parcel post, duties, prepayment of duties, marking and documentation applicable to all countries, are fully discussed.

Well-prepared advertising matter and attractive samples and advertising novelties offer one of the most effective means of stimulating trade in foreign countries, but unless shipments of such articles are properly handled, they retard rather than promote trade, according to a recent trade bulletin, outlining in detail the various methods available and the costs of shipping samples and advertising matter to Latin America and the West Indies, by Henry Chalmers and Roberta Wakefield, of the Division of Foreign Tariffs, Department of Commerce.

THE Eagle Radio Company, at Newark, N. J., have recently acquired a daylight factory, at a point convenient to many streetcar and bus lines, thus providing better

working conditions for their employees. Add to this the music provided from the testing rooms, and the result is contented working conditions that should be reflected in the quality of the Eagle products.

C. BRANDES, INC., have launched an advertising campaign this season that merits wide notice. The significance of this campaign lies in the fact that better radio merchandise will be stimulated by the farsighted policy of this company.

OF the gossip of the trade, the following notes are of general interest: 1. Realizing the need for a plug, which could be easily and

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Mr. Harry L. Welker, who was actively engaged in broadcasting the blow-by-blow description of the Carpentier-Dempsey fight and who was largely responsible for its successful reception over an area of 125,000 square miles, is now the Eastern Representative of the Adams-Morgan Company, well known manufacturers of the famous Paragon receivers

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Antenna Tensionator

A NEW and original device, the Mitchell Antenna Tensionator has been developed by R. Mitchell Co. It absorbs shocks and strains and keeps an even tension on your



antenna. After a look at the aerials on the roofs of apartment houses in New York and Brooklyn it is very evident that there is a great need for this device.

New Vernier Low-Loss Condenser

THE Hartford Instrument Co. has produced a new, distinctively low loss variable condenser. It will of course, work in any type of circuit and is made so that it can be mounted from one or three holes, panel mounting or table mounting. The plates are brass and the end plates aluminum. Adjust-



able cone bearings, and a good pig tail carefully insulated and soldered tend to make it an excellent condenser. The vernier is something new in micrometer controls. The vernier knob moves the entire stator plates on an eccentric cam. This instrument is made up in the usual capacity of .00025, .00038, .0005 and .001.

Motor-generator Charger

THE Ohio Electric and Controller Co. has recently developed a motor generator charger for charging storage A and B batteries. A feature of this charger is that it cannot charge in the wrong direction. It operates very quietly and is equipped with



ammeter and rheostat for controlling the charging rate. It is equipped with 110 volt 60 cycle AC motor to drive the six to ten volt generator. This motor-generator charger is just the thing for your car and radio batteries.



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tories where it is desirable to check up on a tube's operating characteristics. The circuit return lead from the filament is made to the negative and filament supply giving zero grid voltage. An innovation is included in this device in the form of a 1000-ohm re-



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traveling or motoring. The receiver employs six tubes in a radio frequency circuit.

Girl Scouts (Continued from page 32)

treal. The very farthest north Gir! Scout was Marjorie Mickleborough who enrolled from Grand Coulée. Saskatchewan, Canada.

Within a few weeks five hundred girls had joined the Radio Troops by letter, and thousands of Girl Scouts were listening-in. Girl Scouts from 40 states and from Canada were called together with whistle signals every meeting night. Lonely girls and girls not so lonely were interested. In cities and large towns, leaders gathered their troops together and atended the Radio meeting in groups. Girl Scout parents and neighbors joined the troop and wrote in telling Miss Holland what fun it was.

THE Radio troop was a blessing to shut-ins and invalids who were starving for contact with young people their own age. Clarissa Willard of Rutland, Vermont, who had been taken out of school in the fifth grade because of sickness and had never been able to return, joined the troop. Her address was broadcast by Miss Holland, so that other Radio Scouts could write her jolly letters. Bernice Knox, of White Plains, New York, listened to the Radio meetings from the bed where she wac lying encased in a plaster cast for curvature of the spine.

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"I found that the membership of my Radio Troop was mostly made up of the names of girls from small communities nobody had ever heard of," Miss Holland reported to the Girl Scout Headquarters in New York City. "I had letters from girls who were almost pathetic in their joy of being Girl Scouts—girls who lived in thinlysettled neighborhoods in which they had no companionship and no leaders to start Girl Scout work.

"You know there are, in round numbers, 10,000,000 girls in the United States between the ages of ten and twenty, and only half a million of these are reached by the nationally recognized organizations, such as Girl

Scouts, Campfire, Girl Reserves, Junior Red Cross, etc. Picture to yourself over nine million young girls in that formative period of their lives when the right sort of ideals and the right sort of use of leisure time means everything just drifting along in backward mountain neighborhoods, farm com-munities, small towns and rural hamlets! It was from these lonely, leaderless girls that the membership of the Radio Troop was drawn. You can imagine their enthusiasm and joy at getting a chance to use their surplus energies really doing something that was fun and service and education combined.

The letters came pouring in to Miss



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Holland, and they will give you some idea of the service rendered by the Radio Troop.

"I have always desired to be a Girl Scout," wrote Margaret Wyman, of New Kensington, Penn. "While I was listening to your talk Monday evening, I realized that opportunity was knocking at my door over the radio. Is there an age limit for the Girl Scouts? I am twenty-two. My home life is on a farm among the hills, so I have every opportunity to study birds and flowers."

Mary Brandon Vaughn, who lived in Turnersburg, North Carolina, wrote: "I would like very much to join the Girl Scouts by radio. I live in the country, so I cannot have any of my friends come in and listen with me. There are no Girl Scouts in this community."

"I am a girl who lives in the Green Mountains of Vermont and not near any other girls," wrote Frances Wardell, "I think it is lovely to have a Radio Troop. It will help so many girls like me who haven't a chance to join a real troop."

Miss Holland has married and is now Laura Holland MacDonald, and her radio work for the Girl Scouts has come, temporarily at least, to an end. But the National Headquarters of the Girl Scouts have learned the value of radio in reaching isolated girls. Plans to use the radio extensively for education in Girl Scout work are being worked out at National Headquarters. And in the meantime, enterprising Gir) Scout local leaders are calling radio magic to their aid and broadcasting to lonely girls in far-away places folk song choruses, troop programs, puzzles and games, stories, ceremonies, plays, nature study lessons, and other kinds of Girl Scout fun. Up in Vermont, my little friend, Lucy Williams, tunes in, listens joyfully, and feels a part of a worldwide sisterhood of girls.

At the Flip of the Dial (Continued from page 20)

of operation is to be carried out, we dare not prophesy. And what of the radio fisherman? We all know the fellow who jumps from one broadcasting station to another during the evening. His sole interest is to identify the broadcasting station; and, once he has heard the call letters, he is off to another program. Surely, there is a radio fisherman in almost every home.

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about right in this respect. They may be instantly adjusted for desired broadcasting stations well within range, and they may be tuned in the most delicate manner for the DX or long-distance stations.

I N the process of popularizing radio, the matter of batteries has come in for considerable attention. Our early radio receivers made use of cumbersome storage batteries and uncertain flashlight batteries for the plate circuit of our tubes. Of late the tendency has been towards simplifying the storage battery on the one hand, and eliminating it altogether in favor of the dry battery. Still more recently there have been several attempts to apply the usual lighting current to the operation of vacuum tubes, thus doing away with the batteries.

While many of the present-day receiving sets are equipped with drycell vacuum tubes, it is generally admitted that the large tubes, which are operated on a storage battery have a greater output, hence the old storage battery is far from being condemned to the junk heap. And since it remains a very necessary evil in our radio reception set-up, the next best thing is to make the most of it. This is exactly what is being done today. The storage battery, which is at best a messy thing, is being presented to us in neat containers with every precaution taken to avoid the spilling of its acid contents. Excellent rechargers are available so that we may charge the storage battery at home, thus saving in time and money over the former practice of sending it to the battery service station. To make the storage battery as fool-proof as possible, more than one manufacturer of late has equipped his batteries with a built-in hydrometer device, so that the radio layman can tell at a glance just how the battery stands as regards charge. The built-in hydrometer device usually consists of three colored balls which are free to float in the electrolyte of the storage battery. These balls are of such specific gravities that they will indicate, by floating or sinking in the various combinations, the condition of the battery at all times.

And yet, despite the built-in hydrometer and the convenient recharger, there is a still more attractive storage battery layout, in which a recharger is combined with the battery in such a manner that the storage battery is constantly on charge until it becomes fully. charged, when the charging current is automatically shut off. The radio receiving set may be operated even while the battery is on charge, so that a fully charged battery is always available. This, so it would seem, represents about the last word in this respect, especially since the arrangement is furnished for supplying current to the filament and the plate circuits.

Wonders are being accomplished with dry-cell tubes. Through the de-

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velopment of special filament material, we now have dry-cell tubes which do very well even on loud-speaker reproduction. Here again we find the strong influence of milady, who has never been keen about seeing a storage battery brought into the living room and placed on the best rug in the house, even though an old magazine was placed under the battery. The drycell tube has enabled radio manufacturers to make self-contained receiving sets, which certainly mark a new era in radio development. Whatever the dry-cell tube has lacked in the way of output has been made up by using more tubes, especially for loud-speaker operation.

TUBES and still more tubes is the I order of the day. From one-tube sets we went to three tubes, and from that to five tubes, and now we are going to six, eight and in some instances ten and twelve tubes. Of course, more tubes stand for better results. Not only can we intercept weaker signals, but we can build up those signals for loud-speaker reproduction. Yet all the while we are placing a greater and still greater drain on our filament and plate batteries, especially on the latter. Tube engineers long ago foresaw the trend towards multi-tube receiving sets and set to work developing the improved thoriated or so-called XL filament tubes of today, with their extremely low current consumption of one-quarter ampere per tube for storage battery operation, and .06 ampere-a little over one-twentieth of an ampere—for dry-cell operation. The increased drain placed on the plate or "B" batteries has been offset to some extent by the extensive introduction of the so-called "C" battery or grid battery. The increased number of tubes has

The increased number of tubes has boosted the cost of radio reception to be sure. The item of battery costs has loomed up larger than ever but the wonderful results obtained from our multiple-tube sets have made us overlook the operating expenses. Still, this is a matter which must receive due consideration sooner or later. It would seem as though the ultimate receiver must operate its tubes on the standard commercial lighting circuits, so that we may plug to the nearest electric light socket.

Recently we have had an open season for devices to harness the standard lighting current to our vacuum tubes. One such device made its bow to the radio public, and immediately a flock of others appeared on the scene. These devices, for the most part, aim to replace the usual "B" or plate batteries in the operation of our vacuum tubes. They generally make use of a vacuum tube, in some instances the standard radiotron UV-201A, and in others the radiotron 50-watt transmitting tube

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and even special types of tubes, for rectifying the alternating current, together with filtering devices for eliminating the hum and a transformer for stepping down the voltage to the desired degree. A few of these devices are intended to supply filament current to vacuum tubes.

Perhaps the most ingenious of these current-harnessing devices is one which makes use of the thermo-couple idea. Instead of rectifying the usual alternating current and smoothing out the ripples, this particular device merely uses the current to operate electric heaters, and these in turn heat a battery of thermo-couples. It may be well here to add that a thermo-couple is a combination of two dissimilar metals which, when one is heated while the other is cold, will produce a flow of electricity. This electricity is of the direct-current kind and, of course, quite uniform if the heat is constantly applied. In the device in question, a large number of thermo-couples are connected in series, so that while the voltage from a single thermo-couple may be almost insignificant, it aids in swelling up the total voltage of the thermo-couple battery. This device is capable of supplying current to the filament of the vacuum tubes, to the plate circuits, and for the grid biasing service in place of the usual "C" battery.

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deal of sound development still remains to be done, before such a fond dream can be realized. The present devices, which aim at replacing the "B" battery, must be perfected in many instances. The author has found most of them to be far from ideal, in that they introduce hum and other objectionable noises in the loud-speaker horn. Then, too, some of them require too much current for their operation, so that they fail to show a marked economy over the very batteries which they replace. Again, if these devices are to be adopted in place of batteries, they mush furnish current for the filaments, plates and the grid circuits of our tubes. They must do the entire job.

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It is logical, at least, to look forward to the day when we shall no longer be using batteries for the operation of our radio receivers. But that day is still pretty far removed, and dry battery and storage battery manufacturers need not contemplate shutting down their factories just yet.

A ND of loud-speakers, what shall we say? Have we reached the limit of perfection? Is there still ample room for improvement? Must we use the inartistic horn? And what is coming in this line?

Truth to tell, it is one of the anomalies of radio that a five-dollar pair of ear phones will produce better music than a fifty-dollar loud-speaker. Once we get our loud-speakers to the point where they can hold their own with a cheap pair of ear phones, we shall have reached practical perfection at least.

Although ear phones give the best reproduction of radio music, the public demand has been steadily growing in favor of loud-speaker reproduction. Few there are now who are satisfied to sit with receivers glued to their ears; for, once a loud-speaker is given a trial, ear phones are a thing of the past except for occasional DX or long-distance fishing.

We have already gone a long way in loud-speaker development. Our loudspeakers are far ahead of those of two or three years past, when radio broadcasting was in its swaddling clothes. Not only do we get real sound volume out of our loud-speakers, but we get fairly good musical reproduction. It is not difficult for us to guess that many of the radio manufacturers producing loud-speakers have enlisted the efforts of acoustical experts in perfecting their instruments, for the re-sults speak for themselves. Still, it must be admitted that there is ample room for further development, especially in the way of developing loudspeakers that will do justice to the entire musical range. We have some loud-speakers which render good instrumental music, but are poor on vocal, and vice versa. Yet this is as it



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should be, according to school-boy physics; for, to think of it, how can we expect a single diaphragm, which has a natural period of its own, to reproduce everything in the musical line from high C coloratura soprano to the lowest note of the pipe organ?

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The author, who has done considerable research work with phonograph reproducers and has been responsible for a basically new reproducer in which the diaphragm may be instantly adjusted for different natural periods so as to handle vocal or instrumental selections to the best advantage, goes on record at this time to predict that we shall ultimately have multi-diaphragm At least one radio loud-speakers. manufacturer has had the vision to work along this line, and more must follow. We shall have far better radio reproduction of musical programs. when our loud-speakers are equipped with at least two diaphraghms, one favoring the low and deep notes of instrumental music, and the other the shallow and high notes of the human voice, both diaphragms being free to vibrate at all times.

The parchment cone loud-speaker, which has recently appeared on the market, aims to take in a wider range of sounds than the usual run of loudspeakers. This loud-speaker is of the hornless type. It makes use of a sound projector in the form of two 18-inch parchment cones which have their bases cemented together. The apex of one cone is connected with the driving rod which is actuated by the electromagnetic apparatus, which in turn receives the fluctuating current from the usual amplifier. Instead of depending on the conventional horn for converting the vibration of the conventional diaphragm into air impulses of sufficient spread to scatter the sound throughout the room, this hornless loud-speaker applies the vibrations directly to a large vibrating surface, and this in turn imparts its vibrations to a large spread of air.

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the hornless loud-speaker is more attractive to gaze upon than the horn type, and so it finds its way into the most favorable place in the living room.

Loud-speakers must follow in the footsteps of the phonograph. Just as the old morning-glory and polished brass horns were abandoned in favor of cabinet-type phonographs, so must the radio loud-speaker shed its visible horn. Already the process is under way, not only in conjunction with complete receiving sets with self-contained horns, but also the loudspeakers themselves which are now going into hiding in attractive cabinets.

UNE more word about loud-speakers, before we pass on. It is not altogether fair to charge the loud-speaker with all the distortion which comesout of it. The amplifier is also responsible for distortion. With the radio audience becoming more and more critical as regards the rendition of musical programs, especially since the novelty of picking music out of the air has long since worn off, distortion has got to go.

Just how far our radio engineers. can go in eliminating whatever distortion still remains in the usual run of amplifiers, is difficult to predict. Lately we have had a good deal said to us about resistance-coupled amplifiers and their distortionless operation. Anyone who has tried this type of amplification, which is simplicity itself, must admit that the loud-speaker reproductions obtained therefrom is really sweet and beautiful. But the volume! Here is the disappointment. Three stages of resistancecoupled amplification will usually barely equal two stages of transformercoupled amplification. So it is a question of quality versus quantity, and most of us do like quantity or volume. Still, it may be that we shall see another tube or two added to our multi-tube sets, so as to give us resistance-coupled amplification.

HAT'S that. The outward signs of radio progress are all about us. Receiving sets are being made more attractive all the while. The plain sets of last year are coming out this year with sloping panels and more attractive cabinets. There are more and more self-contained receiving sets, with loop, loud-speaker, batteries. Just as the automobile manufacturers have learned to cater to milady's whims by throwing in a silver-plated vanity case and a cut-glass flower vase in the coupé, so radio manufacturers are now putting their good old sets in period cabinets. The new slogan of radio seems to be "Heard, but not seen !"

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Jimmy Clark (Continued from page 33)

its worthy companion pieces. Just to think that Mark Twain missed this! Jimmy says these floating palaces are still to be found on the Mississippi and the Monongahela Rivers. After that he did a trick piano act for several seasons on small Southern and Southwestern circuits. Then he traveled about with a tent show in the Middle West, which gave musical comedy, vaudeville, and dramatic shows. Here he was musical director and also played comedy in juvenile parts.

We next see him as interlocutor with John Vogel's "Big City Min-strels" doubling with an alto horn and trombone in the band. This took him through the West and East as far north as Green Bay, Wisconsin. Having been tied down to a big city all my own life I will never be able to un-derstand how Jimmy Clark gave up this fascinating existence to come and work with music publishers on Broadway and tour a legitimate Keith and Orpheum Circuit with Fay Templeton, as her accompanist. He broke away from this however, during the war, to become a Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Camp Dix attached to the Base Hospital Division, his biggest achievement at this time being to put on an elaborate show at the Trent Theater, Trenton, New Jersey. This possessed an orchestra of twenty-five, a band of twenty, and twenty-five participants in a musical review, the entire group collected from Camp Dix and being coached and trained by himself.

The end of the war brought him back to New York, broke, and he started with Irving Berlin' as a floorman. When radio came into its own he was told to go ahead and get all he could out of it and because he had so much competition he found it necessary to build up a big act to beat the other teams. He "grabbed" his talent off the floor as they came in for music and so his "White Way Entertainers" have included such people as: the Kaufman Brothers, Hope Vernon and the eight Vodka Singers who are so fascinatingly introduced by Ed Wynn (himself) in the Grab Bag. These "White Way Entertainers" have appeared at WEAF, WFBH, WAHG, WHN, WOR, WEBJ, WAAM, and WBS, so if you haven't heard them it's nobody's fault but your own. The average group is from five to twelve and includes singers, elocutionists, harmonica and ukulele artists, and Clark himself doing syncopating piano solos. In fact, it includes as he himself says, "everything but trained seals."

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(x) and (y). Using a No. 18 drill, bore four holes around the base of the tubing, spacing them symmetrically, for the insertion of the terminals for the transformer windings. Use 5/8 inch, 8-32 round head brass machine screws for the terminals as they are as good as anything and are easy to get and are also inexpensive. Insert the terminals before starting the winding, supplying two washers and two nuts for each terminal. For facility in making the winding, procure three 1/4 pound spools of No. 24 double cotton covered copper wire. Taking two of the spools, fasten the free end of the wire on one of them to terminal No. 2. This is the start of the primary winding. Then fasten the free end of the wire on the other spool to terminal No. 3, this is the start of the secondary winding. Commencing with the wire that is attached to terminal No. 2, start winding in the direction shown by the arrows in the figure; going through the slot at (x) and out at (y) and continuing in the direction of the arrows, around to (x), through this slot and out at (y) and back towards terminal No. 2 again. When terminal No. 2 is reached, one complete turn has been wound. This complete turn should form a figure 8 and if such is not the case, the winding is not correct and before going any further, the directions should be gone over again carefully and a new start made, being sure that you have started correctly before going ahead with the winding. Now, if you are sure that you have got the idea of the manner in which the winding is made, note that on the first time around, when you come to terminal No. 3, pick up the beginning of the secondary winding and carry it along in parallel with the primary winding. The primary and secondary windings are thus interwoven, insuring close coupling. Continue until you have wound on 14 turns, then cut off the wire that you are using for the primary winding. Drill a hole through the tubing at the fourteenth turn, above terminal No. 1. Pass the end of the primary winding through this hole that you have just made and connect it to terminal No. 1. Thus the primary is composed of 14 turns interwoven with the secondary and connected to terminals No. 1 and No. 2. Now continue

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MICRO - SELECTIVE with the secondary winding until you have completed 56 turns. Cut the secondary at this point, drill another, hole through the tubing here, located above terminal No. 4, pass the end of WINNERS the secondary through this hole and connect it to terminal No. 4. Thus there are 56 turns in the secondary winding and the ends of this winding are connected to terminals No. 3 and No. 4. The ratio of the secondary winding to the primary winding (transformer ratio) is 4 to 1. The length of the space taken up by the primary and the secondary windings is 2 3/16 inches. This leaves 5/16 of an inch at the end of the tubing which is necessary for the fastening on of a bakelite end plate to be inserted in this end to act as a bearing surface for the tickler, or feed-back coil. This bakelite end piece is to be a disc, 27/8 inches in diameter and 1/4 of an inch thick. This allows for its sliding inside the 3 inch Certainly am thused about UNI-VERNIER. Took tubing which has the 1/16 inch walls. At the center of this disc, drill a hole two prizes in New York Radio Show with a No. 28 drill and tap this hole with two sets, both equipped with UNI-VERNIERS. Owe with an 8-32 tap. Countersink this hole on the under side and screw into it a 1/2 inch, 8-32 flat head brass machine a great deal to their screw, thus allowing a little more than appearance and ease 1/4 of an inch to protrude through the in tuning-in distant stations on that top of the disc. This is to function as account. A plate a pivot for the tickler coil to revolve vernier is passe and about and if you wish, it would be a other geared verniers mean separate con-trol—there's nothing like a UNIVERNgood plan to file down the surface of the screw a bit to eliminate the sharp IER. Yours truly, edges. Slip this disc inside the coil you have just wound, until the top of the disc is flush with the end of the tubing. P.G. Frances) To fasten the disc inside the tubing, drill four holes through the tubing, spaced symmetrically, so that the drill will penetrate the disc midway between its top and bottom surfaces. Use a No. 33 drill and tap this hole with a 6-32 tap. Fasten the disc in place with 3/8 inch, 6-32 round head brass machine screws and this transformer has been completed. If you are not particular, this end disc may be made of wood. In that case you would use small wood screws instead of machine screws to fasten the disc inside the tubing. Use 1/2 inch, No. 4 round head brass wood screws in this event. It might be well to note here that if you wish to drill a hole to tap for a 6-32 machine screw, use a No. 33 drill and if you wish to drill a hole to allow a 6-32 machine screw to pass through, use a No. 27 drill. In making the feed-back coil, first procure a piece of bakelite tubing, 3 inches in diameter and 2 inches in length. Make two slots in the sides of this tubing in the same manner that

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unit, therefore, it will only be necessary to drill two holes with the No. 18 drill, around the base of this piece of tubing as shown in the diagram in figure 2. Here also, use 5% inch, 8-32 round head brass machine screws for the terminals and spot them, one on either side of the tubing, for the sake of symmetry, as shown. Use No. 24 double cotton covered copper wire for this winding, also, and connect one end of the winding to terminal No. 5 and start winding. in the direction shown by the arrows. This has to be a figure 8 winding in order to effect coupling with the secondary of the transformer just completed, since it is a figure 8 coil itself. Continue winding until you have wound on 30 turns, then cut the wire and fasten this end to terminal No. 6. The length of winding space necessary for this coil is 15/16 of an inch, thus there will be 5/16 of an inch left at the end of the tubing for the insertion of the bakelite disc which is to bear against the disc inserted in the end of the third transformer which we have constructed first in this instance. It will be necessary to procure another bakelite disc, 27/8 inches in diameter and 1/4 of an inch in thickness. Drill a hole through the center of the disc with a No. 18 drill. It is well to note here that if you wish to drill a hole to tap for an 8-32 machine screw, use a No. 28 drill, but if you wish to drill a hole to pass an 8-32 machine screw, use a No. 18 drill. Another point regarding the diagram-the 27% inch dimension applies to the diameter of the disc and therefore is the inside dimension of the tubing which is 3 inches outside, Now insert the disc which you have just been working on, into the end of the tickler coil tubing and fasten with 3/8 inch, 6-32 round head brass machine screws in the same way that you fastened the other disc. Now it will be possible to place the tickler coil on top of the radio-frequency transformer so that the two end discs bear against each other and the pivot on the top of the one fits in the hole through the other. Thus it will be possible to turn the tickler coil and change the angular relation between it and the secondary of the radio-frequency transformer and thus change the coupling between them to any desired degree, from minimum to maximum, and get any amount of regeneration that you wish.

The first two radio-frequency transformers are made in the same manner as the one just described, except, of course, that there is no necessity for an end disc and therefore it is left off.

Now as to connecting the transformers in the circuit. This point evidently, was not made clear in the previous article and caused trouble to a great many who were experimenting with the circuit. The numbers on the

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and state the scheme of connections that should be employed, the answer that came back to me from the men in question was that they had found reversed connections to the radio-frequency transformers to be their trouble and upon correcting this the trouble was eliminated.

When tuning this circuit, you will find that all the condensers will tune-in any particular station at approximately the same point on the condenser scale. The middle one will be slightly more selective than the other two and if your antenna has very much resistance in its circuit, the first condenser will tune the broadest of the three.

The more efficient the antenna used, the greater will be the selectivity of the first condenser. After tuning in a station, adjust the tickler coil coupling to the third transformer secondary, until you get maximum signal volume, without distortion and without oscillation. After once adjusting the feed-back, on the lower range of wavelengths, you will find that it will hold for the entire range of wavelengths without causing instability. However, if you adjust the tickler for maximum pep on the higher range of wavelengths, you will probably find that the circuit will be unstable on the lower range and that as you go down in wavelength you will also have to decrease the feed-back coupling. The application of regeneration to this circuit is excellent for bringing in distant stations and you will find, if you have already constructed the receiver that was previously described, that you will get stations that you were never able to get before by the application of regeneration as described.

Out of hundreds of letters received, there were a couple that mentioned the fact that there seemed to be a tendency for the circuit to become unstable on the lower band of wavelengths. This was due to lack of care in the construction of the receiver-either faulty transformer construction or that the transformers were placed too close together, all three being located side by side and therefore too much inductive coupling being experienced. Although these transformers have a very small stray field, if they are all put right alongside of each other, there is bound to be enough coupling between them to cause instability of operation. However, if they are placed at a distance apart, equal to that at which the transformers in the ordinary neutrodyne receiver are placed, the circuit will remain stable, no matter in what angular relation they are placed. For those that have already constructed the D-Coil receiver and who have placed the transformers too close together, expecting too much of them and who have proba-

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When the Monsoon Broke! (Continued from page 25)

ing eyes and a jet black, shaggy beard that forked in the middle after the manner of the Sikhs, he spoke English beautifully and committed his murders with something of an air.

He sat at the head of the mahogany table in his house in the mountains, which was an abandoned Sivite temple hewn out of solid granite. Late in the afternoon the distinguished prisoner no less than the once fearful Director of Central Intelligence himself—was brought into his presence.

brought into his presence. "Won't you sit down, sir?" the dacoit brigand asked suavely.

"I think bloody well not!" the Director shouted. "You filthy pariah! You killer—you half-breed! I'll have the whole police department of the Residency after you for this outrage! Kidnapping an I. C. S.—that's the best joke I've ever heard in this country. Why, I'll wipe out your whole race!"

The brigand pulled at his forked beard. He was dealing with a very important magistrate—there was no doubt about that. But the very seriousness of it tickled him.

"Who will ever know, sir, that you are brought here? No man on this earth. Your spy system is not quite so thorough as mine. You were lost in the jungle in a Monsoon. Who can find you?"

find you?" "The whole British army will jolly well be up in arms. They will find me. This isn't in the days of the thags, you know. The whole of India from Tuticorin to the Himalayas will know of it before nightfall!"

"Oh, yes, you have your telegraph systems—which I and my ancestors and my people are very much averse to. But what good are they? There are no telegraph stations for ten miles around this mountain. You are in the heart of India—which has not changed for countless centuries!"

A DWARF dacoit entered the granite chamber and announced in Telegu: "Another prisoner, O son of the Son. A filthy dog of a white man!" Although the Director had not un-

Although the Director had not understood what the announcement was, he happened at that very moment to think of the persistent and foolish young Mr. Wemble. It was that point about the dacoit's system of spies being better than the Department's. And likewise that mention of the utter futility now of the Department's greatest power—the telegraph.

The Director was mumbling strange prayers to himself: "Good God, if that young codger were only here with his infernal machine!"

The dwarf dacoit went on : "A dog white man, a heap of filth, who must have traced our men who took this magistrate prisoner."



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"Another white man!" the dacoit chief cried, pulling again at his beard, but this time with some nervousness. "A man who has spied upon us! Verily we will put both to death!"

ily we will put both to death!" "But he has a gift, O Chief!" the dwarf dacoit objected. "A bundle under his arms, which we examined and found to be a hodge podge of metal rings, and disks, and wires and tubes like the basket of a street juggler or sunnyassi. He brings it as a gift to you, O Chief."

"In that case I will see his gift first, and cut off his head afterward," the dacoit chieftain, Bukri Dhinn, said snavely—this time speaking in English. He turned again to the Director. "May I ask you again to sit down, sir? You seem perturbed about something."

"You may, and I will," the big Englishman said, his face lit now with an expression which the dacoit could not possibly understand.

"You see, sir," Bukri Dhinn went on, "we have an important question to discuss. It is this: Inasmuch as you are a great chieftain among the police of your Government, why should I be so unfair to myself as to let you go? Why, in plainer terms, shouldn't I kill you?"

"You shall see," the Director said with an incomprehensible satisfaction.

"Here is the dog of a white man who has followed us," a dacoit said, thrusting in the unlucky Mr. Wemble.

Mr. Wemble was very much the worse for wear. His whites were muddied, his shoes clogged with mire, his pith helmet sodden beyond all recognition as a hat. It looked in fact more like a turban. Under his arm he carried what he had announced was a priceless gift to Bukri Dhinn from the Pantheon of Gods. His face, however, lost something of its equanimity when he saw the Director.

"Don't be afraid of me, old chap," the Director said beamingly. "Sorry for the funk I was in last night when I put a hole in that contraption of yours."

"Don't mention it, sir. A mere nothing. I patched it up all right, y'know. Merely the readjustment of a wire or two, and the extraction of some splinters from the coils—and all that."

Bukri Dhinn started to speak, but the Director interrupted him.

"Just a moment. I want this young gentleman to show you something about our spy system. He has a box there—which as he said is a gift of the gods. It is magic. In that box you can hear a man speaking from any portion of India—yes, from a P. & O. steamship, from Aden, from Malav —from China itself. The mere adjustment of a screw or two and I can tell what is going on in every corner of India." "Nonsensical!" the incredulous, but superstitious Bukri Dhinn snorted.

"Not at all. I will prove to you that we can bring down out of the empty air a sound that is going on—let us say at Madras."

Mr. Wemble's salesman instinct could not permit him to remain silent. "You see, sir," he said enthusiastically to the brigand, "If I adjust these two screws, you know, to a certain number, I hear what is going on at Madras."

"Nonsense in the extreme," the native scoffed. "You must have wires."

Both the Director and Mr. Wemble turned to each other with a triumphant laugh. "We'll prove it!" the latter cried. "The band of the First Ghurka Rifles is playing at the Fort. Is that not so?"

One of the dacoits—an old man and counselor—spoke up. It was true. At that hour every afternoon for years the band played at the Fort.

Mr. Wemble worked quickly and enthusiastically. Martial music came down out of the air. It filtered in through the long doorways, penetrating as it were the granite rocks themselves. It swelled, a definite and catchy rhythm, it brought the vision of soldiers marching, of a great army, of the power of the British Raj, of devastating war. "There are wires!" the brigand

"There are wires!" the brigand cried, standing up, his forehead wet with sweat. "Lift it up! I say there are wires—else I will not believe!"

Mr. Wemble lifted it up and the chieftain passed a sword under it, above it, around it, after the manner of the street jugglers. He wiped his forehead. His eyes bulged, till he showed their whites.

"It is a thing of a thousand devils!" he cried.

"Of course it is!" the Director shouted without mercy. "A magic box that will bring you all to damnation! Do you realize, you murderous pariah, that we can not only hear everything in any part of India we want—if it is properly adjusted—but my Department down at Pangarh is at this very moment listening in on every word we're saying!"

Mr. Wemble stared. This was stretching it a bit. It was a receiving set—didn't the Director understand that? But he said nothing. He understood the real significance of the Director's words.

Out of the box came another voice —broadcast from the Calcutta Times: Ghandi was imprisoned. The Governor-General was to review the Imperial Light Horse. A woman's voice started in on a bed-time story of Seven Goblins and a Giant.

The superstitious Bukri Dhinn wrung his hands and quaked at the knees. He had always been afraid of the telegraph





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—a magic and bedeviled system of spying upon his depredations. The singing of wires in the Monsoon wind made him crazy. But here was a new contraption possessed of seventy and seven spirits. No wires that could be cut down or steered clear of! Where could he flee now? What chance of hiding if his deeds could be sent through the very air?

"Take it away! Out of my sight!" he screamed in terror. "It is a thing of devils. It will pursue me like furies. It will make me mad. It will hound me to the end of time—to the end of space and I will not have a cave in the mountains where I may lay my head in peace!"

"He seems to have a very good idea of what wireless means," Mr. Wemble said enthusiastically.

"And these two scurvy white dogs —let them go!" he cried to his men. "And do not for the life of you harm a hair of their heads. For they have a power greater than the power of Krishnu and Kaali and Brahma and all the gods!" He turned breathless, terrified, respectful—to his two white prisoners. "Go your way, sahibs, in peace. Neither I nor my people will ever cause you trouble more!"

The pompous Director and the genial Mr. Wemble were riding down the ghats on two ragged little tat-ponies. The Director's nerves seemed very much restored after the Monsoon had cleared the air.

"I owe you my life, sir," he said to Mr. Wemble. "You did a very dangerous thing following me, up this mountainside—when I was taken prisoner."

"I didn't know you were a prisoner," Mr. Wemble said. "Thought you were bandaged for some wound or other, you know—in that elephant stampede and storm. I thought your men were packing me off! I followed you to show you what a difference this Monsoon will make. Less static you know, and all that sort of thing. No trouble tuning. Clearest tone I ever had. No bally twanging or rasping or rattling!"

"You mean you followed me up this mountain—to sell me one of those confounded machines!" the Director gasped.

"Not to sell you one. But to sell one to every constable in your Department. I have three consignments—six hundred outfits you know—in the P. & O. warehouse in Madras—magnificent sets virtually rotting away and eaten by ants. Can't make a sale. Look at my clothes. Can't be a gentleman in India, you know—without making a go of it. Now your Department can not afford to be without—"

"Six hundred outfits!" the Director cried. "My word, old man, I've never

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seen a fellow have faith in his wares as you have! You've sold me six hundred outfits! When we get to Bangarh I'll have my writer draw you out a voucher." He chuckled all over his tremendous body as the little tatpony stumbled along down the steep trail. "Lord, but I'd have come an awful cropper—if you hadn't scared that brigand with that contraption of yours!"

The persistent and genial Mr. Wemble considered it a day's work, but he was now thinking of tomorrow.

"How about the Bombay City Police —yes, and the Railway Police? Perhaps I could get rid of two more consignments?"

The fat magistrate burst out in a guffaw. "Very likely if you scare the life out of a few more Hindus, sir!"

Home Comforts (Continued from page 38)

They can sit by their fireplace and be only a few steps away from the concealed set. They regulate the loudness of the tone desired by keeping the closet door ajar at just the required space to provide the loudness desired.

Still another home I know had had a parlor desk recabineted so that the radio set is built on the upper ledge of the desk, and harmonizes with the wood and color scheme of the rest of the home.

I have heard and seen frequent examples of so-called boudoir radio sets in pink and white, but I fear that these are more of stunt ideas than of practical reality. But radio sets in bedrooms are most desirable. We have found it very simple to run wires to several rooms, including one on the second story, from the set in the living room and thus be able to provide a pair or telephones in the bedroom for someone who desired to listen in, especially for someone temporarily ill. In the case of a considerable length of sickness, I believe the best possible idea is to have the complete radio set installed in the sick room, for when one is ill the fun consists largely in doing one's own tuning in. and thus lessening the tedium of the long time in bed.

There is nothing in my entire list of sick room helps that is quite so valuable as the radio set, whether for child or adult. I have tested this half a dozen times in the last two or three years and found it absolutely true. Even small children, who are not much thrilled at music or speeches find a radio set a lot of fun, because of the childlike things they can do with it, even such as lighting the tubes. The strangeness of various voices and sounds and the joy of tinkering with the instrument are valuable features for sick room amusement for the child, quite in addition to anything they may actually listen to. I believe a family with a fair income can thoroughly well afford two radio sets; in the case of a well-to-do family with



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There are great numbers of well-todo families with homes in the suburbs or the country who have a definite prob-



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lem in keeping their servants. They do not like them to go a long distance off in the evening for fear they may not come back again in time for their duties; and for many-such, situated a mile or two away from the average amusement for servants, it is a very important question. Radio unquestionably helps greatly to solve this problem. I know it has for me.

A radio set for the upstairs room, with an antenna all of its own, and special wiring for comfort in bed, has more usefulness than merely for occasional sickness. There are many who like a lot of comfort in hed morning or evening and also who like to listen in at very late hours to some of the western programs that come in late. I know more than one person who goes to bed with earpieces on and lets himself be lulled to sleep by what's on the air! The only drawback is that these people sometimes let the set go on all night and waste a lot of juice; but they seem to like it nevertheless.

Another way to greatly increase the comfort and usefulness of the radio set is to provide for its summer time use on the veranda or on the lawn. For two or three months in hot weather it seems somewhat of a bore to many people to be in the house at all except when absolutely necessary. They have a cozy veranda or lawn, and following the principle I have outlined here, that of placing radio right, the members of the household can derive great pleasure in the summer time by having the radio adjusted for use on the veranda or lawn. In my case we did this, not by dismounting the set in the living room, but by leading wires from the telephone binding posts to the veranda in a permanent manner, and having a terminal to which two or three telephone sets can easily be plugged in. I went much further than that last

summer. I had over 200 ft. of wire carried from the instrument out to the lawn, under a tree, to a lawn swing, so that of an evening we could sit very comfortably watching the sunset and the fireflies and hearing a concert, without being kept indoors. We have also formed a habit of eating on a permanent table we have on our lawn, and frequently enjoyed a radio concert al fresco.

These are all indications of how a bit of real interest in radio and home ingenuity can adapt the new marvel to its use. It is quite unnecessary to regard radio as a fixed and immovable instrument for certain specified occasions; its charm and variety lie in its flexibility to different moods, different times and under different conditions.

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own isolation; the greater interest which it brings to the home as a place, and a greater variety of entertainment and comfort which it makes possible in the home. But radio must be touched with woman's housekeeping genuis before it can become all that it may.

Loud Speakers (Continued from page 41)

original sound with some distortion, of course, and second, it makes possible signals of increased loudness in exact proportion to the increased strength or pull caused by the permanent magnet. The performance of these two functions, of course, is absolutely necessary for radio reception and it is perhaps well, I think, for us to have at least a general conception of how a loud speaker unit works.

A schematic sketch of the balanced armature type of loud speaker is shown in figure 6. The various parts are named in the diagram. The iron armature is balanced between the pole pieces, is supported by a stiff spring at the mid-position and has no tendency to move nearer the pole pieces when the coil is not connected to the signal current. Just as soon as the signal current from the radio receiver passes through the coils, the iron armature becomes a weak magnet whose ends become alternately north and south in unison with the signal current through the coils. This causes one end of the armature, say the north pole end, to move down on the left side. At the same time the opposite (right) end is a south pole and it moves up, that is, toward the north and away from the south pole. The two ends, then, of the little iron armature are working together to produce vibrations of the diaphragm. connected to the armature by the connecting link.

In this type of unit the diaphragm does not have to be iron, but the bipolar type, described above, has to be magnetic in order to be forced into vibrations. In this balanced armature type, the little iron armature carries only the alternating magnetism and the permanent magnetism flows right through the armature between the north and south poles of the permanent magnet.

There is thus no danger of the armature becoming "saturated" with magnetism. In the bipolar type of unit both the permanent and alternating magnetism pass through the diaphragm from one pole to the other. There is thus danger of "saturating" the iron diaphragm particularly in view of the fact that it is a few thousandths of an inch in thickness. Saturation of the iron should be avoided since it will cause distortion of the signals.

A so-called magnetic-shunt is often used, therefore, to shunt out some of the permanent magnetism from the diaphragm. Better results are obtained because of this construction. For ex-

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ample, this type of magnet shunt is used in the unit of all the Radiola loud speakers, such for example as the UZ 1320 and UZ 1325 types. Just as already stated the magnet should be a powerful one in order to produce loud signals. This holds for this balanced armature type of unit just as for the bipolar type. Distortion will also be less, unless the magnetism is great enough to approach saturation. We see, then, that a compromise must be arrived at to give the best results.

In practice a poor permanent magnet will weaken. If such permanent mag-nets are used, then a loud speaker will produce weaker signals. Not only will this happen, but the distortion will become greater and unsatisfactory results will be obtained. The introduction to this paper may, then, be read with more than passing interest. This is where one wishes he had purchased a loud speaker from a reliable concern whose engineers are thoroughly experienced in the art, and are able to turn out apparatus which will not depreciate in this way.

Three other types of loud speakers have been described in this paper, namely, the moving coil type, the moving strip type and the induction type. We cannot describe the manner in which these types operate in the short space remaining for this installment. These three types are very interesting and can be made to give good results. For this reason we should look at them in some detail as will be done in the next paper.

Our object is to lay a foundation upon which we can build our future study of loud speakers. No better foundation can be built than that of becoming familiar with the types of units now available and of becoming familiar with the purpose and action of the horn itself.

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denser. Line up your various pieces of apparatus so that the shafts are in straight line down the center of the If a 7 inch panel is used, a panel. pencil line drawn 31/2 inches from either edge will serve well for this purpose. The audio frequency transformers are mounted between tube sockets as this is the only logical arrangement. Keep these along the rear of the baseboard so that the jacks which protrude back of the panel will not interfere.

In wiring up the set figure out in your own mind beforehand all the places that connection will have to be made. Then use one piece of bus wire and connect the two furthermost instruments. If this is done correctly it will then be possible to, somewhere along its length take off connections



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to the other instruments. Let us take for instance the positive filament lead. This runs from the last amplifier tube socket to the A plus binding post with several pieces of apparatus in between. One connection is made from your last socket to the binding post. Then with short pieces of bus wire connect the other tube sockets into the circuit. In the negative filament lead this is done the same way. It runs from the last Bradleystat on the second stage audio tube to the ground and A minus binding post. All the Bradleystats are placed in the negative leads. This negative lead runs to the ground binding post and places the negative A battery lead at ground potential throughout the circuit. As the rotary plates of the variable condenser and its entire framework are connected to the negative filament that is likewise at ground potential no hand capacity effects are noticeable even on the finest tuning. For best results with this receiver we recommend a UV-200 in the detector, but for general use the UV-201A will be very satisfactory. The Bradleystats were specified because they provide excellent control of tube filaments. We have always taken exception to the use of a rheostat as a tuning device for we still insist that all the tuning should be done with the tuning controls. However, when you are trying for that elusive DX station and you have little more than a faint carrier wave to work upon it is a real pleasure to know that a slight adjustment of a Bradleystat on the detector tube will bring it in.

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Vacuum Tube Detectors

(Continued from page 49) which is included in the grid circuit of figure 7. In many present-day circuits the "C" voltage is obtained by connecting the return lead of the grid circuit shown at point A in figure 7 to the negative terminal of the "A" battery and utilizing the so-called voltage drop through the filament lighting

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rheostat as the so-called biasing voltage. The sole reason for this action is to do away with the necessity of purchasing an extra battery. Let us look at this curve as drawn in figure 8. With 2 volts negative the plate current corresponds to the height A, while with a positive potential of 1 volt upon the grid the current passing through the tube corresponds in value to the height B. It can therefore be readily seen that all other conditions being equal it is more economical to work on the lower bend of the characteristic curve, that is, where the grid is slightly negative with respect to the filament. Providing the bends of the curve are equal the signals will be equal as the signal strength is dependent, not upon the total value of the plate current, but upon the variation in the plate current caused by the incoming signals.

Having laid our basis for explanation we are now ready to again take up this radio frequency energy which we have brought to the grid of our tube and see what happens to it by virtue of the functioning of this tube as a detector. With the curve in figure 8 redrawn again as figure 9 and a wave of the form of figure 6 to be used as the input to the grid of the detector tube it will be seen that, owing to the bend in the curve, the incoming wave which is as much positive as it is negative does not produce equal variations upon the plate current, with a result that while the incoming radio frequency is reproduced in the plate current there is also caused to enter into the picture another varying current which corresponds generally to the over all shape of the modulations of the incoming radio wave. Our telephone receivers, or loud speakers are instruments which are not quick acting enough to give response to these radio frequency currents, but will respond to all audio frequency currents im-pressed upon them and therefore we might say that the telephones and loud speaker are tuned to audio frequencies which is actually the case. In a simi-lar manner if any other radio frequency currents have a general over all shape which is varying at an audio frequency rate such as the waves in figures 3 and 5 it will result in the modulations being reproduced in the telephone receivers. If, however, the incoming wave is the output of a tube transmitter using D.C. as a power supply, and it is unmodulated, giving a wave of the shape of figure 4, the resulting signal as heard in the phones will be a straight direct current which rises in value when the transmitting key is depressed and falls in value when it is lifted, with the result that this form of signal energy does not interfere with broadcast transmission. Therefore we will not particularly concern ourselves with its actions and how

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to receive it, as that is an entirely new problem or, at least, it calls for different apparatus from that used for broadcast reception.

It is to be appreciated that in most cases the tube as a detector is employed with a grid condenser and grid leak, and under these conditions the action is somewhat different, as it depends upon the shape of a different curve known as the grid-current characteristic curve, which being an entirely separate problem will need an entire article for treatment with an explanation of the action of the grid condenser and the grid leak and therefore it will be reserved for future discussion.

Trouble Shooting

(Continued from page 47)

cuit. The grid and plate terminals are most sensitive to body capacity effects. Keep the parts of the coil or apparatus to which the grid or plate is connected as far as possible from the panel. The filament circuit must be properly grounded. When variable condensers are mounted on the panel, connect the rotor plates to the ground or filament side. There are variable condensers on the market with end rotor plates, which can therefore be termed self-shielding. With a series condenser in the antenna, the rotor plates should be connected to the antenna; with the condenser in the ground circuit, the rotor plates should he connected to the grounded side. A condenser across the secondary should have the stationary plates connected to the grid.

With a variometer in the secondary circuit, the stator end is connected to the grid; in the plate circuit, the stator end is connected to the plate. Where a tickler is at the end of an inductance. which is the case with many variocouplers, the end of the coil farthest from the tickler end should be connected to the grid.

In locating the sockets, keep the grid and plate terminals farthest from the panel, and place the filament leads toward it, as they are not affected by body capacity. It is helpful to shunt the phones with a fixed condenser of .001 or .002 mfd. capacity, or if amplification is used, to connect a fixed condenser across the plate terminal of the detector tube and the negative side of the B battery. In neutrodyne circuits it is very desirable to shield the neutroformers to avoid inter-coil coupling.

Potentiometers

(Continued from page 55) tery is brought direct to the filament,

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has a high resistance, a large fixed condenser is generally shunted across it to reduce the effect of the common coupling between all the plates that the battery is feeding. We can see no reason for this condenser unless the audio-frequency amplifier howls and placing the condenser there stops the howling-or unless the radio-frequency amplifier oscillates and can not be controlled with the potentiometer and placing the condenser across the battery makes the radio frequency amplifier stop oscillating. In all our radio experience we have never seen one receiver that required a B battery condenser. The talk about improving tone or increasing volume, we are confident, is purely imagination. We asked a radio man, who for some reason believes a B battery condenser is essential, to look the other way while we lifted the condenser connection on and off-every time we had it on he said it was off; when we had it off he said it was connected. The fact was that it did not make any difference at all-though at times when the set is adjusted to the point of oscillation, touching the battery alone will make a change.

Nor can we see the necessity for double condenser connection to the slider of the potentiometer—one condenser to one side of the line and the other condenser to the other side. It would be just as well to use one large condenser connected to either side of the battery line. We would suggest that the connection be made to that side of the line on which the ground is connected—though the resistance of the battery is so slight that there should be no difference either way.

THE NEGATIVE GRID BIAS

One of the easiest ways of understanding the "howl" of grid bias is with the aid of figure 10. Here a filament is arranged in series with a rheostat across a battery.

Remember that we always count with reference to the negative terminal of the filament-the negative terminal of the filament we can consider as being the binding post on the tube socket, for that is the place nearest it that we can reach. Let us think of the filament and rheostat in figure 10 as being a potentiometer connected across the battery. We can reach only one point on the resistance-the connection from the negative terminal of the filament to the rheostat. We are go-ing to measure from this point, so let us connect one terminal of a voltmeter to it. Now, if we brought our return lead to the negative terminal of the battery and placed the other lead of the voltmeter at this point, we would find that there was a difference of voltage between the two points. This we expect from the discussion on potenti-





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ometers above. And we know that the value of this voltage difference would depend upon the percentage of resistance of the rheostat to the total circuit resistance. And we know that the battery terminal is negative with reference to the negative filament terminal. If we brought the return lead from our grid or plate circuit to, say the positive battery terminal it would have a higher voltage than the negative filament terminal. We may calculate the voltage difference if we know the total value of resistance of the circuit and also the amount of resistance from the point where the return lead is connected to the negative filament terminal.

This may be clearer in figure 11. Here we have a battery of 6 volts, a 20-ohm filament (UV-201A) and a 4-ohm resistance for the rheostat. B is the negative terminal of the filament -if we connect a voltmeter from B to C, we find that it registers 1 volt (4:24 as X:6. X = 1 volt). So we know that if we connect the return lead from the grid to C, the grid will be one volt negative-with respect to the negative terminal of the filament. If we connect the voltmeter across A and B, it will register 5 volts. So if we connect the return lead from the grid to the point A, the grid will be 5 volts positive-with respect to the negative terminal of the filament.

It would be well to take each tube with the A battery voltage generally used with it, figure the correct amount of extra resistance to keep the current at the specified rate and then find what negative bias could be had with it.

Also see what the voltage is with respect to the positive side of the filament.





A voltmeter, a socket, a battery and some vacuum tubes and rheostats will be of great help in enabling the student to actually see some of the effects noted above.

Radioviewing the Industry (Continued from page 56)

quickly attached to the phone cord, and at the same time have an electrically perfect contact, Mr. Pacent of the Pacent Electric Company, developed the first radio plug that employed a spring-pressed connector for retaining the phone cord tips.

2. The Radio Trade Association, at Detroit, Mich., was organized to promote and protect the interests of radio and radio business, and to educate its members in the business along lines which be of maximum benefit to the radio listeners-in, the encouragement of broadcasting and encouragement of the amateurs.

3. The Faraway Radio Co. has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio with shares of no par value stock. H. A. Lockwood is president; J. H. Bradwell is vice-president and Treasurer; R. C. Pater is secretary.

4. The Coast Radio Supply Company. San Francisco, California, organized by Henry E. Lapkin, formerly of the National Carbon Company, and Harry L. Auger, formerly of McCoy Motor Supply Company, have opened their new quarters at 648 Howard Street, with a complete stock of radio receiving sets, accessories and parts. This Company will wholesale only.

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D-Coil Receiver

(Continued from page 78) bly installed the apparatus in a neat cabinet of small dimensions, it would probably mean taking the apparatus all apart and putting it in a larger cabinet, say a $24'' \ge 7''$ or a $26'' \ge 7''$, to obtain stability of operation. Therefore, in order to avoid this, I would suggest that you apply neutralizing condensers to the circuit as you now have it. Connect one neutralizing condenser between the points marked (A) and (B) on the schematic diagram in figure 1, that is, from the grid terminal of the first tube to the grid terminal of the second tube. Then connect a second neutralizing condenser between the points marked (B) and (C) on the diagram, or in other words, from the grid terminal of the second tube to the grid terminal of the third tube. The application of neutralizing condensers

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