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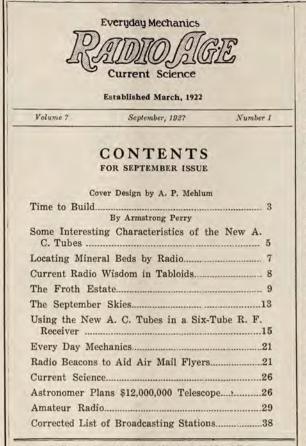
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## Chats

THE Radio Corporation of America now has friendly representation on the National Radio Commission which regulates broadcasting and allocates wave lengths. R. C. A. has finally assumed control of the chief group of patents under which the bulk of present-day radio sets are manufactured. R. C. A. has even acquired the chairmanships of one of the important committees of the Radio Manufacturers' Association.

None of these things bother us in the least. We had not only anticipated the ascent to the heights but years ago we told our readers what the corporation was determined to do. There is no surprise in the sequel. We expressed doubt as to whether Federal Trade Commission charges of conspiracy against the big five would ever get anywhere. Does any reader know what became of that virtuous blare of trumpets?

It is to be regretted, however, that the R. C. A. should again have thrown the radio trade out of step by announcing the prospective production of a new tube and then proceeding to withhold actual delivery of the tubes far beyond the date originally announced. Result—thousands of radio buyers refusing to buy anything or to build anything until they could be assured that what they intended to buy or to build would not be "obsolete" as soon as installed.

Same old story. You will remember the situation several years ago when we all waited throughout a long summer for the arrival of revolutionary equipment, dealers grumbling, buyers disgusted and trade taking the count. One ray of sunshine pierces the gloom. This tube delay has given the independent makers of tubes a chance to step in. We understand the independents are making hay while the sun shines.

Jederick Smi

Editor of RADIO AGE.

## RADIO AGE for September, 1927

## Time to Build By ARMSTRONG PERRY

THERE was an old fellow, who had started life with nothing and made an honest fortune in real estate, who used to whisper to his intimate friends now and then: "It's time to build!"

He meant that land and building materials were as low as they were likely to go, that increase of population soon would crowd the present housing facilities, and that those who built would profit from their foresight.

If he were alive today, he would be interested in radio and he would advise: "It's time to build."

It is time to build. Radio programs now are superlative. Once they were made up of phonograph selections because the fact that voice and music could be transmitted and received through the ether was new and interesting and any sound at all could be used in a demonstration. When the novelty wore off, uncanned music was substituted. Most of it was worse than the phonograph music but it was interesting because we were hearing music made by real



Roy Bates of Plattsburg, New York, uses a copper tank from a wrecked rum runner for an indoor aerial.



and the pile of boxes, this set builder in Colorado is going to have a real outfit.

people while they were making it. Some good programs had to be broadcast to hold the interest of listeners who could appreciate it, and the number of those who could tell classics from clatter increased. Today the broadcasters are giving us the best there is; cheap stuff is used only to fill in.

Everybody likes a fight, except those who take the beatings; every championship bout, game and race is broadcast. Everyone likes good music; the air is full of it daily. We are all hero worshippers; every aviator, athlete and politician who makes the front page is given his chance at the microphone. No one can afford to miss today's broadcasts, when a few dollars and a few hours' work enable him to crash the gate at more big events than he could reach without radio even if he owned a flock of automobiles and a fleet of airplanes.

### Old and New Styles Good

It is time to build. Apparatus has been developed to the point of high efficiency. The seemingly impossible has been attained—receivers can be attached directly to any electric lamp socket. Older types of receivers, with wet batteries, dry batteries or battery eliminators can be remodelled or merely rejuvenated by overhauling. Every one of them, right down to the crystal detector, gives better results today than it ever did, because of the increased power and quality of the broadcasting stations. There is no limitation of time or money that needs to keep a man from building a new receiver if he wants something better than the old one.

Interference has been reduced, conditions are improving. Broadcasting is under control at last.

### Prices Low

Prices of parts never were so low nor the parts so good. Radio business has developed to a point where manufacturers and dealers are making liberal price reductions. Quite different from the hectic days of 1922 and 1923 when customers formed lines reaching out into the street and waited for new shipments of phones and coils to arrive.

The other day a man walked into a chain store. He forgot whatever it was that his wife sent him for and, as usual, found himself hanging over the radio counter. The store advertised: "Nothing over one dollar" and there on the counter was a five-tube radio set whose name was a household word.

He was about to ask for a dozen of those sets and had his twelve dollars in his hand when he overheard



You can plug into the house lighting circuit and operate a modern receiver.

a salesman explaining matters to another customer. The set was composed of parts that sold for five cents to one dollar apiece. Altogether they came to forty-five dollars. For the convenience of a customer who wanted to buy them all at once, the store would put them into a cabinet, each in its correct position, and fasten them there with wire and solder. They charged a little more than for wrapping them with paper, twine and gummed strips; the customer could save the difference by assembling the set himself.

He hesitated. Then a bright idea came. He bought the parts, took them home, assembled them. After he tested out the receiver and adjusted it for extra good results, he gave it some touches of individuality that he knew would please a neighbor. He invited the neighbor in to hear it. It caught his fancy and he wanted to buy it. The builder sold it and cleared \$20.

The next day he was back at the store for another kit. His first customer sent him his second. The next week he was back after his third outfit. In a month he figured out that if he could keep the neighbors away long enough he could build a set for himself with the money he had made and have enough left to pay him for the time he had spent on all of them.

There is something about a hand-

a salesman explaining matters to another customer. The set was composed of parts that sold for five cents tory-made product may be as good, to one dollar apiece. Altogether or better, but it is not exclusive.

## **Relieves** Nerve Strain

It is time to build. Hand work relieves mental strain. Driven all day by executive pressure in the ceaseless grind of business or industry, a man develops a longing to do something in his own way and take his own time about it. He may be a putterer who butchers bakelite and lumber into irregular shapes whose dimensions even geometry could not discover, or he may be a careful artisan whose finished product breathes the spirit of the artist. It makes no difference which he is. Building a radio set in the quiet of the evening in his own home relaxes the nerves, breaks up the monotony of the struggle for existence. It is an unselfish pastime, too, for a radio outfit can provide pleasure for the whole family and friends.

Our eyes have been used too much: the ears should be used more. Radio develops hearing. We learn to distinguish the different instruments in the orchestra and to know the announcers by their voices. It gives us an enlarged channel through which pleasurable sensations reach us from the outside world. We can lay down the fine print that makes us screw up our faces until the wrinkles become permanent. For a few hours



The set builder may be a putterer who butchers bakelite-



Or a careful artisan whose work shows the spirit of the artist.

at least we can relax, put aside the glasses that wear creases in the bridges of our noses, rest our eyes and let our ears work. It doubles the joy of life.

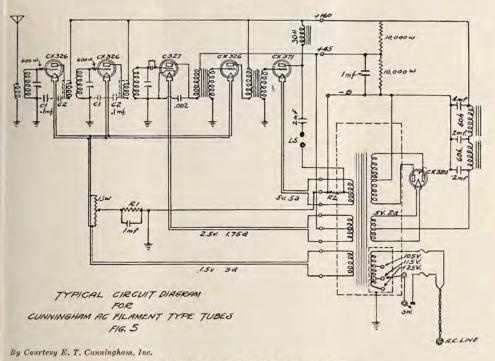
## Radio A Time-Saver

It is time to build. Radio saves time. A man who takes a half hour of our time when he puts his message into print gives it to us in ten minutes, and more interestingly, by radio. When he talks into the microphone he has to condense. It costs one hundred dollars an hour to operate an average broadcasting station and the management counts the seconds. So does the audience. If a speaker wants to hold a radio audience more than ten minutes he has to begin by making a transatlantic flight or knocking out a world's champion.

Time is life. A man must be informed about current events or he is laid on the shelf—modern business has no use for a fellow who does not know what is going on—and if he spends an hour a day gathering information when he could get it by radio in fifty minutes, he is wasting one business week a year. It would be better to use radio and take an extra week's vacation. News, book reviews, talks on the leading plavs. technical information, all are on the air regularly. Listening to them directs attention to articles and books

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## Some Interesting Characteristics of the A. C. Tubes



(For further data on A. C. Tubes, see page 16)

to be the long sought solution for complete and economical A. C. operation of radio receivers. The new tubes replace the comparatively bulky equipment of the "A" eliminator type only recently developed. Until the cartridge type of rectifier was invented an eliminator was a bulky affair, almost as large as a good sized storage battery, and usually just as wet. Even the latest types of "A" eliminators have a chemical filter condenser in them, with a few exceptions. The only accessory to the new tubes is a small filamentheating transformer, which is very much smaller than the smallest of "A" eliminators.

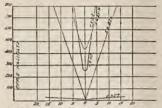
HE NEW A. C. tubes seem ance on the market of the two tubes was made in the July-August issue of this magazine. There are two Cunningham types of A. C. tubes, as already made clear, in that issue; the type CX326, an all purpose amplifier, and the C327, which was designed purposely as a detector, but is also an efficient radio frequency and audio frequency amplifier when used as such.

The CX326 is similar in electrical characteristics to the 301A type. The plate impedance, however, is lower, giving the tube a higher mutual conductance. The filament construction is of the inverted V type, like that of the 301A tube, but is in form of a ribbon and oxide coated. The fila-The announcement of the appear- ment is heavy and takes considerably out inducing noticeable hum in the

more current than the 201A tube. The temperature of the filament does not follow with changes in current flowing through it nearly as rapidly as with a light filament and therefore the filament emission to the plate is practically uniform.

In the lighter filament the temperature changes modulate the plate current, as the tube resistance rises and falls with the amount of filament emission, and the A. C. component in the plate circuit is the result. Fig. 1. is a graph showing the amount of A. C. in the plate circuit of various tubes as the center tap to the potentiometer is moved from the exact nodal point. It is very apparent that greater deviations are allowable with-

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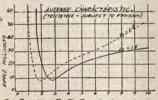
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Fig. 1. Percentage of "hum" as potentiometer is unbalanced. Notice that for C327 there is little difference as to the position of the potentiometer.

new tube than in the tubes designed for D. C. filament operation.

There is a balance point between the electromagnetic and electrostatic fields set up by the alternating current and the CX326 is designed so that this point is effective when the tube is used as an amplifier. Fig. 2 illustrates the effect of the plate current on the percentage of hum. It is readily seen that the hum is at a minimum when the plate current is about three milliamperes. This also shows why the tube is not adaptable as a detector, since the plate current would be very much reduced with the grid bias method of detection and the amount of hum correspondingly increased.

When the tube is used as a radio frequency amplifier the results are about the same as those obtained with a 301A tube, since the internal construction of the elements, and therefor the inter-electrode capacity, is the same. The grid plate capacity is about 10 m. m. f. As an audio frequency amplifier the tube is also the same, possibly a little better on the low notes for some transformers.



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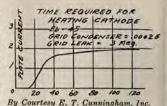
Fig. 2. This curve shows that the least "hum" is present when the tube is taking about three milliamperes plate current with the proper filament voltage of 1.5 volts. The "hum" increases very rapidly as the plate current is decreased below .25 milliamperes. Type CX326 tube.

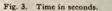
The use of a bias on the radio stages as well as the audio stages is absolutely essential. The bias is necessary to keep the plate current at a value where the A. C. component is minimized (as has already been observed from the graph of Fig. 2.), and to prevent grid current from flowing. Among other things, this means that the use of a potentiometer for controlling oscillations is impossible. The radio frequency stages may have the grid returns connected to the same potentiometer as the audio stage since the potentiometer adjustment for the r. f. tubes is not as critical as for the audio tube.

With the rather high grid bias required for these tubes (see data list on these pages) the input impedance of the tubes is quit high and the selectivity of tuned circuits across the input is not impaired.

As has already been brought out, the filament voltage must be constant, as well as the plate current, and have a definite value for operation without hum. The plate current should be three milliamperes and the filament 1.05 amperes. This prevents the general practice of controlling oscillations which might occur in the r. f. by means of a rheostat in the filament circuit, or a variable high resistance in the plate current supply.

The internal construction and base of the type C327 tube is quite different from the standard 201A tube The tube, instead of having a regular filament, has a heater filament which requires a current of 1.75 amperes, and an electron emitting cylinder around it. The cylinder is electrically insulated from the filament and connected to the center tap of a potentiometer for the plate current return. The cylinder is oxide coated and when heated by the filament inside, emits electrons to the plate. The potential distribution over the whole surface is uniform and therefore the A. C. fluctuations in the filament have no effect on the plate current. The grid and plate are also in cylindrical form, grid plate capacity is almost half that of the CX326 or 201A tube and should make an excellent r. f. amplifier. The mutual conductance is also slightly higher; the amplifica-





tion constant the same. All in all, this is the better general purpose tube of the two, and especially so for detection, and r. f. amplification in circuits where the interelectrode capacity is not neutralized or balanced out.

The cylindrical cathode is connected to an extra prong at the base of the tube, making it a five prong base, which naturally requires a special socket. Several sockets to accommodate this tube are already on the market.

Detection by the grid-bias method is not practical with this tube. When this method is used the sensitivity will be only about one-fifth as great as when a regular grid condenser and leak is used. On the graph of Fig. 3. it can be seen that there is a time element in starting the operation of the tube. About a minute is required to bring the heater to full operating temperature, for this reason there

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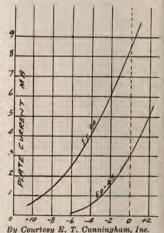


Fig. 4. Plate current grid voltage curve for type C227 tube

### RADIO AGE for September, 1927

## Locating Mineral Beds by Radio

VEN the well known and much E honored prospector must now accept the very latest fashion in mineral exploration, for the radio has come into the field with eyes more powerful than all the prospectors combined. New fields will be opened in the mining world, abandoned mines promise to again start operations, while mining property throughout the world will be waiting for the radio to help in locating its underground fortunes. The radiore process, as it is named by the inventors utilizes the well known electrical principle of inducing an electric current through a conductive body and thus creating an electro-magnetic field which extends out at varying lengths. A high frequency sending set with another apparatus designed for receiving and direction finding comprises the complete outfit for the radio prospector of today.

From the broadcasting, set which is set up at any desired location in the field, an alternating electriccurrent of a very high frequency is sent out into the air, and creates what is called the primary field. If there are any conductive ore bodies within this radius of the broadcasting set some of the electric current will naturally flow through them. As a re-



Close-up of broadcasting set which sends out alternating electric current



Broadcasting apparatus in the field during operations

sult of the induced current flowing through the conductive ore deposit an electro-magnetic field will be created called the secondary field. The next problem for the radiore engineer is to locate the axis and depth of the mineral body.

To find the axis of the secondary field a receiving set is used with direction-finding loops mounted on the well known surveyor's transit. After the territory has been divided into smaller plots, for convenience in surveying, the radiore receiving set is set up at some point within the primary electro-magnetic field. The operator uses the usual wireless receivers to listen in as he revolves the direction -finding loops in various directions in order to determine the direction to the axis of the secondary field. If there is a conductive ore deposit anywhere under the surface to a depth of 500 feet it can be definitely located by continued observations and plotting of the area. Only ores of the sulphide group such as lead, iron, and copper, and a few ores in their natural state, can be determined with the radiore process so far. However continued experimenting is now being carried on in the mining fields of Arizona and other states of the southwest to further perfect the instruments.

The entire radiore outfit is designed for convenience in carrying about in the field work, while the total weight of every part is nearly 500 pounds. The receiving and sending sets are mounted on tripods which enable quick set-ups and moving in the field. Under normal conditions a crew of four or five men can operate one outfit. In case the terrane is hilly and rocky or covered with dense vegetation additional helpers are added.

Where the ground has been almost inaccessible for the ordinary type of prospecting the radiore process may be used to quickly determine the underground mineral conditions, the radio prospectors may even set up their apparatus hundreds of feet underground, in active mining tunnels and shafts. As an accompanying help to mining the radiore process proves to be the greatest development of the present day. Expensive and futile mining operations will be unnecessary when the ground may be explored without costly drilling.

As yet the character of the ore deposit which may be located cannot be determined with the radiore ap-

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The "radiore" set in operation in the field. Notice the directionfinding loops

## Current Radio Wisdom in Tabloids

## Wildest Radio Dreams Not Nonsense

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From an interview with Merlin H. Aylesworth, President of the National Broadcasting Company, which appears in the American Magazine for August. RECENT successful experiments in television, in which persons were seen in the act of telephoning by the ones spoken to, are by no means the end of wonders that may be accomplished by the radio. To the contrary, the wildest dreams for its development are not nonsense. said Merlin H. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company in an exclusive interview given to the American Magazine for August.

Radio has shaken off the handicap of taking limitations for granted. In radio and in pretty much everything else, the men who dare to think most boldly, even most absurdly, have been more nearly right than those who have believed that only the little things were possible, said Mr. Avlesworth.

We know for a certainty that big things are just around the corner. We expect that we shall live to see motion pictures flashed onto the walls of our homes. Science may even find a way to break down food into electrons and transmit them to our kitchens by radio and there reassemble them for nourishment. This sounds like the wildest nonsense at the moment but the radio itself seemed like nonsense only a couple of decades ago.

Our hope for radio is that it will make the people of the United States feel that they have "been some place"; that their lives will be richer, their experience wider, their appreciation of life more satisfying because they have been in touch, through this magic, with the wisest, the most talented and the most highthinking folks of their time.

We are just beginning to find out about it ourselves. But we already know some things that have human interest. We know that there were

5,200,000 radio receiving sets in the certain selfishness that is rather incountry last June, which means, if you assume five listeners to every set. a total radio audience of twenty-six New York State, million people. with 654,000 sets, has the most listeners, and Nevada, with 7,200 sets, and New Mexico, with 7,800, the fewest. The four cities that have the largest number of listeners in proportion to their population are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York, in the order named.

So far as we can discover, the male and the female audience is about evenly divided. For instance, a recent mail canvass conducted through station WEAF brought 1,943 letters signed by men, 2,190 letters signed by women, and 929 signed by "Mister" and "Misses." Naturally, the davtime audiences will consist almost entirely of women, though it might surprise you to know how many offices of busy executives now have radio sets-a few minutes of orchestra music with the after-luncheon cigar before the afternoon grind begins.

Against Radio Advertising From address by United States enator Arthur Capper of Kansas, oadcast over Station WIBW, Senator broadcast Topeka.

T SEEMS to me that the radio's greatest value is in the direction of furnishing entertainment and practical information to the listeners. For that reason I have regretted to see what appears to be a growing tendency on the part of some of the broadcasters to commercialize their programs-to ultilize the air for the sale of merchandise or to make commercial appeals to comparatively small circles of people.

I do not believe this phase of broadcasting should be encouraged. I believe it was this commercial feature that was to a large extent to blame for the tangle in the wave lengths which the Radio Commission is now engaged in untangling. Commercialism is always followed by a

clined to brook no interference with its plans. Radio is bigger than that and its future should not be hampered by such small, selfish interests.

Broadcasters should always remember that the interest of the public come first. I am sure that this was what Congress had in mind when the radio law was passed. The Radio Commission named to administer that law must also bear in mind that it's the listener who comes first.

## -Favors Advertising

Martin P. Rice, Director of Broadcasting for the General Electric Com-pany, in an address on "Radio Adver-tising."

BY CONTRIBUTING to the cost of broadcasting, it (advertising) has made possible the rapid development and maintenance of a great public service which makes weather, market and stock reports, music, entertainment, education, religion, and the addresses of statesmen available to everybody, everywhere, without tax, cost or expense.

All of these objects may be termed advertising in the broad sense and if you look over the long list of broadcasting stations on the air today you will find very few of them which are not advertising something. The almost universal desire to broadcast today springs from the desire to advertise. It is an age of publicity and advertising.

There is nothing incongruous about it and nothing shocking. Probably everyone who reads a national magazine or buys a newspaper replete with the latest telegraphic reports from all over the world does not stop to consider that his purchase price is only a fraction of the publisher's cost and he may not know that the advertisers make up the difference. There can be no misunderstanding about a commercial broadcast program because the announcer always states frankly the name of the advertiser who sponsors it.

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# The FROTH ESTATE of Joseph Balsamo

#### The story thus far

Col. Maximilian Minimil sets \$10,000,000 aside out of his personally acquired colosed forlane, for the purpose of financing the Fortunase Gazette for his son Daly. The younger Minimil, while the great project is being organized, has some difficulty in making other people believe he intends to publish a newspaper that is to be free from the smut and hysteria of certain other dailies. He believes a clean journal will win out. Bill Rossom, publisher of the Clarion, is a former movie actor. A horse stepped on his face, and although putting him out of the picture game, so transformed his countenance that he has the appearance of a super-man. People do what Rossom wasts because of the competing power of the Rossom face. Rossom tries to prevent the sale of the first issue of the Gazette. The Minimils win their circulation battle by a ruse and the Gazette is ruccessfully launched.

People do what Kossom wants because of the compelling power of the Rossom jace. Rossom tries to prevent the sale of the first issue of the Gazette. The Minimits win their circulation battle by a ruse and the Gazette is successfully launched. Day orders the sity editor to discharge one of the girl reporters, giving the reason that she is so good-looking she might distract the statention of the young men from journalistic labors. The girl visits Daly in his office to protest against being dismissed and Daly falls in love with her and tells her so. She leaves Fortunatus that night, explaining in a latter to Daly that she fears he is too hasty in his wooing and she wishes to give him time to consider the Julare.

### XV

M R. EMORY LATHROP, eminent member of the law firm of Lathrop, Lathrop and Moore, shaved himself hastily and laved his face, which extensive adventures on tee and green and fairway had given a hue not dissimilar to the calf binding on his law reports. A robust and yet a distinguished figure of a man, Mr. Lathrop.

"This knocks me out of the club handicap play," sighed Mr. Lathrop, looking out over the green hills of Long Island. "That man Minimil never takes a day off and he apparently doesn't want his legal counsel to swing a driver, either."

Mr. Lathrop's valet laid out linen and a carefully pressed suit. This done he completed packing a Gladstone bag. It was Sunday morning and the Lathrop household was not yet astir. The head of the menage made his way to the breakfast room where Fawcett had eggs and toast and coffee waiting. As Mr. Lathrop sat down to his solitary meal he glanced again through the East windows which revealed hills bathed in hazy sunshine. A perfect day for golf. Mr. Lathrop decided he would look at the telegram again, hoping against hope that there would develop some means of escape from this job of legal work. No, the message was annoyingly clear and explicit:

Emory Lathrop Boulder Beach Long Island. Meet me Keystone hotel, Philadelphia, Sunday morning eleven o'clock important.

#### Minimil.

Mr. Lathrop gazed at the hateful yellow sheet as if to assure himself that it really meant this particular Sunday, this Sunday of perfect golf weather, this Sunday of the handicap match in which he was to have teed off with Judge Kershaw in the semi-finals of the club's midsummer tournament.

Eminent lawyers are gifted with resourceful minds and Mr. Lathrop was no exception. He found no way of evading this unwelcome Philadelphia journey, but as he studied the telegram he discovered therein an inspiration that made his countenance beam suddenly and glow as radiantly as the golden yolks of the poached eggs that smiled merrily up at him from their twin couches of golden toast.

"Eleven o'clock. Why, that may be early enough to give me a chance to go out to the Philadelphia Country Club for eighteen holes in the afternoon! Meet Traynor and Calkins there, like as not."

Mr. Lathrop was talking to himself but Fawcett, capable old sort, was listening. There was instant action. Fawcett called the country club to say that Mr. Lathrop's car would stop there in about fifteen minutes and Mr. Lathrop wished to pick up golf clubs and clothes on his way to the train.

Col. Maximilian Minimil of Fortunatus was watching alertly for the arrival of Mr. Lathrop and when that quietly attired barrister entered the lobby of the Keystone hotel, followed by two bellboys, bearing hand bags and golf bags, the Colonel stepped forward eagerly to seize his hand. Col. Minimil was clad in a suit of violent plaid, fully as noisy as his greeting. He rushed Mr. Lathrop off to his apartment in a lofty corner of the Keystone and almost pushed the eminent lawyer into a capacious chair by a window.

"It's about Daly," the Colonel said, facing Mr. Lathrop. "Boy's completely goofy over a red-headed girl reporter. Never saw her but once but just as sure he's going to marry her as if the two families had planned it when he and she were born. She's a smart one. Ran off from Fortunatus to Philadelphia to put up a bluff of making him wait. Gold digger. You know the kind. Daly will either get her back to Fortunatus or follow her here. Up to us to nip the affair in the bud. I'll pay her off and you can take care of the legal end."

"I didn't suspect Daly to be so-so susceptible," ventured Mr. Lathrop.

"Hit him all in a heap," rapped out the Colonel. "Saw her in the reporter's room and fell like a log."

"Um," mused Mr. Lathrop. "How about her? Are you sure she isn't genuinely interested in Daly?"

"Interested your eye," boomed Col. Minimil. "Interested in his bank roll!"

"And yet she ran away from it?" asked the lawyer.

"Just a poker trick, passing for a raise," snorted the Colonel.

"Or what?" demanded the Colonel.

"Or she's in love with Daly," calmly reflected Mr. Lathrop, aloud. "In that case, Colonel, we might better go a bit carefully."

"Bunkl" shouted the Colonel, "did you ever know two young folks to fall in love like that anywhere except in one of them confession stories."

"Once," said Mr. Lathrop, a smile flickering at the corners of his mouth. "That was when Mrs. Lathrop and I met. We were married a week later."

"Say Lathrop, are you one of these sentimental lollypops or are you a lawyer?"

"I sometimes think I'm both," laughed Mr. Lathrop.

"Well you are off on the wrong foot in this case. Only one thing to do. Make an appointment with this lady and you'll see how she will play her cards. I know 'em. Look at Adam and Eve or Cleopatra and Napoleon Bonaparte. They're all alike when they want something and they always want something."

"I'll call the young lady up for an appointment," said Mr. Lathrop. "What particular part of the Garden of Eden is she gracing with her presence and what is her name and telephone number?"

Colonel Minimil held up a forefinger as if to impress upon his attorney his client's cleverness. "Had the best detective in the country locate her," he said. "She writes stuff under the name of Amy Templeton Graves but her real name is Amy Templeton and here's the address and telephone number."

Mr. Lathrop looked at the memorandum which the Colonel handed him and almost imperceptibly raised his eycbrows as he read the street address. He got up and walked to a little table on which the telephone stood. "Miss Templeton? Ah, Mrs. Templeton, may I speak with your daughter please? Will she return soon? Not until dinner. I see. This is Mr. Lathrop. I have just arrived from New York and would like very much to reach Miss Templeton as soon as possible. Could I call her by telephone elsewhere? Too bad, but thank you, Mrs. Templeton, I will call up again at 6. Thank you, Good bye."

"Not home?" asked the Colonel.

"Out for the entire afternoon," replied Mr. Lathrop happily, at the same time seizing a handbag and proceeding to pull forth shirts, golf socks, shirts and shoes. "Come to luncheon with me at the Country Club and we'll talk the thing over while I'm fixing up a game with a couple of near-golfers who gave me a trimming a month ago. Can't turn a wheel until 6 anyhow."

## XVI

F Col. Minimil had not elected to dress himself up like an excursion boat before going to the country club this chapter in the tale of the strange adventures of Minimil and son could not have been written. But the Colonel did so attire himself. He selected a suit of plaid material which was not merely loud. It was cataclysmic. A devastating storm of cobalt blue, burnt orange, and scarlet swept across the background of gray cloth. His hat was a wide-rimmed covering of pearl gray, to match his spats. He carried a stick that had been nothing more than a dried Malacca reed in its native jungle, but which now was a polished rod surmounted by a silver knob, the size of a tennis ball. The stick looked much more like the baton of a circus bandleader than it resembled the cane of a gentleman.

Mr. Lathrop, the conservative New York lawyer, quailed at the sight of the Colonel in his Sunday outfit. But it was not the duty of a lawyer to question the sartorial taste of a client and Mr. Lathrop said nothing and appeared to observe nothing. The elevator boy breathed deeply as the upholstered Colonel entered the lift. Passing through the lobby Mr. Lathrop heard a bell boy ask the cigar counter girl: "Where is the faro game?" Out under the porte cochere a taxi driver called out to a crony across the street, "Whatsay about a little game of checkers?" A young gentleman, lolling in the tonneau of a special-bodied touring car, whistled the tune, "Horses, Horses, Horses." Beyond these trifling incidents and several scores of smiles and nods and whispered comments the Colonel's outfit attracted no attention whatever.

At the country club Mr. Lathrop had the good fortune to find Mr. Ned Traynor, an ancient golfing foe, and a match was arranged with gusto and dispatch. Mr. Traynor explained that a young lady was to play with him but that she was a corking good golfer and it would make a tip-top threesome. Mr. Traynor waited while Mr. Lathrop and the Colonel partook of a light luncheon in the grill and then the three walked out on the terrace which overlooked the first tee and the eighteenth green. They stood there a moment chatting before saying goodbye to the Colonel and trying not to be aware that every eye in or on that part of the golf course was directed at the landscaped elder Minimil.

A girl, idly swinging a driving iron, as she waited near the first tee, looked up casually and saw the Colonel. Her prettily flushed face went white for a moment. Her eyes narrowed and she puckered her fair brow into a scowl of amazement and indignation.

Need we say that the young maiden in such evident stress of spirit was Amy Templeton? It was indeed she and indeed she had been knocked for a row. The Colonel little thought as he went forth to the golf course that he was to so dramatically betray his presence in Philadelphia to the very lady whom, in the presence of legal counsel, he had come to see. Unconscious of the tumult he was causing in the breast of the little red-headed girl reporter from Fortunatus the Colonel shook hands with Mr Traynor, waved *au revoir* to Mr. Lathrop and retired from the terrace.

Miss Amy stilled the beating of her heart and took her errant emotions firmly in hand. Followed, was she? The old Colonel was here to nip her romance in the bud, was he? Miss Amy smiled. It is a well known phenomenon of biology that a red-headed girl will fight for her heart's desire as savagely as a Yunnan tiger battles for his breakfast. No need to try to explain or analyze. An eagle in the air; a serpent on a rock, or near a rock; the way of a maiden with a man. The man of shallow thought assumes that when a lovely woman stoops she is stooping to folly. He does not guess that she may be reaching for a sash weight.

When Mr. Traynor advanced and introduced Mr. Lathrop to Miss Amy, adding that Mr. Lathrop had left the New York bar flat to come to Philadelphia to get a good beating at golf, the girl put two and two together and added them up to a dozen sage conclusions. This lawyer had come to the club with Col. Minimil. He and the Colonel were here to rescue Daly from a titian-haired girl reporter, who was plotting to lure Daly Minimil to the altar and thereby attach herself to the Minimil bankroll, popularly supposed to have a circumference exceeding that of a full-grown water main. Miss Amy was beautiful and yet not dumb.

She greeted Mr. Lathrop with the sweetness that comes to womankind when they are most dangerous. She welcomed him with a warm shake of the hand and a straight look out of eyes that literally swam in loveliness. If Mr. Lathrop, the level-headed legal bearcat, was a trifle groggy under the barrage of feminine charm he was crowded right up against the ropes when he heard Mr. Traynor mention her name:

"Miss Amy Templeton, Ned."

The girl saw and understood. Colonel Minimil and Lawyer Lathrop might be in Philadelphia to look up the past performances and pedigree of the Templetons but at least they had not followed her, like two silly detectives. The lawyer was obviolsly as surprised at meeting Miss Amy as the girl had been at recognizing Col. Minimil in his appearance as King Solomon on the clubhouse terrace. The rest of the sketch would be simple. She knew him and he knew her but he didn't know she knew and she did know that he knew.

#### XVII

Mr. Lathrop was a golf player. Occasionally he shot under 80, which will explain a lot of things to various of his clients who had wondered why he was so frequently out of town on business during the golfing season. Mr. Lathrop loved a close contest. It irked him that he should meet Miss Amy here under the unfortunate necessity of playing golf with her during the afternoon and asking her why was she a gold digger in the evening. But that latter event could take care of itself. As long as it was afternoon and eighteen holes of good golf stretched out ahead of them, why, he would play golf. He at least would show Miss Templeton that he was able to get both distance and direction and make 'em plunk down, once he was on the green.

Miss Templeton also was a golf player. She never shot under 80 in her life but she had come close to it. She was what is known in the sport page as a money player. The greater the necessity for good shots, the better were her shots. She would now show this lawyer for the Minimil family that she was pretty fair on distance, direction and that her putting touch could turn a five into a par four.

Mr. Traynor never will forget that game of golf. He was out of it from the start. He watched a handsome, accomplished, skilful New York lawyer hook up with a lovely, determined and hard hitting girl. Mr. Lathrop sensed the spirit of conflict in her and his his spirit rose to meet hers. They halved the first hole in four, Miss Amy took the second with a five to Mr. Lathrop's six and the lawyer evened it up on the third when he made a birdie three against Miss Amy's good par four.

"I say," said the bewildered Mr. Traynor as they walked to the fourth tee, "one would think you folks had been waiting for years to settle a golf game instead of having met for the first time today."

"Let us alone, Ned," laughed Mr. Lathrop, "something tells me that a woman is going to almost lick me for the first time in my golfing career."

"You put it conservatively," exclaimed Miss Amy.

They finished the first nine with honors even. They continued on, seesawing, ding-donging, fighting for every break, studying every putt. On the sixteenth the girl hooked her drive into the rough and disaster appeared imminent. She got out with a beautiful niblick and was on in two. Mr. Lathrop's second shot went dead to the pin. Miss Amy looked at the twelve-foot putt that confronted her, took her stance and swung the club in a pendulous, graceful arc, that sent the ball spinning across the velvety turf. The ball rolled lazily toward the cup, straight as a taut string, seemingly controlled by the magic of the young lady's determination, even after it had departed

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## Suggestions About Supers

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

THE way to be happy with a superheterodyne radio receiver is to treat it as a sensible man does a new wife: try to control it and, if you can, don't worry because you cannot understand it.

For distance, volume and quality the superheterodyne is as far ahead of other types of receivers as a highpower rifle is ahead of a boy with a snowball. That is, if you have a super that works. However, the snowball, because of its very simplicity, hits many a plug hat that has never been knocked off by more complicated weapons.

It is just as easy to build a super that will work as it is to build one that will not work. These two kinds look almost exactly alike. The main difference is that the ones that work were designed by someone who knew what he was doing and were built by someone who did exactly what the designer told him to do.

The first step toward success is to go to a reliable radio shop and buy a set of blue prints, templates and instructions. A reliable radio shop, from our point of view, is one in which the management always is ready to back up any statement that it makes, by furnishing new parts, by giving free service, or by doing anything else that may be necessary in order to make a set operate as guaranteed. The dealer who sells an outfit with a statement that it will deliver certain results, and who meets complaints with suggestions about spending more money when the set fails to deliver those results, we do not rate as reliable.

The customer who stands next to you at the counter may tell you, while the clerk is wrapping your outfit, of many improvements that you can make by substituting different condensers, coils, tubes, transformers and other parts for those specified by the engineer who designed the outfit. This cuss may tell of no end of supers that he has built, and how he gets Japan on the loud speaker almost every night. Go over to his houst any evening to see how he secures his marvelous results and you will find, usually, that he has just taken his set apart because he knows of a hook-up much better than the one he used before, so he cannot give you a demonstration. With an imagination like his you would not need any receiver.

Radio experts do pick up separate parts and construct superheterodyne receivers that give maximum results. That is because they know how to measure inductances, capacities, resistances and voltages, how to plot curves, how to operate tubes at the proper position on their characteristic curves, how to test each piece of apparatus, how to locate the causes of



Does the super satisfy? See that smile! This is in a steel-frame building surrounded by elevated railways, surface cars and fifty-seven varieties of electrical devices, but it reaches out and brings in the distant stations

trouble and how to remove them. But the average set builder, working a few hours in the evening and after church on Sunday, has a long course of study and experimentation ahead of him unless he takes plans and instructions worked out by a competent radio engineer and follows them.

It is an easy matter to lay a tem-

plate on a panel and drill the holes for the apparatus that is to be fastened to it. Anyone who is handy with tools can do that. But it takes a thorough mechanic to lay out the template with the degree of accuracy required to make a super supe.

Knowledge and understanding grow, of course, as the set builden follows the plans. That is why it is ten times more fun to build a set that it is to buy one that is all ready to use. One of the first and most pleasing discoveries is that the superheterodvne receiver consists of four distinct and comparatively simple sections, each of which may be constructed and tested separately. These are: the first detector, the oscillator, the intermediate-frequency amplifier, and the second detector. This does not include the aerial and the condenser used in tuning it. nor the audio-frequency amplifier that some builders may wish to add, but these present no problems that are peculiar to the superheterodyne.

The tremendous amplification of the superheterodyne receiver makes it possible to cover long distances with a loop aerial, and this usually is tuned with a variable condenser. Sometimes the loop is tapped, so that more or less turns may be used.

The aerial picks up energy from the radio waves and delivers it to the first detector. The detector circuits are much the same as those of any other receiver. The energy passes through a grid condenser to the grid. There is a grid leak shunted across this condenser. The filament is connected to the "A" battery in the usual way. The plate output goes to the primary coil of a transformer, the same as in any set with a transformer-coupled amplifier.

The main difference between the wiring diagram of the superheterodyne and those of other receivers is discovered in the grid-filament circuit. The inductance coil in this circuit is placed in inductive relation with coils that connect with the oscil-

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The September Skies

By JAMES STOKLEY

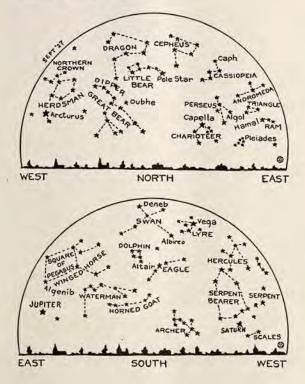
Science Service Staff Writer

With the coming of autumn, the skies take on a different aspect from what they had during the summer. Look high overhead this evening. There, up above you, shines Cygnus, the Swan, or the "Northern Cross." Near it are seen the Lyre and the Eagle. To the student of the stars, whether he be professional astronomer, or the merest layman, these groups in this position mean autumn just as clearly as do the falling leaves from the trees.

Let us look at Cygnus. Its long neck points to the southwest, with the brilliant Albireo—beta Cygni, the astronomer calls it—to mark the head. And to the northeast the still brighter Deneb, or alpha Cygni, marks the bird's tail. Then the two stars that form the tips of the transverse of the cross, also mark the wings of the swan.

Just why there should be a swan in the heavens is not certain. In the ancient mythology, there are several stories to account for it. According to one of them it was Orpheus, the marvelous musician. He wooed and won for his bride the beautiful Eurydice, but after that was murdered. Then he was turned into a swan, and put into the heavens near his favorite harp, which is represented by the nearby Lyre. Another story has it that the swan is the one into which Jupiter changed himself in order to deceive Leda, the queen of Sparta.

When seen with a powerful telescope, alpha Cygni, or Dench, is found to have a companion star. But as the brighter body is of the first magnitude, and the companion of the twelfth, it is difficult to see. Albireo, the star at the southernmost end of the cross, however, is also double, and is one of the most beautiful in the sky. A small telescope, or even a good pair of powerful binoculars, if they are steadily held, shows up the two members of the pair. They



are of nearly the same brightness, but of very different colors, as one is distinctly yellowish, and the other blue.

A little to the north and east of the star epsilon Cygni, which is the easternmost star in the transverse of the cross, is a famous star known as 61 Cygni. This is so faint that optical aid is needed to see it well, but faint though it is, it is one of the closest stars in the heavens. It was the first star to have its distance measured.

This was done in 1838 by the great German astronomer Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel, who succeeded where astronomers for centuries had failed. After Copernicus proposed his theory in 1543, that the earth revolves in an orbit around the sun, it took many years for it to gain wide acceptance. One group of opponents of the theory, the fundamentalists of the day, objected to it on theological grounds. But there were others whose objections were more reasonable. They thought that the Copernican ideas did not explain all the observed facts, and so quite properly withheld their acceptance.

To this latter group belonged Tycho Brahe, the great Danish astronomer, and the last in the days which preceded the invention of the telescope. Tycho said that if the earth revolved around the sun in so wide an orbit, the stars should have

a yearly displacement. An object on the earth is seen in a different direction from different places, and so Tycho argued that if the earth was in one part of the year many millions of miles away from where it had been six months earlier, or where it would be six months later, the stars should be seen in a slightly different place in the sky. He had the most complete observatory, and the finest instruments that had been made up to his time. He failed to discover any annual change in the star positions. Therefore, he concluded, the earth remained in the same place with respect to the stars.

Tycho died in 1601. The telescope was invented in 1610. But even with this aid, no displacement of the stars by reason of the earth's motion was observed for many years. Finally, however, it became evident why it could not, and the Copernican system, with the sun at the center, and the earth revolving around it, found universal adherence. The reason was simply that the stars were so exceedingly distant, compared with the size of the earth's orbit, that the change in the star's position, or parallax, as it is called, was too small to be measured.

Until 1838, all efforts at measuring parallax were unsuccessful, but then Bessel succeeded. A new epoch in astronomy was inaugurated. One of the difficulties in making parallax measurements is in seasonal changes. If the astronomer measures the position of a star in the sky in January and July, for instance, with accurate instruments, the star will be found to have an apparently different place. But the change isn't all parallax. A large part of it is due to differences in temperature and other atmospheric conditions. It is very difficult to figure just how much of the difference these seasonal changes account for. and so another method is used.

A very simple experiment will illustrate the method. Hold your right index finger a foot in front of your face, and between you and some distant object, like a house. Close your right eye, and look at the house. Your finger will obscure part of the



#### New Crosley Musicone

The Crosley Radio Corporation at their Distributors' Convention, June 8 and 9, announced an addition to their line of loudspeakers—the Tilt-Table Musicone, pictured above.

This DeLuxe Model Speaker is of the tilt table design. Standing three feet high, is finished in a brown mahogany and has at first glance the appearance of a delicate old colonial tilt table. This latest Crosley Musicone possesses certain added characteristics of tonal quality which are highly desirable. Selling at \$27.50, it is certain to be a very popular model.

house. Now close your left eye and look at the house with your right eye. Your finger will seem some distance away from the place that it previously covered. Repeat the experiment with your finger at arm's length. Hold your finger so that when you close your right eye the same part of the house is obscured as before. But then when you look at the house with your right eye, your finger will not seem to change its position against the background as much as previously.

Precisely the same procedure is used to measure star distances. A close star takes the place of your finger. A distant one is the substitute for the house in the background. In January the close star might appear near the distant one. In June it seems a bit farther away from the distant one. The farther away from the earth the closer star is, the less is the change, or the partallax. From this can be figured the actual distance from the earth. When a star is very far away, of course, the chance is so minute that it cannot be detected. Such methods of measurement can only be used on the closer stars.

No star is so close as to have a parallax as large as a second. A second of arc is the apparent diameter of a dime about two and a half miles away. That is, if some one two and a half miles away holds up a dime, facing you, the distance from one side to the other is larger than the change in the position of the nearest star due to the earth's yearly motion. And this despite the fact that the earth revolves around an orbit 186,-000,000 miles in diameter! No wonder Tycho Brahe could not detect it!

The parallax of 61 Cygni proves to be about three-tenths of a second. This is equivalent to a distance of 11 light years. A light year is the astronomical yard. Light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles—about seven times the circumference of the earth —in a second. The distance that it will go in a year, about 6,000,000,-000,000 miles, is a light year. Alpha centauri, the closest of all the known stars, which can only be seen from southern countries, is about four and a third light years away. Its parallax is about three-fourths of a second.

Venus, the brilliant planet in the west, which has been so conspicuous in the early summer months, has now disappeared from the evening sky. But it will soon reappear in the east before sunrise. It is now getting close to the sun. On September 10. it will be at inferior conjunction, which means that it is between the sun and earth. Then it will move to the west of the sun, so that it will rise before it in the morning. By the end of the month, it will rise two hours before the sun, and will be conspicuous to the person who stays up that late-or rises that early!

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## Using the New AC Tubes in a Six-Tube R. F. Receiver

## By Frank Freimann

on the market July 1. The tubes AGE reaches our readers.

Our laboratory's search for sample tubes with which to experiment, re- tubes are a few problems not entubes, which are similar in character- which utilizes either storage batteries istics to the type CX-326 Cunning- or some "eliminating" device. After 327 tube. The Thordarson Electric and characteristics of the tubes, how-Co. courteously furnished a filament- ever, these problems disappear and heating transformer. This trans- obvious facts are presented. The the tubes are available.

new A. C. tubes in a six-tube single- tions made to compensate for the two and one-half volt winding for the dial radio frequency set with other slight difference in characteristics heater element of the C-327 tube,

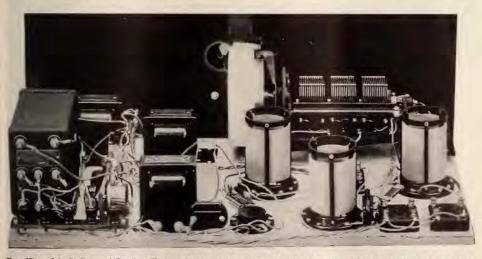
UCH interest has been new parts that have made their ap- from those of the type 201A tubes. aroused by the announce- pearance on the market for the new ment last month of two new season. A photograph shows the gen-A. C. types, which were to have been eral construction of the receiver, and pictures clearly the parts used therelieve that dealers will have a supply new development of the Aero Prodconstitute the audio amplifier.

With the application of the A. C.

The object-heating the filaments with house lighting current without introducing hum into the loud-speaker-is well accomplished. Very little have at this writing not been avail- in. The new Remler three gang con- hum is present even when one listens able to the public, but information denser tunes three Aero Coil radio very carefully for it, and then only from manufacturers leads us to be- frequency transformers which are the a few feet away from the speaker. The hum is not noticeable when a of tubes when this issue of RADIO ucts Co. Thordarson transformers station is tuned in, nor is there any distortion of the music or voice.

The complete data on the characteristics of the Cunningham type sulted in getting a set of Van Horn countered in the ordinary tube set CX-326 and C-327 is given in a separate article in this issue.

The Thordarson filament heating ham tubes, and a Cunningham C- one is once familiar with the function transformer has three sets of filament voltage taps at one end, and a cord and plug at the other end. The two top connectors are from the one former will be on the market when tubes seem adaptable to any of our and one-half volt winding which suppresent popular receivers when these plies current to the four "326" tubes, It was decided to incorporate the facts are observed and small devia- the middle set of terminals are the



Rear View af A. C. Operated Receiver Showing Placement of Parts and Associated Wiring. The Set is Wired with Flexible Rubber Covered Wire, Simplifying Wiring and Construction. The 171 Bias Resistor and By-pass Condensor are Hidden from View Behind the Out-put Transformer.

the center terminal is connected to plus forty-volt connection, and the lower set of terminals are for the filament of the CX171 tube in the last stage of audio amplification ; the center tap here is for the plate current return. In series with this plate current return lead is a 2500 ohm Carter fixed resistor R. The voltage drop due to the plate current flowing through it, is impressed on the grid of the CX171 tube and acts as a bias. The transformer has an electrostatic shield between the primary and secondary windings and is encased in a heavy iron case which acts as a magnetic shield and prevents induction of the 60 cycle current into other parts of the circuit and causing hum. Both of these features are quite essential to operation without noticeable hum.

Since the current supplied to the filaments of the tubes is many times larger than in any of the tubes formerly operated from battery supply, the filament wiring must be given careful study. The leads should be twisted wire to minimize induction, and should be quite heavy, though ordinary rubber covered No. 14 flexible wire was used in this set. The wires carrying alternating current should be as far removed from the coils and grid wires as possible. In this case the tubes are mounted so that the filament terminals are at the back of base board and away from the coils, except for the third r. f. tube which is mounted between the first and third r. f. transformer. A Carter heavy duty rheostat is connected in the 11/2 volt filament lead to cut the voltage to 1 volt, to accommodate the use of Van Horn tubes which have a filament terminal voltage of 1 volt. This rheostat can be left out if CX-326 tubes are to be used.

No doubt there will be cries of "wrong wiring diagram" when some of the readers take their first glance at the diagram and see the 45 volt line connected to what looks like the plate current return. But it's all right: the plate current return is to the oxide coated metal cylinder cathode which is electrically insulated from the heater filament and the high voltage through the transformer winding. This unusual connection is

## PRELIMINARY SPECIFICATIONS A. C. FILAMENT TUBES

	TYPE CX-326	TYPE C-327
Filament voltage	1.5 volts	2.5 volts (heater fila- ment)
Filament current	1.05 amperes	1.75 amperes
Plate voltage recommended	90-135 volts	45 volts (as detector 90-135 V as r. f. & a. f. amplifier)
Maximum	180	180 volts
Grid bias at 180 volts		131/2 volts negative
at 135 volts	12 volts negative	9 volts negative
at 90 volts	6 volts negative	6 volts negative
Amplification factor	8.2	8.2
Plate impedance at 180 volts	9,400 ohms	9,400 ohms
at 135 volts		10,000 ohms
at 90 volts 9,400 ohms		11,300 ohms
Mutual conductance 180 volts_880 micromhos		870 micromhos
	820 micromhos	820 micromhos
	875 micromhos	725 micromhos
Plate current 180 volts		6 milliamperes
135 volts		5 milliamperes
	3.7 milliamperes	3 milliamperes
Interlectrode capacity (plate		
grid)	10.5 m. m. f.	6.0 m. m. f.
Maximum undistorted output		
at 180 volts		0.140 watt.
135 volts	0.070	0.055 watt.
90 volts	0.020	0.020 watt
90 volts Base-Standard Large "CX"		Special 5 prong type
Mechanical Dimensions:		
Maximum overall length	4% inches	4% inches
Maximum diameter	1% inches	1% inches

coupling between the plate and heater, since they are now both at the same potential.

The grid return wires are all connected through a 1000 ohm resistance to the movable connection on a 20 ohm potentiometer which has its outer terminals across the 11/2 volt winding and rheostat. The plate current to all the "326" tubes flows through this resistance and the voltage drop of about 12 volts biases the grids. This is indicated in the diagram as Ra and is by-passed by a 1 m. f. condenser C. The by-pass condensers across both of the bias resistors Rs and Rs are quite important, when these are left off a continuous audible oscillation will very likely be the result.

The Remler "right-hand" drum dial is mounted in the exact center of the front panel and the gang condenser is mounted on it, this divides the set in half, the radio frequency stages and detector are on the left side and the audio stages and filament heating transformer on the right. The first tube is a antenna coupling tube and

probably made to eliminate capacitive, will not add very much to the amplification of the set, but it permits any length of antenna to be used without throwing "off" the tuned stages.

The radio frequency transformers are staggered to afford the greatest spacing between coils and at the same time to allow short leads and of uniform lengths. The first and second transformers are two and one half inches apart, and the second and third transformers are three and a half inches apart, while the space between the first and third transformers is five inches. It is vitally important that the wires running from the condensers to the coils are all about the same length. The wires running to the terminals No. 6 and the condenser terminals should be 41/2 inches for transformer T: and T: (first and third), and 51/2 inches for transformer T1, the transformer mounted at the rear of the board. The terminals No. 5 on transformers Ty and T<sub>2</sub> could be connected together with a piece of bus-bar wire about seven inches long, and No. 5 of transformer T: can be connected with a 31/2 inch wire to the exact center of

the bus-bar wire, from where a wire leads to the center terminal on the other side of the condensers (the side paralleling the panel). The other two terminals on that side of the condenser are also connected to the center terminal as they are all common and are finally connected to one end of resistor R, the other side of which is connected to the center of the potentiometer R. The lead that connects to Ra should be run to the center of the bus wire connecting the three No. 5 terminals together.

The Aero r. f. transformers are furnished in matched units, three in one box. To have the same amount on inductance in each circuit (comprised of a transformer and condenser) the above precautions in keeping all the wires the same length are necessary. The coils should not be handled roughly for the windings are supported only in three places by narrow bakelite strips and can easily be bent out of form. When this happens the set of coils will no longer be matched.

Ordinarily the method of preventing oscillations and maintaining the same sensitivity over the whole wavelength range is that of varying the plate current to the tubes, and therefor the amplification, by means of a variable resistance in the plate current supply lead. This form of oscillation control, or that of varying the filament temperature with a rheostat, is not advocated by the tube manufacturers on claims that noticeable hum is bound to result. In our experience we found neither of these methods very efficient and a quite different scheme was resorted to-that of varying the impedance of the primary of the second transformer. Instead of connecting the plate of the second tube to terminal No. 2 as in the other two transformers, it is connected to terminal No. 3 to increase the impedance of that plate circuit. A .001 m. f. condenser, C., is connected in series with the primary winding which helps to some degree in stabilizing the r. f. R1 is connected directly across the primary and stabilizing condenser from No. 1 terminal on the transformer to "P" on the socket. To further stabilize the r. f. circuits



Front Panel View of Six Tube Single-Control Receiver Employing The New A. C. Tubes.

resistors Rs and Re are connected in series with grids of the second and third tube (second and third stage). The oscillations can be controlled very easily over the whole wavelength range by increasing or decreasing the primary impedance with changes in the value of resistor R. There is however one disadvantage in using this circuit for stabilizing ; that is, the secondary circuit of transformer T<sub>1</sub> is detuned slightly when the

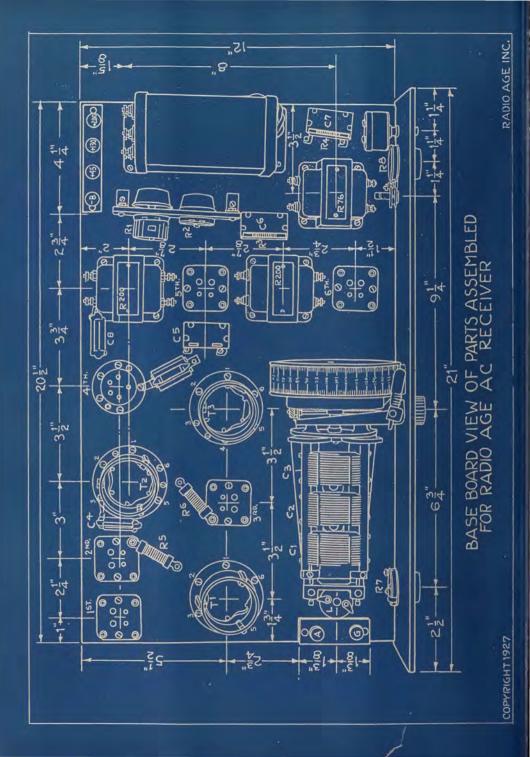
## LISTS OF PARTS THE following are the parts used in the construction of the RADIO AGE Six Tube R. F. Receiver using the new A. C. tubes. Other parts having the same values may be substituted Panel 7x21x3/16 Base Board 20x12x1/2 Frost sockets No. 530 5 1 Silver-Marshall No. 512-fiveprong socket 1 Aero Choke Coil-60 (L) 1 U-123 Aero Universal Tuned R. F. Kit (T1, T2, T3) 2 Thordarson R200 Audio Transformers 1 Thordarson R76 Out-put transformer 1 Thordarson Filament-heating transformer Remler 3-in-line Remler Condenser No. 633 (C1, C2, C3) Remler Drum Dial No. 110 Carter Code No. MW-1/5 .2 ohm rheostat (R1) Carter Code No. MP-20 20 ohm potentiometer (R2) 1 Carter 500,000 ohm Hi-pot Code No. 55 (R8) 2 Code No. H-400 resistors (Car-ter) (R5, R6) 1 Code No. P-2500-40 2500 ohm resistor (Carter) (R 4) 1 Code No. H-1000 1000 ohm re-X-Hi-ohm (Carter) (R3) Carter Short Jack—open cir-

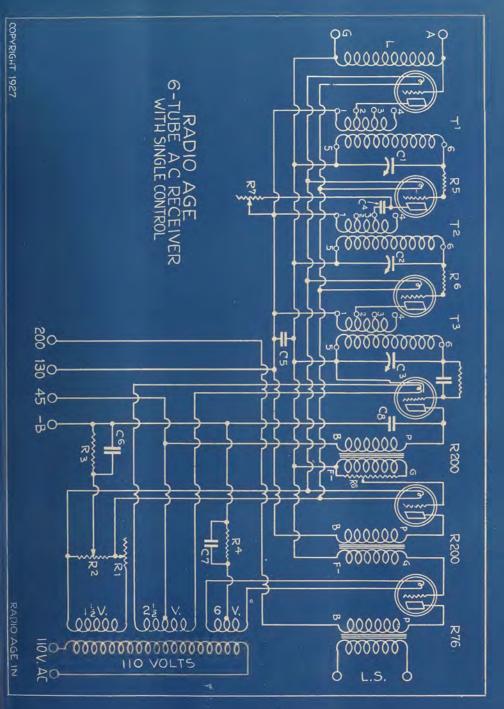
- cuit Code No. 1 3 Tobe 1m.f. by-pass conden-sers (C5, C6, C7)
- Sangamo .002 condenser (C8)
- Sangamo .001 condenser (C4) Sangamo grid condenser
- 1 Cuttler-Hammer filament switch
- 13 meg-ohm grid leak 6 Eby binding posts

shunt resistor is at a low value, nevertheless there was no effective loss of selectivity noticeable.

The audio frequency amplifier is very general. The grid bias for the first audio tube is the same as that for the r. f. tubes. All of the transformer cases should be connected together and "grounded" to the center of the potentiometer, this is quite important in preventing a. c. pick-up, and also audio oscillations. A Thordarson R76 out-put transformer is an asset in this receiver, as the current which would otherwise be flowing through the loud-speaker windings might injure the speaker. A 500,000 ohm potentiometer connected across the secondary of the first audio transformer makes a very effective volume control. The two outside terminals are connected directly across the transformer terminals and the grid of the first audio tube is connected to the center of the potentiometer. The wires to the potentiometer should be twisted together into a three conductor cable.

If Van Horn tubes are employed the rheostat should be adjusted for maximum amplification and minimum hum. In any event, however, the rheostat should never be turned full on, as the tubes might be burned out. About one third of the resistance on the rheostat should be in the circuit. Once this adjustment is made it should be left that way. Likewise the potentiometer; it should be to the point where the hum disappears or is at a minimum. The rheostat and potentiometer are mounted on a strip of bakelite two inches wide and four and one half inches long, and spaced three inches apart. Four binding posts are mounted on a strip 3/1 inches wide and four inches long, spaced





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one inch apart. An extra binding post is shown in the photograph which may be disregarded.

The set is ready for a test after all the connections are checked and re-checked. On turning on the light current to the transformer and B eliminator, if one is used, there will be a very loud hum bursting out of the speaker. After the set "hums" for about a half minute (until the detector tube heater is white hot) the hum will suddenly subside, and then with adjustment of the potentiometer will disappear. The drum dial is then revolved until a station is heard on the upper part of the drum. But before tuning in your station loosen all of the adjustment screws of the alignment condensers which are between each set of plates. Screw down the adjustment screw nearest to the drum dial until the signal is the loudest; if the station gets weaker loosen the screw to the point where it will be loudest again. Now make the same adjustment on the middle alignment condenser. In approaching the point

may break into oscillation. In that case set the stabilizing resistance to a point where the set will stop oscillating. The next alignment condenser is then adjusted, and in the same manner. After this adjustment turn the drum dial back and forth across the station, that is, so the station will be tuned in and out, and at the same time go over the condensers again until the loudest signal is heard, or until oscillations occur. It is a good idea to adjust the stabilizer to a position right below the point where oscillations start, and then make the alignment adjustments until oscillations start, then back off the stabilizer to stop the oscillations, and again make vour condenser adjustments until oscillations occur, finally the further adjustment on the condensers will not induce oscillations (whistles), unless the stabilizer is turned up. The circuits will now be tuned to resonance at the high wave-lengths. If the coils are properly matched and the gang condenser is accurate the alignment should hold for the lower waveof maximum signal strength the set lengths. A slight re-adjustment will

soon determine this. If re-adjustment is necessary to get the loudest signal it means that either the coils are not matched or the gang condenser is "off." During all these adjustments a small antenna of about twenty feet should be used.

The total current consumed in the plate circuits is about fifty milliamperes. The average B battery eliminator will handle the set, though the voltage to the plate of the 171 tube will be less than 200 volts. It will be about 150. The bias regulation however, will be automatic, and adjust itself to any plate voltage. A B battery eliminator having about a 80 milliampere capacity is advantageous, and in a set where more than six tubes are used is absolutely necessary.

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## Radio Beacons to Aid Air Mail Flyers



This is Captain Maurice Graham. Western Air Express Pilot, flying the air mail between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, who in thirteen months from April 17, 1926, to May 17, 1927, has flown 125,000 miles, a world's record for any similar period of time. During that time, Graham has never been forced down for trouble or weather, has never defaulted a trip for any cause, and has never failed to start on scheduled time regardless of weather conditions. This is said to be a record unparalleled in the history of flying. He is to be nominated for the Clifford B. Harmon trophy given each year to the most meritorious feat for the advancement of aviation.

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forerunner of 40 similar installations along the 8,234 miles of civil airways across the continent-was without formal exercises. The event, none the less impressive, was attended by Dr. George K. Burgess, Director of the Bureau of Standards; Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory, and the technical staff responsible for the erection of the station. Appropriately signalizing the completion of this safety aid to flying, Dr. Burgess congratulated Haraden Pratt, actively in charge of the work, while the latter was winging his way far above the field in the test airplane. Using a radio telephone, located in a wooden shack on the outskirts of the College Park aviation field, the Director of the Bureau of Standards, in communicating with the airplane in flight, said: "Mr. Pratt, I hear you very plainly. I am interested in what you are doing out here and am pleased

to note that you have such a complete setup. Now, I must be going back to the Bureau to do some work. Goodbye."

Previously, Dr. Burgess had inspected the directive beacon for guiding aircraft in a zone of safety; he had donned a helmet and climbed aboard the radio-equipped flying craft; and then posed with Dr. Dellinger and the eight members of his technical staff for a photograph. The Director of the Bureau of Standards listened attentively to Dr. Dellinger as the latter related how the ignition system of this airplane had been shielded to minimize interference with radio communication ; how a satisfactory receiving set, with but one control, had been installed on this craft; and how, by means of a visual indicator, aviators may be directed in a zone of safety by slender beams of radio when consulting

a device on the instrument board of the airplane.

In the sense of being the genesis of radio aids to civilian aeronautics, the beacon station at College Park bears an analogy to the relation betwen the "Zero Milestone," in Washington, D. C., to the public highway system. The latter is the starting point in reckoning the mileage of the network of highways: This beacon station not only marks the starting point in developing radio aids to air navigation but the results of experiments now in progress will serve as a chart for erecting more than 40 other radio beacons along airways across the United States-for directing aircraft carrying passengers, postal matter, and express.

The directive beacons in transmitting a double-beam radio wave will set up a well-defined path or zone of safety for the airplane in flight. Established at intervals of



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The "Wireless Airplane" has arrived ! Dr. George K. Burgess, Director of the Bureau of Standards, and Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau and other members of the laboratory staff, are seen examining the airplane at College Park, Maryland, which is guided exclusively by radio waves. The course of safety is automatically indicated by vari-colored lights flashed on the instrument board of the airplane.

200 miles along the airways, in their functioning they are somewhat like marine radio beacons or lighthouses for mariners, in that aviators are thus offered a guiding hand when enveloped in fog or obscured in darkness. This beacon transmits two directed radio beams, continuously sending on each a characteristic signal. The airplane, equipped with an ordinary radio receiving set, if traveling at equal distances from the lines set up by these radio beams will receive signals of equal intensity; off the well-defined path, there is an inequality of signals and the pilot corrects his course until the signals are again equalized.

The marker beacons, established at 25-mile intervals along the 8,234 miles of airways, will serve as mileposts to aviators, indicating the distance already traveled and how many more miles must be traversed before reaching their destination. These marker beacons do not overlap the function of the directive beacon since the former do not define the course of flight. Instead, these very lowpower radio transmitting stations will flash a charactertstic signal and upon being intercepted by the aviator he is automatically informed of his location. Extremely simple transmitting sets have been designed for this purpose and these mileposts along the air highways instead of conflicting with the function of the directive beacon will materially supplement its effectiveness.

Radio-telephone stations, located at 200-mile intervals along the more than 8,000 miles of civil airways, will serve as mediums for imparting weather forecasts, information about landing fields, and other navigational facts, to aircraft in flight. For this purpose, radio telephony is necessary since aviators are not usually trained in the technique of the Morse International telegraph code and are not, therefore, qualified telegraph operators. The use of the radio telephone on aircraft necessitates the adoption of specially armored cable for the engine ignition systems. Once the engines have been shielded to eliminate interference, conversations between pilots in flight



Radio installation in aircraft, mail-carrying transport, showing transmitter, reel and control box

and persons at ground radio stations may be effected at distances of 100 miles or more. Officials of the Bureau of Standards recently conducted experiments which form the basis of this estimate.

The aircraft radio beacon station at College Park, Maryland, is at once the original and model of all future radio aids to air navigation. There, under the direction of Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, the first radio beacon was erected under authority of the United States Department of Commerce for the development of civilian aeronautics. A similar installation is being made by the Bureau at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and both of these beacon stations will be available for radio service to commercial air lines after July 1. The other four aircraft radio beacon stations available now or soon are: The station of the Army Air Corps at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio; two stations of

the Ford Motor Company, located respectively at Dearborn, Michigan, and Chicago; and a station installed by the General Electric Company at Hadley Field, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The commercial lines which these radio aids will serve are, respectively, the Pitcairn Company, operating the New York to Atlanta route, and the National Air Transport, Inc., operating the New York to Chicago route; and the Ford Motor Company, operating out of Detroit.

The model station at College Park includes a wooden tower, 70 feet high, painted a deep shade of yellow, with a flag at its apex. This towering latticework is the main supporting structure for two triangular loop antennas, from which doublebeam radio waves are emitted for guiding aircraft. A radio room, 10x 14 feet in dimension, containing the vacuum-tube transmitting set, the goniometer, and other necessary radio equipment, is located directly under this tower. The tower is approximately 10 feet in circumference at its base; gradually narrowing down to a peak at its apex. It extends over the top of the radio room so that there will not be an unbalanced electrical effect in the operation of the radio equipment in conjunction with the triangular loopantenna.

Extending from the apex of this tower are four wires, running to four points of the compass, to distances of 150 feet. At the termini, the wires are connected to pullevs. which in turn are staked to posts by means of 200-pound weights. These antenna wires, forming a single-turn triangular loop, are run back to the radio room, the wires being supported 8 feet above the ground by three posts set in concrete. These socalled base wires are insulated from the posts by use of large glass insulators. The 200-pound weights at the termini of the base wires serve the purpose of slackening or tightening the antenna.

The wires leading from the top of the tower appear, at first glance, to be guy wires but in reality they constitute the antenna system—the somewhat odd arrangement of two



A double-beam radio beacon for aircraft



on Liberty motor as means of suppressing noises in radio reception on aircraft

enormous loops crossed at right angles. It is a giant loop antenna when compared with our usual conception of loops: 1,256 feet of wire being utilized in constructing the two single-turn triangular loops. The College Park aircraft radio beacon station was constructed by Haraden Pratt, Francis W. Dunmore, and Carl B. Hempel of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. The radio aids to air navigation are being developed and perfected under the direction of Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory, who is leaving Washington soon for a three months' study of aids to air navigation in European countries. The Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce is vested with the work of establishing radio beacon stations, a step of far-reaching significance.

Preliminary to determining the equisignal zone of a directive radio beacon, the Bureau of Standards made ground tests with radio equipment installed on a motor truck. Fortunately, the equisignal line corresponded with the test road, thus facilitating the ease of making observations. At points 13, 21, 34, 38. and 51 miles distant from the transmitting station observations were made on crossroads running perpendicular to the equisignal line. The width of the zone at these points was found to be as follows: at 13 miles 360 feet, at 21 miles 400 feet, at 34 miles 400 feet, at 38 miles 450 feet, at 51 miles 500 feet. In measuring the width of the zone at these points the following method was used:

The signals were tuned in and the radio amplifier adjusted until the strength of the signals was of medium intensity. The motor truck was then driven back and forth on a line at right angles to the equisignal line until the middle point was found: that is, where the intensities of the signals were equal. Then the truck was slowly driven north until the inequality of the signals became noticeable, this point being taken as one limit of the zone. The truck was then driven due south past the middle point of the zone until the inequality of the signals again became noticeable. This point was taken as the other limit of the zone, the distance between the two limits as determined was taken as the width of the zone.

The equisignal zone thus determined was found to extend due west, not exceeding 500 feet in width at any point up to 50 miles from the transmitting station. "As the distance from the transmitting station increased," reports the Bureau of Standards, "the sharpness of the zone decreased, which necessitated closer observation to determine the exact width of the zone. It is interesting to note that observations could not be made close to overhead wires of any kind or in the lee of a high hill or wooded section. It was found that wires running parallel to and in the immediate vicinity of the equisignal zone have the effect of blending the two signals, distorting the position of the zone, and in many cases doubling the strength of both signals."

In an airplane test using a 200foot trailing wire antenna the results were markedly different, owing to the directional characteristics of the trailing wire. This test showed that signals were stronger when the airplane was flying away from the transmitting station than when flying toward it. This effect resulted in an apparent shifting of the equisignal

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"B" Batteries encased in a parachute sack as they looked after their 25,000 foot drop from an army balloon. They were still good for further use

## Batteries Drop 25,000 Feet Still Working O. K.

Just how durable is a radio dry battery? Captain Hawthorne C. Gray of the U. S. Army Air Corps, satisfied himself on this point recently when he broke all previous world altitude records for free balloon flights in reaching a height of 42,470 feet at Scott Field Air Depot, Belleville, Ill.

At a height of approximately 25,000 feet, the radio" B" batteries and dry cells, with which his balloon was equipped, were hurled overboard in a specially made parachute; were recovered uninjured and returned by parcel post to Captain Gray without packing, in the condition shown in these photographs.

Captain Gray, in a letter to National Carbon Company, makers of the Everready Batteries so ignominiously treated, writes:

"The same set of batteries was used in my altitude flight of March 9th and is still in condition to be used again. The "B" batteries tested 21 volts each, and "A" batteries tested 23 amps."



#### **Diagram Shows Plane Features**

This diagram gives some of the new details of the construction of Commander Noel Davis' plane "Pathfinder" in which he will attempt the 3,600 mile non-stop flight from New York to Paris this summer for the \$25,000 Orteig prize. Some of its unusual features are the huge 900 gallon tas tank in the fuselage, smaller gas tanks in the wings of the plane, which are of unusual thickness, absorbers on landing gear, deshock flated life preserver raft stored in the fuselage and a special designed instrument which shows whether the ship is on even keel. The "Pathfinder," now in process of construction at the Keystone Aircraft Factory, Bristol, Pa., is to have three Wright whirlwind engines de-veloping over 200 H. P. each. The plan also has a short-wave broadcasting set. The large gas tank is divided into partitions to prevent the splashing which might disturb the equilibrium of the ship.



Edward Manley, radio operator of Putnam-Baffin Island Expedition, testing out his transmitting apparatus.

## Radio Nearest Pole

When the schooner "Morrissey," in charge of Captain" Boh" Bartlett, Peary's skipper of his North Pole days, comes abreast of West Baffin Island with the members of the Putnam-Baffin Island Expedition aboard, it will mark the nearest that radio has ever been taken to the Magnetic Pole.

The Putnam-Baffin Island Expedition, headed by George Palmer Putnam, left New York on June 11 for West Baffin Island, a region unvisited by white men since its discovery by Luke Fox in 1631. Radio scientists are especially interested in the outcome of radio experiments so near the actual center of the earth's magnetic force. Radio operations and ex-perimental work will be in charge of Edward Manley, of Marietta, Ohio. The Morrissey's radio equipment, as shown here, includes a generator-powered transmitter (shown at extreme left of picture), a battery-powered transmitter with the UX 852 tube (shown at top of wooden shelf), two especially built radio receivers, one short wave, one long wave, and a portable battery transmitter. Equipment includes 37 dry batteries, which can be used for portable purposes.

The battery-powered transmitter shown above, in addition to the UX 852 tube, which will be used for the first time in Northern waters, has four radio frequency chokes. The circuit is shown as a tuned plate and tuned grid circuit, for use on 33 and 20 meters. Twenty "B" batteries supply 900 volts as power.



### Electric Arc Decomposes Water

What will 6,000 volts of direct current, at the rate of a to 6 amperes, do to a stream of water? Here's the answer. The heavy current decomposes the water into its constituents, hydrogen and oxygen, and reburns the hydrogen to form more water. In addition, slight impurities in the

In addition, slight impurities in the water are burned, the flame being colored reddish-purple by potassium salts, golden yellow by sodium, and green by copper.

The photograph was taken in the East Pittsburgh works, U. S. A. of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, where the machine was under test as a generator of plate current for radio work. One side of the circuit was the water pipe, from which a picce of heavy copper wire dipped into a porcelain insulator. As the water flowed into the bowlike top of the insulator and spilled over the sides, the current arced through the water and returned to the generator through a wire entering the lower portion of the insulator.

The arc varied in length from three to five inches, and expended 25 kilowatts power—enough to light 600 ordinary 40-watt house lamps.



### Film Feeding Device

Edward Amet, Los Angeles inventor, exhibits a model of a new film feeding device which can take from 1 to 25,000 pictures per second. This invention, he believes, is the only bona fide fast film feed in existence, aside from the secret methods used by the Government in aerial photography



## Astronomer Plans \$12,000,000 Telescope

By JAMES STOKLEY Science Service Staff Writer (Copyright, 1927, by Science Service, Inc.)

'HE astronomer is never satisfied.

Recently Dr. Edwin Hubble, of the Mt. Wilson Observatory, estimated that he had observed nebulae in the sky so far distant that their light takes 140,000,000 years to reach us. As light travels 186,000 miles in a single second, these distant objects are something like 840 million million million miles away.

And yet the human eye desires to see still farther, and better.

To do this three things are necessary, in the opinion of Dr. Hubble. His views are shared by other astronomers.

First of all, astronomers need better photographic plates.

Then they need more big telescopes in the southern hemisphere.

Lastly, they need one or more super-giant telescopes. Such an instrument has already been planned by Francis G. Pease, builder of the great 100-inch reflecting telescope at Mt. Wilson-the one with which Dr. Hubble worked.

The need of the big telescopes in the southern hemisphere arises from the shape of the globe on which we live. Unless a telescope is precisely on the equator, there is a piece of the sky that it can never observe. If the telescope is in the northern hemisphere, like those in the United States. there is a large circular area, centered at the South Pole of the heavens, which never rises above the horizon at all. And a still larger circle of stars never rises high enough to be really satisfactorily observed.

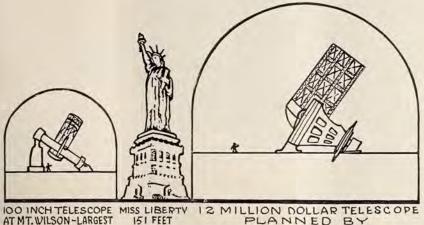
The equator is not the ideal loca-



One hundred-inch reflecting telescope of the Mt. Wilson Observatory in California, now the largest in the world

tion for a telescope, however. While two telescopes. One should be well on this imaginary line it is theoretical- to the north of the equator, the other ly possible to see every star in the well to the south. heavens at some time or other, those around both poles never rise very observatories have had branches in high. The best way to do is to have southern countries. The Lick Oh-

For many years several American



AT MT. WILSON - LARGEST IN THE WORLD

servatory, of the University of Cali- away from home. Within the last mates, would provide it. A large fornia, has one in Chile. Here are observed stars that are invisible in California. The observatory of Harvard University has had a branch since 1889 in Peru. Now they are moving to South Africa, where conditions are better.

### Largest Southern Telescope

At this branch will be not only the instruments from Peru, but also some new ones. Chief of these will be a great reflecting telescope with a mirror five feet in diameter. This will be the largest telescope in the southern hemisphere. It is already being constructed in a plant in Pittsburgh. This is the same plant that made the six-foot mirror for the big telescope at Victoria, B. C., the largest outside of the United States.

Like all reflecting telescopes, this great instrument will have a mirror which takes the place of the convex lens in the telescope of most familiar type. The mirror is dish-shaped, and faces the stars. It is at the bottom of the telescope. The light of the star is reflected back from it, and a smaller mirror at the top of the telescope reflects the light to the side. Here it can enter the eye of the astronomer or fall on the sensitive photographic plate.

The Harvard astronomers will have

two years the University of Michigan and Yale University have established branch observatories in South Africa, but at both of these stations are refracting telescopes, not reflectors.

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There are other reflecting telescopes in the southern hemisphere, though not as large as the new Harvard one. Nearly a century ago, the great English astronomer Sir John Herschel, took his great 4-foot telescope, at that time one of the largest that had been built, to the Cape of Good Hope. He was the first astronomer to use a large instrument in southern latitudes. From his researches arose the British Royal Observatory at the Cape.

Australia also has a big reflector. This is a more modern instrument than Sir John's, for it was built in 1870. Its mirror is also four feet in This year it has been diameter. overhauled for use in observing Pons-Winnecke comet.

#### \$12,000,000 Telescope Planned

But all these instruments fade into insignificance before a telescope that has been planned by F. G. Pease, designer and constructor of the 100inch Mt. Wilson telescope. According to Mr. Pease, the principal item necessary for the construction of this monster research instrument is the company, even though they are so far cost. Twelve million dollars, he esti-

amount, of course, but only about a third the cost of a modern battleship! And how much more good would the telescope do for the world than the battleship, for it would increase man's knowledge of the universe about him!

F. G. PEASE

There are mechanical difficulties to be solved before such an instrument could be made, it is true. However, Mr. Pease probably knows more about such matters than any man living. This is what he says:

"The question has often been asked 'How large a telescope can be built today?' My reply would be that anything up to a hundred feet in aperture can be built provided one wants to pay for it."

One of the problems to be solved is the material of which to make the mirror. Present telescope mirrors are mostly made of glass. On this is coated a layer of silver to reflect the light, much as in the ordinary looking glass. The chief difference is that the telescope mirror is silvered on the front instead of the back. Hold a coin to your looking glass and you will see the reason. In the glass you see two coins, one bright, reflected from the silver on back, and one faint, reflected from the glass surface. In astronomy such a double image would be a serious defect. So the silver is coated on the front, and



Great nebula in Orion, photographed with the 100-inch telescope. Such objects as these would be shown in far greater detail with a still larger telescope, such as Mr. Pease has planned

is renewed occasionally.

However, in the large size contemplated there might be some defects of a block of glass as huge as would be required. Glass transmits heat slowly. When the temperature goes down, the great mirror would cool on its surface sooner than inside. The result would be that the outside would contract a little and the mirror would be slightly twisted until it reached the same temperature throughout. Though very minute, the twisting would be enough to be serious in accurate observing. So it may be that some metallic alloy, which transmits heat quickly to its interior, will prove better than glass.

## Faster Photographic Plates

But astronomy doesn't want merely bigger telescopes. Even more welcome to the world of star-gazers would be better and faster photographic plates. Most astronomical observations today are made with the aid of photography. If you visit the modern astronomer at an observatory, you are not likely to find him peering through a telescope. Instead, you will probably find him looking through a microscope at a photographic negative made with the telescope.

made to keep the astronomers busy for a month. The plate has one great advantage over the eve because it doesn't get tired. If you look through a telescope, you see as much in the first second as you will see if you look steadily for an hour. Of course, if there is a lot of fine detail, it may take time to give it careful scrutiny. But long gazing doesn't make details visible which were at first invisible. In fact, the eye gets tired, and really sees less after prolonged looking than at first.

The photographic plate is untiring. If a star of a certain brightness can be photographed in five minutes, one half as bright can be photographed in ten minutes, or one a quarter as bright in twenty. Some nebulae are so faint that even in the great Mt. Wilson telescope they can not be seen with the eye. But when a photograph of one is made with a long exposure. it is revealed in all its glory. Sometimes exposures as long as twenty or thirty hours are made, on several nights. All night long the plate is exposed, and then covered at the approach of dawn. Then the next night it is again uncovered, and it is kept pointed at the object for all of that In a single night at a big observa- night. In this way things are seen

in the sky that without photography would have remained ever beyond our ken.

But photographic plates are not perfect. Some are more sensitive to light than others. The fast plates that the newspaper photographers use in their cameras record a scene even in poor light in a fraction of a second. The "wet plates" that the photoengraver used in making the illustrations for this article require long exposures with brilliant arc lights.

### Fast Plates Show "Grain"

It might then seem that the astronomer should merely use the same kind of plates as the newspaper camera man. However, as soon as you begin to magnify the picture on one of these plates, the "grain" appears. It is like looking at a halftone reproduction of the photograph of Mr. Pease on this page. As soon as you look at it through a magnifying glass, the dots that make up the pictory enough photographs might be ture become so evident that the picture is no longer recognizable. In the plate, the grain is irregular, unlike the uniform rows of dots, but it is no less troublesome.

> The plate of the photoengraver does not suffer from this defect. Even (Continued on page 37)



Francis G. Pease, builder of the 100-inch telescope, who has planned one three times as large, to cost an estimated total \$12,000,000

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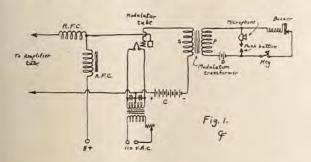
## Improved Radiophone Modulation Circuit By CHARLES F.FELSTEAD, 6CU

If the modulation transformer circuit shown in the accompanying diagram is used by the transmitting amateur, not only are switches and jack eliminated in the radiophone transmitter, but the wiring is made much less complicated. In the usual modulation circuit, a jack is connected to the modulation transformer primary and the *D* battery, and plugs are connected to the microphone, and buzzer and key. If a push button is put in series with the microphone

## Works All Continents

Colonel Clair Foster, radio amateur, of Carmel, California, has just set a record for his fellow members of that exclusive amateur club known as WAC—"worked all continents" —to shoot at.

Colonel Foster on June 10, communicated from California with an amateur station in South Africa, working with only a standard broadcast listener's receiving tube as a transmitter and with B battery power. It has just become known that on the same day Foster successfully worked with Shanghai, China.



as shown, the operation of the set will be more simple; and the cost of the jack and plugs will be saved. Some manufactured microphone assemblies have push buttons built into the handles; so, when a microphone of that type is used, no extra push button is necessary. Otherwise, with the ordinary microphone, a small push button will have to be connected in series with it. When neither key nor push button is closed, no current flows from the D battery. When the operator wishes to use voice, he presses the push button; and to use buzzer-modulated C. W., he operates the telegraph key.

By establishing communications with South Africa and China, Colonel Foster has now worked all of the continents, in each case accomplishing communication by means of the ordinary receiving tube and B batteries. The conversation in Africa was carried on with folSR, J. M. Davidson, Salisbury, Rhodesia, and in China with ac8HB, P. O. Box 266, Shanghai.

Regarding his record-making talks with these two continents, Mr. Foster says: "This makes all continents worked with my little transmitter, with the same identical 201A tube and Eveready batteries." All the foreign stations were worked on 38.2 meters, or near it, except eg5HS, in England, on 20.2 meters.

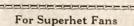
Mr. Foster's accomplishment is believed to set a record for long distance communication with low power. In the California to Africa conversation, a distance of 14,000 miles was traversed.

## Amateurs Elect Kerrigan

Vincent Kerrigan, head of the Inspection and Test Department of the Bremer-Tully Mfg. Company at Chicago has been elected President of the Chicago Nines Club. Other officers elected at the semi-annual business meeting, July 5, are Clifford Agazim, Vice-President, George Schmidt, Secretary, and Elmer Enke, Treasurer.

As many will remember, the Chicago Nines Club was organized in December, 1925, by a number of active Chicago amateurs. The first meeting, held at station 9VJ owned by Elmer Enke had nine charter members. At the present time the club has thirty members, the limit set by its constitution. The members are all ficensed amateurs and many of them are employed in the engineering and laboratory departments of Chicago radio manufacturers.

The Club is operating its own station 9CN, operating on 21 and 42 meters with 250 watts.



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## Crosley Extends Programs

Announcement is made today by the National Broadcasting Company that Powel Crosley, Jr., president of The Crosley Radio Corporation of Cincinnati, has purchased the programs of the Blue Chain for broadcast through the Crosley station, WLW.

The Blue Chain programs will be brought to Cincinnati after the first week in September. They will go on from 8:00 o'clock to 10:00 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday nights with the possibility of the addition of Collier's hour from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday nights. The New York broadcasts through WLW will include such entertainment features as the Maxwell Coffee hour, Don Amaizo, and others already popular, Besides these, the station will broadcast such national events as have been the Presidential messages, the receptions in Washington and New York for Lindbergh, the Eucharistic Congress, and the Dempsey-Tunney fight.

With the purchase of the Blue Chain programs by WLW, Cincinnati takes its place as one of the greatest radio centers in the world. Three big chains may now be heard there without interference, in addition to the excellent programs furnished by the Cincinnati stations.

## New Wisconsin Station

Wisconsin has a new radio station—WTMJ, The Milwaukee Journal. Upon completion of the new station, The Journal, following the suggestion of the Federal Radio commission, will discontinue broadcasting over WHAD, which it has operated jointly with Marquette University since 1923. Marquette will retain the license of WHAD and operate as the station of an educational institution.

Journal officials also announce the purchase of WKAF. WTMJ will replace the old call letters.

## THE FROTH ESTATE

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from the impact of the clubhead. It touched the very rim of the cup and trembled there—and failed to drop. One would have said that Mr. Lathrop's hands trembled a bit as he perfunctorily sank the easy putt which gave him the hole and put him one up.

Miss Amy laughed and in her cheerful congratulation of the hated enemy there was not the least evidence of repressed dismay.

"What a great sport that girl is!" said Mr. Lathrop to himself. "I wish Col. Minimil was in hell."

"I'll lick him if I have to break an arm," said Miss Amy. "If I can't choose Col. Minimil's tailor I at least can spoil his lawyer's afternoon."

"Never saw anything like it," said Mr. Traynor. "Neither of them know I am here."

Miss Amy won the seventeenth hole by smashing a long drive straight for the green, lifting a spoon shot to the edge and chipping dead to the pin. She had made par and Mr. Lathrop was one over.

Thus they walked to the eighteenth tee all even. The lawyer, watching the girl as she teed up for what was likely to be the deciding shot of the game, inwardly prayed that she would get a good drive. He hoped she would win. But he was determined she should not. It wouldn't be fair to her to let down an ounce. What a hard-shooting, genuine jewel she was!

Miss Amy having teed up the ball, stood and silently contemplated it for a moment. She was conjuring up a fancy that the little pellet was Col. Minimil and she was going to sock him. It was her star drive of the afternoon. Two hundred yards down the fairway and well on the way to another par.

Mr. Lathrop, on the other hand, addressed his ball with a secret wish that it were the seat of a pair of tremendously plaid trousers. He also made a magnificent drive. The girl was on with her second. A. long putt would give her a birdie. His second rolled into a trap at the edge of the green. He would need two to get down, barring a miracle of luck. Mr. Lathrop walked up to his ball and prepared for the last desperate chance to halve the hole and avert defeat. He lifted it to within two inches of the cup, a marvelous shot out of the sand and over a matof rough that bordered the trap.

Miss Amy met his eye as he stepped to the side of the green. She smiled her appreciation of his fine skill. Mr. Traynor, twenty yards off the green, carelessly chipped up, and realizing that he was of only nominal consequence in this strange threesome he asked permission to hole out and make way for the final effort of the two embattled ones.

That left the field to Miss Amy. Once again she studied the slopes of the undulating green. She surveyed every inch of the ten feet that separated her ball from the cup and victory. She settled herself for the stroke and from the instant the clubhead touched the ball it was apparent the lawyer from New York had lost a contest. As the ball clinked into the cup Mr. Lathrop strode over to shake Miss Amy's hand, "Immense," he said, "Great! It is an honor to have been whipped by you."

She and Mr. Lathrop were comparing cards as they walked up to the clubhouse, Mr. Traynor preceding them. She stopped a moment and as the big brief and lawsuit man from New York paused with her she asked him in a very calm little voice and with the ghost of a smile at the corners of a really serious mouth:

"Mr. Lathrop, you will admit, won't you, that even a woman sometimes plays the game?"

The legal gentleman laughed an uneasy acquiescence. What more did she mean than what she had merely said?

"How," asked the tortured Mr. Lathrop of himself, "am I ever going to tell this girl I am Col. Minimil's lawyer?" 

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## The New A C Tube

(Continued from page 6) will be a loud hum on turning on the set. The hum disappears in about 30 seconds and the set starts func-

tioning properly. Fig. 4 shows the grid voltage plate current curves for the C327 tube, for 45 and for 90 volts. When the tube is operated at about 50 volts the same grid bias may be applied to it as for the amplifier tubes. The grid return is connected with the cathode cylinder and to the bias resistor. The grid return to the center of the potentiometer is not at all critical.

Mechanically the construction of a both tubes is more rugged than that of any of the earlier tubes. The detector tube seems more free from mechanical v i b r a t i o n s which are transmitted to the loud-speaker than in the case of the tube with a light filament. The filament voltage, by the way, is not as critical as the type 326 tube. In any case variation in line voltage will not effect the tubes sufficiently to make any difference in their characteristics, either the 326 or 327.

The circuit diagram, Fig. 5, is typical for a five tube receiver using house lighting current for power supply to filaments and plates of the tubes. This circuit shows a single transformer for both high and low voltage, although a separate transformer may be used for filament and for plate current supply, in fact, it is the recommendation of transformer manufacturers to have it so, for flexible operation. The by-pass condensers C1 and C2 are not necessary, though they may prove of advantage in reducing interstage coupling in some cases. The radio frequency transformers and variable condensers may be of any type or manufacture. 171 type tube is recommended for the last stage.

The grid return is to bias resistor R2 which should have a value of about 2500 ohms for correct voltage drop to be impressed on the grid of the CX171. R1 is the bias resistor for the three CX326 tubes. Since the three tubes draw about unie milliamperes (at 135v.) the value of this resistor should be

1300 ohms. (.009 amperes X 1300 ohms equals 11.7 volts), the voltage drop will increase for larger plate voltage automatically. In figuring the bias resistor R1 the plate current for the CX326 tubes only should be considered, as the plate current return for the CX371 and C327 is not through this resistor. The bias resistor for two CX326 tubes would be 2000 ohms (.003 X 2000 is 12 volts drop), similarly the proper bias resistance for one tube would be 4000 ohms, for four tubes 1000 ohms, and for five and six tubes, 800 and 700 ohms respectively. The voltage drop across the bias resistance is not effective on the plate of the tube and should be substracted from the total plate voltage. The voltage drop across the bias resistors can be measured with a high resistance voltmeter used for measuring voltages supplied iron "B" eliminators.

There is no volume control shown in this diagram, but a variable resistance of about 10,000 ohms may be connected across the primary of one of the r. i. transformers, or a potentiometer connected across (500,000 ohms) the secondary of the first audio transformer with the grid connécted to the sliding arm instead of directly to the transformer.

The "B" eliminator is connected as usual, but only two voltage taps are shown here, the 45 and 160 volt taps. The eliminator should be in a metal case if it is to he installed in the same case with the receiver, and should be "grounded".

EDITOR'S NOTE—Other articles on the use of A. C. tubes in various types of receivers will be published in early issues of RADIO AGE. The A. C. tube in Super construction will be an early and interesting feature.

## For Superhet Fans

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#### Radio World's Fair

The Radio World's Fair of 1927 will be held at the Madison Square Garden, New York, September 19 to 24 and G. Clayton Irwin, Jr., general manager, declares it will be the finest exhibition thus far presented in the radio field in this country. The New York and Chicago shows are thoroughly national in character and they are not only interesting to the public but provide a stimulus for the trade that could not be achieved in any other way.

Several important radio events will take place in New York during the week of the show. The fourth annual radio industries banquet will be held in the Hotel Astor on the evening of September 21. Major Herbert H. Frost, chairman of the speakers' committee, visited President Coolidge at Rapid City, S. D., recently and invited the chief executive to be the speaker of the evening. The President's reply will be received at an early date. The proceedings will be broadcast. It is expected that seventy stations will be connected in the chain that will give the country an opportunity to hear the music and speeches. More than three hundred entertainers will participate in the program.

Realizing the public interest in the broadcast of this event the committee has decided to designate the day of the banquet as "National Radio Day." Broadcasting will begin from the banquet hall at 9 p. m., New York time. Broadcasters are to be requested to make their programs for Wednesday, September 21, "National Radio Day Programs," stirring interest in the occasion by the character of their broadcast and, as last year, presenting a program that will lead up to the beginning of the banquet program at 9 o'clock, Eastern time.

The National Association of Broadcasters will hold its fifth annual convention during the week of September 19 at the Hotel Astor. Officers will be elected on the morning of the 21st.

The Garden display will include scores of improved radio products for the 1927-1928 fan.

## Suggestions About Supers

(Continued from page 12) lator tube. This oscillator tube takes energy from the batteries and produces an oscillating current. The frequentcy of the oscillations may be varied by a tuning condenser and the frequency always is different from that of the wave that is being received through the aerial.

For example, if the set is tuned to receive a 100-meter station, the incoming waves have a frequency of 3,000,000 per second. The oscillator may be tuned to produce 3,100,000 waves or oscillations per second. These oscillations will combine with those received from the transmitting station and, by heterodyne action, a frequency of 100,000 is passed along to the first amplifying tube. The reason that only 100,000 oscillations per second reach the amplifier is that 100,000 times per second the oscillations from the two sources of power, the transmitting station and the oscillator tube of the receiver, get in step and help each other, while the rest of the time they buck each other and prevent each other from going on. The rectifying action of the detector tube is necessary here, in order to produce this beat frequency of 100,-000 per second, but this first detector does not reduce the frequency enough to produce sound waves in a phone.

It is this reduction of high frequencies to lower frequencies that gives the superheterodyne receiver its distinctive character and its high amplifying power. High-frequency current always is more difficult to control than low-frequency current.



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most every part of a set through which high-frequency current passes shows effects different from those produced by low-frequency current. Energy may be transferred from one part of a circuit to other parts or to other circuits where it is not wanted and where it makes trouble. The more the high-frequency current is amplified, the more troublesome it becomes.

The superheterodyne receiver rids itself of these troublesome high fre- being received than the number of

Inductance coils, resistances and al- quencies right at the first tube, with the help of the oscillator. After that it amplifies the low-frequency current to any desired extent and finally passes it through the second detector, which reduces it to audible frequencies. When the frequencies are low enough to produce sound, they can be passed along to an audio-frequency amplifier, or directly into the phones or loud speaker. The changes of frequency have no more effect upon the words or music that are



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times a ball is thrown or batted has on the shape of the ball, unless distortion occurs by reason of faulty design or operation of the circuits.

The third section of the superheterodyne is the intermediate-frequency amplifier. This may contain from one to three tubes, or more. The circuits are typical amplifier circuits. The plate output of the first detector tube goes to the primary coil of the first transformer. It produces a current of higher voltage in the secondary coil of this transformer, by induction, and this goes to the grid of the first amplifier tube. The plate output of this tube goes to the primary coil of the next amplifying transformer, and from the secondary coil of this transformer a current of still higher voltage goes to the grid of the next tube, and so on.

Both the primary and secondary coils of the first transformer, which receives the output of the detector tube, are shunted by condensers. The transformers that receive the output of the amplifier tubes have no such condensers.

The primary coils of the transformers that receive the output of the amplifying tubes connect with the positive terminal of the "B" battery, at the end of the coils opposite the plate connection. They connect also with a coil in the plate circuit of the oscillator tube. The secondary coils of the first two of these amplifying transformers are connected back to the secondary coil of the transformer between the first detector and the first amplifier tube. The secondary coil of the third amplifying transformer connects with the grid leak and condenser of the second detector tube. on one end. The other end of this coil connects with the plate of the second detector tube, through a condenser. Also it connects with the filaments of all tubes except the oscillator, on the positive side,

The fourth section of the receiver is the second detector. This tube receives the amplified radio-frequency current from the last amplifier and reduces it to audible frequencies. The current passes into the phones or loud speaker, or into an audio-frequency transformer if one is added, through



A superheterodyne receiver in the experimental stage. It is a good idea to make panels of dry wood, mount the parts and try out the set. This may prevent mistakes that would be costly with more expensive materials

the plate circuit. The return wire from the phones, speaker or amplifier goes to the negative terminal of the "B" battery. Also it connects with the primary coil of the transformer that is next to the first detector tube, and with the positive terminal of the filament of the first detector tube. There is another wire from the plate of the second detector tube to a condenser and a wire from the other side of the condenser to the positive terminal of the "A" battery.

The negative terminals of the filaments of all the tubes connect with a rheostat that governs the supply of current from the "A" battery. As is usual in radio-frequency amplification, the "A" battery is shunted by a potentiometer, which steadies the action of the tubes. The sliding contact in the middle of this potentiometer leads to the secondary coils of three of the transformers: the one next to the first detector and those in the first and second stages of amplification. There is a by-pass condenser between the slider and the potentiometer and the wire leading from the positive terminal of the "A" battery to the filaments.

The oscillator circuit is the only one that looks exceptional to a man who has studied the diagrams of other types of receivers. The grid and plate are connected by a variable condenser. The wires from the grid and plate each go to a coil. These two coils are separated by a condenser. The positive terminal of the filament, which connects of course with the "A" battery, connects also with the coil in the grid lead and with the condenser that separates this coil from the coil in the plate lead.

If an outside antenna is used with a superheterodyne receiver it should be designed to work with the receiver. Usually, fifty feet is long enough. The longer the antenna the more it broadens the tuning and decreases selectivity. For the super, the antenna does not need to be as high as for less powerful sets.

Ordinary types of audi-frequency amplifiers can be used to increase the volume of the super. They are connected to the second detector in the usual way. It is not necessary to tear down the super and build the audiofrequency amplifier into it. The amplifier can be built as a separate unit and connected.

Shielding is important in the superheterodyne. Usually it is provided for in the kit and instructions.

Amateurs who want to bring in code signals from stations that transmit continuous waves add a second tube to the oscillator of the super.

Parts for a superheterodyne receiver cost well over a hundred dollars. The work of assembling these requires a considerable amount of time. It is folly, therefore, to try to save a few dollars by buying poor parts. The condensers should be of exactly the capacities specified. There are many small fixed condensers that are satisfactory for some purposes but that do not have the exact capacity indicated on the labels.

H. A. Snow, formerly with the United States Bureau of Standards, found in his experiments that the amplification factor in a superheterodyne receiver using four tubes ahead of the second detector was 3500. A receiver using uncompensated untuned radio-frequency amplification with three tubes has an amplification factor of about 600. This explains why a super often brings in stations all the way across the continent, even in the worst radio weather of summer. It is not always easy to build ind adjust one so that it works perfectly, but the results that it will deliver make it worth all the effort.

#### WLW's Artists' Bureau

Formation of an Artists' Bureau, announced by Powel Crosley, Jr., president of the Crosley Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, who operate the well-known broadcasting station WLW, is said to mark the beginning of a new epoch in broadcasting studio management. In the opening of this Bureau, which provides a booking service for the station's outstanding individual artists and organizations, a step has been taken in the direction of a closer relationship between the artists and the studio. and toward a more complete service to the public in making available for outside appearance the most successful of its performers.

Artists and organizations who have affiliated themselves with the Bureau are: the Heermann trio; William J. Kopp, orchestra director; Lydia Cleary Dozier, soprano; Marjory Garrigus Smith, pianist; the Lyric Male Quartet; the Crosley "Pups"; Johanna Grosse, organist; the Crosley Cossacks; and Melville Ray, tenor.

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## How To Make An Outdoor Gym

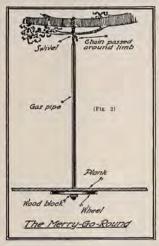
BY ALL means make an outdoor gym this fall if you have even a small plot of vacant ground, such as back of the house. It will give you pleasure, not only in the building of it, but particularly after it has been made. More than this you can invite your friends and thus make your own home the most popular place in the neighborhood. Here are a few plans and suggestions you can use.

Some boys find that it pays to enlist the aid and enthusiasm of other boys right from the start. Then the work of construction is lessened and all of the boys have a mutual interest. You can form a committee consisting of your friends and have each agree to do an equal part. Anyone who joins the agreement will vote as do the others in special problems which come up.

If possible, choose a place where there are a few trees. These not only give shade but will help to support some of the apparatus. If you wish you can set a timber in a crotch formed by a large limb and support the other end with a post of suitable height. The horizontal beam can be from eight to twelve feet long. The ends must be securely wired or nailed in place. A block under the outer end will prevent the nails from pulling out.

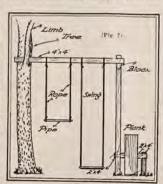
From this beam you can hang a swing, and also a piece of gas pipe for doing "stunts." There may also be room enough for a single rope and an old auto tire. If you wish you can run a short piece out from the right end, one end nailed to the tall post, the other supported by a short stake. This, then forms a suitable support for a teeter-totter and requires only a plank to complete it. Cleats nailed to the under side of the plank at the middle, will prevent it from working out of balance. Even though the post is set snugly in the ground, braces of either wire or wood should be set each side, anchored near the top and set in the ground to prevent side-play.

Figure 2 shows an interesting

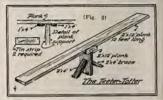


merry-go-round that is really different. Fasten a short piece of chain to a limb and attach a swivel to it, preferably with a ring. Attach a longer chain to this and run it through a gas pipe. Fit a large iron wheel with a plank on top onto the lower end of the pipe, setting it fast with a set screw. The lower end of the chain is kept from slipping up the pipe by tying or otherwise securing it to a block of wood or piece of iron.

In use this merry-go-round not only revolves very freely, but there is an up-and-down motion, too, which is quite exciting. The swivel prevents twisting the chain in two and it can be used indefinitely. Wire the



plank to the wheel. As a rule the plank should be at least three feet from the ground. The pipe lends stiffness which is desirable.



For a separate teeter-totter, the type shown in figure 3 will serve well. The support is a piece of plank of the same width as that used for the teeter-totter, sunk in the ground at least three feet and braced well on each side. The plank should be at least twelve feet long and two inches thick. Cleats are nailed cross-ways of the plank at the center on the underside. Notice that the edges of the cleats are rounded off as well as the upper edge of the plank support. This permits easy operation. The two heavy sheet iron pieces on each side of the plank prevents it from moving out of place.

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One astronomical event that is not always so welcome, is the coming of autumn. This occurs on the evening of September 23, at 8:17 p.m. At that moment the sun will be directly over a point on the earth's equator and will enter the sign of Libra, the scales. This is the autumnal equinox, and days and nights will be of equal length. But this will be attended by no earthly happenings connected with or caused by it. The old idea of the "equinoctial storm" has been completely overthrown by science, though of course, like so many old superstitions, many people still believe in it .- Copyright 1927, by Science Service, Inc.

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that should be read and saves unnecessary reading.

Most men are interested in science, but it is almost impossible to grasp scientific conceptions without having some scientific experience. The fact that so few men maintain chemical laboratories, astronomical observatories, botanical gardens or zoological collections indicates that most forms of scientific research are bevond the reach of the multitude. Radio, one of the newest sciences, is basically as old as any; it is the only one that is wide open to rich and poor, sound and crippled, educated and unschooled.

It is impossible to build a radio set without opening the mind to new worlds of thought. It is impossible not to wonder how a smelly liquid, poured into a container with leaden plates, will cause a current of electricity to flow through wires and make a fibre of metal become luminous. A set builder cannot escape the thrill that comes when a slight adjustment causes an inert tangle of wires and metal plates to come to life and open the door for him into the midst of a frenzied multitude yelling because a horsehide-covered sphere, rebounding from a willow stick, has flown over a fence and escaped from the scene of its recent activities.

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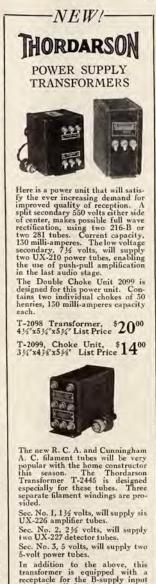
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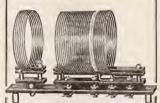
Simultaneously with the inauguration of popular broadcasting in 1922 Mr. Pearne became a friend of those who wanted to know how to build sets. He had been instructor in electricity at Lane Technical High School for more than ten years at that time and was already familiar with the practice and theory of radio. His forte was the helping of beginners. Thousands of readers of Radio Age in 1922 and 1923 depended upon Mr. Pearne to help them over the rough spots. His articles and drawings appeared in Radio Age regularly and he was technical editor of this magazine, as well as technical editor of the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

The editor of Radio Age has probably a better knowledge of the unselfish work performed by Mr. Pearne in behalf of radio beginners than has any other person, except probably Mrs. Pearne, She many times had to protect Mr. Pearne from the hundreds of persons who called his residence by telephone by day and night, threatening to deprive him of needed rest and of time for his high school work. No letter was too insignificant for this friend of radio. He answered all queries personally, giving the same time and careful thought to the reply to the small boy who was experimenting with crystal sets as he gave to the

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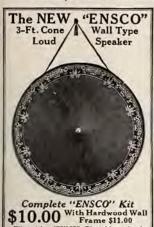
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#### Brazil a Growing Market

Brazil is a good market for radio receiving sets, according to a trade bulletin issued by the Electrical Equipment Division of the Department of Commerce. There are many crystal receivers of local manufacture in use, the report states but the demand for the larger types of tube sets is growing rapidly because of the general desire of the listeners to pick up Buenos Aires broadcasting stations. In many parts of Brazil it is necessary to use a large receiver in order to hear the nearest station satisfactorily. Practically all complete receiving sets and parts now imported into Brazil are of American origin.

The development of the demand for radio receiving sets during the last few years, though impeded a great deal in the beginning by Government regulations, has of late been rapid, the report reveals. Radio enthusiasts have formed societies in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and fourteen other cities, thus stimulating interest.



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It is difficult to refer to the results of broadcast advertising without mentioning specific cases which might be undesirable, but ample evidence of its efficacy is available. The manufacturer of a tooth paste, whose product sold side by side with that of competitors, put on a radio "hour." He could not fail to notice that in districts covered by the broadcasting his sales increased many fold, while in other districts they remained about the same. Similar results have been had in radio receiving sets

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Chinese Radio

Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, in an address before the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association.

ADIO both for broadcasting or R communication plays a very small part in the Republic of China. The Chinese Government maintains a few small powered costal stations for communication with ships at sea. The importation into China of any form of radio apparatus is prohibited by decree of Chinese Government, as such apparatus is classified as munition of war, although for those who have the proper influence, the ban may be lifted. An attempt to bring in radio apparatus is not an offense and if one is caught doing so, there is no penalty nor is the apparatus confiscated; it is simply not allowed to enter, and if one is caught in one port it is usually the practice to try another port.

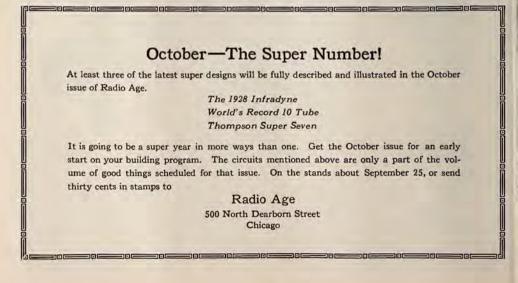
Broadcasting as practiced in the United States is practically unknown. There is one small station in the International Settlement in Shanghai and the owner simply has to pay the police to keep away from it to allow him to continue. Recently, a change is coming over responsible officials, particularly in the Northern sections, notably in Manchuria, where the so called ruling War Lord has been convinced by one of his aids-a returned United States student-that radio broadcastng might fulfill a long felt want. In consequence, an American doing business in China has given a contract to erect a broadcast station in Mukden which is about ready to operate.



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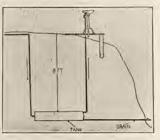




#### Home-Made Cooler

Cool water for the home, summer cottage, or golf course may be provided by the installation of a simple cooling system. This arrangement consists essentially of an ordinary galvanized iron hot-water tank buried in a horizontal position at least eight feet below the surface of the ground and connected to a drinking fountain or faucet placed at the surface.

The tank should be placed so that one end will be slightly lower than the other. The inlet pipe is connected to the higher end. To the lower end, at the bottom, is attached a drain pipe which is used to remove water or when the system is cleaned. The outlet pipe to the fountain or faucet runs from the upper side of the lower end. To facilitate draining, the tank should be placed near an embankment, or near a cellar into which the drain pipe is run.

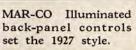


Several coolers of this type have been installed at the Fairlawn golf course near Akron, Ohio. Water from the surface sprinkling system often reaches a temperature near the boiling point, but after being passed through the tank it emerges from the fountain at about fifty degrees Fahrenheit.

The most satisfactory size of tank is a 40-gallon one. Where the consumption of water is great, a larger size should be used. It has been found that cooler water will be produced if the tank is buried in clay soil, rather than in sand.

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#### Radio Aids Air Mail

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The apparent displacement of the equisignal zone in the direction of flight was more marked the greater the altitude of flight. Twenty miles from the radio beacon station this shift at an altitude of 1,000 feet was found to be one mile; that is, an airplane flying in one direction across the equisignal zone found this zone displaced from its true position one mile in the direction of flight; an airplane flying in the opposite direction found the equisignal zone displaced one mile in the new direction of flight. At 2,000 feet this zone displacement appeared to be 2 miles. and at 3,000 feet it appeared to be 4 miles. At all altitudes, however, with the airplane in a stall so that the trailing antenna hung vertically or when the airplane was flying toward or away from the beacon station there was no zone displacement, the zone being located in the position determined by ground tests.

"The result of these tests," indicated the Bureau of Standards, "in which a light antenna weight and a 200-foot trailing wire were used, showed that the apparent shift in the equisignal zone was due entirely to the type of receiving antenna used and its inclination to the vertical. By using a short trailing wire with a much heavier weight the antenna hung in a nearly vertical position. thus eliminating the zone displacement effect to a large extent. Such an antenna is best suited for this type of reception, as any ambiguities arising from an apparent shift in the equisignal zone when the airplane is turned are practically overcome. The use of a coil antenna in place of a trailing wire is equally effective in this respect, but cannot be worked over as great a distance."

Of the future of this far-reaching system of guiding aircraft by slender beams of directed radio, Dr. Dellinger states:



"In carrying out its newly assigned responsibilities to provide aids to air navigation on the civil airways, the Department of Commerce has concluded that radio aids are indispensable. As the first step in establishing these radio aids the Bureau of Standards has been assigned certain research work and is setting up model installations.

"It has been established that the airways must be provided with a

system of radio telephone transmitting stations and directive beacons at certain intervals. At smaller intervals between the directive beacon, probably every 25 miles, are to be located the marker beacons. It is not yet certain whether the beacons will operate by means of an audible or a visual signal on the airplane, and the determination of this is one of the principal objects of the investigations now in progress.

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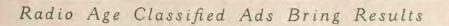
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