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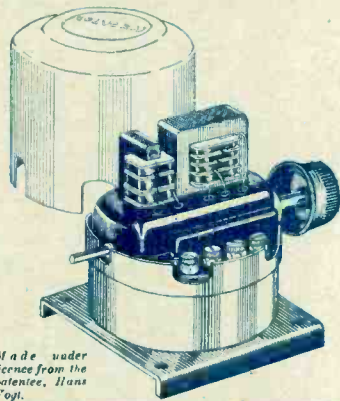
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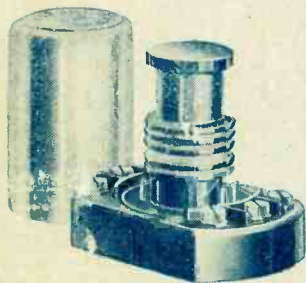
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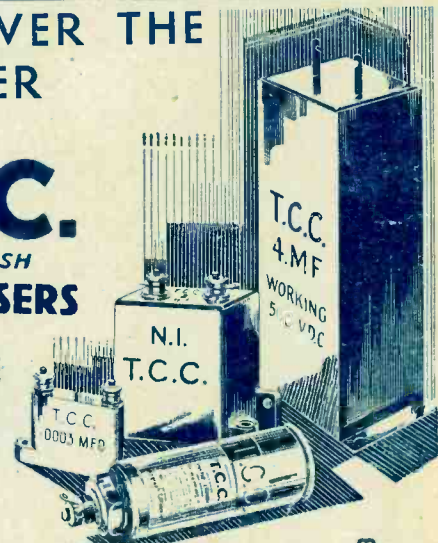
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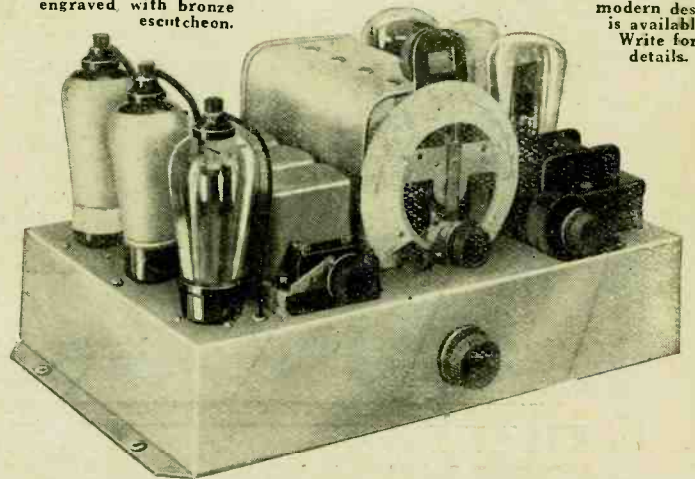
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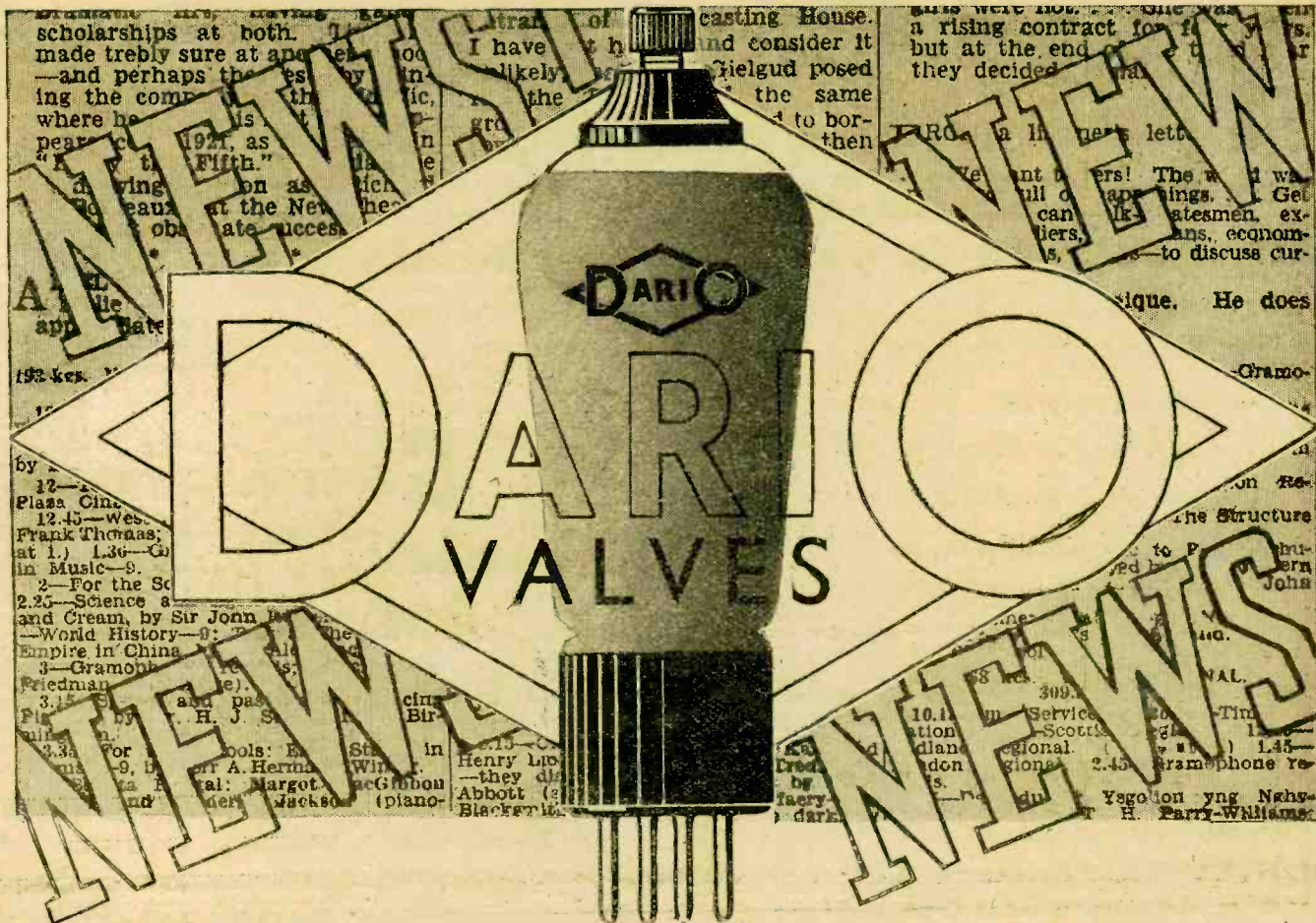
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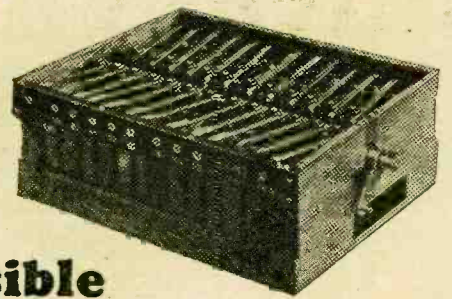
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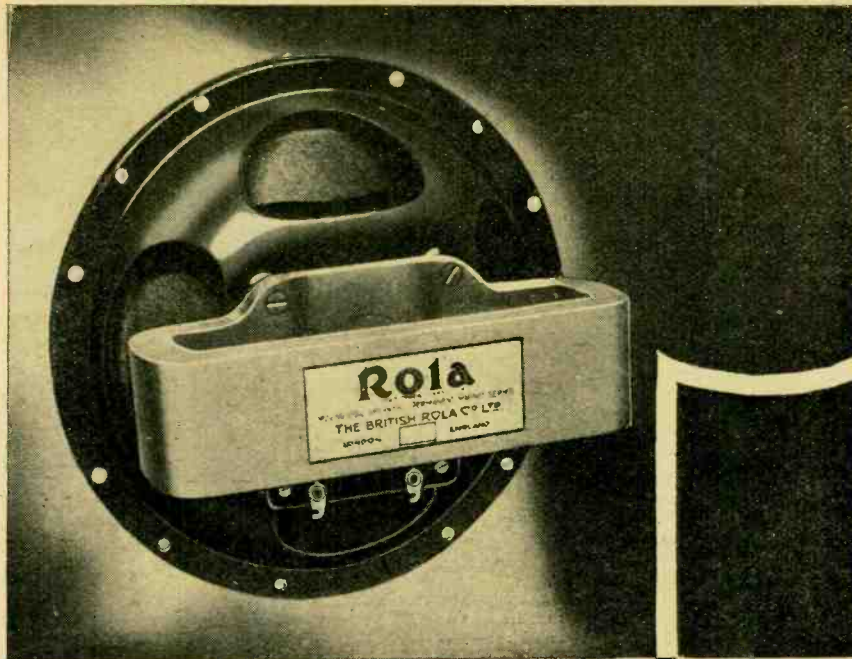
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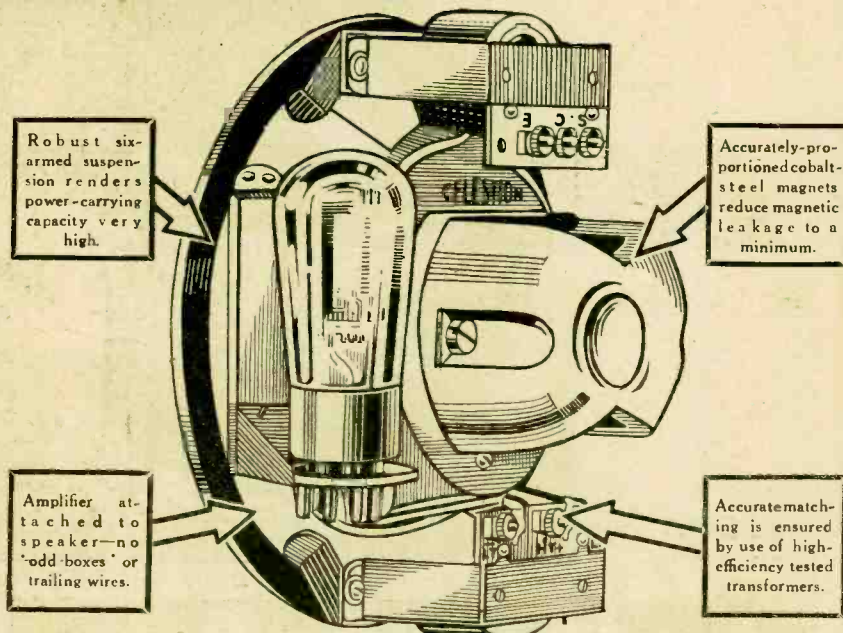
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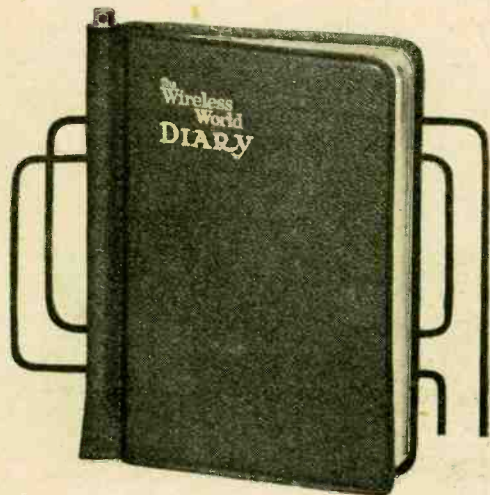
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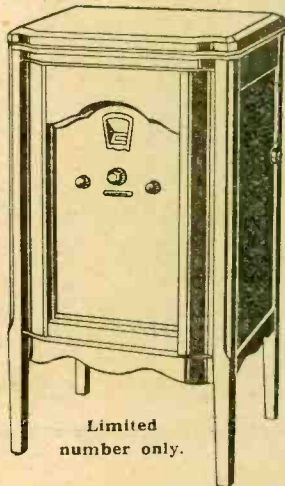
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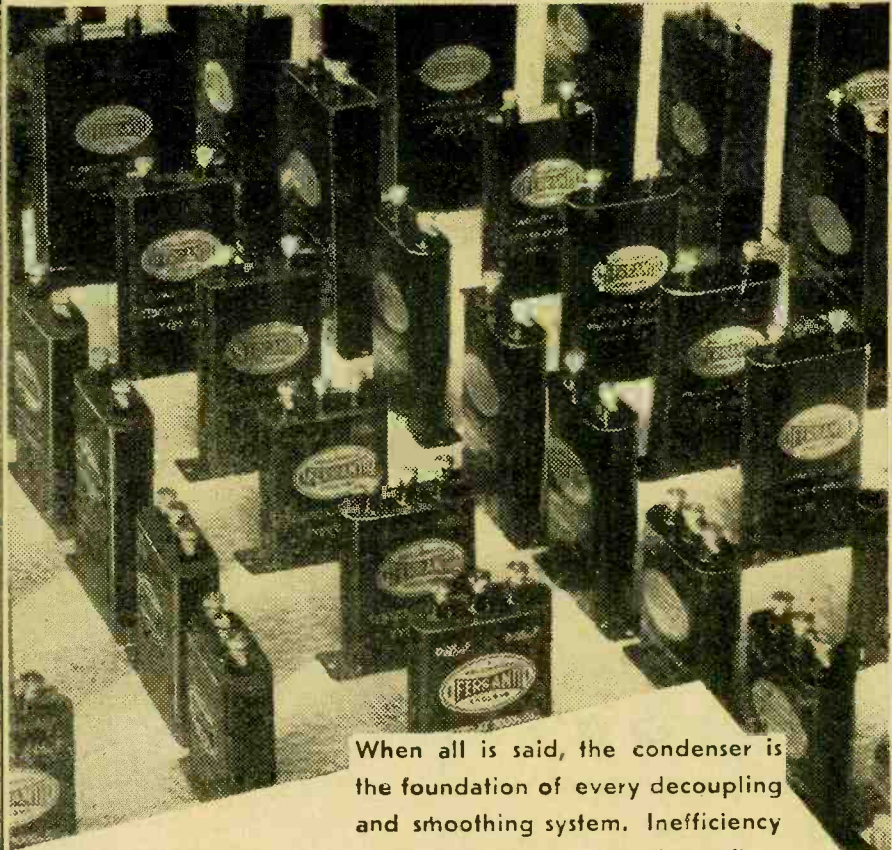
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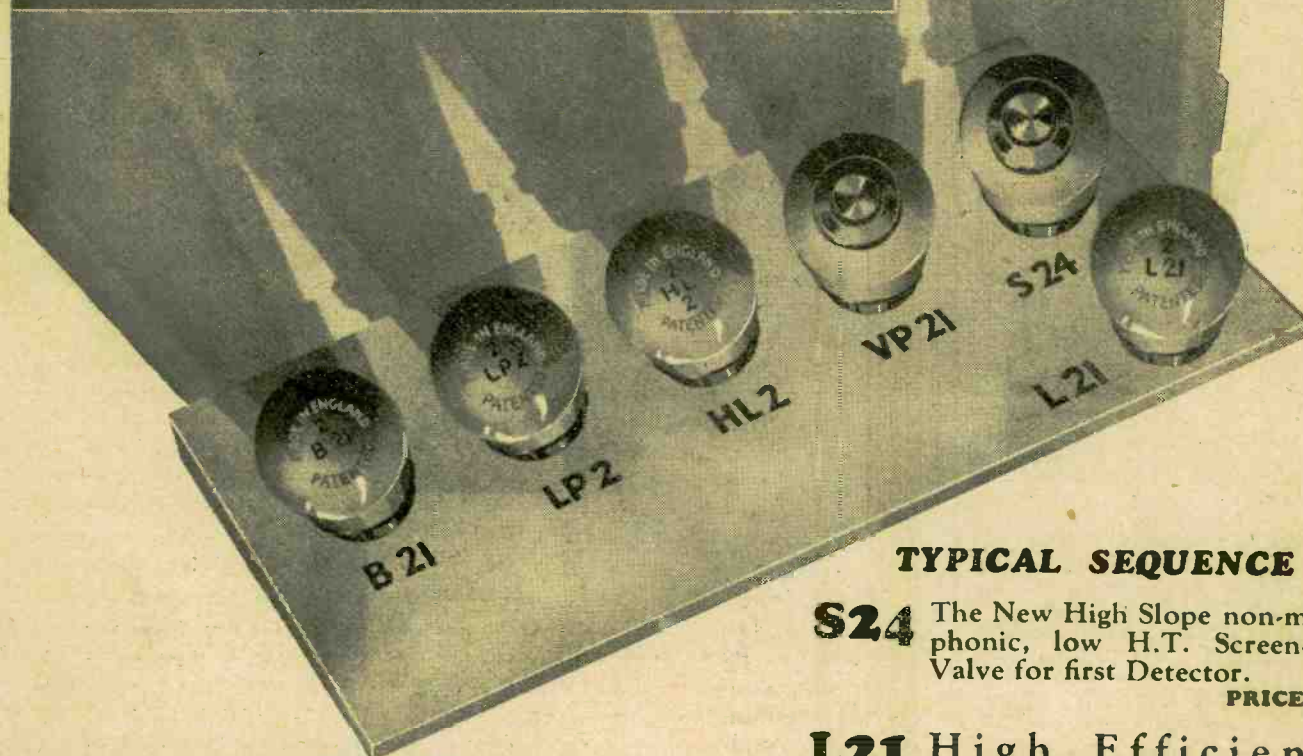
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Reception Under the New Conditions

*When Droitwich Becomes the
National*

IT is perhaps not sufficiently widely appreciated that when the new long-wave station at Droitwich takes over from Daventry next year, a material change will take place in reception conditions under the B.B.C. programme distribution arrangements which will coincide with the inauguration of that station.

Taking London as an example, here we now have alternative programmes both emanating from Brookmans Park and both on the medium band; signal strength is more or less equal for both and a comparatively small alteration in tuning of the receiver gives us one station or the other.

When Droitwich on long waves becomes the National transmitter, and Brookmans Park provides only the Regional programme on one wavelength on the medium band, the change in reception conditions is likely to be widely felt. It is well known, for instance, that small aerials, such as are often installed indoors, are very inefficient for the reception of long waves, and whilst such aerial arrangements may suffice at present for reception in the service area of Brookmans Park for the alternative programmes, they will not necessarily do when the alternative programme is transferred to long waves. Again, many sets which give adequate selectivity on the medium-wave band fail to receive on long waves without overlapping of stations.

So long as we can be sure that the new long-wave station is going to replace the National medium-band transmitters in different parts of the country with a satisfactory service,

we can feel reasonably content with the new proposals, but it must be expected that contentment in many cases will only come after rather drastic alterations to the listener's receiving arrangements.

Background Mystery

A Matter for the B.B.C.

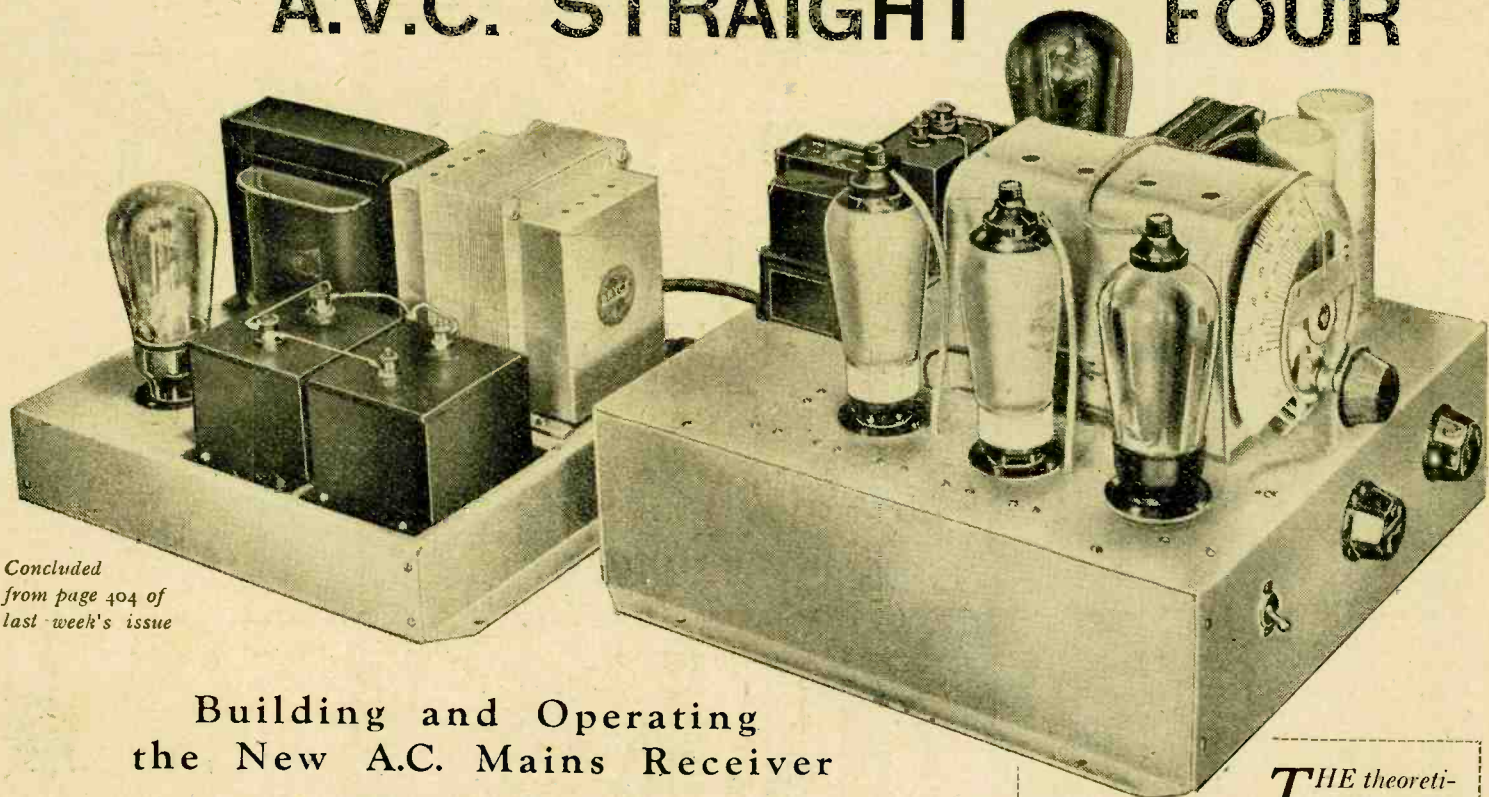
A NOTE appeared in a recent issue under "Broadcast Brevities" drawing attention to the frequent presence of a background of speech or music coming from the Regional transmitter, Brookmans Park, when the set is tuned to the National. This paragraph has produced so many letters from readers that it would seem to be a matter deserving of close investigation by the B.B.C. engineers. The letters are, for the most part, from readers who have obviously a good technical knowledge and wide experience and are well aware of the effects produced by cross-modulation, which is the explanation which the B.B.C. has put forward to some of them when they have made enquiries as to the cause. We feel fairly confident that if cross-modulation were the reason, most of these readers would have been aware of it.

If the B.B.C. engineers are satisfied that induction between lines is not the cause, it would seem necessary to look elsewhere for an explanation. As a pure conjecture, we might suggest that a common earth at the transmitters might be responsible.

Whatever the reason, it is an intensely irritating phenomenon. Whilst a few listeners would be interested in knowing the cause of the trouble, the vast majority of the B.B.C.'s audience care little for the cause, but would welcome elimination of the effect.

The Wireless World

A.V.C. STRAIGHT FOUR



Concluded
from page 404 of
last week's issue

Building and Operating the New A.C. Mains Receiver

THE layout of the components of any receiver is a matter of importance, but this particularly the case with a two-H.F. straight set, otherwise serious difficulty from instability may be found. In order to facilitate the retention of that layout which has been found experimentally to be the best, therefore, the receiver is constructed on a metal chassis which is obtainable with all holes ready drilled. There is thus no possibility of error in positioning the components, and the drawings which accompany this article will serve as an aid in identifying the various holes.

It is important to remember that the coil assembly must be mounted before the gang condenser, and the two 1 mfd. condensers C16 and C19 before the L.F. transformer. The remaining components, however, may be screwed down in any convenient order. The fixing bolts are used for earth connections in many cases, and the frame of the gang condenser is earthed only by its contact with the chassis. Good connections at all these points are very important, and as the chassis is cellulose finished it is a wise plan to scrape off the enamel beneath the bolts in question, and not to rely entirely upon the screws cutting through of their own accord. The gang condenser is particularly important, and here a good connection at all four of the mounting legs is essential.

Apart from these points, no special difficulty should present itself, and the wiring is quite straightforward. As far as possible, this should be carried out in the manner of the original receiver, and it is

essential that grid and anode leads be kept short and well away from one another, otherwise instability will be inevitable. No. 20 or No. 22 gauge wire will be found most convenient for wiring, and if desired may be used throughout. A somewhat more rigid construction, however, will be obtained by using No. 16 gauge for a few leads, of which the chief are the earthing connections to the fixed condensers. Certain leads are screened, and it is important that the correct material be used; large diameter metal braided sleeving should be employed with a thin internal wire, not thick rubber covered metal braided leads nor motor-car type armoured cable.

The Loud Speaker

It should be pointed out that although most of the components screwed to the chassis are at the same potential as the chassis, in one or two cases insulation is required. The aerial terminal and one of the pick-up terminals must be insulated by using the washers supplied with them. The 30-ohms Hum-Dinger R20 must also be insulated from the chassis, otherwise a short-circuit of the output valve grid bias will result, with a detrimental effect on the output valve.

The loud speaker used with this receiver must have a field resistance of 5,000 ohms and be rated for a field current of 50 mA. It should also have a 6-watts power handling capacity, and be suitable for matching the P.P. 5/400 output valve which requires a load impedance of 2,700 ohms. The Baker's Selhurst Radio Speaker specified meets all these requirements and has

THE theoretical considerations underlying the design of "The Wireless World" A.V.C. Straight Four appeared in last week's issue, and the present article deals with the construction and initial adjustment of the receiver. Some notes upon the performance to be expected are also included.

a bass response unusually free from resonances; moreover, the high frequency response is maintained at an even level up to at least 5,000 cycles. Since the speech coil is of the high impedance type, and a choke-condenser output circuit is used, no output transformer is required.

It should be pointed out that the cone develops quite a large amplitude of vibration at low frequencies, and in consequence, there is a possibility of acoustic reaction between the speaker and the receiver if both are mounted on the same cabinet. Such reaction, of course, would introduce a bass resonance, or in a bad case, a sustained howl. It is a wise plan, therefore, to mount the receiver chassis upon blocks of sponge rubber so that it can float freely.

When first setting up the receiver, some check on the voltages and currents should be made, and this should be done with the Local-Distance switch set to distance and with the set tuned to no signal. The anode potential of the H.F. valves, measured between the chassis and the valve anodes, should be about 190 volts, and the screen potential about 190 volts.

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The grid bias of these valves, measured between the chassis and cathodes, should be about 2.6 volts and the anode current about 3.7 mA. In the case of the detector, the measured anode voltage will be about 24 volts only, while the screen potential is about 120 volts. When a signal is tuned in, the anode voltage rises considerably. The no-signal anode current is about 8 mA, and falls on tuning in a station to such a degree that on a local station it may drop to 4 mA. A milliammeter connected in the anode circuit of this valve, therefore, can be used as a tuning indicator. The output valve passes an anode current of about 58 mA, and the voltage measured between the chassis and the valve anode is 410 volts; the bias between the chassis and the slider of R20 is 28.5 volts. The speaker field current should be about 48 mA. It must not be expected, of course, that these figures will be reproduced exactly in different receivers, and the results obtained will necessarily depend somewhat upon the meter employed; nevertheless, quite good agreement should be found.

Gramophone Operation

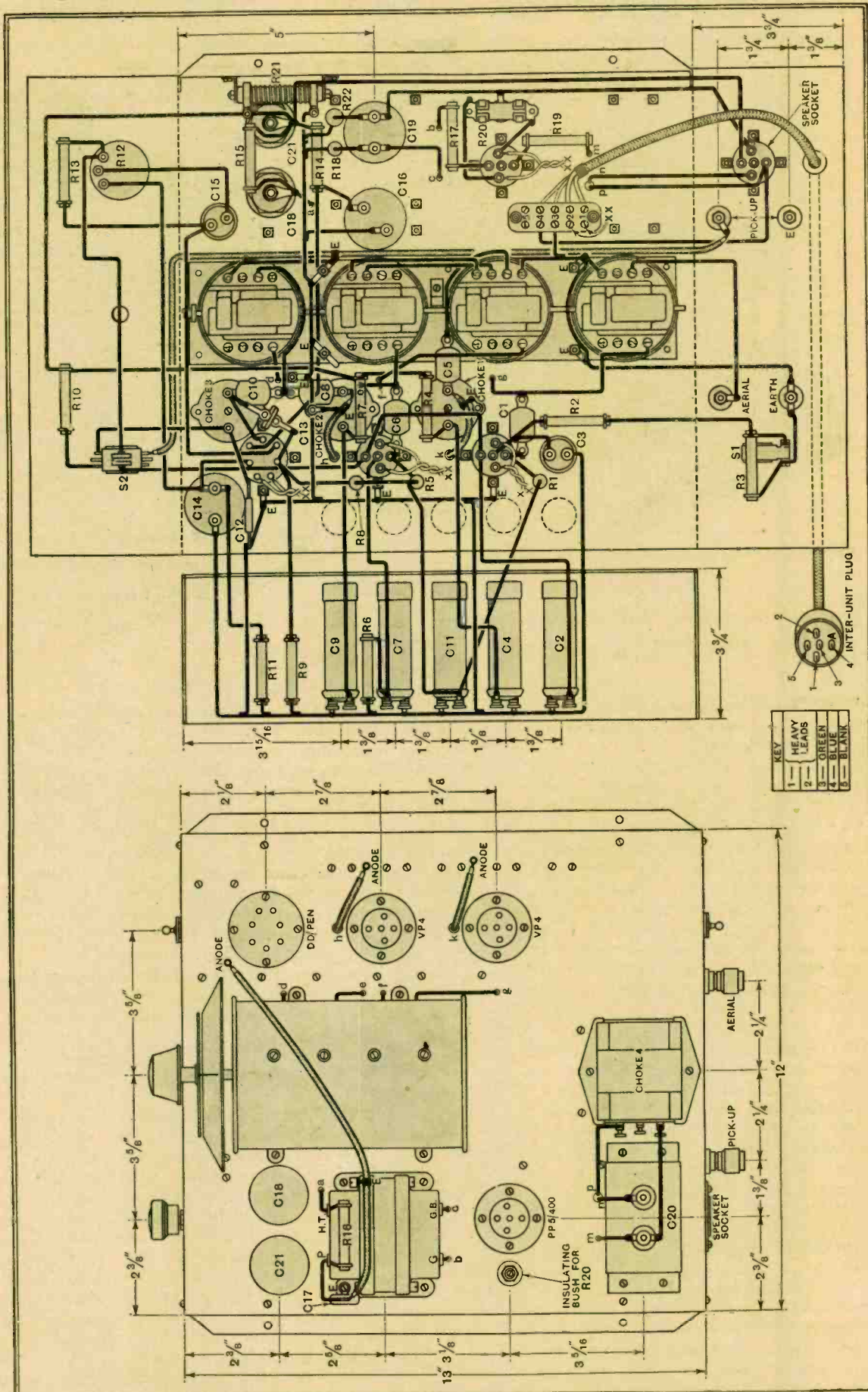
Since the radio-gramophone switch is arranged to open-circuit the screen supply on gramophone, there will be no breakthrough of radio signals. The manual volume control is operative on gramophone, so that a pick-up is the only additional apparatus required. The volume control, however, is of higher resistance than that needed by many pick-ups, for this is dictated by the radio requirements. It may be found necessary, therefore, to shunt the pick-up with a resistance in order to maintain the correct tone. This is best found experimentally, but a resistance value of some 50,000 ohms to 100,000 ohms will meet most cases.

On radio the chief adjustments necessary are those to the ganging. This should be carried out at a low wavelength and on a very weak station, unless a milliammeter is available to

act as a tuning indicator. It is useless to attempt to gang on a strong signal without a meter, since the action of A.V.C. will make the optimum trimmer

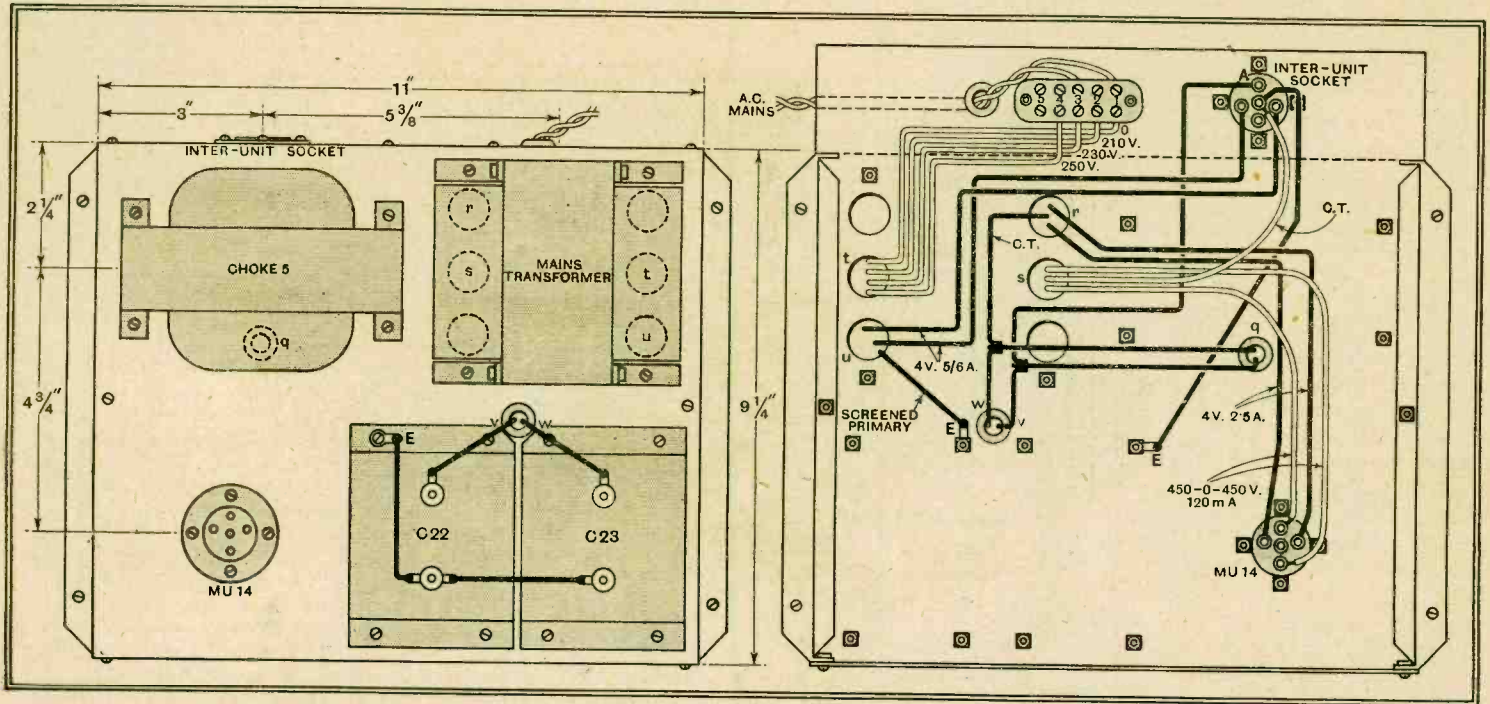
settings very difficult to determine. Trimming is carried out for maximum signal strength, whether as indicated by the ear on a weak signal or by minimum anode

THE WIRING DIAGRAM OF THE RECEIVER



The greater part of the wiring is carried out on the underside of the chassis, and but few wires pass through to the upper side.

PRACTICAL WIRING PLAN OF THE ELIMINATOR



The wiring of the mains unit is extremely simple and it should be noted that both the mains transformer and the choke are fitted with leading-out wires instead of terminals

current of the controlled valves—the DD/Pen and the two H.F. stages.

Having tuned in some station on a wavelength below 250 metres, adjust each trimmer in turn for maximum signal

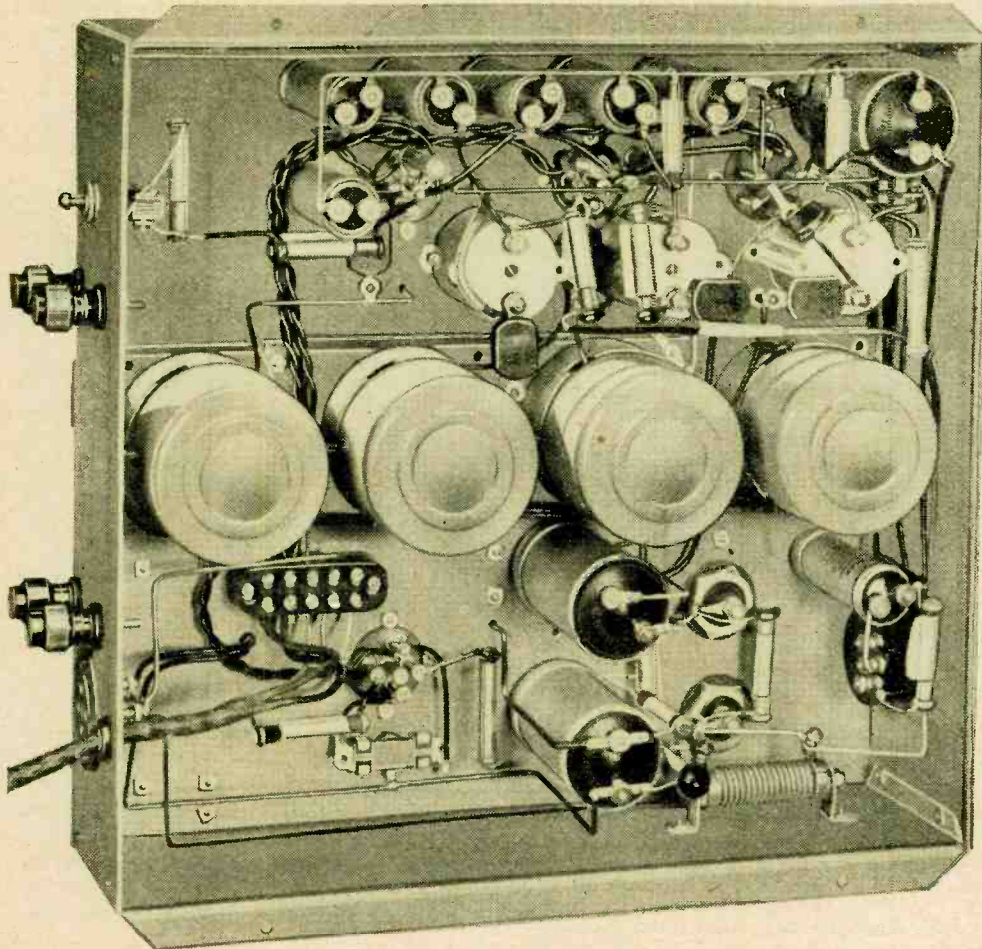
strength. If it be found that this leads to one or more trimmers being fully screwed home or fully unscrewed, the capacities of all other trimmers must be reduced or increased respectively. If a

very low wavelength station cannot be obtained at the first attempt, a rough adjustment of the ganging should be made on a higher wavelength station, after which no difficulty should be found in tuning in a station on a really low wavelength. The dial is calibrated in wavelengths, but whether this holds good in practice depends upon the precise values of trimmer capacity used in ganging. Small adjustments to correct for this are probably most conveniently made by slightly slipping the dial on the condenser shaft, but if the discrepancies are large a combination of this with the reganging of the circuits for different trimmer capacities will probably enable correction to be obtained.

Performance

The only further adjustment required is to R20, which must be set to the position of minimum hum. Distant stations spaced by 9 kc/s should be receivable clear of one another except for a certain amount of sideband splash which is inevitable in any receiver which reproduces the upper audible frequencies.

The receiver has been tested in the heart of London and gave a very good account of itself. The spread of the local stations was confined to two or three channels, and on the long waveband it proved easily possible to receive Deutschland-sender clear of Daventry National and



An underview of the receiver chassis. It will be noted that the coils are mounted directly beneath the gang condenser in order to keep the connecting leads as short as possible.

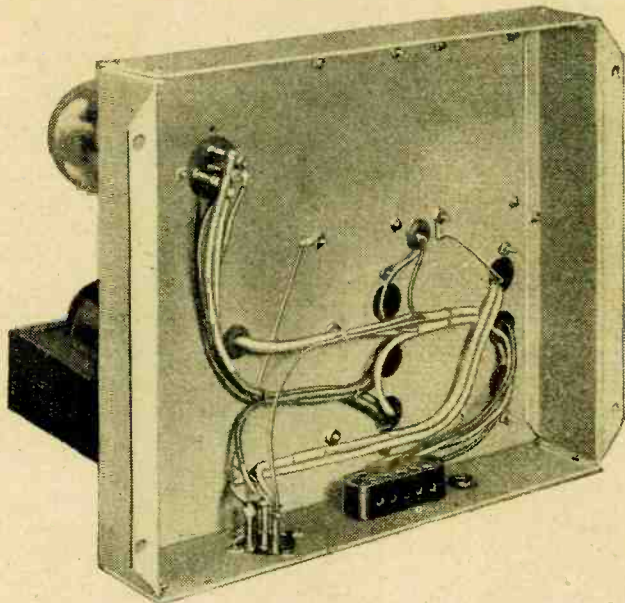
A full-size blue print combining the wiring diagrams of the receiver and power-unit is available from the Publishers. Price 1/6, post free.

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Radio-Paris, although it is a much weaker signal. The sensitivity proved adequate for most requirements, and with a reasonably efficient aerial should permit good reception of all the stronger Continental stations. It is not so high, however, as to necessitate the inclusion of an inter-station noise suppressor, and the Local-Distance switch is intended only for local reception. Automatic volume control has a sufficiently wide range of action to counteract the volume variations of fading, provided, as always, that the signal does not fade so badly that it falls below the A.V.C. threshold. The range of control, however, is not sufficiently great to keep local stations at the same level as the Continental, so that if the locals appear stronger than other stations, it should not be thought that A.V.C. is not functioning correctly. The use of the Local-Distance switch, or a slight readjustment of the setting of the manual volume control will correct for this.

The quality of reproduction was found on test to be of a high order and the volume adequate for all normal requirements. Mains hum was completely absent, in spite of the unusually good bass response. Incidentally, it should be pointed out that if full advantage is to be taken of the bass response, it is necessary for the speaker to be fitted with a large baffle or be used in a cabinet of large dimensions. If hum is to be avoided, it is necessary to keep the eliminator unit away from the receiver; in particular, at

some distance from the L.F. transformer. In general, therefore, the receiver should be mounted on one shelf of a radio-gramo-



This view of the mains unit shows the few connections that are needed. A connecting block is fitted for the mains leads.

phone cabinet, with the loud speaker and eliminator on another.

It will be as well to point out here a slight discrepancy between the circuit and the practical wiring diagrams. The resistance R10 is shown in the former as connected on the screen side of the switch S2, whereas on the latter it appears between the switch and the H.T. line. This has no effect on the performance of the set, and whichever way it be wired it will function equally well.

A sample receiver built to the specifications described in this article will be available for the inspection of readers at 116, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

speaking, of course, of the set) whilst searching for European stations, and for listening to transatlantic transmissions it is a heaven-sent boon. Tone-control, the next big advantage of up-to-date sets, makes all the difference in the world to one's reception of both Continental and American broadcasts.

American Wonder Station

Reception of both North and South American stations is now wonderfully good, and appears to be getting better as week follows week. On good nights stations such as WCAU, WKAQ, WTIC, and WBZ are as easy to find as Continentals, and they come in so strongly and steadily that one can listen with real pleasure to the programmes that they are sending out. The world's wonder station is WIOD of Miami, Florida, which has a genuine output power rating of 1 kilowatt. I first heard this station five or six years ago. When I was rash enough to mention the fact in print I was called all kinds of things, though none of my correspondents suggested George Washington as an appropriate pen-name. Since then thousands of listeners have recorded reception of WIOD not as a whisper, but at full loud-speaker strength. When conditions are at all favourable WIOD can be as strong as, say, Florence and Heilsberg. WIOD's one kilowatt does not belong to the same family as Fécamp's official 700 watts. The Federal Radio Board keeps a close watch on power outputs, and drops like the proverbial ton of bricks on any station engineer who exceeds the permitted rating.

On the long waves conditions are none too good at the moment. Radio-Paris and Zeesen are the best stations, with Warsaw, Motala, and Kalundborg as runners-up. On the medium waveband Vienna, Rome, Lyons Doua, Langenburg, Leipzig, Strasbourg, the Poste Parisien, Breslau, Heilsberg, Hörby, and Trieste are the most reliable.

D. EXER.

DISTANT RECEPTION NOTES

The Boon of Automatic Volume Control

READERS have probably noticed a considerable increase in the volume obtainable from Strasbourg—or perhaps it would be better to write that a good deal more use has to be made of the volume control when Strasbourg is being received. I understand that Strasbourg is now using about three times the power with which the station is officially credited, and that a further increase to 75 kilowatts is to take place within the next few weeks. It was probably on account of the alterations that are being made that Strasbourg indulged now and then in silent nights.

There is no question that both Mühlacker and Munich are now using their old transmitters with a power rating of 1.5 kilowatts in both cases. Why they should have continued using high power for so long after the official date of the closing down of the big stations I cannot say, but there is no doubt that they did so, for no diminution of the field strength of either was noticeable.

Kalundborg appears to be using very much less than its full 60 kilowatts. During the daytime it is not, as a rule, so well heard

now as in the days when it was a mere 8-kilowatt station.

Those who have not automatic volume control are doubtless making the discovery that fading is appearing once more. Curiously enough, it is at its worst at present in the middle of the medium waveband. The stations that have been chiefly affected are Toulouse Midi, Leipzig, and Athlone. It has not yet been of the very violent kind in which the transmission becomes horribly distorted, as it drops towards the minimum and sometimes disappears altogether for some seconds. Actually, there has so far been nothing that the automatic volume control cannot take charge of quite satisfactorily, though it is probable that fading of the severer kind will be in evidence, particularly towards the bottom of the medium waveband, during the next week or two.

Never has the long-distance enthusiast been so well equipped for indulging in his hobby as he is this year. Automatic volume control, besides counteracting fading to a great extent, also prevents blasting (I am

New B.B.C. Wavelengths

THE B.B.C. announces that in accordance with the Lucerne Wavelength Plan the following will be the frequencies and wavelengths to which the British transmitters will change on January 15th, 1934:

Station.	Kc/s.	Metres.
Daventry National (5XX)	200	1,500
North Regional ..	668	449.1
Midland Regional ..	767	391.1
Scottish Regional ..	804	373.1
London Regional ..	877	342.1
West Regional ..	977	307.1
North Regional National	1,013	296.2
Scottish National ..	1,050	285.7
Belfast ..	1,122	267.4
London National } ..	1,149	261.1
West National } ..		
Aberdeen ..	1,348	222.6
Newcastle ..	1,429	209.9
Plymouth } ..	1,474	203.5
Bournemouth } ..		

The B.B.C. is attempting to make other arrangements for Aberdeen, and, therefore, the wavelength on which this station will work, as shown above, may be modified.

It will be noticed that, with the possible exception of Bournemouth, the changes in the wavelengths of the British transmitters are small.*

* A special announcement concerning further changes in the B.B.C. wavelengths appears in "Broadcast Brevities."

UNBIASED

By
FREE GRID

Solving the Dial Problem

THE Editor's stern remarks the other week (Opus No. 740, Nov. 3rd, 1933) castigating the set manufacturers on the general awkwardness of their knob and dial layout interested me exceedingly, for it showed that I have at least one faithful reader. For I see by reference to back numbers that it was upwards of two years ago that I commenced hammering away at this problem, and now that he has joined me there are hopes that something will be done about it.



Fig. 1.—Before and . . .

Not that the Editor and I are playing a lone hand in this game, for our correspondence bags have revealed otherwise, at least two readers and a rather doubtful third being in agreement with us.

One of the two stalwarts I have mentioned, a well known R.A., is, in fact, so enthusiastic about the whole matter that he has sent me in two sketches, the first of which shows him in the agonies of tuning—or rather, attempting to tune—a console receiver by a well-known firm whose name is a byword for the sort of thing shown in Fig. 1.

The two sketches are really illustrative of a sort of "before and after" business, as Fig. 2 shows the solution of the problem at which he has finally arrived, and which he warmly recommends to readers. I myself have not the slightest hesitation in strongly endorsing his advocacy of this method, for although I shall maintain my campaign with the stubbornness for which we English are so justly famous, I really know in my heart that I am only beating my head up against a brick wall to expect the manufacturers to do anything about it.

I have *not* received permission to publish reproductions of these two sketches, nor to raffle the signed originals, although I have done the first and propose to do the second very shortly in aid of the Free Grid Christmas Charities Fund which, by the way, will soon be opened for public subscription.

Dressing to Suit

I AM very pleased to learn of the dress suit edict recently issued by the B.B.C. It is now commanded that all performers, save those taking character parts, must wear dress suits, while the latter must dress and make up for their rôles with as much care as if they were going to appear on the stage. "Dress suits," said a well-known B.B.C. official in an interview, "key up a performer."

I fully agree. From the very beginning I have always made it a rule to don full morning or evening dress before sitting down to write my weekly notes, and I have invariably found that the quality of my work suffers visibly on those occasions when some emergency has caused me to leave off my collar and tie.

Just lately I have been even more particular, and am cultivating the habit of dressing for the particular item concerning which I am writing, and, in addition, to acquire as much local colour as I can. Thus, when writing a recent paragraph about boxing, I not only stripped to the requisite degree, but even assumed the recumbent position so beloved of some of our heavyweights.

Spice of Life

WHILE enjoying many of the talks provided by the B.B.C. I must confess that I am not infrequently bored by the foolish vapourings of speakers with whose opinions I disagree. "Audi alteram partem" is the motto which appears on my family coat of arms, and it is high time, I think, that the B.B.C. adopted it in place of their present one, whatever it is.



Fig. 2.— . . . after.

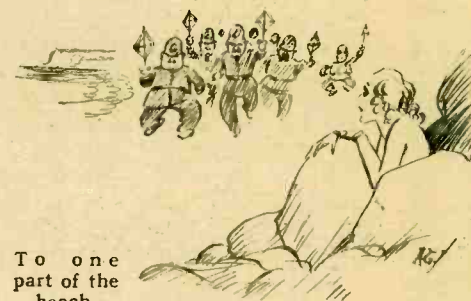
Instead of permitting so-called leaders in politics and other matters to come to the studio and deceive us with half-truths, surely it would be better to carry the microphone to Hyde Park and hear vox populi naked and unashamed. One can obtain in the short space of an hour more really startling information there, to say nothing of entertainment, than the

B.B.C.'s band of timid milk and water so-called controversial speakers are capable of giving in half a life-time.

In Hyde Park there is infinite variety, which the B.B.C. could bring into our homes by the simple expedient of having a microphone fitted at every speaker's platform and flitting from one to the other by means of the ever-handy stud switch. Thus there would be something to offend everybody, no matter what the colour of his shirt or flag, and after all, is not the taking of offence the very spice of life to the average citizen?

This Sun Bathing

THE great sport in Brighton at the present moment is, it seems, attempting to pick up the wireless messages radiated from Police Headquarters to the various constables in that district who, as most people know, now carry radio sets complete with call bell inside their helmets.



To one part of the beach.

Much difficulty it is stated, has been experienced in finding out the exact wavelengths on which these transmissions take place. This is surely rather a bitter commentary on the degenerate times in which we live, for in my young days nothing would have been thought of knocking off a policeman's helmet and investigating the matter at first hand.

What really does perturb me, however, is a letter from an acquaintance in that area who tells me that real trouble is brewing for the local police, insomuch that certain irresponsible practical jokers have conspired together to construct a transmitter to send bogus messages to the constables in question.

The idea is to get the whole of the police force up to one part of the beach by means of a spurious transmission relating to a sunbather, thus leaving the town to the mercy of any bandits who may be minded to execute a smart smash-and-grab raid.

Whether this be irresponsible practical joking or an underworld plot, as my acquaintance suggests, I think all licence holders should band themselves together to stamp out this threatened menace to the good name and amenities of this Naples of the North.

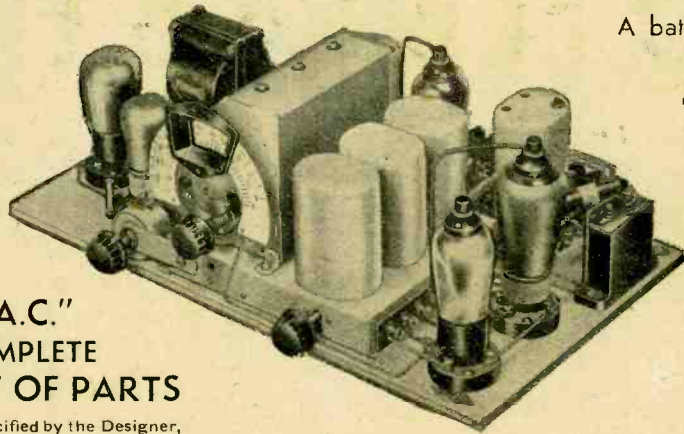
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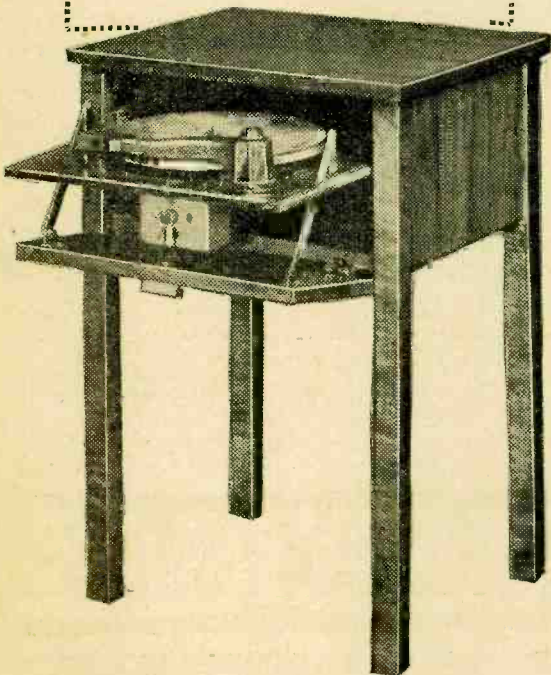
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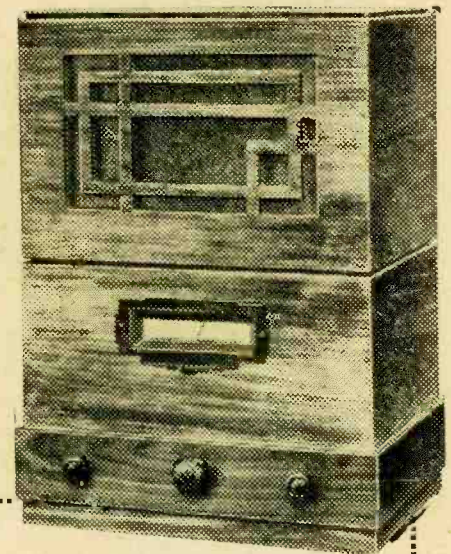
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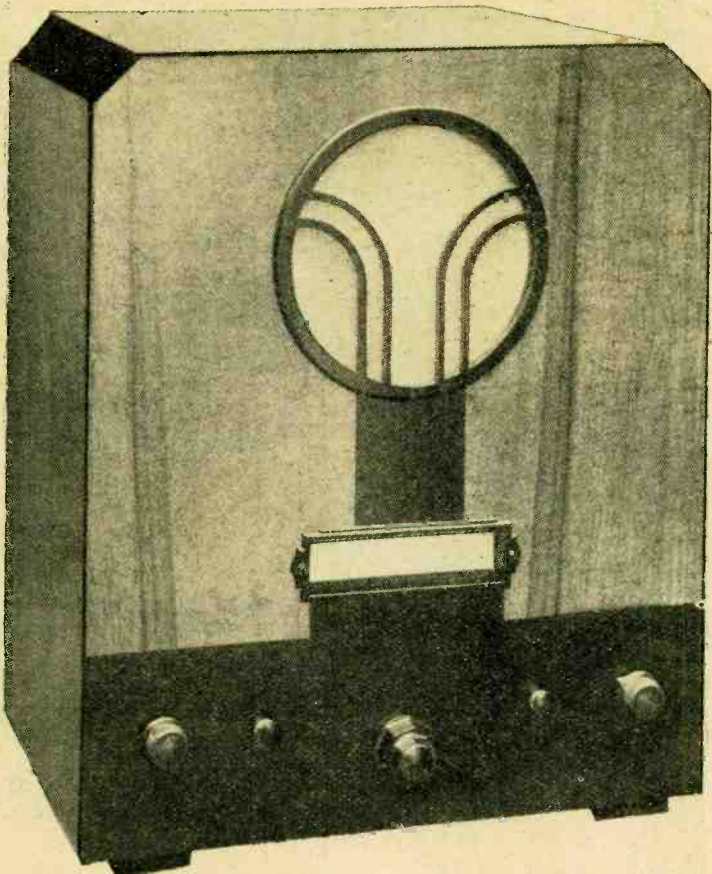
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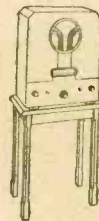
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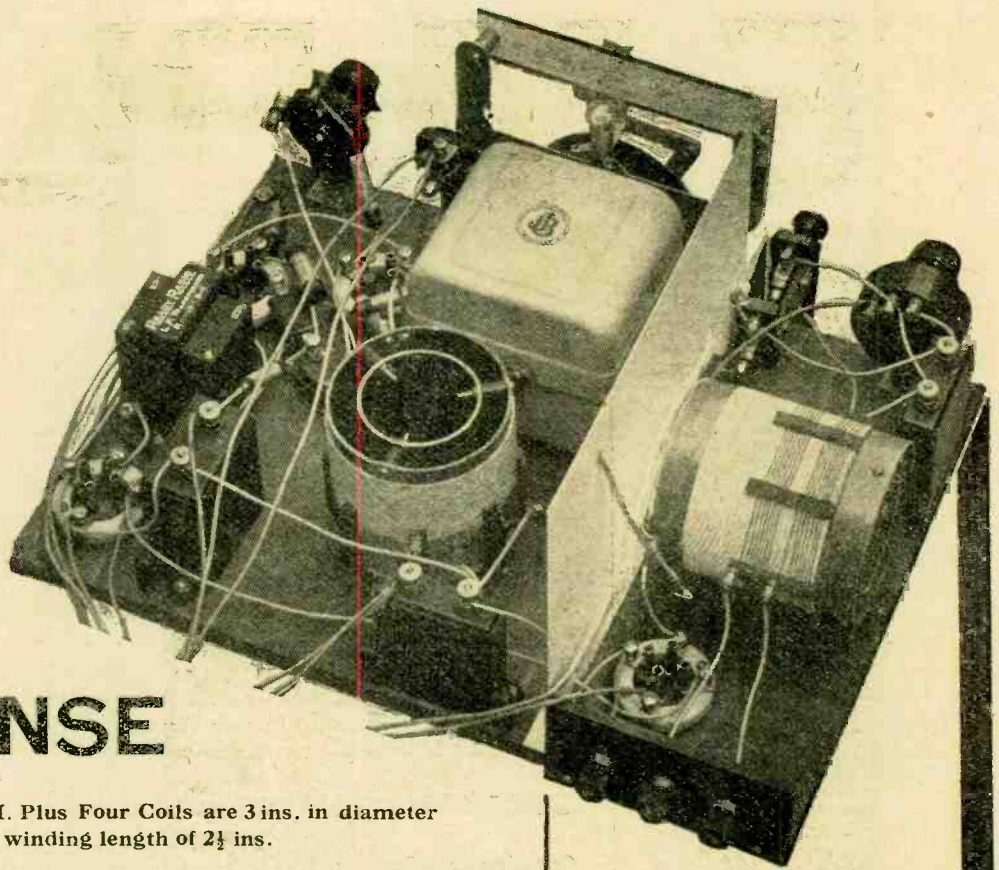
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Practical HINTS AND TIPS

IT is easy enough to connect in series a chain of valve heaters or filaments when all take the same heating current. But, if valves of mixed L.T. ratings are to be used, various expedients must be adopted in order that some of the elements may not be overrun or under-heated; in practice it is usual to connect a parallel resistance across each heater or group of heaters taking less than the maximum current.

Supplementary Heating Current

using anode current as a supplement to the ordinary heating current might have other useful applications.

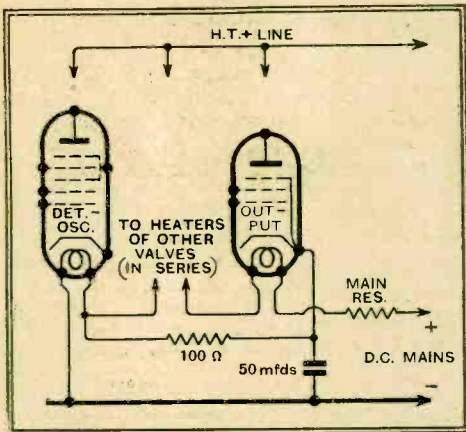


Fig. 1.—Combining 0.3 and 0.25 amp. valves in a D.C. set. Anode current of the output valve flows through the heater of the detector-oscillator.

Other ways of overcoming this minor difficulty have been described from time to time, and now a particularly ingenious solution of the problem is put forward by a reader who is using it in a D.C. mains superheterodyne. His problem was to employ a 6A7 pentagrid frequency changer (with a heater requiring 0.3 amp at 6.3 volts) in series with ordinary British D.C. valves requiring 0.25 amp only. The 6A7 valve therefore requires 0.05 amp (or 50 milliamps) more than the remaining valves.

Now for the solution of the problem. All the heaters are wired in series in the ordinary way, but the cathode circuit of the output valve is so connected that the anode current of this valve is diverted through the heater of the 6A7 valve, and is thus additive to that normally flowing in the heater circuit. As the output valve is a DPT, passing an anode current of 40 milliamps, the frequency changer is working at almost its full rated current, and results are stated to be excellent.

Fig. 1 shows the circuit arrangement actually employed, bias for the output valve being obtained from the drop in voltage across the 100-ohm resistance in series with the heater of the 6A7. By using a 50-mfd. dry electrolytic by-pass condenser in the position shown, the output grid circuit is effectively decoupled, and apparently hum is avoided.

It seems probable that the principle of

AIDS TO BETTER RECEPTION

using anode current as a supplement to the ordinary heating current might have other useful applications.

A SCIENTIFICALLY designed low-pass filter, such as that described in *The Wireless World* of November 10th, adds considerably to the number of stations that can be received without interference; at the same time, it does not seriously affect quality of reproduction, but can always be switched out of circuit when receiving stations not subject to interference.

Anti-Heterodyne Filter

It is generally, and probably rightly, considered that this type of filter is mainly applicable to highly sensitive long-range sets, although it would undoubtedly improve the performance of many others. Take the "local station" type of receiver, in which everything has been sacrificed to quality, and which will normally have an exceptionally good high-frequency response; this type of set is usually so insensitive that it seldom suffers from intelligible interference from other stations, but after dark reproduction is often marred by a continuous high-pitched whistle. This whistle, due to heterodyning by a distant station operating in the adjacent channel, may not be very strong, but is nevertheless annoying; its presence is a testimony to the good high-note response of the receiver, provided both local and interfering stations are on their proper wavelengths.

Here is a case where the whistle filter is invaluable. When interference of the type under consideration becomes evident, it can be switched into circuit in a moment, but the characteristics of the set are not permanently impaired, as full advantage may be taken of its exceptional high-note response as soon as the interference disappears.

Many of these high-quality sets include resistance-coupled L.F. amplifiers, to which the filter should be fitted in the manner shown in Fig. 2. It is desirable that the detector valve should have an impedance in the order of 10,000 ohms, and that the coupling resistance should be

of the same value; alterations to satisfy this requirement may generally be made to existing sets without impairing performance in other directions.

A diode detector requires a load of high ohmic resistance, and so the filter unit cannot well be used in direct association with it. Where this form of rectification is employed, it is best to place the filter after the L.F. amplifier which immediately succeeds the diode.

IT is fortunate that breakdowns of insulation between the heater and cathode elements of indirectly heated valves are becoming more rare. Faults of this nature are by no means easy to trace, partly because the defect may manifest itself only after the valve has been working for some time, and is in consequence fully warmed up.

Testing Indirectly Heated Valves

It is probably most satisfactory, when a defect of this nature is suspected, to test the valve *in situ* rather than to remove it and to set up a special testing circuit. Almost all indirectly heated valves are now biased by the insertion of a resistance in the cathode lead; if there has been a breakdown of heater-cathode insulation, this resistance will in effect be short-circuited, and so the valve will be working at zero bias. It therefore follows that excessively high anode current will suggest a breakdown of this nature; the fact can be confirmed by imposing a momentary short-circuit across the bias resistor, a

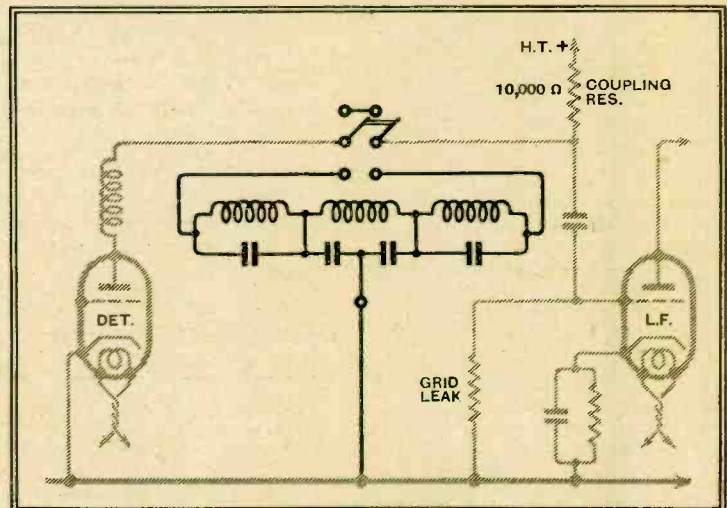


Fig. 2.—Adding a low-pass whistle filter to a receiver with resistance coupling.

milliammeter being at the same time inserted in series with the anode. If the short-circuit produces no change in anode current, it is fairly certain that the fault in question exists, at any rate, if the insulation of the usual parallel by-pass condenser can be depended upon.

Universal Output Transformer

Constructional Details of a Multi-ratio Component

By H. B. DENT

THE importance of correctly matching the output valve and the loud speaker has been emphasised so often in these pages that it would seem hardly necessary to comment further on it here. But it is well to bear in mind that strict adherence to this practice is just as important when trying out experimental circuits, for otherwise many promising schemes may be written down as unsatisfactory, their performance falling far short of expectations possibly because an unsuitable output transformer ratio was employed.

While it is not always possible to achieve the ideal condition, at least a very good compromise can be made with a universal type transformer, but to be of any value as an experimental component it should provide a large number and wide range of ratios. One that has proved very useful in this respect is illustrated here. Its windings are arranged as shown diagrammatically in Fig. 1; the secondary is in four sections interleaved with the primary, thereby obtaining a tight coupling and keeping the leakage inductance as low as possible.

Push-pull Circuits

The design allows for anode currents of the order of 60 mA. to be handled, and the maximum A.C. output is about six watts. By making use of tapings on the primary winding twelve ratios can be obtained with but four secondary sections. The primary tapings are located equidistant from the centre, and as this is also brought out to a terminal, the transformer can be made to serve for push-pull circuits as well as for the more orthodox output system.

Of the twelve possible variations, two happen to give the same ratio, yet the eleven that result will meet most requirements, for they range from 75 to 1 to 12.5 to 1. With the whole of the primary in use the inductance is 52 henrys, and with 60 mA. of D.C. flowing it falls to about 39

even so this will be adequate for most occasions.

The construction of the transformer will require a little care, although on the whole it is not difficult. It is very necessary, however, to keep a check on the beginning and finish of the various sections, and a good plan is to thread different coloured insulated sleeving on the leads as the coils are completed.

The windings are carried on two bobbins, each $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide overall with a centre hole measuring $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. square. Both are wound exactly the same, but in the final assembly one is turned round so that the

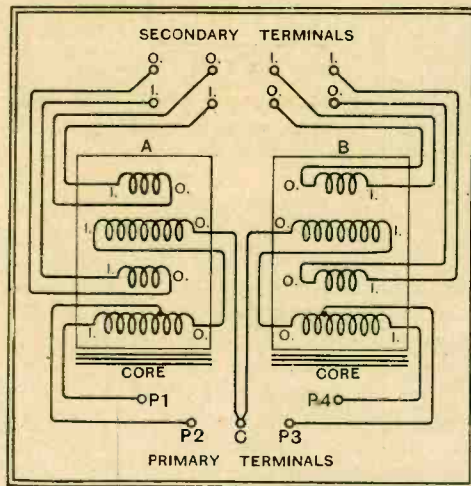
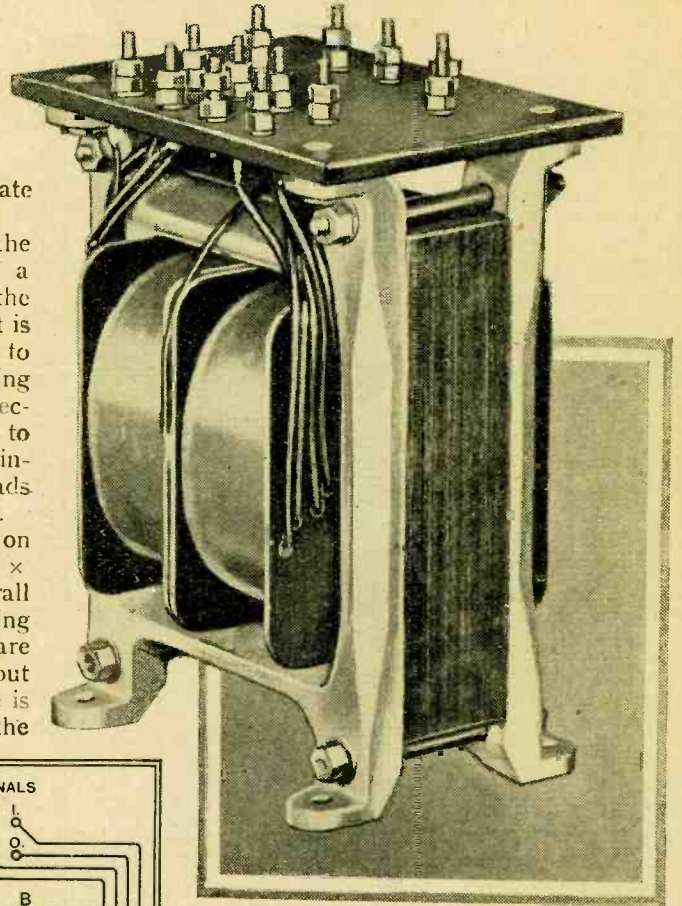


Fig. 2. The relative position of the windings, inter-coil connections and wiring to terminal board is clearly shown by this schematic layout.

direction of the winding is opposed to that of its companion. It is for this reason that all leads should be clearly marked during the winding process so as to avoid mistakes when it comes to joining them to their respective terminals. The actual arrangement of the windings is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 1; here they are displayed as in the final assembly, the inners and the outers of each being marked

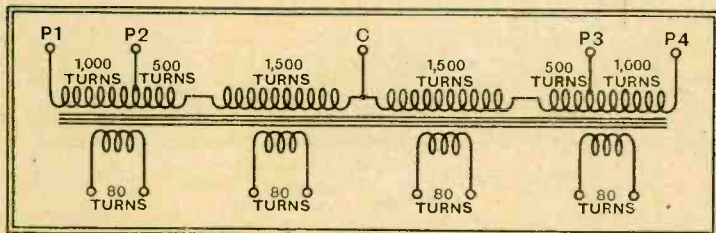


Fig. 1.—Theoretical arrangement of the transformer showing the symmetrical disposition of the windings.

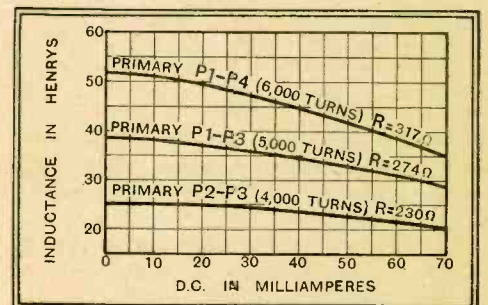
henrys. The two inside tapings, P2 and P3, reduce the primary to 4,000 turns and its inductance then falls to 25 henrys;

and the inter-section connections and the wiring to the terminals shown. If this diagram is studied in conjunction with that

of Fig. 1, there will be no difficulty in comprehending the general layout of the transformer.

One point in particular requires special attention when assembling the bobbins, and this is to ensure that the external leads joining the two primary sections of bobbins A and B where their cheeks butt do not short circuit, a cheek of thin press-pahn, empire cloth, or any other good insulating material should be interposed between them as a safety measure.

The winding is carried out as follows: first 1,000 turns of No. 32 enamel wire is wound on evenly, a tapping is then brought out and this section completed by the addition of a further 500 turns. Two turns of empire cloth or waxed paper then follow, and the first secondary section, consisting of 80 turns of No. 20 enamel wire put on. Follows a further applica-



That an adequate primary inductance is available under all conditions is seen from these curves.

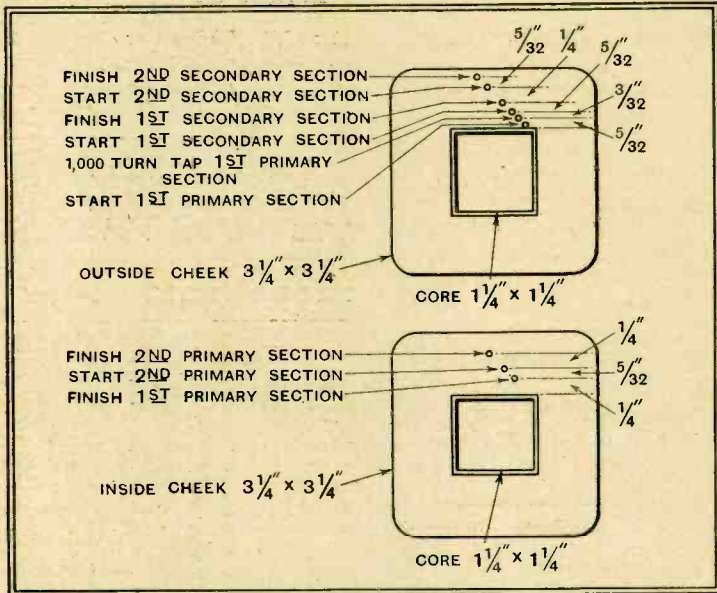
Universal Output Transformer—

tion of insulating material as before and the second primary section of 1,500 turns of the No. 32 enamel wire follows. To complete this bobbin two layers of insulation are required, and then the next secondary section of 80 turns can be wound. The finished bobbin may be covered to protect it by overwinding with a few layers of the insulating material or any other that may be handy. The second bobbin is wound in exactly the same way.

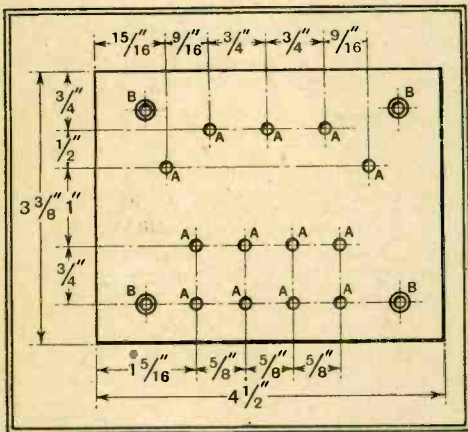
If bobbin A in Fig. 2 is taken as an example it will be seen that the beginning and finish of both secondary sections come out through the same cheek, and on this side is brought out as well the start of the first primary section and its tapping. The end of this section, also the beginning and the finish of section two of the primary, pass through the opposite cheek where they fall most convenient for joining together. To obviate any likelihood of the thin primary wires being broken or damaged, either during the winding process or during the final assembly, the leads that come out through the bobbins' cheeks should be of heavier gauge wire, or, better still, thin flex. Pieces about a foot long soldered to the wire before, and also

be passed through it. The "T" pieces must be packed as tightly as possible into the centre hole of the bobbin, and incidentally it is a wise plan to fit a few before winding so as to ensure that the hole is free from obstructions at all parts to pass the tongue-piece without binding. If not, clean out the inside with a file until an easy fit is obtained.

Little more remains now to be done than to insert, at the three points where the "T" and the "U" laminations abut, a distance piece 0.01 in. thick. This is



In addition to giving the position of the holes in the bobbins this drawing serves as a winding identification chart.



Drilling details of terminal boards; sizes of holes are: A = 3/32 in. dia.; B = 1/16 in. dia. countersunk for 4BA screws.

after, winding, with one or two turns taken round the bobbin to take the strain, will serve this purpose. A word of warning may not be amiss here: use a non-corrosive flux!

Remains now but to assemble the core, for which about 90 pairs of Stalloy No. 33 stampings will be needed. They are arranged with all like-shape pieces on one side, for an air gap is required in the core as comparatively large D.C. currents may

equal to three thicknesses of the paper on which this is printed or twice the thickness of the cover of *The Wireless World*. Cast aluminium end plates should be obtained for clamping the core, after which a terminal board, laid out with 4BA screws and nuts to serve as terminals, is prepared and fixed in position.

Round-headed screws are used with soldering tags threaded on between the head and the panel. The ends of the various coils are then soldered to the tags in the order given in Fig. 2. An alternative method of anchoring the leads would be to loop the wires round the screws below the panel and secure by means of locknuts.

The position of the holes marked B on the drawing of the terminal board is purposely left vague, as these can only be determined accurately after the transformer is assembled.

From the table of ratios the connections for the primary and for the secondaries can be obtained, while in Fig. 3 a few examples have been taken and the terminal connections filled in. The first, marked (a),

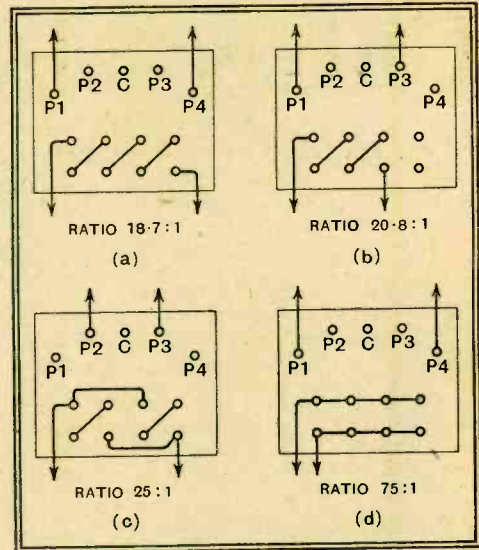


Fig. 3.—The output terminals joined as in (a) place all four sections in series; (b) gives three sections connected in series; (c) two in series and two in parallel, while (d) shows the four sections in parallel.

shows a series arrangement of the four secondaries; in (b) we have three secondaries joined in series, while in (c) two on each bobbin are joined in series and the two sets connected in parallel. Finally, diagram (d) shows the connections when all four sections are required to be joined in parallel.

Material Required.

- 90 Pairs of Stalloy No. 33 stampings
- Jas. Sankay & Sons, Sound Sales
- 2 Bobbins
- 3 1/2 in. x 3 1/2 in. x 1 1/4 in. with 1 1/4 in. x 1 1/4 in. hole.
- 1 Pair aluminium end-clamps
- Sound Sales
- 1 lb. No. 32 S.W.G. enamelled wire; 1 lb. No. 20 S.W.G. enamelled wire; quantity empire cloth; quantity insulated sleeving, various colours.
- 13 4BA 3/8 in. brass screws, round head, with like number of soldering tags and washers.
- 4 4BA 3/8 in. countersunk screws; 30 4BA nuts.

Although the holes in the side cheeks of the bobbin can be drilled as the winding progresses if care is exercised, it would, on the whole, be better to prepare the bobbin beforehand. Drilling details of the bobbin are given, therefore, on this page. All holes should be about 1/16 in. diameter to allow for slight discrepancies in winding. This drawing will serve, also, as an identification chart, for against each hole is marked its respective lead.

TABLE OF RATIOS AND CONNECTIONS

Ratio.	Primary Connections.	Secondary Connections.	Secondary Resistance.
*12.5 : 1	P2 and P3	Four sections in series ..	1.76 ohms.
15.6 : 1	P1 and P3	Four sections in series ..	1.76 ohms.
*16.6 : 1	P2 and P3	Three sections in series ..	1.32 ohms.
*18.7 : 1	P1 and P4	Four sections in series ..	1.76 ohms.
20.8 : 1	P1 and P3	Three sections in series ..	1.32 ohms.
*25 : 1	(1) P1 and P4 (2) P2 and P3	(1) Three sections in series (2) Two sections series Two sections parallel	0.44 ohms.
31.2 : 1	P1 and P3	Two sections series .. Two sections parallel	0.44 ohms.
*37.5 : 1	P1 and P4	Two sections series .. Two sections parallel	0.44 ohms.
*50 : 1	P2 and P3	Four sections in parallel ..	0.11 ohms.
62.5 : 1	P1 and P3	Four sections in parallel ..	0.11 ohms.
*75 : 1	P1 and P4	Four sections in parallel ..	0.11 ohms.

* These ratios can be used for push-pull.

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100 Kilowatts from Hamburg

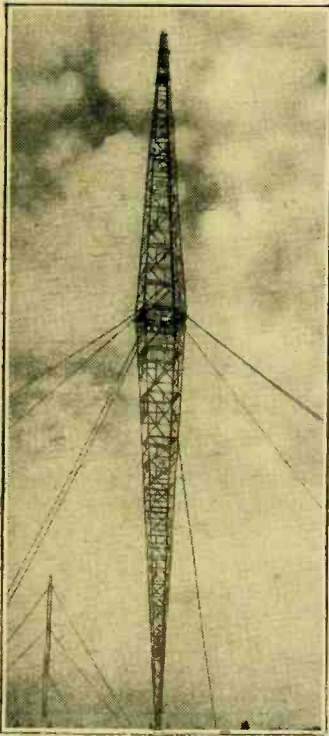
HAMBURG'S new 100-kW broadcasting station is to be inaugurated on January 15th, 1934, using its Lucerne wavelength of 331.9 metres.

Russian Radio House

TWENTY-FOUR designs for a Radio House for Moscow are now being considered by the Soviet Broadcasting Authorities. It is stated that the building will be second only in size to Radio City, New York.

The Wireless League

THE annual general meeting of members of the Wireless League, will be held on Friday, December 15th, at 3.15 p.m., at 12, Grosvenor Crescent, Hyde Park Corner, London. The chief business will be the annual report and accounts, and the election of committee for the ensuing year. In the chair will be Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the League, and all members are cordially invited to attend.



RADIO-BUDAPEST. Miss Lily Flotas, the announcer at the new high-power station at Budapest, which opens to-morrow with a power of 120 kilowatts. On the right is Mr. Eduard von Scherz, the world's first announcer, who was superintending Budapest's wired broadcasting programmes in 1893. (Above) The 314-metre mast.

Japanese Honour

MARCHESE MARCONI, on the occasion of his visit to Japan, has been presented with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor.

Prison for German Pirates

THE number of wireless pirates in Germany is increasing. During the period from July 1st to September 30th last, it is officially stated, 245 persons have been fined for not paying their radio licence fees. The number during the corresponding period last year was only 165. In eight cases the offender has been sent to prison.

A Pleasant Surprise

BELGIAN wireless pirates have received a pleasant surprise in having their confiscated sets returned to them by the Post Office authorities. Contrary to expectation, the receivers appear to have been treated with the utmost care, and, according to a correspondent, "have been found in the most perfect working order." It would almost seem that the Post Office engineers had considered it the courteous thing to repair any sets which were not functioning as they ought.

Budapest To-morrow

TO-MORROW (Saturday) sees the opening of the new 120 kW. broadcasting station at Lakihegy, near Budapest, which owns the world's highest wireless aerial and, incidentally, the loftiest structure in Europe. This cigar-shaped mast is 314 metres high and thus exceeds the height of the Eiffel Tower by 14 metres. Actually, the mast itself is 284 metres high, but a steel rod projecting from the top can be extended to a maximum of 30 metres in order to tune the aerial to exactly the desired wavelength.

The station is built on the 100 per cent. spare system, i.e., everything is duplicated—even the crystal oscillator—in readiness for emergencies. In the last stage

four 120-kW. valves are used in push pull.

An interesting novelty is the provision of a switch which, in case of emergency, will cut out all current supply, closing down the station in a fraction of a second. Naturally, this "brake" must only be used in very special circumstances, as such a drastic cut-off is a great strain on the equipment.

The present 20-kW. transmitter at Budapest is continuing operations four hours a day with an alternative programme.

THE ANNUAL PROBLEM.

Next week's issue of *The Wireless World* will be a special CHRISTMAS NUMBER incorporating seasonal ideas both for presents and entertainment.

ORDER YOUR COPY TO-DAY.

Reports, Please!

TO mark the opening of the Budapest transmitter, Hungary is holding a radio week from to-morrow onwards with an official banquet in the evening and an exhibition sponsored by the Post Office, the Radio Industry, and Army Communications.

British listeners are cordially invited to send us reports comparing the relative merits of the old and new transmissions.

Why They Switched Off

WHY do people give up listening? An interesting table published by the German Broadcasting Organisation announces the reasons why licence holders have omitted to renew their subscriptions. Apparently, only 1.5 per cent. during 1933 ceased to listen on account of discontent with the programmes. 1 per cent. became defaulters because reception was bad, 3.35 per cent. because of man-made interference, and 37.41 per cent. for "economic reasons." The remaining 56.74 per cent. switched off for the last time for "miscellaneous reasons."

Background Noise

THE Spontaneous Background Noise in High-gain Receivers Due to Thermal Agitation and Schrott Effects" is the title of the paper to be given by Messrs. E. B. Moullin, M.A., and H. D. M. Ellis, B.Sc., at the meeting next Wednesday, December 6th, of the Wireless Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2. The meeting opens at 6 p.m.

Listen to Warsaw To-night

MR. THAD ORDON, whose English talk from Warsaw last month brought hundreds of enquiries for the free booklet on Polish history, will again broadcast this evening, Friday, from Warsaw, at 9.40 p.m. (G.M.T.), with a special message to the six hundred or more British listeners who wrote to him.

Late Programmes from Germany

SPECIAL programmes for listeners who are unable to follow the programmes during normal hours are now provided by the Stuttgart, Frankfurt, and Trier group of German stations. These interesting late night concerts are sometimes continued till 12.30 a.m. The announcements are in German, Italian, Spanish, French, and English.

"Music from the Air"

L.T.-COL. ASHLEY SCARLETT, of the Golders Green and Hendon Radio Scientific Society, writes to express his regret that a number of *Wireless World* readers were unable to obtain admission at the Society's recent meeting for the

demonstration of electronic music. The meeting was announced in these columns, and, partly in consequence of this publicity, the hall, which holds only 280, was filled five minutes before the opening of the meeting.

The moral is that readers who wish to attend meetings announced in *The Wireless World* should arrive at least ten minutes before the stated hour of opening!

Short Waves from Belgium

SHORT-WAVE relays of the Brussels transmissions are to begin very shortly, writes our Belgian correspondent. The transmissions will be made by one of the Ruyselede stations on a wavelength of 29.04 metres, starting each day at 6 p.m. (G.M.T.). The transmissions are intended primarily for the Belgian Congo.

Radio-Paris: Official

A DECREE signed by the President of the French Republic and published in the *Journal Officiel* of November 22nd, announces that Radio-Paris becomes a State transmitter during this month.

The governing board will consist of thirty members.

Part of the programme time is to be devoted to "the radiation of French thought abroad."

A Radio Medal

THE annual award for the clearest radio diction, awarded by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, goes this year to Jimmy Wallington, an announcer on the National Broadcasting Company's network and famous for his work on Eddie Cantor's programmes.

An Illicit Transmitter

A NEW secret broadcasting station has broken in upon the ether at Enschede, Holland, its object apparently being to attack all political parties except the Independent Socialist group. The authorities have started a "round up," but have not yet run the fox to earth.

Broadcast Brevities

By Our Special Correspondent

Confirming the News

The B.B.C.'s official list of its new wavelengths under the Lucerne Plan simply confirms the list first exclusively published in *The Wireless World* of June 23rd last, but I wonder whether readers realise that the arrangement is purely temporary.

There is to be a grand reshuffle of British wavelengths immediately the new regional transmitters are opened.

Confidential Schedule

By agreement with the International Broadcasting Union the B.B.C. will re-allot its wavelengths according to a schedule already in the hands of the Union, and this schedule cannot be altered at less than six weeks' notice. In all probability, however, it will not be altered.

Another Wavelength Shuffle

When the reshuffle takes place in 1935, the Midland Regional wavelength of 391.1 metres will go to Scottish Regional, the former then taking the 296.2 metre wavelength of North National. West Regional will take the Scottish Regional of 373.1 metres.

North-Eastern

London Regional will remain on 342.1 metres, but the new Northern Ireland transmitter near Belfast will acquire West Regional's 307.1 metre wavelength, while the 285.7 metre wave, allotted to Scottish National under the Lucerne Plan, will be transferred to the new North-Eastern Regional near Newcastle.

North Scottish

The mysterious North Scottish transmitter, whose probable whereabouts are still uncertain, will operate on 267.4 metres, which Belfast will be using until superseded by the high power station.

To complete the shuffle, Scottish National will take the 261.1 metre wavelength previously shared by the London and West Nationals.

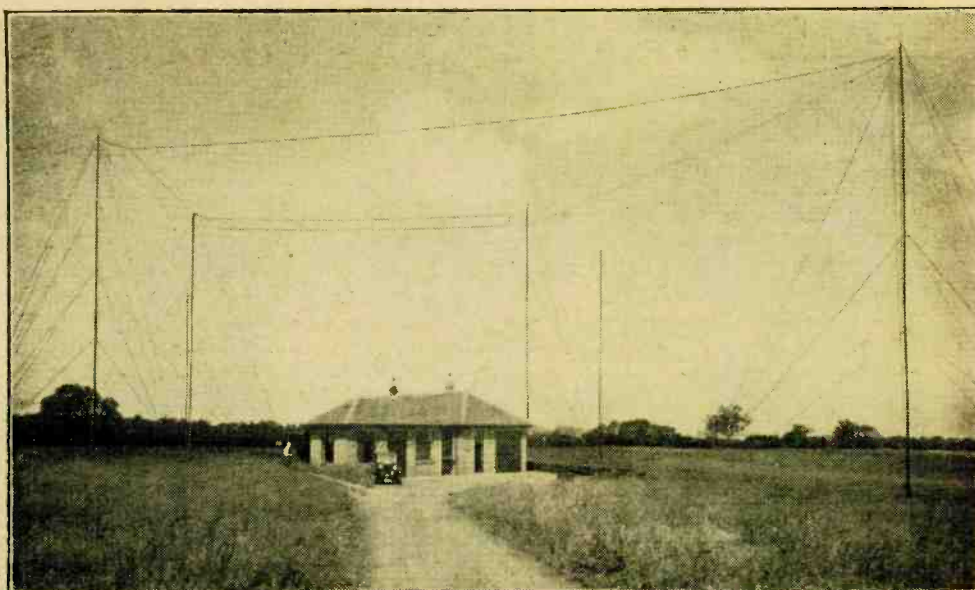
The Happy Midlands

CAN anyone doubt that Midland Regional is among the brightest of the B.B.C. stations at the present time? Unlike so many "veterans," Percy Edgar, the station director, shows no sign of resting on his laurels. The Midland programmes abound in stunts and surprises.

Bring Him to London

THE artistes are keen and original. Anyone who heard Will Gardner, whose songs and patter were relayed from Walsall on November 18th, must agree that if this comedian looked half as funny as he sounded, the audience could have been forgiven for blasting the microphone with their laughs. As it was, they applauded him to the echo.

Will Gardner has the broadcasting voice and I hope we shall soon hear him in London.



CHECKING EUROPE'S WAVELENGTHS. A general view of the B.B.C.'s checking station at Tatsfield, Surrey, which will play a prominent part in the great wavelength change-over on January 14th and 15th.

At Christmas

THE Christmas programme plans are still somewhat nebulous, but certain features are already decided upon. Pride of place must be given to the King's broadcast to his people throughout the Empire on Christmas Day. His Majesty is expected to speak from Sandringham at about 3 p.m. (G.M.T.), and will be heard, to use his own words in last year's message, by "men and women so cut off by the snows and the deserts that only voices out of the air can reach them."

Recording the Bells of Bethlehem

To avoid offending religious susceptibilities the B.B.C. has decided not to broadcast any form of service from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. What listeners will hear will be the sound of the bells from the 1,600-year-old Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of Christ's birth.

It is interesting to note that the chimes will be recorded by Blattnerphone for re-broadcasting to the Empire and also, possibly, for future programme occasions.

Big Ben, and Then . . .

A strange and thrilling contrast should be afforded by the fact that the bells from Bethlehem will follow immediately after the chime of Big Ben at 8 p.m. on December 24th.

Impossible Problems

Engineers and producers alike seem to have been beaten by certain problems arising out of "Sindbad," the pantomime to be broadcast to National listeners on Christmas Day and to the Regional supporters on Boxing Day. For example, it has not been found possible to depict the touching coconut scene in which Sindbad, chased round and round the stage by monkeys throwing coconuts, escapes, while numerous members of the cast are injured.

A Brittle Topic

Likewise it has been found utterly impossible to broadcast the hatching of the egg in the roc's nest. However, listeners will find themselves, in imagination, on the back of a whale and, if they survive that, in an Arabian slave market and other exotic situations.

"Sindbad" is to be produced by Gordon

McConnell. The part of Sindbad will be taken by Arty Ash, and Hindbad, the principal boy, by Bertha Willmott. Wynn Ajello will be the Fairy Queen.

A Real "Music Hall"

ST. GEORGE'S HALL has now lost much of the makeshift, impromptu appearance that it wore just after the B.B.C. took over. It is now a fully equipped broadcasting studio.

When I dropped in during the rehearsal for last Saturday's "Music Hall" I was surprised to find a newly erected silence cabinet in the wings, standing some 10 feet above stage level. From the windows of this little box on stilts Paul Askew, the Balance and Control Chief, has complete command of the performance, and nothing could be more fascinating than to sit at his side while he operates the mixing panel and controls the microphones in various parts of the hall.

Balancing and Controlling

We can see Billy Merson at the "mike"; between him and the auditorium is the Theatre Orchestra; beyond in the semi-darkness is the audience. At the moment only the orchestra is heard, for the artistes' "mike" has been faded out. A touch of the gain control and in comes Billy's voice on the loud speaker. The orchestra fades out and is then brought back again until a perfect balance is obtained.

At the end of the turn the microphone in the auditorium is faded in and, if we like, we can have applause which is literally deafening.

Five Microphones

What a fortune awaits the man who can invent a device which would make the same sort of control available at the listener's end. Actually, there are five microphones in circuit in St. George's Hall. These are placed in the commentator's box in the wings, in the footlight gully, up stage, in mid-air in front of the stage, and away back in the auditorium.

B.B.C.'s Best Studio

Engineers and musicians alike agree that the hall is the finest ever used for broadcasting in this country, with the sole exception of the lounge of the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.

Letters to the Editor:—**Disturbance or Interference****Long-wave National : Tuning by Name : Cabinet Design**

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions of his correspondents

Disturbance or Interference

WE noted with interest the fact that Mr. E. M. Lee, when speaking at a recent meeting, differentiated between the word "disturbance" and "interference," as applied in particular to apparatus intended for connection in mains leads to reduce the parasitic noises emanating from electrical apparatus.

We agree with the speaker that clear definition is desirable, but we do not agree that the word "disturbance" is necessarily the most suitable word to describe this type of parasitic trouble.

Consultation of leading dictionaries inclines us to the view that of the two words "interference" comes nearer to being the suitable description.

Language is, of course, a living matter, and the meanings of words are always changing. Whichever word is used, therefore, implies a new and slightly different meaning. "Interference," however, necessitates a lesser jump in meaning. The word has hitherto been universally used to cover the objectionable intervention of heterodyne whistles, atmospheric noises, and so forth.

Parasitic noises from electrical apparatus come, we feel, in a similar class of unwanted noises, and we feel, therefore, are also to be described as "interferences," possibly clarified by the word "mains" to indicate and differentiate from other types of interference.

We suggest the following descriptions and notes would clarify matters:—

Aerial Interference Devices.

To be applied to devices for connection in the aerial system for reducing parasitic noises emanating from electrical apparatus and collected by the aerial system.

Mains Interference Devices.

To be applied to devices for connection in the mains leads to reduce parasitic noises emanating from electrical apparatus and propagated along the mains wiring.

We appreciate that this leaves heterodyne whistles and atmospheric, forms of interference still unclassified. There are, however, on the market many devices known and classified already as selectivity units and so forth, and it is already understood that these are connected in the aerial-earth system. We suggest that these descriptions are worthy of close consideration as serving to clarify to the public the uses and intentions of devices with which they are not fully familiar.

At present we feel that the word "interference" alone, although descriptive, is too broadly used, and the purposes of devices to which it is applied remain vague.

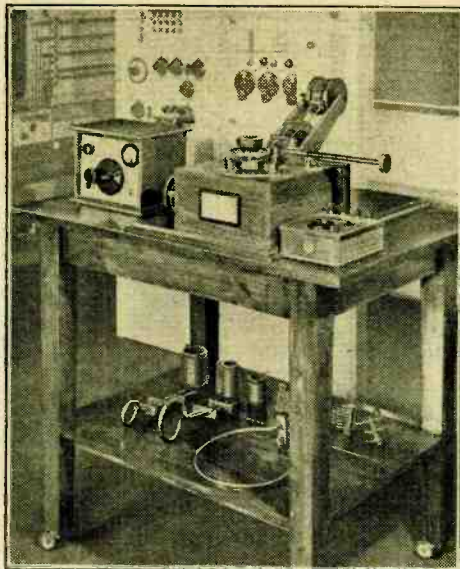
Barking, Essex. H. T. STOTT,
Technical Department, A. Bulgin &
Co., Ltd.

Closing Down the National

I HEAR many comments on the proposal of the B.B.C. to close down the National transmitter when the new station at Droitwich opens.

There are many thousands of listeners who do not care about foreign programmes but who want their two local programmes free from interference.

During the past hot and dry summer it has been remarkable how little interference has been experienced from atmospheric in the local Regional and National programmes, whereas on the Daventry wavelength they have been bad.



WATCHING THE WAVELENGTHS. The B.B.C.'s checking station at Tatsfield includes the short-wave wavemeter covering a range of from 10 to 100 metres shown in this photograph.

The proposed discontinuance of the National low-wave transmitter means a backward step to the days of 1929, when the local programmes were the only ones of programme value. A transmission interspersed with a local "Brocks' benefit" has no programme value, and any transmitter situate more than fifty miles away from the receiver, whatever its power, suffers from this disability. LOUIS J. WOOD.
Halifax.

Alternatives to the Disc Record

THE present reproduction obtained from disc records is comparatively good considering the price paid, and cost is the first consideration with both the recording companies and the purchaser. Therefore, until such times as a better method just as cheap as the present can be found, let the companies concentrate on keeping records as cheap as at present. No doubt one of the companies would be glad to make special quality records for those who want them, providing they are willing to pay for them. Sidcup, Kent. QUITE SATISFIED.

Correspondence, which should be as brief as possible, should be addressed to the Editor, "The Wireless World," Dorset House, Stamford Street, S.E.1, and must be accompanied by the writer's name and address

Why Tune by Wavelength ?

MY view is that the scheme put forward by Mr. Hallows is just as unsound as kilocycles or wavelengths, for the reason that a number has to be memorised in each case.

The public refused to turn to kilocycles because they had got a few of the numbers in wavelengths in their heads, and they were not going to start learning all over again. They will reject channels for the same reason.

If there is to be no stability in the relative tuning positions of stations, then dials will have to be devised with interchangeable slips bearing the station names—not a difficult matter on horizontal and vertical scales—allowing the owner to rearrange his dial when and as changes occur. In fact, each of Mr. Hallows' channels would be a little slide into which the required name could be slipped.

The public demand is, rightly, for names, not wavelength, kilocycles or channels.

N. Ireland. J. N. BROWN.

Cabinet Design

YOUR article on "The Receiver in Outward Form" gave food for thought, but a question which must be asked is, "Would the public favour a drastic change in cabinet design?" I venture to suggest that the answer is in the negative.

My opinion is that a design on the lines of the present-day horizontal cabinet, in a console form, with a sloping control panel, to enable operation to be carried out with ease in any position, would solve most of the problems.

With regard to fatigue, my experience—gained from hundreds of customers to whom I sell receivers weekly—is that a sloping control panel, at 45°, would definitely overcome the problem.

Your readers' views will be of interest. Guildford. S. G. BUTTON.

Tuning Scales

THE writer has read with the greatest interest and agreement the editorial in *The Wireless World*, dated November 3rd, in which you draw attention to the great importance of a larger and more clearly visible tuning scale.

It is interesting to note that this point was appreciated by the designers of Ekco receivers as far back as 1931, when the R.S.3 receiver was designed with a large tuning scale completely encircling the loud speaker fret. This is, surely, a case in which the area of the tuning device was the maximum which the dimensions of the cabinet permitted.

The same type of scale was continued in an improved form in 1932, whilst the present Ekco receivers have also a tuning scale of sensibly large and even more convenient design.

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Television Explained

VI.—The Cathode-ray Tube

THERE are two general systems whereby the cathode-ray tube may be used for television reception; one involves a special type of transmission, but has the advantage of involving no synchronisation difficulties in the receiver; the other can be used for the reception of any mechanically scanned transmission, but necessitates careful attention to synchronisation if successful results are to be obtained. Taking the latter first, let us consider the requirements for successful operation.

The principles of the cathode-ray tube have recently been described in *The Wireless World*,¹ and it is unnecessary to go into it in any detail. It will suffice to say that a beam of electrons is emitted by the cathode, and, on striking a fluorescent screen mounted on the end of the tube, gives rise to a spot of light. The intensity of the spot of light is dependent upon the density of the electron beam, and means can be provided for controlling this. The position of the spot of light can be varied at will by deflecting the electron beam by applying suitable potentials to pairs of

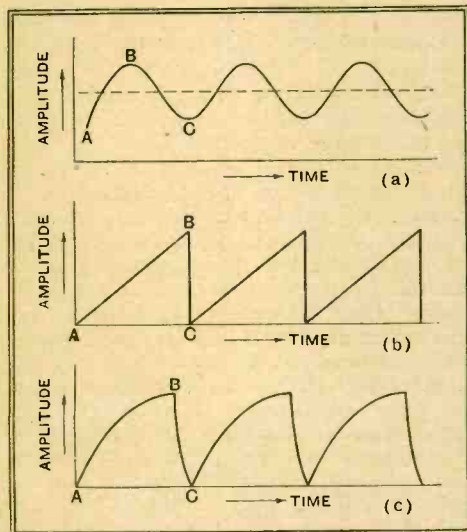


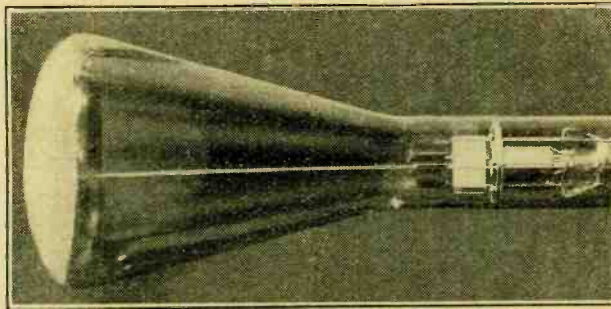
Fig. 1.—The various types of waveform which might be used for the voltages applied to the deflecting plates are illustrated here. A saw-tooth waveform as at (b) is desirable.

plates set at right angles at a suitable point in the tube.

By applying a suitable type of voltage variation to one pair of plates, the light spot can be made to move sideways and give the effect of a line of light. The application of another suitable voltage to the other pair of plates will cause the light spot to move vertically. By the choice of the correct frequencies, waveform, and amplitude for these voltages the light spot can be made to move over the screen in any desired manner. For the reception of vertically scanned transmissions, such as the present B.B.C., the light spot is made

to move vertically 375 times a second, and horizontally $12\frac{1}{2}$ times a second.

One difficulty which will be obvious with this arrangement is that when the spot of light has moved to the bottom of the screen it must return to the top before the next scanning line can start. If it took as long to return to the top as to travel



A cathode-ray tube in which the beam of electrons can clearly be seen.

from the top to the bottom it is obvious that with normal methods of transmission no intelligible picture would be obtained, for alternate lines would be upside down. The waveform applied to the deflecting plates, therefore, is of a special type, so that during the scanning cycles the light spot moves steadily down the screen, but, having reached the bottom, it returns to the top for the next line much more rapidly. The time taken for the return upward movement of the spot is negligible in comparison with that required for the downward movement. In the horizontal movement for the separation of the scanning lines the same quick return is obtained.

The Synchronising Voltages

The apparatus additional to the cathode-ray tube, therefore, must provide suitable deflecting voltages, and ensure that they are in synchronism with the synchronising impulses in the transmitter. A special form of oscillator is required, therefore, for the ordinary oscillator gives an output which, in the absence of harmonics, is a sine wave, as shown in Fig. 1a. Suppose we try using an oscillator of this nature, however. Considering the lowest portion of the negative half-cycles to represent the zero line, the voltage rises slowly at first from the point A, then rapidly, and again slows down as it approaches the point B. After passing this point, it commences to fall, slowly at first, then more rapidly, and then slowly again as it approaches the minimum C.

The light spot on the viewing screen will follow these variations. The scanning stroke is between A and B, and the speed of the light spot will obviously vary during the line; moreover, the return stroke is the interval BC, which is equal to the

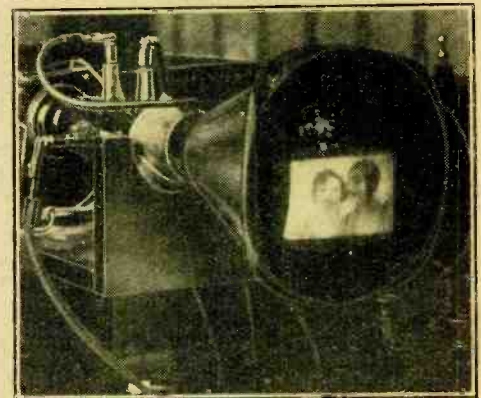
THE cathode-ray tube is of particular interest for television reception since it avoids the necessity for mechanically moving parts. The whole process of building up the picture is achieved through the aid of a beam of electrons. In this article the principles of operation are explained.

scanning stroke. Obviously this will be unsatisfactory.

Let us consider, therefore, what is actually required. During the scanning stroke we need a voltage which rises steadily until the line has been completed, and which then falls instantaneously to zero to permit the light spot to return for the next line. The voltage required, therefore, takes the

form shown in Fig. 1b in which the interval AB represents the scanning stroke, and BC the return stroke. In practice, of course, it may prove impossible to obtain exactly this waveform, but it is by no means difficult to generate a voltage which closely approaches it, but which is actually of the form shown greatly exaggerated in Fig. 1c.

The methods of generating such a voltage are more complicated than those for



The manner in which the picture appears on the end of the cathode-ray tube is well brought out in this illustration.

the usual sine wave, but there is nothing essentially difficult about them. In general, the rise in voltage along AB is obtained through the charging of a condenser through a constant current device such as a saturated diode or a screen-grid valve or pentode, while the sudden drop along BC is obtained by suddenly discharging the condenser with the aid of a neon tube, a thyatron, or an over-biased valve.

The frequency of oscillation is determined by the effective resistance and capacity of the circuits, and can be varied by changing either. It is, therefore, quite pos-

¹The Cathode-ray Oscillograph. Nov. 3rd, 1933.

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sible to produce oscillators the frequencies of which can be readily controlled by variable condensers or resistances. The cathode-ray tube, therefore, offers the important advantage over mechanical systems that it is readily adaptable to the reception of signals with any scanning or picture frequencies, for the oscillator frequencies can be easily adjusted to suit the transmission, whereas with a mechanical system it is necessary to fit at least a new drum or disc. A change from horizontal to vertical scanning at the transmitter requires only a change-over in the frequencies of the two oscillators with the cathode-ray system, but it would necessitate the complete rebuilding of the receiver with a mechanical arrangement. As most foreign stations use horizontal scanning, and the present British transmissions are vertically scanned, this is not without importance.

Synchronisation is dependent upon the maintenance of the two oscillators at

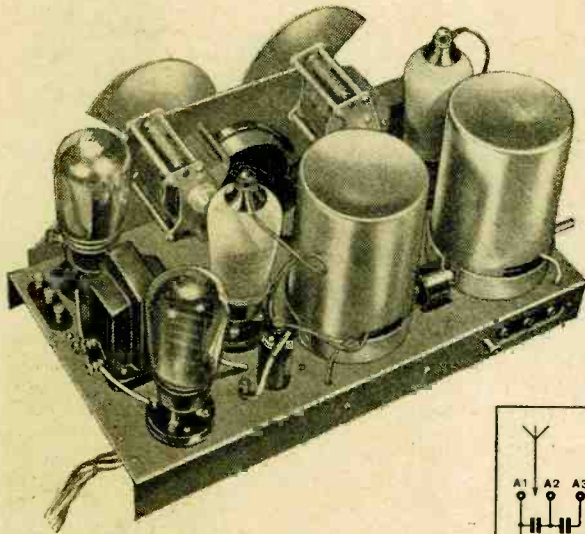
exactly their correct frequencies, and in practice this is usually obtained by feeding them with the synchronising impulses carried by the television signal. These impulses increase the oscillator potential momentarily when it is approaching the point B (Fig. 1), and ensure the breakdown of the discharging device at the correct instant.

There are, of course, certain difficulties in the way of good cathode-ray television reception among which synchronisation is one of the foremost. Another point which must not be forgotten is that the variations in intensity of the electron beam, which are required for the variations of light and shade in the picture, affect the focusing of the beam to some extent, and may possibly affect its position on the screen. All this means distortion and a reduction of detail, so that an alternative system which requires neither synchronisation nor modulation of the electron beam is of considerable interest, and will be dealt with in the next instalment.

12 TO 2,000 METRES

The Lissen "Skyscraper 4" Tested

SO-CALLED "all-wave" sets, covering short, medium and long broadcasting wavelengths, are becoming more and more attractive. Great advances have of late been made in their design, and many



of the better examples, far from being Jacks-of-all-trades and masters of none, give a very satisfying performance on all wave-bands.

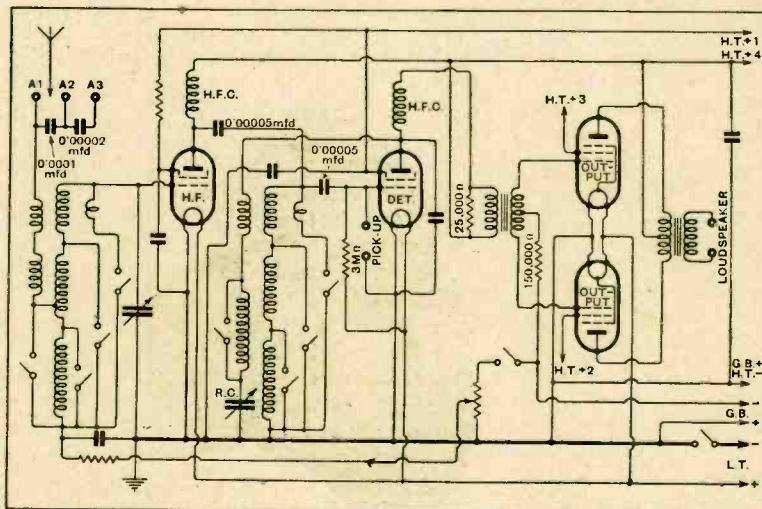
The fact that such a set can be put forward to the amateur constructor in the form of a kit of parts is indicative of the advances that have been made. The Lissen "Skyscraper 4," with which we are here concerned, is a battery-operated set covering four wave-ranges—nominally, 12-35 metres; 28-80 metres; 195-520 metres; and 800-1,970 metres—and is cleverly planned so that it may be built by the least experienced of home constructors with virtual assurance of success.

Basically, the circuit comprises a three-stage H.F.-det.-L.F. arrangement, with single-tuned input and intervalve circuits, and a Q.P.P. output stage. The various wave-ranges are covered by multiple coil

assemblies with built-in wave-range switches. In a set of this nature it is obvious that defective switch contacts might cause endless trouble, and so it is reassuring to note that during our tests the Lissen set gave no trouble whatever in this direction, and indeed, the switching system looks as if, barring accidents, it should go on functioning almost indefinitely.

There are several other interesting features, not the least of which is the combined volume-reaction control, which is effected by a single specially designed component. This consists of a

The Lissen "Skyscraper 4" chassis, and (below) the complete circuit diagram.



potentiometer through which the grid bias of the H.F. valve is varied from maximum negative to zero; further rotation of the control has the effect of increasing reaction feedback between plate and grid circuits of

the detector valve in the usual way, grid voltage being meanwhile held at zero.

With regard to the Q.P.P. output circuit, which is coupled to the detector valve by a high-ratio L.F. transformer, it should be noted that matching of the output valves is effected by adjustment of auxiliary grid voltage. To this end, individual pentode valves supplied with the kit of parts bear a label showing the appropriate voltage to be used, and so the constructor meets with no difficulty, and does not require any measuring instruments.

On the Short Waves.

In testing an "all-wave" set, one generally makes subconscious allowances for the fact that something extra is being provided as compared with the more conventional type of receiver. But, particularly on the 28-80 metres range, there is no need to be tolerant towards the Lissen set, which can well be judged on its merits. Hand-capacity effects were virtually non-existent; the unconventional reaction system worked very sweetly, and, in spite of the two tuning knobs, adjustments were not difficult. Tuning of the input circuit is quite flat, but that of the intervalve coupling requires much more critical adjustment. On the shortest wave-lengths (12-35 metre range), too, performance was also very satisfactory, although the usual slight falling off became evident below 20 metres, where very fine adjustment of the H.F. coupling circuit became necessary. A good "bag" of short-wave stations was obtained both before and after dark.

Medium and Long Wave-bands.

On the medium band, the set is comparable with others having two tuned circuits in regard to selectivity and sensitivity. In order to avoid interference, it is sometimes necessary to use the weakest of the three optional aerial couplings, with a consequent loss of signal strength. On the long waves, performance was well up to the standard for a receiver of this class.

The Q.P.P. output system works well, providing ample volume and good quality, with a commendably low average consumption of H.T. current. It is, indeed, some-

thing of an achievement to have designed such a satisfactory all-wave set in a form suitable for amateur construction.

The makers are Lissen, Ltd., Worple Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, and the kit of parts, complete with valves, costs £5 12s. 6d. The model we tested was fitted with a Lissen moving-coil loud speaker, but a moving-iron instrument may be used.

The Lissen "Skyscraper" may be housed in almost any manner, but many constructors will prefer to use the special table or "console" cabinets which are available in the form of sets of parts.

NEW APPARATUS REVIEWED

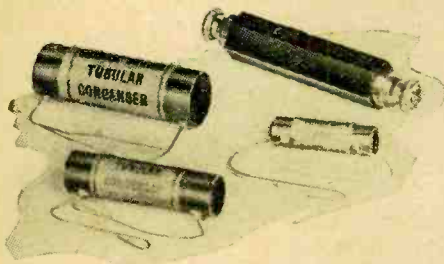
Latest Products of the Manufacturers

GRAHAM FARISH TUBULAR CONDENSERS AND 3-WATT OHMITES

THE new tubular condensers made by Graham Farish, Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent, are fitted with wire ends securely anchored to the bakelite container, a method of construction which gives adequate strength without imposing any strain whatsoever on the condenser insert. They are rated at 250 volts working, but tested at twice this potential, and a wide range of values from 0.0001 mfd. to 0.25 mfd. is available.

Some specimens taken at random show that the customary tolerance of plus or minus 10 per cent. is nowhere exceeded; for example, an 0.05 mfd. condenser measured 0.0502 mfd. or plus 4 per cent.; an 0.01 mfd. gave 0.00988 mfd. (minus 1.2 per cent.), whilst one of 0.0003 mfd. measured 0.000291 mfd. or minus 3 per cent. In a few cases only discrepancies of between eight and nine per cent. were found. Prices range from 1s. to 1s. 6d. according to size.

The heavy duty Ohmite resistances are equally as good in their agreement with the marked values, and a 10,000-ohm sample was only 3 per cent. low, whilst one of 25,000 ohms was 4.8 per cent. high. This style dissipates three watts without overheating, or with the temperature rising to an extent that precludes handling it with comfort, and under these conditions only a small change in resistance occurs. After a severe test all the specimens were found to be within a few ohms of their original values. They are, of



Selection of Graham Farish tubular condensers and heavy-duty Ohmite resistance.

course, synthetic resistors. Quite massive terminals are fitted and they are made in values ranging from 300 to 100,000 ohms, the price being 2s. 3d. each.

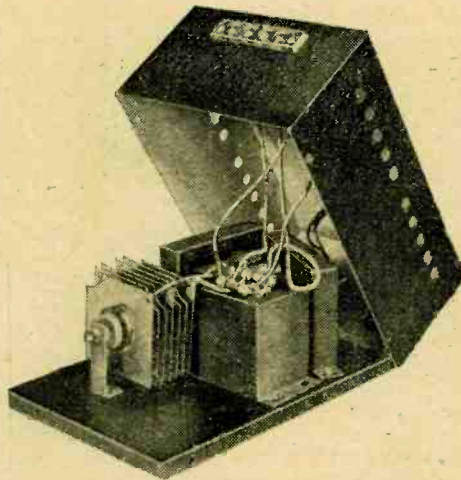
FEL-ELECTRIC H.T. MAINS UNIT

THE battery eliminator sent in for test is one of a wide range made by Fel-Electric Radio, Garden Street, Sheffield, 1, which includes both A.C. and D.C. models, and some of the former embody a trickle charger. In addition, all the A.C. models can be supplied with a 4-volt 3-amps. L.T. winding at a small extra cost.

The model illustrated is the type C7/C.H. rated to give 120 volts at 12 mA., and it provides three separate output voltages. The detector valve supply comes from a resistance joined to the "power" tapping and is decoupled by a condenser. A potentiometer supplies the screen grid voltage for the H.F. valves, and under normal working conditions these tappings give 90 volts at 1.5 mA. and 70 volts at about 0.5 mA. respectively, and with the other valves in

the set taking 10 mA. in all at 140 volts. These voltages were obtained with the unit connected to a 230-volt 50c/s supply main.

The primary winding of the mains transformer is not tapped, but is stated to be suitable for all A.C. mains of from 200 to 250 volts; the output will, however, be subject to slight change on supply mains of different voltage.



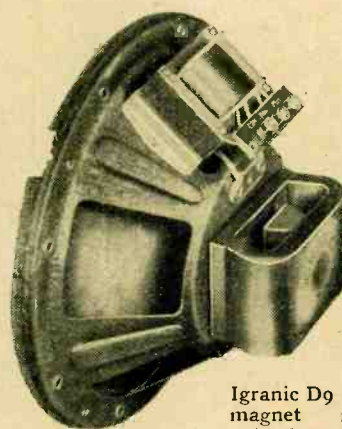
Fel-Electric battery eliminator, model C7/C.H., with cover removed.

This unit is quite suitable for use with practically any type of battery set taking not more than 12 mA., and very little more background will be present than with batteries. For when tested with a sensitive four-valve set mains hum could be heard only by listening close to the loud speaker.

The components are neatly arranged on a metal base-plate, and the workmanship is very good. The price is £2 2s.

IGRANIC D9 LOUD SPEAKER

THIS unit is very well made and finished and has a magnet system which is designed to reduce amplitude distortion to a minimum. That this aim is accomplished is proved by the fact that frequency doubling cannot be detected by ear when the diaphragm is developing full amplitudes at low frequencies.



Igranic D9 permanent-magnet moving-coil loud speaker unit.

The efficiency is good and in a small room not more than 250 watts is required to give an adequate volume level. The balance of tone at this level is good, and the bass is

provided by a complex group of resonances between 80 and 120 cycles. In the upper register, also, there is a commendable absence of isolated and prominent resonances, but the general level of output is higher over the band of frequencies from 2,500 to 4,500 cycles.

The unit is supplied in three types, the "Standard" model for single output valves at 32s. 6d., and the "Q.P.P." and Class "B" models at 35s. each. The makers are the Igranic Electric Co., Ltd., 149, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.

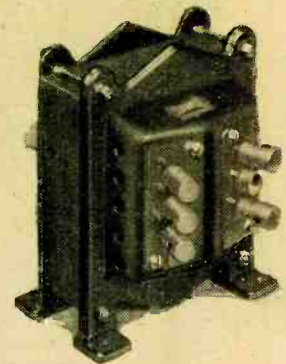
HEYBERD MAINS TRANSFORMER MODEL W.41

A RECENT addition to the Heyberd range, this model is designed for use with the new Westinghouse H.T.12 rectifier and provides two alternative output voltages for the unit, in addition to one L.T. supply of four volts at four amps. for the A.C. valves. The transformer was tested in conjunction with a voltage doubler circuit, using 4-mfd. condensers of 500-volt test rating and a smoothing choke of 300 ohms resistance.

The smoothed D.C. at various current loads is given in the table below, using in the one case the 110-volt output and in the other the 140-volt supply.

110-volt Output.		140-volt Output.	
Current in mA.	Volts.	Current in mA.	Volts.
5	257	5	335
10	236	10	315
15	216	15	295
20	196	20	276
		25	256
25	176	30	245

With the full load of four amps. the L.T. winding gave 4.25 volts with 20 mA. flowing in the H.T. circuit when measured at the transformer. As there will be a small voltage drop along the L.T. leads this ensures that the



Heyberd model W.41 mains transformer for use with Westinghouse H.T.12 rectifier.

valves are operated at their correct voltage. The transformer runs cool, there is no trace of hum due to looseness in the assembly, and, in common with all Heyberd products, it is a very well-made component. Insulated plugs and sockets are fitted in place of terminals, and the price is 22s. 6d.

The makers are F. C. Heyberd and Co., 10, Finsbury Street, London, E.C.2.

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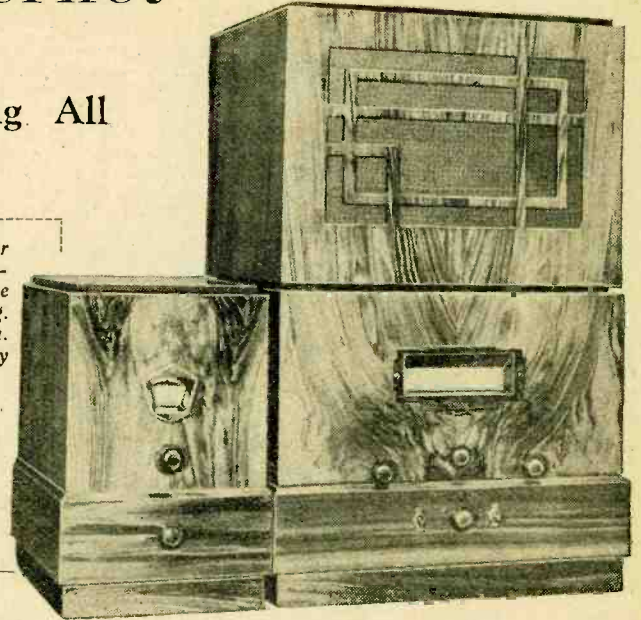
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C.A.C. "Pentagrid" Superhet

AND SHORT-WAVE ADAPTOR

A Sensitive Receiver Equipment Covering All Broadcast Wavelengths

"Pentagrid" Receiver. FEATURES. Type.—Table model superheterodyne for A.C. mains. **Separate loud speaker unit. Provision for Gramophone pick-up. Circuit.**—Band-pass input to heptode frequency-changer—variable-mu I.F. stage—duo-diode-pentode second detector—pentode output valve. **Full-wave Rectifier. Controls.**—(1) Tuning. (2) Waverange Switch. (3) Volume control. (4) Pre-set sensitivity control and switch. (5) Radio-gramo. switch. **Price.**—14 gns. (including L.S. unit.) **Makers.**—City Accumulator Co. Ltd., 18-20, Norman Buildings, Central Street, London, E.C.1.



THE enthusiast for long-distance reception will find in this group of receiver units the ideal medium for the pursuit of his hobby, for there can be

broadcast receiver before turning to a consideration of the Short-wave Adaptor. The four-valve superhetero-

little doubt that the range available is the maximum which can be gained from the number of valves used.

From this point of view the C.A.C. set is able to offer something a little better than the ordinary run of four-valve superhets., and it is for this reason that it should appeal to the man who takes an interest in foreign-station listening and a pride in the number of stations in his log book. That is not to say that the receiver is a job for the specialist, for the tuning is simple and the quality of reproduction will more than satisfy those who prefer to settle down to the local station programme.

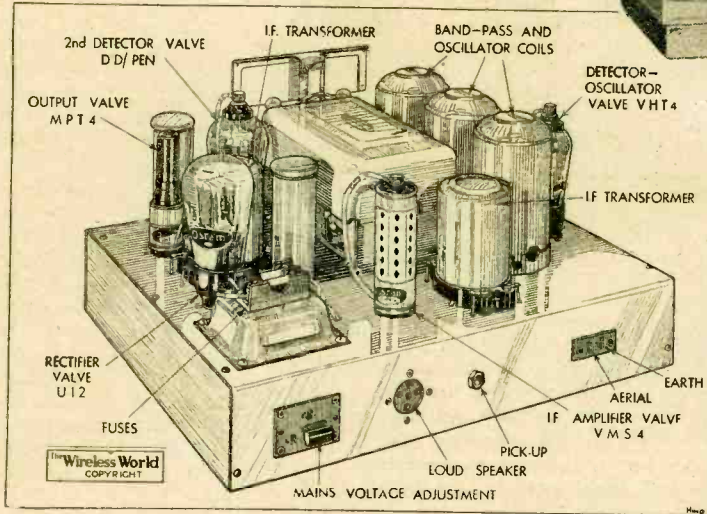
The basic unit is the "Pentagrid" superhet. receiver, which is designed to cover the medium- and long-wave bands, and we propose to discuss its merits as an ordinary

dyne circuit is of thoroughly up-to-date design and includes automatic volume control. An inductively coupled band-pass filter precedes the frequency-changer valve, which is the latest Ferranti "Heptode." A special advantage of this valve is that it

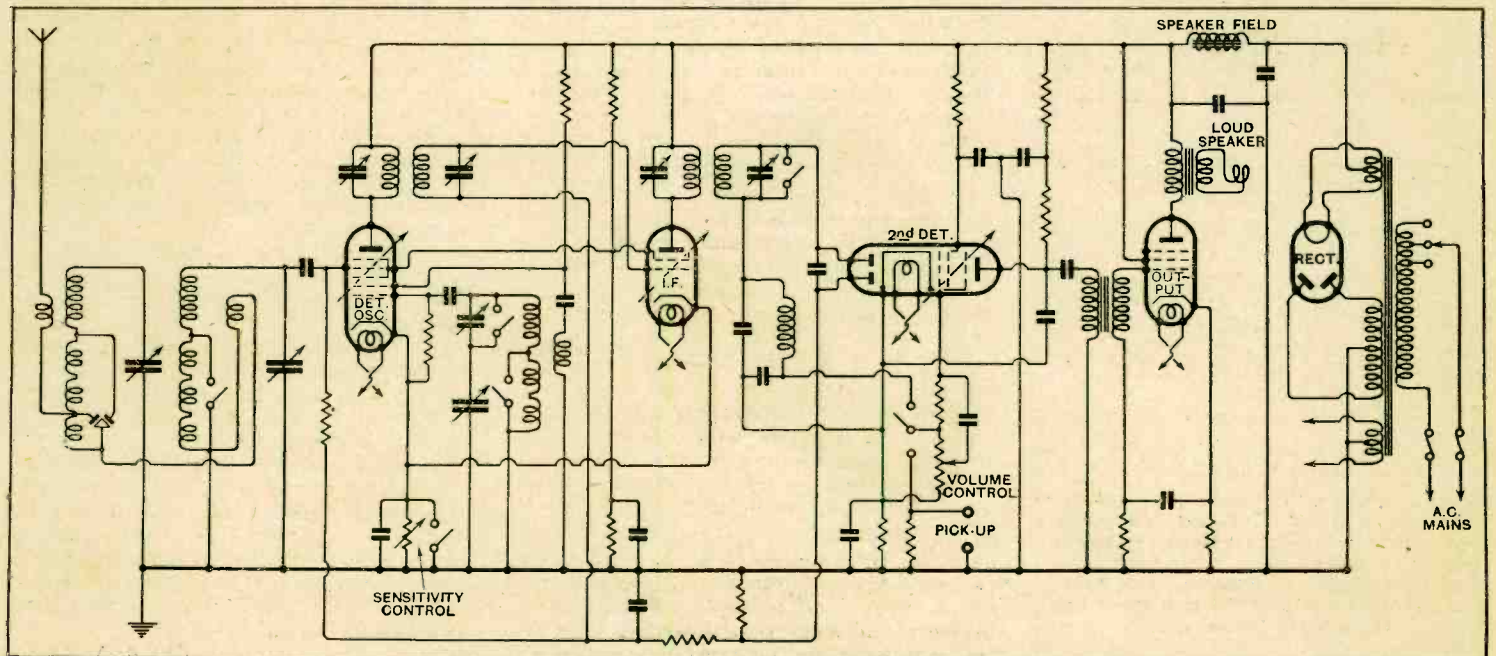
minimises mutual interference between the various tuned circuits associated with the first stage. A sensitivity control is connected in this stage and consists of a variable cathode bias resistance which is common to both the frequency changer and the I.F. valve, and which can be adjusted to a predetermined level. It is brought into operation by opening the switch in parallel with it.

The I.F. stage is straightforward and includes a variable-mu valve with four tuned circuits. It is followed by a duo-diode-pentode which combines the function of detection with the provision of the automatic control bias and a degree of L.F. magnification. It is interesting to note that transformer coupling has been included between this valve and the output stage, and it is probable that this contributes materially to the unusually good performance of the set from the point of view of sensitivity.

The set is built in two units, the loud speaker occupying the top section and being connected to the receiver through the medium of a five-pin plug. This is a particularly convenient arrangement and the loud speaker can be used in another room without



A logical layout of components contributes to the efficiency of the "Pentagrid" receiver chassis.



Circuit diagram of the "Pentagrid" receiver. Modern high-efficiency valves are used in all stages.

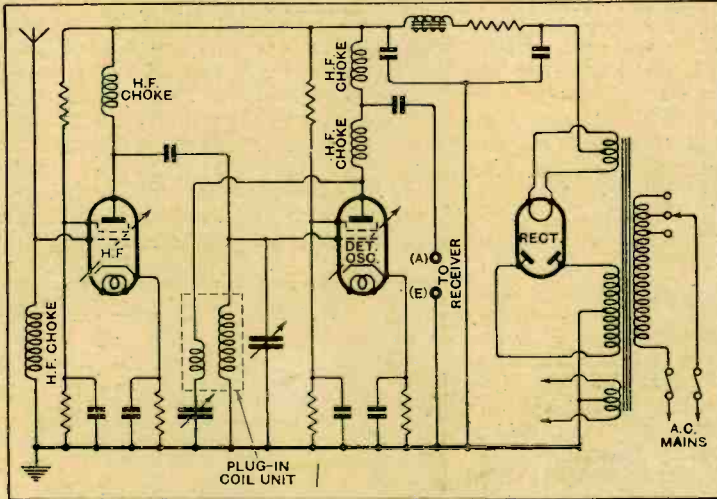
C.A.C. "Pentagrid" Superhet—

detracting from the appearance of the set. A horizontal type of tuning scale has been adopted, and in the model tested was calibrated only in degrees. We understand, however, that all future models will be marked both in wavelengths and degrees. This will enable the non-technical listener to tune in the station he requires without any difficulty, and, at the same time, will not deprive the enthusiast of the means of preparing his own accurate tuning charts or calibration curves.

The first thing to attract attention in testing the receiver is its extraordinary liveliness and high overall magnification. Continental stations on the medium waveband, which are difficult to receive in daylight, came in with a volume which normally one would expect only after sunset. The selectivity on medium waves was excellent and barely one channel is lost in Central London on either side of the local B.B.C. transmitters. On long waves, however, there was some difficulty in receiving Zeesien with Radio Paris in operation, but this may have been due to slight misalignment on the long waveband.

With regard to second channel whistles, those due to the London Regional and National transmitters were well defined on the medium waveband, and there was one

The auxiliary short-wave unit is designed to couple-up with the aerial and earth terminals of the main receiver and is provided with its own power supply. The broadcast receiver is tuned to about 1,875 metres and the output from the short-wave unit then receives not only with the full over-all magnification of the set, but is also provided with the advantage of automatic volume control, which is a very real advantage on short waves which are subject to fading.



Circuit diagram of C.A.C. Short-wave Adaptor which is provided with its own power supply.

The autodyne frequency-changer in the short-wave unit is preceded by an aperiodic H.F. stage with choke coupling. The degree of reaction in the frequency-changer stage is under control, and this was found to be a very real advantage when adjusting the set for the maximum sensitivity, as the efficiency of this stage is appreciably affected by the relative strengths of the incoming and locally generated oscillations. This adjustment, however, may be regarded as a refinement, for it is not necessary to touch the reaction control when searching in the normal way.

A specially designed short-wave condenser mounted on an insulating base of ceramic material is used and is fitted with a two-speed slow-motion dial which is admirably suited to short-wave tuning conditions. Another sensible feature is the employment of Catkin valves, which completely overcome the microphonic troubles frequently experienced in sensitive short-wave receivers. The short-wave ranges are changed by means of plug-in coil units, and in the receiver tested the bands covered were as follows: 15.5 to 27.5 metres; 26.5 to 51.5 metres, and 46 to 95 metres.

During the periods of the test the lowest waveband gave best results, at any rate, as far as long-distance reception is concerned. Three American stations, Pittsburgh, W8XK, Schenectady, W2XAD, and Bound Brook, W3XAL, were received at good strength with only slight fading during the afternoon. On the two higher wavebands all the European amateurs and short-wave broadcasting stations were always available, and as a medium for the exploration of this interesting field the C.A.C. short-wave unit could hardly be bettered.

The predominant impression left after handling this equipment is that, by comparison with the ordinary run of mass-produced receivers, it possesses just that extra degree of efficiency that is sought after by the enthusiast for long-distance reception.

The Short-Wave World

DURING the past fortnight short-wave listeners who have been able to listen during the afternoons and early evenings have had much to interest them. The broadcasting of special programmes commemorating the opening of "Radio City," New York, has fortunately coincided with a spell of quite exceptional conditions on the shorter waves.

Probably the best and most reliable station of all has been W3XAL, Bound Brook, on 16.87 metres, which has been received at good strength almost continuously from 2 p.m. until "fade-out." The time of the latter has varied between 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in the course of a week, and will, of course, occur earlier almost day by day until the shortest day.

Many owners of short-wave receivers seem to miss W3XAL on this wave, either because of their inability to tune down below the 19-metre band or simply because they do not realise the excellence of W3XAL's transmissions. Just at present it is certainly better in every way than the 19-metre stations. W9XAA, Chicago, on 16.57 metres, has also been heard on several occasions.

Amateur transmitters throughout the country have been finding the 20-metre band very unsatisfactory for the past two or three weeks—a rather surprising fact in view of the excellence of the 16- and 19-metre broadcasting. It is generally safe to assume that if the amateur 20-metre band is "lifeless," the general conditions below 30 metres are bad. The characteristics of the 20-metre band at present seem to be the somewhat unreliable reception of Australia and New Zealand between 7 and 10 a.m., and the reception of the East Coast of U.S.A. from noon onwards, the strength of signals varying tremendously from day to day.

From the Antipodes

The 40-metre band, on the other hand, has been productive of very interesting results. Signals from the Antipodes have been well and reliably received in the early mornings for the past two months or more.

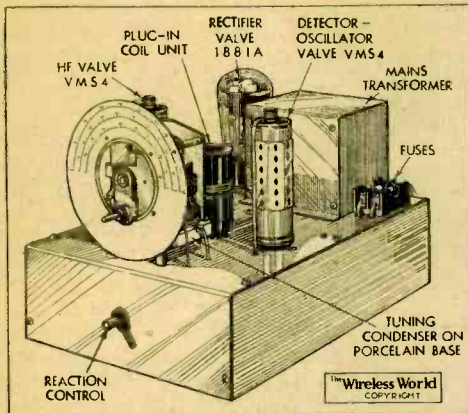
In the evenings the South African stations may often be heard—from 7 p.m. onwards—while the Australians, presumably received "the other way round," are generally almost as good as in the early mornings. As has always been the case, there seems to be a preponderance of New Zealand in the mornings and Australia in the evenings.

This would appear to confirm the fact that signals are received across the Pacific and South America in the morning, and across Asia in the evening. For this reason it is difficult to explain the presence of South American stations most evenings and their absence in the mornings!

The one remaining continent—Asia—has recently been represented by Japanese stations on 40 metres at about 8 p.m., but they could certainly not be described as reliable. Readers who remember the extraordinary influx of these "J" stations on the 20-metre band two years ago will be disappointed by the weakness of their 40-metre signals at present.

The amateur bands have been dealt with at some length, because they serve as a fairly reliable guide to the general level of short-wave conditions. High-power broadcasting stations may be received consistently on the worst of days, owing to "freakish" conditions of some kind; low-power amateur transmissions seldom survive.

MEGACYCLE.



Non-microphonic all-metal valves are a feature of the Short-wave Adaptor chassis.

fairly prominent whistle on the long waveband which was, no doubt, due to a harmonic of the oscillator. In relation to the high magnification of the set, however, these whistles cannot be regarded as being more serious than those in any four-valve superheterodyne of average performance.

The Short-Wave Adaptor

FEATURES.

Type.—Two-valve autodyne unit for attachment to broadcast receiver. Circuit.—Aperiodic H.F. autodyne detector-oscillator. Full-wave rectifier. Controls.—(1) Tuning. (2) Reaction. Price.—£10. Makers.—City Accumulator Co. Ltd., 18-20, Norman Buildings, Central Street, London, E.C.1.

Readers' Problems

Bias Polarity

IT is possible, when making alterations to a receiver with automatic bias, to bring about an accidental reversal of voltage and thus to operate one or more of the valves with positive instead of negative bias. A reader has apparently fallen into this trap through attempting to adapt methods that now tend to become obsolete to a modernised set.

When bias is developed across a resistor in the common H.T. negative lead to the receiver, this resistor may be treated as a potentiometer, across which negative bias voltages up to the maximum value provided may be obtained for any number of valves in a set. Referring to Fig. 1 (a), we will assume that a pressure of 10 volts is developed across the bias resistance; point A will therefore be 10 volts negative with respect to the earth line and the cathode of the valve, and any lesser intermediate voltage down to zero is obtainable by making contact with intermediate points on the resistor towards point B.

With a true "self-biased" circuit, such as that shown in Fig. 1 (b), it is no longer possible to obtain negative bias voltages for any other valves from, say, the cathode resistor associated with the output valve.

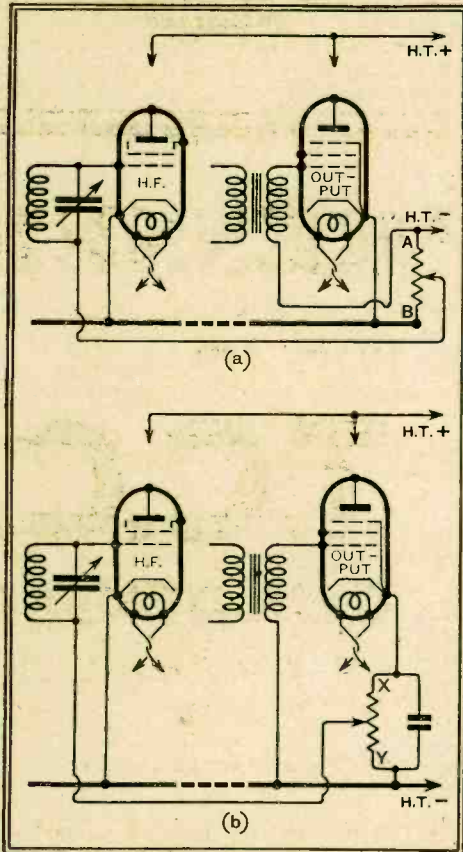


Fig. 1.—Diagram (a) represents a workable method of obtaining negative bias for two valves from a single resistor. The second circuit gives positive bias for the H.F. valve, and is incorrect.

Referring to diagram (b), it should be realised that point X on the bias resistor will be positive with respect to the earth line. At whatever position on this bias resistor we may make contact, it is impossible to obtain a negative voltage for application to earlier valves; even with the slider at Y, the H.F. valve will be operating

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with a zero grid, and not with negative bias as is required. The second diagram represents the incorrect arrangement (so far as the H.F. valve is concerned) used by the reader whose letter prompts this paragraph.

Inter-connected L.T. Windings

A CORRESPONDENT asks whether it would be advisable to connect in parallel two of the 4-volt low-tension secondaries of his power transformer. It is desired to feed the heater elements of five indirectly heated valves, taking one amp. each; the secondaries were designed to give 3 amps. each.

It is hardly safe to recommend this course. The usual transformer bears no indication of the "sense" of the windings, and if two of the L.T. secondaries were interconnected in the manner proposed by our correspondent, but in the wrong sense, it is possible that the transformer would be burnt out, or at least seriously damaged.

In any case, we can see little advantage in running any risk of trouble. Surely, there is no objection to feeding three of the valves from one secondary, and the remaining two from the other?

Q.P.P. with Triodes

QUIESCENT push-pull amplification with three-electrode output valves (as discussed at length in *The Wireless World* of February 24th) is perhaps not so popular as it deserves to be. A correspondent who has been using the system for many months says that results were excellent until a slight but appreciable deterioration of quality set in a few weeks ago. Subsequent tests with

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a milliammeter show that the individual anode currents of the output valves now differ considerably, although when the set was new they were sensibly the same. Our correspondent goes on to ask whether there is not some method of equalising the characteristics of the valves; it does not seem possible to match them by applying different values of bias, and, of course, the expedient of matching anode currents by adjustment of auxiliary grid voltage (as applied to pentodes) is impossible.

The circuit diagram submitted by our querist shows that he is using an ordinary push-pull transformer; with a special transformer having a "split" secondary with two windings, it would be possible to adjust the bias of each valve independently.

As it is, we can only suggest the use of

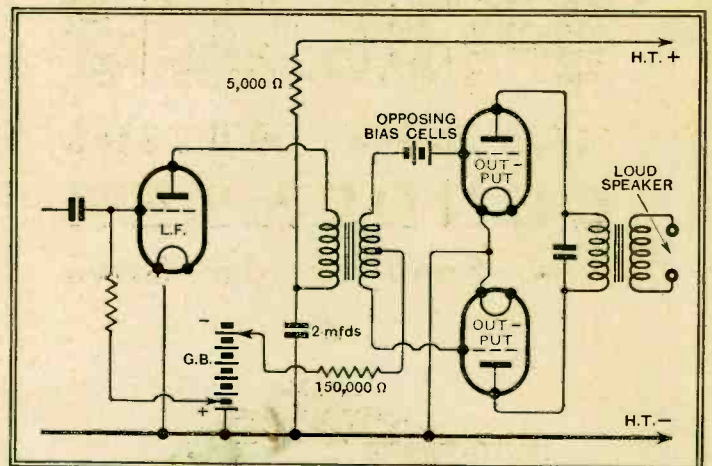


Fig. 2.—Applicable to all push-pull systems: an arrangement whereby the bias of each valve may be adjusted separately.

one or two extra bias cells connected directly to the grid of one of the valves. Although it is unusual to insert the bias battery at the high-potential end of the circuit, there is actually no objection to doing this if very small cells, carefully insulated and preferably suspended in the wiring, are employed. It is often convenient to connect the extra "balancing" cell or cells so that the voltage applied to the grid is in opposition to that of the main source of bias; this method of connection, shown in Fig. 2, would, of course, be applied to the valve which is found to consume the lower value of anode current when both are working with the same bias.

Aerial Circuit Trimming

A READER who proposes to use a commercial receiver with an exceptionally large aerial asks whether it is probable that this course will necessitate a retrimming of the aerial circuit. He goes on to enquire whether this operation could be satisfactorily carried out by means of an external semi-variable condenser connected in series with the aerial.

This is quite a practical course of procedure, but it will be effective only if, with the particular aerial in use, the input tuned circuit of the receiver suffers from an excess of capacity. In the circumstances described, this condition is likely to obtain, and so the series trimmer should be quite effective, and there will be no need to have access to the built-in trimmer, which is presumably hard to get at.



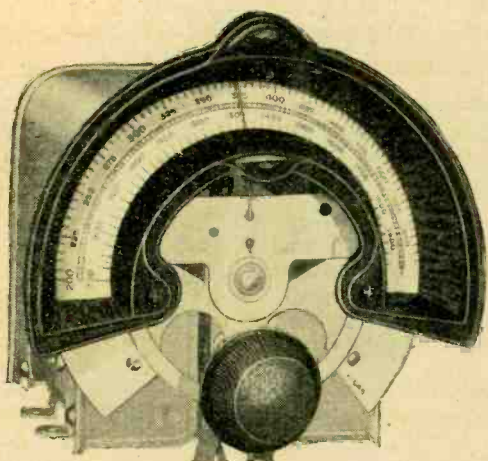
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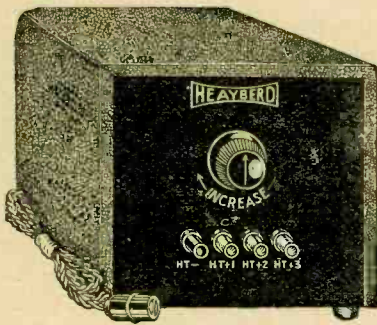
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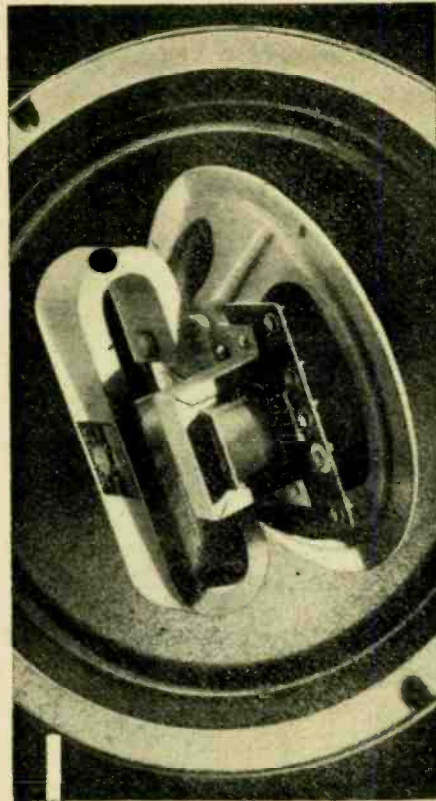
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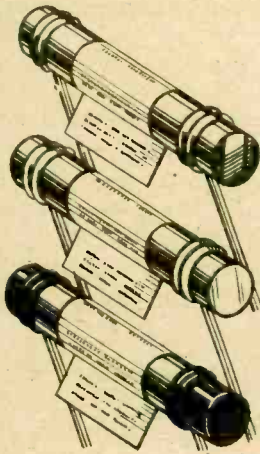
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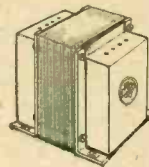
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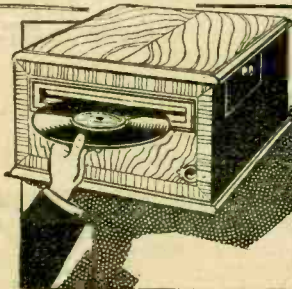
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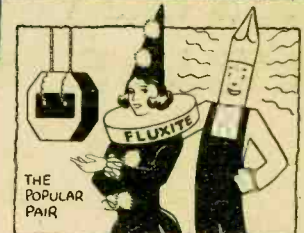
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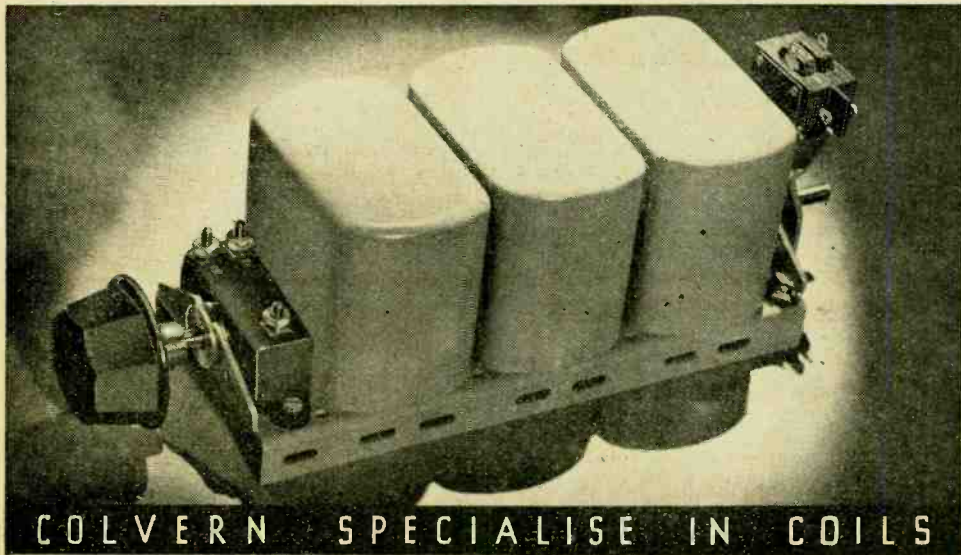
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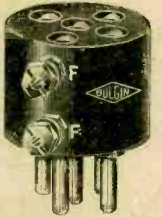
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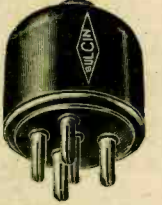
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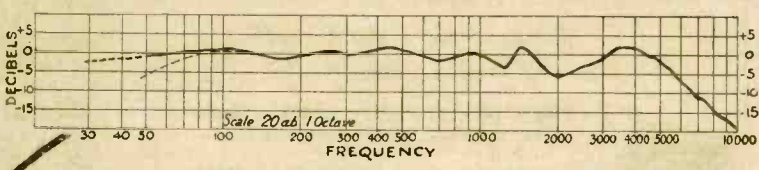
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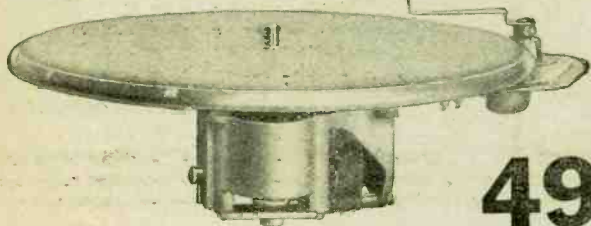
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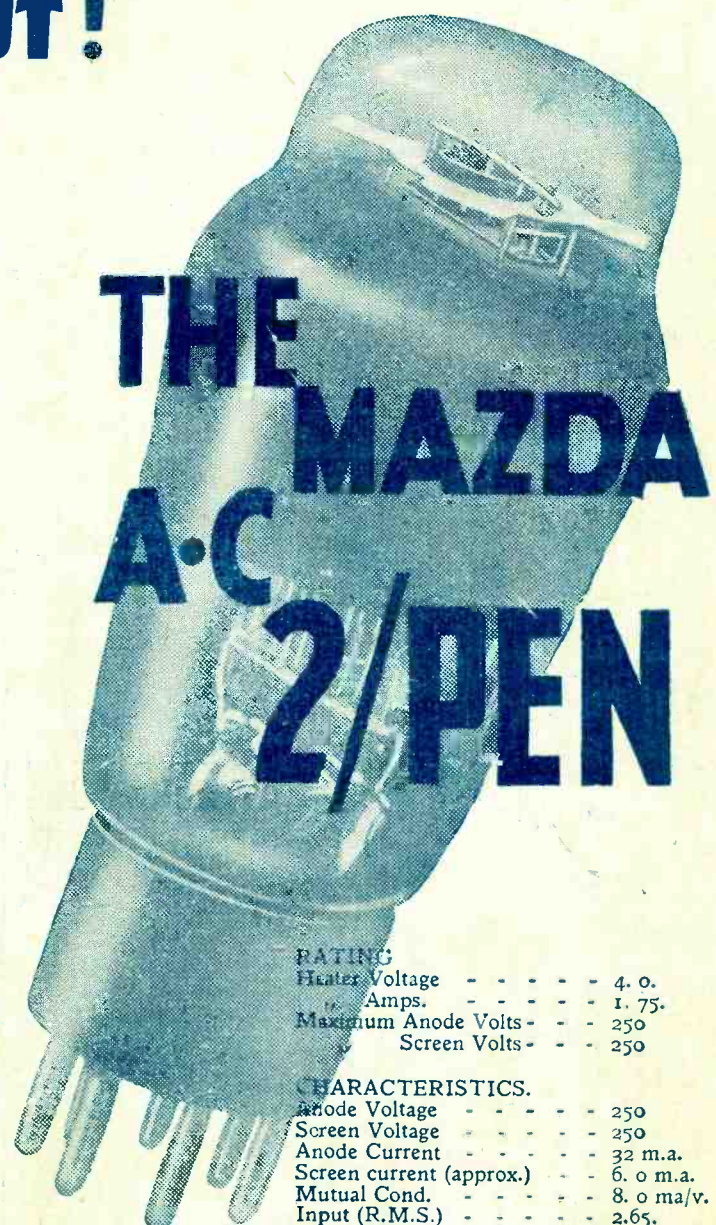
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