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> Costly Work Formerly "Sent Out" by Business Men Now Done by Themselves at a Fraction of the Expense

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Now another change is taking place. An old established industry-an incegral and important part of the nation's structure-in which millions of dollars change hands every year-is in thousands of cases being replaced by a cruly astonishing, simple invention which does the work better-more reliably-AND AT A COST OFTEN AS LOW AS $2 \%$ OF WHAT IS ORDINARILY PAID! It has not required very long for men
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## EARNINGS

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## Not a "Knick-Knack"--

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## Some of the Savings <br> You Can Show

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I would like to use an outboard motor in getting my 27 -foot sailboat in and out of a crowded harbor, but find it impractical to mount it at the stern in this particular boat. Do you think it practical to place the motor inboard, with the shaft going vertically through the hull through a pipe and bushing arrangement, about $6^{\prime \prime}$ to either side of the keel? R. E. W., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

A British outboard engine manufacturer is now supplying an adaptor for stock outboard motors which permits inboard use. The problem, of course, is to get a perfectly water-tight bearing. We would suggest you consult with the manufacturers of your particular engine; they may be able to supply the special bearing needed. Many sailboats in this country could use such an outboard-inboard rig to advantage.

## MAKING LUMINOUS PAINT AT HOME

Do you have a simple formula for making luminous paint suitable for outlining house numbers?M. M. M., Clay Center, Nebraska.

Paint made according to this formula will give off a violet light at night: Take 100 parts by weight of strontium carbonate, 100 parts sulphur, .5 parts potassium chloride, and .4 parts manganese chloride. Heat these materials for from $3 / 4$ to 1 hour, to about 2,350 degrees F. To make this phosphorescent paint effective, expose for a time either to direct sunlight or to a mercury vapor lamp.

## TWO CARBURETORS ON AUTO

I had the intake manifold of my 1929 Ford rebuilt to take two carburetors, but now only two cylinders work good at a time. Different cylinders can be made to fire properly by adjusting the carburetors, but there are always two which fire weak. Please tell me why my Ford will not work with two carburetors.-K. O. K., Wadena, Minn.
With two carburetors you are supplying too much rather than too little gas, and flooding one or more of the cylinders. The unburned fuel simply retards the combustion. We doubt whether it is possible to get the two
carburetors to supply exactly the same amount of fuel at the same pressure to make all four cylinders respond alike to the throttle.

## SELLING MINERAL RODS

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## BULLET TRAJECTORIES

Why are the rear sights of rifles always raised when shooting at distant targets?-W. D. L., Fulton, Mo.

A rifle bullet drops 32.2 feet for every second of its flight, regardless of the speed it is traveling, because of the force of gravity. With the rear sight raised the proper distance, the barrel automatically is elevated enough to offset this force of gravity when the sights are on the target.

## RECUTTING OLD FILES

Can old files be treated in any way to make them serviceable again?-R. S. J., St. Louis, Mo.

Boil the files in a strong bath of caustic potash, clean with a hard brush, then wipe off the liquid. Dip into nitric acid for half a minute, then move the file over a blotter or cloth stretched tightly over a flat surface. This will leave acid in the grooves, cutting them deeper. Repeat the acid treatment until the desired depth is obtained, then rinse and dry the files. Apply olive oil, wiping off any ex-
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Files often lose their cutting power because the grooves become clogged with filings and only a small fraction of the cutting edges are effective. Where iron is clogging the file badly, immerse the file in blue vitriol (copper sulphate) for a few minutes, rinse in water, and then use the nitric acid treatment. File ridges filled up with zinc can be cleaned with dilute sulphuric acid.

## HEADPHONES ON MODERN RADIO

How can headphones be hooked up to a modern radio set having a dynamic speaker?-H. L. L., Chicago, III.

Loudspeaker and phones can be operated at the same time with fair results by connecting the earphones in series with the speaker voice coil. To operate the phones alone, short out the voice coil, or replace with a $10,000 \mathrm{ohm}$ volume control. The voice coil leads are those going to the tiny coil pasted on the paper cone.

## DIAMAGNETIC METALS

When a bar of pure bismuth is placed near the poles of a permanent magnet, would the repelling force be as strong as the attractive force obtained with an iron bar of the same size?-R. J. B., Ontario, Canada.

Though bismuth is the strongest diamagnetic metal known, it is pushed away from a permanent magnet with only a small fraction of the force with which the same magnet would pull iron. This effect can easily be demonstrated with a strong permanent magnet.

## HOMEMADE DIVING SUITS

I would like to make a waterproof suit for use with the diving helmet described in the 1934 How To Build It book. What materials will serve best as a protection against cold water?-F. S., Pontiac, Mich.

Rubberized cloth, obtainable at photographic supply stores, under the name of "focus cloth," is a light, strong and waterproof material which could be used for a diving suit. All seams can be fastened with rubber cement. You may also use ordinary canvas which has been thoroughly impregnated with a mixture of one pound of paraffin dissolved in one gallon of gasoline. Soak the canvas in this after sewing the seams. Double stitch all seams.

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Three types of midget cars built by MM readers. Jere McWethy, 12 years old, of Aurora, Ill., built the car at top. Jack pinnick, 16, at top. Jack pinnick, 16,
made a chassis of bed rails made a chassis of bed rails
for the car at left. Ken Leiser of Madison, $W$ is., uses the car at right for advertis ing at his filling station. Jere and Jack have Briggs and Stratton motors. Ken has a one lung motorcycle engine.

WHEN we published that excellent story in the March MIM, "Television Will Carry the Mails," we overlooked granting Alfred Albelli his just credit for obtaining that instructive and revealing article from David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America. To be fair to both Mr. Sarnoff and Mr. Albelli, our New York correspondent, the by-line on the story should have read "By David Sarnoff, President of R. C. A., as told to Alfred Albelli."

Spring may stir some persons to poetry, but it brings the home worshop fan out of hibernation.

Judging from the letters we have been receiving, he wants to build midget cars, automobile trailers, portable radios, and boats. This issue has them all except the trailerand we'll tell you about that later.

We're not trying to sell you this issue because if you've got this far you've already bought it. But you had better get your order

J. E. Bowers took third prize with these photos of his bungalow trailer. At left trailer is ready to be occupied. Frame work without canvas roof is shown at right. Trailer folds up.
in now for the May MM. It will contain one of the most unusual automobile trailers you have ever seen and it comes to us right from Hollywood. We'll keep you guessing what movie star's trailer it is until next month.

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This 15 -foot boat, his first wood working project, won second prize for O. H. Ryerson, Columbus, O. stands in a few days. If you want to get your order in early, send 50 cents to Modern Mechanix and Inventions, 529 S. Seventh St., Minneapolis.

Let's get around to our prizes and letters before they get squeezed out. First prize of $\$ 5.00$ for the best picture of the month goes to Harry Sapp, the first reader to send us photos of the "knee action" midget car in the September, 1934, issue of MM. He tells us:

# theEditors Workbench 

Mt. Holly N. J.

## Dear Editor:

Enclosed find photos of a power pushmobile that I have built and tested. The motor was formerly a two cylinder motor, but one of the walls became cracked so I converted it into a one lung affair.

The car was built from your September issue. Wagon wheels were used with $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ by $3^{\prime \prime}$ stock. The free action in the front really helps because it keeps the frame from twisting.

It worked the first time I took it out and attained a speed of approximately 25 m.p.h. Several boys in town are building the midget and we might lay out a track and race them.

Harry Sapp.


Jack Miner, owner of a famous game farm, caught lake trout by taking Robert Page Lincoln's tips.

Twenty-five miles an hour on half an engine? Wonder what kind of speedometer Harry used? Well, he gets the five dollars anyhow.

The man who tackles a fifteenfoot boat as his first woodworking project ought to get a prize. That's why we sent a check for $\$ 3.00$ as second prize to the writer of the following letter:


Construction of this "knee-action" midget car was described in the September MM. Harry Sapp built it, sent in the photos and won first prize of $\$ 5.00$ in this month's contest.

## Columbus, $\mathbf{O}$.

## Dear Editor:

Enclosed herewith is a snapshot of a Doane Hydrobout, $151 / 2^{\prime} \times 5^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$, powered with a Star motor. The speed is approximately 27 miles per hour.
The framework is constructed entirely of inch white oak. By following Doane's con-
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struction plan exactly, I have built an absolutely tight boat.

This boat was built entirely with hand tools and only four boat builders clamps. It is the first boat I ever built and also it is the only woodworking job I ever attempted.
O. H. Ryerson.

Third prize of $\$ 2.00$ went to another MM project, a collapsible automobile trailer.

West Allis, Wis.
Dear Editor:
I am enclosing snapshots of the Bungalow Camp Trailer that I built from plans shown in MM (May, 1932, also first edition of Handy Man's Home Manual).

The trailer may be set up in 12 minutes by one person.
J. E. Bowers.

Here's a letter to Robert Page Lincoln. Jasper Miner and his father, Jack, run one of the largest game farms in the world.

Kingsville, Ont.
Dear Mr. Lincoln:
I have been accustomed to going into Northern Ontario each fall to hunt moose. While there I heard of an inland lake six miles west of us which contained lake trout. Your articles on casting for lake trout last spring influenced me so much that on May 23 my father and I took a week's trip to this lake.

We put up our tent and went out to try the trout. I started casting. I noticed my plug coming in about six feet from me and right behind it I caught a glimpse of a fish following it. The plug got just under the boat about to come out of the water when the trout arose swiftly and struck and whirled straight down and almost tore my rod inside out. Finally the trout gave up and rose about thirty feet behind the boat. I reeled in and after much splashing at the side of the boat I lifted him in. My, he was a fine fat fish, my first lake trout and he weighed almost four pounds.

Well, do you know we fished for two days steady and never caught another trout? The last day there I went just below a dam and caught three lake trout in ten minutes.

Jasper W. Miner.
Miner goes on to ask if he should return to the lake about May 8 when the ice goes out, if he should use live bait, and what plugs should be used. Lincoln told him that a wobbling spoon is far more successful than live bait and that trolling will get the bigger trout. He also said that the best time to go after trout is just after the ice goes out.

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Flying in the stratosphere is not as simple as building a downhill railway, but it is a subject which has intrigued airplane designers for a long time. Much data has been accumulated about it. Many rumors have seeped through the daily press about the wonderful
trans-oceanic speeds we are going to get. All that is in the offing.
Right this minute, however, enough material has been accumulated through pioneer experiments and flights to turn the minds of those of us who are engaged in the business of developing airplanes toward the possibility of building a stratosphere plane today. Under existing conditions, with existing materials, we plan to double our present speed by the simple expedient of welding this 200 mile an hour stratosphere boost to our cause.

Up in the stratosphere-that layer of air between 50,000 and 75,000 feet altitude-there are steady winds that blow from West to East, opposite the direction of the earth's rotation. By these winds alone we can gain a measureable increase in our overland speed. But there is another factor. As we ascend, the density of the air becomes less and less. This eventually diminishes to a point where we have gained the effect of reducing our fuselage and wing drag; which is the same as saying we have reduced our wing surface to the mini-

mum. At the same time, through supercharging or forcing air into the carburetor to increase performance, we have maintained our motor power output. The result is naturally a big jump in speed.

The only justification for stratosphere flight is velocity. If two points are so close together that an airplane could reach one point from another in less time than it would take to climb into the stratosphere, go the distance and descend, there will be no need for stratosphere lines. But the coast-to-coast route is a logical objective! Volume of traffic in paying quantities and the great time to be saved create a demand for such service.

Since the eastern trip will take about 6 hours under top conditions, probably the airline men will loaf from Los Angeles to New York, taking 8 hours. Then by speeding the ship up against headwinds, they can maintain the same schedule going west to the coast.

Here it will be a matter of psychology in balancing public feeling so that the traffic will be as heavy one way as the other.

But I'm getting a bit ahead of myself. I talk just as though the stratosphere airliner were an accomplished fact. To me it isI've carried all the probabilities around in my mind's eye until I can recite them backwards. Cleopatra could have had an automobile, you know. At that time all the materials existed which were necessary for the construction of the car. We can have a stratosphere plane if we want it; and we know how to build it and what it will look like.

I'll tell you what the plane will look like, and why it will be constructed the way it will.

Confidence in this prediction is based on the fact that my early ideas have stood the test of time. Some of the designs I did ten and twelve years ago, radical at the time, can

## "In Line" Type Safety Motors Will Feature New Stratosphere Planes



The motors of the new Lockheed plane are so close together that the failure of one would not cause pilot to lose control.


Above-A front view of the Alcor's motors showing how they efford better vision for the pilot while making a landing.
now hold their own with ships of conventional 1934 design. Working closely with aviation problems, things I have seen at an early date have later come to pass with considerable accuracy.

In 1918 I designed the Scout. The little Scout had a monocoque fuselage, streamlined to perfection. Today, 16 years later, the Scout would hold its own though stacked up against a modern ship on any tarmac.

In 1926 I organized the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The fuselage construction used in the Scout-the plywood monocoque-was improved upon in detail but not in principle, and we commenced manufacture of the Lockheed Vega.

This ship did big things. It was aerodynamically clean, a fact which can be attributed to the idea of building the plywood fuselage [Continued on page 140]

## Knock Down Monuments With Feathers Nic Sprank in ODDITIES of Science



Win $\$ 1$ : Send your Oddity of Science to Nic Sprank, Modern Mechanix and Inventions, $\mathbf{5 2 9}$ South 7 th Street, Minneapolis. Source or proof of each oddity must be given. Send all oddities separately, not with other manuacripts or letters.

## Scientists Invent Machine To Discover How Brain Works



Left-A headpiece containing silver electrodes is clamped on the patient's head to pick up the brain's electrical currents. Right-The inventors of the machine watch the action of the amplified "action current" as it flows swiftly across the disc.

Device Measures Musical Talent


The automatic tone variator (above) has 14 tuning-forks, each delicately tuned to one-quarter of a tone from the other.

AYARDSTICK for the measurement of musical talent, an automatic tonevariator, is now being used at Northwestern University to determine students' ability to determine exact tonal pitch.

The machine contains 14 tuning-forks, set within one-quarter tone of each other. Two notes are struck in quick succession, and the students are asked which note was higher. Those that can detect the higher note consistently are keenly encouraged to study music. They are considered to be musically apt and talented.

Students with less sensitivity to tone are advised to study instruments with broader tone distinctions such as pianos and other keyboard instruments.

TTHE brain, perhaps the most mystifying organ of the human body, can now be scientifically studied by a new apparatus which photographs amplified "action currents." Invented by Dr. H. H. Jasper and Dr. L. Carmichael of Brown University, the new machine will permit physicians to study the action of the brain just as the electrocardiograph permits a revealing study of heart action.

A headpiece on the head of the patient picks up electric currents of about one ten-millionths of a volt which flow from the brain in waves, at a rate of from eight to fifty per second. The currents are carried to an amplifying box where they are intensified 500,000 times and flashed across a glass disc. The ordinary currents are smooth and wavy; when the mind is disturbed, they are sharp and irregular.

## Tiny Gauge Tests Compression

ANEW tiny compression gauge is set onto a steel tube threaded to fit into spark plug holes. It will quickly measure the exact compression of a faulty cylinder as the piston moves to the top.


Tiny pressure gauge is threaded to fit into any spark plug hole.

## Instrument Measures Heat of Sun Rays

 of Minnesota physicist. To gain these accurate measurements, two vacuum bulbs are set up on the roof of the Minnesota physics building. The bulbs are connected by a thermo-couple. Falling on the bare filament of one bulb, the light makes no impression; the other bulb is made of quartz and quickly absorbs heat. The difference in temperature between the two bulbs is recorded on a sensitive galvanometer which governs a light beam to record the fluctuations on a drum.

This extremely accurate measure of the percentage of sunlight is expected to greatly advance the study of vital rays cast off by the sun. It will also provide perfect recordings for Weather Bureau records.

## Outlet Plug Pierces Through Rug



TO MAKE electrical connections through a rug without damag. ing the fabric, a new type plug has been devised. The plug is set onto screws which pass through the rug without tearing. To help locate the terminal block, two pointed dowels extend upward through the rug. The plug is set on these points.

## Tubes Replace Strings In Piano

ANEW piano which uses alloy tubes instead of the conventional steel strings will resist any sort of pounding without losing tune, according to the claims made by H. E. Noake, Los Angeles inventor.

As a test of his idea, Noake has had a four octave piano of this type built. It operates from a standard keyboard and produces 49 notes.

The metal tubes are suspended in the place of the strings and are sounded by felt hammers controlled by pressure on the keys.


Miss Vivian Brandt is shown above as she plays the new chime piano. The piano strings have been replaced by alloy tubes.


This giant oil-burning locomotive has made Northwesterh railroad's new train, The 400 , the fastest in the country. Note the large, heavily-weighted drive wheels. The 400 hit a top speed of $91 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. on its first trip and made 81 miles in 67 minutes on the Chicago-Minneapolis run. Boiler pressure was increased on locomotive and oil fuel used to eliminate coaling stops.

THREATENED by the increasing competition of air lines and busses, the nation's railroads are whittling time schedules, smashing speed records to maintain their position at the top of transportation systems.

First established train to set up a new mark was The 400 , fastest scheduled train on the American continent. Curiously, The 400 is not streamlined, lightweight, or Dieselelectric, but a conventional, oil-burning iron horse. Pride of the Chicago \& Northwestern railroad, it speeds over the 410 miles of reballasted roadbed between Chicago and St. Paul with standard coaches in 420 minutes, one hour, twelve minutes faster than old schedules.

Its average speed of 58.8 miles an hour is faster than Twentieth Century's 54.1 m.p.h. or the Burlington's Diesel-electric Zephyr's


This latest streamlined train will run in New England. The Flying Yankee did better than 100 m.p.h. on a test run.
49.5 m.p.h. The new, oil-burning locomotive of The 400 . features larger drive wheels, 79 inches in diameter compared to 75 inches on similar Northwestern locomotives. As a result The 400 makes the run between Chicago and the Twin Cities with 5,557 less revolutions of its drive wheels.

That run between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis is the scene of a speed duel between three railroads, the Northwestern, the Chicago, Burlington \& Quincy R. R., and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul \& Pacific R. R. First to meet the challenge of The 400 was the Burlington with two streamline trains similar to the Zephyr, which is now employed on a scheduled run between Kansas City and Omaha. These new, 3-car Diesel-electric units will clip at least 30 minutes off the seven and a half-hour schedule of The 400, according to plans.

The Milwaukee will also speed up its schedule with two new streamlined oil-burning engines pulling streamlined coaches. They are expected to have a top speed of approximately 100 miles an hour.

Throughout the country similar speed races are in the offing. Union Pacific has inaugurated a $31 / 2$ hour schedule over the 187 miles between Kansas City, Mo., and Salina, Kan., with its three-car streamlined $M-10000$. The time reduced old schedules by one-third.

Santa Fe must meet this increased speed on the 67 miles from Topeka to Kansas City, which M-10000 makes in 72 minutes. Santa
 powered with four 900 -horsepower engines, and will have a top speed of more than 100 m.p.h. With the new locomotive Santa Fe's crack train, the Chief, is expected to make the 2,364 miles between Chicago and Los Angeles in 40 hours, instead of the present 55 hours.

In the East new streamlined electric engines of the Pennsylvania Railroad are cutting schedules between New York and Washington. Competing with the Pennsylvania, the Reading railroad has built a coal-burning, partly streamlined, steam locomotive that clipped off 90 miles in 88 minutes.

A new, streamlined, all-steel passenger train has been built for the Boston \& Maine and Maine Central railroad. It attained a speed of more than $100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. on a test run between Trenton, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa.

## 600-Passenger Plane of Future to Use Underground Airport



AGUN which shoots eight streaking balls of fire in rapid succession is now being tested as a possible anti-aircraft gun to set fire to enemy planes during wartime.

The gun is built on a "Roman Candle" principle, each ball being separately ignited from a battery as the trigger is pulled. A metal funnel on the end protects the operator from flying embers cast by the imperfect powder balls now being used.


LOOKING into the future and visualizing the fact that aviation will handle a great bulk of the world's transporation, Dr. William Christmas, noted inventor-aviator, has designed a new 600 -passenger air-liner and a giant underground airport to service the planes and handle the passengers.

The 600 -passenger liners will be built with a two-story fuselage and will have an over-all wing spread of 400 feet. Motors of 25,000 horsepower will drive 75 -foot propellers at a rate which will carry the planes at a speed of 200 miles per hour. Amphibious and carrying all the luxuries of a modern steamship, the plane is expected to be too large to be affected by adverse weather conditions.

The airport will house a United States post office, hangars, and service rooms for the planes. Landing on the wide, curved roof, the planes will trundle down a ramp onto a turntable where they will be swung directly in front of the post office to discharge passengers. Elevators then carry the passengers to underground automobile and railroad lanes where they may continue their journey.

## Bombard Nitrogen to Get Oxygen

THE dreams of the old alchemists to build heavy elements out of lighter ones has been realized by Dr. W. D. Harkins, University of Chicago scientist, who recently made oxygen by bombarding nitrogen, a lighter gas, with the neutrons of atoms.


Loaded thermos jugs are slipped into these pneumatic tubs at food kitchen, for delivery to homes. Separate pipe runs from kitchen to each home getting service. Compressed air pushes containers at high speed through the smooth tubes.
receive dishes ready for delivery. The bottles are wrapped in corrugated containers in preparation for their trip through the vast network of underground tubes.

Newer homes in Berlin will have no kitch-ens-simply a few pneumatic tube outlets beside the kitchen cabinet or sink. With the elimination of all stoves and ovens in the home, the fame of German women for tasty cooking may soon pass into obscurity.


ROBERT L. FREY
Executive Assistant
United Press Associations
NEWS travels fast. It circles the globe like lightning while historic events are still in the making.

The world was reading the tragic details of the Morro Castle disaster while her passengers were still leaping from the burning decks of the doomed Ward Liner into the storm-swept waters of the Atlantic.

Less than 20 minutes after first radio operator Rogers sent his SOS from the Morro Castle, the tragic story was flashed over

Reader buys the "extra" from newsboy without realizing how fast news is gathered.

ADD MORRO CASTLE- NEW YORK $X \times \times$ MARINE.
BULLETIN
THE VESSEL, DUE HERE AT 10 A.M., TODAY, GAVE ITS POSITION

THE S.O.S. WAS SENT AT 4-23 A.M. EDT.


Linotype operatory (right) hurriedly type-set the edited news in metal which is fitted into page forms for the presses (center). Papers then ilide into news rrucks (left) ready for delivery.

# Nous Scoops 

NEW YORK--RCA PICKS UP SOS FROM PASSENGER LINER MORRO CASTLE

## IPA RX RM442A

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, SEPT. 8.-- UP --THE PASSENGER LINER MORRO CASTLE,
AFIRE OFF THE NEW JER
SLASHED AN HERE BY RADIO MARINE. MORE RM445A


A section of the New York bureau of the United Press, nerve center of the association. Men at left are operators sending news over wires. Arrow shows sending tape. Man at long table in center is filing editor who decides which stories shall move first. In background center are copy editors. At right at typewriter is rewrite man.

At 4:23 a, m. Moro Castle radio operator sent SOS. While passengers were leaping into sea (arrows in top photo), U. P. at $4: 42 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. sent flash, then bulletin, then "add" (on opposite page) exactly as reproduced here for extra papers.

United Press leased wires into newspaper offices from coast to coast. Cables carried it to Europe, South America and the Orient.

Rogers' signal was sent at $4: 23 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Picked up by the marine radio division of the Radio Corporation of America, it was relayed by telephone to the United Press. Amid the rattling battery of automatic telegraph printers in the New York office, the night editor took the message. He jumped from the telephone, shouted "Flash." Instantly a deathly silence swept the room.

Loudly but clearly he shouted the sentence to the waiting telegraph printer operators that would mean extra editions and streamer headlines to newspapers throughout the world:
FLASH
NEW YORK - RCA PICKS UP SOS FROM PASSENGER LINER MORRO CASTLE

## UFA RX RM442A

The message completed, each operator rang


Reporters writing tunning stoty of Bruno Hauptmann (atrow above) murder trial give "takes" to messenger boys who rush to telegraph operators (below) in another room. They send it in Marse code to New York for the press association wires.


## Across U. S. by Wire

formation about the tragedy, patiently listed every rescue and death to bring to the world the tragic story of fire at sea. The hastily assembled editors in the New York office of the United Press in turn gathered the disconnected material by telephone and telegraph and rewrote it into the coherent stories you read in your daily newspapers.

That first flash of the disaster broke into the routine news that was being sent over the United Press wires. The operator instantly broke the smooth flow of the 60-words-a-minute sending tape, used for ordinary news, switched to the direct keyboard, and punched out the flash as fast as the editor dictated it.

From that time on the story of the Morro Castle disaster, fed to the operators in short "takes," took precedence over all other news.

When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, ending the Revolutionary War, it took 49 days for that news to reach England. Today such news would "flash" over United Press wires reaching 1,252 newspapers in nearly every nation of the world within 10 minutes.
Scanning headlines over their morning coffee, few newspaper readers are aware of the vast newsgathering network of telegraph wires and cables, the thousands of correspondents, laboring 'round the world and 'round the clock to bring today's news to them today.

Bruno Hauptmann testifies in the Lindbergh kidnap-murder trial, a few minutes later millions of newspaper readers know his answer to every question. A noted European statesman dies; within ten minutes the news has reached this country and a few minutes later extras are on the street telling of his


The wire route of AP's new Wirephoto service. Fifty newspapers in 24 cities get photographs by wire. While press association sends story of disaster, Wirephoto at same time can send actual photos. Receiving and sending machines are located in each city. Service is controlled in same manner as press association.


To get photos in newspapers simultaneourly with press asso ciation stories, Associated Press has developed Wirephoto service to send pictures by wire. Photocell scana photo, sends itmpulses over wire to similar receiving machine which has light-valve that acts on senaitive negative. After being developed, print is made and half-tone cyt prepared for newspaper.
death. The first flier to cross the Atlantic alone lands in Paris; within five minutes the news is in American newspaper offices and newsboys are crying "Extra!" 20 minutes later.

A press association is a world-wide news gathering agency. It supplies your local paper with all the important news that "breaks" outside of your city. The press association serves hundreds of newspapers in many countries of the world, each paper paying a fixed fee for the service.
The press association maintains key bureaus in important cities and capitals of the world which in turn control smaller bureaus
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## German Racer Has Vanes to Deflect Rushing Air Currents



Big Siren Throws Sound 10 Miles

LARGE sirens that will send their staccato, coded warnings ten miles through the fog to warn approaching vessels, have been installed as guarding signals on each pier of the world's largest bridge across the San Fran-cisco-Oakland Bay.
The sirens are double-headed, and will throw sound at right angles to the bridge in both directions. Since the direction of the sound is set in this manner, navigators can tell their relative position to the piers by the intensity of the pitch. When in direct alignment with the pier, the pitch is highest. The bells, marking secondary channels, and sirens, are controlled from sub-stations on each side of the bridge.


ASUPER-RACER, with long areodynamic lines sweeping smoothly from a blunt nose to an arrow-shaped rear end, has been designed and built by German engineers. The car will attempt to break the existing world's land speed record now held by Sir Malcolm Campbell, British racing driver.

Contrary to the customary design, the drivers seat is entirely enclosed and incorporated into the body of the auto as a sloping turret. Wind foils behind the wheels and vanes in the rear deflect the rushing air currents smoothly to prevent vacuum as the auto speeds forward.

## Ribbed Bolts Replace Hot Rivets

H OT rivets may be replaced by a new ribbed rivet bolt for steel construction work. When driven through the bolt


The ribbed bolts can be driven into a bolt hole with a heavy hammer. hole and tightened, the new bolt is said to form such a tight body-fit that it cannot be displaced. The neck of the bolt is ribbed and about one thirtysecond of an inch larger than the hole into which it must be driven.

New Tubes Change D. C. to A. C.

ELECTRICITY in the form of direct current can now be transmitted at high voltages and converted into alternating current at any place along the line where power of a lower voltage may be needed. This new method of transmission involves the use of giant thyraton and phanotron tubes. Such tubes and other necessary machinery will be placed in sub-stations along power lines.

## Thrree-Mile Bridge Spans BALTIC SEA



FEATURES OF THE BALTIC SEA CANTILEVER BRIDGE Total length is over 3 miles. Connects Denmark to Funen Isle. Has five 2700 -ft. water spans. Roadway is 100 ft . above water. Has one giant automobile highway and two railroad tracks. - Five concrete two railioad tracks. -Five concrete 250 feet high. Cantilever bridge method used. Spans part of the Baltic Sea 100 feet deep in places.

by HANS F. KUTSCHBACH

THREE miles of steel roadway, resting on five massive concrete piers, will soon carry the Flying Hamberger, Germany's crack passenger train, from the continent to the Danish Isle of Funen, shortening the travel time between Berlin and Copenhagen. Equal in importance to the mile-long Golden Gate span is this gigantic European project, begun early in 1930. When completed this year, trains and automobiles will be able for the first time in history to reach Funen directly rather thian by ferry.

Five arches, each more than half a mile long, support the roadway 100 feet above the level of the sea. This arm of the Baltic being an international channel of navigation, the bridge must have clearance above the waters for the largest ocean liners and warships.

Steel and concrete piers reaching down into the water an even greater distance than they extend into the air rest upon solid beds of clay 25 feet below the bottom of the sea.

With rough seas threatening to wreck work barges, it was necessary to build the overwater spans piece by piece, high in the air, and use the cantilever method of bridge construction. Work was started in both directions from each pier, building out the same amount on each side to keep the tons of steel


Map shows location of new bridge, as well as route of Flying Hamberger, German passenger train, which will use bridge.
in perfect balance. Engineering calculations were of necessity carried out to the fraction of an inch, to insure meeting of the teetering girders at the mid point.

With the completion of the new bridge, trains can run directly to Funen from Berlin, and thence by ferry and land routes to Stockholm, Sweden. Other trains will make a "great-circle" trip, turning back to Berlin after reaching Malmo, Sweden.

## Hfoul Y Yudye CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS

0NE minute to go! Fighting men ripping and tearing at each other. . . . A figure in white moves nimbly around them. . . . The glare of floodlights. . . . A sea of faces in the darkness beyond. . . . Then-

The bell. . . . As one, the great crowd is on its feet. . . . There is a tense pause. . . . In the center of the ring, an arm is lifted in victory. . . . A chorus of hoots greets the decision. . . . The resentment grows. . . . There is pandemonium.

How many times a year do we witness this scere in the oldest and certainly the most glamorous of all sports? Too often, maybe, for the good of the game. In many places where boxing is legal, decisions that bring hoots of derision from the fans are doing incalculable injury to a fine sport.


Left-Carnera struggles to rise, as the referee advises Baer to get into a neutral corner while the champion is still down. Using the 1llinois system of scoring, Baer would score pointa for the knockdown, but he might lose them if he continued to dismegard the tinued to
referee's repeated warnings to get into a neutral corner. Failure to do this is considered as a breach of sportsmanship as it does not afford opponent a fair chance to regain his feet.

Above-Gen. J. V. Clinnin, former president of the National Boxing Association, and author of this article on judging fighta by point system.

Below-A score of a mythical match between Joe Blow and John Doe. In the first round, Doe is penalized two points as he is knocked down. In the second, he loses a point for using a rabbit punch. He gains a point in the third for aggressiveness and one in the fourth when Blow uses abusive language to the officiating referee.
Above-Billy Petrolle ducks under a fast left-hook delivered by Sammy Fuller. To many in the back of the audience, this may look like a clean blow, but to the referee and judges, it is obvious that it glanced ineffectively off the back of Petrolle's head.
inexperienced judges? Is it the referee? Is it because the fans are prejudiced? Let's see what is wrong and find out if there is a remedy.
There are two major boxing centers, New York and Chicago. In New York, until recently, the system of scoring fights was solely by rounds. For some years, Chicago has employed what is the nearest approach to a perfect scoring system and New York is now experimenting with a similar plan.
In Chicago, the scoring system is one that came into vogue while I was chairman of the Illinois Boxing Commission. It was invented by Dave Barry, the referee, and William Battye, one of our most competent judges. I shall explain it briefly:
Each of the two judges and the referee is given a card on which are five columns for each boxer. The rounds represent units of ten points each; that is, five points, for each contestant in case of an even round. The columns and their classifications follow: 1. Aggressiveness, clean effective blows; 2. Deportment and sportsmanship; 3. Knockdowns; 4. Penalties-For fouls and foul tactics; [Continued on page 120]


## Light Beams Produce 1800 Organ Tones



Photo shows Mr. Eremeeff and organist at the console of the organ. Organ tones are produced by broken light beams.

$A^{N}$N ELECTRONIC organ, invented by Ivan Eremeeff, Russian physicist, and Leopold Stokowski, renowned symphony director, produces 1,800 tones through the flashing of broken light beams onto photo-cells. Unlike the ordinary organs, it contains no reeds, pipes, strings, or phonographic records. Interrupted beams of light, broken on whirling discs, are flashed onto a photo-cell and transferred to electrical frequencies. These frequencies are amplified and reproduced as sound.
The organ has two keyboards and two banks of stops to control the 1,800 tones. Mixing of the stops brings forth a variety of unusual effects. The mechanism will not get out of tune and is not affected by temperature and weather changes. Since all the parts are

## Rail Car Runs On Rubber Tires

"SILENT speed" is the feature of the new railroad motor cars used in Austria for quick handling of light traffic. Low, streamlined, and set on rubber-tired wheels, these new cars whiz silently over the rails at a rate of 70 miles per hour. The cars are 75 feet long, weigh 34,000 pounds, and are driven by a motor that will develop one hundred horsepower.


The Austrian streamlined rail-car is mounted over rubber tired wheels and travels at a maximum speed of $70 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
direct products of the radio, it is expected that building organs will open new fields for radio industries.

## Alarm Rings As Gas Gets Deadly

ALOUD gong on a new carbon monoxide alarm is set to ring its warning before this colorless, odorless, tasteless gas becomes dangerous to human life. Reliable tests show that the alarm rings when the poison gas content of air reaches two parts in 10,000 .


The alarm rings when the gas content of air is two parts in 10,000 .

## Plane Drops Machinery In Chutes

PARACHUTES were introduced into the delivery of machine parts when they were used to drop mining machinery to an inaccessible mine near Valdez, Alaska. The machinery was wrapped in mattresses and dropped in chutes from a height of 300 feet.

## Adjustable Club Makes Golf Bags and Caddies Unnecessary

THE expenses of the ancient game of golf may be considerably reduced if the invention of Charles A. Rolfe of Beverly Hills, Calif. proves practical.
The invention is an all-purpose golf club which aroused considerable attention at the National Inventor's Congress recently held in Hollywood. The use of this club is said not only to eliminate unnecessary caddy expenses but also to cut equipment charges down to the cost of a single club and a few balls.
The head of the club has a plain, flat putter surface, and it is attached to the handle by a swivel joint. The swivel joint can be loosened so that the pitch of the club-head may be adjusted to the proper angle for any desired shot now made with various clubs. After adjustment, the head is locked in place.
The handle of the club comes in two sections and may be taken apart and fitted into a small space when not in use.

## Body Weight Raises Bike Speed



Left-Weight on the seat forces down the lever to propel spracket gear. Right-When weight is released, seat tises.

ABICYCLE power seat that springs up and down as the bicycle is pedaled has an attachment to a gear on the sprocket and utilizes the weight of the rider to produce additional power and speed.

The seat is attached to a long lever that runs to the gear on the sprocket. At the down-stroke of the pedal, the ratchet seat rises under the body. At the end of the downward pedal stroke, the weight of the body is thrown fully into the seat, forcing down the lever which in turn impels the attached gear.


Photo shows Miss Viola Kivett holding the new golf club. The head can be adjusted to proper position for any golf shot.

## Wing Valleys Stabilize Air Ride

PERHAPS the oddest aircraft that ever actually left the ground was demonstrated at the annual All-American air races recently held at Miami, Florida.

The plane, known as the Vacuplane, is only 16 feet long with short, stubby wings that appear as though they were clipped in the middle. It is of open cockpit construction and has shallow valleys running from the front of the wings to the middle of the fuselage which are designed to stabilize the air ride. The plane weighs but 350 pounds and develops a top speed of approximately 96 miles per hour.


## New Talkie Machine Makes Home Sound Movies Possible

 playground and swimming pool in a new experimental school now being built in Los Angeles.

Built to induce the children to go to school because they want to rather than because they have to, classes will be conducted out-of-doors when the weather permits.

Ten classrooms will be built to form a semi-circle on each end. The sides will be completed with administrative offices and manual training rooms.


Above-The new Los Angeles achool will be buili around a
playground. The ceilings of the rooms will radiate heat.

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$NYONE can now make "talkie" movies at home with the introduction by R. C. A. of the first amateur sound camera. Though differing in size only slightly from the average amateur movie camera, the new "talkie" camera incorporates a complete sound recording system and weighs only $83 / 4$ pounds fully loaded.
The photographer talks into a mouthpiece built into the back of the new camera, as he focuses on the subject, to give a running description of the scene. When the actors speak for home movies, a separate microphone attachment with electrical amplifying and recording equipment is used.

The 16 millimeter film used has sprocket holes on one side, a sound track on the other.

## Eye Makes Body's Only Vitamin

THE only vitamin made in the human body is a carotene-like, vitamin A secreted in the retina of the eye. Without this substance, the eye would lose its health with "night blindness" or total blindness resulting.

## Design GIANT Planes for Ocean Routes

 first to make commercial flying over the Atlantic possible with a new "composite airplane."

The composite airplane is the invention of Major R. H. Mayo, technical adviser for Imperial Airways. It consists of a mother ship and a smaller plane. At the point of take-off in England the smaller ocean plane will be perched on top of and fastened rigidly to the mother ship. Each ship has four motors. Heavily loaded with fuel, passengers, and
estined for Trans-Pacific service this giant Clipper No. 7 ean carry 14 passengers, ton of cargo, and holds fuel for $\mathbf{3 , 0 0 0}$-mile flight. The ship itself weighs 25 tons.
cargo, the ocean transport could not take off under its own power, but with the combined effort of eight motors on the two ships, it is expected to rise easily. At an altitude of 5,000 feet the mother ship will release the transport to return to the air base while the transport continues on its flight across the sea.

## CASH for PUZZLE Solutions;



DO YOU enjoy working mathematical puzzles-secret messages-letter combination problems? Try your luck at the three given above, send in your solutions, and you stand a good chance to win part of the $\$ 25.00$ in cash prizes offered this month.

Place your solutions all on a single sheet of paper, making them as neat as possible. Elaborate, artistic entries will receive no more consideration than those clearly written in longhand or typed.

Here's a tip that may save tedious counting in the first problem-work it backward, starting at the center of the word REDDER.

There's no need to extract square roots in working problem 2-in fact, it's not allowed in the solution. Your grammar school arithmetic and a little reasoning will get the answer.

A little review of French history will be of help in reading the secret message in No. 3. This tip may put you on the right track: "Laws were set aside."

For the most accurate solutions to all three puzzles Modern Mechanix and Inventions

No. 3: What is the mesage shown on above sheet of paper?
offers $\$ 25.00$ in prizes, as follows: First prize, $\$ 10$; second, $\$ 5$; and four third prizes of $\$ 2.50$ each.

Contestants should give age, occupation, and education, though this information will not be considered in awarding prizes.

Your entry should be postmarked before April 25, 1935. Decisions of the judges will be final, and no entries will be returned. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Answers to these problems and names of the winners will appear in the July issue.

Employes of this magazine or their relatives are not eligible to compete. You don't have to buy a copy or be a subscriber to enter. Address Puzzle Contest, Modern Mechanix and Inventions, 529 So. 7th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Send in your own puzzles for future contests. If accepted, you will receive payment at our regular rates for such manuscripts. No puzzles will be returned.

## CONTEST WINNERS GET \$125

 gratifying to the judges. Each showed the popularity of MM contests among readers.

After careful consideration of each of the entries from the standpoint of ingenuity and practicality, the judges, editors of Modern Miechanix and Inventions, awarded first prize of $\$ 60.00$ to Paul E. Miller of Casper, Wyoming. Mr. Miller's winning entry, an arm chair built from an auto seat, is reproduced on this page, while instructions for building this chair follow.

by PAUL E. MILLER

THE folding front seat of a Model T Ford coach, having lines very similar to that of modern furniture, serves admirably as the seat of this combination arm chair and magazine rack. A simple wood frame, made with ordinary carpentry tools and a scroll or band saw, holds the seat rigidly in position. Gracefully curving side arms conceal, on each side,
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## FURNITURE CONTEST WINNERS

Selected by the judges as winters in the January, 1935 Modern Mechanix and Inventions Furniture Contest, the following persons receive the $\$ 125.00$ in cash prizes offered for this contest.

FIRST PRIZE, $\$ 60.00$ : Paul E. Miller, Casper, Wyoming, His winning entry appears on this page. SECOND PRIZE, $\$ 20.00$ : Ira Edwards, Neodeaha, Kansai-a modernization of the old-fashioned davenport. THIRD PRIZE, \$8.00: Glenn E. Miller, Alpena, South Dakota-a buffet made from two upright phonocraph cabinets.

FOÛRTH PRIZE, five awards of $\$ 5.00$ each: Bates Jex, Pittsfeld, Illinoit- amoking stand; W. A. Marshall, E. Toronto, Ontario, Canada converting the victrola into a Governor Winthrop desk; Carl A. Schacht, Detrolf, Michigan-design for desk; H. R. Wallin, Brooklyn, New York-a cabinet for the home aquarium; Leon E. Deaaulten, Indianapolia, Indiana-ma portabla radio bat.

FIFTH PRIZE, aix awards of $\$ 2.00$ each: John G. Diehi, Btistol, Pennaylvania; Olive A. Mortia, Cape May Court House, New Jersey; Mra. Wm. Shackleton, Wayzata, Minn.; H. W. Orr, Topeka, Kansas; Louine Shifter, Howard Lake, Minn.; Ernent J. Coons, Crawfordaville, Indiana.

## Umbrella Follows Modern Trend With "Safety" Window



The new umbrella window consista of a piece of isinglass set into the front to afford the user clear vision ahead.

## Harness Prevents Running Escape

AHANDCUFF harness which prevents a prisoner from running away has been devised by Guy E. Lombard, Portland, Maine jailer. The harness consists of a steel ring held to the prisoners' waist by a stout leather belt. The handcuffs are fastened to the belt, holding the prisoner's hands so close to his body that he cannot gain balance to run.


Edward Brown is shown demonstrating the handeuft harness which prevents the prisoner from gaining balance to run.

THE old umbrella, for ages untouched by the forward moving wheels of progress, has responded to the spirit of the times with the addition of a new front window to afford better vision.
Hitherto, the umbrella user either had to carry his umbrella so high that it was of no practical use, or he pulled it down and took reckless chances of collision with oncoming pedestrians.

The new isinglass window eliminates these hazards, and affords a chance for people to use their umbrellas to shed the rain without fear of poking out the eyes of a fellow citizen.

## Campbell To Attempt Record Run



Above-Campbell is shown driving the Bluebird, the rebuilt racer with which he will attempt to break his land speed record.

FLAT, streamlined, and swung low to the ground, Sir Malcoim Campbell's rebuilt "Bluebird" has been pronounced ready for another try at the world's land speed record now held by Campbell himself.

The new racer has a slotted radiator that can be closed while traveling at top speed to lessen wind resistance. A fin-like projection deflects the winds smoothly from the rear end to prevent vacuum drag.

## Clock Hands Show Valve Position

AV A L V E position indicator with a clock face and hands can be read at a glance and tells exactly how many turns the valve is open. Like a stem set watch, the hands change position when the valve is turned.


The hands on dial indicate the number of turns that the valve is opened.

## でiny Electric Plate and Flandy Iron

 Lighten Labors of Busy Housewives

# ELECTRICAL CITY 



Nestling on sagebrush plateau high above swift-fowing Columbia river is Mason City-a town without a chimney-world's first all-electric city! Homes of U. S. engineers can be seen on near side of river. Grand Coulee Dam is being built at this point.

PRESTO! This was the exclamation of wonder when, not a generation ago, electric lights flashed on as tiny buttons were pushed. The invention of the electric washer, the electric range, the electric refrigerator, and the electric heater in turn brought forth this same exclamation.

But that an entire city should "Push the button" for all these purposes-that a town which is the home of nearly five thousand people should be built without a chimney is "presto" indeed; particularly when the city has been built within two months on a high sagebrush plateau in one of the wildest and least populated districts of the far west.


## Built Without CHIMNEYS



Strikingly beautiful is this night view of world's fist all-electric city-town built on east bank of Columbia river for construction workera on Grand Coulee data project. Temporary wood bridge crossing river is expected to be destroyed by spring fioods.

Every one of the 360 homes, as well as the business and office buildings, will be heated by electricity. Enough heating equipment is installed to keep buildings comfortable even at 29 degrees below zero, the lowest recorded temperature in the vicinity of the Grand Coulee in 22 years.

In addition to the heating units, each home has an electric range and electric refrigerator. Some of the larger homes will be
equipped with complete air-conditioning plants.

The heaters used are portable, the plans calling for $11 / 2$ to 6 kilowatt units in each of the rooms. Twenty-eight thousand heaters will be needed for the first 360 houses. The cost of installing and equipping a five-room house with these heaters will be approximately $\$ 160$, as against about $\$ 250$ for a [Continued on page 129]


## Turntable Swings Autos To Pumps In Rotary Gas Station



ANEW type of filling station that uses a turntable to whirl automobiles around a center service island was recently opened in New York.
The service island is set in the center of the turntable and consists of an enclosed office with three separate pumping units to dispense gasoline, oil, air, and water. As the auto drives onto the platform, an attendant on the island presses a button which carries the auto into one of the three service positions. When the servicing is completed, the auto is swung out to the street and can be driven off without going into reverse to leave the station.

The turntable, 37 feet in diameter, can be housed in a building 41 feet wide. It will accommodate three automobiles simultaneously and allows a complete service in two minutes.

## Shower Coupling Fits Any Faucet

Above-The booth and service pumps on the center island remain stationary; the autos are carried past on turntable, Below is shown an exposed section of the new turntable.

## Build Light Diesel Plane Motor

$A^{N}$N EIGHT cylinder gas or Diesel airplane engine with 51 per cent less parts than the ordinary airplane motor was shown at the Hollywood National Inventors Congress by inventor F. A. Van Bezel of Los Angeles.

The motor is of the double acting, rotary sleeve valve type with a force feed directly to the valves. It weighs 151 pounds, is easily accessible for repairs, and develops 88.8 horsepower.

F. A. Van Bezel is shown demonatrating his new motor. It has $\$ 1$ per cent less parts than the conventional airplane motor.

A NEW coup$A_{\text {ling, } \mathrm{do}}$ signed for attaching portable shower hoses to a faucet has a stepped-off steel nipple which will hold all shower hose sizes. Adjustable braces permit horizontal and vertical tightening. A rubber washer at connecting point


Coupling may be tighiened two way: to fit any size of faucet. forms a close fit with faucet to prevent leakage.

## Safe Explosive Resists Flame

A NEW explosive for blasting work in quarries and coal mines cannot be set off by strong commercial blasting caps, jarring, or fire. It is produced only in large diameters for extremely heavy types of work and can be exploded only by a large dynamite cartridge. Fumes from this explosive will not produce a headache. It is packed in air and waterproof packages.

## How to Stain Your MICROSCOPE SLIDES



When staining slides in modern university laboratory, glass racks holding up to ten slides are transferred from one dyeing solution to another after proper period of immersion.

by JULIAN D. CORRINGTON, Ph. D.

JACOB'S coat of many colors had nothing on the array of dyes used daily by the laboratory microscopist in making transparent objects visible under his instruments. Colors galore-reds, blues, and greens in scores of delicate shades-are to be found in the dye-filled vials covering his laboratory tables.

The microscopist uses color not for decorative purposes, but only to reveal the secrets of the tiny animal and plant cells which he studies. In many cases two or more colors are used on a slide to provide contrast. Here special dyes which react only to certain parts of the specimen are used.

For the amateur microscopist, one of the simplest experiments in staining can be done with a small piece of cotton fabric.

Prepare eosin stain by placing one gram of the dry powder in 100 cc of $95 \%$ alcohol and stirring until dissolved. If desired, this staining solution can be purchased ready made from scientific supply houses. Immerse the cotton in this solution for one hour. Remove the goods, rinse in fresh $95 \%$ alcohol, and mount on a blank slide for temporary examination under a microscope.

If you find the cotton insufficiently or


When atsining individual slides, solution may be applied with dropper as pictured above. Cross-section of stem of Dutchman's Pipe, at upper right, is example of two-color ataining. Without dyes no detailed structure would be visible.
unevenly stained, repeat the staining for another hour. If your final color is too dark, you can easily lighten it with acid destain, made up by adding one or two drops of pure hydrochloric acid to a vial of $95 \%$ alcohol.

Allow the cotton to remain in the destain only as long as the color comes away freeiy -further immersion will undo all the work of staining. Rinse in fresh $95 \%$ alcohol several times, adding a pinch of bicarbonate of soda to the first of these rinsing alcohols to [Continued on page 132]

Stout Invents Top Wing Slot To Eliminate Plane Stalling


The three wings on the left show the air currents as they are deflected smoothly over wing top by front slotited wings. The Stout slots (right) are in the wing tops and suck in air to break "back eddies" and deflect it to cool the plane's motors.

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{I}}$IRPLANE stalling due to "back eddies" on the top surface of a tilted plane wing is said to be eliminated by a wing slot recently patented by William B. Stout, noted inventor and designer of the first all-metal Ford trimotor plane.

Hitherto, when the wing of a plane became tilted at a certain angle while traveling at a low rate of speed, these dangerous eddies broke the lifting force of normal air currents. The result was a loss of flying speed with the resultant danger of going into a stall and
crashing. This danger was somewhat cut down by the wing-tip slot which was set in the leading edge of the wing to force a smooth flow of air over the wing top; Stout's wing-top slot is said to prevent stalling entirely.

With the new wing-top slot, the downward eddies will be broken and sucked in by a motor. Inside the wing, the air will be diverted to cool the motor. The ship's propellers at the trailing edge of the wing pull the air through an exhaust port, a small hole in the wing behind the motor.


$A^{\mathrm{N}}$N ORDINARY tree with fifty feet of foliage gives off about five barrels of water per day. The water is given off in the form of vapor and is absorbed by the air.Ben Schuler, Ridgewood, New Jersey.


The archer fish, an inhabitant of tropical waters, shoots his prey with a stream of water. Lying close to the surface,
 he shoots at flying insects, sometimes at a distance of four feet. The force of the stream knocks the insects to the water where they are eaten by the fish.-J. W. Lawrence, Vancouver.

Tests on the vegetable prove that if a person is as "cool as a cucumber," he is exactly one degree cooler than the surrounding air.Edward Merdinyan, Pawtucket, R. I.

Germs have been discovered alive in the pyramids of Mexico. The germs are believed to be thousands of years old.-Melvin Cohen, New York.

Diamonds will burn if heated red-hot and plunged into pure oxygen gas. Diamonds, like coal, are formed from carbon. They are compactly crystalized and do not burn easily. There is not enough oxygen in ordinary air to cause com-bustion.-Robert Armstrong, Stockton, Calif.


# RACING DEER NEWEST SPORT 

by F. LELAND ELAM

Breaking away from the starting boxes, the deer dash away like greyhoutids. A police whistle is used to start them out.

FLEETFOOTED deer are being trained for the hurdles and obstacles of the steeplechase course in California's newest racing sport. They have been taught to circle a race track and leap hurdles with greater ease and grace than the best horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Timm, of Kelsey, Calif., started the new sport. More than a year ago they caught five young deer in Oregon. When the animals were three months old, the first step in training began. Each deer was taught to wear a collar with a leash.

The leash was attached to a wire fastened between two trees to permit the deer to run back and forth. Because of the danger of the animal injuring itself in its efforts to get free, the trainer was with it night and day.

When the deer became accustomed to the collar and leash, he was taught to lead. For two days the animal was led about without stopping. Worn out, the animal finally gave in and followed the trainer willingly.

The hurdles were next, the deer following the trainer over each hurdle. Because a deer will not run fast unless pursued, a horse and rider urged him to racing speed.

After many races the deer got the idea of racing and vied for the lead. The horse, however, always follows them.


Going over the hurdles, deer are swifter and more graceful than stepplechase horses. Trained deer enjoy racing.

## CLIPPING DOLLARS FROM

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racking ordeals They ran them un-hill at racking ordeals. They ran them up-hill at a snail's pace, raced them into the wind, climbed to 10,000 -foot mountain peaks, made rocket-like getaways, and squealed to sensational stops in clouds of burning rubber smoke. They tried every gas and oil known to man in various combinations, using high precision instruments to record the results. Then, from notebook, table, and chart, they read figures which revealed secrets of stingy driving by which a driver can actually cut his gasoline bills as much as fifty per cent.

Above-The intake and ex haust ports of a popular car are separated to lower tempera. ture and prevent pre-combustion. Below-A calibrated measure full of fuel is attached to window to test gas mileage.
Do you know your engine's compression ratio? Probably not three drivers in a hundred do, yet this information is important in choosing the right fuel for economy and power.

Do you know what octane number is best to use?
Are you on speaking terms with SAE numbers in grading oils?

These things are more than obscure engineer's jargon; they mean a chance to fit your car with gasoline tailored to meet its needs,

## AUTO RUNNING EXPENSES

 equipment used to test equipment used to test gas consumption
varying conditions. Left -Adjusting the heat control on a popular car prevents waste from im-
Above left-Adjusting a carburetor for leanness and idling speed helps keep the motor in tune. Belowjusts the motor to handle the fuel that is being used.
and to save many dollars in fuel, oil, and repairs.
The way you drive probably has more to do with your gasoline bill than any other factor. Records prove that modern cars can be run economically. Last year the dealers for a popular make of car staged a "Scotch driver" contest, in which the public was invited to see how far they could drive on a pint of gasoline. The fuel was put into an accurate glass measuring tube, attached to the window beside the driver, so that he could
see for himself how much he was using. Rubber tubing connected the device to the fuel line. All contestants drove over the same route, which was fairly level but took them through some city traffic.

When the scores were turned in, many people refused to believe them, for the winners drove as far as 50 miles to the gallon! There was no trick, however. "Scotch" driving, plus a carefully tuned motor, was the secret.
Automobile men are chuckling over a story that is still going the rounds. Dealers for a light car no longer manufactured, set out to
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## Collapsible Steel Phone Poles Can Be Erected By One Man




Right-One man erecting pole without tackle. Left-A buckled pole can be repaired by replacing a section. Inset -Carrying a collapsed pole section.

ANOVEL type of telegraph and transmission pole that can be carried in sections and erected by one man without the aid of tackle and hoisting gear has been put into service in London, England.

The poles consist of two sections. Each section contains 12 tubular units that fit one into another and which can be extended to a length of about 30 feet. The sections are fitted together before raising and tightened to a close fit by a hand-operated gear.

The cross-section arms that hold the insulators are welded into a ring that is slipped or clipped solidly onto one of the uppermost sections of the pole.

## Marconi Predicts Talks to Mars

INTER-PLANETARY radio communication between the earth and Mars is not at all impossible, according to a statement by the Marquis Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph. "It is simply a case of improving present-day instruments sufficiently," he said. Noting the rapid forward progress of radio, he claims that since there is no limit to distance, there can be no limit to radio development.

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$N ELECTRIC machine which sets up radio frequency oscillations and is said to alleviate ear troubles and deafness, was shown by its inventor, Frank C. Kerk at the recent National Inventors' Congress in Hollywood.

Though they cannot be heard or felt, the radio frequency oscillations set up vibrations in the eardrums. These induce an artificial fever, which, it is claimed, create a curative flow of blood into the affected tissues.


Above picture shows the new machine which is said to alleviate the efiects of deafness by radio frequency wayes.

## Revolving Mast Solves Tacking; Sets Sail Automatically

ANEW type rigging for sail boats which automatically sets the sail on a change of wind, was recently invented by Fredrik Ljungstrom, Swedish engineer. It is said to simplify sailing to the point where one man can easily handle any of the smaller sized boats.

The new rigging is a revolutionary development consisting of only one double-folded sail fastened to the front of the mast from top to bottom. The mast, itself, is set farther forward than is customary and revolves on ball bearings to keep the sail billowing before favorable winds.

An endless rope is fastened to the sail tips and passed through a pulley on the stern deck, automatically shortening and lengthening to keep the sail taut as the mast turns. The sail winds around the mast for storage.

## Traveling Bag Yells At Thieves

ATALKING bag that emits loud, strident warning shrieks when touched by a person other than its owner, was designed by H . Adler to thwart the silent skill of burglars and baggage snatchers.

The talking unit can easily be placed in any type of traveling bag and wired to a concealed switch known only to the owner.
Such a bag can be left unattended in shops or stations and has already attracted the attention of bond men and jewelers who must often carry valuables through crowded streets.


The inventor, H. Adler, with his talking bag unit designed to emit a warning cry when lifted by an unauthorized person.


Fredrik Ljungstrom and two friends in a boat equipped with the new rigging. Upper left-Top view of rigging construction showing how it revolves to catch the wind.

## Venom Cures Bleeding Patients

THE venom of one of the world's most deadly snakes, the Vipera russelli of Southern Asia, has a curative effect when applied to bleeding cases. So powerful is this poison as a blood clotting agent that it can stop severe cases of the "bleeding disease."

## Combine Radio Phone and Mike

ANEW handset for portable radios combines a microphone transmitter with a telephone receiver to resemble the conventional "French" telephone. The handset is chiefly designed for use in police squad cars having two-way radios.


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This modern, entirely fireproof home wan built for $\$ 2,700$.
It is 100 per cent concrete. Cement paint covers the walls.

FOUNDATIONS are rising, hammers are swinging and new roofs are gleaming in the sun! America is building new houses!
In 1933 and 1934, we built less than 80,000 family homes, a pitiful total for a nation of $30,000,000$ growing families. Conservative authorities declare that we have a shortage of more than 600,000 homes. This year will see 100,000 new houses built, possibly more, as the gigantic task of home-building gets under way.

The 1935 model is not just another house. From chimney top to basement it's new. More than 300 materials, structural, decorative and otherwise, new to what commonly was in usage six years ago, are now on the market. Scores of others are in the laboratory stage.

Science has turned house-builder. It offers the builder a product that, in some respects, is as far in advance over the old-fashioned house as today's automobile is ahead of the earliest models.

The house that science already has built and is building today cuts fuel bills. Reductions

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Blankets for the bouse roof and walls, such as the above, are made from limestone, slag; glass and other materials to teduce heat losses and keep out summer temperatures.
style, interesting use of color-these and other generalities apply to the new house, but take a look at some of the specific products that go into this new American abode.

Air-conditioning and the new insulations it has inspired, form one of the most interesting chapters in this new building drama. Just recently, engineers dusted off an old scientific principle and put it to work to make modern

## Aluminum House Armor Keeps Out Summer Heat, Holds Winter Warmth

 bulk of the rest of the wall, this "magic armor" bounces the heat rays back when they try to get into the house in summer and bounces them back inside when they try to leak out in winter. If the heat rays can be controlled, the problem of human comfort largely has been solved. Tests with these metallized materials show that they have the insulating equivalent of twelve inches of brick or twenty inches of concrete. So far as can be determined, the metal will last indefinitely. As long as it stays bright and shiny, and the engineers say it should not get black when properly installed, it serves as a reliable and economical protector.

There's an equally interesting story in a

Above-New double-paned window reduces loss of heat. Right - Alumi num lath material has te. flecting heat side and dull side for plaster.

new double-paned window now on the market to replace the usual storm windows. The inventor, by the way, worked it out first as an idea for store counters and refrigerator doors. He applied it to houses and just the other day, a large manufacturer bought him out. New ideas for house materials are promising money-makers!
This double-paned window not only prevents heat losses in winter but it ends frosting and condensation on window glass. The two panes of good, clear glass are held apart a fraction of an inch by a special material which expands and contracts but doesn't crack or break. Between the panes is a layer of
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## New Projector Throws Illustrations Behind Speaker's Back

FACING the audience as he talks, a speaker may now illustrate his lectures on a screen behind him without turning around with the aid of a novel optical projector recently perfected by a well known German firm.

The speaker, directly facing his audience, illustrates his talk by writing or drawing horizontally on a sheet of cellophane lying on a glass table before him, and the script is projected, ten to fourteen times enlarged, on the wall screen behind him.

Underneath the glass table, the light of a 500 -watt bulb is condensed and reflected through the transparent cellophane. The lines then pass through a lens to the mirror and are projected onto the screen.

## Baby Bounces in Safety Chair



Right-The safety chair is supported by a spring leaf slipped into a slot on the floor. Left-The chair used in an auto.

ASAFETY chair which combines the enjoyment of a spring ride for the baby with assurance to the mother that he will not get hurt provides a solution to the problem of baby tending for the busy housewife.

The chair is built high to support the baby's back and is set on a strong steel spring leaf fastened to a slot in the floor. The baby's legs straddle a hobby-horse head which prevent him from falling out of the front. Stirrups provide a natural rest for the child's feet.

The spring of the safety chair may also be slipped into a slot in the auto floor, and it will eliminate all heavy shocks to provide baby with a smooth, comfortable ride in spite of rough and rutty roads.


A lecturer illustrating the use of the new projector. Lower left-A diagram showing the basic action of the projector.

## Pole Affects Radio Wave Speed

THE theory that radio waves cross the Atlantic with the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, was shattered recently with the discovery by Dr. H. T. Stetson that they sometimes travel at a rate only half that great.

It is believed that the speed of radio waves is decreased as their course of travel nears the earth's magnetic north pole. This discovery destroys the scientists' method of computing distance by the speed of radio waves.

## Instrument Solves Math Problems

PROBLEMS in trigonometry are said to be easily solved without numerical calculation by a triangular mechanical calculator recently devised for students, instructors, engineers and draftsmen.

A movable hypotenuse, divided into decimal parts of an inch, is attached to a right triangle having a scale of degrees. By setting the hypotenuse and extra ruler to the known constants of a triangle, the unknown sides and angles can be read off directly to an accuracy of two or three decimal points in a short time.



Though undergroud fire is burning all around, this oil well near New Straitsville, Ohio, is atill producing. Road suddenly aank five feet here (at darker part) and had to be filled in.


Where fire broke through into coal mine being worked by small group of miners, forcing them to flee or be burned. Underground fire now covers six-mile area. Mile-long cracks have opened across the hills, with open fire visible below.

FORTUNES have been spent in futile efforts to stop a great underground fire which day by day creeps closer to the busy town of New Straitsville, Ohio. Started in a coal mine some fifty years ago by striking miners, the fire has spread from one coal vein to another, creating great pits in the surrounding country, splitting hills open, and undermining buildings. The town itself is in grave danger of sinking, building by building, into the raging inferno.

Cement walls sunk into the earth have not stopped the constant gnawing of flames. All known crevices have been sealed and steam forced into the great labyrinths to no avail. Creeks have been diverted into the mines in futile attempts to drown out this persistent and deadly fire. Valuable forests have been stunted or killed by the heat.

One unlucky home owner in the vicinity woke up in the morning to find his cistern full of fire instead of water, and the foundations of his home sinking into the flaming pits. Needless to say, his home and belongings were moved forthright.

The federal government has become interested in attempts to save New Straitsville. Modern fire-fighting equipment used under the supervision of the United States Bureau of Mines is expected to conquer at last the fire which has dropped property values almost to zero in the vicinity, and which has for half a century enshrouded homes and stores alike in a veil of murky smoke and lethal gases.

## Fake Cats Scare Birds and Mice to Save Scotchman's Crop

CRAFTY are the birds and field mice that eat the farmer's seed as it is planted; craftier than they is William H. Randall, a land-owner in Southern Scotland who, finding the futile flutterings of the ordinary scarecrow a poor guard against hungry scavengers, has enlisted the aid of an army of cardboard cats to guard his crops.

Painted white on one side and black on the other with grotesque eyes and whiskers, they are almost perfect crop savers.

The cats are cut from stiff cardboard and nailed to laths so that they may be set in the soft soil of a newly planted field. After the seeds have germinated and formed roots, the cats are pulled up and saved for the next sowing.

## Paste Removes Old House Paint

ANEW paint remover, manufactured in the form of a paste, is produced especially for exterior use and is applied directly over the old paint by means of a brush.

It is said to have a distinct advantage over the old methods


Using the new paste, the old paint is easily scraped off with a putty knife five minutes after application. of scraping or using a blow torch. It can be used on a windy day, and it immediately provides a smooth surface for paint without preliminary sanding. Two coats of paint cover it easily, whereas it takes three to cover a torch charred surface.

## Wire Web Controls Alarm Bell

FINE electric wires stretched across the room in spiderweb fashion and connected to a master wire sensitive to the slightest change in tension feature the new burgular and fire alarm perfected by a French inventor.

The wires are fastened to all the doors and windows of the room and pulled to the desired degree of tautness by closing the door as the owner leaves the room. If the door is opened again, the slack wires contact to set off an alarm. Soft metal connections melt to release the wires in case of fire.


## Build One Thousand Ton Press

DRIVEN by a 50 -horsepower high torque motor, a huge new punch press, the largest of its kind in the world, will develop the tremendous pressure of $2,000,000$ pounds, enough to bend a cold steel plate one inch thick and twelve feet long or a plate eighteen feet long and $3 / 4$ of an inch thick.

The ram has a six inch stroke and a six inch adjustment with a distance, bed to ram, of 14 inches. A gear shift transmission permits regulation of speed from five to twenty strokes per minute.

A huge ball-bearing under the flywheel is 56 inches in diameter, weighs 4,000 pounds, and runs at a speed of 600 revolutions per minutes. The punch is conveniently operated from any one of several control switches.


A view of new press. It will develop a pressure of $2,000,000$ pounds to bend and form cold steel plates of unusual thicknestes. It will also handle welded steel for machine parts.


# THE FISH YOU CATCH? <br> <br> by 

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## ROBERT PAGE LINCOLN

Hunting and Fishing Editor

The "pickerel" you are catching may be small northern pike. Although you may know your fish, the statements of this expert may surprise you.

Line drawn through eye of bass, as shown at right, will distinguish small mouth from the large mouth. Red eye of small mouth will identify it. Scales of small mouth basi are smali.
as muskellunge. Every fisherman to gain the most out of the fishing pastime should know the fish he angles for!
While there are three varieties of the muskellunge in North America (the only place in the world where the species is found), they are all very much alike, save for a few varying spots, blotches, or bars on the body. The three varieties are: the northern or unspotted muskellunge (Esox immaculatus); the spotted or St. Lawrence muskellunge (Esox masquinongy); and the Chautauqua muskellunge (Esox ohioensis). All three may be found hobnobbing in common in the same water. The fisherman should know that a muskellunge is a muskellunge whether it is unspotted, spotted, barred, or striped.
So far as size and length is concerned, the great northern pike rarely comes up to the mark set by the muskellunge. Following the same line of comparison it may be said that few true pickerel ever get as large as a six or eight pound great northern pike. Most pickerel range around a foot to fourteen inches in length.
In coloration alone the muskellunge differs from the great northern pike, the only fish with which it could possibly be confused. The background coloration of the muskellunge is some shade of gray, either light or dark gray, whereas the pike is green in background color,
 muskellunge caught by the author. It weighed 35 pounds. It was partly blotched or spotted with wavy streaks. At left is a large mouth bass. Note it: flabby atomach which is not found in the small mouth bsss. The background coloring of the large mouth is green.


The wall-eyed pike and sauger are really members of the perch family. Both look much alike. The sauger, however, is a slimmer fish, is lighter in coloring, and usually weighs leas. The body of the wall-eye is rough. Pike family members have slimy acale covering and have just one back fin.

## MARKINGS IDENTIFY Four Species of TROUT

 seen with the eye, small red spots, and worm-track marked fins.sometimes light green and sometimes dark green depending upon the water from which it is taken.

On the grayish background coloration of the muskellunge there are darker spots or blotches. In comparison, the spots on the great northern pike, instead of being dark, are pale yellow or whitish and are set more or less evenly in rows up and down the sides. These rows of spots on the side are possessed alone by the pike; the muskellunge does not have them, nor do any of the true pickerel. These rows of light, yellowish spots should at once set the pike apart from the other members of the pike family.

Two unfailing means of recognizing the members of the pike family is to take note of the scaling on the cheeks and gill covers and to count the number of rays or bones in the gill covers or opercles.

In the muskellunge the upper part of the cheeks and the gill covers are scaled, the lower half of each being free from scales. In the great northern pike the cheeks are completely scaled, but the lower half of the gill covers are bare of scales. In the three true pickerel both the gill covers and cheeks are covered with scales!

Spread the gill cover of a member of the


## CAMPFIRE

## Following the Birds on their Migratory Trek

 indicating some of the record flights made by migratory birds. Inset-A pair of arctic terns and a fledgling. Terns bold the record for distant fights, flying 11,000 miles each way.

0VER unmarked airways, along coastlines, above mountain ranges and river courses sturdy wings are beating steadily to bring the most intrepid flyers of the airways, the birds, back to their northern haunts.

The early arrivals, the robins, the phoebes, and the blue-birds are already on their way and, like a well-drilled army, other hosts will follow shortly. And the northland nesting grounds will again be filled with meadow larks, warblers, thrushes, swallows, swifts, martins, orioles, and countless other migratory birds.

It is a strange movement, this annual migration of the birds. Man gasps in amazement at some of the feats the hardy travelers perform in their semi-annual trips ranging from 1,000 to 11,00 miles in length. Even the common robin and many of the other smaller birds make sustained trips of 700 miles without food, and the golden plover, flying between northern South America and Labrador, goes in a direct route, 2,400 miles over the open waters of the Atlantic, without food or rest. The turnstone, another trans[Continued on page 130]


Right-The photo shows a bird enthusiast attaching a band to the leg of a young herring gull. The bands are numbered, and a rec. ord is sent to the government Biological Survey telling the species of bird, the band number, and the locale in which be whs found for future study.

## Duelists Break Custom; Shoot Salves In Target Practice



A view of several members of the Southern California Collectors Association practicing on their life-sized enlargements.

## Toy Train Delivers Rural Mail

"ECESSITY is the mother of invention." An Oregon rancher, living a mile from the highway, proved the truth of this old maxim when he put the world's smallest mail train in operation over a spur line between his home and the road to save his wife the trip.

The train, powered with small dry-cell batteries, makes the trip to the road every morning, pulling a tiny mail box. Upon arrival, it is stopped by a lever laid along the track.


The mail man delivers his mail and turns the switch to send the world's smallest mail train on its mile journey homeward.

QUITE contrary to the ancient custom of duelling, the members of the Southern California Colectors Association have evolved a bloodless version of the honorable art, using life-sized photographic enlargements of themselves as targets.

One of the club members, a photographer by profession, struck upon the idea, and now the members are staging regular contests, shooting with old guns from their collections.
A circle over the heart is the bull's eye; concentric circles extending over the other vital parts of the body provide a wide range scoring basis.

## Folding Bed Sides Guard Baby

ACOLLAPSIBLE guard to prevent restless children from falling out of bed can be quickly clamped to the bed by means of thumbscrews. It folds and lies unobstrusively below the mattress level when not in use as a safeguard for baby.


The collapsible bed-guard is quickly attached through the use of thumb screws on the bed post.

## Ash Tray Protects Cigarettes

RANCID odors from burning cigarette stubs are said to be minimized through the use of an ash tray with separate compartments for the burning ash and the butt, preventing butts from smouldering. A grid on the top prevents condensation of moisture on the cigarette when it is laid aside, and it scrapes off lighted ends to extinguish cigarettes.


The grid on the tray is designed to avoid moisture condensation on the end of a burning cigarette.

## Largest Plane Carries Printing Press

 plane, the Maxim Gorky, shown at the Central Aero-Hydrodynamic Institute field, Moscow, Russia. It is powered by eight motors and has a 210 foot wing spread

ROARING with all the power of its eight mighty engines, the huge Soviet Monoplane, Maxim Gorky, the world's largest landplane, recently trundled to a stop at the Central Aero-Hydrodynamic Institute field in Moscow for its first public appearance.

The Maxim Gorky, named after the famous Russian writer, has a wing spread of 210 feet -more than half the length of an average city block. It is propelled through the air by eight propellers which are driven by high compression motors, three in each wing and two set in tandem over the passenger cabin. The rear propeller is of the pusher type.

The plane will carry a useful load of from seven to eight tons at a top speed of 135 miles per hour. It has accommodations for 70 passengers and a crew of six, and carries a printing press to spread propaganda.

## Design New Bicycle Speedometer



The new aluminum-finished bicycle speedometer registers mileage up to 9,999.9 and speeds up to 50 miles per hout

TO MEET the demands of bicycle fans, a speedometer for bicycles has been invented which resembles an automobile speedometer in most respects, registering mileage up to $9,999.9$ and speeds up to 50 miles per hour.

The speedometer is fastened to the head of the steering bar by a bracket and is connected to a special gear on the front hub by a flexible tube containing the driving mechanism. The gear, which fastens on the front spokes, and the speedometer, can be attached easily by any boy.

## Air Silencer Tames Diesel Roar

INSPIRED by a tiny air-filter and silencer used in one of the country's popular-priced automobiles, a manufacturer recently built what is believed to be the world's largest intake silencer to tame the ear-splitting thunder of the Diesel engines of the new streamlined railroad trains into a whispering hiss.

Although Diesels have heretofore used exhaust silencers, the noise of the engine backed up and escaped through the intake manifold. The new silencer is now set into the intake manifold and has baffle-plates arranged to hold back the sound, at the same time allowing air to enter without retardation.
The filter sieves and cloths keep all dust and dirt from getting into the fuel system.


The idea for the huge Diesel air-silencer at the left was inspired by the auto silencer easily beld by the woman on the cight. It filters and cleans the air entering the motor.

## Odd Fins Utilize Up and Down Wave Motion to Propel Boat



Left-The complete gear is shown ready for attachment to the model boat. Right-The photo shows the model, completely equipped, moving through the water. The motion of the waves sets up vibrations in the fin impellors to force the boat forward. The front fins act independently and can be folded to boat sider.

## Metal Mask Gives Vapor Facials

AMETAL face mask, shown at the National Inventors' congress at Hollywood, is used to give steam or medical facials without the use of hot towels.
The ingredients used for the facial are first placed in an electrical unit where they are heated to the vapor point. The vapor passes through a tube to the mask where it is emitted through numerous pin-holes in the lining.


The metal mask is moulded to fit the face. Medical ingredients are heated to the vapor point in the electric unit. Vapor passes to the mask to be emitted through pin-holes in lining.

DESIGNED to transfer the up and down motion of the waves into forward energy, a new water craft, designed by a Californian is equipped with a set of light metal fins.
The fins, which in tests have propelled an eighteen-inch model at a speed of five miles per hour, resemble the wings and tail of an airplane. The fore impellors rise and fall with the waves and transfer this energy to a forward propelling fin at the rear of the boat.
Although greater speed is attained when the boat follows the wind direction, it can be steered parallel to or dead against the waves.

## Bottles Make Attractive Lamps

ACORD and socket given with each bottle of a newly manufactured product affords the housewife a chance to make a decorative lamp out of the empty bottle. The socket replaces the bottle cork and supports a light wire frame over which the shade is stretched. Various pictures are furnished to replace labels. The bottles may be used as vases.


A cord and socket are furnished with each bottle. Empty, the bottle makes an sttractive lamp base.

## LARGE ROYALTIES Offered Inventors Gor $\mathcal{N}_{\text {(eeded }}$ AUTOMOTIVE Improvements



COUNTLESS millions have been earned by smart inventors who have recognized the needs of the American motorist. The MotoMeter, for instance, made a millionaire of its inventor within a comparatively short time, and the Bendix starter formed the foundation for a $\$ 50,000,000$ business. Fortunately for those inventors whose minds gravitate toward auto mechanics there is still plenty of opportunity to turn simple ideas into great amounts of cash, for our motor manufacturers are just as eager, just as alert for new ideas as they were twenty years ago, and the man with a new gadget is bound to receive friendly, patient attention.

We now have paint spray guns which fasten in a spark plug hole to operate on cylinder compression. What we need is a high-speed compressed air motor operating from the same source that will drive a polishing pad for waxing the car.

Auto owners are still troubled with gas
thieves. An electro-magnetically controlled lock for the caps of gas tanks, which will automatically engage when the ignition of the car is turned off, should be worth $\$ 50,000$ to the inventor.

An oil filter for gas engines that would automatically discharge all foreign matter without attention would be worth a good sized fortune.

Some years ago an automobile came to the market which featured "One Shot" lubrication. The object of the idea was to supply lubrication to all points of the car by the manipulation of a single handle on the dashboard. The idea was not successful because it was not developed properly, and there is still an urgent demand for such a device.

Automobile ash trays would be much more serviceable if they emptied directly into the atmosphere at the base of the car. They would then never need to be cleaned out. This problem entails merely correct design.
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## CREATING LIFE LIKE

 molding a clay model. Above-Preparing a nozorious weatern bandis for the "death act." Only exposed parts are wax-clothes cover papier mache body.


WHERE do the horrors in the wax museums come from? This question may have troubled you as you paused in a side show for a few pleasant shudders. So realistically are they made, so gruesomely exact in every tiny detail, that it would seem the artist must have had the original models pose especially for him.
Let us visit a man in St. Louis who manufactures these macabre specimens in his workshop. It surely will be exciting, and we may learn something in addition.

Arriving at our destination, we opened the door with shivery anticipation-
Instead of the ghostly, dimly-lit labora-tory-studio of cobwebs, shadowy corners and bobbling witches' kettles-presided over by some evil-visaged, misshapen gnome,

Left-The worker building up the back panel of a plasier mold over the first clay model. Center-pouring the wax into the plaster mold. Right-Breaking the unfiniahed wax head out of the mold. It is now ready for hair and teeth.
which we expected, we found just the oposite. A stout, jolly man of about forty-five, with a booming, cheery voice, bade us welcome.
"How do I do it?" he laughed. "Come right in. Bill and I are just running off a cast of George Washington!"

We stepped into a well-lighted, well equipped workshop. Bill, a soft-spoken young man of twenty-two nodded a greeting.

Mr. Christophel walked over to a well executed head of George Washington, sculptured in modeling clay. "This is the first step in making wax figures," he stated. "I'm just putting the finishing touches to it now. Next-" he reached for a bottle of oil. "I

## Figures For WAXMUSEUMS

by HAROLD L. ZIMMER

Washington, Roosevelt, Billy the Kid, Jesse James! All the world's most colorful figures stand out with startling reality in a wax museum. This article tells how workers transfer a simple photograph into amazingly life like figures sculptured in tinted wax.

Right-The author, Harold Zimmer standing between wax models of "Wild Bill" Hickock at left and the famous fighter. Billy the Kid.
 setting the eyelashes. Each hair is driven into the model with a pointed punch to gain natural appearance. Right-Human hair, each one individually inserted, is used to complete the model head of George Washington molded from apecial wax.
grease the clay head thoroughly, to keep it from sticking to the plaster.
"People often wonder why the figures are so true to life. This is a compliment to the sculptor, for he seldom sees the original model -most of them being dead-and must go either by old pictures found in books or-as is sometimes the case-from a newspaper clipping. Figures of modern notorious characters and celebrities are often found in this way.
"A wax worker's art is not always gruesome," Chris continued, taking the finished clay model over to where Bill was [Continued on page 122]


The breathing mechanism exposed. A silent electric motor runs a reduction gear which is timed to conform with regular breathing. The machine can be regulated to produce the breath of a sleeping beauty or the gasps of a dying bandit.

## Collapsible Masts Eliminate Dirigible Mooring Problems



Heinen's dirigible is shown moored to his portable mast at Washington, D. C. Note the guy wires supporting atub mast.

## Invisible Wires Heat Garments

LIGHT sweaters can attain and surpass the warmth of the Eskimo's fur jacket through the use of a revolutionary new weaving process that incorporates fine copper or steel threads, five-thousanths of an inch in diameter, into the regular weave to heat the garment when plugged into a convenient electric outlet.

The wires are covered with a special insulation that adds life and service to the garment. Woven into airplane fabric the wires will be invaluable in keeping ice from forming on the wings.


Left-A sweater into which is woven thousands of tiny wire heating threads, Right-Ruga may also be heated by this method to aid in heating the house during the winter.

LIGHT dirigibles receive a new practical value through the invention of a portable mooring mast, by Anton Heinen of Lakewood, N. J., which will permit dirigibles to land on any suitable field and remain there any desired length of time.
The mast consists of several lengths of pipes fitted one into another so that they may be compressed to fill a small space in the passenger car when not in use.

To moor the dirigible when it is brought to earth, the mast is extended and set into a hole in the ground. The joints are held rigid by braces and the whole mast is set firmly in place by a system of guy-wires attached to stakes driven in the ground.

Since a dirigible will not crash when the motor stops, this mast may make it possible for explorers to use this craft on their trips.

Tiny Model Sloop Sails 25 Miles

H. Ormsby Phillips is shown here with his record-making model sloop. The bottom of the boat was attacked by fish.

$A^{c}$CROSS a twenty-five mile stretch of open ocean, between Newport Beach, Calif., and Catilina Island in twelve hours and 35 minutes is the record recently set by the trim little model sloop owned by Ormsby Phillips, Commodore of the Los Angeles Model Yacht Club.

Inspired by the run, the club is organizing a deep sea race for models over the same course. The contest is attracting a nationwide interest among model yacht owners, some of whom have built models which in some cases exceed a cost of $\$ 1,000$.

## Aero-Car to Cross U. S. in 12 Hours

Delicately balanced on a single rail, the proposed Aero-Drive Monorail Express, described in this article, will speed across the continent at a rate in excess of 250 miles per hour.

## Electric Eye Trains Voices For Chorus



Left-Members of the Newark Electro-Choir leârning a new, song with the aid of headphones which bring a distinct melody as guidance to the singer. Right-A view of the photo-electric transmitter. Note film passing between lens and electric eye.

AMAZING, almost human at its astounding task, is the photo-electric device invented by Captain Richard H. Ranger which breaks a melody into its component parts, soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and transmits them separately to facilitate the quick training of singers.

The invention is composed of a sound film with five different sound tracks which is passed around a drum before five different photo-electric cells. In front of each photoelectric cell is a small auto bulb and a lens. The lens focuses the light of the bulb onto the film, and the rays are then picked up by the cell on the other side which transmits the sound.
Each bulb, lens, and photo-electric cell unit handles one of the sound tracks. Four of the tracks transmit the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass; the other transmits the melody as a whole. The singers receive their individual tone through a headphone while listening to the whole melody through a loud speaker. Thus, while practicing, each group can be kept in a separate room, hearing the melody only in its perfect form.


A view of the new German engine as it will look when it is completed. Note the smooth "bullet" type lines. The vents in the cover side prevent overheating of moving engine parts.

## Rim Prevents Blow-Out Accidents

DESIGNED to eliminate the hazards of a blow-out, a new inner-rim, offset to half the size of an inflated tire, is firmly attached to the wheel itself. When a blow-out occurs, the automobile drops to ride on the tire guard which is


This inner-rim, designed to prevent blow-out accidents, is righdy fastened inside of wheel itself. said to maintain a level course without swerving. The device not only lessens the fear of severe accident, but it also prevents rim cuts on punctured tires while stopping the auto.

## German Engine Uses "Bullet" Lines

GERMAN locomotive engineers in following the streamline trend have originated a design for steam engines that is uniquely their own-following the lines of the highspeed, soft-nosed bullet.

The engines, now under construction for the German Railway Company at the Borsig Works, are completely encased in a smooth metal cover, leaving only vented openings to prevent the overheating of the drive wheels.

## Steel Plate Flashes Over Window To Guard Holdup Victims

THE leveled gun and the sharp cry of "Stick 'em up" need no longer strike terror to the hearts of bank tellers since the invention of a new holdup guard which, when released by the pressure of the knee, flashes a heavy steel plate between the robber and his victim.
This new guard features a heavy steel plate, set above compressed steel springs and fitting into grooves behind the teller's window. The springs are held in compression by a trigger fastened to a release bar near the teller's knee. Slight pressure of the knee trips the trigger and flashes the steel plate before the window in a split second.

This guard is more practical than the conventional alarm as it can be sprung without tell-tale movement, and it affords complete protection from baffled burglars left with nothing but a bullet-proof wall as a target.

## Actor Plays Underwater Symphony



Jack Holt, screen star, shown playing a piano in an underwater scene. A microphone hidden in the seaweed recorded the sound, a faint tinkle slightly resembling music.

CCLAD in a heavy diving suit, Jack Holt, 1 screen star, gave vent to his musical emotions by playing a piano on an underwater movie set.

This strange stunt was a feature called for in a recent movie and was recorded by a microphone hidden in the seaweed which hung over the instrument.

The scene, illumined by unusual underwater lights was quite effective, but the microphone picked up only faint tinkles remotely resembling music.


A mere pressure of the knee releases a trigger and sends a bullet-proof steel plate between the holdup man and his victim.

## Machine Takes Casein from Milk

AMACHINE which extracts the casein from cow's milk has eliminated hand work from the making of glossy finish for papers, taking the milk in at one end and turning out the completely separated casein from the other.
The machine insures the uniformity demanded in the printing of modern advertising. It washes the curds free of foreign substances and presses them into cakes. The cakes are held in storage until needed.

## Balls Aids In Cleaning Dust Mop

WHEN the rubber ball, set in the handle of a dust mop, is struck over a window ledge, it sets up a strong vibration which shakes the dust from the mop. The ball does not damage the surface on which it is bounced.


The rubber ball, when struck over a projecting ledge, sets up vibrations to shake the mop head.

## Professor Stays Home; Conducts Class With Two-Way Radio



Left-Dr. C. C. Clark lecturing by two-way radio to his science class (right) meeting in another building.


UTILIZING "micro-waves," Marconi's latest discovery in the radio field, Dr. C. C. Clark can lecture to his General Science class a quarter of a mile away without leaving the quiet comfort of his own home.
A receiver in the class-room is tuned to the professor's lecture, and questions are answered directly as they are relayed over the two-way transmission by the professor's assistant. Such a device will permit instructor to carry on his lectures even while sick and confined to his home.

## Rubber Telephone Cord Stretches

ABAND of gum rubber, woven between the wires in the center of a telephone cord, gives it an elasticity which permits a stretch of four feet on a cord originally only one foot long.
Small wires are packed into the rubber center like a spring to coil when released. Said to be equally as durable as the conventional cloth wrapped cords, the new type can be extended to four times its original length.


The rubber of the new telephone cord is interwoven with coiled springs which allow the user to stretch the cord four times its original length withour any resultant damages.

## Student Makes Home In Trailer


G. Albert Spencer is shown standing before his traveling home which is constructed from lumber that he finished himself.

G.ALBERT SPENCER, a student at the G. University of Utah, lives in high style at low cost in his home-like trailer which he built for himself for use while traveling between Paris, Idaho, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

The trailer is 12 feet long and $61 / 2$ feet wide. It contains two chairs, a table, a typewriter stand, stove, hat-rack, a clothes closet, and many other home conveniences. It is constructed from lumber which Spencer cut for himself, and it is painted to resemble brick construction.

## First Class Mail To Go By Air

AVAST plan for carrying air mail was started in England recently with the announcement by Sir Phillip Sassoon that all first class mail will be sent by air. First class air service to India, Australia, South Africa and Singapore will begin at once.

# Connect Distant Speaker To Radio Set With Only One Wire 

IF AN additional loudspeaker is desired in the studio, playhouse, or barn, a single wire between the two points is sufficient, provided magnetic speakers are used. The ground itself serves as the return wire.

Locate the loudspeaker post which is connected to the plate circuit of the output tube of your set. Run your single wire from this post out of the house to the other speaker using insulators where necessary. A switch should be placed in series with this wire at the remote location, to enable this speaker to be shut off even though the radio in the house is being used. Ground the other terminal of this speaker.

The radio set itself must have a good ground. Place a 2 mfd . condenser in series with the single wire at the radio set, to prevent short circuits. Do not try this with sets having a dynamic speaker.

Make Insulators from Old Tires


Make serviceable, no-cost insulators from auto tires as shown here.

STRONG and $D$ dependable insulators for aerial wires and mast guy wires are readily made from an old auto tire casing. Cut slices about one inch wide from the casing, and punch holes in each just inside the bead. Two of these slices are looped together as shown in the sketch, and the wires then run through the holes.
A single slice slipped over a large screw hook makes a good strain insulator for tying wires to buildings or posts, as in anchoring guy wires. There is no danger of breakage here.


Above method of connecting extra speaker with only single wire applies to radio aets having magnetic, not dynamic speakers. Place s. p. s. t. swisch near speaker as shown here.

## Jig Bends Sheet Metal Accurately

WITH this easily built jig, sheet metal for radio cabinets may be quickly and evenly bent to any desired angle up to 90 degrees. Two boards are hinged together, with a wood clamp to hold the metal in position while one of the hinged portions is being raised. Use hardwood throughout especially if you plan to bend sheet steel.


Mesal panela are neatly and quickly bent with this simple jig.

## Hear All-Wave Programs With

Though no plug-in coils are used, programs down to 35 meters can be heard with speaker volume on this powerful long and short wave portable receiver.


Set your toolbox portable anywhere, connect up antenne and ground leads, flip the switch, and take your pick of masic, police calls, or amateur short wave braadeasts o'er the continent. Switch for long or short antenna is on back cover.

SIMPLY connect up the aerial and ground wires, and this powerful little receiver is ready to pick up stations anywhere in this country, on any band from 35 to about 370 meters, with good volume on the built-in midget loudspeaker. Take it anywhere-on a canoe, cruiser, or along to camp this sum-mer-it doesn't take much of an aerial to pick up stations on the broadcast band hundreds of miles away.
An ingeniously wound coil covers four different bands simply by changing the setting on a four point selector switch. There is none of the nuisance of carrying along plug in coils for the different short wave bands, and opening up the set each time you wish to change bands.

Everything is built into the single tool box cabinet. Light weight B and C batteries give unusually long service, since the current drain with the circuit used is very low. Two dry cells supply filament power.

Rain or snow have no threats for this sturdily built receiver. Its depend-


Mounting of parts atop chassis is shown in above sketch. Ordinary 8 mh. choke gives same results as low loss type shown.

## 3-Tube TOOL

by P. M. OHLINGER

ability makes it the ideal portable set for mining expeditions, explorers, forest patrol rangers, or even for interference finding. A phone jack is provided to permit headphone reception of distant short wave stations. When phones are used, the speaker is automatically shut off.
Though only three tubes are used in this set, the type '19 dual purpose tube raises the efficiency to that of a four tube receiver. Electrically the circuit is a ' 34 screen grid untuned r.f. stage coupled by choke and condenser to a ' 32 screen grid regenerative detector. Resistance coupling is used between the detector and the first a. f. stage, which is one half of the ' 19 tube. Transformer coupling is used between first and second audio stages, the output passing through the phone jack to the speaker.
A tone control is just another of the many


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Selector Switch Permits Reception Of All Wave Bands On Single Coil


Drill out the rivets that hold the handle to the lid. The box is stood on end and the handle fastened to the top. Bolt a sponge rubber pad to the bottom of the box to take up shock and vibration. Drill holes for the antenna, ground posts and volt-meter on the


Three views of completed set show how compactly parts are arranged. To slide our chassis, loosen screw on runing dial coupling, then take off all other front panel control knobs.
rear door. The front panel of the box must be drilled or cut out for the speaker opening and for the controls. The five inch magnetic speaker will fit in very easily.
The inside of the box should be lined with cardboard to prevent battery shorts and to make acoustics better.
A vernier dial is fastened to the control panel by its extended bolts. Then a bushing [Continued on page 128]

Wind coil exactly as shown, spacing grid windings $\frac{50}{\text { t }}$ apart. Circuit diagram is given below. Filament theostat is adjusted to control yolume and regeneration. Filament meter should never be allowed to go higher than 2 volts. Use low-priced 3 -volt D. C. meter. Aerial binding post is on back cover.
Ground post, on cover, is not insulated from the tool box.



## Tennis Rules Apply to Indoor Dart Game

EXCEPT for the fact that darts are used instead of balls, this fascinating game is played in the same manner as lawn tennis. Just as much skill is required to place the darts in the proper court areas as to return the ball in real tennis games. While designed here for indoor use, dart tennis may also be played out-of-doors.
The game board is a piece of soft plywood $44^{\prime \prime} \times 51^{\prime \prime}$ in size, finished in clear varnish. On this board is painted a layout of a standard tennis court, with a $4^{\prime \prime}$ diameter black circle at the center to represent the net, and radial streaks of alternate colors to indicate failure


Mark out playing board on plywood as indicated above, then finish with enamel in colors marked. Tripod is shown at right.
two players, yellow and blue, are playing singles. Suppose blue is to serve first from the left court. He is entitled to two darts; if the first is placed within Court B he does not throw the second. A dart in the black circle is net ball, and must be served over. If blue gets a dart on the white streak in B, receiving player must now place his dart on a white court area on the other side of the net. If
blue had landed on a red area, yellow would likewise aim for the red area. A dart on the wrong color indicates failure to return the ball.

Darts outside the court boundaries are of course called outside. Play continues until one player fails to place a dart on the correct color inside the court boundaries. Blue alternates between courts $B$ and $D$ in serving. while yellow serves into $A$ and $C$.

# Build "eraidget © $\operatorname{CiLLER}$ " 

by WESTON FARMER<br>PART I

THIS midget car is a scale model of the famous Miller Dirt Track Special. Built for Merril M. Madsen, of Minneapolis, Minn., dirt track racer and owner of a real Miller, it combines beauty and speed with simplicity of construction.

The car shown in the photos is powered with a $3 / 4$ h.p. Briggs and Stratton motor with a kick starter reached by raising the rear hood. This motor develops a speed of 20 miles an hour. The plans and specification given, however, will do for the power head of an outboard motor or one of those washing machine motors that can be found most anywhere.

Unlike most midget cars, the "Midget Miller" has a clutch and a gear shift for forward and reverse that is a simple arrangement of $V$ pulleys and a belt. The car can stop, start, and reverse and come to a proper halt for traffic signals. The body of the car can be built of sheet metal or of wooden molds with chicken wire and fabrikoid cover.

The first step in construction is the frame, made of two oak stringers, $1^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ and $62^{\prime \prime}$ long. These are joined by separators, as shown in Fig 2, with $2^{\prime \prime}$ No. 14 steel screws. The rear piece is molded as shown from $2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ fir. A tie rod of $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ cold rolled steel is threaded and fitted in a slot in the bottom of this rear tie piece to strengthen it.

The nose piece may be of the dimensions shown in Fig. 2, which is sketched as a suggestion as to how to handle this part. This nose piece can be cast, or it may be built up of 10 gauge sheet iron, welded at the seams.

Below-A side view of the "Miller Midget" racer. Balloon tures come with the wheels. The gear shift is a simple arrangement of pulteys and sliding motor block at rear.

Miniature copy of the famous Miller dirt track racer, this midget has class, beauty, and speed, yet is easily built with common workshop tools.



## - ac (odel Dirt Track Racer

Photo at right shows graceful lines of the midget. Front spring mounting and Model $T$ brake rods used for tie rods can be seen. All parts, except wheels, tires, and motor, can be built up in the average home workshop.

If the nose piece is built up, the spring perch should be an iron or steel block welded and bolted as shown.

A hole for the foot of the steering column is cut in the bottom plate. Steering is done with a Model T steering column given half a revolution so that the foot or dash plate rests on the nose piece instead of the usual dashboard. Holes are drilled into the bottom plate so the dash plate can be fastened with bolts.

The driver's feet and legs go under the front hood. They rest on the 16 gauge metal floor, extending from the front seat support to the nose piece.

The rear axle is one-inch cold rolled steel
[Continued on page 126]

Construction of the frame and nose piece, shown here, is not difficult. Spring perch must be iron or steel for safety. Model $\mathbf{T}$ steering column goes through long hole in nose piece bottom. Drill $2^{\prime \prime}$ holes for $1^{\prime \prime}$ steel rod rear axle.


## How to SELL Your SHOP PRODUCTS



Supposing the total in this case comes to 8.25 cents. You are entitled to a $50 \%$ markup as your own profit. Adding this, 4.125 c , to the cost makes 12.375 c , the

## by DALE R. VAN HORN

T'HE owner of a home workshop which is well equipped with power tools can at any time utilize his hobby as a means of making a living. At his disposal is all the equipment needed to go into the production of toys and novelties which will find a ready market everywhere.

In any home shop venture, regardless of what type of product is being made, there is just one sure way to figure costs and profits. Get quotations on materials you need from as many manufacturers as possible to get the lowest possible price consistent with quality goods. Let it be known that you plan to go into production, and you will be given wholesale quotations. From these figures, compute your material cost per unit, allowing about $10 \%$ for waste and breakage.

The labor cost is an uncertain figure until you have made several hundred items, so figure liberally at first. Remember that any worker naturally speeds up with experience. This labor item, added to that for materials and a pro-rated amount for electricity, machine depreciation, and supplies, gives you the actual cost of the item.
lowest figure at which you sell the items in any quantity. You can give this price to salesmen or jobbers.
To retail dealers should be added $331 / 3 \%$ of this figure, bringing the dealer's cost to about 19 cents. Dealers, in turn expect to make at least a third, and 40 to $60 \%$ suits them better. If you also sell your own products, then into your pockets goes both the manufacturing and selling profits.

## Selling Price to be Four Times Cost

All this is simply a long way of saying that if the item costs you 8.25 c, it should retail for at least 30c. This plan, providing the item in question will sell at this figure, will insure the proper profits along the line.

Once you have become established on a firm business basis, keep in mind that the only sure way of controlling your labor costs is to operate on a piece-work basis. Here you pay your help so much for a certain amount of work, your labor costs for any one piece being always the same.
Keep in mind these simple rules for setting prices on your workshop products, if you want to reap the full benefit from your labor, your ideas, and your equipment.

# AUTO GENERATOR KINKS 

## Use Generator as Reactor for Electric Arc <br> Reactor Furnace

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$N ELECTRIC arc furnace which will operate directly on 110 -volt alternating current must have a reactance in series to limit the current when the arc is struck. The field coils of any automobile generator will prove ideal for this reactor.
Remove the armature and brushes, then either bring both field coil leads out directly, or ground one to the generator frame and bring out the other. Connect the coils in series with the carbon arc rods across the power line.

An inexpensive furnace for heating brass, bronze, or lead may be constructed as pictured in the sketches at the right. The electric arc is intensely hot, and will prove very convenient for melting small quantities of metal. This reactor may also be used for an arc light flood lamp.-Carrol R. Whitehill.


## Electric Motor Helps Charge Car Battery

WHEN your car battery is down, here's a kink that will bring the battery up in a short time. On a small board mount an electric motor having a V-belt pulley. Remove the fan belt from your car engine, and connect electric motor and car generator together with it. The length of the board should be such that the weight of the motor tightens the belt. The ammeter will tell you if the generator is being turned in the correct direction.-R. F. Jennings.

## High Speed Auto Polisher Uses Any Starter Motor

POLISHING and waxing of a car, if done by hand, can be a very tedious job. With this starter motor-powered buffing wheel operating directly from the car battery, a brilliant polish may be obtained in an hour.

Turn down the armature shaft to take a standard $6^{\prime \prime}$ buffing wheel. Two handles are fastened to the starter in the manner indicated by the sketches. Connect the starter to the battery with long, flexible No. 14 rubber covered leads. A heavier wire would draw more current than is needed here. A switch may be mounted on the starter if desired.--Lawrence Kay.


## Mold PLASTER Novelties With Gelatin

> Though the making of plaster composition novelties with flexible molds is a pleasant as well as profitable occuption, information on the subject has heretofore been difficult to obtain. The molding gelatin process explained here is surprisingly simple and inexpensive.


Fruir bowls, book ends, and plaques like those shown above are easily made in quantities from plaster composition by flexible molding process described in detail in this article.

IN THE making of plaques, statues, book ends, or other plaster novelties on a production basis, a knowledge of flexible mold making will prove invaluable. Model makers, too, can save time and money with these gelatin molds especially when large numbers of an intricate plaster fitting are needed.
Molding gelatin has many of the characteristics of rubber, being flexible, elastic, and tough, yet it will melt at a temperature even less than that of boiling water. The gelatin may be used over and over again by remelting.

The making of the form is the first step in this new molding process. The model being copied is glued flat side down on a smooth board or piece of tin. With strips of wood or tin set up a form about $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ higher than the model and at least $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ away from it at all points. Cement down the outside edges of this form with a thick mixture of molding plaster and water, and allow to set.

If the model used is painted, give it a coat of clear varnish to protect the finish. If it is marble or a plaster composition, warm it up a little before pouring on hot gelatin, to prevent cracking.

The molding gelatin usually comes in flat slabs about $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick. Cut this up into $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

squares, and melt in a double boiler. Allow the water to boil slowly until the gelatin is thoroughly melted, but do not allow the gelatin itself to boil.

Pour the gelatin slowly over the mold, allowing it to level itself to prevent formation of air pockets. Allow several hours to cool.

Now remove the form, and pull the gelatin .away from the model. With room temperatures of less than 50 degrees the mold may be used just as it is, if the plaster is mixed with cold water. In warmer rooms apply two coats of a slow-drying varnish to the inside of the mold.

When you are ready to start molding, grease [Continued on page 120]

## Midget Mechanical Man Wags Head To Answer Questions

Co hend Sindpaper thoroughly enamel alossy black then pringhy, bume glory eye sockets. Cut the wings from sheet aluminum, buff to a high polish, then screw to the body. A sharp drill turned slowly will make mounting holes in the length of clock spring used for the perch.


Above squares make transferring of goose patterns to working materials easy. Stiff clock spring may be used for perch.

ALITTLE wood, a dash of aluminum paint, and a lot of concealed hocus-pocus, assembled as shown above, make Doremus-a vest pocket edition of that strange, awe-inspiring scientific oddity, The Mechanical Man. He can count to eleven, wag his head in answer to any question put him, and even whirl his one free arm around, windmill fashion.

Doremus operates by means of electro magnets kept out of sight, under the table top or hidden in the base on which the robot can be mounted. The magnets can be taken from a door bell and connected to batteries and separates switches mounted under the rim of the table. It will be necessary to experiment with the counterbalances inside the legs to get them just the right weight and distance from the magnets to turn the arm and head.

The short lengths of iron rod are suspended with waxed threads from levers in the hollow trunk of the figure. That attached to the arm lever must be light enough to allow the arm to fall of its own accord. A small spring returns the head to normal position when the magnet operating it releases.

Make pin pricks in the top of the table to indicate where the magnets are located.

# Boy-Power "STEAM SHOVEL" 

Shoveling sand in summer, snow in winter, this boy-size "steam shovel" is a year


CONTROLS
 'round source of fun for the mechanically inclined youngster who craves action.

by RALPH T. MOORE

LIKE the giant steam shovels used in cutting out highways, this boy-powered shovel digs into miniature sand mountains, pivots about realistically to release its bucketful of earth over a waiting toy truck or railroad gondola car. Hands and feet of youthful operators must move in coordination as boom and dipper are maneuvered back into position for another "bite" at the back-yard sand pile.

Winter brings no period of rest to this sturdy shovel. Watch the one-thousandth cubic yard capacity dipper scoop up snow from the sidewalk, pile it neatly to one side of the path.

The position of the boom is controlled by the lever at the top of the cab, and may be set at four different heights. The sliding movement of the dipper inside the boom is taken care of by the left control crank, and the forward motion of the bucket by the right crank. Turning is done with the feet, the rear wheel being pivoted.

Plywood, a few scraps of soft


Details of construction and assembly of steam shovel are covered in above sketches and photos. Control winch, an right side of cab, has locking cam which holds up the dipper.

## Moves Miniature MOUNTAINS

pine, some pieces of sheet metal, and a few odds and ends of wire and bolts are the only materials needed in constructing this shovel.
Build the dipper or bucket first, assembling the plywood sides with glue and brads. Cut two hinges for the door from 20 -gauge sheet metal, bending as shown in the sketches. The dump lever is cut from the same material, and fastened to the dipper door with small wood screws.

A small spring fastened to the dipper keeps sand from forcing open the bucket door. An $11^{\prime \prime}$ length of stiff wire is bent to form the dipper bail; this snaps into place.

Saw out the base board, the seat, and the front wheel bracket arm


Here's how the completed shovel will appear. Bucket release cord is held in appear. Bucket release cord is held in
hand. Boom is at highest position here.

from $1^{\prime \prime}$ stock, sanding the edges and then drilling as shown. The wheels may either be cut from $11 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ stock on the band saw or turned out on a lathe. Wheel brackets are formed from $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ thick strap iron.
Use strong chalk line in rigging the shovel. Small screw eyes serve as guide pulleys.
Two coats of paint complete the shovel.

Assembly of bucket, base, and boom arm are covered above.
Red, black, and grey is suggested combination for the shovel.

## SEASONAL HOME SUGGESTIONS



Clean Chimney With Small Pine Bush

THE annual chimney cleaning is often neglected by home owners because of lack of special equipment. This need not deter you from removing the winter's accumulation of soot, for a small pine bush dropped up and down the chimney a few times at the end of a rope will do the trick. The bush should fit snugly when pushed, tip first, down the chimney. It may be necessary to weight the bush with stones if it jams before reaching the bottom. A safe ladder hook for roof work is also shown.-J. Gilbert.
Glycerine Renews
Typewriter Ribbons
RY APPLYING a few
drops of glycerine
from time to time, typewriter ribbons can be re-inked and used over and over again. Simply wind the ribbon onto an old spool having the bottom removed, and set into a metal can with the ribbon ends touching the bottom. Place 3 or 4 drops of glycerine in the can, then close tightly for one day. The glycerinefilters evenly through the ribbon by osmosis.-F. Bunce.


## Burglar-Proof Door Lock

 SIDE or back doors of the home, usually locked from the inside, are easily made burglar-proof. Lock the door, leaving the key in the lock. Now bend about a nine-inch length of stiff wire, such as that used for coat hangers, into a hairpin loop which can be slipped over the door knob and through the hole in the key handle. This prevents anyone from pushing the key out from the other side.Glenn Godwin.

## Grapefruit Skin Opens Clogged Sink Drain

WHEN the kitchen sink is clogged up, and no plumber's force cup is handy, a half grapefruit skin will serve just as well. Exert rapid pressure on the skin after placing it over the drain opening, just as when using a rubber cup. The pressure forces air through the drain.-A. Williamson.


## Put Rubber Pads in Skate Shoes



SKATING shoes can be made more comfortable by placing a strip of sponge rubber under the laces, but over the tongue of each. Shoes can be laced tighter, yet there will be no cutting into the ankle. Weak ankles are better supported when the pads are used. Use $2^{\prime \prime}$ wide strips cut from kneeling pads sold at dime stores.Chester Sullivan.

## Make AUTO REPAIRS with Plastic RUBBER




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# Rack Hangs Inside Closet Door to Increase Storage Space 



Above-Details of the hat and shoe racks. Right-Starting from the top, the hat racks are placed one foot apart. The shoe racks at the bottom are inserted at eight-inch intervals. The bolts folding the racks to the frame should be loose so that the individual racks may be folded when not in use.

ABOUT a dollar's worth of lumber and a few hours in the workshop will produce a sure cure for the average crowded closet in the form of a handy tie, shoe, and hat-rack that is accessible, though suspended out of the way-on iron straps behind the closet door.
The average rack, 6 ft . long by $21 / 4 \mathrm{ft}$. wide, can be constructed of about 50 ft . of 2 in . by $3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. stock which can be bought cut to dimension or cut in the workshop as desired. Other necessary materials include twelve $21 / 4$ in. by $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. round-head bolts with nuts and washers, four lengths of perforated strap iron, ten cents worth of $11 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. flat-head screws, and about six ft. of $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. dowling.

The frame, a simple rectangle, is constructed of 2 in . lumber. It is kept from wobbling by the racks. The racks are built to the desired size and fastened inside the frame at regular intervals with the $21 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. by $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. bolts. They are supported by braces fastened to the front of the frame.

Sponge rubber balls are cut in two and placed on dowlings for hat holders, and a bar across the tilted shoe rack catches the heels to keep the shoes from falling.


## Fit Window Seat Between Closets

THE problem of inserting closet space into a rectangular room without producing an unbalanced bulk of blank wall in the corners is easily solved at small cost by partitioning off the window-end of the room to make two closets and a comfortable window-seat.

Using 2 by 3 inch studding covered with common plaster-board and buying the casings and doors to fit, this project can be completed in the average sized room for about $\$ 35$.

If convenient, the window seat may be equipped with grills and used to cover an unsightly radiator, or doors may be hung in the wall underneath to afford the housewife extra storage room.-Mrs. W. J. Wade, December Home Improvement Contest Winner.
 be completed at an approximate cost of $\$ 35$.

## MAGNIFYING CAMERA

 Takes Insect Photos

WITH this simple magnifying camera the actions of tiny insects, enlarged many times on the ground glass screen, offer a fascinating field of study. By replacing the glass with a film, pictures of these insects, or of any other small objects such as pins, printing, or stamps can be made.

The barrel of the camera is built up of light boards assembled with light-tight joints Paint the inside a dull black before assembling.
The camera described here has an 8 -inch focal length lens, but almost any good lens will serve the purpose. Here again the lens setting must be light-tight. The lens may be fixed solidly, since focusing is done by moving the subject.
The $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ dimensions are suitable for a

Barrel 6" square will take 4" $\times 5$ " ground glass screen. Glass is easily replaced with film if back of old plate camera is mounted at end of barrel. Glue strips of velvet to contact edges to maintain light-tight joint between camera and box.
$4^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ ground glass screen, which should be removable so that plates or film may be inserted in the same plane of focus.

The magnifying camera requires two persons for its operation-one to move the subject, the other to watch the screen to check focus and centering.

The depth of focus on a camera such as this is very slight-only a fraction of an inch-so it is not likely all parts of an insect will be in focus at the same time. The lens may of course be stopped down and a time exposure made, to increase the depth of focus.

# Unfolding the $\mathscr{C}$ Cysteries 



by SAM S. RABL<br>Naval Architect

TO THE seasoned boatbuilder the terms used by a naval architect in describing the design and building of a new boat have a world of meaning; to the beginner they can be as puzzling and incoherent as a foreign language.

Laying down is the term applied to the process of enlarging the small scale drawings of the architect to full size; this must be done before a single timber can be cut for the boat. Taking off is the term applied to the transferring the curves and dimensions on this full size plan to the frame timbers of the boat.

Before we go into the mechanics of the


## of BOAT Plans

To one planning to build his first boat, the plans and specifications of the naval architect are a maze of hieroglyphicsa discouraging stumbling block. This experienced designer here explains how to follow boat-building plans properly.
actual laying down, an explanation of the terms used in this process will be a great help. The complete set of curves that depict a boat shape is called the lines. The lines plan is usually divided into three views. The profile depicts the shape of the boat as we see her from the side in normal position.
The plan is really a "fish-eye view," showing how the boat appears when looking at her from a point directly beneath her keel.


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## Make Projections from Full-Size Plans to Check Fairness of Lines



BOAT-BUILDER'S DICTIONARY
LINES-set of curves giving shape of boat. PROFILE-view looking at side of boat. PLAN-view looking at bottom of boat. BODY PLAN-view looking at end of boat. BASE LINE-arbitrary height reference line. CENTER LINE-reference line for widths. BUTTOCK-line through hull formed by vertical slice parallel to center-line.
WATERLINE-line through hull formed by horizontal slice parallel to reference line. OFFSET-distance from either reference line. BATTEN-wood stick used to draw curves. TRANSOM-atern end of boat (usually flat). SPILING-transferring planking curves. STEM-curved frame piece at bow of boat. SHEER-highest line on profile.
CHINE-intersection of sides with bottom.
given with reference to the base line, an arbitrarily chosen line passing the length of the boat just under the keel or lowest point. On plan views the projection of the base line is always known as the center line.
Any horizontal cut through the hull parallel to the base line forms a plane which would be called a waterline if we were referring to its boundary or a waterplane if we refer to the entire plane. If on the other hand we were to make a cut through the hull in a vertical plane parallel to its centerline we would form a buttock and buttockplane or vertical plane. In some old books we may find what we term the buttocks today divided into two classes of lines. The forward portions were termed the bow lines, and those at the stern end buttocks.
A diagonal cut through the hull lengthwise with one edge parallel to the centerline is termed a diagonal; this type of line is often used to give measurements which, because of curves in the hull, would be inconvenient to give on either waterlines or buttocks.

In the preliminary examination of a set of lines a good rule to remember is "Waterlines always appear as straight lines in the profile and as curved lines in the plan. Buttocks always appear as curved lines in the profile and as straight lines in the plan. Station lines appear as straight lines in both profile and plan. Waterlines and buttocks as well as diagonals appear as straight lines in the

These "laying down" methods are used for round bottom hulls.


## Keel and Stem of Boat May Be Accurately Laid Out from Large Plans

body plan while station lines will appear curved."

The foregoing rule applies to boats with full curved sections, shown in Figures 1 to 4. The " V " bottom boat presents a slightly different problem but the lines are much more simple. An examination of Fig. 5 will serve to explain them. Fig. 6 shows how measurements are taken on the curved frame " V " bottom craft.

The architect in making the lines plan of a wooden boat always works to the outside of the planking. This should be the rule unless it is positively stated on the plan that the lines are to the inside of the planking. In drawing the plan the architect uses a predetermined scale; usually $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ or $1^{\prime \prime}$ represents 1 ft . on the actual job.

To give measurements on the lines the architect either furnishes a table of offsets or gives the measurements directly on the plan. An offset is either the distance a certain point is from the centerline in case of widths, or above the base line in case of heights. Vertical offsets are sometimes taken above and below the load waterline. Offsets are also given along diagonals.

Almost invariably offsets are given in feet, inches, and eighths. Thus 3-7-5 when translated will mean three feet, seven inches and five eights, or $3^{\prime}-75 / 8^{\prime \prime}$. A rule to remember in reading offsets is that half widths are given out from the centerline, and heights are given with reference to the base line or load water line.
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Method of transferring curves from partly finished boat to next piece of planking is indicated above. Planks should fit perfectly without need for excessive forcing into position. Keep dividers at right angles to plank already on boat to get the correct distance.


## HANDY USES FOR SHOP TOOLS



## Align Dowels Accurately With Wood Jig

PERFECT joints can be made with wood even though no standard dowel hole boring jig is available. Make a wood template containing the dowel holes in their proper locations, as pictured in the sketch, using either a steel square or a drill press to insure that the holes are perpendicular. To use, lightly nail the template to one side of the joint, bore the dowel holes, then nail the opposite side of the template to the other joint and repeat. Dowels will now fit perfectly.-K. E. Frick.

## File Cleaners Made of Copper Tubing

FILES often become gummed up with lead or other soft metals. Short lengths of copper tubing which are flattened at one end make very serviceable cleaners, the flat end being rubbed over the file in the direction of the ridges. The rounded tubing makes a comfortable handle to work with, and the tool is easily carried in the shop kit.-G. E. Hendrickson.


## Rewind Stretched Springs Without Lathe

COIL springs of any desired diameter and spacing are easily wound either from old springs or from wire in the manner shown in the sketch. The angle of the wire before it is squeezed between the wood blocks determines the distance between turns. C clamps may replace the vise. A pipe wrench may also be used on the rod.-Robert Macgregor.

## Holder for Cold Chisel

WHEN using a chisel or punch, there is always risk of injury to the hands from a glancing blow of the hammer. A. 16-inch length of garden or air hose, in which a slot has been cut 2 inches from one end, makes a convenient holder. Wood plugs fitted into the ends of the hose serve as handles and make the holder more rigid. Rock drills are used same way.-R. A. Meeks.


## Set Teeth of Circular Saws With Gauge Made from File



IT IS advisable to use a gauge of some kind when resetting the teeth of large hand saws or circular saws, to make sure that all teeth cut a channel of the same width. An old flat file is readily adapted to this purpose by bending the tip of the handle. When the file is placed against the saw with the bent tip toward the saw teeth, this tip should just barely touch the tips of the teeth when the saw is correctly used. There should now be no binding of the saw in its cut.--Thos. G. Chudy.

## Weave this Old Chihuahua Chair

## by HI SIBLEY

FROM old Chihuahua province, on the southern banks of the Rio Grande, comes this artistic as well as comfortable chair for your lawn, porch, or sun room.
Not a single nail or screw is used in the entire chair-these were unheard of in the days when some Mexican, or possibly an Indian, first worked out the simple design. Rawhide lacings hold the frame together, and form the springy covering for the seat.
Select and gather your frame pieces first. For the vertical posts almost any American woods such as birch, oak, or ash saplings may be used once they are well seasoned. Hoops may be bent from ash or hickory slats by steaming or soaking in water. In weaving the rawhide for the chair seat, use the
 completed Chihuahua chair
as buile by the Mexicans.


Fasten frame of chair together with leather thongs which have been soaking for several hours. Leather will shrink in drying. and hold pieces rigidly together. Use dry thongs for chair seat. Inventions, April, 1935

# Gas Bolometer Detects Heat of Distant Candle 

To tell whether certain transparent solutions will pass infra-red rays, place them in flat bottles in front of polometer, shine flashlight through bottle on to bolometer, and watch for bubbles at water seal. Ferrous sulphate, copper sulphate, or potassium dichromate solutions do not allow the infra-red rays to pass.

by R. B. WAILES

 HIS little gas bolometer, operated by in-fra-red rays given off by any light source, will actually detect the heat from a candle or flashlight held ten feet away. By adding an electrical contact, the bolometer can be made to close a power circuit, operating a light bulb or alarm bell when light or heat is turned on in its vicinity. Requiring no batteries, it will be found very economical for use as a fire or burglar alarm.

A sheet of ordinary black paper inside the bottle absorbs infra-red rays, converting them into heat which expands the air in the bottle. This air escapes as a bubble through the water seal. The sensitivity of the instrument increases as the amount of water in the seal is diminished; it is not at all difficult to detect the presence of a lighted match five feet away by watching for bubbles.

The bolometer easily shows which transparent liquids and glass panes will pass infrared rays. A flat bottle filled with ferrous sulphate solution will pass visible light rays, but cut out the infra-red. Several drops of sulphuric acid added to this solution will keep it clear.

By placing a bunsen burner about a foot from the bolometer, you can easily demonstrate that a yellow flame produces more radiant heat than a blue flame. Bubbles will slow up or stop altogether when the burner air ports are opened to give a blue flame.

When making the electrical switch, use iron wire for the mercury contact. This will not tarnish in the rubber tube.

## SIMPLE MOTORING KINKS

## Heat Makes Inner Tube Patches Stick

WHEN the thermometer is hovering around zero, prepare inner tube patches in the usual manner, but touch a match to the cement as soon as it is applied. Blow out the flame immediately, and apply the match again, as often as the cement will burn. Then apply the patch quickly, and it will stick.H. J. Olson.


## Use Roller Shade As Radiator Shutter

ACUT-OFF length of window shade on its roller makes an easily adjustable shutter for the auto radiator in winter. The shade cloth should be reinforced with a piece of canvas or heavy cloth. The spring tension keeps the cloth from flapping in the wind.-Vernon W. Palen.


## Ford Vacuum Tank

WITH gravity feed for gasoline as used on model T Fords, it is sometimes necessary to back the car up a steep hill when the gas supply is low. By installing a copper tube between the upper part of the intake manifold and the carburetor bowl the vacuum set up by the engine pistons on the intake stroke will draw gasoline from the tank to the carburetor.-H. M. Anderson.

Temporary Repair for Damaged Generator

WHEN the generator armature on your car engine burns out, or a short circuit occurs, a temporary repair can be obtained in a few minutes simply by strapping a model T Ford generator to your old unit, and driving it with the same fan belt as was used before. For a permanent mounting use a strap of iron.-R. Spencer.



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In laying down the lines a smooth floor is selected, and either painted white or covered with building paper to form a surface to draw on. The first line drawn is the base line, which is made an absolutely straight line by stretching a string about two inches above the floor and projecting down to the floor with a square. The marks are made at the heel of the square at about three foot intervals, and connected with a straight-edge.

The station lines are now measured off according to the architect's plan, and laid out at right angles to the base line. Sometimes floor space is limited and one plan must be laid down over another. In other words the plan and profile are superimposed, using the base line as the centerline of the plan. This has its advantage, in that it makes projection from one to another easier. Usually the two plans are laid down atop one another using different colored pencils to distinguish them.

## Draw Curves With Batten

To draw the curves properly we will need a batten or stick a little longer than the boat and about three-quarters of an inch square. If there are any very sharp curves in the boat a couple of battens about three eighths or a half inch square will come in handy. When the architect's offsets for a certain line are marked on the floor a batten is run through the points by driving a nail into the floor on each side of the strip as shown in Fig. 7. Never nail through a batten; an unfair line may result as the nail will not allow a natural curve.

If any spot in the line appears unfair draw a nail and allow the wood to take a natural curve. The architect's lines are laid down to a very small scale; each mistake is multiplied 12 to 16 times on your full-size layout. All lines must produce fair or graceful curves in profile, plan and body plan. If they fail to do so the lines are altered by a trial and error method until they do.

## Subtract Thickness of Planking

After our lines are laid down and checked, the job of making the various timbers is the next step in the construction of our boat. As we said before, most lines of wooden boats are drawn to the outside of the planking and the first step in making moulds and timbers is to "take off the plank." There are various methods used in doing this. In straight sectioned boats the simplest method is to nail a square stick the exact thickness of the plank on the inside of our line on the floor and build the frames directly against this.

Where curves occur in the section lines the process is a little more complicated. One

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method is to draw a line parallel to the line from which we wish to make the timber and pick this up, as will be described later. Another method is to tack a series of small blocks of the same planking thickness inside the line and build against these blocks. The inside of the planking is generally termed the "moulded line."
The stern end of the boat, known as the transom, is seldom perfectly perpendicular, and does not show in its true shape on the lines plan. A projection must be made from the lines to get its true shape, as shown in Fig. 9. This is called projecting the transom.

## Cut Keel and Stem From Full Size Plans

It is perfectly possible to cut all the rabbet lines of the keel and stem from the lines as laid down on the floor. Fig. 10 shows how this is done.

Next to taking off the shapes of timbers on the floor comes the difficult part of shaping the planking to fit the job. Where the edges of the planks are curved it will be necessary to fit each plank individually. The method of picking up these shapes is termed spiling. There are three methods by which this operation can be accomplished, all of them employing a thin board termed a spiling board or batten, which is allowed to lay on the frames with absolutely no edge spring. In other words it must lay in its natural tendency on the framing.

## Transferring Curves With Dividers

The first method, and that most generally used, is to set the board as close as possible to the edge of the line to be fitted to. With a pair of dividers set to a little more than the greatest gap in the space between the spiling board and the line to be fitted to, a series of prick marks is set up all the same distance away from the line. Be sure that all prick marks are taken at right angles to the line to be fitted to. Mark all of your tick marks with a piece of chalk and rub these off the board when you have transferred the line.

Another method of using the spiling board is to tack a series of sticks to the spiling board so that their edges will be on the line to be fitted to. The spiling board is then removed and the shape transferred to the plank.

Yet another method is to draw a series of random lines on the spiling board and measure along these lines to the line to be fitted to. The measurements are then transferred to the plank.

In laying down the lines of any boat be sure to hold as close as humanly possible to the architect's plan. He has designed the lines to have certain curves with a definite purpose in mind; any big alteration may upset the performance of the boat.

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5. Total points. Now I shall explain the purport of each classification. Aggressiveness, in the first column, does not necessarily mean walking blindly into the other man or charging helter-skelter into an opponent. In this respect, we must consider aggressiveness of mind as well as body. Too often, a boxer is feinted into a lead with disastrous results.

## Solar Plexus Punch Is Effective

In most cases, however, aggressiveness is best measured by a boxer's eagerness and ability to give the fans a good return for their investment. If he is continually pressing the fight with good results, there is little question but that he must be given due credit.

Clean, effective punches can only be delivered with the closed fist, knuckles foremost. This is the phase of scoring a boxing match which is most deceptive to the fan whose view of the fight may be impaired either by distance or the presence of some obstacle. To the referee in the ring there is seldom any doubt about the legality or effectiveness of a punch. But to the man in the 25th row, a punch that may be deflected off an opponent's shoulder or head ofttimes appears to be one of an effective nature.

Rabbit punches are not clean blows, because they are delivered to the back of the neck with the lower edge of the hand. Punches most effective are those delivered under the heart, under the liver and to the solar plexus. A blow delivered under the heart is damaging, particularly if repeated

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several times. It wears an opponent down. Punches delivered under the liver bring excruciating pain. The solar plexus punch to the pit of the stomach is always effective, cutting the wind supply and sapping an opponent's strength.

In the second column we find sportsmanship and deportment. Here we consider a boxer's adherence to such rules as require a man to walk quickly to the farthermost corner after a knockdown, to cease hitting after the bell, to obey the referee, and to use proper language.

In the third column, we must consider the cleanliness of a knockdown as well as its effect on the recipient. A knockdown which is the result of a half-slip or a push is never as effective as one which is the direct result of a clean punch. In the system of scoring by rounds, a man may automatically lose the round in which he has been knocked down; using the point system he may lose only two or three points and retain some recognition for creditable work before or after the knockdown.

In the fourth column, we award points to a contestant when his opponent breaks the rules. There are minor fouls such as flicking -hitting with the open glove-rabbit punching, use of the elbows, use of the head or poking a thumb into an opponent's eye.

## Low Punches Are Seldom Intentional

The low punch is the most flagrant of fouls. But even this, in the light of equipment a boxer is required to wear today, seldom seriously injures the man on the receiving end. Automatically, a man who delivers such a blow must lose the round in which it occurs, but the scoring system has such flexibility that he may go on to redeem himself. I am quite sure that most low blows are unintentional, anyhow, and that the tendency is to overestimate their importance.

What I particularly like about this system of scoring is that it is sufficiently elastic to permit a man to come from behind to rectify mistakes he may have made early in the bout. It also substantiates my theory that things which happen early in a fight are just as important as those which occur in late rounds.

I think the tendency is to credit a boxer too much for a strong finish after he has done a poor job of the early rounds. We forget too easily the things that happened early in the fight. In the Illinois scoring system these things are recorded in black and white and cannot be erased.
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## Creating Figures for Wax Museums

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mixing Plaster of Paris. "Like Washington, here. Fifty per cent of our business comes from orders for non-criminal characters.

Setting the head upright on a board, he took clay and worked it into slender, flat pieces. "These are 'stops,'" he said. "When plaster is placed over the head, these strips will break it up into panels."

## Sun's Heat Cannot Melt Wax

"You can start heating the wax, now, Bill," he said, turning to his young assistant. "By the way-this is not ordinary wax. It's five different kinds of waxes, and it's tempered just like metal."

While the wax cools, he ties the three panels of the plaster cast together with heavy twine. Soon, the wax is gurgling into a spouted can. "Pour it slowly, we don't want any bubbles-"

As soon as the mould is brimful, Christophel immediately up-ends it back into the container. "We pour it out because we want a hollow head. If solid, it holds the heat too long and afterward expands out of shape. There's plenty now to give it about an inch of thickness all around."
The next step is to untie the ropes and remove the mould from around the wax casting. Chris next hauled out tools, then a handful of glass eyes-real ones-and false teeth!
"Just a few of the things that make them more real," said Christophel. "For each head a special set and size of teeth is used, copying, as near as possible, the persons' own. The eyes must match also. And-" he pulled down a huge box and opened it. Out of it cascades every known shade of hair. "Human hair! I even make eyebrows and eyelashes for my figures-to the exact length and size. The hair is stuck-imbedded-right into the scalp like this." He picked up a needlepointed punch in one hand, a lock of hair in the other and began vigorously pecking away.

## Body is Made of Paper, Not Wax

"Now about the body. My latest invention is a breathing figure. To start with, moulds are made of the body with plaster casts. But papier-mache instead of wax is used in construction," he nods toward Bill who is industriously slapping wet paper into the mould. "Only on exposed parts-heads, feet, hands, is wax used.
"Here is my breathing figure-" he walked over to a nearly complete body lying on a table. Reaching toward the chest, he pulled two door-like parts open. Inside was an off center wooden disk on a steel shaft. "When this disk turns, it lifts the divided pieces, causing the chest to rise and fall. Underneath is the silent electric motor running a reduction-gear timed to conform with breathing."

## Clipping Dollars From Auto Costs

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make an economy record. Mechanics loosened all the bearings, lubricated them with vaseline instead of grease, tuned the motor to its finest performance, and took the car to the level floor of a nearby valley. Here they drove for a number of miles, alternately gathering speed and coasting.

## Low and High Speeds Eat Gas

When results were computed, the experimenters were amused and chagrined. The car had gone slightly more than 100 miles to the gallon! So fantastic were these figures that they did not dare use them in advertising, for no one would believe them.

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## Can You Identify Fish You Catch?

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brook pickerel (Esox vermiculatus); and the banded pickerel (Esox americanus). Both the chain pickerel and the banded pickerel are found only east of the Alleghanies, while the western pickerel goes as far westward as Wisconsin, Iowa, and a portion of southeastern Minnesota, but was never numerous in Minnesota.

In the three true pickerel, there are no rows of yellowish or lightish spots up and down the sides as on the true and only great northern pike. On the three pickerel the background coloration is some shade of green with streaks, reticulations, or bars of darker against the green. The chain pickerel obtains its name from the fact that the markings on its sides resembles the chain armor worn by the knights of old.

## Wall-Eyed Pike is a Perch

When a writer of some years ago gave the wall-eyed perch the name of wall-eyed "pike" he surely started something, and the argument will probably boom down through the ages. The wall-eyed pike is not a pike at all, but is the larger member of a group of perch led by the wall-eye, followed by a close relative, the sauger, and ending with the yellow, or banded, perch so common to our waters. Undoubtedly the first named was called "pike" by reason of its pike-like appearance.
If you are in doubt whether you have taken a wall-eyed pike or wall-eyed pike-perch, as it is sometimes called, rub your hand over the body. It will be found rough and harsh to the feel, as there is no slime covering its scales. The true pike or pickerel on the other hand have a body that is slippery with slime, the same being a film to protect the body against parasites. The extremely sharp points or spines in the dorsal (back) fin of the walleyed pike is another easy means to telling the fish. Yet if these two methods fail, look at the eyes of the fish. After the fish has been out of the water a short time they turn milky or whitish in color, sometimes as though white-frozen. One look at the eyes of the wall-eyed pike, and noting this white color of the eye-ball, instantly marks it as a walleye for no other fish has eyes that change in this manner. Also remember that whereas the pike, pickerel and muskellunge have only one back fin, the wall-eye has two.

The sauger (Stizostedion canadense) differs from the wall-eyed pike (Stizostedion vitreum) in that it is a slimmer fish than its relative, is lighter by far in coloration, and hardly ever goes over a few pounds in weight. Fishermen have a contempt for this fish and class it as "all bones and no fish." It is found

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in the rivers, and in many of the lakes of the north, principally in Canada. There is a disposition to drop canadense as a variety, and to class the wall-eyed pike and it as one. The difference between the two is not great.
While not as great confusion exists in differing between the large-mouth black bass and the small-mouth bass, it is sufficient to need some explaining.
In the small-mouth bass (Mycropterus dolomieu) the corner of the mouth is forward of a line drawn perpendicularly from the eye downward. In the large-mouth bass the corner of the mouth is back of this line.
In the small-mouth bass the eye has some touch of red to it, either yellowish red, orange red or some other such red shade. This is unfailing, no matter where you find the species.

No Stripe on Small-Mouth Bass
The background coloration of the largemouth bass is greenish, varying according to the water it is taken from. The small-mouth bass is sometimes darkish green, but is mostly brown or brownish gray.

The green background coloration of the large-mouth bass is sometimes relieved by a black stripe or band that extends from the gill cover to the tail, in some specimens from some waters, very sharply and distinctly etched in, but in others, merely showing as a broken-up blotching of black along the lateral line on the side. This stripe is never found along the side of the small-mouth bass. Its markings, if any, are darkish perpendicular bars on the sides, absent in specimens from some sections of the country, but prominent in members of the species in other sections.

## Spots Disappear on Lake Trout

The trout in this country with which the angler is most concerned are the lake trout, the brook trout, the rainbow trout and the brown trout. Of these the lake trout (Cristivomer namaycush) is most common, because it is taken and sold in the markets by the commercial fishermen. It is not a stream fish, being found chiefly in deep-water northern lakes, in several of the Great Lakes, throughout the region of Ontario, Montana and British Columbia. In the latter sections of the west it is also called mackinaw trout.

Young specimens of the lake trout are very much spotted in whitish against a grayish background. In older specimens of the lake trout the spots will have almost entirely disappeared, and the trout will be plain grayish and half silvery in color. Up to 12 or 15 pounds, lake trout keep their spots.

There are two varieties of the lake trout, namely, the plain gray trout and the so-called salmon-trout, or red-fleshed trout, often called erroneously, "land-locked salmon" in

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## Science Builds Modern Home

of synthetic stone and just lately, pre-cast concrete joists have been placed on the market. They save building time and make the house more resistant to fire. These joists serve a double purpose. On the first floor, for instance they not only act as structural members but form decorative rafters for the recreation room in the basement. Paints with a rubber base for a more effective application to concrete have been developed. Concrete that looks like irregular-jointed stone, ashlar it's called, and concrete that resembles over-lapping clapboard for outside the house are other recent innovations.

## New Plaster Board Eliminates Lath Marks

New plaster board, put on in relative small units with the aid of spring clips reduce noise transmission and break up strains or stresses so that the plaster is less likely to crack. It also eliminates lath and joist marks on the ceilings and wall. New forms of synthetic lumber made from wood fibers are on the market for interior trim and to increase noise absorption. There's a whole new "family" of synthetic resin plastics for interior and exterior walls.

New types of floor construction include cellular steel beams that also serve as electrical conduits, and metal clips for wooden floors without nails. There are new sound-absorbing plasters, an interesting new line of windows with spring and grooved balances instead of the usual weights. Copper piping, with sections joined together by soldered sleeves instead of the usual threaded joints and unit bathrooms than can be installed in a variety of room shapes and in various types of construction are other new ideas in plumbing. Copper sheeting, new cement and asbestos shingles are included in the 1935 model roofs.

## Homes Being Built at Factories

The wider use of steel and glass as major building materials and the development of the more completely prefabricated house are interesting developments that will be watched with special care this year. Prefabrication, a method as old as the pyramids, is being worked out more completely in some of the new houses, particularly those of steel, plywood, glass and brick, to reduce assembly costs, save waste and to give standardized factory precision throughout the dwelling.
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with a $1 / 4$-inch shaft extender couples the dial to the tuning condenser. This shaft and coupler may be made from an old bakelite dial. Break the dial and remove the bushing. Cut off a piece of $1 / 4$ inch shaft from an old control or condenser. Solder one end of thịs shaft into the bushing so that the set screw will be free to engage the condenser shaft. The chassis may then be removed without taking off the tuning dial.

## Chassis Rests on Sponge Rubber

If an electralloy panel $7 \times 18$ inches long is used, there will be a three inch strip left over. This may be used to make two brackets which are bolted to the inside of the box about eight inches from the bottom, to support the chassis. A sponge rubber base is placed between the chassis and these supporting brackets. Two small pieces of sponge rubber will dampen tube vibrations if placed in the tops of the shield cans.

Bend down the two flanges that formerly held the tray in the box. Form the chassis from a strip of electralloy $7 \times 15$ inches long. This must be cut down to $61 / 2$ inches in width, and is easily done. Take a rule, mark off $1 / 2$ inch and follow this line with a sharp pointed instrument until a deep cut results.

Place the panel in a vise and bend back and forth. It will break off cleanly where the line has been cut. Bend this panel to dimension's given and drill holes.
The battery cable fastens to a six prong wafer socket which is fastened on the bottom chassis flange. Rubber grommets or bakelite bushings of $5-16^{\prime \prime}$ or $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ size are used where wires pass through metal.

## Filament Switch is a Tone Control Shaft

Use moisture proof hook-up wire and solder joints well, making resistors and condensers vibration proof. Wire in filament circuits first. The filament switch is on the shaft of the tone control.

The high impedance R. F. choke may be mounted on a stand-off insulator or soldered directly on the tube socket plate terminal. Study the connections to the six prong " 19 " tube carefully before wiring.

A means of cheap insurance against tube burn-outs is used in this set by wiring a flashlight bulb in series in the B lead. Any B battery short circuit will blow this bulb and not harm the tubes in the least. This fuse may save the cost of several sets of tubes. All B batteries may be disconnected by unscrewing the flashlight bulb.

Negative wiring and grounds are soldered to any machine bolts which protrude through
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furnace. No chimneys are needed, giving an additional saving of $\$ 50$ to the builder.

The electricity is being furnished to the contractors by the Washington Water Power Company of Spokane at a special rate which enables a five-room house to be heated for about $\$ 60$ a year.

One reason for portable heaters besides their convenience, is that Mason City will exist only while the Grand Coulee dam is under construction, a period which may be from five to eight years. The builders will be able to salvage portable heaters more easily than any which are built into homes.

## Electric Heat is Cheaper

The light circuits will have 110 volts, the heating, 220 volts. With the average fiveroom house requiring $161 / 2$ kilowatts of heat, it can be wired for heating at a cost of $\$ 2.00$ per kilowatt. Heaters of proven quality may be purchased for about $\$ 5.00$ per kilowatt which brings the net cost of the house, even if it must share in cost of distribution, to $\$ 181.50$. The simplest hot air furnace at $\mathrm{Ma}-$ son City would cost $\$ 250$ to which the cost of chimney would have to be added, or another $\$ 50$. Figures compiled, but which cannot be revealed, show that electricity can be used in comparison with other fuels if the base rate does not exceed five mills per kilowatt If desired that a humidity unit be added, which is the ultimate goal, the cost of the heaters would be slightly higher, although the consumption would be less for the same result.

The Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier company, or the MWAK as it is now known throughout the northwest, estimates that during the construction of the Grand Coulee dam a $\$ 100,000$ saving will be made by heating with electricity.

## Six Men Build Six Houses a Day

The homes and other buildings in this new city are of timber construction. They have siding of Pondosa pine; the floors are of native fir, with a sub floor and paper insulation. The interior furnishings are also of Pondosa pine. There is a front and a back porch on each. The houses and bunkhouses were cut and constru ted in a lumber mill in Spokane and shipped, knocked down, to the dam site. There six man crews erected them at the rate of six houses a day.

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## Following the Migratory Birds

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oceanic flyer, travels 2,000 miles over the Pacific between the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska.

While not as daring as golden plover and the turnstone, the arctic tern holds the championship for long distance flying- 11,000 miles from his winter home in Patagonia to his summer home around the Taku glacier. This makes an annual flight along the coastline of about 22,000 miles, a low estimate when taking into consideration the fact that their breeding grounds are known to extend to within seven and one-half degrees of the north pole.

Aviators racing against birds have revealed many interesting facts about their speed. Small birds fly at an average of 20 to 37 miles per hour; crows, 31 to 45 ; geese, 42 to 55 , ducks, 44 to 59 ; falcons, 40 to 48 , and waders, 34 to 51.
The highest speed is set by a swift found in India which has been timed over a course at between 171.4 and 200 miles per hour. The homing pigeon, notorious for its speed, achieved 55 miles per hour in an accurately timed test.

The study of bird habits, their speed of flight, and their summer and winter haunts, is carried out almost entirely by men who trap and band the birds entirely without pay from the government.

The government supplies these men with numbered aluminum leg bands to be attached to captured birds. When a bird is banded, a record of the number is made, together with the date, locality, and species of bird concerned. When a banded bird is retaken, the number is checked to aid in the study of the bird's flight.

## Grand Coulee's Electrical City

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Power is brought in from Spokane over a 92 mile long, 110,000 volt transmission line. To carry this line across the deep gorge of the Columbia river required the stringing of a cable span 3,087 feet long, the longest power line span of its kind in the world.

A sub-station within the new city reduces the 110,000 volt power to 110 volts for the lighting circuits, and 220 volts for heating.
Twelve homes are set aside as a test laboratory for the College of Mechanical Arts and Engineering of Washington State College. In each of these houses meters and instruments in special rooms on the back porches will record the power requirements of heating and other electrical equipment, and at the same time record indoor and outdoor temperatures, humidity, and barometric pressure.

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the north. If you take a deep-run lake trout and its flesh is pink or reddish, much on the order of the salmon, be certain that you have taken a red-fleshed lake trout. If the trout has ordinary white flesh, it is the gray trout.

## Brook Trout Have Tiny Scales

Our most famous and much extolled brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis) is easily told by several coloration characteristics or markings that are known to it alone. If the trout you take has the familiar wormtrack reticulations or vermiculations on its back and likewise on its dorsal fin, a feature that is possessed by none of the other trout, be certain that you have taken a brook trout (fontinalis).

Also, if the scales are so small that you can scarcely see them with the naked eye, this is another brook trout characteristic, and identifies the fish. Other trout have noticeable scales, easily seen at a glance. The brook trout also has red spots on its sides, delicately circled with blue.
The brown trout (Salmo fario) was not native to this country, but was introduced from Europe. It has none of the wormtrack markings on its back and dorsal fin, but has some red spots on its sides much like that of the brook trout, but larger.
The rainbow trout (Salmo irideus) has none of the red spots on its sides, therefore will not be mistaken for either the brown trout or the brook trout. Its body is sprinkled with black spots in greater or lesser number. Its chief distinguishing mark from the other two trout is a reddish or purplish-red band from its gill cover along its side to its tail.

## Rock Bass Have Red Eyes

What is a calico bass? This is a question that all too often comes up. The calico bass, or black croppie, is the northern representative of the croppie species. The southern member is the common or white croppie which has been introduced into the north as the result of which it is now found over most of the range covered by the calico bass.

The calico bass (Pomoxis sparoides) is sometimes almost black in color, so heavy are the blotchings of dark on its sides. The common or white croppie is but little marked, and is, sometimes, almost silvery.

If you take a fish that has the shape of the sunfish, and very much the same in size, on the average, but which has red eyes, then be assured that you have taken the so-called "red-eye" or rock bass (Ambloplites rupestris), common to much of the eastern part of the country, and found in the south as well as the north. The rock bass has a yellowishbrown coloration, somewhat mottled.

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## How to Stain Your Microscope Slides

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neutralize any remaining acid. The above method is known as regressive staining, since the color can be removed.

Now pass the fabric into a clearing solution such as aniline oil or carbon xylol for twenty minutes, then into pure xylol for ten minutes. The specimen is now ready for mounting in balsam on a slide.
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Turpentine may be used instead of xylol as a clearer just before mounting.

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The trouble with the electric gasoline gauges of today is that they are not strictly accurate but depend somewhat on the inclination of the car. Nor are they accurate at the extreme ends of the scale. A remedy for these errors would be a money-maker.

We have still to see the automobile with the safe adjustable steering wheel that can be arranged quickly to meet the demands of the driver whether he be tall or short.
A little attachment for carburetors that would remove or prevent the flow of water would be a winner. Many an automobile is stalled by water (even a single drop) in the bottom of the carburetor. Such a device would be worth a great deal to the automobile industry with a resultant value to the inventor.

A thermostat that could be adjusted to function between certain definite limits by a small screw to replace the type that trips at a single temperature would be quite valuable.

A little thermostat that would automatically turn on a small electric heater under an automobile engine when the temperature of the garage dropped to a certain critical point would be worth a great deal of money. It would prevent freezing and facilitate quick starting on cold days.

A little device that will drop glycerine on the windshield wiper during sleet storms will sell fast. This would drop glycerine under the windshield wiper where it would be worked over the surface of the glass to permit better vision.

## Building Stratosphere Air-Liners

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New York in 6 hours, it could make the return trip quicker by coming back to Los Angeles via London, Constantinople and the Hawaiian Islands! That is because a 200 mile an hour ship flying against a 200 mile an hour wind stays in the same spot.

Temperatures are way down, about 50 degrees below zero F.-this means we've got to build a flying ice box to keep the passengers warm. And we must keep the engines warm -normal operating conditions must be artificially supplied. We'll have to design something that will take the ice off wings as fast as it is formed. The sweating of windows, the forming of fog within the cabin, all will have to be accounted for by a separate de-icing, cabin warming, pressure furnishing plant that will run independently of the main motors.

This pressure furnishing feature will probably have to function in the manner of the air conditioner. It will not do to use air bottles, because they are too heavy. The cabin space

## Building Stratosphere Air Lines

must be a chamber which has intakes and exhausts for conditioned air. The link between the cabin and the outer air will be a conditioning plant.

Because of the low pressures, variable area as well as variable pitch propellers will have to be used. Such devices on the business end of an engine will be comparable to the gear shift on a car.

Purely in the matter of borrowing from terrestrial aviation what appears to be good practice, I would use two motors in my stratosphere plane design. They would be supercharged, air cooled, and of the in-line type. This type is slightly cheaper to manufacture, is more robust, and easier to service. The major qualifying point which is now bringing such motors back into their own is that they streamline into a wing so well.

By putting the wing at the middle of the fuselage, making it a mid-wing ship, streamlining the motors into the wing, and allowing a retractible landing gear which can be folded to the wings to lessen air resistance, we will arrive at the design of the ultimate airplane.

Yes, that stratosphere ship will be uniquea flying wing that will whisk people about so rapidly they'll scarcely need to eat from coast to coast.

We may have to educate a new breed of passenger, but the knowledge, materials and men to build and fly the stratosphere air-liner are here-right now!

## How I Judge Championship Fights

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addition of two judges was a forward step. Permitting a referee to be the sole judge of the fight would be like putting all your eggs in one basket and would accomplish no lessening of squawks on decisions.

The argument was advanced that the referee is always sufficiently capable of handling the situation, and that too often the judges are incompetent. Granting that the referee may be sufficiently competent, I do not adhere to this theory.

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Racing Time For News Scoops

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in each country. Each bureau has a staff of editors, rewrite men and reporters. In addition "string" correspondents in towns and villages in the bureau's territory send news on a "free lance" basis to the bureau. Anyone can sell worth-while stories to press associations, if he has the story first. If the news is purely regional, the bureau rewrites the story and sends it by telegraph, telephone, or automatic printer only to the client newspapers in its territory.

## New York Controls Press Network

If the story is of international importance, it is cabled to all key bureaus which in turn relay it to all client papers in their countries.

In the United States the United Press operates a network of telephone wires leased from the American Telephone and Telegraph company. These wires reach every section of the country and enter every newspaper office served by U. P. Each bureau in the country has sending machines and operators who punch stories on the tape of automatic printer machines. The same machine also receives; similar machines are located in every client newspaper's office.

From the time service starts until it ends these machines are always going, neatly typewriting the news of the day on a continuous roll of paper. The New York bureau controls the wire. If it has the best story of the moment, it takes the wire and its operator runs his tape through the machine until the story is completed. As stories break in various bureaus they send schedules of the stories to the New York office. The New York chief editor selects the best ones and tells each bureau when it can send a story.

## "Hot" Story is a Bulletin

If a bureau has a "hot" news story, it waits until the story on the wire reaches the end of a "take," which is seldom 23 lines long, then the operator in that bureau breaks into the line with a "bulletin" bell signal and sends one or two paragraphs of the story.

In the client newspaper office copy editors continually tear printed copy from the machine, select the news wanted, edit it to the desired length, write headlines for it, find a place for it in the "dummy" of the day's paper, send it to the composing room where it is set up, put in the forms and finally sent to the press.

The bureau that has a "flash" story breaks into the wire immediately, stopping any story that may be moving on the wire. The bureau sends the "flash," then holds the wire for the subflash which follows immediately.
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## Clipping Dollars From Auto Costs

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thousand miles, the ignition has sparked $8,500,000$ times; the valves have lifted $17,000,000$ times; the pistons have traveled 2,100 miles, and the carburetor has rapidly split four hunared pounds of gasoline into $8,500,000$ accurately measured jets of gasoline, expanding each drop by adding from 12 to 15 times as much air. All this calls for inspection and adjustment at intervals.

The lesson regarding speed holds true for oil also. One engineer says that the average car driven continuously at 60 miles per hour uses 10 times as much oil as it does at 30 miles.

## Compression Ratio Increased

The idea that heavy oil will last longer is not necessarily true. "Most of us have an exaggerated idea of the difference in consumption between, let us say, an SAE 30 and an SAE 50," says one leading engineer. "The difference is usually very slight. When an engine is designed to use light oil, its oil consumption will not be reduced noticeably by using very heavy oil."

As motor manufacturers have improved their cars to give more speed, acceleration, and power, they have been steadily raising the compression ratio-the amount the gasoline vapor that is squeezed in the cylinder before it is fired. The bigger the ratio, the more power generated.

But too much compression makes motor knock. For this reason, ethyl gasoline was introduced. Tetra-ethyl lead, chemists found. has the strange property of stopping knocks simply by checking combustion, slowing down the explosions and making the gasoline exert a push, instead of striking hammer-like blows.

## Cool Motor Saves Gasoline

The octane number indicates how strong in anti-knock a fuel is.

High-compression motors require an antiknock gasoline. The higher the ratio, the higher the octane number that should be used.

Learn your car's compression ratio, for it vill tell you whether your car needs ethyl gasoline, or can use the cheaper grades just as well. One leading refining company recommends its standard grade for cars whose compression ratio is $51 / 2$ to 1 , or less, and its ethyl gasoline for cars with a ratio of more than $51 / 2$ to 1 . Third-grade gasoline is suitable only for cars with low compression ratios.

The hotter an engine is, the higher the octane number it will need o prevent knocking. A motor which doer not knock at 100 degrees with 65 octane number, will knock at 200 degrees on any fuel less than 85 octane number. Keep your motor running cool and save gasoline. This means correct timing, clean spark plugs, clean valves.


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## Racing Time For News Scoops

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News is the most perishable commodity in the world. In a few hours it is "stale." Worldwide news agencies constantly battle time to be the first to get the news to the newspapers. A "scoop" on a big story sells newspapers and the press association that gets the most scoops will get contracts over rival associations with newspaper clients.
Where a newspaper must make, at the most, a half dozen deadlines per day, the press association is up against a deadline somewhere nearly every minute of the day. Serving newspapers in every time-zone of the globe, its dispatches are always going to press.

## Prepare in Advance for Scoop

At 6 P. M. in New York, New York afternoon papers have finished their day, but afternoon editions are just beginning to roll from the presses in San Francisco, morning editions are being made up in London, while in Tokyo evening paper staffs are preparing for another day.
Competition to beat the ever-present deadline is keen. Scoring a beat over his rival is to a correspondent what winning a knockout decision is to a pugilist. And similarly, a beat is more often the reward of painstaking preparation than a "lucky break."
Months in advance the United Press began preparing for the possible death of Reichpresident Paul von Hindenburg. This foresight won a clean scoop on the story.

## Scoring Beat on Hindenburg Death

Long before Hindenburg died, the Berlin office had laid down in London, New York, Buenos Aires and other points a complete background of obituary material, speculation on Hindenburg's successor and the political consequences of his death. During the three days before his death, the United Press lined up twelve sources for protection on the flash. Special arrangements were made to move urgent cables even faster than usual.

At 5:44 on the morning of his death came the final bulletin saying the President was in a deep coma. The United Press staff was mobilized in the office; correspondents waited at Neudeck, the President's home.

The Berlin office radio was turned on, but silent. Suddenly the announcer said, "We will transfer to the Propaganda Ministry." That was at 9:45. The bureau manager just got the telegraph office on the phone when his assistant, listening to the radio, cried out, "Hindenburg's dead." The bureau manager dictated the flashes for New York and Buenos Aires; they moved immediately. A later checkup showed that the one to New
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magazine racks easily reached by swinging out the hinged side panels.
Paying one dollars for the seat and eighty cents for necessary unholstery cloth, the total cost for materials comes to approximately six dollars. This figure includes all the plywood, fiber panels, wood, glue and nails needed. By using lumber and materials already at hand, you should be able to reduce costs considerably.
Make the wood frame first, carefully aligning all pieces before gluing or nailing. Build up the side frames by sawing out the curves on a band saw, gluing together, then sanding to a smooth finish. Diagonal braces in the base will give additional strength to your chair. Hardwood, if available, is to be preferred for all frame pieces.

## Magazine Rack Panels Are Pressed Wood

Cut out the outer panels for the magazine racks from $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ fiber or pressed wood material, after first transferring the design to your work. Simply draw $2^{\prime \prime}$ squares on the fiber, then make the curves by following the squared pattern given.

A rather novel method of hinging each magazine rack panel, known as a trunnion hinge, is used here. Stop blocks at each side of the outward swinging rack catch on similar blocks nailed to the inside of the arms and limit outward travel of the racks. Do not be confused by the dotted lines in the end view of the rack-they represent the front stop blocks, which are lower than the back ones because of the slope of the chair arms.

## Avoid Wrinkles When Tacking Upholstery

New covering is applied to the auto seat and to the chair arms. Pad the tops of the arms either with cotton or horsehair, then pull the cloth smoothly over and tack underneath. It is a good idea to use the old covering of the seat here to hold the padding in place. When using heavy cloth, cut triangular notches out of the edges at sharp curves, to avoid bumps at the tacking edge. Do not tack heavily the first time, as you may want to return to smooth out wrinkles.

The legs may be taken from an auto seat or cut from wood, as you prefer. After all upholstery has been completed, set in the seat, and fasten to the wood frame with wood screws. To prevent the back of the seat from swinging forward too easily, clinch the hinges a bit with hammer and punch.

Leather tabs tacked to the tops of the magazine racks will make opening easy. The weight of the magazines themselves will keep the racks in closed position.


## BUSINESS Converts New Ideas Into PROFITS



A soft water unit, containing a special granular material, removes all hardness, including lime and magnesia, from water. It rests on any ledge and attaches to faucet with a rubber hose.

A new plastic material with a rubber-like consistency may be moulded into any shape, and resists the action of chemicals injurious to rubber. It has greater flexing power than rubber, and will be used when resistance to strong oils and chemicals is desired.

A six inch bristle brush for varnishing is now available. Attached to a long handle, it may be operated like a push-broom from a standing position to varnish floors in a short time with little hard labor.

Bakelite tablets bearing the manufacturer's name are imbedded into the center of a cake of soap by Hungarian soap-makers to tell the user where to replenish his supply when the cake is used up.

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desired, by thermostatic control. in an air tight container and feeds poison syrup through a wick set near the bottom.

A homerepair pamphlet issued by an iron cement manufacturer contains numerous hints for iron repair work around the home and on the automobile.

A new hack saw frame may be vertically or horizontally extended on arms so that the distance between the top of the frame and the saw-blade may be adjusted to fit the work.

A blue-print paper, recently developed, is said to provide a clear blue background without a blending of background into the white line even when over-exposed.

A radio transmitter, designed for ship and airport work, has a "frequency shift" that allows the operator to select any one of ten frequencies merely by turning a selective dial which works exactly like the conventional telephone dial.

A die-making machine, recently perfected, is said to have simple adjustments that facilitate quick changes and speed production almost onethird. The machine is powered with a one-fourth horsepower motor, takes any size saw, and uses either standard or special saws.

Electric plants, streamlined and run by gasoline motors are obtainable in six sizes to produce from 350 to 3,000 watts of flickerless alternating current. It is claimed that they will run any electrical appliance that would be used on a city line carrying wattage up to the capacity of the machine selected.

## A new belt sander

 and grinder is designed for use on a bench, and develops belt speeds of up to 4,000 feet

Set into a hollow handle, a aelfdraining shaving brush pivots into an inverted position when not in use, thereby permitting the bristles to drain. A perforated cover pro. vides sanitary protection. per minute to grind wood, metal, stone or composition materials.

A new fishing reel, said to eliminate nasty tangles when the line runs out after the bait has stopped, features a governor control which brakes the reel spool as soon as the bait hits the water. There are no visible adjustments to regulate this feature; the action is entirely automatic. The reel also has a level winding attachment to minimize snarled knotty backlashes.

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