

## Interference Due to Conditions That Attract or Repel Currents

### Difficulty Experienced in Receiving Near Trinity Square Attributed to Many Light and Power Wires That Absorb Radio Waves

**Slater Park Skaters  
Enjoy Radio**

Skating to the strains of music broadcast by radio is a thrill that cannot be beat, say the hundreds of skaters who have enjoyed the experience at Slater Park, Pawtucket. Wallace Potter, son of Park Commissioner James C. Potter, has set up a loud speaker attached to an amplifier in front of the rest house on the shore of the park pond. He tunes in on concerts broadcast from Rhode Island studios and the loud speaker does the rest.

and, though he pointed out the fact that the time of day was not known, he did not know whether the time at which the various programmes had been broadcast would permit of such a solution. Assuming, however, that an American programme were given at 9 o'clock in the morning, this would be played at 10 o'clock in England and would be 11 o'clock in the morning, English time at the hour when it has been found to reception is best. On the other hand, a radio programme given in England at 10 o'clock would be received in the United States at what would be 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, or at a time when reception is practically the poorest. An explanation of his theory, that fading could be caused by variation of the earth's magnetic field, was given by the speaker, and he said that reception has been much improved at times when it has been learned that the magnetic field has been strong. Similarly, that reception has been poor when this field was weakest. He explained that in October, 1917, when the aurora borealis was unusually strong, wireless reception was unusually good. At the same time the magnetic field was unusually weak. In the operation, it is found that one of the telegraph companies in New York City, which normally has from 50 to 100 volts in the New York circuit, found the current increased to 900 volts. At other times this company found that a radio receiver was not working. It is proposed by this company without using any batteries at all, what would have been said?

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## Vagrant Waves of Interest to Fans

If your detector tube is burning too bright the signal will be reduced just as it will when it is burning too low.

There are not as many stations working on Sundays as on other days, so do not blame your set.

The reason the primary of your set cannot be calibrated beforehand is that different aerials call for different inductance values in your tuner for the same wave length.

You will have to learn to tune your set by doing as no hard and fast rules can be laid down for you.

A large aerial picks up more energy but you get more interference, too.

A long outdoor aerial will pick up more energy but anything will pick up local stations.

When there is more than one tuned circuit, each circuit must be tuned to resonance.

An audio detector is not necessary to pick up distant spark stations.

Radio waves travel in all directions and permeate all substances except iron and steel.

In a radio frequency set it is highly important that the grid and plate wires be kept separate.

If a thicker feed back received regenerates too freely the capacity of the phone condenser should be reduced.

In some instances a three circuit regenerative set can be improved by placing the terminals of the plate variometer.

A 225-volt "C" battery should be connected after its voltage drops below 17 volts.

The outside wire terminal of the secondary of an amplifying transformer should always be connected to the grid of the tube.

For minimum resistance an inductance should have a ratio of 2.16:1 between the diameter and the length.

When signals are too weak to operate a loud speaker, they are strong enough for several pairs of headphones.

If you put the third step of audio on your set you should also put a fixed condenser across the windings of the last transformer.

A little soldering wax dropped on the edge of the windings of a coil will prevent the wires from slipping.

When you connect batteries to your set you may avoid trouble by connecting the wires to your set first and to the battery last.

If you attach your aerial to a tree it is best to have the wire about 15 feet from the tree to avoid absorption.

You can test any of your home made coils for continuity by using an old dry cell and a pair of headphones.

If you get a click it is O. K.

Radio frequency amplifiers before detection and audio frequency after detection. Audio frequency will not bring in distant stations.

Lamp socket attachments are better than a loop aerial for distance.

In charging your battery do not exceed the amount stated on the same plate of the battery.

The crystal you have now might be as good as any you will buy but if it isn't giving results, clean it and have patience in adjusting it.

When you once understand what you are doing with your radio equipment, you will begin to get pleasure out of it.

If you have a variometer and a variable capacitor and are figuring on a crystal set, just use the variometer.

The selectivity of a receiver can be increased by decreasing the length of the aerial. In most cases an aerial about 100 feet long will give best results.

If you connect the rotary plates of the secondary variable condenser toward the ground, you will find that hand capacity will be almost entirely eliminated.

Dry batteries will have a greater life if they are kept in an upright position.

## New Contenders for Small Set Honors

One Receiver Constructed in Peanut Shell, While Two-Inch Piece of Match Forms Important Part of Other Instrument

They are introduced the newest contenders for small radio set-making honors. Gardner Pettis, Jr., of 250 Narragansett street, Edgewood, has succeeded in putting radio in a nutshell—a peanut shell, to be more explicit. Elmer Kyle of 103 Cleveland street, Central Falls, has built a receiving set on a bit of bakelite and a two-inch piece of match.

Young Pettis is a student in the eighth grade at St. Paul's school. The sight of a bag of "Jumbo" peanuts gave him his idea, and he immediately began to plan how he could transform one of the biggest of the peanuts into a real "radio nut."

He draws the curtain tight upon what he did after opening the shell and eating the peanut meats, but that he succeeded in whatever it was is shown by the fact that the novel set has "worked." The result is the peanut shell, restored to its original appearance, except for the presence of four pieces of fine copper wire, protruding from appropriate points on the peanut shell.

This result is so suggestive of life that one is tempted to remark that there is such a thing as a "radio bug," even if he dislikes the appellation of "nut." If such a slight should be mistaken for a rather massive insect, so naturally do the bits of copper wire simulate the real "antennae" of an insect.

Gardner is the son of an engraver and, like many of the youthful Marconis of the radio world, got his first idea from his father. Gardner, the elder, has made several sets including one with three tubes. The boy decided to try his hand and has been successful in several ventures before the "peanut" experiment. The "peanut" outfit has been successful in receiving programmes sent out from the Outlet, Shepard Stores, Posters and the Dutton W. Flint station.

Elmer Kyle, the other contender, has constructed a receiving apparatus of a bit of bakelite, a two-inch piece of match, a few fragments of wire and four binding screws, with which he has succeeded in getting WJAR. He is a student at the Providence Trade School, in the automobile class, and electricity aside from its



Elmer Kyle  
Made Receiver with Bit of Match and Small Wires.



Gardner Pettis, Jr.  
Succeeded in Putting Radio in Peanut Shell and It Works.

application to the automobile, is only a hobby. He has built several radio receiving sets, one of them with three tubes. With his small sets he has heard the local stations and with the three-tube apparatus has heard practically everything within 1000 miles. Dallas, Tex., is his most distant point.

The bit of bakelite upon which the miniature set is built is exactly one inch by two in size. There are four binding posts of the conventional type. A fixed crystal is used, enclosed with a bit of brass tubing about an inch long and an eighth of an inch in diameter. For a coil are a few inches of No. 22 wire, in-

ulated, and wound upon the bit of a match stick.

Head-set, ground and antenna connections are made to the binding posts. The whole set is a workmanlike job, and in no way suggestive of a "botch" that is seen in some boyish contrivances. Kyle has made other sets, one of them in a safety razor box and others made without any special attempt at compactness.

## Inventor Believes Radio Indebted to Science

One of the first American pioneers in radio and one of the most prolific inventors who ever worked in this field is John S. Stone, formerly of Boston, now living in San Diego, Cal. A short time ago, the 1923 medal was presented to Mr. Stone in recognition of his services in radio science. In his remarks at that time, Mr. Stone made some prophecies which will interest every radio engineer who has even the slightest leanings toward scientific research.

"The art of radio communication," said Mr. Stone, "differs from other electrical arts in that the early growth of these latter has depended almost wholly on empirical developments, while the advances in the art of radio communication, even from its earliest days, have been almost exclusively through the astute application of the principles of pure science. It is this, his, that accounts, I believe, for the rapidity with which the art of radio communication reached its advanced achievements."

"For this reason radio communication is under a greater debt to the electrical

arts. In looking forward I am not, therefore, so much concerned to see startling advances in the art of profound modifications of its processes as I am to see it repay its debt to science. That this is imminent we may feel sure, and though I have not the hardihood to attempt to predict the exact nature of its contribution to science, I may, nevertheless, venture to point out that the audion, or three-electrode vacuum-tube amplifier, is a veritable electrical microscope whose power to magnify electrical effects is enormously greater than the visual magnifying power of the corresponding optical instrument."

### LISTENERS' APPRECIATIVE

Unseen Audience Commands Radio Broadcasting Artists.

The impression prevails that the radio audience is writing less letters than formerly in appreciation of the programmes rendered by broadcasting artists. Figures made public by station WJAR, however, contradict the claim. A year ago the average number of letters received at WJAR was approximately 200 a day. This number gradually increased in the early months of the year, followed by a slight summer slump, which reached its maximum in June. These figures do not include the letters received by artists directly.

A gradual rise in the mail followed through the fall, some 300 letters a day being the average for October, nearly 500 in November and 800 in December. The increase was still greater during the first two weeks in January, nearly 25,000 letters being received from WJAR's audience commenting on the reception of WJAR's programmes.

## Radio Opens New Political Era, Says Fan

"I tell you what," said the man on the street corner, "this new radio thing is going to raise hob with our political system and is going to create a lot of new ideas. It's the greatest exponent of the doctrine that all men are created free and equal that ever was."

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## Noises Eliminated When Using Receiving Set Without Ground

Possibility of Burning Detector Tube Lower, Thus Increasing Its Life, Among Advantages of This One-Circuit Hookup

By FRANK CHAPMAN.

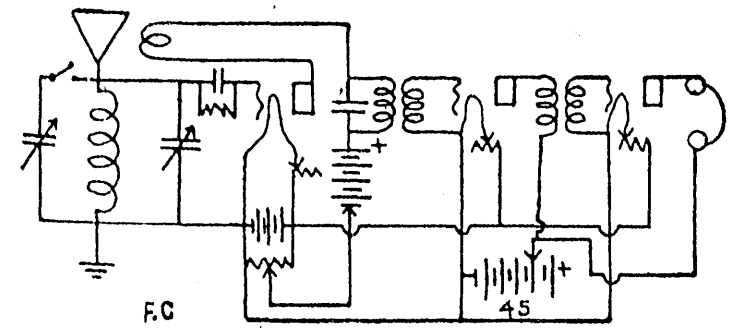
During recent experiments to hit upon a single circuit set that is simple to operate and at the same time very selective, the writer used the hookup shown in the drawing. This consists of the well-known single circuit regenerative, but instead of having a series condenser, two variable condensers of .0007 microfarad capacity are shunted around the coil. With a switch in one of them to cut it out for the shorter wave stations. If smaller condensers are used and a larger inductance, the signals will be louder, but these condensers were used because they were available and the data collected requires their use.

This outfit shows a detector with two stages of amplification. A potentiometer of 250 ohms was used and only 25% volts on the amplifier tubes in place of the usual 45 volts, as signal intensity was decreased with these tubes (201) when higher voltage was used. Separate B batteries were used for the detector and am-

tuning was extremely sharp and the variable had to be used. Another good point being the detector tube had to be burned lower than when a ground was used, which will greatly increase the life of the tube. When the ground connection was used there was little difference in signal strength on such stations as WGY and KDKA which leads me to believe this outfit will work long distances and get rid of most all interference and only have the one dial (variable condenser) to turn to do it.

When a ground was used in the regular way, local stations could not be tuned out at all, which were operating on 300 metres and it was impossible to tune in either KDKA or WGY, which operate below and above 300 metres.

Using one condenser, KDKA on 324 metres was heard on 23 degrees of the condenser; local stations on 300 on 42 degrees; WGY on 380 on 40 degrees; WSB on 420 with 67 degrees; WCAP on 400



plifier tubes as this was found best, a 1 to 1 ratio transformer for the first step and a 4 to 1 for the second step.

Jacks were used on the detector and each step, although not shown in the drawing. A variable condenser of .001 microfarad capacity shunted across the primary of the first transformer and a grid leak. By varying the position of the movable arm on the potentiometer a difference will be noticed on weak signals but practically none on strong ones.

As Baltimore is a notoriously poor receiving spot these tests were conducted there and gave the following results from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m., Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York, Schenectady, Detroit and Atlanta were picked up during that time and while Detroit and Atlanta faded the others came through clear and steady.

When not using a ground connection

with 82 degrees; WCAP on 402 with 65 degrees; WGO on 500 with one condenser all the way in and 30 on the other, and WVV on 517 with full capacity of one and 33 degrees on the other.

With the ground connection on, and using one condenser WSB was picked up on 24 degrees; WCAP on 40; WCAP on 53; WGO on 63 and WVV on 68. The stations on 300 metres and under could not be heard, except local stations, but this could be easily remedied by putting a fixed condenser of .0005 capacity in series with the aerial to reduce the natural period.

When the ground is not used it will be found that a great deal of static and other noises are eliminated, and tube noises, due to detector burning low, are considerably reduced.

The primary coil has 30 turns and the tickler coil 40, but different sized coils can be used for other wave lengths.

not only without having to pay admission fees, but even without having to pay car fares.

"But what I meant to say is this. It makes you realize that you're really an interested citizen and partner in the affairs of the country."

"What would be said of a man, five years ago, if he came out and declared that the night before he had been sitting in his home, in his shirt-sleeves, his shoes off and his slippers on, his feet elevated on whatever happened to be handy—and the President of the United States came in and talked to him! And if he dared to say he didn't even get up and invite the President to have a chair, and didn't jump into his coat and shove his feet under his chair, everyone would say he was crazy."

"To-day radio has made even that possible and no one remarks about it. It actually happened to me the other night. The President talked right into my ear and I just sat back, comfortable like, and listened. The youngsters interrupted once or twice but he didn't seem to mind. He kept right on talking over the gravest affairs of state with me, just as if I had been a Cabinet officer."

"I got a better idea of the President than I ever had before and I've heard him speak, too. That is, when he was Vice President. Just when I shook his hand. But there in my own home, with him talking just to me, it seemed, I'll be honest if he didn't convince me about some things that I didn't believe in before."

"I hadn't paid much attention to the situation of the farmer, or stopped to figure out just what the bonus would do to the nation's financial affairs. I hadn't read many of the stories about these things that had been printed in the newspapers. I figured I didn't know anything about them anyway and I'd leave that to the other fellow."

"But gosh, when the President can come right into your own house and talk these things over with you, confidential like, you can't help getting interested. Makes you feel as if you were somebody and you know something about it after all."

"At least, the President knows something about it. He has every resource of the United States behind him. And when he takes the trouble to explain it all to you, you feel as if you weren't exactly ignorant."

"If radio affects everyone as it does me there's going to be a dead change. The days when the President has had to buck up against Congress all alone are past. He is going to be able to get support if he's willing to come out and say what's what and why."

### Batteries May Burn Out Tube.

Adding more A batteries to your dry cell tube will not give you any louder signals. On the other hand it is far more apt to burn out the tube. Every box containing a vacuum tube has a printed sheet giving directions on connection and A and B battery voltages. It is best to follow these exactly.

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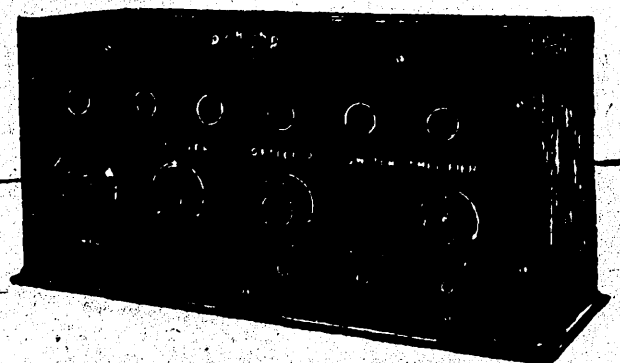
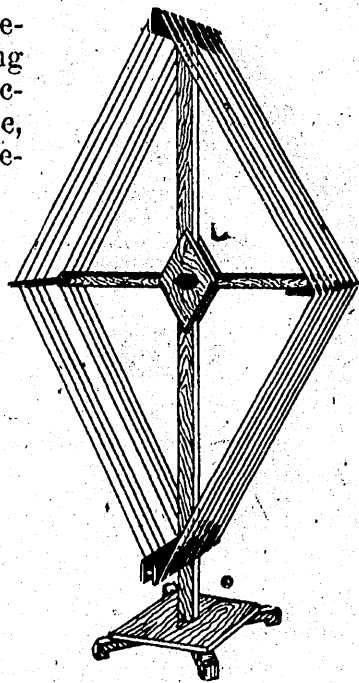
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## Expert Tells How to Assemble Inverse Duplex

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several commercial types of loud speakers, having transformers in the base of the unit. These transformers naturally have stray magnetic fields just as those in the set. Under these conditions, if the horn is brought too near the set, an audio howl will be set up which will completely ruin your program.

The shielding in the cabinet prevents this audio interaction between the transformer in the loud speaker and the transformer in the set as effectively as it prevents the radio interaction between the tuned radio transformer and the loop. The loud speaker may then be mounted any-

stages of amplification—all on four tubes operating efficiently on a loop and in compact space.

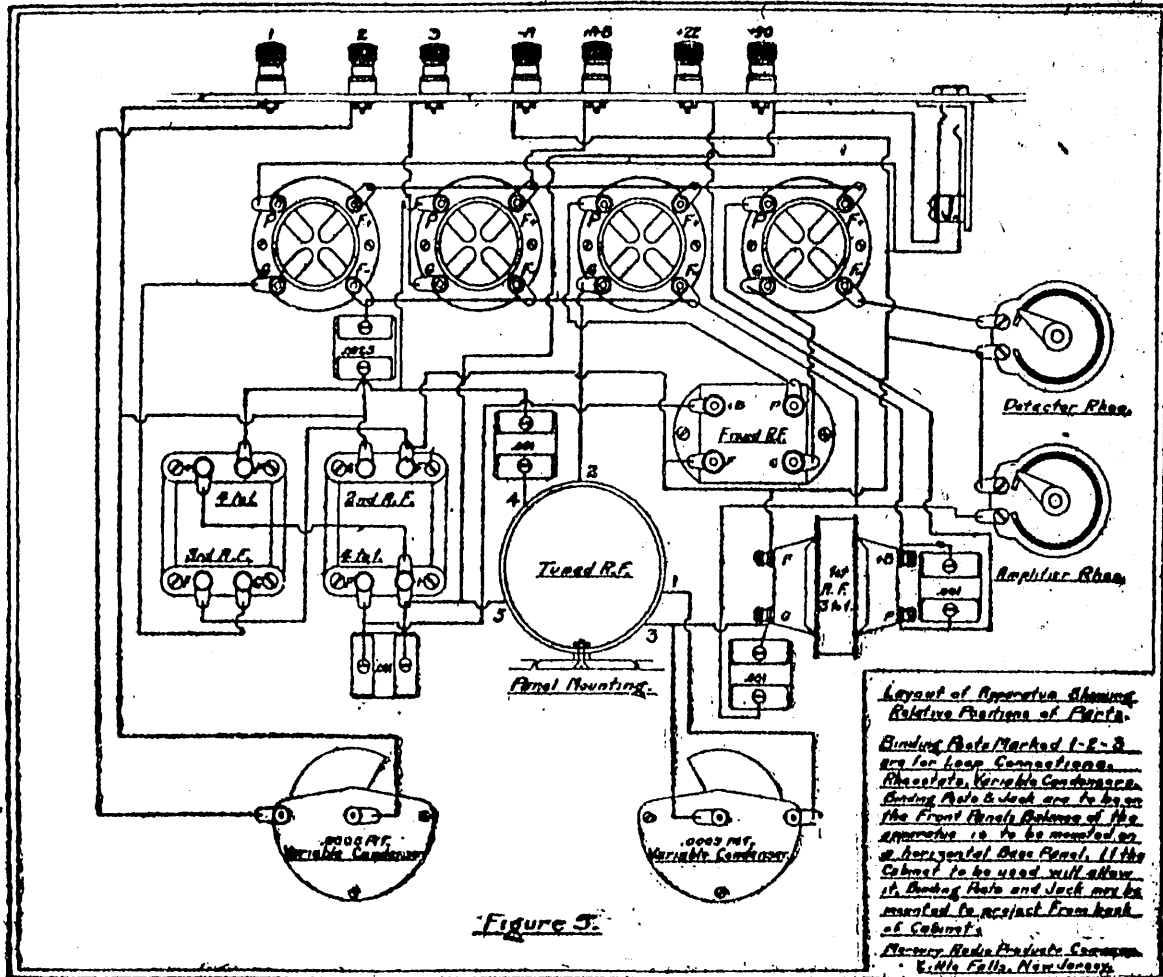
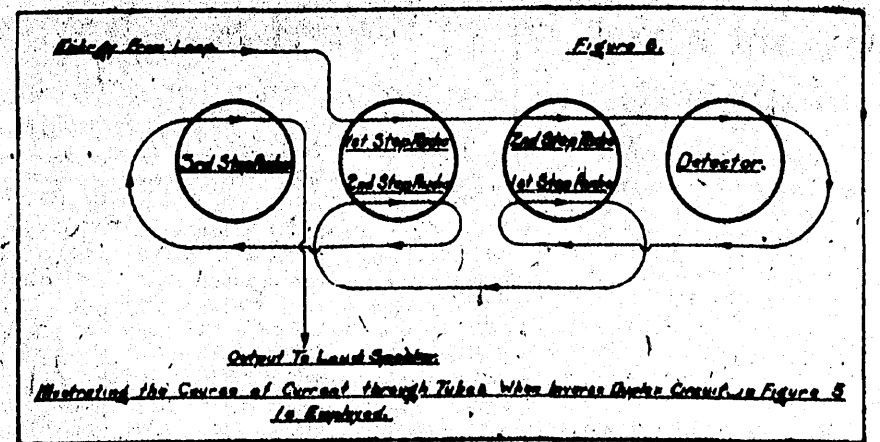
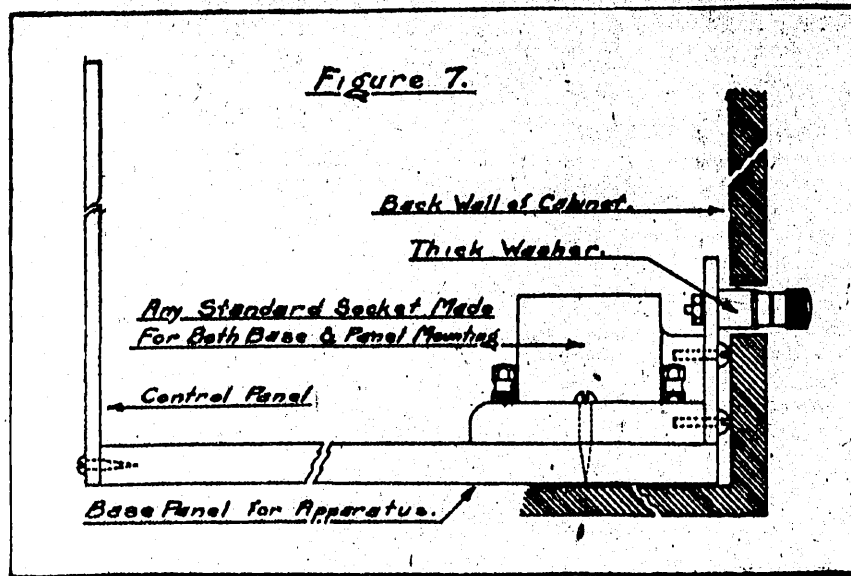
The next and last article will show how to operate this same circuit on aerial and ground connections.

(To be continued.)

### DIRECTION-FINDING STATIONS

Canada Now Has Seven Which Help Navigators by Radio.

Canada has seven direction-finding stations in operation, the latest being opened at Yarmouth, N. S., by the radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The code signal of the new station will be VAF. The station at Yarmouth is the third direction-finding station placed in commission within the last year. The



where with respect to the set with no ill effects. This is an advantage in favor of shielding the cabinet. If merely the tuned transformer were shielded the audio circuit would still suffer from interaction from some types of loud speakers.

In Figure 7 a simple method of mounting a small panel for binding posts is shown. Use any standard socket designed for both base and panel mounting. Screw the socket to the bottom panel and employ the panel mounting holes in attaching a strip of insulating material on which the binding posts and jack have been mounted. Drill the back wall of the cabinet so that the binding posts project through the holes.

Figure 8 graphically illustrates the course of the current through the tubes when the circuit shown in Figure 5 is employed.

In closing this article then, let us see just what this set is performing. A tuned radio stage is determined by a tuned input to the first radio amplifying tube. This tuned loop itself constitutes a tuned input to the first radio amplifying tube. This is the first stage of tuned radio amplification. The secondary of the tuned radio transformer constitutes the second tuned input circuit for the second radio amplifying tube. This, then, is the second tuned radio stage. The input to the detector tube is not tuned, and, in any case, the detector tube is not a radio amplifying stage.

This in the Mercury set is not a tuned radio stage nor does it constitute such in any set, even though it possesses a tuning control. We have, then, two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification, an untuned detector circuit, and three audio

stations are located at Cape Race, N. S.; St. Paul's Island; Canso, N. S.; Halifax Harbor; Yarmouth, N. S.; St. John's, N. B.; and Pachuca Point, B. C.

In addition, three automatic radio beacon stations have also been established during the year at Cape Ray, N. E., and on the Heath Point and Lurcher Lightships.

Canada built its first direction-finding stations in 1915, and the accuracy and reliability with which they function is testified by the thousands of letters received from the navigators.

### WAVES MADE DIRECTIONAL

Successful Tests of Marconi's New Device Reported.

The problem which all experts, amateur and professional alike, have been trying to solve in the field of wireless communication is the perfection of some method by which waves could be made directional—that is, sent in one direction only instead of, as now, spreading out after the manner of waves in the water, says the New York World.

In order to assure privacy to a wireless message to-day the signals must be sent in code, as anyone within the radius of the sending station can pick up the message regardless of direction. Signor Guglielmo Marconi, the original inventor of wireless communication, recently has announced that, working in collaboration with C. S. Franklin, the British wireless expert, he has perfected a device which gives a true directional effect. His method is apparently the propagation of a beam, much as light is controlled by a reflector.

The Marconi apparatus has been successful in tests made between England and St. Vincent, one of the Cape Verde Islands, a distance of 2250 nautical miles—about 2500 standard miles.

## TUBE DOES WORK OF THREE OTHERS

Device Developed in England Has Four Electrodes.

Gives Radio and Audio Amplification Simultaneously with Detection. — Most Sensitive on Weak Signals, Says Engineer.—Experiments Carried on Here.

A new type of British vacuum tube which functions simultaneously as a detector and amplifier of radio and audio-frequency currents was described in a paper read before the Institute of Radio Engineers in the Engineer Societies building by Capt. H. de A. Donisthorpe recently. The tube is a modification of the four-electrode type that has been developed in Great Britain and is now in use in commercial receiving sets upon British merchant vessels.

As an idea of the possibilities of this tube, Capt. Donisthorpe stated in his paper that "this instrument on a medium sized vessel will receive signals regularly from the Leamfield radio station of the United Kingdom while in Australian waters."

One of the peculiar characteristics of the tube and its circuit, as described by Capt. Donisthorpe, is the fact that it is most sensitive on very weak signals,

while on strong signals it is not as good as the ordinary type of detector and amplifier in separate tubes.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the statement in the paper that the General Electric Company was experimenting with this type of tube in this country.

In the discussion that followed the reading of the paper Mr. Hull of the General Electric Company outlined some of the experiments that were being carried on with the four-electrode tubes at the laboratory in Schenectady. He stated that the tube was still in a purely experimental stage and was different from the type demonstrated by Capt. Donisthorpe in that the second grid is a complete enough screen to eliminate all action between the plate and the first grid. In this discussion it was also brought out that the tube, as it stands at present, has only been applied to commercial work and the inference to be drawn from the discussion was that it would have to be redesigned in order to make it adaptable to broadcast reception, the apparent trouble at the present time lying in the fact that the tube was apt to jam or block up on strong signals.

In his paper Capt. Donisthorpe outlined the history of the development of the four-electrode tube and said: "The origin of the quadrode can, I think be safely attributed to the genius of Majorana, who took out a patent in the United Kingdom for his tube in the year 1912."

He described the development of this type of tube and said that development had taken three forms: First, tubes which had two grids in addition to the usual filament and plate; second, tubes with two plates, in addition to the usual filament and grid; and third, tubes with three plates, in addition to the usual filament.

The tube described by Capt. Donisthorpe was one in which two grids were used and is known as the Marconi quadrode F. E. 1. type. The tube is about 3 1/2 inches long and 1/4 of an inch in diameter. The filament is joined to two metal tips—one at either end of the tube. The two grids and the plate are connected to other metal tips, which come out at different points in the side of the tube in such a way as to reduce the amount of internal capacity. The characteristics of the tube were given as follows: Voltage across the filament, 4.5; filament current, 1.2 amperes; maximum second grid current, .75 milliamperes; plate voltage, 45.

The two grids are different in structure—the first is of a spiral nature, while the second one is made of open mesh frame. When used as a detector the second grid takes the place of the usual plate circuit and gives about the same rectification as the ordinary three-electrode tube.

The actual circuit used, whereby one stage of radio-frequency, detection and one stage of audio-frequency are all obtained from the same tube, is reproduced herewith.

The radio-frequency transformer is connected to the second grid in much the same way as in the ordinary tube, which is connected to the plate. A step-down telephone transformer is used in the

British circuit, the primary of which is in series with the primary of the radio transformer and the high voltage B battery. A by-pass condenser across the telephone transformer offers a pathway for the radio-frequency. The secondary of the radio-frequency transformer is connected between the actual plate in series with the primary of the audio-transformer, while the secondary of the audio-transformer is connected to the first grid. The usual loose coupled aerial system is employed for tuning this circuit.

In order to prevent the tube from blocking up a potentiometer is used across the A battery to enable an adjustment of the potential on the plate. A feature of the audio-transformer is the fact that it only has a 1 to 1 ratio.

The actual receiver in commercial use on ships is designed to cover the wavelength range from 200 to 2800 metres on separate bands of wave lengths from 1200 metres for continuous wave telegraphy. Capt. Donisthorpe stated that above this wave length the radio-frequency amplification falls away slowly to about 2 to 1 at about 20,000 metres. In order to cover this wide band of wave lengths the radio-frequency transformer is built in three separate sections, the primary and secondary of which contain the same number of turns in each case. A barrel switch changes the wave-length range from short to medium or long-wave positions.

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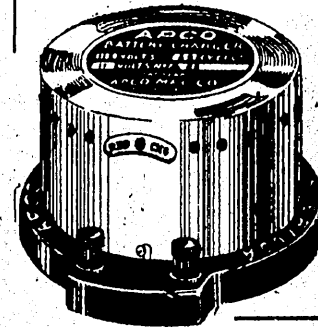
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# Radio Fan Can Save Money by Using C Battery in Amplifier

## Small Cells Reduce Current Drain on B Batteries, But Will Not Clarify Distorted Signals Due to Excessive Regeneration

BY A. T. PRATT.

After a veritable deluge of letters requesting detailed information about C batteries and their effects, it is only proper that an article covering every point in full detail be placed before the public. The list of queries received was indeed diversified, commencing with the request for constructional details and ending with the replacement of "worn-out" grid bias batteries.

In order to select the points of real importance the list was segregated under various headings, and the article written accordingly.

One of the problems more comprehensively treated is the use of several small cells in place of one large one. In such instances the use of several small cells cannot be obtained, but the writer will endeavor to state the reasons for the use of small cells in the non-technical fan, in addition to the use of technical terms wherever possible.

The C battery, also known as the "grid bias" battery and, incidentally, the latter name is more appropriate, since it explains the action of the battery in a similar manner to the other batteries found in radio installations, but the one in receiver installations, the current capacity identifying feature, is very low, and this is of the battery is the fact that when made possible in the receiver the current drain upon it is infinitesimal, hence its construction is such that it has a small ampere hour capacity. A C battery, when properly installed, should function satisfactorily and without any annoyance to the operator for a period varying between eight months and a year. If the battery is of reputable manufacture, the use of a C battery is not dependent upon the method of tuning utilized in the receiver or upon the type of receiver, whether it is regenerative one that uses radio frequency amplification or a crystal set. It is inserted in the audio amplifier, frequency amplifier, or used with any of the three element vacuum tubes regardless of the type—"pentode" tube, dry cell tube, regular storage battery tube or power tube.

The "grid bias" battery in the minds of many many fans serves just one purpose—to eliminate distortion in the amplifier. This failure has been the direct cause for many a heated discussion, due to its failure to accomplish that result. To entertain an idea of that kind is not entirely erroneous, but to look at "grid bias" batteries in that light alone will prove somewhat disappointing, for it will only clarify the signal under certain conditions, and this condition is not difficult to understand.

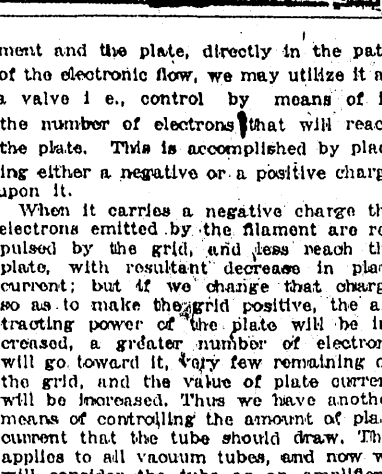
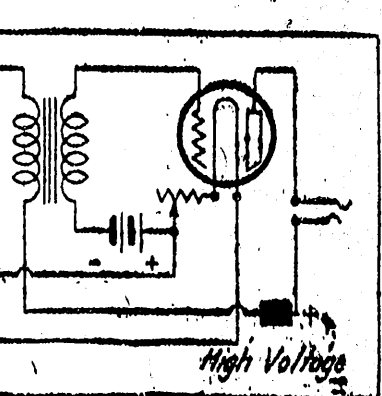
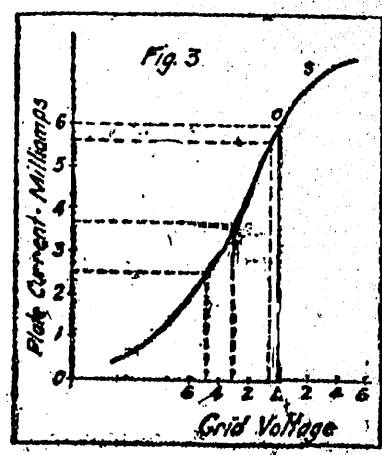
An attempt to clarify a distorted signal by inserting a C battery, if the distortion is due to excessive regeneration or to poor audio amplifier transformer design, will be a wasted effort. It cannot be done. Furthermore, C battery clarification, if we may call it that, will prove of no avail if the amplifying stage is being excessively overdriven, for the input capacity of the tube has a definite limit. It is this limit that must be taken into consideration when operating amplifier equipment. A clear, undistorted signal that is of such intensity that it takes the capacity of a regular six-volt tube to its limit will inevitably be heard as a distorted signal if passed through a small dry cell tube. Bear this fact in mind.

The entertainment of the above erroneous idea, and its failure to accomplish the desired results, has given rise to unfounded disparaging remarks concerning the C battery, to the extent that its explanation was due more to an endeavor to increase the sales of the battery than to the benefit of the fan. Once again the opinion of the minority is wrong, for one of the most beneficial effects of the insertion of the proper C battery into the amplifier equipment is never noticed by the operator unless he inserts the proper indicating instruments into the various circuits. This is reduction in plate current or the decrease in the current drain upon the B battery. One must be observant to notice the decrease in the life of the plate voltage source.

Many fans operating multi-stage audio frequency amplifiers have been bewildered by a peculiar phenomenon. The amplifier functions admirably on weak signals, but distorts on strong ones. In addition they ascertain by experience that by reducing the brilliancy of the filament they can clarify the signal to a certain extent, but unfortunately this results in a decrease in signal intensity.

This procedure, however, is not popular for the maximum signal intensity is always desired, otherwise audio frequency amplification would not be used. In an endeavor to alleviate the situation various types and makes of transformers are used, but distortion persists in being present when strong signals are being amplified and modern high voltages applied to the plates of the tubes. At last someone suggests the insertion of a C battery, and the signal is cleared up at once.

What did the C battery do? The distortion undoubtedly was taking place within the tube, due to improper operation with the tube, for the amplified and another metallic object surrounding the grid called the plate. In this manner



ment and the plate, directly in the path of the electronic flow, we may utilize it as a valve, i. e., control by means of it the number of electrons that will reach the plate. This is accomplished by placing either a negative or a positive charge upon it.

When it carries a negative charge the electrons emitted by the filament are repulsed by the grid, and less reach the plate, with resultant decrease in plate current; but if we change that charge so as to make the grid positive, the attracting power of the plate will be increased, a greater number of electrons will go toward it, very few remaining on the grid, and the value of plate current will be increased. This is another means of controlling the amount of plate current that the tube should draw. This applies to all vacuum tubes, and now we will consider the tube as an amplifier.

When functioning as such it is a voltage operated device, which, when an alternating potential is impressed upon the grid, will reproduce the same alternations in the current flowing in the plate circuit, but these alternations will be of greater amplitude.

This can best be explained by means of a characteristic curve, and at the same time we will show how the distortion may occur when the tube is externally, due to its improper operation. Also how it may be remedied by the use of the C battery.

The curve is shown in Figure 2, and the vertical line on the left indicates the values of plate current, the lower horizontal line the values of both negative and positive grid voltage. This is assumed to be the values of the applied grid voltage due to the incoming signal. This way line indicates the operation of the tube, and is the characteristic curve. The bend S indicates the saturation point of the tube for the plate voltage being applied. Let us say it is 45 volts. O L is the ordinate or dividing line between the positive and the negative grid voltage.

We mentioned previously that if the filament brilliancy and the plate voltage are maintained constant the plate current will be constant and of a definite value. This is shown as the point O on the curve and its corresponding value on the left vertical line. This value is obtained when the voltage on the grid is zero.

Now we all know that the grid return lead of the amplifying transformer is connected to the negative lead of the A battery, and in this manner a small negative charge is applied to the grid. This charge being constant, the repulsion exercised by

the grid upon the electrons emitted by the filament will be constant, and the plate current will be reduced a definite amount and maintained constant at that point. Let us indicate this point "N" on a weak signal is applied to the grid, and as all these signals are of alternating character, charges of alternately positive and negative will be applied to the grid.

We will use R as the operating point on the curve and apply the alternating charges at that point. These charges are shown as M N on either side of the line R P. If the curve is studied two things will be apparent. First, the amplifying action of the tube, and secondly, the fact that the grid of the amplifying tube has at no time become positive, although a positive charge was applied to it. This is due to the constant negative charge upon the grid and the incoming signal, being of moderate intensity, was not great enough to overcome this charge.

Many undoubtedly wonder why the grid must not become negative at any time. That is the reason why the amplifier will not work if the grid return lead of the transformer is connected to the positive lead instead of the negative. When the grid is positive it draws a certain amount of current, exactly as the plate does, but the latter is of much greater magnitude. This current flowing between the grid and filament must pass through the secondary of the transformer, and this winding offers such high impedance to the current that the current is dissipated in the winding.

That is what must be precluded when the tube is functioning as an amplifier. If the incoming signal intensity is such that it can make the grid positive on the positive alternation, current will flow between the grid and filament on that half of the cycle, and as mentioned previously, the transformer winding will offer extremely high impedance to the current and that half of the alternation will be lost to the tube. When this condition is existent the alternations caused by the incoming signal are not even, and as they are faithfully reproduced in the plate current the wave form will be uneven, and this will be noticed by distortion.

### BROADCASTING EXHIBITION.

Musical Comedy Stars Will Perform at Radio Show.

It will require a "died-in-the-wool" radio fan to concentrate on transformers and "sooh" at the radio show in progress at Newark, Thursday afternoon, because there will be a galaxy of musical comedy talent in plain view before the microphone of the improvised studio located on the sixth floor of the Bamberger building, where all afternoon programmes will be broadcast throughout the week of the show.

On Thursday, Otto Kruger, leading man of "The Nervous Wreck," Ernest Truex, star of "New Town," Rose Saunders, popular juvenile star of the "Music Box Revue," and the entire chorus of beauties from the same show are all scheduled to "do their stuff," which will be sent over the air to the radio audience. It is seldom that radio fans have had an opportunity to witness such spectacular broadcasting, while to those listening at home the programme should prove most novel and entertaining.

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### Programs Designed to Acquaint Public with Work of Schools Will be Sent Out Daily—Other Committees Throughout Country May Adopt Plan.

For the first time in the history of education, active use of radio broadcasting as an educational aid on an extensive and permanent basis will be inaugurated to-morrow, when the Board of Education of the city of New York, acting with the co-operation of the Radio Corporation of America, broadcasts through station WJZ the first of the daily educational radio programmes which have just been scheduled.

These programmes, arranged by the newly created radio committee of the Board of Education, will be broadcast from 2 to 2:30 o'clock on every school day. A special and permanent broadcasting apparatus is to be installed in the office of Dr. William L. Bittinger, Superintendent of Schools, and the programmes on every Tuesday afternoon will be broadcast by WJZ directly from there. On all other school days the programmes will be given at the studio of station WJZ.

The programmes are designed primarily to acquaint the people with the work of the schools and to educate the public as to education. Superintendents of each department of the Board of Education will turn in exactly what is done in his department, and to what purpose. In addition, the pupils of each school will take part in the later programmes with regular recitations, music lessons, glee club and school orchestra concerts, spelling bees and special exercises for holidays.

The first radio committee of any municipal Board of Education in the world has been created, with Frank A. Rexford as chairman.

New York city is thus the first city in the world to recognize and utilize the extreme value of radiophone broadcasting in education and the arrangements already consummated call for the largest, municipal broadcasting programme which has ever been scheduled. Dr. Bittinger, Superintendent of Schools, states clearly in the following letter his appreciation of the value of the broadcast activities:

"Through the courtesy and co-operation of the Radio Corporation of America, we have been invited to broadcast short educational talks or features each school day, beginning Monday, Feb. 18, at 2 p. m.

"I see through radio service so tendered a wonderful opportunity to bring the actual work of the school system into closer relation with the home. I particularly need and desire the help and advice of every member of the school system in arranging for the public such a series of talks and educational entertainments as will make our educational series the subject of table talk in every home. In other words, I am desirous of giving the public over the radio a cross section view of the school system.

"It is expected that other boards of education throughout the country may follow the example of New York in adopting radio broadcasting in co-operation with local stations, with the possibility that a nationwide use of the radio in the school departments may result.

Dinner Music from New Jersey.

Once again, to-morrow evening, confirmed WOR fans will have an opportunity to listen in on Harry Cox and his Hotel Robert Treet Orchestra, who are scheduled to broadcast from the New Jersey station during the "Music While You Dine" period from 6:15 to 7:30 p. m. Cox's novel orchestrations achieving symphonic effect are considered by many one of the most enjoyable radio musical acts.

Care for Storage Battery.

Leaving the storage battery completely discharged will probably cause trouble. If you intend to close down your radio set for any length of time it is advisable to take the battery to some convenient service station, where it will be taken care of.

**To Succeed Fan Must Have Patience**  
Don't decide that a receiving set is no good if it will not bring in signals clearly the first day you begin to turn the dials, say the old-timers. And, they add, if at first you don't succeed, try again. It frequently happens that the owner of a small set will experience 'keen disappointment' for the first few days. This is simply because he does not know just how to operate it. As soon as the secret is learned by experience, results will be forthcoming. That is one reason why it is a good thing to use a set a few weeks before making up your mind that it is useless.

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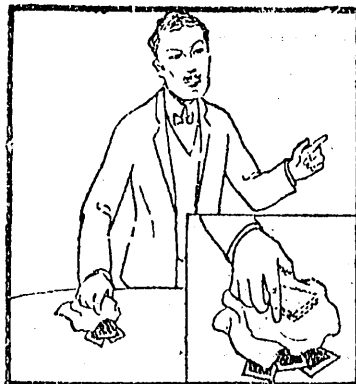
Tricks and Solutions That Furnish Entertainment for the Family



**THE TRICKSTER'S SECRET.**—A second assistant, who is hiding, has an important part in the secret. He holds one end of a silk thread. The other terminates in a bit of wax by which it is attached to a chairback. After he is blindfolded, the trickster gets this bit of wax in his hand. While he appears to concentrate he mentions several numbers, apparently at random. When he mentions the correct number the hidden assistant jerks the thread, thus signalling to the trickster. The hidden assistant must be placed where he can see the blackboard but cannot be seen by the spectators.

### MIND READING.

A pack of cards is shuffled by the spectators and the performer is blindfolded. He takes the cards in his hand, face downward. He names a card and turns the top card face upward. It is the card he named. In a like manner he names half a dozen or more cards. The trick depends upon the exercise of little skill but of much old-fashioned "nerve." In the performer's pocket are eight or nine cards arranged in a definite order.

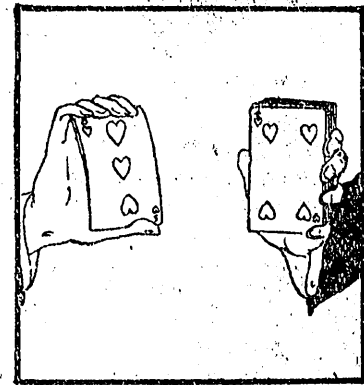


**BY SIMPLE MEANS.**—The performer has a small order which the performer has memorized. In the same pocket is a handkerchief. After the cards in the pack are shuffled, the performer puts them in a rather untidy heap on the table. He reaches into his pocket and brings out the handkerchief, and hidden by the handkerchief, the prearranged cards. He places the handkerchief carefully on the table. With a little care he can manage that the hidden cards will fall on those which have been shuffled. While he is being blindfolded he picks up the cards and squares them neatly. "Reading" the cards is then simplicity itself. He should never "read" all that he has prearranged.

### HIDDEN SPIRITS

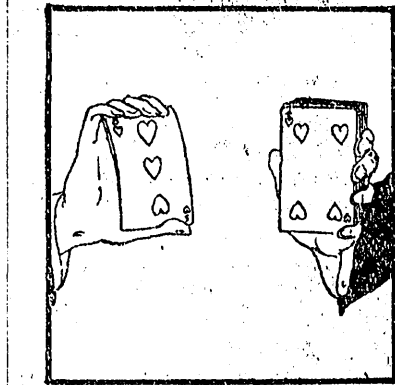
This stunt does not amount to much if truly presented. With a little care in working up the effect, however, it can be made very puzzling. The effect is that a spectator places a tumbler on the table, drops a coin into it and covers it with a handkerchief. The performer pretends to magnetize the hidden coin. At his command it jumps up and down in the glass, ringing any number requested. At any rate, it seems to do that because the spectators, who are not too near, hear it ring. The secret is another tumbler, slightly bent the cards, the convex side toward the spectators. Hold the pack with the other hand, the three of hearts toward the spectators. Show that the three is on the pack and the four in your right hand. Rub the face of the four against the face of the three. The three changes to a two, the heart in the center seemingly joining itself to the four because that card changes to a five.

The trick is that when the reinforced four is placed on the pack, the right hand carries away only the five. Try the trick with the cards in your hands and it will present no difficulties.



### THE PAINT BRUSH.

This is one of the most puzzling of card tricks which can be performed without skill. Before presenting the trick put the four of hearts face down on the table. On this, face upward, put the two of hearts. On this, face downward, put the five of hearts. On the face of the pack put the three of hearts. Pick up the three cards with your right hand, holding them as if they were only one card. This can easily be done if you hold the cards with your fingers at one end and your thumb at the other and



slightly bend the cards, the convex side toward the spectators. Hold the pack with the other hand, the three of hearts toward the spectators. Show that the three is on the pack and the four in your right hand. Rub the face of the four against the face of the three. The three changes to a two, the heart in the center seemingly joining itself to the four because that card changes to a five.

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There are many small relatives of the lobsters in this standing water also. Some are flattened out and swim on their sides, others travel backwards. The variety varies with different kinds of water. The collector learns what kinds are associated with mosquito larvae and soon recognizes others that tell him that no mosquitoes will successfully live in other samples of water.

There are other ways in which insects spend the winter. Many of the small moths find it possible to hide in sheltered spots in rock heaps, under crevices in bark, and under other cover. When a little extra warmth appears, the moths respond. They come out of their cozy peaceful rest known as "hibernation" and flutter about in the warm sunshine. When a few people may have seen the Mourning Cloak butterfly, which has a similar habit of hibernating successfully in the adult form. The very first moths and butterflies seen in the early spring are ones that hatched from eggs last season, possibly earlier. I don't know that anyone has tried the "banding" of butterflies of the Mourning Cloak variety in order to determine their age.

Spiders seen in winter are rather sluggish. They, too, hibernate in the adult form, but more commonly than the insects. The sight of a stray spider on the snow is a rather bewildering thing unless we realize that there are a lot more that are ready to come out also whenever the mercury goes up a bit.

A good many gnats buzzing around in the cellars are accused of being blood-thirsty mosquitoes. A few adult mosquitoes do hibernate with us, but they are the exceptions. Gnats have feathered antennae, but mosquitoes do not. Neither one is bloodthirsty at this season. All that any mosquito wants now is to be let alone.

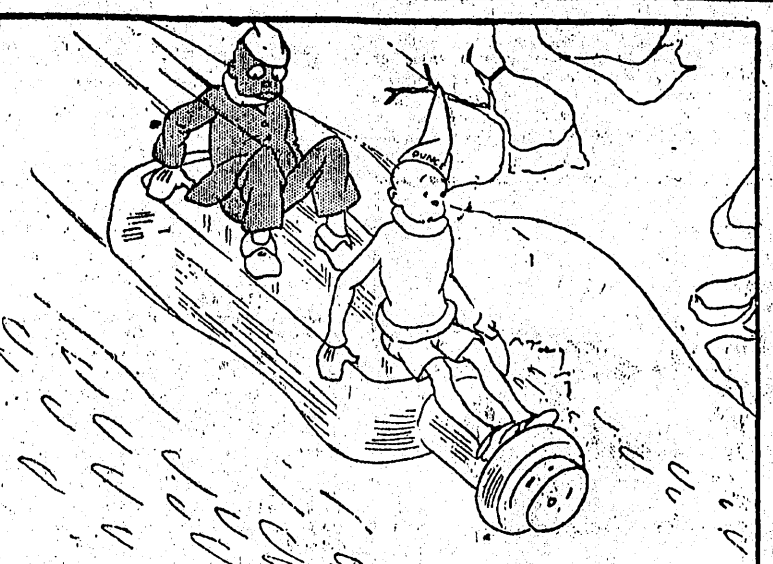
Perhaps a woolly bear may come out of his retreat in the half-rotted wood of an old fence post. This is neither a ferocious black bear, nor a victorious Brown bear. It is merely an innocuous woolly bear, the caterpillar of the Isabella moth. This very fuzzy caterpillar is about as thick as the little finger and is black at the ends of the body with a bright band of orange-red across his "midships."

This caterpillar represents the same stage of development in moths and butterflies as the aquatic nymphs or larvae of the damselfly, caddis fly, and dragon fly. In insects that have what is known as complete metamorphosis there are four pupal stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Some insects take short cuts. They are said to carry on an incomplete series of changes. The grasshopper comes out of the egg with an abnormally shaped body and has very small wings. Even so, he can be recognized, for what he is, a grasshopper. The insects that have larval and pupal stages, however, go through such great transformations that they do not appear at all related to one another.

If further investigation confirms the description, a very unusual bird for Rhode Island has been seen at Wallum lake. The tufted titmouse is a bird that belongs farther south at all seasons. I find

## THE TEENIE WEENIES

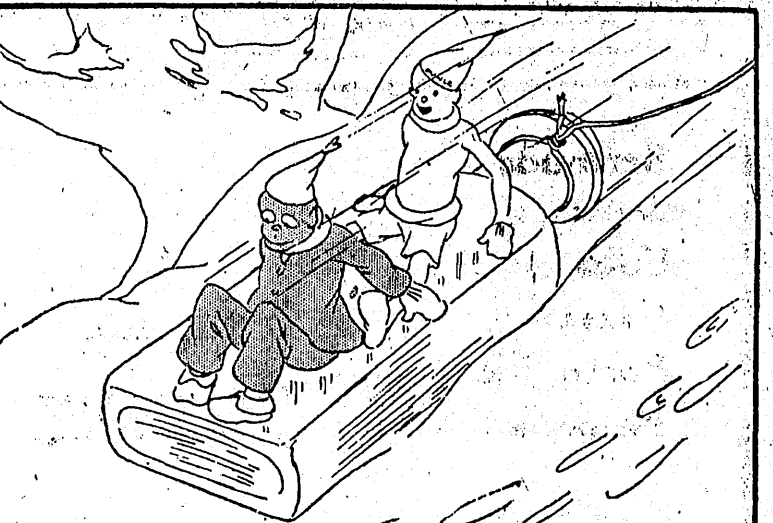
THE WORLD'S SMALLEST PEOPLE



ONE DAY THE DUNCE AND GOGO FOUND A NICE SLIDING PLACE. "JIMMIE CRICKETS!" EXCLAIMED THE DUNCE. "I'VE JUST HAD A SLED WE COULD HAVE GREAT COASTING. 'WHY NOT USE DAT BOTTLE?' CRIED GOGO POINTING TO A SMALL BOTTLE NEAR BY. THEY DID, AND IT MADE A WONDERFUL SLED.



"MAYBE WE ALL CAN FIGGAH OUT A PLAN FO' TO GET DAT BOTTLE UP DE HILL EASIER," SUGGESTED GOGO. "LET'S ALL SQUAT DOWN AND THINK - NOT HARD, BUT JUS' SLOW AND EASY SORT OF LIKE. IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN MEDITATION, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S GWINE TO FACILITATION LABAH!" SO THE LITTLE FELLOWS THOUGHT.



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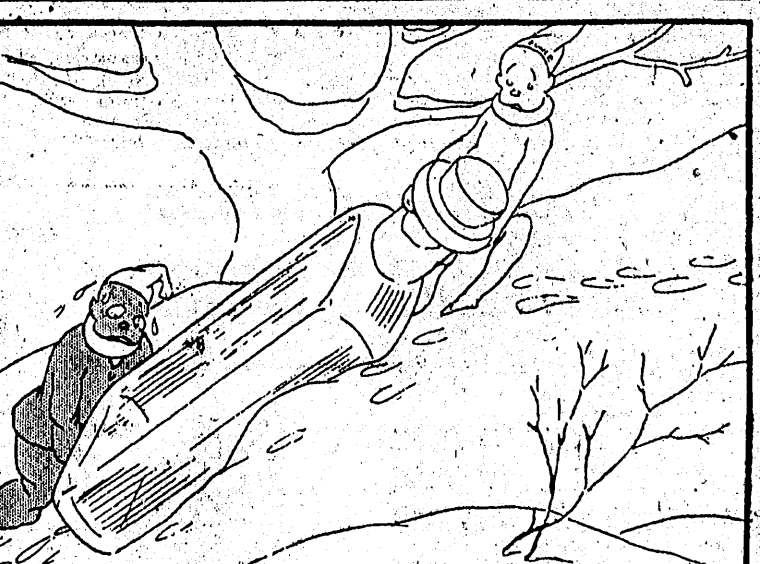
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that it is suspected of visiting Wallum lake this winter. If so, it may be the first recorded for the State since it was first listed in Howe and Sturtevant's list for 1903. Hoffman says that its range extends northward into southwestern Connecticut, where it is rare. I find no mention of the species at all in the last four monthly reports of Mr. Forbush's.

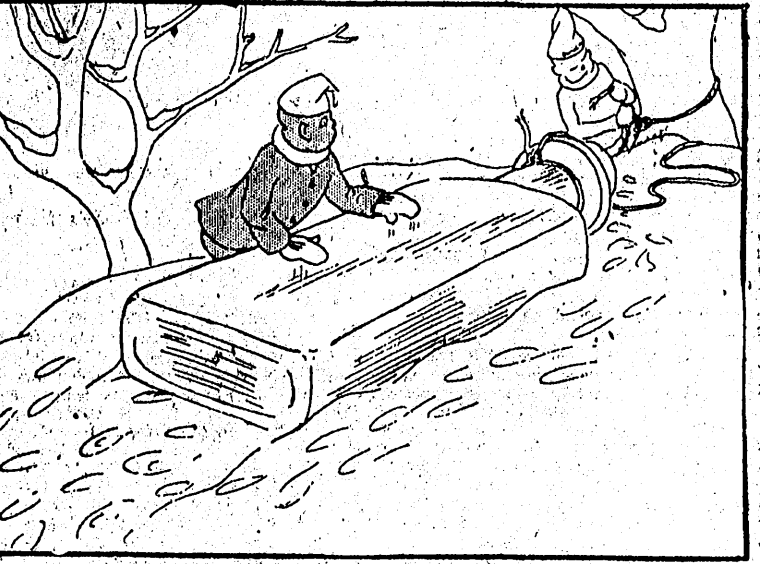
The titmouse is a close relative of the chickadee. It has pale gray upper parts, wings and tail. The long crest is very conspicuous. The sides of the belly are reddish in color while the rest of the underparts are white. The forehead is black. Our chickadee with its black crown and black throat set off by a white patch at the side of the neck can hardly be confused with this bird.

The Christmas bird census has just appeared in the January-February number of Bird-Lore. It is well worth reading to see how the birds are distributed through New England. By browsing along further in the reports, an idea can be obtained in the Southern reports of what percentage of the winter birds there are migrants from our country and what ones are never found this far north. Going into the Middle West, we find a gradual change as Western representatives come to take the place of some familiar Eastern birds. When the Pacific coast is reached we find that many of the birds are closely related to our own, but that they are of different species. We should have a tremendous task on our hands of learning almost an entirely new fauna in moving out there, although in many cases we should recognize the birds from their general patterns and behavior as being Western cousins of our Eastern birds.

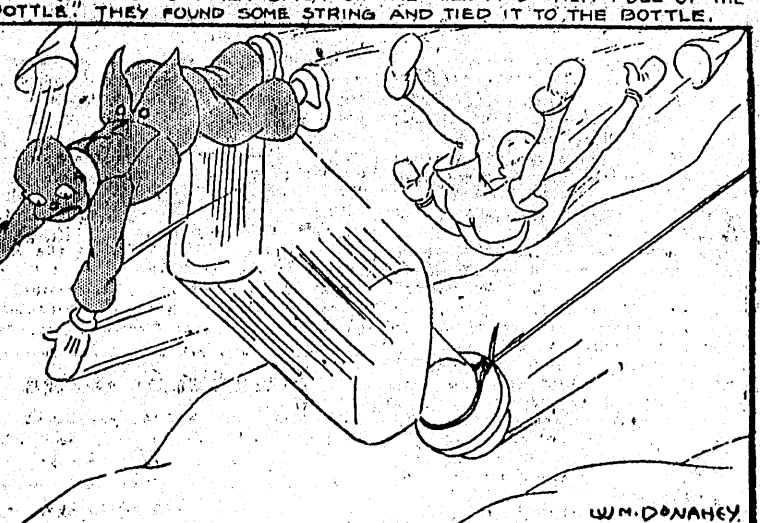
**TEENIE WEENIE GOSSIP.**  
THE OLD SOLDIER HAS A BLACK EYE. HE WAS CUTTING A LOG FROM A LEAD PENCIL ONE DAY LAST WEEK WHEN A CHIP FLEW UP AND STRUCK HIM IN THE EYE.  
THE LADY OF FASHION IS HAVING THREE HANDSOME CATERPILLAR SKINS MADE INTO A BEAUTIFUL FUR COAT.  
WHILE PLAYING ELIZA CROSSING THE ICE, IN ONE OF THE BIG HOUSES NEAR THE TEENIE WEENIE VILLAGE, ONE OF THE TWINS WAS NEARLY DROWNED IN A BUSH OF PRUNES. THE LITTLE FELLOWS WERE JUMPING FROM PRUNE TO PRUNE, PRETENDING IT WAS ICE, WHEN JERRY SLIPPED OFF A PRUNE INTO THE JUICE. HE WAS FISHED OUT FULL OF PRUNE JUICE.



IT WAS LOVELY TO COAST DOWN THE HILL AND FEEL THE COLD AIR WHISTLE BY, BUT IT WASN'T QUITE SO MUCH FUN TO PULL THE HEAVY BOTTLE BACK UP THE HILL FOR THE NEXT SLIDE DOWN.



THERE WAS A DEEP SILENCE OF THOUGHT FOR SOME MINUTES. AND THEN SUDDENLY THE DUNCE HAD AN IDEA. "I'VE GOT IT," HE SHOUTED. "WE CAN TIE A STRING TO THE BOTTLE, FASTEN THE OTHER END TO A BUSH AND WHEN WE SLIDE DOWN ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO WALK BACK UP THE HILL AND THEN PULL UP THE BOTTLE." THEY FOUND SOME STRING AND TIED IT TO THE BOTTLE.



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## How Insects, Birds and Animals Spend the Winter

Curious Notions as to What Goes on in Nature During Cold Weather Months. Chickadees Most Abundant Here This Season

BY HENRY E. CHILDS  
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IT IS A FACT that a great many insects, birds and animals spend the winter in a state of hibernation. Some of them, however, are able to survive the cold weather by other means. How do they do it? What do they do during the winter? These are the questions that many people ask. The answers are often very curious and interesting.

One of the most common insects that hibernates is the Mourning Cloak butterfly. It is a large, dark butterfly with a white band across its wings. It is found in great numbers in the winter, especially in the city of Providence.

Another insect that hibernates is the grasshopper. It is a large, green insect with long legs. It is found in great numbers in the winter, especially in the city of Providence.

One of the most common birds that hibernates is the chickadee. It is a small, round bird with a black cap and a white breast. It is found in great numbers in the winter, especially in the city of Providence.

## NONSENSE JUNGLE JIGLES

By Roger Bingham

THE Organ Bear started to play  
For jungle folk one sunny day.  
To dance and take money  
And corn cake and honey.  
A little boy went all the way.

The Lion once said to the Bear,  
"I don't like the cut of your hair."  
To the barber they went  
And the Bear was content  
When the top of his head was shaved bare.

Said Mother Sheep, "Lambkin, beware  
of the Lionphantine so fair.  
'Neath his Elephant nose  
He has jaws that would close  
On a poor baby Sheep, so take care!"

A little boy Donkey, so bad,  
Threw stones at his elegant Dad,  
And knocked off his hat  
And rudely called: "Scat!"  
And made his poor parents most sad.

A funny young Kid in the Jungle  
Would mix things all up in a bundle.  
He cries and won't stop  
Because he can't hop  
Like the Toad—that young Kid in the Jungle.

The Prairie Dog isn't a Dog;  
The Ground Hog was never a Hog;  
The Guinea Pig small  
Is no Pig, at all;  
A Frog in your throat is no Frog.

### DAIRY DINNER

California Cow-Testing Association Holds Novel Money-Making Event.

A dairy dinner recently given by the Inyo county, Cal., cow-testing association combined educational, social and money-making features.

The association needed funds, so the county agent and the cow-testing committee, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, made plans to meet the need and at the same time create interest in dairying and dairy products.

The dinner was prepared by the farmers' wives and served in the West Bishop Farm Centre Hall. Everything on the menu contained some form of dairy product. Dairy posters decorated the walls and talks on dairying were given. The souvenirs were small tin cows and milk-bottle buttons were sold for admission to the dance which followed.



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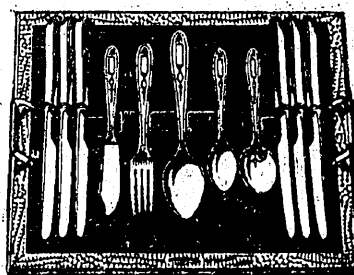
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