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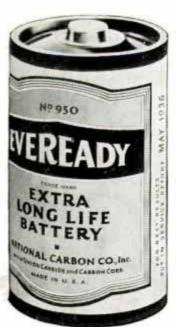
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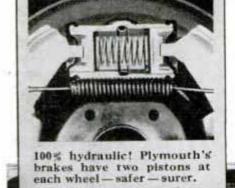
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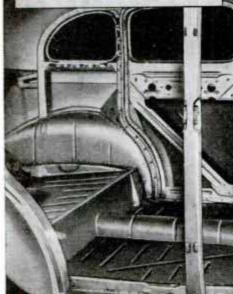
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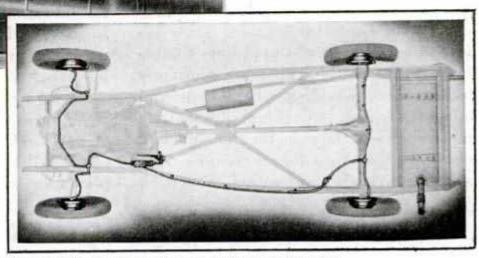
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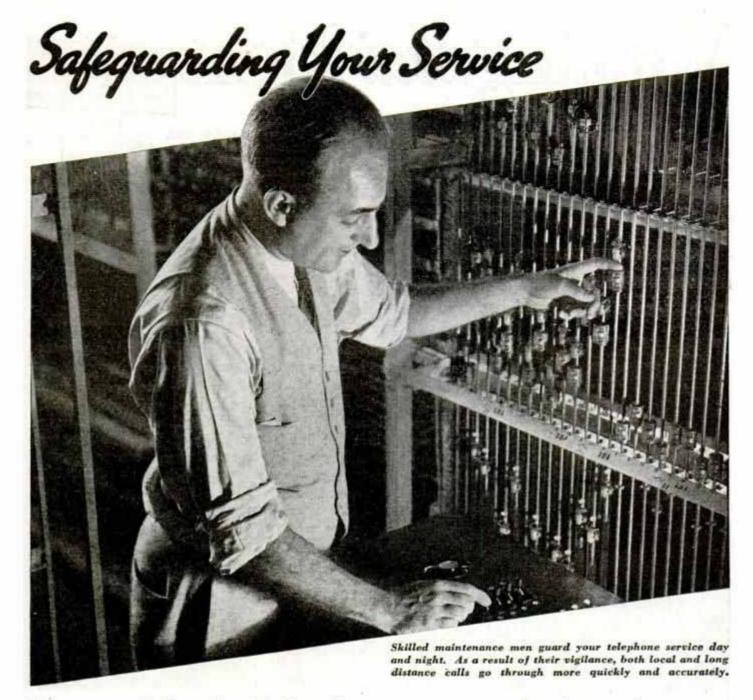




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DRAB concrete, like Cinderella, has doffed its humble garb and become a thing of beauty. It has adopted all the hues of the rainbow and has also quite suddenly assumed a dozen other qualities undreamed of a few years ago. There is heat-insulating concrete, sound-absorbing concrete, high-strength concrete, lightweight concrete, quick-hardening concrete and low-heat concrete. In competent hands, lifeless concrete today can be made to express any mood, from the somber to the exotic. In the March issue appears the first of two articles describing the latest magic wrought by this man-made stone. The story is illustrated by eight pages of Coloroto pictures.

Next Month

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The Next War at Sea

IN PREVIOUS issues, Hiram Percy Maxim has described the next great war in the air and on the land, basing his statements on the supposition that recent discoveries of science may be applied to the wholesale slaughter of human beings. In March he depicts the next great war on the high seas with whole navies fighting each other instead of engagements involving fifteen or twenty vessels on each side. Like his previous articles, Mr. Maxim's coming story constitutes a powerful argument for peace.

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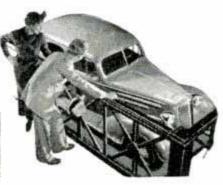
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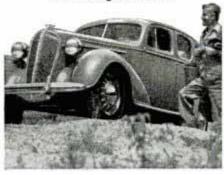
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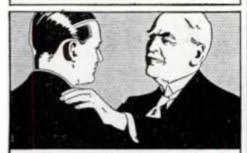
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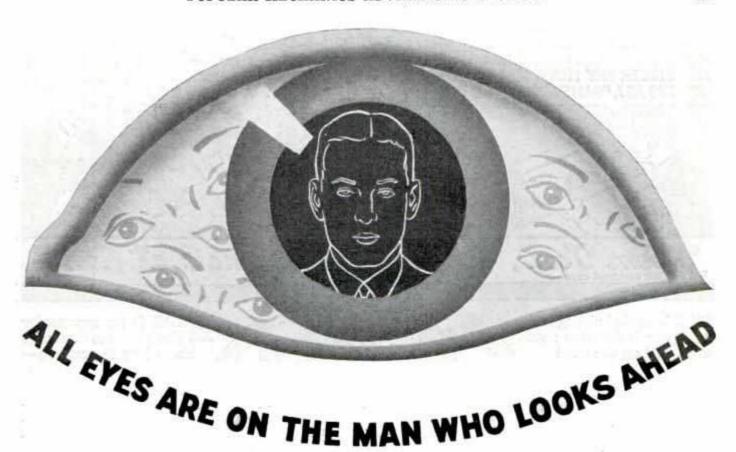
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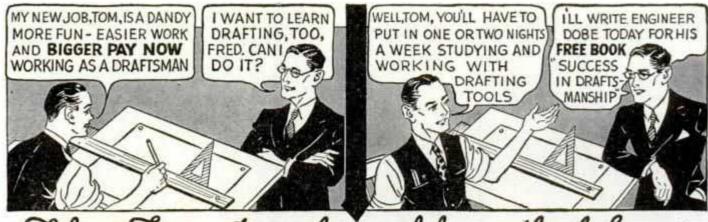
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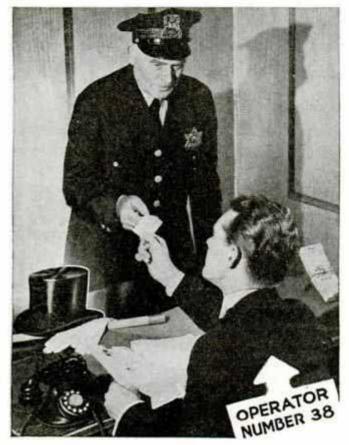
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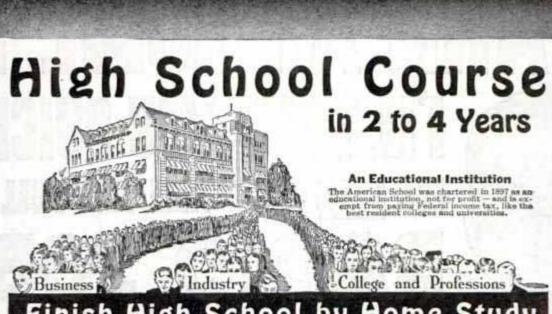
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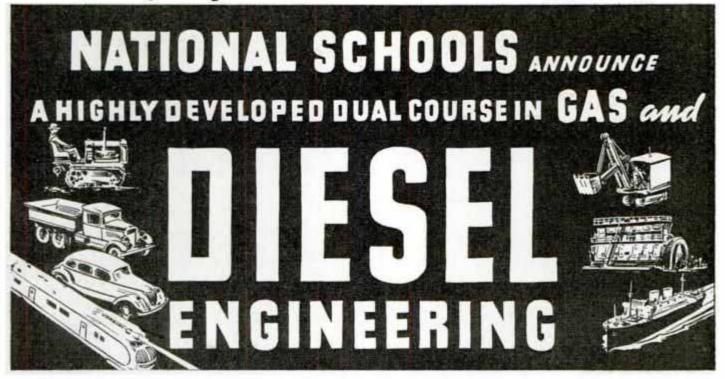
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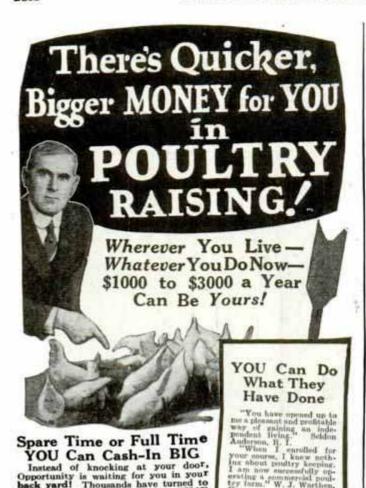


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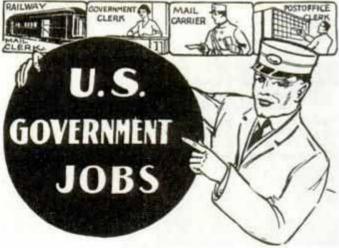
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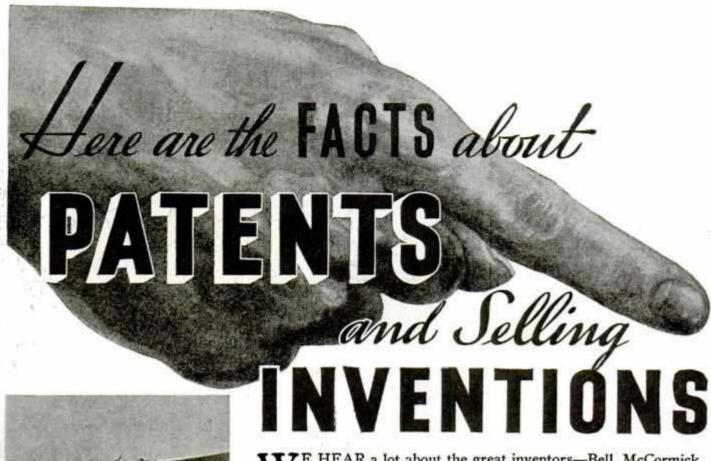
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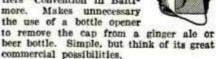
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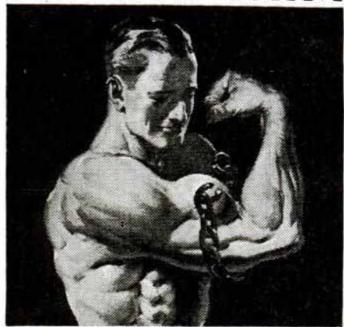
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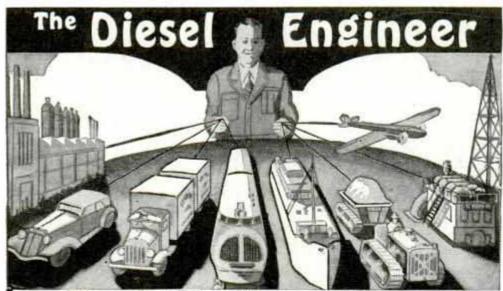
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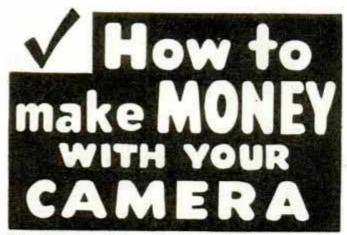
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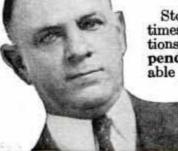
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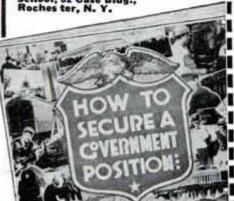
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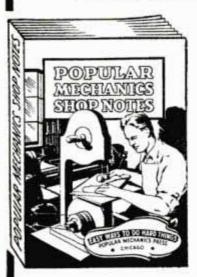
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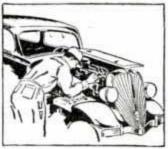
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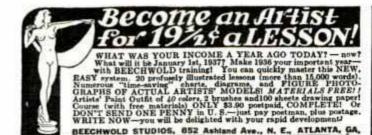
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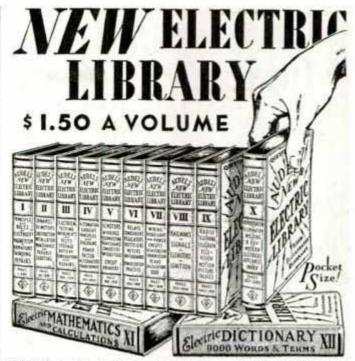
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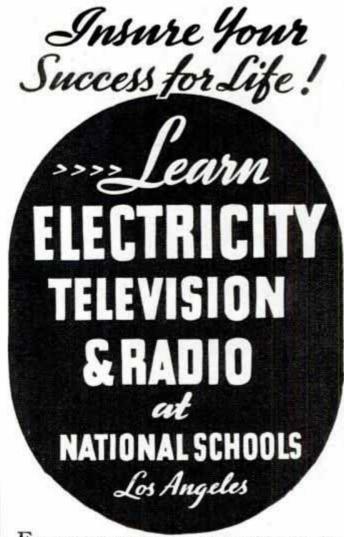
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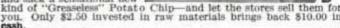


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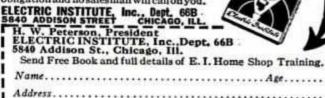


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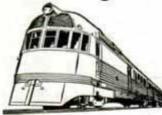
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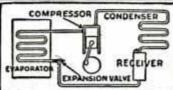
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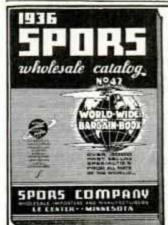


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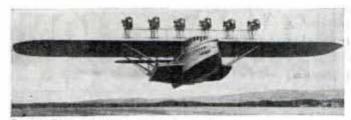
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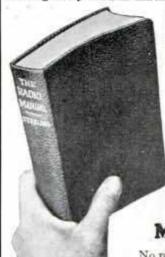
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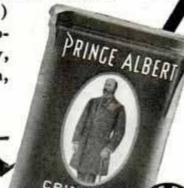
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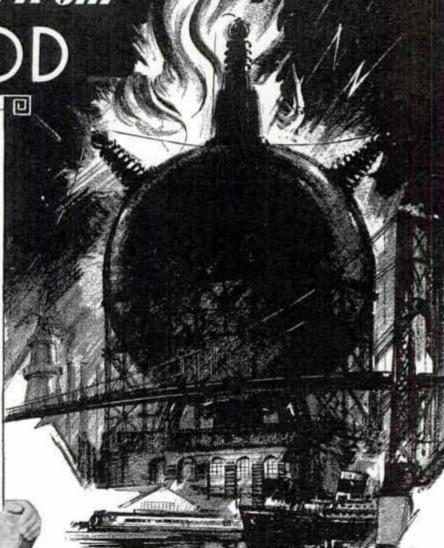


By Chas. E. Hewitt, Jr.

GERMANY'S inventors and manufacturers have been concentrated on one grand objective—to wipe out all imports. By their skilled teamwork, several major battles of this import war—and incidentally, of the



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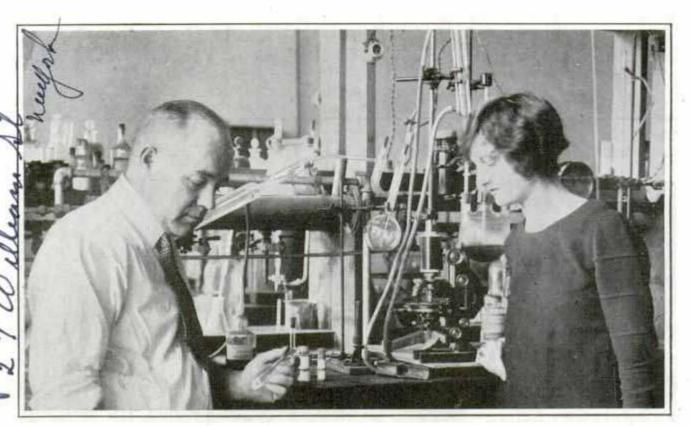


Artist's Conception of Electrical Experiments of German Scientists in Effort to Break Down Atoms

next real war—already have been fought and won. The greatest single victory to date is the completion of the Bergin factory in Mannheim-Rheinau, where the production of sugar from wood waste has been placed on a commercial basis. By the new process, the German people will henceforth be able to make cake frosting from tree bark, fatten their pigs on succulent meals of sawdust, pour resin on their salads, and fill their gas tanks with

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Dr. R. F. Jackson and Dr. Sylvia Goergen of U. S. Bureau of Standards Who Discovered Acid Treatment to Convert Starchlike Substances Found in Dahlias and Artichokes into Sugar

old twigs and branches. The Bergin "Wonder-Works" was built by Dr. Friedrich Bergius, Nobel prize-winner. His co-workers are Fritz Koch, Prof. Erik Haegglund, and E. Faerber.

The Bergin Works will produce weekly 125 tons of sugar, sixty-one tons of lignin, and eight tons of fine vinegar. Any portion of the sugar output may be withdrawn before the final process of refinement and marketed instead as super-grade fodder, in the form of dark brown blocks somewhat resembling maple sugar. Likewise, any part of the daily output of sixteen tons of sugar may be turned-by a further wave of the Bergius wand-into commercial alcohol, 100 pounds of woodsugar yielding four gallons of 100 per cent alcohol. Production price of the new sugar is officially stated as thirty pfennigs or about seven and one-half cents per pound.

Bergius' "wood-sugar" differs in no physical characteristics, including taste and nutritive value, from the sugar now obtained throughout the world from sugar beets and sugar cane. Though "artificially" produced, the new sweet has nothing in common with the non-nutritive, highly concentrated "saccharine" developed during the world war.

As far as raw material is concerned, the

Bergius invention is nearly as great a triumph as his colleague Bosch's "fixation of nitrogen," which drew its main ingredient from the air itself. For the new alcohol, sugar, vinegar and fodder are obtained from a source which for practical purposes is quite as inexhaustible and which has hitherto been considered useless—waste wood. This literally means scraps from woodworking, branches pruned from fire wood, ordinary sawdust, plane shavings and similar waste.

But "food from wood," spectacular victory though it is, is only one sector of Germany's all-round war against imports. In the gargantuan struggle to stamp the famous "Made in Germany" also upon every article sold at home, one other epochmaking invention has long been famous. Everyone knows how Bosch and Bergius "cracked" coal to produce gasoline and set the Fatherland free from dependence on foreign oil fields for motor fuel.

This year's development of the byproducts of the Bosch-Bergius process are no less important, and for the public even more amazing. From the same cheapest variety of coal the German dye trust has placed on this year's market, cups and saucers, radio cases, magnifying glasses,

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Wanted—Uses for Tissue-Thin Birch Bark



· Birch bark is looking for a job. Time was when it found employment only in Indian canoes and tepees. Then craftsmen found a ready market for birch bark in the souvenir shops of summer resorts. Now the discovery of a process of splitting birch bark sheets into multiple layers has developed this bark into a versatile raw material that has already launched a new industry. Decorative, tooled goods, bark paper that is forgery-proof, purses, cigarette tips and artists' material are some of its uses, but this infant industry is soliciting ideas for other uses in the commercial world. It was Ray G. Houle, erstwhile aviator and Chicago lawyer, who developed in the White Mountains of New Hampshire the process of peeling birch bark into thirty or more layers of transparent thinness. By a softening process it is made

These Are a Few of the Many Commercial Uses Already Found for Birch-Bark Tissue

30 SHEETS OUT OF ONE LAYER OF BIRCH BARK

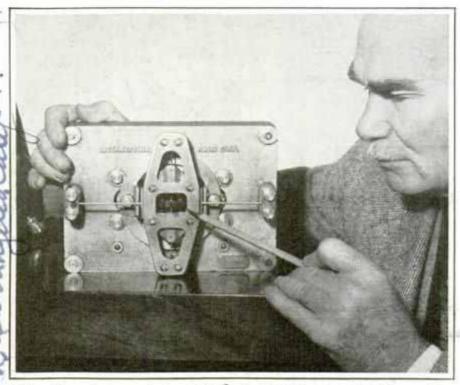
as smooth and pliable as fine leather, yet unusually tough. It is unharmed by acids, and impervious to water. Dip a sheet in water, remove it and touch a match to it-dry as ever, the bark burns like finder. This quality makes it valuable where a lightweight, waterproof material is desired; as a lining for shoely as a substitute for cork in cigarette tips, and as a sweatproof lining for hatbands. It can be soaked for hours in water without being affected. Birch bark, with its beautiful markings, is being made into lamp shades, wall panels and artistic boxes laced billfolds, cigarette cases, belts and purses resembling tooled leather. The New Hampshire craftsmen, with an inexhaustible supply of material, are busy hunting new jobs for birch bark in industry. They do not injure live birches by stripping them, but depend for their supply upon bark from trees already cut for the mills.

Natives of Ceylon capture young parrots by pouring sand into the tree-hole nests until the hole is filled and the birds reach the surface.

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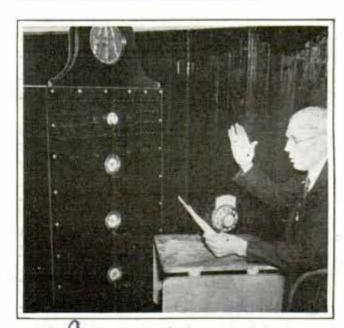
Blood products are used in fireproofing wood at the United States Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis. Marked fire-

retarding effects have been achieved by coating wood with fire-resisting chemicals mixed with blood albumin, sodium silicate, artificial resins and other binders. No wood commonly used in buildings and other structural fields is strictly "fireproof," because no known treatment protects wood from destruction under very high temperatures. What the latest method does is to make the wood fire-resistant. Such wood offers many possibilities in reducing fire losses.

"Tin Stool Pigeon Betrays Secrets of Prisoners

All conversation of prisoners in their cells at the Columbia reforma-

tory at Lorton, Va., is recorded by a "tin stool pigeon" made by one of the prisoners. The communication system, which includes both a sending and receiving set, is connected to every cell in the institution. It can be used to address the prisoners as well as to listen in on their talk.



@ Harris and Ewing Speaking over Communication System in Reformatory Which also Listens in on Priseners' Talk

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Tire with Flexible-Rib Tread Stops Car Fast

Quicker stopping power is claimed for a new tire constructed with a flexible-rib tread. The narrow ribs extend around the circumference and give unusual softness. As a result, the tire literally wraps itself around rocks and other road obstructions, thus

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Several Views of Rib Tread Tire; Right, Center, How Ribs Act as Squeegee in Stopping

Car makers previously had set 160 feet as the distance required to stop a similar car traveling at the same speed on a dry surface. The General Tire and Rubber company, maker of the new tire, claims greater safety from blowouts, as the construction results in development of less heat.

Pump Delivers Fluid from Can in Accurate Measure

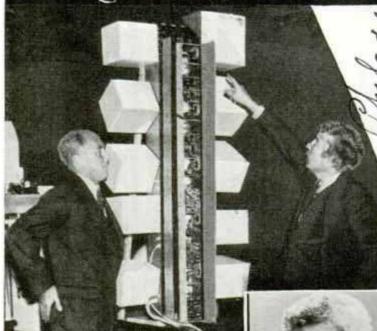
Convenient for measuring small quantities of oils, glycerine and other liquids and for filling small bottles, an automatic measuring pump is now available. Double-acting, it delivers either a half ounce or an ounce from the can at each stroke

of the plunger. It is made of brass and is . accurate and clean.

"swallowing" instead of resisting them. When the brakes are applied hard, as in an emergency, photographs through plate glass reveal that these thin rubber ribs form a serpentine pattern, each acting as a squeegee to wipe the moisture off a wet surface or to cling more closely to a dry surface. In actual road tests, the stopping distance is about half that necessary for cars equipped with tires carrying conventional treads. In a test on wet pavement, the thin-ribbed tire stopped a 3,500-pound car going sixty miles per hour in 120 feet.

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Cosmic-Ray Counter Carried to Stratosphere by Capt. Stevens and Capt. Anderson

TRAVELING at the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, and shorter than any wave lengths known to man—thus being able to penetrate six feet of lead—cosmic rays

come to the earth's atmosphere from the vast universe beyond. Just what are these mysterious rays? Where do they come from? Can man use them as a source of energy? These are the important questions over which scientists ponder.

It has been known that the earth's atmosphere acts as a blanket against these waves, and that they are more numerous as man rises higher and higher above the earth's surface. Thus, flights into the stratosphere are important because from them man can learn much regarding these interesting and important waves that form science's greatest mystery.

The cosmic-ray apparatus re-

cently carried by Capt. Albert Stevens and Capt. Orvil Anderson on their record flight above the earth, was made and designed at the Bartol Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute. The results obtained by this apparatus will take considerable time to tabulate and study, but Dr. W. F. G. Swann of the Bartol Foundation has announced that it was found that the higher the apparatus was taken, the more numer

ous were the waves. Mysterious as are the origins of these cosmic rays, scientists can count them. The counter merely consists of a glass tube, through one end of which a platinum wire is inserted. The tube is exhausted and sealed. A slight charge of positive electricity is placed on the platinum wire, and every time a cosmic ray strikes this wire, the charge is discharged, and these dis-

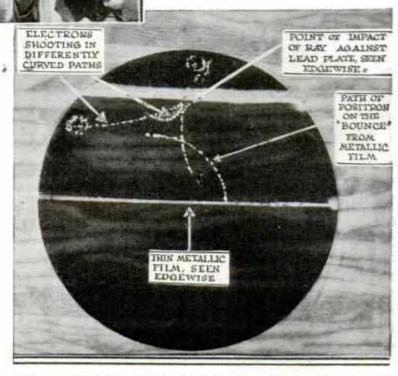


Diagram Depicting Birth of Matter from Radiant Energy and Evacuated Glass Cylinder, Heart of Cosmic-Ray Recorder

charges can be counted. The cosmic rays carry a negative charge.

But the mere counting of the cosmic rays was not sufficient and an ingenious cosmic-ray "telescope" was made for the stratosphere flight. In this three of these tubes were placed in a row on each side of a box. These tubes were so arranged that in order to make a count the ray must pass through all the tubes, discharging all three. This would, of course, give the direction of the ray, or rather the direction from which it came. There were ten of these boxes, five on each side, and they were tilted at various angles.

One battery of five telescopes was placed at an angle of ninety degrees to another battery of five. In this way rays from many angles could be counted. Each of the ten telescopes was attached to a dial, and these dials were photographed every one-half minute, together with a compass showing

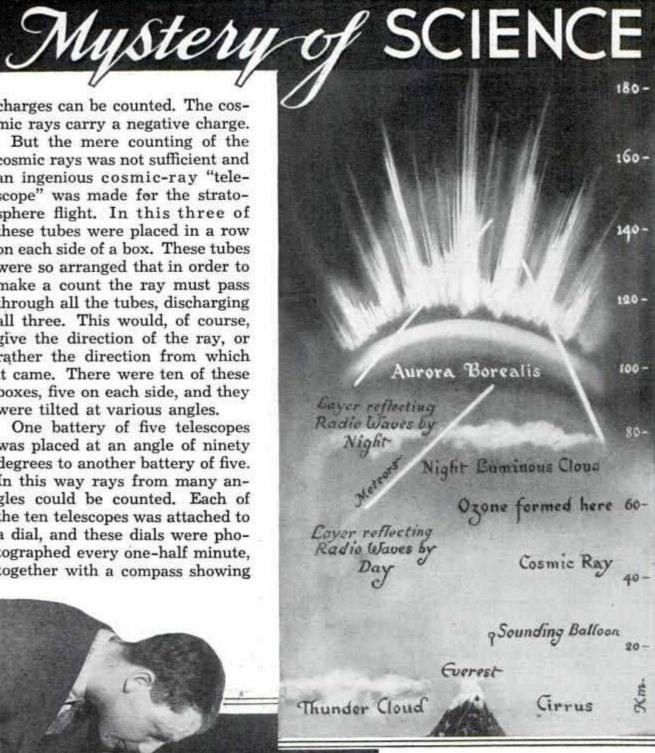




Diagram Showing Height of Various Phenomena and Instru-ment Which Records Intensity of Cosmic Rays

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the direction in which the gondola was drifting. In addition to this, each one of the ten telescopes was attached to a device which was photographed on a continuously moving film which showed a flash every time a cosmic ray struck three tubes on one side of any telescope.

In addition to this the gondola carried the older type of cosmicray counter, a ball, made of a

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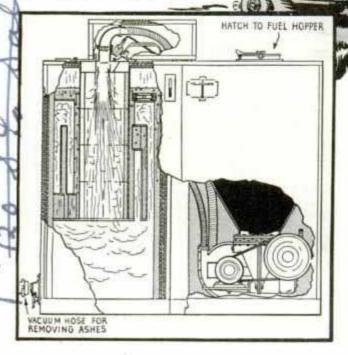
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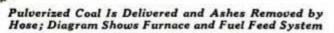
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Powdered Coal Plant Cuts Home Heating Bill

Pulverized coal burners are the latest development in heating the home. An eight-room house in Chicago was heated to a uniform temperature of seventy-two degrees Fahrenheit day and night through one winter by one of the new powdered-coal furnaces at a cost of only \$64, compared with \$132 with a previous heating plant. Clean, safe, and economical, pulver-



ized coal has been used for years in industrial plants but its application to the smallhome heating problem has been hampered by the small combustion chamber, fuelfeeding arrangements and the expense of providing extremely fine mesh coal. The company, which has just placed a home unit on the market, undertakes to deliver pulverized coal to an airtight, combustionproof hopper in the home once every month or two and its truck at the same time pipes away by vacuum the accumulated ashes at the base of the furnace. From the hopper, the fuel is carried by a specially designed feeder with a toothed wheel through a tube where a vacuum delivers it to the inlet of an exhaust fan. This fan drives the powdered coal up a flexible hose to the burner nozzle where it enters the combustion chamber downward. Proper aeration for thorough com-



bustion is provided in the nozzle. Automatic thermostat control with several safety provisions regulates the firing. When room temperature drops one degree below the desired warmth, a Nichrome steel wire at the top of the furnace starts to heat. Forty seconds later, gas is automatically turned on in a small nozzle adjacent to the Nichrome coil, which lights the gas. A few seconds later the pulverized coal feeder starts, and the gas ignites the coal-air mixture as it enters the combustion chamber. As this chamber heats up, the ignition system is automatically shut off. Should ignition fail, safety controls turn off gas and current. There is no dust, and only a small amount of ash.

Every Thousand Miles

THERE are enough abrasives in the average thousand-mile, six-quart crankcase drain to make friction strips for 2,300 packets of matches.

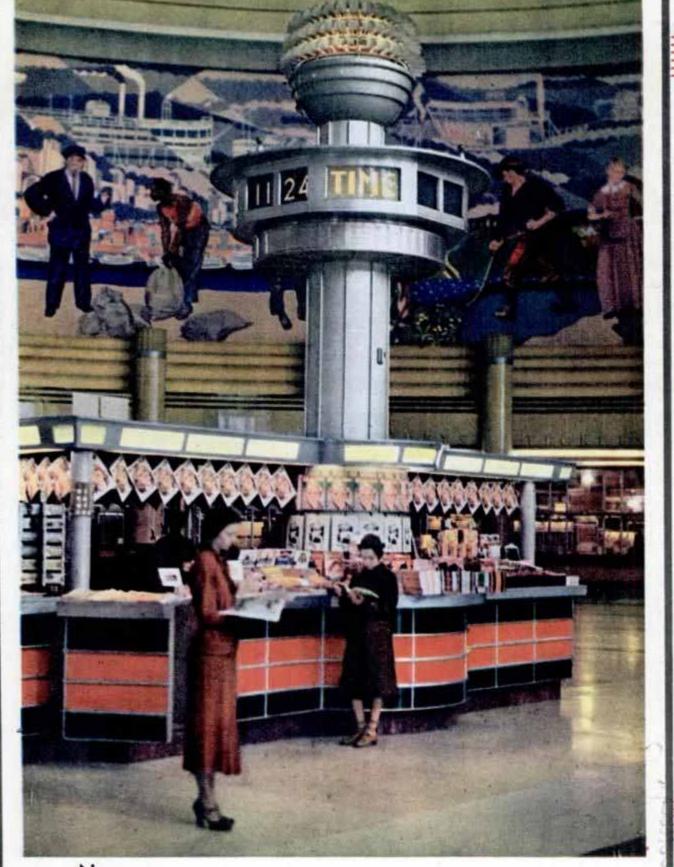
Three tons of air are used by the average motor every thousand miles.

Enough water is generated by automotive vehicles in the United States to fill a river twenty-five feet wide, six feet deep and reaching from Los, Angeles to New York.

It is economy to change your oil at least every thousand miles

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NEWSSTAND in the Cincinnati Union Terminal. All the metal work is aluminum.

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a 1342 FILTERING the impurities from the sodium aluminate solution, one of the steps in the purification of bauxite. By H. W. MAGEE

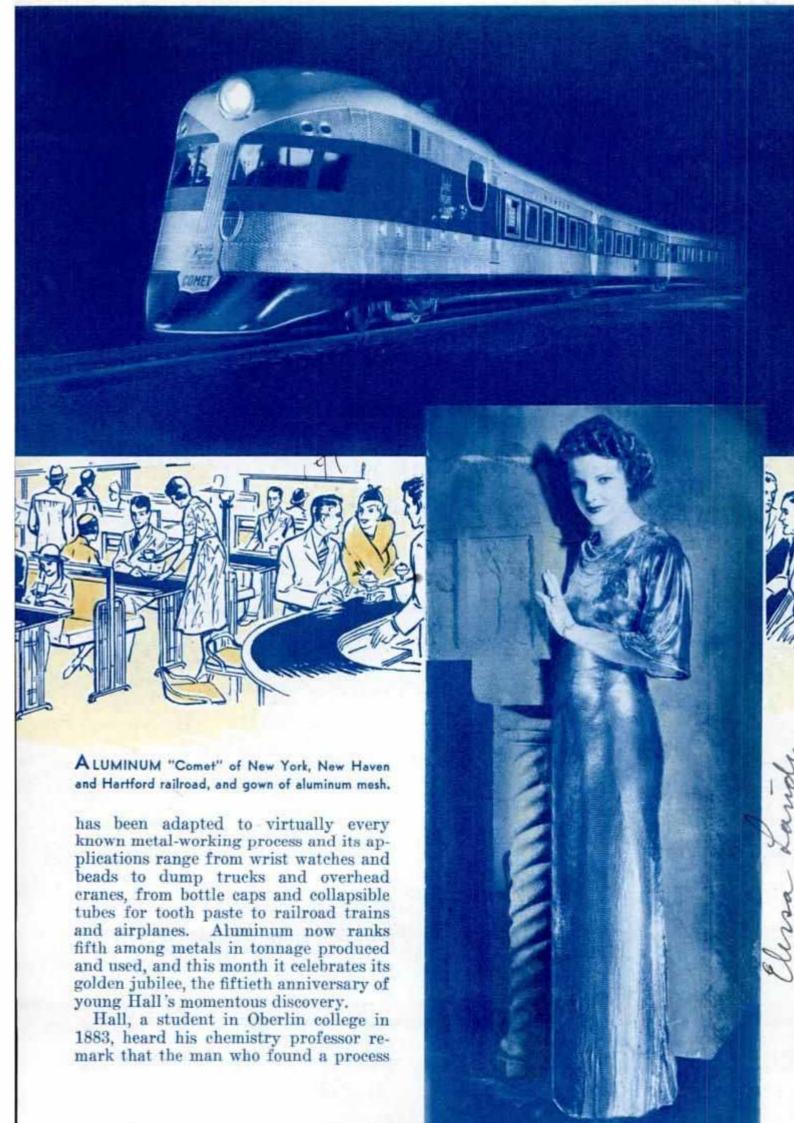
HAT would happen today if someone discovered a process for producing gold which would make this metal as common as ron and lead?

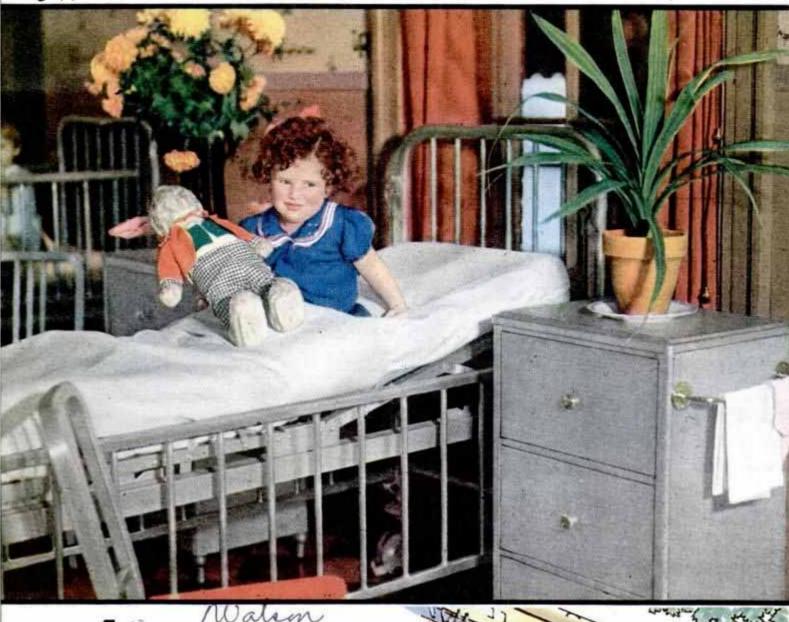
Part of the answer may be found in the story of aluminum, a young metal whose history reads like fiction. Less than a century ago, aluminum was a rare metal, as costly as gold. In 1852 it was quoted at \$545 a pound. In 1879 an American purchased a pair of opera glasses in Paris and the jeweler offered an aluminum or platinum mounting for about the same price. The purchaser took aluminum—and lived to regret it.

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Then aluminum was transformed almost overnight from a semi-precious metal into a relatively common one. The change in this youngster among metals was wrought by a youngster among scientists, Charles Martin Hall of Oberlin, Ohio, a youth of twenty-two. This boy, just out of college, solved a problem that had stumped world-famous chemists for fifty years by discovering a process to produce aluminum inexpensively. His discovery created a great industry and made the metal available for thousands of industrial purposes.

Probably no other metal today can be obtained in as many diversified forms. It





THIS room in a Home for Children presents an interesting use for aluminum furniture. Chairs, bed and other furniture are alumi-

numin natural finish

for producing aluminum on a commercial scale would not only be a benefactor to mankind, but would also make a great fortune. The nineteen-year-old boy nudged a classmate and whispered, "I'm

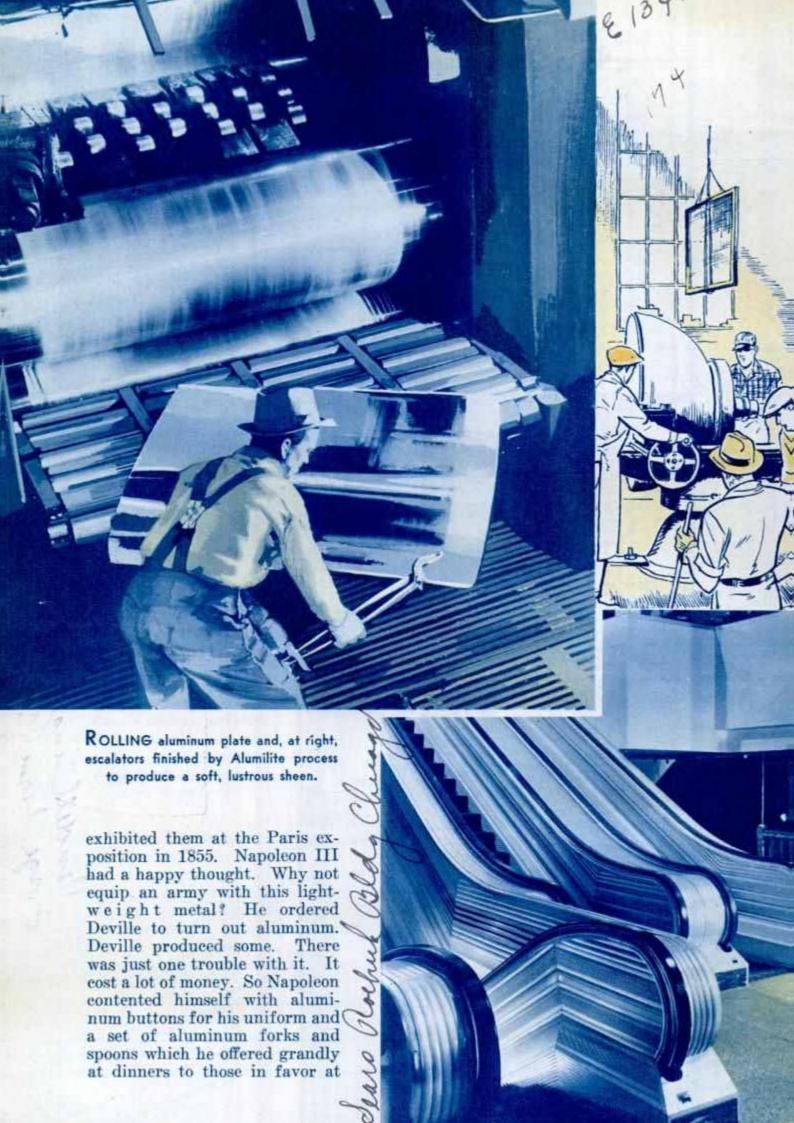
going after that metal."

And go after it he did, undismayed by the fact that the ablest scientists had failed to obtain aluminum except in small amounts and by costly processes. Always interested in chemistry, Hall knew all the aluminum thus far produced had been obtained by chemical means. In 1825, Oersted, a Danish chemist, heated a mixture of aluminum chloride and potassium amalgam. From the resultant aluminum amalgam he obtained a little lump that looked like tin, which he called "metal of clay." It was aluminum—the first ever produced by man. Two

years later, Friedrich Woehler, the German scientist, repeated the Dane's experiment but got no aluminum. He did "rediscover" the metal, however, when he substituted metallic potassium for amalgam.

Then a Frenchman, Henri Sainte-Claire Deville, used sodium instead of potassium and had even better luck. He produced a few bars of the metal and





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ALUMINUM is particularly adaptable to office furniture and fittings. Note the aluminum chair, lamp, pen set and other articles as well as the aluminum trim applied to the desk.

the moment. Less-honored guests were forced to eat with Napoleon's plain gold and silver tableware.

Hall had read all this. He knew aluminum was the most abundant of all the metals in the earth's crust. Every clay bank he saw was a potential source. He began his experiments in the college laboratory and after his graduation in 1885 he set up a laboratory in his father's First, he tried to reduce woodshed. alumina, the oxide of aluminum, with carbon and other chemicals. Failing in this, he conceived the idea that, if he could find a solvent for alumina, he might be able to separate electrolytically the aluminum from the solution without destroying the solvent.

Month after month he kept up his search. Nine months after graduation and at the age of twenty-two, he found what he sought. Cryolite, a mineral, when molten, he discovered, would dissolve aluminum oxide or alumina, and would hold a considerable amount of it in solution. Highly elated, he tried to electrolyze his solution. There was no aluminum. Changing to a carbon crucible, he tried again, on February 23, 1886. And it worked! The aluminum oxide was broken down by the electric current.

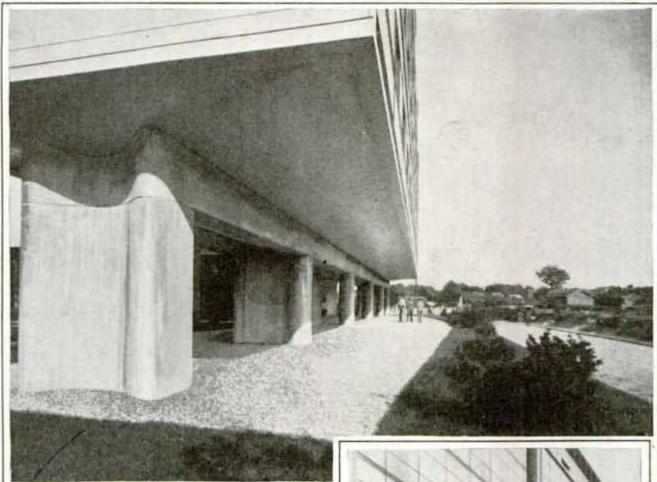
Hall might have labored even harder had he known that another young scientist across the sea was working along the same lines. A Frenchman, P. L. T. Heroult, also twenty-two, made the idenControlled THESE articles show some of the color effects obtained

by means of the Alumilite process.

tical discovery two months later. The same year a New Yorker, H. Y. Castner, patented a process for making sodium cheaply, intending to produce aluminum chemically, but the electrolytic process was cheaper.

Hall had a process worth millions but no money. It was two years before he (Continued to page 128A)

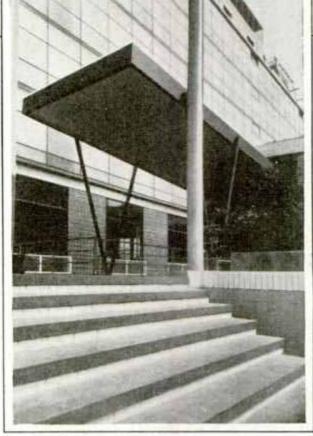
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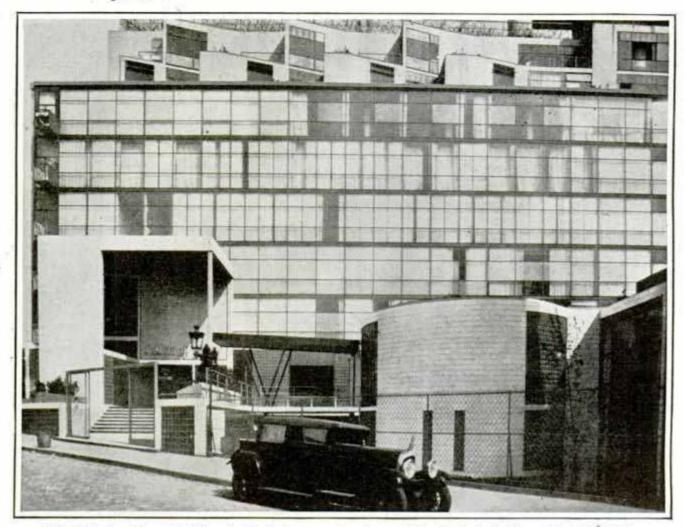
and daring experiments. We cannot hold back. The tide of modern life is sweeping over us like a flood."

Build skyscrapers in public parks, he says, and set these skyscrapers on stilts, allowing a free circulation of vehicles and people beneath them. The skyscraper on stilts is one of the basic features of Le Corbusier's Radiant City. In a number of recent European buildings he has demonstrated how the idea works out.

The first Radiant City, under construction in the French colony of Algeria, will be the proving ground for many of Le Corbusier's principles of city planning. Here the skyscrapers will be distributed in a geometric pattern, and they will be set in a landscaped park. A system of broad elevated and depressed highways will connect the buildings, which will stand on stilts. The northern exposures will be almost entirely of glass; the southern exposures will be solid walls, to ward



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This Salvation Army Building in Paris Incorporates Some of Le Corbusier's Ideas That the Modern Building Should Be a "Machine for Living in"; Note Expanses of Glass

off the tropical sun. Each apartment will enjoy its own primary school; and for the whole group there is a university, an amusement center, and an industrial area.

"I have a profound feeling," said Le Corbusier, "that similar cities will find their natural soil in the United States. America perpetually revolves, it has infinite natural resources, and energy unknown elsewhere. Great cities and their oppressive congestion have sprung up only in the last fifty years; they have created problems which we were never prepared to handle.

"The program I propose is neither European, American, nor African. It is human and universal. It represents the urgent job of our time. The last few years have sufficed to make our cities inhuman."

Le Corbusier condemns all buildings that seek to imitate some architectural style of the past.

"The last fifty years of progress," he says, "have changed the face of the world more than the last six centuries. The time is ripe for construction, not for foolery. We cannot live in the same sort of dwellings our forefathers built."

Here are some definitions which have brought Le Corbusier to the front rank of modern planners:

An automobile is a mass-production house.

A chair is a machine for sitting in. A chair is in no way a work of art; it has no soul.

A town is a tool. The house, the street, the town are points to which human energy is directed; they should be ordered.

A house is a shelter against cold, heat, rain, thieves, and the inquisitive, and a receptacle for light and sun.

According to Le Corbusier, the man who builds a house should plan certain provisions for himself.

"First," he says, "plan your bathroom as one of the largest rooms in the house; one wall should open on a balcony where you can have direct access to the sun. You

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Hull to Reduce Water Resistance and Streamline Funnels to Cut Air Resistance

Streamlined below the water line and above it, a 33,000-ton ship now being built for the Holland-America Line is being designed to minimize both water and air resistance. Even the funnels are to be streamlined and the hull is streamlined throughout. The ship will have an overall length of 751 feet, a breadth of eightyeight feet and a depth of more than fiftyfive feet, and will accommodate more than 1,300 passengers. Two sets of turbines will generate more than 34,000 shaft horsepower. Special precautions against fire will include a sprinkler system, the use of asbestos insulation and fireproof paint and fire screens and partitions which will make it possible to localize a blaze in the section where it originated.

Japanese Lanterns of Stone Given in Memory of Edison

Two great Japanese lanterns of . stone whose design symbolizes "eternal light" are the gift of Japan as a memorial to the late Thomas Alva Edison, electrical wizard. Renzo Sawada, Japanese consul general, presented the sixfoot lanterns to the Edison library and laboratory at West Orange, N. J., scene of the great inventor's major work. In his early experiments which led to the invention of the incandescent lamp more than a half century ago, Edison made use of Japanese bamboo for filament. Each of the memorial lamps weighs more than 4,300 pounds.

Symbols of "Eternal Light," Twin Japanese Lanterns of Stone, Weighing More Than Two Tons Each, Were Presented in Memory of Thomas A. Edison to the Edison Laboratory at West Orange, N. J., in Behalf of Japan



Road Surface Made of Metal Prevents Skidding of Wheels



Testing Skidproof Metal Paving in England by Attempting to Push a Rubber-Tired Wheel Across It at Right Angles

England is experimenting with a highway surface made entirely of metal, a sample of which was displayed at a recent public works exhibition in London. One of the advantages claimed for the metal road covering is that it is virtually impossible to go into a skid on it, thus making it a safer form of pavement for auto traf-The metal paving was tested by pushing a rubber tire on it at a right angle to simulate a skid.

in flight. The ring measures about twelve inches in diameter, two inches wide, weighs two pounds and is attached to the back of the propeller at the hub. From the ring, three tubes extend along the leading edges of the blades and from these? tubes the solution is fed to the bare metal by the pilot who controls the flow from the cockpit. A' supply for five hours iscarried, but that much may not be used ontransport or mail flights, since the pilot releases. the solution only for periods sufficient to break up ice as it begins to form on the blades. Tests of the ring were made in a refrigerated wind tunnel operated by the B. F. Goodrich company. Conditions similar to those

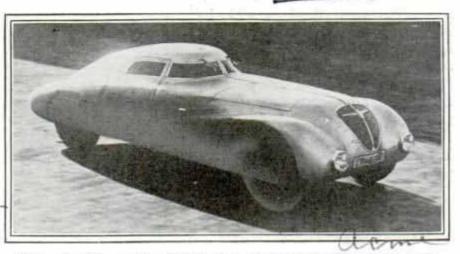
in actual flight were produced. Alcohol or other de-icing solution can be used. Formation of ice on the propeller has been one of the industry's major problems.

Streamline Car Raises Record for Long-Distance Run

Germany now boasts the world's record for speed for a run of 4,000 kilometers, or about 2,500 miles. An Adler sports car, a

Anti-Ice Solution Guards Plane's Propeller

What is believed to be a major advance in the campaign against the peril of ice formations on aircraft propellers has been made by the Bureau of Air Commerce through development of a ring which feeds an anti-ice solution to the propeller blades while the plane is



Streamline German Car Which Made Run of 4,000 Kilometers at an Aperage Speed of More Than Seventy-Eight Miles per Hour

streamline creation produced in that country, recently raised the world's record for speed for its particular type by covering the distance at an average of more than seventy-eight miles per hour. The previous record, set in France, was about sixty-four miles per hour. Fenders are built into the body of the Adler car and the rear end is brought to a point to lower wind resistance.

Troops Talk with Headquarters by Portable Radio

Far in advance of their headquarters, Italian sol-

diers invading Ethiopia keep in touch with the general command by means of portable radio sets. The two-way outfit is carried by one soldier while a companion, with a head-set receiver, takes down messages broadcast, from headquarters and makes reports on the advancing troops to the command in the rear.



Italian Soldier at Ethiopian Front Carries Radio While Companion Jots Down Order from Headquarters

Two-Place "Flivver" Plane Is Economical to Operate



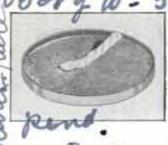
Two-Place, Low-Wing, All-Metal "Flivver" Plane Which Makes a Speed of 131 Miles per Hour with a Ninety-Horsepower Motor

One of the planes being tested in the bureau of air commerce private owner plane development program is a Curtiss-Wright coupe, a low-wing, all-metal, two-place monoplane featuring a type of construction which lends itself to low price production and low operating and maintenance costs. A speed of 131 miles per hour is obtained with a ninety-horsepower radial air-cooled engine. It has a wing span of thirty-five feet and an over-all length of twenty-five feet six and one-half inches. The gross weight is 1,800 pounds, the useful load is 646 pounds and the normal cruising range is 496 miles.

Fuse on Vulcanizing Patch Starts Heat Instantly

Quick heat is assured on one type of vulcanizing patch for motorists by a fuse

that is easily set off by a match or cigarette. The fuse is attached at the center of the heating element, and when it is ignited, heat spreads uniformly from the



center to the edges of the patch and vulcanizes the tube patch at every point.

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Playing Mursemaid







JOE, give Kitty's cubs some milk from the eyedropper every hour and see if you can't get the two-month-old lions to try a little hamburger. Give the camels their bottle at two o'clock and don't forget to put the tiger cubs to bed when it gets dark."

Those are typical orders at Goebel's Lion Farm near Hollywood where animals are raised and trained for the motion pictures. Taking care of the babies is one of menagerie nursemaid as well. In thirty-seven years of working with animals Roth has raised everything from armadillo babies to zebra colts.

All animal babies want milk and a baby lion being raised by hand wants milk every hour of the day. For the first week the one-pound animal gets a few drops at every meal. After that it graduates to a full-size milk bottle and by the time it is three

weeks old the cub drinks a whole pint of milk every day.

Bathing the cubs is another part of the nursemaid's job and twice a day Roth or his assistant brushes each one and strokes its fur with a pad of cotton moistened with warm water. At night the babies are put to bed in small ventilated cages, each cub with a soft blanket in which he curls up.

Baby lions mew when hungry and purr when contented just like kittens although

Camarillo, Calif

LIONS Feeding a Baby Lion with a Camels older.

you might mistake the mew for a tiny snarl and compare a purr to the sound of a distant airplane engine with a couple of cylinders missing. The close baby fur is harsher than a kitten's. Like other cats, the cubs are born with eyes closed and Medicine Dropper and, at Left, Dinner Time for the Infant

they are kept in darkened cages for the first week. Like other cats, also, they are full of play when young and grow lazier as they become

Usually, of course, mother animals have complete charge of their babies and the trainers merely keep an eye on the family and guard its health. But if a mother is sick, or if she threatens to kill her young, as sometimes happens in: captivity, the cubs must be taken out of the cage and raised by hand.

"When a lion is two or

three weeks old it still drinks milk from the bottle because its teeth haven't broken through yet," Roth explains. "But its claws are already well developed. The baby needs them for holding on, as it is extremely afraid of high places. You will

Reared Together, the Young Lions and Baby Fawn Are the Best of Friends; Right, Baby Deer Looking for Dinner

find a cub is as gentle as a kitten on the ground but if you pick it up it holds on with its claws with all its might.

"You would think lion cubs would be anxious for raw meat as soon as their teeth develop but the fact is that we have to teach them to eat it. If a cub is living with its mother she does the teaching but if we are raising it

on a bottle we start by rubbing our hands on the meat and then allowing the cubs to lick it off. After the cub does this long enough to learn to enjoy the taste, we start with a few ounces of finely ground hamburger a day and gradually increase the amount.

"Almost any kind of meat except pork is good for the cats. Most zoos standardize on horse meat. For the next few months the cubs get bones from which nearly all the meat has been removed. The cubs play with the bones, lick them, and chew off all the meat they can find. They don't get real rations until they are a year old. By then they receive up to eight pounds

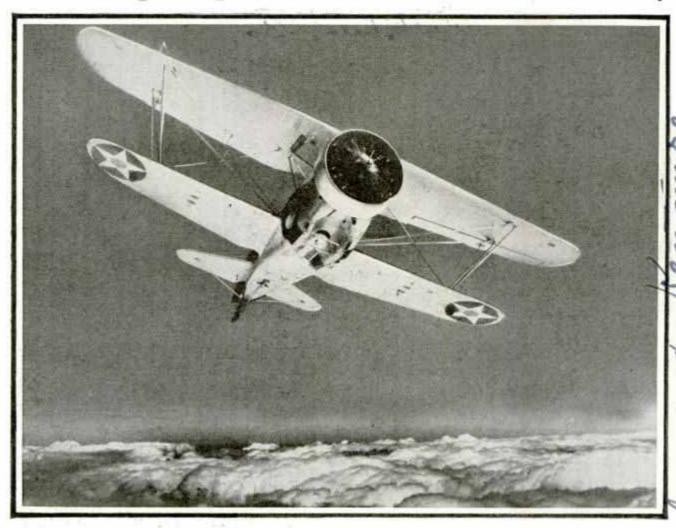
of meat a day, including bones. A couple of years later a lion gets one meal a day consisting of fifteen pounds of meat or more."

Full-grown lions are just as curious about babies as are humans. At the Goebel farm fifty lions that are housed in a few large cages surrounding a small grass lawn pay no attention if a man sits down to eat his lunch or read a book. But if an attendant brings a baby lion out on the lawn to play, every lion in sight springs up and stares continually at the

cub until it is returned to its cage. Most lions and tigers guard their babies jeal-ously but a mother hyena never raises more than two cubs at a time. If more than a pair are born the mother keeps two and drops the others through the bars of her cage. They must be rescued at once for after an hour or two of neglect they usually die. Zebras are very good mothers and raise their colts with great care, but the docile camel is a poor mother in captivity and is apt to step on its young. The ungainly camel babies are always kept in separate pens.

Monkeys make the best mothers of all
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Latest Fighting Planes Are Built for the Navy



One of the New Ships in the Navy's Fighting Air Squadron Is Shown Above the Clouds as It Was Tested Recently; Note That the Landing Gear Is Retracted into the Sides of the Fuselage

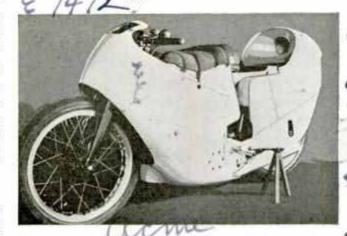
Catapulted from the mother ship, U.S.S. "Ranger," the navy's latest fighting planes are tested above the clouds, far out at sea, safe from prying eyes. A fleet of Curtiss single-seat planes recently was delivered to the "Ranger." An outstanding feature

of this type plane is the retractable landing gear which is pulled into the sides of the craft's fuselage when flying. On one of the first flights, a photographer caught the new fighter in an unusual picture as it sped just above the tops of the clouds.

Speedy Streamline Motorcycle Bids for World's Record

With a streamline body resembling the "bathtub" sidecar, an Italian motorcycle already has won three speed championships and gives promise of establishing a new world's record. It has a four-cylinder, water-cooled motor and was built by the National Aeronautical company of Rome. The motorcycle is expected to reach 157 miles an hour, several miles faster than the mark set by a German rider.

¶One gallon of gasoline weighing six pounds will transport the 51,000-pound "China Clipper" plane one mile. ○



Streamline Motorcycle Exceeds Two Miles a Minute

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Giant Models of Printing Type Help to Teach Large Classes



These Large Size Models of Type Help the Instructor to Teach the Fundamentals of Printing to Large Classes

Fundamentals of hand composition are taught large classes with the aid of giant models of type and materials. The models consist of a composing stick, line gauge, type, leads and slugs and spacing materials. The pupils can see the demonstrations from a distance of thirty feet. Type and spaces are made of white pine for lightness. Covered with aluminum paint, the models have a leadlike appearance. The composing stick is a working model with clamp and slide which operate in the same manner as those on a standard stick. It can be set to three measures, sufficient for instruction purposes.

sons with conflicting claims would be invited to state their case and after consideration of evidence the patentability of the idea would be decided. This would eliminate much duplication of patents and reduce litigation. Second, a special patents court should be established, with judges qualified in science and engineering as well as in law, to speed up handling of cases. Third, a corps of specially trained patent advisers should assist courts trying patent cases. The board also advises taxation of patents to prevent them

from being left idle, as is often the case at present. This method of eliminating "dormant" patents has been used in some European countries. The board also recommends that some reduction be made in the present cost of securing a patent, to offset costs of the patent-taxing system.

Giant Trestle Ski-Jump Offers New Thrills in Sport

More than 600 feet from top to bottom, one of the world's longest trestle skijumps has been completed recently at Lit-

Changes in Patent Laws Urged to Aid Business

To facilitate the handling of patent-office bustiness and to speed up use of new ideas in industry, the President's science advisory board has proposed these changes in American patent-law procedure: First, descriptions of the article or process to be patented should be published in the official gazette before the patent is granted. Per-



This Long Ski-Jump, with Its Sixty-Foot Gap, Is Believed to Be One of the Most Dangerous in the World

tleton, Mass. Its length, with a sixty-foot gap in the center, will offer plenty of thrills for spectators and ski-jumpers. The structure is made of wood. A speed of seventy-five miles per hour can be attained on the incline. After a ski-jumper leaves the platform 684 feet up the hillside, he slides 409 feet to the jumping-off place, across . the sixty-foot gap to the landing trestle, which is 275 feet long, and on to the bottom of the course.

Locomotive Hood Preheats Air to Save Fuel

Tests are being conducted in Austria with a hood for locomotives intended to reduce coal consumption. A compartment constructed at the top of the front of the engine enables the air current needed for burning the coal to be mixed with the coal fumes. Tests have indicated this method results in a saving of as much as twenty per cent in coal consumption as compared with the usual method of

Floodlights Bathe "Empress" During Repairs in Drydock



In Bed at Her Southampton Drydock, the "Empress of Britain" Is Undergoing Repairs to Bow Plates Damaged in a St. Lawrence River Collision

drawing cold air into the combustion chamber of the boiler.

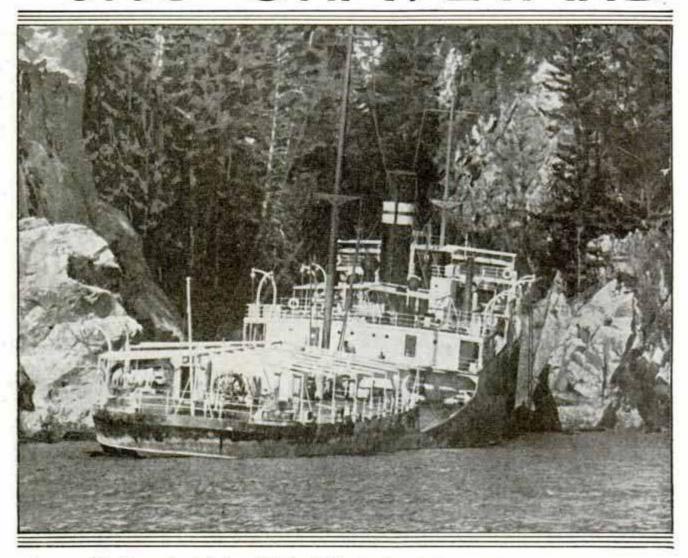
While the great "Empress of Britain" takes her annual rest in drydock at South-

ampton, England, batteries of floodlights illumine the white queen of the Canadian Pacific fleet. The "Empress" required repairs in addition to the regular annual overhaul this year, having damaged some of the plates in her bow when she collided with the steamer "Kafiristan," while cruising in the St. Lawrence river last summer.



Hood on Engine Mixes Air with the

The GRAVEYARD



The Norwegian Freighter, "Tatjana," Shortly after the Vessel Had Been Salvaged by the "Salvage King" at a Cost of Only \$70,000

THE captain frowned, muttered to himself in Norwegian. He'd weathered many a storm and brought his ship into port but never had he seen snow falling so thickly. Ice was forming on decks and superstructure! That was bad.

He glanced out into the seething sea, scarcely visible now and turned to his charts. Suddenly the freighter faltered. The crew rushed to the decks. They had hit a rock. The ship was sinking!

An overgrown tug lay idly in the harbor at Victoria, a few wisps of smoke drifting from the funnel. Suddenly the ship came to life. The crew rushed from their cabins. Great billows of smoke began to surge up. A message, brief and to the point, had arrived. "Norwegian freighter, "Tatjana," on rocks off west coast of Vancouver Island."

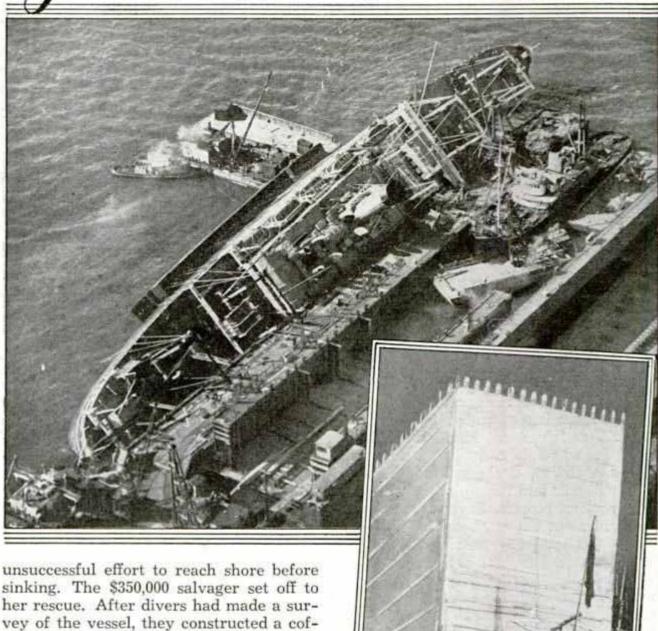
That was all. The tug was soon steaming out of the harbor, off to add another daring rescue to the annals of the sea.

The Pacific reaches up each year to claim more lost ships for its own. Until recently the sea offered a perilous, often hopeless challenge to salvagers. But now modern science, after spending millions of dollars and years of study, has produced new methods and superior ships to battle with the ravages of the deep. Foremost among the ships is the "Salvage King."

Although scarcely larger than the average tug, the "Salvage King" has rescued several hundred ships, ranging from small freighters to palatial liners, during the past twenty years.

In 1919 the "Prince Rupert" hit a rock off Swanson bay and made a dramatic but

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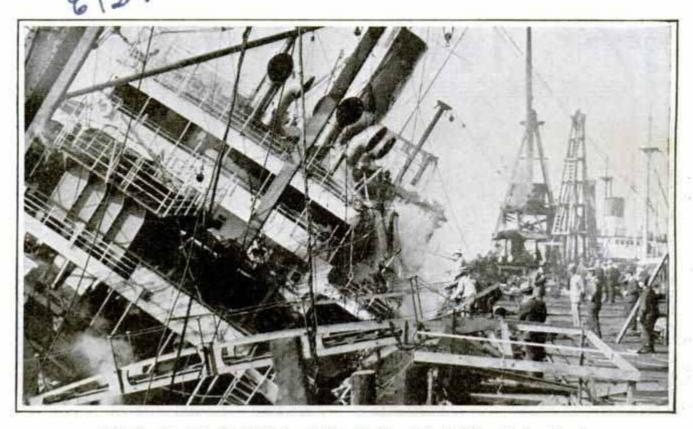


unsuccessful effort to reach shore before sinking. The \$350,000 salvager set off to her rescue, After divers had made a survey of the vessel, they constructed a cofferdam, and then heavy canvas walls around the top of the ship, extending from the upper deck to sea level. As the water was pumped from this canvas "yard," the vessel, relieved of its burden, slowly rose. The "King" steamed home with the "lost" ship at his side.

In 1925 came the wreck of the "Tatjana" off the coast of Vancouver island. Again the "Salvage King" was called and, in a few days, the freighter was brought into port in excellent condition—at an expense of about \$70,000. The Norwegian owners gave the ship as payment and the Pacific Salvage company ran her on several voyages to New York, eventually selling her back to the original owners,

Top Photo Courtesy Harry Kirwin

Top, Salvaging the "President Madison"; Below, the "Prince Rupert" with Watertight Wall around Her



Salvaging the "President Madison" after the Vessel Keeled Over During Repairs in Seattle; the Work Was Completed in Twenty-Eight Days

Probably the most unusual salvaging job was the hazardous rescue of the American Mail Line's "President Madison" in 1933. The "President Madison" had returned from the Orient, discharged her passengers in Seattle and tied up at the wharf of a dry dock for repairs. Several plates were removed from the starboard side of the \$14,000,000 liner. But instead of listing to the port side, the liner suddenly righted herself, keeled over, and sank to the starboard. Water surged in through the openings in the side, through portholes and open doors on deck. In less than fifteen minutes the exclusive stores, lounges, dining rooms, and luxurious bedrooms were a total wreck.

The "Salvage King" was ordered to the assistance of the floating palace, a rescue which was to cost around \$1,000,000. And the "Salvage King" alone could do it! With bridge and superstructure cutting deeply into the wharf, the "Madison" lay on her starboard side at an angle of fifty-one degrees—a far from safe position. Submerged to the boat deck on one side, her weight put the wharf under a strain so great it was in danger of giving away.

A diver went below to make a platform for others and soon several divers started to patch the section from which the plates had been removed, using the top of the wharf for patch material. Riggers were sent to remove cargo derricks and life-boats to relieve the vessel of all unnecessary top weight. Two divers cleared an under-water path to the ship. Another started plugging all ventilators and openings on the decks below water level.

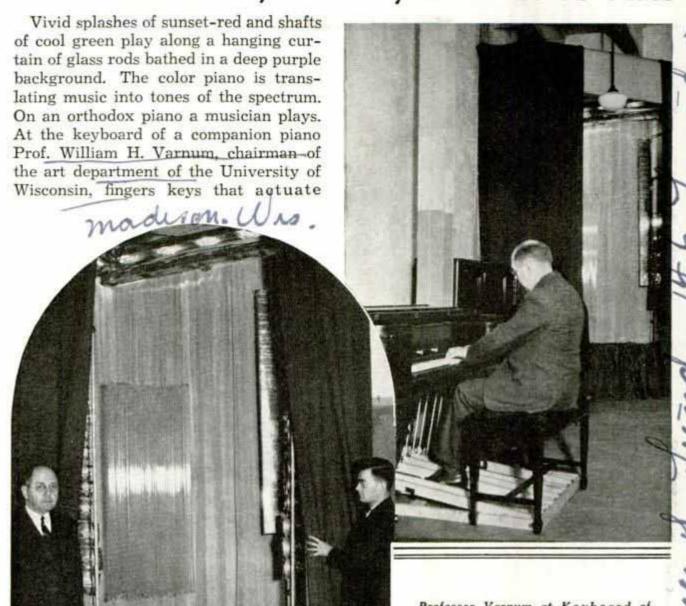
Then carpenters were rushed to the scene to build gang planks, level walks, and platforms for the pumps. These platforms had to be hung by chains so the pumps could be lowered as the water decreased in the hold and yet kept upright as the ship returned to its normal position. In the mad race against time, the men worked day and night. If the wharf were to collapse under the weight of 14,100 tons, the "Madison" would "turn turtle," wreck all their work and endanger lives.

There was a further possibility that the ship might slip away from the wharf as the ground was soft. The salvagers first duty was to make this almost an impossibility. Underwriters claimed seventeen per cent of their salaries for liability insurance against an average rate of about five per cent.

The wreck occurred on March 25 and by the first of the month, nine divers were

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Color Piano Plays Melody on Rods of Glass



Professor Varnum at Keyboard of Color Piano and Demonstrating Hang-ing "Screen" of Glass Rods on Which Lights Play; Floodlights above Stage Throw Color on Background While Spotlights in Wings Play "Melody"

floodlights and spotlights interpreting in color the moods of the audible music. Each key is the electric switch for a color light mounted in the wings of a small stage and focused on the row of fifty glass rods. Each octave on the piano represents one color of the spectrum. Three switches above the keyboard control major "chords" of color, floodlights above the stage that envelop the set in the fundamental hue of the musical composition. Foot pedals operate rheostats controlling the volume of each color octave. Professor Varnum, the inventor, has grouped various colors according to their physiological or psychological effect on human beings. He lists the emotional aspects of color thus: Red, very exciting, irritating, bloody, passionate; orange, hot, warm, glowing, lively, suffocating; yellow, gay, extreme opposite of sickly; green, peaceful, neutral, tranquil; blue, cool, sedate, sober; violet, stern, hard, unyielding, gloomy; purple, stately, pompous, impressive. The color pianist listens to the theme of the musician and adapts that mood to his color stage. The instrument is opening new avenues for the study of music and color coordination and the development of stage lighting.

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The NEXT WAR



High-Speed Camera Photographs Showing the Firing of a 2,100-Pound Shell from Army's Sixteen-Inch Coast Defense Gun; Top, Powder and Smoke Belching from Gun after Shell Was on Its Way; Next the White Gases Envelop the Smoke of the Black Powder; Third Come the Belching Clouds of Black; Bottom, the Black Smoke Lazily Drifts Away

PART II

JUST as happened in Manchuria, there was no formal declaration of war when hostilities began in Ethiopia. The first notice that a war had started was when explosive bombs began to rain down from the sky, destroying villages and killing and maining men, women and children.

If the great nations of Europe become involved in another war, someone has endeavored to predict what will happen. He says a nation will suddenly discover all radios have stopped working; all electric lights and power are off; no telephone will work; fires are breaking out in all electrical apparatus; the generators in the generating stations are melting; automobiles have stopped because of ignition failure.

In the morning there are no newspapers, no deliveries, no taxicabs, no trolleys or buses. No elevators are running. No fire or police alarms are working. All this because the enemy has liberated a "ray" or a "high frequency" of some sort, which breaks down all insulation, and melts all high-powered electrical apparatus.

Such a condition is not possible by any means known to man at this date. Instead of a war beginning in this manner, it more likely will begin in an infinitely more terrible manner. There will be no warning. Some gray morning there will be ear-splitting explosions, so frequent as to sound like a steady roar. The confused and terror-stricken inhabitants of a city will rush in panic to windows to see buildings exploding, and falling into the streets; fires by the thousands will be seen breaking out; streets will be choked with maddened men, women and

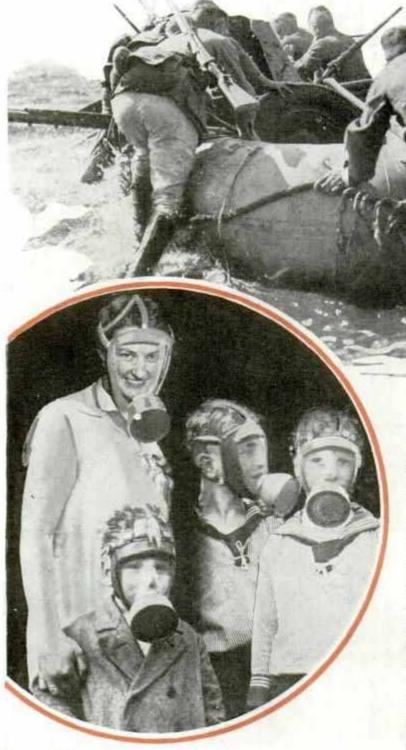
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By Hiram Percy Maxim Noted Inventor, Author and Engineer children struggling through the wreckage; bursting water mains flooding the streets; gas mains belching fire and death-dealing gas; electric service wires writhing and flashing; chaos such as civilization has never beheld will reign supreme. With the city aflame, deadly poison gas will rain down from the skies and send to death the last remnants of the inhabitants. It is in some suchmanner that the next war will start. After a few of these surprise attacks, the nations will settle down to

French Soldiers in Gasproof Garments in Front of Bombproof Shelter for Five Persons; Below, One of the Latest French Tanks, Heavily Armed and Capable of High Speed

the business of destroying one another. There will then be disclosed wonderful mechanisms for the wholesale killing of humanity and the destruction of property which science and engineering have developed in recent years.

The device likely to do more to make warfare different from anything the world has thus far known is the endless track wheel. It made its first appearance in the latter part of the World War on the "tanks" of the British. These tanks were not dependent upon roads. They could go anywhere and they swept everything before them. They had power enough to smash down trees and small buildings. Their speed was four or five miles per hour, a brisk walking pace.



German Soldiers Launching Inflated Boat; Below, German Family Wearing Gas Masks with Improved Visibility

Today, the tank has grown to ten times the size, weight, and power of those first ones. At the army proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md., recently, one of our latest tanks, carrying a crew of seven men, armed with machine guns, ran across a rough field at sixty miles an hour. Disdaining bombs dropping from above and a hail of machine-gun fire, and fairly radiating machine-gun fire itself, it ran down and demolished a building supposed

to be sheltering a squad of machine gunners.

The endless-chain tread has revolutionized the artillery. In the World War, field guns were three-inch caliber and were mounted on regular wheels and hauled by horses. The three-inch field guns of today are towed by tractors at fifty miles an hour. They are able to shoot ten shells before the first one bursts. The tenth shell is actually on its way before the first one has arrived at its mark.

A four and two-tenths-inch gun, able to shoot at sixty-five degrees elevation a thirty-threepound shell seven miles, can be towed over rough ground at fiftyfive miles an hour. A six and twotenths-inch rifle, able to fire a

ninety-five-pound shell fifteen miles can be moved fifty miles an hour. Anti-aircraft guns and their range-finding equipment can be picked up, shifted 100 miles, and set up again in three hours. Chemical trench mortars, for throwing shells loaded with poison gas, can be hauled over a rough field at over sixty miles an hour.

The heaviest artillery, equal in power to coast defense guns, is also now mobile. Such guns will throw a 2,100-pound shell loaded with 700 pounds of high explosive thirty miles. The rapid moving of such guns is destined to increase profoundly the destruction that will be wrought in the next great war. Twelve-inch guns now are more mobile than the swiftest horse-drawn three-inch guns in the last war.

Tanks, the cavalry of the future, poison-gas proof and equipped with machine guns, and field artillery, promise to do the advancing and bear the brunt of battle in the next war. We shall see on the battlefield no men. but thousands of tanks, battling each other as uncouth prehistoric monsters must have done, rearing and plunging, climbing and rolling over each other, the vanquished dying in clouds of red flame and black smoke.

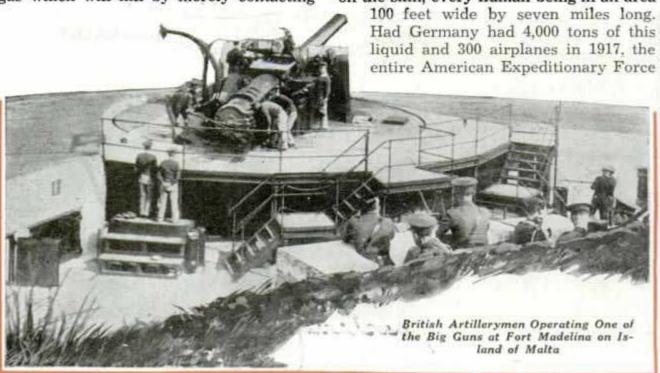
Poison and deadly disease germs which ap-



British Fireman Equipped to Disperse Gas in Event of Air Raid; Below, Berlin Police Department Operating by Candle Light When City Was Darkened during a Mock Air Raid



peared in the World War for the first time, are destined to loom big in a next war. Both are shrouded in secrecy in all countries. But from what is known to have been accomplished in science, we are able to infer that the various war departments must have large stores of liquid material which when released turns to a gas which will kill by merely contacting the skin. No gas mask can protect against it. In a public hearing before a congressional committee in Washington, Captain Bradner, then chief of research of chemical warfare, testified, in effect, that a single airplane carrying two tons of a certain liquid, which would generate a gas when liberated, would kill, merely by its action on the skin, every human being in an area





might have been annihilated in one night.

Will Irwin, the war correspondent, in his book, "The Next War," quotes Col. J. F. C. Fuller of the British army as saying we can expect in the next great war to see hundreds of thousands of gas containers dropped from planes by parachutes and released by radio when weather conditions are favorable for the spreading of gas toward the enemy. Under favorable conditions. such an arrangement could send hundreds of thousands to death.

War departments guard their secrets but the public can, however, judge from scientific and engineering knowledge what is likely to happen. It has been suggested, and the plan is practical, that along certain frontiers for hundreds of miles and at certain localities near large fortifications, there are already planted thousands of containers of lethal liquids. They are said to have vents into the open air and a means of release which is controlled by underground wires. Were an enemy army to reach these points under favorable wind conditions they literally could be

Top, Battery of Mobile Anti-Aircraft Guns Firing at Target Towed by Plane at Aberdeen, Md.; Bottom, Latest Type of British Mortar

In the case of disease germs, it has been proposed to make use of deadly diseases which Europeans and Americans have

never encountered, and to which, in consequence, they are very susceptible. It is reasonable to believe there are stored away in the secret chambers of several war departments, thousands of gallons of

disease cultures ready for distribution.

An entirely new form of bomb is said

to use fulminate of mercury or other similar materials which detonate rather than explode in the ordinary sense. These ma-



Top, Gas-Mask Shop in Paris Where Citizens Buy Equipment for Protection in Event of War; Bottom, United States Coast Defense Gup

terials do not inflame or burn progressively, as ordinary explosives do, but the entire mass flashes into gas instantaneously. Incredible pressures result, since the time element is so short. A small bomb loaded with detonating material dropped on the roof of a building would do as much damage as a large shell. Dropped on a street, it conceivably would break through and smash water and gas mains and underground electric service. A modern bomber, carrying several thousand such bombs, would be capable of indescribable destruction in large

In the last war flame throwers were used to a limited extent. They played a flame from a hose, as water is squirted, but it was found they had too short a range, required too much clumsy equipment, and too many men were exposed to

noneve Va machine-gun fire. Since the war, phosphorus, and similar materials which burst into flame when exposed to air, have been loaded with bombs for airplane dropping. They do not need to be large or heavy. A modern bombing plane can carry thousands of them. A fleet of bombers showering a city with these incendiary bombs

would start tens of thousands of fires simultaneously. When winds were too strong for poison gas, these incendiary bombs would work at their best. General Mitchell, formerly of our air force, pleading for more airplanes before the house committee on appropriations, said a few enemy planes if allowed to reach New York City could drop phosgene gas over an area of 100 square





Top, British Tank Which Moves at High Speed and Is Intended to Pursue Retreating Army; Bottom, Light Tanks Used by Italy

miles, and inundate the entire area, killing every inhabitant.

Radio communication is different from all other forms of human communication across distance in that all engaged in the communication use the same ether or space. This brings about interference or "jamming." By emitting a strong radiation on a broad band of frequencies, all radio within this band is rendered indistinguishable. During the World War one nation stationed a ship over the submarine cables and sunk a coil of wire near one of them. This coil picked up the electrical impulses passing in the cable, which were led up to the ship, where they were amplified. Many war messages were there-

by overheard and used.

To avoid "jamming" ofradio signals, a combination of different wave lengths, or frequencies, has been used so that by repetition it is usually possible to obtain the entire communication. However, it has been maintained by some that more is gained by permitting the enemy to communicate freely because it enables his traffic to be copied. A large percentage usually can be deciphered, notwithstanding it is all in code.

Jamming of radio control of unmanned airplanes would upset control of the latter; but by using a secret combination of many frequencies and other expedients, enough can be got through probably to overcome the difficulty. There has been no experience in actual warfare with unmanned airplanes operating by radio.

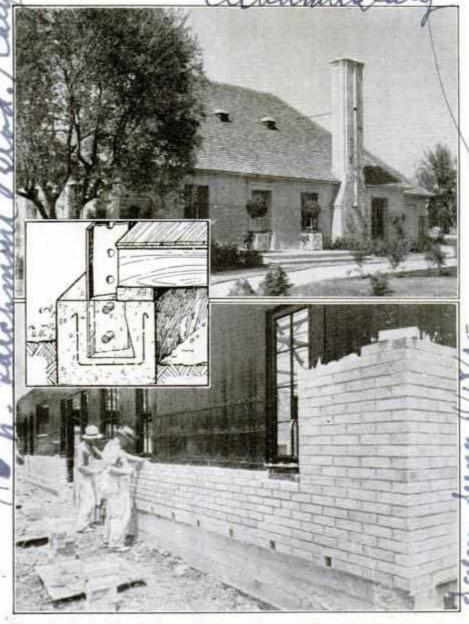
During the past year important developments have occurred in super-high frequency radio. Successful communication has been accomplished under favorable conditions on wave lengths as short as six inches. This means a frequency of approximately 1,800 million oscillations per second. Research work is being done on

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Steel Walls That "Breathe"

Defy Quakes and Corrosion



Top, the Quake-Proof, Decay-Resistant House; Below, Finishing Exterior; Inset Shows Twelve-Inch Steel "Breathing Wall" Set in Concrete

Houses of steel with walls that "breathe," safe from earthquakes and resistant to the attacks of termites, fungus, dry rot and the infirmities of old age, are one of the latest developments in the building industry. All load-bearing walls are of copper-bearing steel imbedded in a foundation of concrete slab, the steel specially processed to withstand corrosion. Numerous air vents in the cellular walls allow air to circulate constantly, helping insulate against summer heat and prevent heat loss in winter. Exterior finish and roofing material may be chosen to suit the build-

er. Plaster walls on the interior are made possible by nailing wallboard or insulating material through the steel with barbed, casehardened nails and then applying plaster. Steel joists are hung on steel dowels inserted in the air ports of the walls. Hardwood floors are either laid on top of waterproof concrete slab or are nailed to strips laid in the concrete.

Cotton Runway for Planes Is Planned at Newark

Taking a tip from southern highways, the Newark airport will construct a cotton runway for planes this year. Cotton sheeting has been found to check erosion. cracking and wrinkling, and it is used on rural and secondary roads of the southern states where traffic is light. The cotton becomes a binding layer between the base and top dressing of the road. From six to eight bales of cotton are required to surface one mile of highway eighteen feet wide.

Pipe Ends Are Joined Quickly by Compression Coupling



Pipes can be coupled in a few seconds with a special coupling unit now being manufactured, and

the pipe ends need neither threading, grooving nor flaring. The coupling body itself is threaded, and after placing it over the junction of the two pipes, a few turns of a wrench screws two threaded "follow-

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ers" on the coupler threads and two resilient gaskets inside are compressed tightly around the pipe, sealing the joint permanently. Each gasket is protected by a special metallic armor, and it is claimed the gasket will last as long as the pipe itself unless temperatures exceed 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Free-Wheeling" Electric Plug Keeps Cord from Twisting

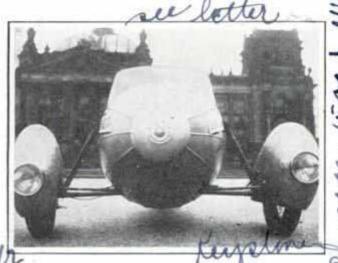


Twisted cords on electric lamps and other appliances are an unnecessary nuisance. A cord with a freeturning plug can be turned indefinitely without snarling. The Bakelite base

which holds the contact points is attached to the outer cap of the plug by a swivel, allowing the outer part to revolve.

Auto Shaped Like Airplane Operated at Low Cost

Shaped like an airplane, a three-wheel streamline automobile built in Germany has an exceptionally low operating cost. It is claimed the lightweight car makes nearly sixty miles to a gallon of gasoline and has a top speed of more than seventy miles an hour. One of the features of the car is a lamp set in each airplane type of fender.



Three-Wheel Streamline Auto Built Like an Airplane; Note Lamps Set in the Fenders

Brakes Equalized by Tester On One Wheel at a Time



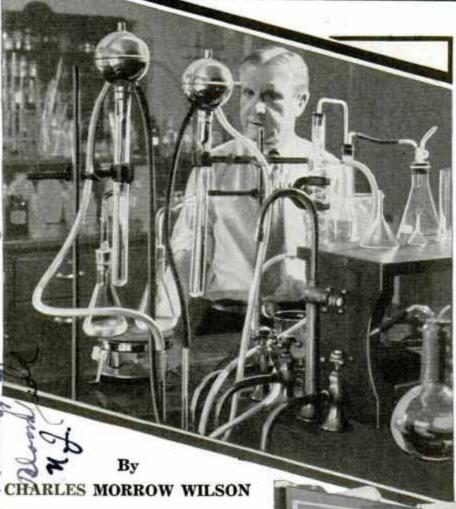
Handy Equipment for Equalizing Brakes Is Operated Easily by One Man

Designed for one-man operation and applied to one wheel at a time, a new machine makes easy the job of equalizing the automobile brakes. The tester is placed at the rear of the wheel and a crank is turned to rotate the wheel in forward running direction. A pointer on the machine's dial registers brake resistance. A similar test on the opposite wheel shows whether the brakes are equalized and adjustments can be made if the readings vary.

Faster Job of Sanding Is Done with Waterproof Sandpaper

Smoother, faster sanding of coated surfaces can be accomplished with a water-proof sandpaper recently developed. Before using, the sandpaper is dipped in water and kept moist during the work by redipping in a pan of water. This washes out wood fibers and paint, making the paper sand a fine surface in a short time. It can be used on either wood or metal to remove paint or rust.

GROWING THINGS



decay bacteria in foods and kill injurious bacteria in water, and green vegetables, human food or animal feeds grown within a few hours inside metal cabinets, without soil and without sunlight.

These are some of today's and tomorrow's headliners in the march of science and mechanics into farms, fields and home gardens.

Most soil teems with enemies to plants and man, weed seed, soil hibernating insects, virulent parasites and fungi. For centuries people have striven to sterilize soils and fight these hosts of unwelcome guests. The

Left, Analyzing Soil Sterilized by Soft X-Rays; Below, Using "Filing Cabinet" Agriculture to Study Common Molds

SOIL permanently sterilized freed of weed seed, destructive insects, bacteria, fungi and plant

erseases-by automatically con-

trolled electric cookers.

Vegetables and flowers grown out of season in soil ideally heated by electrical resistance cables and flowers blooming in midwinter as a result of artificial lighting.

Delicate seed made healthy, surface soil ridded of harmful insects and fungi, tree borers and termites destroyed by a new "soft X-ray" and vegetables and flowers grown in winter on electric griddles.

Bothersome insects, such as mosquitoes and codling moths, destroyed by light waves too small for the eye to detect, electric lamps which destroy mold and



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primitive defense has been to wait until fall to burn off dead leaves and stalks. More recently there have been attempts to purify the soil with chemicals. But few chemicals are effective in cold soils and sometimes the residues prove harmful.

Some progressive New York farmers, gardeners and florists are trying to sterilize their soil with electrical heat. They find that heating the soil to 180 degrees for five or six hours, not only kills soil bacteria and insect life, but virtually every variety of weed seed, con-





Above, Saving Time by Starting Plants in Hotbed; Bottom, an Electric Hotbed, Showing Method of Placing Cable to Distribute Heat Evenly

verts unavailable forms of soil nitrogen into available plant foods, and develops great quantities of ammonia. This changes to nitrate, which results in more rapid plant growth.

The commercial soil sterilizer consists of a box with one cubic yard capacity, built of eighth-inch boiler plate and provided with a top for loading and a bottom dump for emptying the soil after it has been "cooked." A homemade wooden box properly wired might serve as well. Heat is furnished by fifteen electric heating elements carrying a connected load of five kilowatts placed to give even heat throughout the box and allow free space for removing soil. Elements are connected in upper and lower circuits to al-

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low sterilization of one-half cubic yard. The cost of sterilizing a cubic yard of soil for a period of six hours at three cents per kilowatt hour is approximately one dollar. A cubic yard of fertile soil will fill about 2,000 small flowerpots, and saving in weeding alone more than repays steriliz-

Consolidated Car Heating

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most successful beds are insulated on sides and bottom with about a foot of cinders. Spread burlap on top of the cinders and cover with three or four inches of clean sand. Over this the lead-covered resistance cable can be laid. This cable, about the size of a lead pencil, ranges in price from one and one-half to four cents a foot. Cable should be installed to give even distribution of heat throughout the bed. Sides of the bed radiate heat and tend to be cooler than the center.

"Therefore the first cable should be laid."

"Therefore the first cable should be laid lengthwise four inches from the sides and carried within four inches of the ends. The next cable should be six and one-half inches from the first; the third ten and

no longu correct one-half inches from the second. 2/24/34 The center should be filled in with the remainder of the cable spaced at regular intervals, the cable remaining continuous. Heating can best be controlled by an ordinary thermostat. A voltage of 120 will normally heat a bed with an area of 250 square feet or less. Cable should be covered with two or three inches of sand. and the sand covered with five or

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ing costs. The best test for sterilization is to bury a medium-sized potato in the soil. As soon as the potato is well done, the soil is sterile.

Though electrical sterilizing is in its infancy, electrical heating of soil has come into widespread use. The largest electrically heated field is in Holland, and covers more than five acres. Heating of

soil by electricity is being done successfully on about forty commercial farms and nurseries in New York state alone.

Lawrence B. Carney, soil-heating expert, gives these directions for making an electric hotbed for home use:

"It is best to select a south slope to avoid wind and to dig out enough earth to allow the finished bed to be slightly below the surface of the surrounding land. The

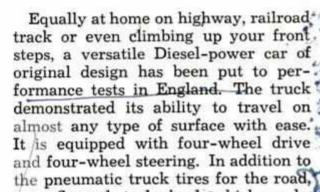
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Top, Placing Cinder Insulation in Electric Hotbed; Center, a "Filing Cabinet Garden"; Bottom, an Electric Garden in Mid-Winter

Stair-Climbing Diesel Car Rides Road or Rail

Even a Flight of Stairs Is
Not Too Tough an Obstacle
for This Versatile DieselPower Car, Which Can
Climb or Descend Steps and
Travel Rough Roads on
Pneumatic Tires, or Drop
Its Steel Wheels to Ground
Level and Ride a Railway
Track, Pulling Ten Trucks

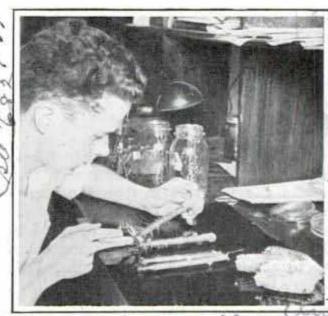


flanged steel wheels which can be lowered into position in front and rear enable the car to ride railroad tracks. The Diesel engine provides ample power to pull tentrucks.

Life-Giving Hormone Is Found to Stimulate Plant Growth

Auxin, a plant hormone that imparts a lively stimulus to the growth of vegetation, is being demonstrated in crystalline form by Dr. F. W. Went and fellow research workers at the California Institute of Technology. Lemon and willow twigs subjected to the hormone treatment soon put out strong new roots. Auxin causes plant cells to elongate and accelerates root growth. It is a white crystal substance.

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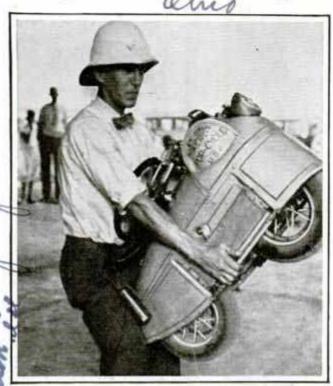
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Tiny Motorcycle Helps Pilot After Forced Landing



Lightweight Motorcycle Carried in Plane to Provide Transportation for Pilot after Forced Landing

So lightweight that it can be carried in the plane, a midget motorcycle has been produced for the use of transport and mail pilots after forced landings. The tiny machine enables the pilot to travel some distance in search of assistance. It weighs ninety pounds and is made from airplane tuling, sheet aluminum, a bicycle motor, coaster brake clutch and a folding steering wheel. Power is transmitted to the rear wheel with bicycle sprocket and chain.

Better Farm Tools Tomorrow Seen in Recent Advances

From a glance at vast improvements in farm machinery during recent years comes the prediction for the immediate future of less costly implements, small mechanized tools easily operated, easily repaired, better adapted to special tasks and with a useful life far greater than the implements of today. One of the latest developments is a small combine designed to harvest a five-foot cut of soybeans, dwarf grain sorghums and small grains. It is easily handled in small fields, and S. H. McCrory, chief of the Bureau of Agricul-

tural Engineering of the Department of Agriculture, believes it is the precursor of a similar combine to harvest corn. It may be necessary, he says, to breed a quick-drying, easily shelled variety of corn, just as dwarf sorghums were developed for combine harvesting on the great plains. Farm machines can be run at greater speeds with less wear since the use of pneumatic tires and improvement of bearings, oiling methods and protection against dust. Tractors are only half as heavy as twenty years ago, and with better carburetion and manifolding, antifriction bearings and modern lubrication systems they deliver a greater proportion of engine power at the drawbar. Mr. McCrory says farm implements twenty years old are as out of date as a 1915 automobile and "we can reasonably expect even greater improvements in the next twenty years than in the last twenty."

Ventilated Trunk Built on Auto to Carry Hunting Dogs

His hunting dogs ride in comfort when a Cadillac, Mich., sportsman goes afield with his shotgun. The built-in trunk of his sedan accommodates the dogs, and a special ventilator installed at the side of the frunk assures them plenty of fresh air.



Built-In Trunk with Special Ventilator Which Accommodates a Michigan Man's Hunting Dogs

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Rear-Engine Bus Borrows Style from Planes

Stealing its streamline styling from today's giant transport airplanes, a rear-engine motor coach of unusually light weight is delivering startling performances in experimental service. Designed by William B. Stout, president of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the bus weighs less than three tons. A standard Ford V-8 engine is mounted at the rear, placing weight on the drive wheels, rendering steering easier and, coupled with the low weight per horsepower, affording

per horsepower, affording rapid acceleration. Passengers are relieved of motor noise and fumes. The exterior is of sheet steel, and the body is built as a unit on a frame of welded steel tubing



Back and Side Views of Lightweight Streamline Motor Coach Showing Engine Mounted at, Rear, Easily Accessible When "Wings" Are Opened

free from any bolts, screws or rivets, so sturdy that the conventional chassis frame is eliminated. Twenty-four passengers are accommodated.

They enter a stepless front door and proceed down an aisle at the same level, stepping up to the seats which are six inches above the floor. This depressed floor arrangement permits greater head room and cuts down the over-all height of the coach.

Perfume Prepared from Fruits Rivals Flower Essence

Prepared in the laboratories of a Holly-wood cosmetics company, perfume made from fruits is said to rival the flower extracts. Dr. A. T. Frascati, who created the fruit perfumes by a special process and secret formula, predicts that the most beautiful perfumes of the future will come from fruit extracts. The same laboratories prepare individual scents for motion-picture players.

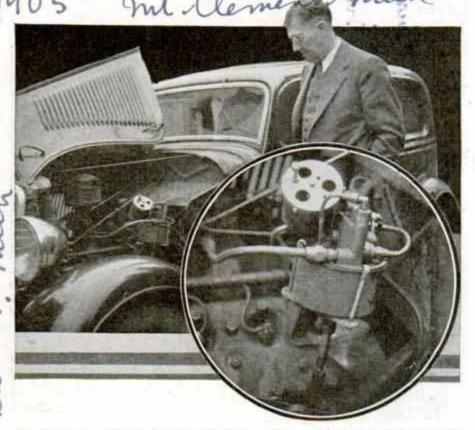
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Power Clutch for Ford Car Is Controlled by Accelerator



Special Power Clutch Installed in Automobile, and Closeup of Unit; This Clutch Engages Automatically When Accelerator Is Depressed

Easily installed in two hours by a mechanic, a special power clutch unit for Ford automobiles is now on the market. When the accelerator pedal is depressed, the clutch engages automatically. When the motor idles, the clutch is disengaged. The clutch control takes hold ahead of the motor pick-up and does not stall it. The unit is automatically oiled through the use of oil and air vapor from the crankcase of the motor.

Steel Resisting Hottest Flame J Is Used for Bank Vault

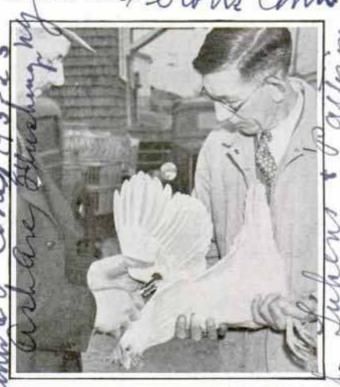
Steel which it is claimed has six times the tensile strength of armor plate and which possesses a melting point so high that it can withstand the strongest oxy acetylene flame is incorporated in a safe in England for the Greek National bank. The vault is said to be capable of withstanding all the orthodox methods of forcible entrance. The material of which it is made, known as Tann steel, can resist

any melting or burning devices known. As soon as intense heat is played on it, a slag is formed and this is unaffected by any melting. The steel is so hard and the heat-resisting qualities are so high that it is necessary to cast it in special molds for each individual job and then finish off by grinding.

Poultry Branded S Like Cattle to Balk Thieves

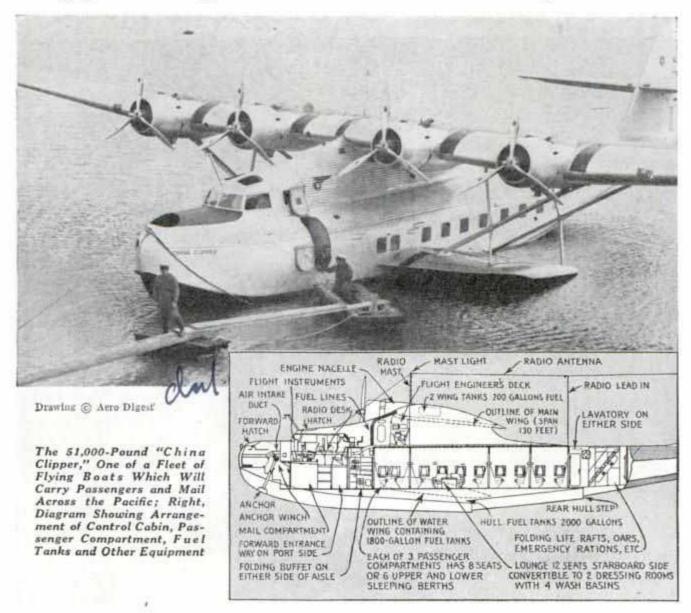
Protection of poultry from theft is afforded by branding the birds like cattle. With forceps, the wing of each bird is perforated and ink rubbed into the flesh, leaving a mark that the chicken carries for life. The mark is in the form of letters and numbers to show the owner's particular.

ular brand. The branding system was devised by Prof. Roy E. Jones of Connecticut State college.



Using Branding Tool on Chicken's Wing

Clipper Brings Manila within Six Days of U.S.



When Pan-American Airways' "China Clipper" completed the first transpacific airmail flight from the United States to the Philippines recently, it brought Manila, 8,000 miles distant, within six days of American shores and forged the last link in an aerial chain destined eventually to transport both mail and passengers across the Pacific. Carrying about 110,000 pieces of mail, the flying boat, which made the trip in six days, clipped about sixteen days from the best time made by steamers. Stops were made at the air bases at Honolulu, Midway islands, Wake island and Guam. The "Clipper," first of a fleet of huge flying boats, is the same type of plane intended to carry passengers later. It is powered with four fourteen-cylinder engines of 830 horsepower each and has a 4,000-mile flying range. Gross weight is

51,000 pounds and cruising speed is 157 miles per hour. The main wing span is 130 feet and the propellers are of the constant-speed metal type. Each of the three passenger compartments has space for eight seats or they can be changed into six upper and lower sleeping berths.

Prize Is Offered for Invention of Carnauba Wax Extractor

The president of Brazil has offered a \$4,000 prize to the inventor of a machine for extracting carnauba wax. The wax is produced only in Brazil and used in making shoe and furniture polishes and similar industrial processes. If he accepts the prize, the inventor of a mechanical extractor must waive private patent rights.

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The WORLD'S Greatest Race -



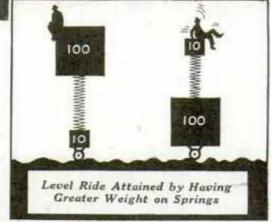
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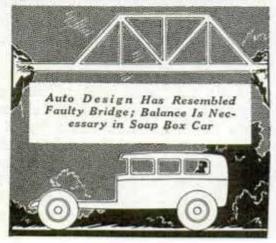
NO OTHER race in the world attracts 50,000 entries and more than 3,000,000 spectators, so these figures for the 1935 All-American Soap Box Derby place this annual event in a class by itself. And in 1936, there will be twice as many drivers and double the attendance.

In more than fifty cities last year, crowds cheered on the winners of the preliminaries and at Akron, Ohio, more than 90,000 acclaimed a thirteen-year old boy a champion as he piloted his motorless car across the finish line a split second ahead of two other young finalists, capturing the national title.

The winner was Maurice Bale, Jr., and in 1934, the year the derby became a national event, Robert Turner, aged eleven, took first place. To each was awarded a four-year college scholarship and to second and third place winners were presented other prizes and trophies.

American boys have been building soap box cars, coasters and pushmobiles for as many years as they have been able to get the necessary materials, but Myron E. Scott, a newspaper photographer, was the first to conceive the idea of a





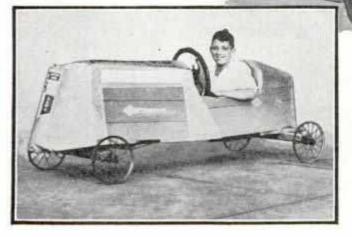
Top, Studying Plans for a Speedy Soap Box Racing Car; One Type of Wheel Is Shown

the SOAP BOX DERBY



scheduled racing event in which only soap box cars could compete. This idea developed at an amazing rate and the derby, now sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor company and newspapers scattered from one end of the United States to the other, is recognized as the world's greatest amateur racing event.

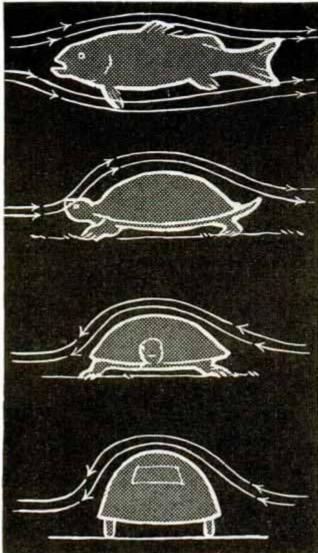
At first the derby cars were just soap boxes or crudely constructed bodies set on wheels and steered with a rope. Here and there you might find a real steering wheel, picked up



Top, Finish of 1935 Race; Center, the Winner, Maurice Bale, Jr.; Pottom, Robert Turner, 1934 Winner

at a junk yard, and occasionally an enterprising driver would have some effective means of stopping his car. It didn't take long for the drivers, and their fathers, to learn that a winning car had to be more than that. The 1934 derby brought out a number of well-constructed cars, one of which attained a speed of more than fifty miles an hour, and in 1935, some of the cars were as carefully built as an automobile.

Technical men have formulated rules



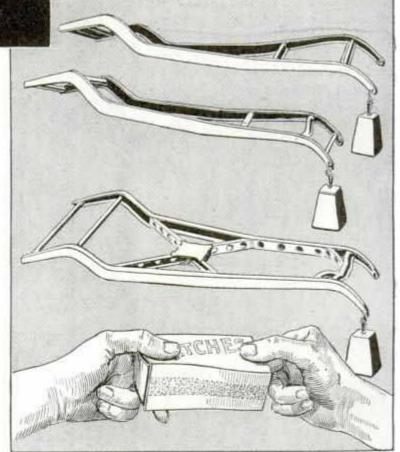
to attain roadability; large or small wheels; solid rubber or pneumatic tires, and if pneumatic, whether small cross-section, high-pressure or large cross-section lowpressure tires.

Automotive engineers say the frame should be designed to resist twist and weave when stress is placed on one corner, and this holds true for the soap box car. If the proper cross members, or their equivalents, are used, the frame remains rigid and does not impose a heavier load on one wheel than on another. Proper balance, or roadability, is one secret of speed, so construction which makes each wheel carry its proportionate share of the combined weight of car and driver is desirable.

Overcoming friction between wheel and axle by using some kind of bearing is highly important, with roller and ball bearings favored over the plain type. All three types were found on last year's cars, but the winner was equipped with the unit type of ball bearings having races and balls of hardened and ground steel. Counterweights were used for balancing the

which govern the weight of the car, the degree of incline down which the young drivers race, the size of the car and various safety factors. Through these rules runs the idea of getting the most speed—with safety—out of a car which any boy between nine and fifteen might be able to construct with the aid of his father and the neighbors. To keep the derby fair to all, even the cost of materials is limited for 1936.

Building a soap box racing car brings up many problems that the engineer encountered in the automobile. These include frame design; value of streamlining; use of roller, ball or plain wheel bearings; effect of car's weight on speed; springs and the ratio between sprung and unsprung weight; value of independent suspension of wheels; proper balance

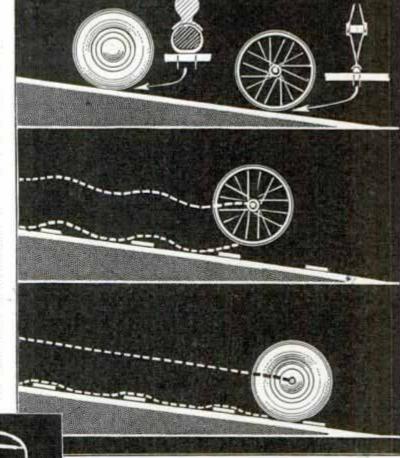


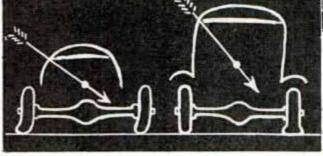
Top, Turtle's Shape Reduces Resistance to Currents from Any Direction; Bottom, Properly Supported Frame Resists Twist

wheels and care was taken to see that the bearings ran freely.

All other things being equal, except weight, the heavier car probably would win a race on a course where an incline ends on a level straightaway and where the finish line is located on the level part of the course and some little distance from the end of the incline. Weights of the 1936 derby cars are limited to 175 pounds.

Whether the car should have springs is another question that the builder must decide. Springs might have the effect of keeping the body in an almost level plane, riding straight toward the finish line instead of bobbing up and down and interfering with the forward motion. If springs are used, the problem of the ratio of sprung or unsprung weight arises.





Top, Comparing Small Cross-Section Tire with Large Cross-Section Low-Pressure Tire; Note How Low-Pressure Tire Clings to Road; Bottom, Balance, Not Lowness to Ground, Is Key to Roadability

Unsprung weight is that between the springs and the road. If only a small part of the total weight of car and driver is unsprung, then the car will ride in a more nearly straight line. This is illustrated by two weights, one of ten pounds and the other of 100 pounds, with a spring between them. If the ten-pound weight is on top and the whole assembly strikes a bump, considerable vibration will be transmitted to the ten-pound weight. In contrast, the level of the 100-pound weight would hardly be disturbed if it were on top and the small weight struck a bump. One factor, of course, is the compression of the spring by the heavier weight. The derby car builder can work out this interesting problem if he uses springs.

In the same connection, independent

wheel suspension might be considered. To keep the car on an even keel while the individual wheel "steps" over uneven spots on the course might be desirable. Some simple forms of suspension could be employed for the suspension of all four wheels, thus offsetting the lack of springs under the body, but the care with which wheel suspension must be kept adjusted to attain greatest speed should be considered carefully before a decision is made to use this construction. Several cars appeared in last year's races with front-wheel or "knee-action" suspension.

On the matter of what kind of wheels and tires should be used on this small racing car, there are almost as many opinions as there are engineers. The disk wheel is regarded as offering less resistance to wind than other types, but its advantages at the low speeds of the derby may be too small to be considered. In this connection, the 1935 winner's car had disk wheels. The large diameter wheel and the small wheel each have their backing, but the large wheel seems to give best results.

Tires are of more importance than the type of wheel. Both solid and pneumatic

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Absorbent Wall Silences Open Phone Booth

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Walls of Perforated Metal Backed by Balsam Wool Absorb Noise and Make Doors Unnecessary

Telephone booths are being equipped with sound absorbent walls which make it possible to dispense with the door. The interior of the booth is faced with perforated metal backed with balsam wool, effectively deadening noise from outside the booth and absorbing the speaker's voice so that, even without a door, it cannot be heard outside the booth. The metal is easily washed. The base of the booth is left open for ventilation and cleaning, and there is no glass.

Spores of Plants Survive Trip into the Stratosphere

Surviving conditions where man would die, tiny spores of important plant diseases are growing in a laboratory of the depart-

ment of agriculture in Washington after journeying more than thirteen miles into the stratosphere with the balloon, "Explorer II." Discovery that spores still can live after being sent to an altitude of 72,395 feet was one of the first scientific conclusions from the recent stratosphere flight sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the army air corps. The spores carried aloft had to withstand temperatures lower than sixty-five degrees below zero, such a low atmospheric pressure that man could not live in it, ultraviolet rays from the sun which never reach the earth and which are capable of killing some forms of life, ozone and extreme dryness. 6/445

Crystals "Grown" in a Furnace Will Extend Research

Artificial growth of large, optically perfect lithium fluoride crystals, which transmit light over a wider range of wave lengths than any known optical material, has been accomplished at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. That this triumph of synthesis holds a promise of extending the horizon of atomic research is predicted by scientists. Some of the crystals are three inches in diameter. Lithium fluoride crystals transmit light from high in the infrared region through the visible band and deep into the invisible ultraviolet field. The synthetic crys-



Removing Three-Inch Lithium Fluoride Crystal from Thin Platinum Crucible in Which It Was "Grown"

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tals are grown in an electric furnace at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees centigrade. After cutting and polishing, the crystals are used in optical research instruments and are expected to be an important contribution to microscopy. In the atomic research field, the crystals may play an important role in spectroscopic investigations, particularly on liqwids and some gases which must be confined in some form of container that will permit the transmission of light over the widest possible range Fof wave lengths. As a chemical, lithium fluoride is a relative of common table salt.

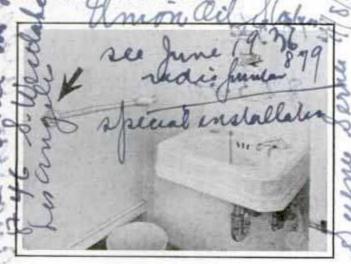
Chinese Revive Ancient Art of Hammered-Iron Silhouette



Delicate Designs Are Wrought by Chinese in Hammered Iron; Center Panel Depicts Ship Supposed to Have Reached America before Columbus

Photocell Turns on Faucet in Washroom Basin

Water begins to flow like magic when a patron steps to the washbasin in a gasoline filling station in Los Angeles. An electric eye controls the faucet. A beam of light projected from one wall is picked up in a small housing on the wall to the left of the basin. When a patron stands before the basin he interrupts the light beam and the electric mechanism beneath the basin turns on the faucet.



Interruption of Light Beam Received in Housing Indicated by Arrow Starts Water Flowing from Faucet

Craftsmen in San Francisco's Chinatown are reviving an oriental art that had its origin in ancient imperial China—that of hammering pictorial and decorative designs in iron. Two hundred years ago, or more, this art reached its zenith. The artists enhance the silhouette effect of the hammered iron by backing the panels with white rice paper.

Oil Wells Two Miles Deep Tax Strongest Steel Pipe

Terrific pressure at depths of two miles and more under the earth calls for ingenuity in engineering steel pipes strong enough for use in deep oil wells. With the growing demand for oil, wells are being drilled at increasing depths. Thicker pipe is stronger, but thickness cannot be increased indefinitely because of mounting costs. Pressures of 60,000 pounds to the square inch must be resisted at 7,880 feet deep, and steel pipes proof against 80,000pound pressure are used at 10,000 feet. At even greater depths, pipes are strengthened to a resistance of 95,000 pounds to the inch by compressing larger sized pipes into a smaller finished circumference.

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Twenty-Ton Statue of Buddha Gives Problem to Exhibitors



@ Planet News, Ltd. Raising the Ancient Figure of Buddha in a London Exhibition Hall by Means of Steel Scaffolding

nese art exhibition, a colossal statue of could taper off as speeds increase." Buddha presented a tough problem to the exhibitors. The enormous figure weighs twenty tons, and a special scaffolding was required to erect it. The monument dates back to the fifth century.

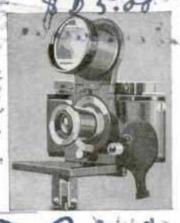
Peek at Automobile of Future O Is Given by Engineer

What's next in automobiles? More speed, greater power? In recent years changes have been unimportant—radiator grille, stepped-up horsepower, trends toward over-drive and supercharger. More fundamental developments are just ahead, and David E. Anderson, chief engineer of

the Bohn Aluminum and Brass corporation, believes they will not be toward greater speed. "The public," he says, "is rapidly coming to realize the 100-mile-anhour automobile is not only a extravagance but a menace. It is my opinion that economy is to get first consideration during the next design period." Tomorrow's mo tor car, he thinks, will be capable of twenty-five to thirty-five miles per gallon. Rear engine cars promise lightness, roominess and economy, but engines must be lighter and aluminum alloys will form major parts of motor, cylinder blocks and crankcase. "Extremely high torque will be required at low speed," says this engineer. "As a result of increases" in bore and other changes in the engine superstructure, many engines are called on to deliver more power at greater speeds than the were designed to produce. The result has been a tremendous amount of bearing trouble forcing the engine manufacturer to resort for bearing linings to harder alloys than are at times good for the crankshafts. The engine should have a supercharging carburetion system at least at low speed in order to efficiently employ the higher compression necessary to produce the required low-speed torque. The super-

Brought to London, England, for a Chi- charger or pressure-carbureting action

Ground-Glass Finder Is Help in Focusing Small Camera



Miniature cameras of the popular "candid" types can be converted into ground-glass focusing cameras. by attaching a unit now being manufactured. The image thrown on the ground glass is the

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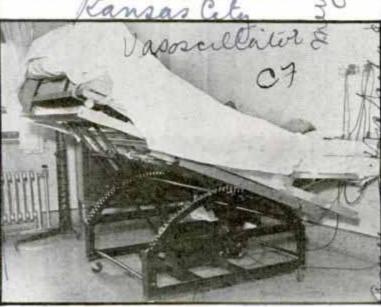
exact size of the picture. The camera, Facs with finder locked in position, is placed on a tripod and focused with the groundglass lens unit. Then the finder is folded back and the camera folded into position for the exposure. This method is particularly useful for copying work, close-ups, portraits, and microscopic photography.

Leaks in Water Main Found by Radio Microphone 3 70

Hunting down leaks in water mains and pipes is the latest duty assigned to radio. A Cincinnati water department expert found that by connecting an arrangement of radio tubes and a sensitive microphone with a fire hydrant or house water pipe he could "tune in" on a break in the water system. A far-away leak emitted a sizzling sound which became a roar as the radio was brought nearer the leak. Taking readings on either side of the leak and graphing the results, the leak can be located exactly. 6/424

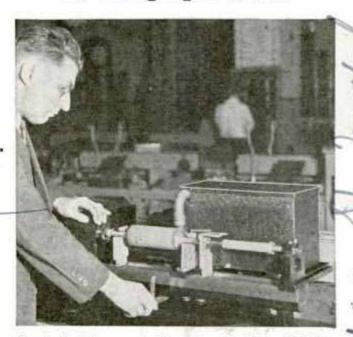
Oscillating Bed for Patients Helps Treat Heart Ills

Designed to improve circulation and build up the heart muscles, an oscillating bed is used by Dr. C. E. Sanders of Missouri in treatment of heart ailments. Operated by an electric motor, the bed tilts produces at the receiving end of the wire the patient's head and then his feet slowly an exact replica of the original message. through a twenty-six inch arc, allowing Faster than previous devices of this type, the blood to penetrate all extremities.



Patient on Tilting Bed Is Rocked Slowly to Stimulate Circula-

Facsimile Message Is Sent on Telegraph Wires

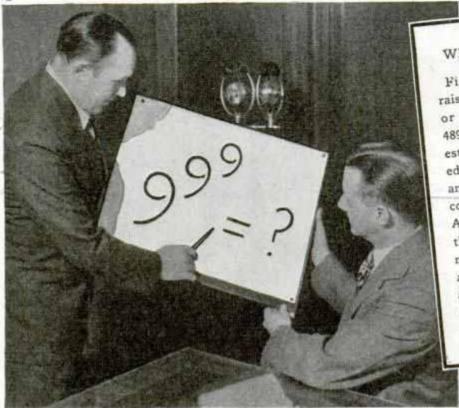


Facsimile Telegram Is Placed on Revolving Cylinder for Electrical "Scanning"

It was a revolutionary step from the dot-and-dash Morse code to the telegraphic printer, and now comes the facsimile telegram. Carrying a step farther the process by which newspaper photographs are transmitted by cable and wire, the Western Union-Telegraph company has begun transmission of messages by the electrical scanning method which rean exact replica of the original message. the facsimile transmission uses dry paper

and requires no processing. The telegram, written on a red blank, is mounted on a cylinder revolving on a horizontal axis and progressing sideways. It takes about six revolutions to build up a letter as wide as the typewritten "s", or about 100 revolutions while the cylinder moves forward an inch. Fourteen square inches can be "scanned" in a minute. At the receiving end a synchronized cylinder carries the blank on which the message is reproduced, ready for immediate delivery. Although handwriting can be telegraphed as readily as printing, the Western Union is transmitting only typewritten messages at first.

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WRITE THE ANSWER

Figure at left expresses 9
raised to the 9th power of 9,
or 9 raised to the 387,420,
489th power. It is the largest sum that can be indicated by three figures. The final answer, Mr. Ripley says, will contain 369 millions of digits.
Allowing for five digits to the inch, the length of tape required to write down the answer would be 1,164 miles, and the ordinary human span of life would be sadly insufficient to accomplish the task.

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By Robert L. Ripley

(As Told to James McQueany)

DON'T believe that!

This statement quite frequently is the signal for a fight. In my own case, however, I take it sitting down, smiling. Being called untruthful is to me a compliment and as long as I continue to receive the lion's share of this odd form of flattery I don't worry about a wolf being at my door.

The reason! Whenever I am doubted it means I have unearthed something for one of my cartoons, a broadcast or a movie short that seems incredible and, therefore, is most interesting. The reader or hearer didn't know the truth when it was told him.

Publishers estimate my cartoon is read by more than 70,000,000 persons, as it now appears in 325 American and foreign newspapers, being translated into thirteen languages in thirty-eight countries.

This widespread circulation is productive of mail and more mail. My daily mail averages between 2,500 and 3,000 letters. When I get something particularly outstanding in a cartoon the number skyrockets. A few years back when I said



Picture Taken on Authentic Site of Garden of Eden Where Tigris and Euphrates Rivers Meet

Lindbergh was the sixty-seventh man to make a non-stop flight over the Atlantic, 10,000 persons called or took their pens in hand to tell me I was, among other things, crazy.

But Sir John Alcock and Sir A. Whitton Brown flew from Newfoundland to Ireland in 1919. The same year the English

"BELIEVE IT or NOT"

dirigible, "R 34," with thirty-one aboard, crossed from Scotland to America and returned. In 1924, the German "ZR3," later the "Los Angeles," flew from Friedrichshafen, Germany, to Lakehurst, N. J., with thirty-three men. Thus, Lindbergh was the sixty-seventh.

Getting material for my cartoon necessitates much traveling. The last time I looked at my travel book I counted 181 countries visited, and by the time I draw my last cartoon I hope to have been in every country in the world. There are thirty-eight in which I haven't set foot.



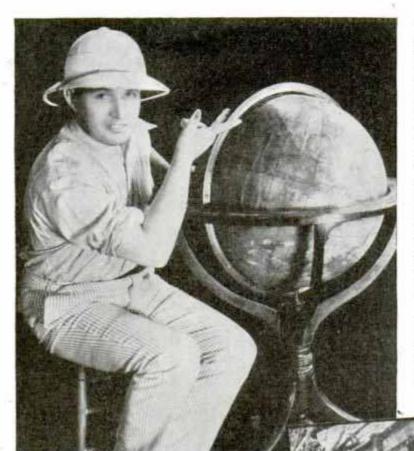


The Author with a Grotesque Mask Picked Up during a Visit to Bali; Below, a Chicken with a Twenty-Four-Foot Tail Found by Ripley in Japan

In my meanderings, I've hit some hot spots—places that make Hell seem like Paradise by comparison. The Hell I refer to is a delightful village in rural Norway. Cool breezes blow off the celebrated Maelstrom, and wild flowers brighten a velvety green carpet that rolls down a gentle slope

to the fjord. "Gentle slope" is the correct meaning of the word "Hell" in Norwegian.

For real heat I have yet to find any place comparable to Danakil valley, situated in Ethiopia, which holds the world's record—168 degrees, and I experienced heat of 152 degrees in Azizia, near Tripoli,



ulcher for the last 600 years. One of the most unique cemeteries in the world is the Paco in Manila, Philippines, started by the Spanish conquerors centuries ago. It is built in the form of two huge concentric rings, in the walls of which are niches where the dead are interred. Most of the niches are now empty and open, indicating either poverty or forgetfulness on the part of the living relatives. They are required to pay an annual rental of two pesos, and if they fail to do so, the bones are taken out and thrown away.

In Japan, I found dwarfed trees, each hundreds of years old and still thriving. From the time these trees burst forth as sprouts they are cleverly tied down and

last year. When I went into Tripoli by Garian, I passed by 80,000 people and didn't see them. It wasn't the heat, either. Garian is the home of the Troglodytes, the people who live underground in the heart of the desert. In the Garden of Hesperides, I found that the famous golden apples, once much sought after by Hercules, were not apples at all, but oranges.

In one illustration you will see the authentic site of the Garden

of Eden where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers meet as described in the Bible. And try as I might, I couldn't find a single apple tree. Take a look at the wall shown in another illustration. Not very impressive, is it? Yet, here the doom of Babylon was written. In the famous Palace of Belshazzar, now only a mass of bricks and dust, I inspected the walls on which the strange handwriting appeared during the feast.

Although the Sepulcher of Christ is the holiest spot on earth to Christians, its key is entrusted to my friend, Jacob Nusaibeh, a Mohammedan. The Nusaibeh family has been in charge of the door of the Holy Sep-

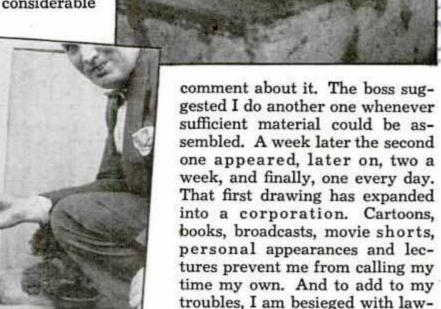


Top, Ripley Pointing Out Some of 181 Countries He Has Visited; Center, Paco Cemetery in Manila; Bottom, Ripley with Doorkeeper of Holy Sepulcher

weighted to prevent growth, and the tops are trimmed to balance the limited root growth. Some of these specimens have been known to reach the age of 1,000 years. And while in Miyanoshita, Japan, it was my pleasure to see a hen with a tail twenty-four feet long.

The origin of my cartoon is, to me, one of the greatest "Believe It or Nots." One dreary afternoon in 1918, I was having a hard time filling the expanse of drawing paper before me with anything that faintly resembled a decent idea for a sportpage cartoon. I was bereft of ideas. In desperation I pieced together a few athletic oddities that had been kicking around my desk. I captioned the layout, "Believe It or Not," flipped it on the boss' desk and dashed out before he could collar me.

The drawing appeared in the old New York Globe the following day, and much to my surprise, there was considerable



My education in drawing started when I was old enough to hold a pencil. No one taught me. Even in grammar school in my home town, Santa Rosa, Calif., my teacher, knowing my dislike for English composition, allowed me to draw my work instead of writing it. At fourteen, I was lucky enough to sell a cartoon to a magazine for eight dollars. It was captioned, "The Village Belle Was Slowly Ringing" and showed a country girl turning a wringer. From that time until I was a "cartoonist" I went through the struggles of a journeyman cartoonist's life which consisted principally of getting fired off one job onto another.

suits, taxes, and imitators.

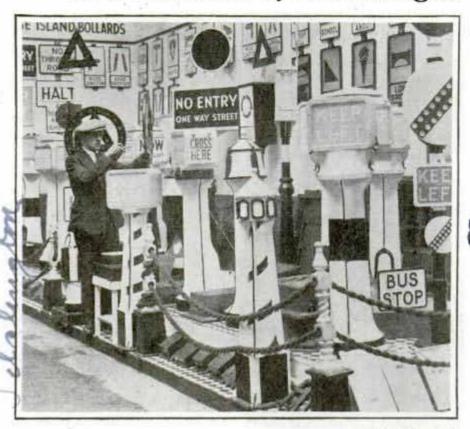
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Top, the Well of Bethlehem; Center, Dwarf Trees Grown in Japan; Bottom, Wall on Which the Doom of Babylon Was Written

Motorist's Idea of Nightmare paint is considered to promise the mixture and th Is Collection of Road Signs



© Pianet News, Ltd. Collection of Most of Highway and Street Signs Used in England Displayed at a Recent Public Works Exhibition in London

One of the displays at a public works exhibition in London recently was a collection of most of the highway and street signs set up in that country to control motor traffic. Some of the British drivers who viewed the scores of markers, some of them contradictory in character but standing side by side, looked on the display as a representation of a motorist's nightmare with dozens of traffic orders staring him in the face at once.

Sprayer Paints Cores and Molds Faster Than Brushing

Cores, both green and baked, are being painted in about one-tenth the time formerly required by using a special sprayer for the purpose instead of brushing the paint on. With the sprayer the paint gets in and covers surfaces inaccessible to the brush, reaching the deep pockets of molds and giving them the same protective covering as the fully exposed surfaces. During application, the blacking material or

paint is constantly agitated to provide a uniform mixture and a ten-gallon tank makes frequent refilling unnecessary. It also is claimed that spray painting gives a deeper penetration of the wash into cores and molds and a better binding of the sand, that it reduces chipping and grinding costs, eliminates defective castings caused by imperfect molds and saves coating material.

Detachable Spout Aids in Pouring Sugar or Salt

Instantly attached to any cardboard container, a metal pouring spout makes it easy for the housewife to handle cereals, granulated sugar and salt without spilling. The device is pushed into the side of the container

near the top and is pulled open to begin pouring. When the box is empty, the spout can be removed and inserted in the side of another container.



Pouring Spout Which Fits Any Cardboard Box and

Stratosphere Balloonists Look Down on Sky



(c) National Geographic Society Photograph of Stratosphere Balloon Taken from Accompanying Plane One Hour after Ascent Began; Cigar-Shaped at Start, the Huge Bag Became a Sphere When Gas Expanded in Rarefied Stratosphere

White sky is beneath, deep violet sky above when you gaze through the window fourteen miles above the earth. From an hour after the balloon started up. altitude of 72,395 feet, the height attained by Capts. Albert W. Stevens and Orvil A. Anderson in their record-making balloon ascension, the earth is scarcely visible. Mist and dust particles in the lower atmosphere catch the light and form the white, hazy "sky" below; above, there is nothing to capture these light waves and the upper sky appears dark. With ultraviolet eyes the ceiling would have appeared brighter, with light of shorter wave lengths. Mechanical eyes-cameras equipped with red and infrared filterscan pierce the murk of the earth's atmosphere better than human eyes. Looking toward the world from outside it, the two stratosphere explorers saw a "close-up" of

the view that men on the moon or nearby planets would see. The photograph of a balloon riding the stratosphere lanes sabove was taken from an army plane an

Worm Helped Columbus

T WASN'T an Indian waving a torch that Columbus saw the night before he discovered America. It was a worm-a luminous syllid or "sea worm" whose light is sometimes seen over the ocean in October, the month Columbus landed. He described the light as "like a small wax candle which rose and fell." An English marine biologist believes it was the lighted worm that fooled Columbus.

Superheat from Sun Developed by Mirrors



Sets of Mirrors with Which the Sun's Rays Are Focused to Produce Extremely High Temperatures;
Heat as Great as 50,000 Degrees May Be Obtained in This Manner, the Inventor Claims

Holding a new hope for industry, a curved-mirror "furnace" concentrates the sun's rays and develops heat ranging from 1,000 to 50,000 degrees. Such high temperatures would be used to recover mercury from cinnabar, melt ore, superheat steam and to serve other purposes where

extreme heat is required. While the solar furnace is still in the experimental stage, it has been subjected to exhaustive tests by the inventor, H. E. McCoy of California. The machine consists of a number of curved mirrors which focus the sun's rays on one spot.

Paint Striper Fed by Bottle Has Adjustable Wire for Guide

Anyone can learn to do a neat job of painting stripes with a striper equipped with an adjustable wire guide. A tight-

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Knurled Wheel Tapping Paint Bottle Lays Even Stripe as Guide Wire Follows Straight Edge

fitting knurled wheel, available in several widths according to the size stripe desired, lays down an even stripe of paint which it draws from a small feeder bottle. Any kind of paint, lacquer or enamel can be used, and besides the guide wire, which can be bent or adjusted to any position, the striper will follow a straight edge or a compass.

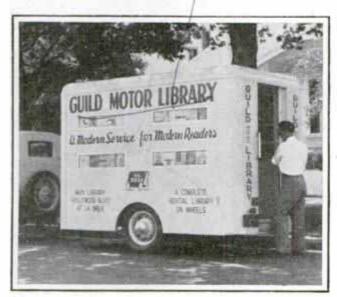
Nation Is Dependent on Chemist in Event of War Blockade

In the event of a war blockade, the United States would lack such essential products as antimony, manganese, chroE . J . S . 3 . 3 mium, mercury, mica, nickel, rubber, tin, tungsten and wool. In such an emergency the country would be dependent on its chemists to develop new alloys and suitable substitutes for essential raw materials, says Capt. H. A. Kuhn, executive officer of the Chicago Chemical Warfard Procurement district, in a recent report to the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society. While the United States is probably more self-sufficient than any other nation in regard to the raw materials required by industry to manufacture war materials, we would lack many essential items in the event of a blockade, including, in addition to those listed, such things as camphor, coffee, coconut shells, hides, iodine, jute, Malay fiber, shellac, silk, sisal and sugar. Such developments as synthetic camphor, rubber, benzol, naphthalene, ethyl alcohol, methanol, phenol, improved rayon, a domestic supply of iodine and new alloys all have added to national defense, says Capt. Kuhn.

330 W Rental Library in a Trailer Delivers Books to Home

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Readers in Hollywood, Calif., can order today's fare of books just like today's menu of groceries. A telephone call to the rental library brings to your front door a library on wheels. Inside a large auto trailer are shelves stocked with books; the customer can order any particular book delivered, or select/his reading matter from the shelves.



Customers of This Trailer Library Can Order Books Delivered or Choose from Its Shelves When It Calls

Hingerprint Enlarger Aids Quick Identification



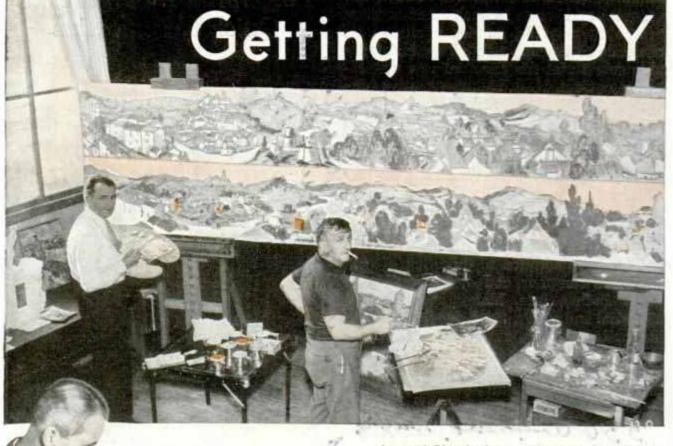
Studying Enlarged Image of Fingerprint to Speed Up Identification of Suspect

Automatically enlarging fingerprints on a glass screen seven inches in diameter, a new device is expected to speed up the work of identifying criminals. Ridges and whorls can be measured quickly and compared with original fingerprint records with increased accuracy by using the equipment. The instrument uses reflected light, but transmitted light also can be used to check handwriting specimens and counterfeit notes.

Over a Hundred Kinds of Steel Are Used in Automobiles

More than 100 different types of steel went into the manufacture of the 1935 automobile. The swift changes in automotive metals are manifest in a comparison with the year 1911, when only seven carbon steels and eleven alloy steels were listed by the Society of Automotive Engineers. Last year 109 types were counted, eighty-three of them containing alloys. There were ten nickel steels and twentytwo nickel-chromium steels

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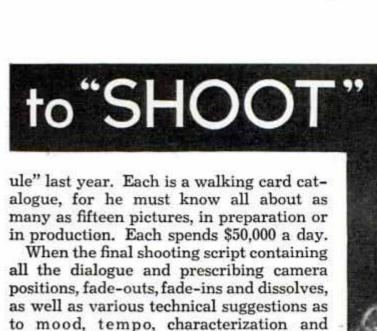


Artists Painting Sketches of Outdoor Scenes Which Will Be Photographed and Matched with Close-Up Scenes of Actors; Below, Miniature from Which Full-Size Set Will Be Made

MANUFACTURING movies is one of the world's biggest and most exacting jobs. The coordinated efforts of an army of men are necessary to bring life to celluloid and the sound track. The average picture costs \$600,000, exposes 100,000 feet of film before 7,500 are finally selected by the cutters, and employs 9,000 actors, extras, laborers, writers, and technical experts, not to mention the director and the production manager.

The production manager is the "jack of all trades and master of many" from whose office flow the commands which set thirty departments in motion once a story is selected. On his shoulders rests the responsibility for the smooth functioning of all equipment from cameras to microphones; the testing, selecting and rehearsing of actors, and the designing and building of sets, with stand-by settings, both indoors and out, ready for immediate use in case illness, rain or fire halts a scene. Once the cameras begin to roll, he must stay two weeks ahead of schedule with sets, costumes and properties, for each day's delay on a picture costs the producer \$10,000 in salaries, rent, insurance and general

studio overhead. There are only seven major studios in the United States, all in Hollywood or near by. Seven production managers flashed the orders that resulted in 396 feature pictures and a multitude of short subjects being completed "on sched-



sound effects, is complete, the production

An Unusual View of a Boom Head, the

Camera and the Cam-

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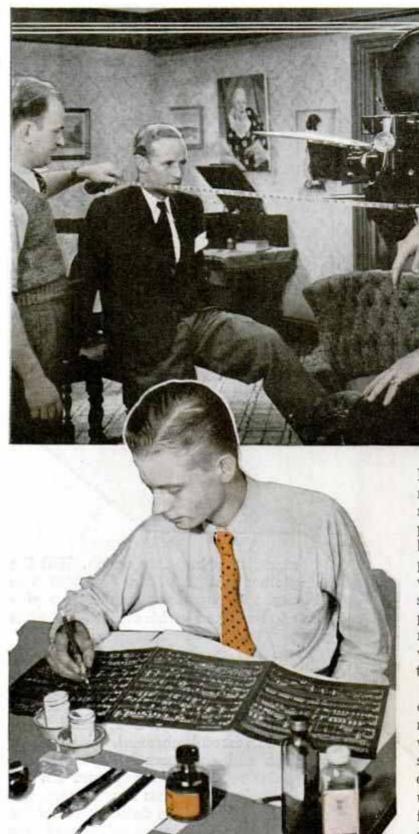
Down on a Set from the Top of a Sound

Stage

manager swings into action. Will the picture cost \$500,000 or \$600,000? The difference is important, for on fifty pictures to be filmed by his studio during the year, that savings represents \$5,000,000.

From the production manager's office copies of the script go to many departments-art, construction, camera, drafting, drapery, special effects, electrical, greenhouse, make-up, mill, paint shop, wardrobe, test and rehearsal. Artists make sketches and engineers build models of important sets. Cameramen and the director study the models for "camera angles." Make-up artists determine how the characters shall be portrayed. Sound men and precision machinists test microphones and cameras. Property men estimate how many articles will be required to dress the sets, from cobblestones to cut-glass chandeliers. The music department turns out hundreds of scores.

A week later the production manager concludes his final "cost conference." Perhaps he saves \$10,000 by omitting one



Measuring Distance from Camera to Actor for Close-Up; Below, Studio Musician Correcting Musical Score

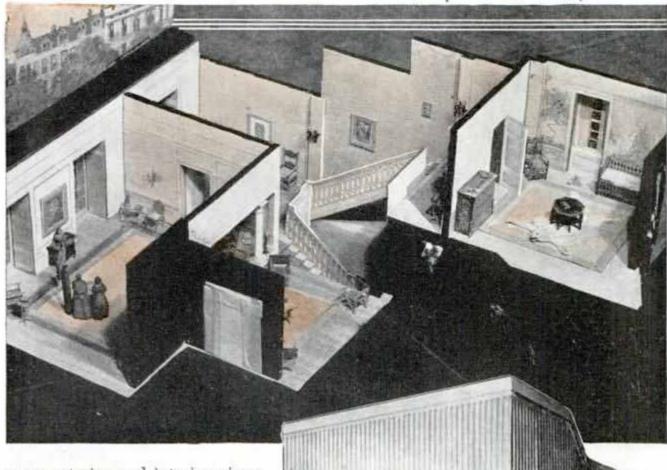
scene, \$5,000 by using fewer people in another. The final decision is \$600,000 for the picture. Cameras roll in two weeks.

The casting director selects actors and actresses. Telephones ring in many Hollywood homes. The production manager calls for scores of brunette men and blonde girls to appear on the studio test stage, a bare room fitted only with a simple set, camera and lights. Those who best fit the leading parts are selected. A day later all to take part in early scenes gather at the rehearsal hall, another room devoid of furniture except chairs, tap mat for dancers and a piano.

Meanwhile construction, property, wardrobe and art departments are busy, for the picture will require shooting possibly 300 scenes in thirty-five working days. How many settings will be used? In "The Littlest Rebel," for instance, Shirley Temple romped through and around three sides of a southern mansion and through five interiors representing rooms of the same house; actors appeared in the White House

of the civil war period and in the interview room used by President Lincoln; two interiors of a Richmond, Va., home felt the glare of the brilliant lights; a federal prison rose on a sound stage, and alongside it

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were exterior and interior views of a slave cabin. Forty miles from Hollywood 1,000 Union and Confederate soldiers fought in Sherwood forest, while a river was created on a sound stage for thrilling close-up action.

thrilling close-up action.

Ed Ebele, veteran production manager at Twentieth Century-Fox studio, provided the river for these scenes. Where a cabin stood yesterday, the river flowed next morning-right across the stage. Ebele built the river in a day. First, he placed the tanks and built the banks. From the studio greenhouse the smaller flora were brought. Workmen cut pepper trees, stripping their branches to make hauling in trucks easier. In the studio the trees were rebuilt, and the branches fixed in place again. Branches suspended from the ceiling helped give depth. Indoor rivers as wide as fifteen feet have been filmed on a sound stage.

In one picture a street in Venice was reproduced and six gondolas were poled about the stage on a 9,000-square-foot body of water one foot deep. Carpenters



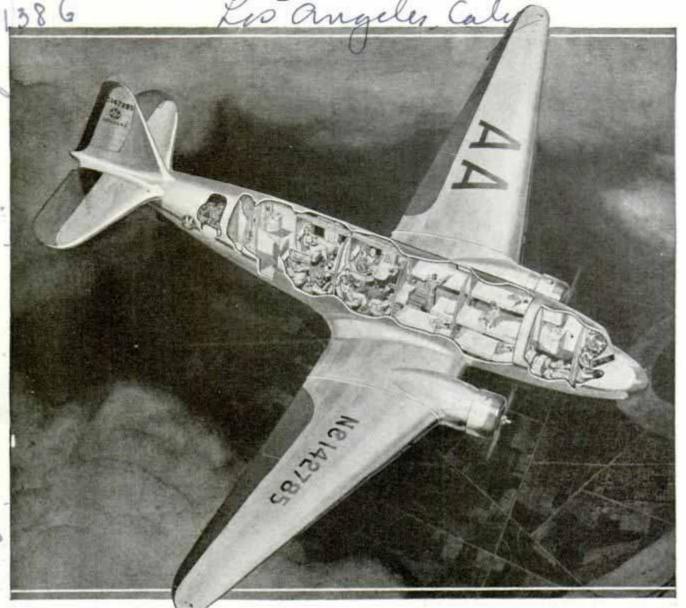
Movie Set in Miniature, and Sound Mixer Booth Where Volume of Voice as Compared with Music Is Regulated

laid a canvas on the stage floor, planked the outer walls, covered the canvas with three coats of paraffin, and poured 61,000 gallons of water onto the set.

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Twelve-Ton Flying Hotel Has Sixteen Berths



Drawing Shows, from Front to Rear, Pilots' Cabin; Mail-Express and Commissary Compartment; Two Sections with Berths Made Up; Two Sections for Day Travel; Dressing Rooms and Luggage Space

By night a great flying hotel with upper and lower berths for sixteen, by day a twenty-four-passenger luxury liner rocketing through the air at top speed of 215 miles an hour-such is the latest Douglas sleeper transport plane, a fleet of which is being built for American Airlines. The twelve-ton ship, a low-wing twin-engined monoplane built on the lines of previous Douglas transports but more roomy, has a cabin seven feet eight inches wide and six feet six inches high, accommodating four spacious passenger compartments on each side of a center aisle. For day travel each compartment has facing seats; as a sleeper, the back and bases of the seats form eight lower berths that are six feet five inches long and thirty-five inches wide. Upper berths are twenty-nine inches wide. Dropping down from the roof of the cabin, the "uppers" are accessible by steps and are provided with air by an extra slot above the cabin window. Separate dressing rooms for men and women are located at the rear of the ship. In front of the cabin is a complete commissary equipped to serve more elaborate meals than formerly, and to keep food and beverages hot or cold indefinitely. The ship's length is sixty-five feet, its wing span ninety-five feet. Besides baggage racks in the compartments, there is luggage and mail space at the rear of the fuselage and opposite the commissary. AuChriston on

tomatic pilot, constant-pitch propellers, latest type radio equipment, and two motors capable of delivering 1,000 horsepower each provide the two pilots with the latest developments in navigating facilities. Cruising speed at 7,000 feet is more than 190 miles an hour, with a range of 1,100 miles with twenty-four passengers and 1,400 miles with sixteen passengers. Landing speed is sixty-five miles an hour or less.

Candid Picture Easy to Get with Tiny Cable Release

Intended for the miniature type of camera, a tiny cable release smaller than a common pen nib is now being offered. It is less than one inch long as compared with the regular style cable release

eight or ten inches in length. Since the device is inconspicuous, it is an aid to the candid photographer and it is also easy



Tiny Cable Release for Candid Camera Compared with Size of Conventional Cable

to carry, particularly with a camera which fits into a soft leather purse. It operates by pressure on a button just like the regulation size release.

"Walking Radio" on Sidelines Broadcasts Report of Game



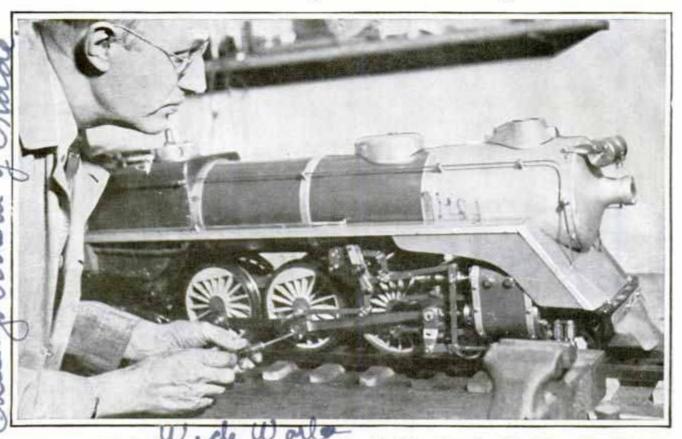
Watching Play Near Line of Scrimmage, Reporter Broadcasts over Portable Radio to Listeners at Scoreboard

That fellow with the pack on his back and an aluminum mast sticking three feet above his shoulders is the walking radio station of Lafayette College. Whenever the Lafayette football team takes the field, he is on the sidelines, following the play near the line of scrimmage and talking into a miniature microphone. The pack is a short-wave broadcasting set. The aluminum rod acts as antenna. As John A. Doremus, chief operator of the college short-wave station, W3EDA, "covers" the game, other students at the scoreboard hear his report on a receiving set and keep the board properly posted. When the squad plays away from home, the one-man radio station goes along and broadcasts to receiving sets back on the campus.

Lumber Seen as Fuel Source When Oil Wells Go Dry

Trees may some day be a source of motor fuel when petroleum deposits are exhausted. Chemists have demonstrated that wood can be carbonized into forty gallons of tar to the ton of lumber. This tar could be processed into twenty-six per cent of motor fuel, twenty-one per cent of Diesel oil and the remainder gas and coke. Reforestation on a gigantic scale would furnish a tremendous backlog of energy for automotive engines and industrial power.

Powerful Model Engine Pulls Eight Persons



Engine and Tender Built by Chicago Man in His Home Workshop Together Weigh More Than Three Hundred Pounds; Locomotive Is of Original Design and Burns Liquid Fuel

In his spare time, a Chicago man has constructed a model locomotive that develops 140 pounds steam pressure and will run at a top speed of thirty miles an hour. The engine alone weighs 225 pounds, and its tender ninety pounds. With properly built cars, this powerful model could take eight adult persons for a ride. The boiler has a three-gallon capacity, the tender ten gallons. Liquid fuel is burned. The cylinders are one and three-quarters by two inches, and the drive wheels six inches in diameter. It took 1,700 hours to build the model, using a small lathe and drill press in addition to hand tools.

Cobra Venom Relieves Pain without Forming Habit

Cobra venom has been found quite as effective as morphine in the relief of pain, but without the dangerous habit-forming qualities of the narcotic drug. Deadly in any large quantity, the venom of the serpent can be administered safely in small doses. It checks pain by acting upon the high nerve centers in the brain.

Auto Sixty-Six Inches Long Is Complete to License

One of the smallest cars ever granted a state license, a sixty-six-inch auto built by a Californian, is complete in every detail. Its four-cylinder air-cooled engine



This Smartly Designed Miniature Automobile Easily
Carries Weight of Grown Person

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Icean Part Call mounted on the rear axle housing propels the car at a top speed of thirty miles per hour, using one gallon of gasoline to seventy miles. Sliding gear transmission gives two forward and one reverse speeds. The wheels are demountable and carry fourteen-inch tires. Four-wheel expansion brakes stop the car with safety. Other features include a foot-operated accelerator, clutch pedal, geared steering, threequart gas tank, one-pint crankcase, chromium-plated chassis and banjo-type rear axle housing. The wheelbase is thirtynine inches and the weight 266 pounds.

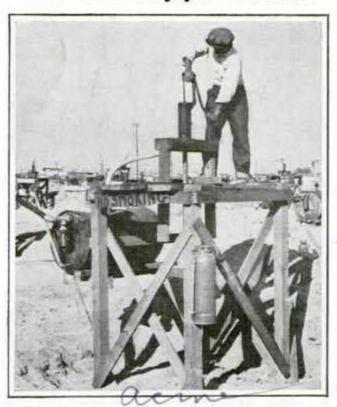
Game Board for the Invalid Holds Checkers and Cards

To while away the hours for the invalid confined to his bed, a game board which sets in an upright position over the person using it has pockets for cards on one side so solitaire may be played. The reverse side contains a checkerboard, the checkers being held in place by pegs. The board also has a magazine holder to keep the book in position while reading.



Game Board for Invalid with Pockets for Cards on One Side and a Checkerboard on Other

Oil Wells Pumped by Hand Make Money for Owners



One of the Many Shallow Oil Wells in California Which Is Being Pumped by Hand

Scores of lot owners near Wilmington, Calif., are pumping high-grade crude oil from shallow wells by hand. Miniature derricks are set up and hand pumps are installed. The wells average several barrels per day each although most of them are only fifteen to thirty feet deep.

Simple Electric Typewriter Has One Tiny Motor

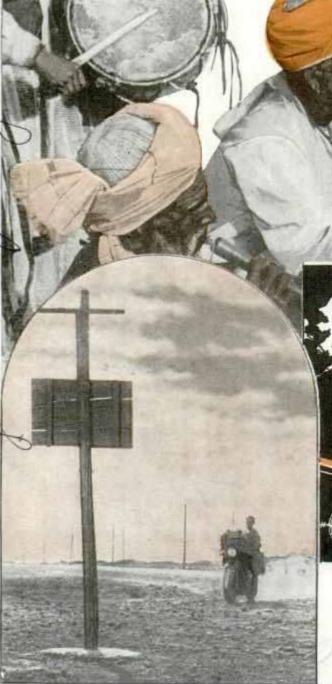
Operated on the electromagnetic principle, a new electric typewriter invented in Germany has only one tiny motor, developing one 150th of a horsepower for the automatic carriage reverse. This results in almost silent operation. Type bars are said to be replaced by a revolving cylinder. The slightest touch of a key causes? the cylinder to revolve and strike the ribbon against the paper. The cylinder can be changed in three seconds, so that it is possible to carry spare cylinders in different languages and in symbols and codes, making the typewriter an all-purpose machine. Work with the typewriter is said to be less fatiguing than with the conventional machine. The keyboard is standard.

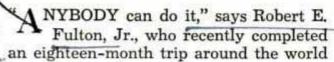
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on a motorcycle.

"I wanted to see the world," he explains. "Going by boat and train was too superficial and didn't offer the thrills of a motorcycle trip."

Robert E. Fulton, Jr., is a typical young American, now living in Greenwich, Conn. A few years ago he was in Europe studying architecture. While dining with



Top, an Afghan Band; Left, Road Sign Near Damascus Telling the Traveler the Route to Bagdad

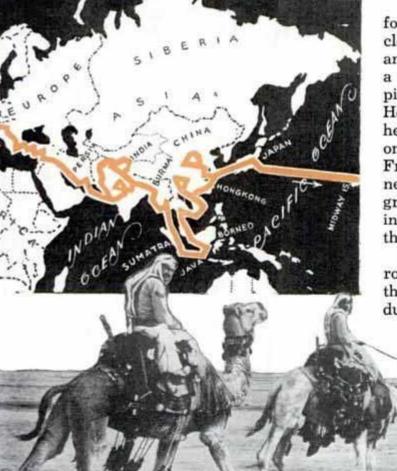
a friend in London one day, he casually mentioned he would like to take a trip around the world on a motorcycle. The friend offered him a motorcycle free if he would undertake the journey. Fulton ac-

cepted the gift and started out.

Ahead of him lay 40,000 miles of land and water. The two wheels of his motorcycle carried him 25,000 miles of that distance. The motorcycle and its equipment, without a passenger, weighed 500 pounds. It was a two-cylinder horizontally opposed engine rated at fifteen horsepower. With a special tank on the rear, Fulton carried seven gallons of gasoline, giving him a cruising radius of 350 miles. The wheels had auto-size tires which lasted

on a MOTORCYCLE





Top, an Afghan War Dance, and Robert E. Fulton, Jr., on the Motorcycle Which Carried Him around the World; Center, the Route Followed by Fulton in Going around the World; He Started from London; Bottom, Irak Desert Patrol Near Bagdad; Here Fulton Rode Across a Roadless Desert

for the entire journey. In addition to the clothing he wore, he carried a few odds and ends of fresh linen, a toothbrush and a razor. For the motor he carried spare pistons, chains, spark plugs and screws. He had never ridden a motorcycle before he undertook to travel around the world on one, but he soon learned the rudiments. From London he sailed across the Channel and headed for Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Sofia, and Athens, before attempting to traverse the inhospitable deserts of the Near East.

In Turkey he found the country almost roadless, and for endless miles rode through clouds of dry alkali dust. Toward dusk one evening he approached a con-

crete bridge without noting that one of the sections had fallen into the river. Fulton was hurled from his seat. He landed fifteen feet below the bridge and was knocked unconscious. The motorcycle suffered little damage from its drop and Fulton awoke in the midst of natives who were dashing cold water in his face.

After this incident, he headed for Syria, Damascus,

Bagdad, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, and Khyber Pass, the latter famed the world over as a danger spot. But Fulton found the guardian of the pass a meek, peaceful



fellow whose greatest desire in life was to visit Hollywood and New York.

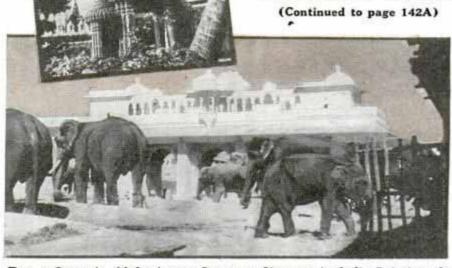
Traveling and living among strange, isolated people, Fulton often resorted to the universal sign language. Notwithstanding the grim terrors of which he had been warned, he met genuine courtesy and hospitality everywhere. All the so-called wicked and dangerous people he had heard about proved to be kind and helpful.

On his way through India he came to a gorgeous white palace in the city of Udaipur. It belonged to a maharana whose great wealth enabled him to live in the traditional Oriental luxury. Without a formal presentation or announcement, Fulton rode up to the main gate and was allowed to pass by the guards who presented arms; he rode through a second and a third gate and finally entered agreat courtyard, where the maharana's private herd of elephants was tied with chains. The loud noise of the motor

frightened the animals, and amid a stampede the guards arrived and threw Fulton out with much less ceremony than they had welcomed him in.

Traversing a road near Rajputana, India, Fulton's leg caught a thorny branch and he lost control of the motorcycle. He tumbled down an embankment and landed in the midst of a herd of wild boars. He remembered the stories about their viciousness and took to his heels. Looking back, he saw the boars also running-in the opposite direction. In his travels through India he never saw a live snake in its natural habitat. The snake charmers, he said, operate for the sole benefit of tourists.

After India, Fulton headed for the Dutch East Indies, Java, and Sumatra. He has good reason to remember one of the queer native customs. They train monkeys to throw down ripe coconuts from high branches. Riding under a row of coconut trees one



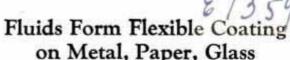
Top, a Scene in Afghanistan; Center, a Signpost in India Pointing the Way to London, and a Scene in Siam; Bottom, Maharana's Palace in India Where Fulton Was Made Welcome Until His Motorcycle Stampeded the Herd of Elephants

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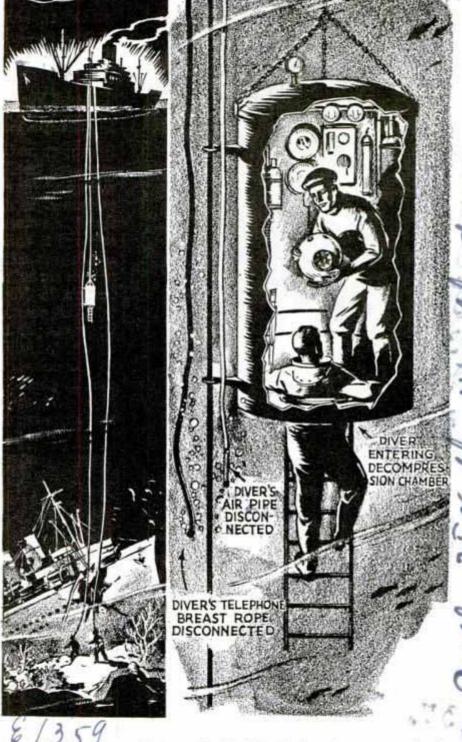
Undersea Air Tank Saves Diver from 'Bends'

To speed the diver's recovery from the terrific pressure of deep-sea work a submersible decompression chamber has been devised, a "halfway house" in which the diver can take refuge while ascending. Unless the ascent is gradual enough to allow the esacape from the lungs of 📉 nitrogen gas, sudden release of pressure causes nitrogen "bubbling" in the body, known as caisson disease or "the bends." A diver needs as much as two hours to climb to the surface after working an hour 200 feet down, and it takes endurance to hang from a rope deep in cold, swirling water. The new decompression chamber is a steel cylinder with doors Fin top and bottom. The diver climbs in from be-. low, water being kept out by compressed air; the lower door is then shut and he is hoisted aboard the tender vessel and the pressure reduced gradually in a dry, warm atmosphere. Discomfort is minimized and the waste working time is reduced by forty per cent.

> Drawings Show Position of Decompression Chamber and How Diver Enters It



Hard, firm coatings that also are flexible and pliable can be applied to paper, leather, metal, glass and other materials by mixing two liquids now on the market. The coating is a fluid that hardens when brought into contact with the hardener,



also a fluid. Until development of the hardener, the coating material was used only where heat could be applied to set it, as in ceramic work. When the two fluids are used together, they form a hard elastic film that is good for coating paper, embossing leather, weatherproofing electric wire and the like. The coating will not tarnish the precious metals.

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Auto Armrests of Rubber Also Are Door Handles



Top, Catting Rubber into Shape of Door Handle;
Bottom, Pontiac Design

Cut from rubber and fitted with metal backs, armrests in some of the 1936 cars also serve as door handles. The armrests are fashioned from sponge rubber in the shape of a "U," the metal back is applied and the upholstering sewed on. The "U" shape permits gripping the armrest so the door may be opened or closed.

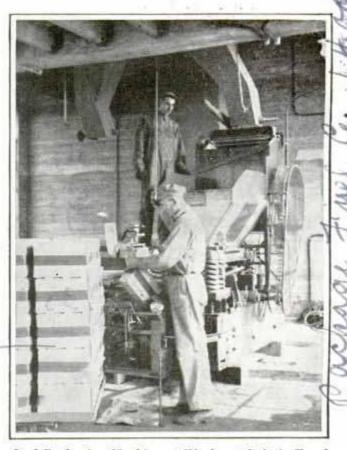
Egg Yolks Colored by Feeding Hens Proper Food

Poultrymen can get hens to lay pale or deep-color yolk eggs by feeding them ac cordingly, the U. S. Department of Agriculture finds. Small amounts of pimento or chili pepper in regular rations will color the yolks a deep orange-red, and white corn, instead of yellow, with limited amount of green feed will make the yolks pale. Hens on the latter diet will need cod-liver oil to supply the vitamin A they

miss by not getting yellow corn. Richer shades of yellow may be obtained by increasing yellow corn and green feed in the ration, but too much green feed will give the yolks a brown or green off-tint. Deep-colored egg yolks are in demand for cake making and also are used in the manufacture of some kinds of ice cream because they impart a golden color.

Coal Compressed and Packaged Helps Keep Home Cleaner

Compressed into cubes and wrapped into packages twelve inches long, eight inches wide and four inches thick, coal is being, marketed in a manner designed to keep the home clean. Six four-inch cubes are encased in each package, making a handy sized fuel that is as clean as a loaf of bread or similar article. A machine now in operation in Michigan converts slack coal into the packaged product at the rate of two tons per hour. A binder made from corn helps hold the coal particles together in the cubes. After being packaged, the coal is placed in a kiln and heated to a high temperature for several hours to make the bond more complete.



Coal Packaging Machine at Work; at Left Is Truck Loaded with Packaged Fuel

Tri-Bladed Autogiro Tested in Wingless Flight



Latest Model Autogiro, Wingless and with Only Three Rotor Blades to Sustain It in Air, Is Shown in Test Flight above New Philadelphia Post Office; Notice Roof Adaptable for Aircraft Landing Port

Flight without wings in heavier-thanair craft is now a matter of fact. Built for tests by the U.S. army, the latest type of Pitcairn autogiro has no supporting wings, but is kept aloft by a three-bladed rotor instead of the four-bladed "fan" of earlier models, and is balanced by horizontal and vertical controls in the tail structure. In the photograph, the autogiro is seen flying above the new Philadelphia post office, the roof of which was designed as a landing port for mail-carrying planes.

Bicycle Stand Controlled by Foot from Riding Position

Operated from a riding position, a bicycle stand folds up behind the pedal when not in use and is controlled entirely by the foot. The stand can be attached to any bicycle in a few minutes and it is claimed it is easier and quicker to use than the conventional U-shaped stand.

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AUTO LIGHTING

within the length of the beam, they are inadequate. At thirty-five miles per hour, you can't stop in less than 110 feet so the car's lights should illuminate the road clearly for at least that distance. But the average car probably will not have a beam longer than 100 feet, according to lighting engineers.

State laws limit automobile head lamps to thirty-two candlepower because drivers will not dim when they meet cars. Stronger lights would increase the danger of blinding other drivers. If all drivers would dim, state laws could be modified so that lights could be improved considerably.

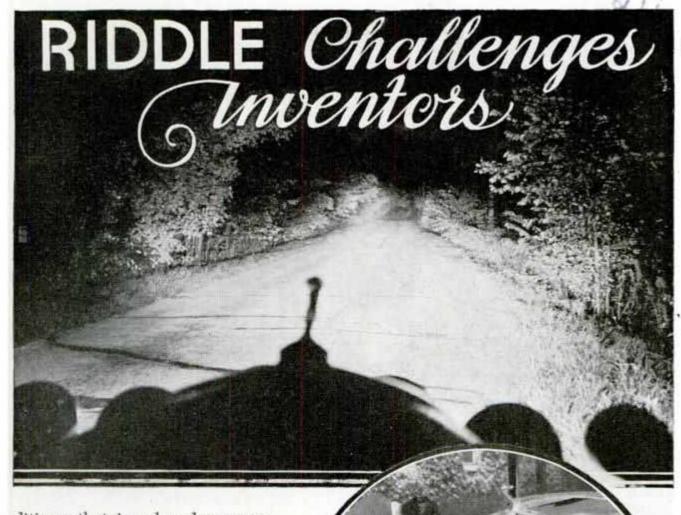
Lamp designers, handicapped by these state laws, have produced a light that will illuminate the road about 500 feet under the most ideal con-

WHEN you're driving that 1935 or 1936 model sixty miles an hour at night, the car is outrunning its lights. Built to do eighty, ninety and 100 miles per hour and frequently driven at those speeds, today's automobile is equipped with head lamps that produce satisfactory illumination for speeds of between thirty and forty miles an hour.

If head lamps aren't strong enough for the driver to stop

Top, Projecting Light Bulb Filament on Screen; Below, Image of the Bulb Filament in a "Gyp" or Poorly Made Bulb; Note How It "Scatters" on the Screen

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ditions, that is, when lamps are perfectly adjusted and the weather is dry and clear. At sixty miles an hour, the car travels eightyeight feet per second. Thus, the 500-foot head lamps illuminate the road less than six seconds ahead, hardly enough for the driver to see an obstacle, make up his mind to apply the brake and then bring the car to a stop. It requires about 280 feet to stop a car going sixty, even with perfect brakes and on dry pavement. At least double that distance is necessary for the average car because few drivers keep their head

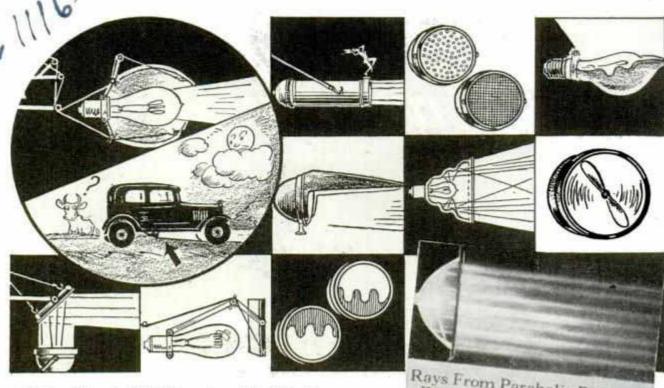
lamps and brakes in perfect adjustment. At Nela Park laboratories of the General Electric company, a special automobile tests new ideas in motor-car illumination. In front of the radiator is a panel containing numerous electrical terminals for connecting experimental head lamps that are carried on special supports. This car has been fitted with head lamps many times as powerful as the ones on your car. In one instance, 250-watt bulbs, ten times

Top, Illumination by 250-Watt Bulbs, Ten Times as Powerful as Any in Use; Bottom, Car for Testing Head Lamps

as powerful as the largest now in use, were installed. The powerful beams turned the highway into day for a distance of at least a quarter of a mile. The engineers were able, in this way, to get an idea of what future road lighting may be like, provided state laws are relaxed and drivers uniformly comply with some regulation on dimming.

One reason why drivers have not dimmed is because they were virtually left in dark-

Cleveland. Ohio.



Various Ways by Which Inventors Have Tried to Improve Auto Lighting

ness when the dimmers were on. Two new auto-lighting systems recently introduced eliminate this excuse. One system is a new type of beam control, effected by using a bulb developed by General Electric engineers, and the other is the asymmetric now familiar to many motorists.

In the asymmetric system one of the head lamps, usually the left one, illuminates the right curb or roadside; and its position remains fixed for either passing or driving. The other headlight throws its beam down the center of the roadway when no other car is approaching; but in passing, the beam is depressed by operation of a switch, so that the light strikes the roadway a short distance in front of the car. Thus there is one fixed, intense beam of light and a movable one which together provide good illumination. The asymmetric system uses a bulb having two V-shaped filaments, one above the other.

The newer system uses a bulb having two straight, horizontal filament coils, almost end to end, one being slightly above the other. In normal driving, both head lamps project their beams down the center of the road for several hundred feet. The light pattern from each lamp is the same, and one coincides with the other. If one lamp burns out, the road still is illuminated, with, of course, diminished in-

Rays From Parabolic Reflector With Light Source at Focus Rays From Parabolic Reflector With Light Source Ahead of Focus Rays From Parabolic Reflector With Light Source Back of Focus Rays From Parabolic Reflector With Light Source Below Focus

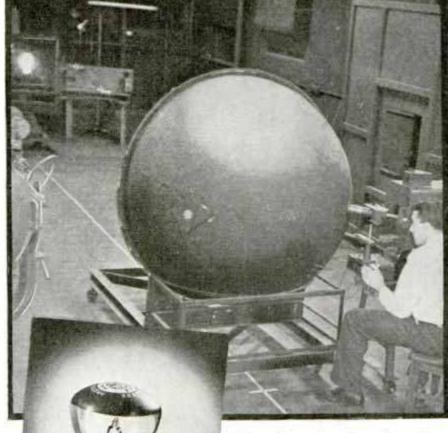
Strip Showing Beam Cast by Locating Light Source in Various Positions

tensity. When passing another car the driver operates a switch, usually with the foot, causing both head-lamp beams to shift to the right and drop slightly. These superimposed beams, practically of the same intensity as the driving beam, light the roadside, revealing signboards, pedestrians and other objects, without danger of blinding other drivers.

But neither system can overcome faulty adjustment of head lamps. Engineers recommend that the car be tested at least twice a year to keep headlights at their greatest efficiency.

Practically all new cars use the prefocused lamp, which was developed in the research laboratories at Nela Park. The lamp consists of the familiar glass bulb, usual bayonet base and a prefocusing ring soldered to the base. There is only one way of inserting the lamp, so that it is impossible to get the filaments out of place.

Another new automobile lighting development,



Top, Measuring Beam Intensity of Experimental Lamp; Center, Capped Head Lamp Bulb Which Reduces Scattering in Fog

but one that is not looked upon with enthusiasm by all lighting experts, is the shielded or capped headlight bulb. This consists of an ordinary lamp with the front portion of the bulb made nontransparent by coating the glass with an opaque material which masks most of the direct rays that normally do not strike the reflector. Its only

advantage seems to be that it does minimize annoyance from scattered light, thereby making headlights somewhat more comfortable to the eye when viewed at close range by approaching drivers.

The fog problem is another automobile lighting riddle that still remains to be answered. Red or yellow lights and the various other anti-fog stunts that have been tried have been found of little advantage.

The lighting engineer's advice to inventors is to concentrate on something that really is needed; to keep in mind the fact

Bottom, Prefocused Head Lamp Bulb and, Right, Method of Installation Eliminates Chance of Inserting Bulb Incorrectly

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Glass Is Made into Fabrics

Glass Is Made into Fabrics

Better than Wool or Cotton



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Section of Glass Wool from Which Yarn Is Woven; Cloth Made of This Yarn Has Remarkable Wearing Qualities

Your clothing and the bottle from which you get the morning's milk soon may come from the same glass melting pot. Already glass is being made into yarn that is many times stronger than fabric materials of the same size and it can be used like cotton or wool yarn. The same ingredients used in making the milk bottle are found in the glass yarn, but once out of the melting pot, that intended for fabric is blown into glass wool that has strands twenty times smaller than the human hair. At one point on a conveyor system, these strands are caught up and spun into yarn. Coloring added to the ingredients in the melting pot already has tinted the glass blue, pink or any other hue desired. In weight the glass wool compares favorably with the lightest or airiest of materials, eiderdown, and its insulating qualities are excellent, making it highly valuable to

manufacturers of electric wire and cable. It can be used to advantage in. walls and ceilings of buildings because it is fireproof insulation. Produced by the Owens-Illinois Glass company, the glass yarn has been crocheted into berets, knitted into shawls and woven into rugs. Cost of its manufacture can be kept low because the spinning can be done by modern textile machines without readjustment and no dyeing is necessary.

Perforation Gauge for Stamps Stops Eyestrain

Intended for the stamp collector or dealer who has occasion to examine many specimens daily, a special gauge with a revolving drum relieves the collector of much of the eyestrain usually associated with such work. The perforation gauge is mounted on a revolving



Gauge for Comparing Perforations in Stamps

Daniel Low,

drum, placed under a slit so the specimen can be held in position, and the various perforation sizes are whisked quickly past for comparison. This speeds up classifysing work by as much as 150 per cent. Also included in the equipment is an adjustable magnifying glass of large field and high power, an inch and one twenty-fifth inch scale, a watermark detector and a flat-press scale.

Lighter in Cigarette Case Works without Flame

Built into a roll-cover cigarette case, a flameless lighter ignites the cigarette when the user holds one end against the element and puffs. The cover works like that of a.

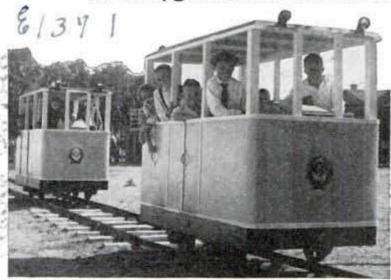
roll-top desk, sliding easily to expose or inclose the cigarettes. Chemical reaction causes the lighter to operate without a flame. The case is made in several colors.





Two Views of Handy Cigarette Case with Built-In

POPULAR MECHANICS Scheenborger in Playground of Theater



Russian Children Operating Play Cars on Their Own Railro on Grounds of Young People's Theater at Archangel

In the garden of the Theater for Young Spectators at Archangel, U.S.S.R., is a playground railway which the Russian children themselves helped build. Directed by adults, they participated in laying the narrow-gauge rails and in equipping the miniature cars.

Generator for Bicycle Light Supplies Ample Current

Steady and ample current for bicycle lights is furnished by a small generator which ends the inconvenience of battery

failure and replacement. Incased in a streamdine, chromiumplated shell which is attached to the bicycle frame under the seat and out of the rider's way, the generator lightly engages the rear wheel and



builds up sufficient current at eight miles. an hour to light head and tail lamps brightly. It is attached with a clamp, requiring no drilling of holes, and can be turned off easily when not needed.

(Shallow lakes and marshes can be converted into dry land by planting "rice grass" and other water plants.

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Ant's Work as Architect Seen in Lead Casting of Tunnels



This Looks Like an Ivy Plant, but It Is the Architectural Pattern of an Anthill, Obtained by Pouring in Molten Lead

home of an ant colony would resemble, worth \$5 if there is enough left to prove some strange species of seaweed or crawl-. the currency was genuine, and the treasing plant. The architecture of an anthill is revealed by pouring molten lead into the entrance, letting it course through the devious tunnels and chambers, then carefully excavating after the lead has cooled and hardened. Ten pounds of lead were used in casting the home of one ant colony. Running down into the ground at an easy slant was a main passageway. Other hallways opened off the main passage, and one extended laterally for nearly a foot, less than an inch below the earth's surface.

"Brain Waves" of Hypnotized Studied by Scientists

Expected to reveal new information about the functioning of the brain in blind and in normal persons, a study of the "brain waves" in hypnotized persons is being made by scientists. It has been found that with eyes wide open, a hypnotized person can be persuaded that he sees

nothing and the minute electric waves that are constantly being produced by his brain will respond to the hypnotist's suggestion. The waves appear in the same ten-cycle pattern they have when the subject is in his normal state with eyes closed. Only by the strongest kind of suggestion can the brain waves be changed from "open eye" to the "shut eye" pattern. The brain potentials, or "waves," run steadily at a rate of about ten per second while a person sits or lies quietly with eyes closed but still awake. Their pattern changes when he falls asleep, and the ten-a-second rhythm is suppressed if he opens his eyes and looks at any definite object, or if he indulges in concentrated imagination or thought while he still has his eyes closed.

1322 Million Dollars Issued for Mutilated Bills

If you have money to burn, don't throw away the ashes. Charred

Working plans for the underground remnants of a five-dollar bill are still



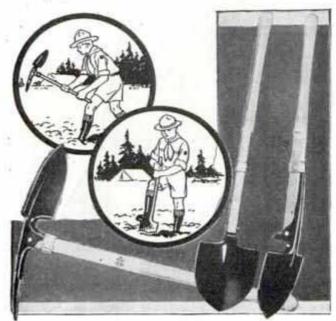
Catherine Costigan Examining the Remnants of Mutilated Currency before Passing on Claims

ury department at Washington issues an average of a million dollars a year in new paper money to citizens who turn in burned or mutilated currency for redemption. Catherine Costigan, one of five women who examine the old money and decide claims, has been engaged in the work for thirty years and has become so expert at the job that she does most of her inspection with the unaided eye.

Combined Pick and Spade Is Handy for Tool Kit

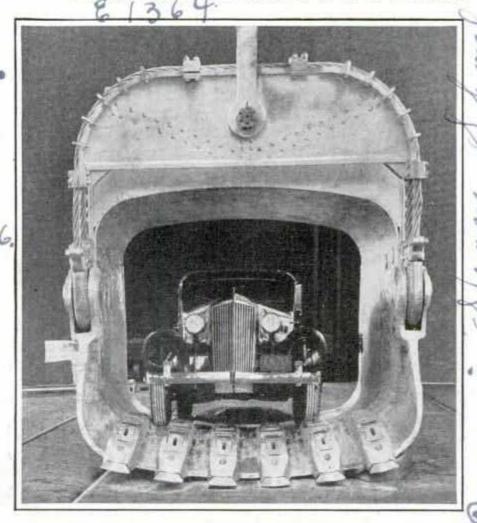
To save space in the camping kit and tool case, there is a combination pick and shovel which is perfectly balanced for either purpose. The working end is pivoted, and when used as a shovel the pick is held against the handle by a firm clamp. The same clamp slides down the shaft to hold the tool when used

as a pick. It is lightweight but sturdy, and easily packed in an automobile.



Two-Purpose Tool Locked for Use as Pick or Shove

Light Alloy Power Shovel Lifts Carload in Two Bites



Automobile Driving through Jaws of This Coal Dipper with Plenty of Room to Spare Gives an Idea of Its Immensity

Two big bites by the mammoth power shovel now digging coal at Wilmington Ill., are enough to fill the average railway coal car. It is built of lightweight metal alloy. The jaws are big enough to accommodate an automobile, with plenty of room to spare. Engineered especially for coal-stripping operations in the northern Illinois field, the dipper can lift thirty-two cubic yards at one scoop—a mouthful that would fill a nine-by-twelve foot kitchen.

Rugs Made of Goat Whiskers

Goat whiskers are no longer wasted. The chin whisker crop raised by thousands of Angora billy goats has been found to make very good rugs and carpets. It has been discovered that the whiskers are strong and durable and take dyes well, so thousands are being used.

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ity two and one-half miles. Verdugo hills partly obscured. First range of the Hollywoods in the open. You are over the field now. Start your spiral and I'll follow you through. Now you are over the east corner."

Two miles below the operations manager is standing at the end of a runway speaking directions into a handset connected to the radio transmitter. Your pilot slants his left wing down into the clouds and the plane begins a sweeping turn, descending 400 feet a minute in wide spirals

"HELLO, Bowman in 334. This is the Burbank remote. I think I can hear you north of the field. Give me three bursts."

In the cockpit ahead of you the pilot speeds up the engines three times.

"Okay. Now give me two bursts for a check."

You are in a westbound United air liner skimming the tops of the clouds at 12,000 feet. From the clock you judge you should be nearing Los Angeles but since midnight you have seen nothing except a turbulent cloud bank below. From his seat the pilot sees no more than you but now he has a second pair of eyes on the ground giving him a picture of the field. The voice in his earphones continues:

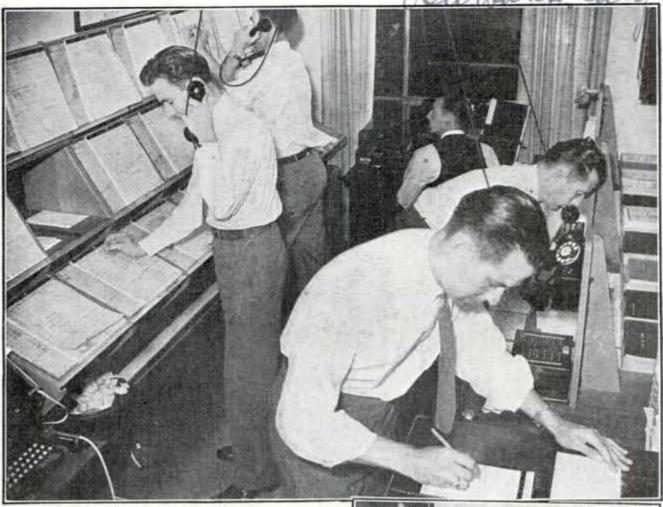
"Keep coming. It's raining down here. Ceiling is 800 feet. Visibil-



Top, Pilot of Air Liner Reporting to Ground by Radio; Bottom, Radio Operator on Ground Bringing Pilot Down by Listening to Plane above the Clouds

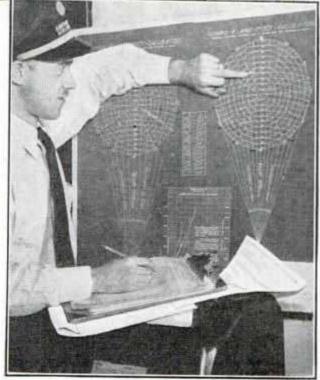
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around the field. For nearly half an hour the passengers see nothing but fog but the pilot "sees" every light and shadow on the field below. He flies the plane with his eyes on the instrument panel and listens to the radio directions. Part of the trick of landing an airplane by radio is to give the pilot his position slightly in advance so he is above the point at the instant he is told about it. He must know exactly where he is so there will be no confusion at the instant he breaks through the fog.

Landing an airplane "by ear" takes rigorous training and the operations manager must have keen ears not confused by echoes. For a stunt one clear afternoon one operations manager "brought in" a single-engine airplane while blindfolded, telling the pilot exactly where he was at all times although several other planes in the air tried to baffle him with their exhausts.



Ticket Staff Filing Air-Line Reservations; Bottom, Meteorological Officer Figuring Course Correction to Offset Effect of Side Wind



With recent improvements in radio that permit faster schedules, some lines are beginning to use the "low ceiling approach." Instead of flying on top of the clouds until it is over the airport, an incoming liner begins to reduce its altitude as far away as twenty miles. During the period of blind flying the pilot follows a radio range beam that is only a few

hundred feet wide in the vicinity of the airport, and in the last few miles the operations manager on the ground can hear the plane's motors and correct the course by radio if necessary.

Before the radio range beams were installed, pilots sometimes depended on voice communication alone for their safety. Several years ago an air liner became lost at night when the pilot was forced to climb to a high altitude where he was blown off his course by an unusually strong wind. Having lost contact with the ground because of intervening clouds, he finally dropped closer to the ground and found himself hopelessly lost. An airminded radio fan who had been listening

to the pilot describe his plight to the air-line radio station observed the plane passing over his town and telephoned the radio station. The radio operator then informed the pilot he had just passed a certain point and that by steering southwest he would reach the terminal.

Radio prevents worry and aimless searching when airplanes are forced down. If a pilot decides the weather is so bad he should land at an intermediate field he calls the nearest radio station and explains the cause of the delay.

Fifty miles after leaving a midwestern airport both motors of an air liner faltered and quit. The pilot made a good landing, snapped on his transmitter and phoned his position to the airport. Shortly afterward the radio operator was astonished to hear a similar report from a second

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Top, Inspecting Engine Before Flight; Center, Pilot Practicing Blind Flying in Hooded Cockpit; Bottom, Pilot Talking with Radio Operator

Color Pictures Sent by Television or Wire

Television pictures in full natural colors can be transmitted and received with experimental apparatus developed by Leroy J. Leishman, creator of a system for transmitting pictures by telegraph. The process requires the use of two color wheels or groups of prisms, one at the transmitting end and the other at the receiver. The pictures are sent three times faster than normal, each succeeding picture being relayed to the transmitter through a filter that selects the major color and holds back the rest of the light. Another color wheel at the receiving



Two Views of Apparatus with Which Natural-Color Pictures May Be Fransmitted and Received; the System Holds Great Possibilities for Television and Telegraphic Picture Service

end reproduces the monochrome pictures in series of red, green and blue-violet images at intervals of one-forty-eighth of a second. So, at the end of one-sixteenth of a second, three separate pictures are received and combined to produce natural colors. Combinations of the three major colors create as many as 212 different shades and hues. Synchronizing the color receiver with the transmitter is accomplished by pressing a button until the right color combination is received. Patents also have been granted for using a

moving spectrum from groups of prisms instead of color wheels. The system may be used with scanning disk, cathode ray, mirror disk or vibrating mirror types of television and is suitable for direct observation of the pictures or for projected pictures. Pictures transmitted over telegraph circuits also can be sent in full colors by the method.

(I) Although they float on salt seas, icebergs contain no salt, for they are formed of glacial ice that was originally snow.

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"Tattling" Films Record Sound for Evidence For recording a conversation which teen-millemeter cellulose acetate film to

may be used later by the police or others as evidence, a Chicago inventor has developed an apparatus which employs a sixreceive the sound recording, whether the sound be music or conversation. Any sounds audible to the human ear are em-

> bossed on the film and can be reproduced without any processing by simply reversing the operation of the apparatus. A microphone can be concealed in a vase of flowers or elsewhere in a suspect's room and connected by means of wires to the recording cabinet in another room. The apparatus is compact and inexpensive to operate.



Above, Listening to Sound Record on Film; Right, Microphone Is Concealed in Vase of Flowers

Self-Adjusting Pipe Wrench Grips at Any Angle 81354

There are no thumbscrews on the latest style of pipe wrench. It has a movable handle which can be set at any angle, a

convenience in working in cramped quarters. It is fixed at the desired angle by a thumb pressure that throws the pinions out of mesh, allowing free movement of the handle and jaws. Then, with

the jaws in position on the pipe, raising the handle pulls the jaws apart and lowering the handle forces them together; the harder the turn the tighter the grip, yet a lift on the handle will break the grip.

■No native to America, the honey bee was brought here by early colonists and now produces about 160,000,000 pounds of honey a year. millismeant



Crazy Mountains Once Home of Weird Animals

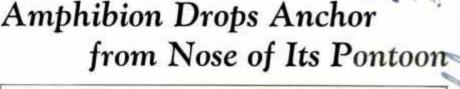
That strange animals once inhabited the Crazy Mountains region in Montana is revealed by the studies being conducted by Dr. George G. Simpson of the American Museum of Natural History. More than sixty species of weird creatures have been

found, ranging from squirrel-sized animals regarded as distant relatives of the great family of primates to creatures called bear-dogs, although they were not ancestral to either. These latter animals apparently were carrion-feeders, with hyena-like habits. Some very primitive forms of hoofed animals are in the Smithsonian Institution's collection from this region. These creatures lived in the paleocene epoch, or just after the dinosaurs had vanished.

Handy Wiping Disk Dries Bottles for Serving

To dry beverage and other bottles before serving them on the table there is a handy wiping unit consisting of an absorbent disk through the center of which the bottle is drawn. This dries

the "dew" or dampness from icing. After wiping the sides, a final rub on the disk cleans the bottom of the bottle. The unit also has a bottle opener.

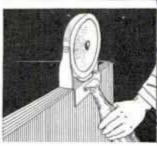




Stem of This Mushroom-Like Anchor Is Withdrawn into Nose of Pontoon When This Speed Champion of Amphibions Is Ready to Take Off

Peel off the nose of one pontoon on the world's fastest amphibion and you have an anchor. Weigh anchor, and a cable operated from the cockpit of the plane draws the mushroom-shaped anchor up from the harbor bottom, retracts its stem into the pontoon and the streamline nose is buttoned on for flight. Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, owner of the amphibion, is credited with a world's record speed of 230 miles an hour in the craft.





Drying a Bottle by Drawing It through Absorbent Disk; Bottle Cap Remover Is Also Provided

Safe Fluid Detects Watermarks

To help stamp collectors discern the watermarks on postage stamps, a special fluid has been developed. Unlike benzine, which is sometimes used for the purpose, it is non-inflammable and therefore safe. When the stamp is immersed in this liquid its watermark is instantly visible.

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Curved Cylinders on Engine Reduce the Weight



Pistons Describe a Semi-Circular Stroke in Curved Cylinders of This New Type Motor

Cylinders of a new two-cycle engine are built on a curve instead of being straightsided. The pistons describe a semi-circle on in and out strokes. Exceptional lightness and efficiency are claimed for the engine. The tops of the piston heads are cut on a diagonal instead of square to counteract the tendency of the pistons to cause excessive wear on the outer side of the cylinders. The force of the fuel explosions against the diagonal heads tends to drive the piston toward the inner side of the cylinder. The engine is air and oil cooled and has a special timing system. The design is said to be suitable for a steam, Diesel or gasoline motor.

Auto Warm Up Time Reduced by Quick-Start Gasoline

Tests of quick-starting gasoline developed by Standard Oil company scientists show that the warm-up period is reduced considerably, thus giving the driver control over the car in less time than ever

before. A car is not considered properly controllable until the warm-up period is over because there are times when good throttle control and acceleration are as important as good brakes. In 1926, an average car traveling twenty-five miles per hour at twenty degrees above zero would have to cover seventeen and two-tenths blocks, or about two miles before the engine would be humming properly. This year, the quick-starting gasoline reduces the warm-up period to less than four blocks. The new motor fuel is said to be achieved by strengthening the "frontend" volatility, producing a quick flash that starts the flame. The "heavy ends" of the gasoline keep the flame going to complete the operation efficiently.

Long-Handled Lawn Weeder Removes Dandelions

Particularly adapted to removing dandelions, a new weeder equipped with a long handle takes much of the work out of keeping the lawn clean. Operation of the device is simple. Removal of the dandelions and other weeds is permanent because the tool takes out the roots.



This Weeder Pierces to the Roots and Its Long Handle Obviates Tiresome Stooping in Care of Lawn

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Steel and Stone Protect Nation's Documents

In the recently completed Archives building in Washington, D. C., the nation's most precious documents, including the constitution and the declaration of independence, are guarded in a veritable fortress of steel and stone. One of the ornamental and protective features of the structure is a twenty-ton bronze entrance door opened or closed at the press of a button. The constitution and declaration of independence repose in the closely guarded shrine room, cut off from the rest of the building by metal bars. The building is air-conditioned and every safeguard is provided for the perpetual care of state papers and documents under conditions ideal for their preservation. It has been found that acid gases in the air hasten the destruction of paper and to prevent such contamination, the air in the Archives building will be washed in an alkaline solution. The building is five stories high and comprises 559,000 square feet of floor



Top, Twenty-Ton Bronze Doors Opened by Pressing a Button; Bottom, Constitution and Declaration of Independence Are Kept Safe Here

space, sufficient to house thousands of records which have been accumulated by the various government departments over a period of many years.

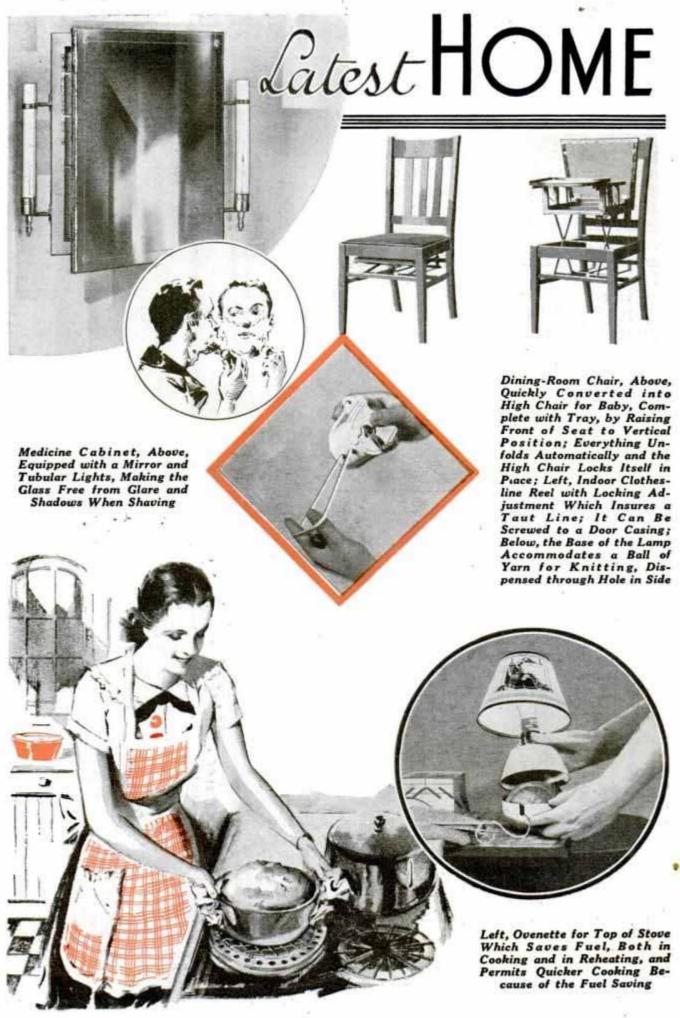
■Our Bureau of Information will answer questions regarding articles in this magazine, if accompanied by return postage.

Air Four Miles Up Is Found Free from Germs

From 20,000 feet to 28,000 feet, the air apparently is free of germs or what bacteriologists call sterile. This is the finding of Dr. George Walker, of Baltimore, who made a high-altitude flight in an army bombing plane to make the test. At 20,000 feet and at every 1,000 feet above to 28,000, Dr. Walker extended his hands through a slit in the front compartment of

the ship and opened a sterile flat glass dish containing solidized material on which germs grow. The dishes or plates later were incubated in the laboratory. On only two of twelve plates were there any microorganisms and these, Dr. Walker believes, were contaminated by organisms on his hands or clothing.

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Above, Both Hands Can Be Used to Turn the Jar When This Opener, Which Holds the Cover in a Vise-Like Grip, Is Used; It Can Be Adjusted to Hold Bottle Caps, as Well as Jar Covers; Below, Accurate Measuring Spoon for Powders or Liquids; Seven Units of Measurement Are Offered by Adjusting the Sliding Section

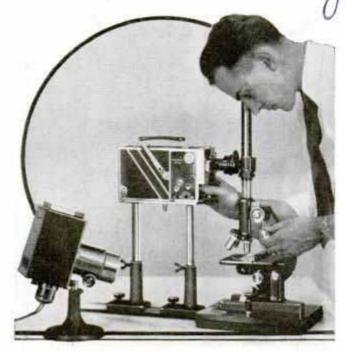




Above, This Washstand for the Bathroom Has a Built-In Bin for Soiled Linen, a Towel Rack, an Interior-Lighted Medicine Cabinet, a Convenient Shelf and an Upper Cupboard for Toilet Supplies; Left, Portable Window Shelf for Flowerpots Which Transforms the Usual Narrow Window Sill into a Wide Shelf with a Chromium Guard Rail; It Can Be Placed in Position without Using Any Tools and without Any Nails or Screws

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Cheap Micro-Movies in Color Made with Beam Splitter



Making Microscopic Movies with Lens Which Permits Observation of Subject While Filming It

Producing microscopic movies at low cost is made possible by a special observation eyepiece, developed by Bausch and Lomb Optical company, which acts as a beam splitter. The eyepiece is fitted to the camera in place of the regular lens. In the beam splitter is a forty-five degree prism which causes part of the light to be reflected to the film and part to be transmitted through the eyepiece so the operator can observe the action while the picture is being made. The device can be fitted to any microscope. Not only can the movies be made in black and white, but with Eastman's Kodachrome film, pictures in natural color can be obtained. Doctors. medical students and all scientific workers can make records in black and white or color, while the amateur, at modest expense, is enabled to make unusual movies of the activities of live specimens.

Radio System Free from Static 5 4 7 May Speed Television

Complete elimination of static from a radio program is accomplished by a new system devised by Maj. Edwin H. Armstrong of Columbia University. Initial demonstrations have been made on a wave length of two and one-half meters, and

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there are indications that the system would have applications in television broadcasting. But it also holds the possibility that some day the home radio receiver may be freed of static. In a recent test, during an electrical storm, signals from a 2,000-watt station atop the lofty Empire State building in New York were received and registered on phonograph records at a station eighty-five miles away. Uninterrupted reception, with no static, was the result. For comparison, a big 50,000-watt station, recorded at the same time, gave signals full of crashing jars and often unintelligible. The front page of a newspaper transmitted by the same method was received in clear, readable form. At the same time a musical program was transmitted, the first time in the experiments that music and the printed word had been sent and received together. The static-free system is the result of introducing into the transmitted waves a characteristic which does not exist in radio waves that nature creates in causing static. The receiver is so constructed that it picks up those radio waves having the special "man-marked" characteristics and discards the natural ones.

Small Motors Are Protected from Danger of Overload

Fractional-horsepower motors can be saved from the danger of overload, just as large engines are protected, by installing a thermal overload starter which breaks



the current whenever the overload
continues long
enough to menace
the motor. It does
not trip the line
on momentary or
starting overloads.
When the current
has been broken
and the operating
switch returned
to the "off" position, the motor

can be restarted after a short interval by merely pressing the starter button. This starter is useful on such motors as those on oil burners, washing machines, bench and portable tool machines.

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Group Hearing Aid

E ASILY installed in churches, theaters and other places of public assemblage, this group hearing aid is complete

in every detail. It is merely necessary to place the microphone in a convenient location in the sound field, plug the amplifier into the a.c. supply line and connect a few outlet boxes.

Volume controls are provided in each outlet box. In a church these boxes are fastened to the back of the pew, and in theaters to the frame of the seat as illustrated in Fig. 1; provision is also made for operating a small loud-speaker in another room. Two varieties of featherweight earphones are shown in Fig. 2, and the wiring diagram is given below. Installations of this description offer an attractive source of revenue to radio service men and experimenters. In some cases the church will install the amplifier, microphone and outlets while the individuals served purchase their own earphones.

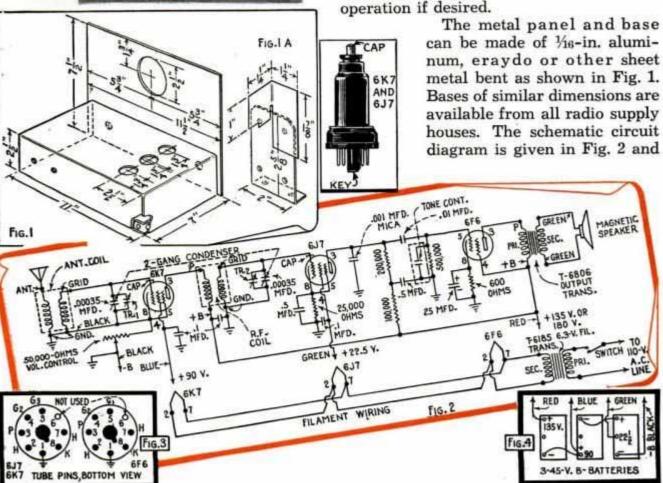


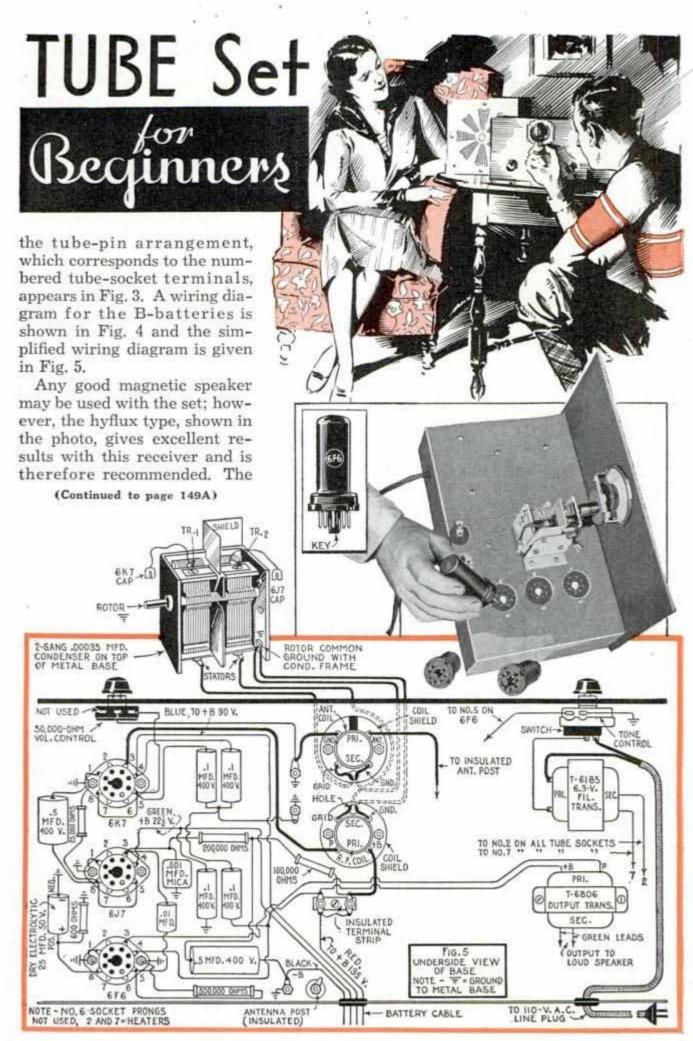
ALL-METAL

By PERRY S. GRAFFAM

ONLY three of the new all-metal tubes are required for this simple and efficient receiver which is capable of more than ordinary loud-speaker volume. It offers the beginner an easy-to-build up-to-date set, and the more advanced experimenters will find it well worth while as the possibilities of the all-metal tubes are convincingly demonstrated.

A tuned r.f. circuit is used as it is quite selective and not complicated to build. All parts are standard and no trick coils or special materials are necessary. In order to keep the receiver as simple as possible, B-batteries are used thus saving one tube and power transformer, as well as their associated parts. It is necessary, however, to use a filament transformer for the three tubes owing to the amount of current drawn by the filaments. Three heavy-duty B-batteries will last nearly a year, or the builder may use a B-eliminator for all a.c. operation if desired.





How to Make Low-Loss Antenna Connections



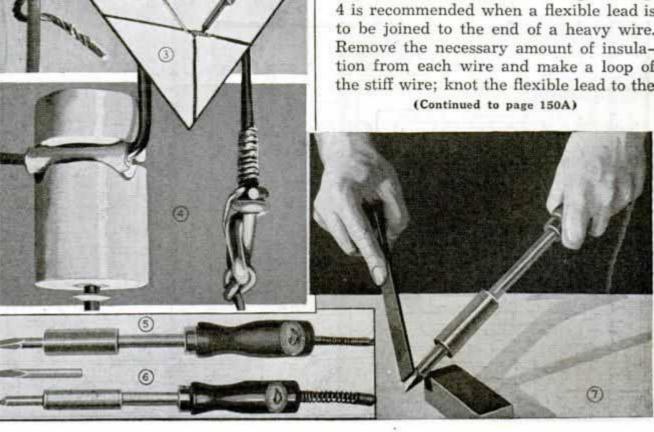
CIRCUS aerial gymnasts grasp each other's arms in perilous acrobatics, each holding the other's wrist. Grasp your wrists in the same manner and observe how your fingers twine naturally over the forearm. The strongest mechanical splice for antenna wire is made in the same general manner, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

When solder is sweated into

When solder is sweated into these tight turns, the junction of the two wires is stronger than the wire itself. Not alone does this insure a permanent antenna installation but the low resistance of the joint permits maximum sig-

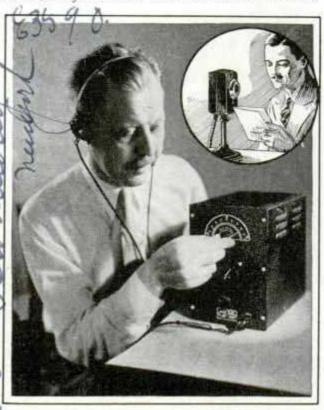
nal strength from distant stations to reach the receiver.

To join a flexible insulated lead-in to a stiff antenna wire of the usual No. 12 or 14 enameled-copper variety, carefully scrape the insulation from both wires: twist the strands of the flexible wire tightly and start a single winding with one turn-back loop as shown in Fig. 2. The turns are then pulled tight and the joint is well heated with the soldering iron before applying the solder as indicated in Fig. 3. The connection at the right in Fig. 4 is recommended when a flexible lead is to be joined to the end of a heavy wire. Remove the necessary amount of insulation from each wire and make a loop of the stiff wire; knot the flexible lead to the





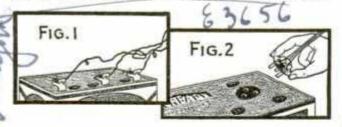
Five-Band Phone Monitor for Amateurs



Amateur Phone Monitor Showing Tuning Dial and Band-Changing Switch Mounted on Front Panel

This well-shielded monitor may be used in the same room with the transmitter or even by the operator himself, to detect carrier hum or audio distortion in any form. These faults can be heard immediately and corrected in the transmitter. It is a humless well-filtered unit with self-contained power supply, and has a continuous range from 5 to 200 meters.

Plug-and-Socket B-Battery Connections



Wrong connections, shocks and unsightly leads are eliminated by plug-andsocket B and C-batteries recently offered to owners of battery-operated receivers. The old and new methods are illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2; no wiring changes are necessary in the set. The socket holes are arranged to prevent wrong connections.

Compact I.F. Transformer Has Iron Core

Extremely small iron particles, treated with an insulating material, form the core of this compact i.f. transformer shown with one of the new all-metal tubes. Performance equal to, or

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better than, that obtained from welldesigned large air-core coils is claimed for these midget transformers which occupy about one-half as much chassis space.

Speaker Repair Kit for Service Men



A first-aid kit in loud-speaker work enables the service man to make quick repairs and solves one of the major problems in radio trouble shooting. Special tools and replacement parts are included,

Blueprints covering radio construction articles in past issues can be obtained for 25 cents each; when material lists are not included in the articles, these are available without charge on receipt of postage.

NEXT MONTH—How to Build the Improved Little Giant Portable A.C.-D.C. Broadcast Receiver. The 1936 model of this popular little 4-tube set has the following features: airplane-type dial calibrated in kilocycles; 2 pilot lights; improved dynamic speaker; gets police calls; low cost; easy to build; fine tone and range.

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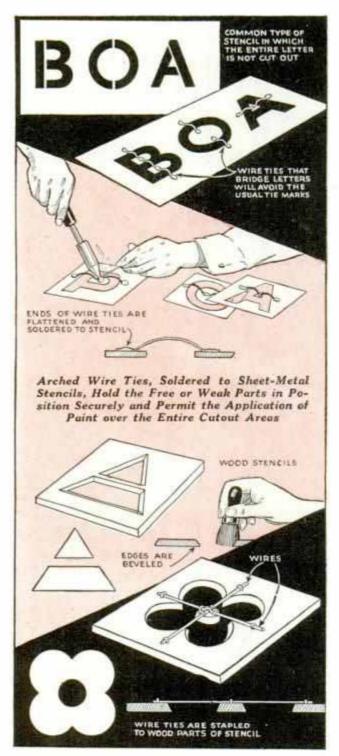
By GEOFFREY ARCHBOLD

Two of the chief objections to the usual type of stencils for decorating are their general flimsiness and the presence of the ties that hold the parts together. There are several ways of evading or remedying these mechanical limitations. The devices suggested in this article are for the relatively simple type of stencils used in wall decoration or in the multiple production of signs, toys, furniture, textiles, etc. They are not intended to supplant composite multiple stencils, or the screen-process, but to be used in cases where either of these are inadvisable or unavailable.

Ties of the customary type make the transferred design unduly spotty and complicated, and this sort of lettering or decoration, which is otherwise a fine piece of craftsmanship, carries with it the impression of cheapness, so often associated with stenciled work. In lettering, for example, the letters A, B, D, O, P, Q and R require ties to support their centers, (unless double stencils are used) and many of the other letters require ties to strengthen the stencil. In thin sheet-metal stencils, the usual tie is necessarily of noticeable width. By substituting wire ties and cutting out all of the design, tie marks can be eliminated. The ties are bent over the open areas of the stencils, enabling the user to get paint under them readily, and the ends are soldered to the solid parts. Copper or brass wire, of a gauge sufficiently heavy to hold the parts of the



Good Stenciling Technique Enables You to Use Simple Designs to Obtain Striking Effects; Stenciling without Tie Marks Offsets the Impression of Cheapness Often Associated with Stenciled Work



Wood Stencils with Beveled Edges, When Coated with Shellac or Varnish, Are Very Durable; the Free Parts May Be Held in Position with Tie Wires Held to the Wood with Small Staples

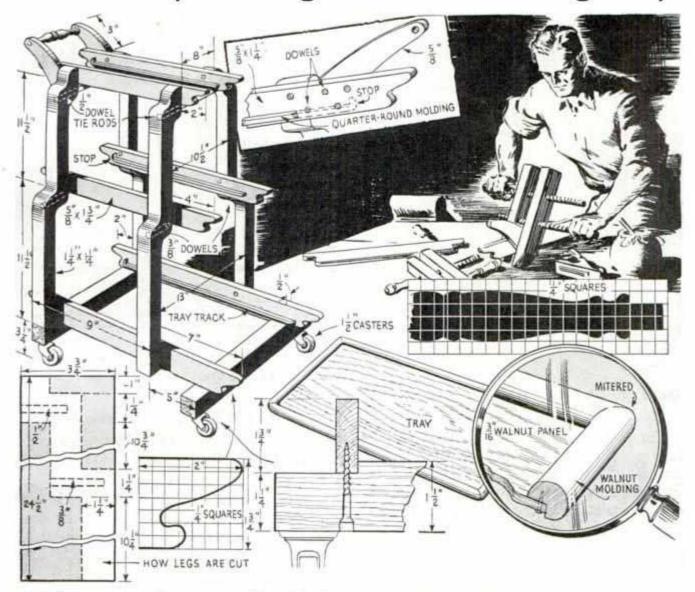
stencil rigidly, is used, and the ends should be flattened to permit a good contact for soldering. In the case of letters or designs having free portions two methods may be followed in soldering the free portions in place. One is to cut out the entire design, leaving no ties or attachments of any kind, and save the letter centers or free portions of the design. Lay the pieces on a smooth, heatproof surface, keeping them firmly in place with weights or thumbtacks and solder the wire ties in place as needed. The other method is to cut out the design, leaving one or, at most, two tiny shreds of metal, in places where the soldered tie will not touch, in order to retain each free portion. After soldering, all retaining shreds are carefully cut off.

Repeated beating of the brush on a sheet-metal stencil in constant use tends to hammer it out of shape. This is difficult to remedy in the more complex stencils cut in intricate designs or lettering, but in simpler designs, particularly those used for adding a second color, it is not difficult to make a thin wooden stencil that is almost indestructible. After applying the design to a square of any close-grained wood about 1/4 in. or less in thickness, it is cut out with a scroll saw, or with a chisel. The edges should be beveled to an angle of 45 to 60 degrees. It is then given a few coats of shellac or thin varnish. If such a stencil is in constant use, additional coats of finish should be applied at regular intervals, as the original wears away with use. Wooden stencils having no free parts have a distinct advantage over sheetmetal stencils in that it is possible, to a far greater extent, to cut the wood into various projecting points, tongues, and similar shapes, which would either bend out of position or break off entirely in thin sheet-metal construction. The wooden stencil does not beat out of shape and, if precautions are taken against warping, it always lies much flatter and in closer contact with the surface to be painted than a sheet-metal stencil. When not in use, wooden stencils should be cleaned and dried and placed under a suitable weight between two flat, heavy boards to prevent warping. It is also advisable to keep them in a dry place at a medium temperature.

In slightly more complex designs, particularly those having free parts, a wire tie may be used to hold the loose parts in position, as previously described in the construction of sheet-metal stencils. It is unnecessary to arch the wires in this case, as the thickness of the wooden plate gives the same effect. The wires should be attached firmly to the wooden plate by means of small staples. If they penetrate the plate, the projecting ends may be filed

down flush.

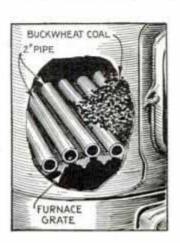
Three-Story Beverage Cart Has Sliding Trays



With its removable trays at three levels and side members that narrow toward the top, this castered beverage cart is a stable piece of furniture of either walnut or pine. The odd-shaped legs are band-sawed from a single piece, as indicated in the lower left-hand detail, and are reinforced at the "hips" with dowels to prevent splitting at these points. Horizontal tray supports, fitted with slides of quarter-round molding, are doweled to the legs, the bottom supports being fastened to heavier pieces carrying the casters. Two 1/2-in. dowel tie rods across the top of the leg assemblies serve the dual purpose of holding them together and of strengthening the upper hips. All joints and dowels are close fitting and are fastened with casein glue. A handle bracket assembly is shown in the upper center detail, and is attached with dowels and glue. Trays are a single panel of wood bounded with a molding.

Furnace Grates Bridged with Pipe to Burn Fine Coal

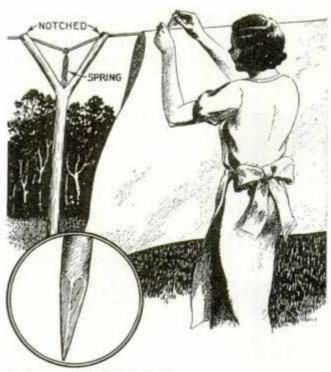
Here is a simple method I used to convert the grates in my furnace to handle buckwheat coal, which is very fine and



falls through ordinary grates.
Lengths of 2-in.
iron pipe were cut
to fit between each
pair of grates as
shown in the
drawing, thus
bridging the wide
openings between
them. The pipes
will not be dislodged from their
positions if care is

taken when shaking the grates.—Edward Apfelbaum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prop Has Coil Spring to Take Up Slack in Clothesline



Spring on Forked Clothesline Prop Keeps Wash Off Ground and Helps to Hold Line Taut

Consisting of a forked pole, this clothesline prop is unusually effective in that it not only keeps the wash off the ground, but tends to keep the line taut. The arms of the forked end are notched to receive the line, while a coil spring fitted with a hook at one end is fastened in the crotch with a large screw eye. When hooked over the line, the spring holds it in the notches and at the same time takes up some of the slack.

Fowl Cannot Fly Out of Pen When Wing Is Weighted

Instead of clipping a fowl's wing feathers to keep it from flying over a fence, wrap a short piece of wire solder around



the three largest feathers of one wing. The solder not only prevents full spread of the wing for flying, but also weights it down so that any flight will be made in a circle. The same result may be attained by wrapping the

feathers with adhesive tape, inclosing a small pebble or other similar weight.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Hip Boots Reinforced at the Folds Will Last Longer

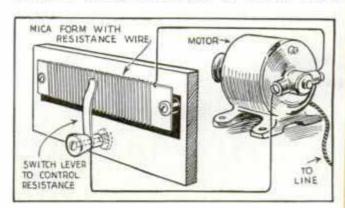
Hip boots, unless suspended from a hook when not in use, are usually folded for storage. This creases each boot in the same place until the fabric eventually cracks and causes leakage at these points. If cold patches, such as are used to re-



pair inner tubes, are applied at the folds, the life of the boots will be prolonged.

Homemade Rheostat Controls Speed of Small Motors

Small electric motors of the series or universal type may be connected to this rheostat so that their speed can be reduced to any value desired. The rheostat is made by winding Nichrome wire on a strip of mica, the edges of which have



Nichrome Wire Wound on Strip of Mica Makes Rheostat to Control Speed of Small Motors

been nicked to keep the turns of wire spaced properly. For 6-volt motors, No. 22 Nichrome wire is suitable, while No. 30 should be used for 110-volt motors. Amount of wire needed will have to be determined by experiment, as the resistance varies with different motors. Start with plenty of wire and gradually cut it down to get the desired resistance.



PART II—OCCASIONAL TABLE IN BLACK AND ALUMINUM

By W. T. Warde

THIS occasional table reflects the recent trend of the modern to simple lines and subdued color contrasts. Your choice

of materials can be aluminum, wood and Bakelite, or, for the Bakelite you can substitute Micarta, the new resin plastics, or ordinary plywood, which can be finished to resemble Bakelite closely. By this substitution you can lower the first cost considerably.

A two-tone inlaid top, two shelves of Bakelite and a hard-

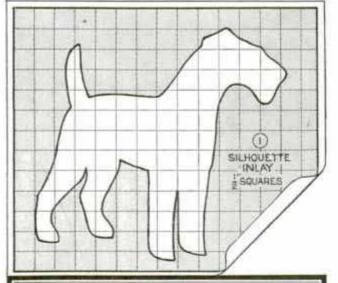
wood base come first. Figs. 2 and 3 picture the top, shelves and base. The wooden top disk and the base, recessed for a lead weight, are easy turning jobs. The circular Bakelite and aluminum disks can be

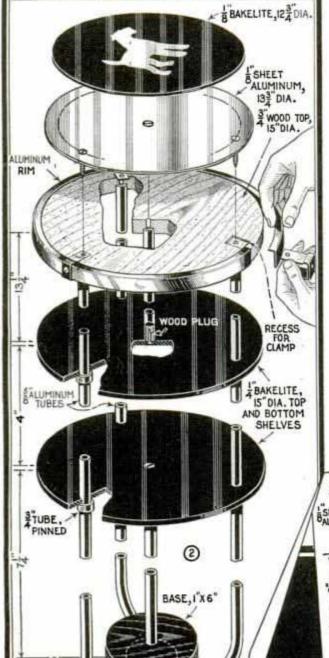
sawed to the rough size and finished with a sanding disk. While the wooden parts are still in the lathe, lines are scribed to give the location of the holes as indicated in Figs. 2, 3 and 5. Then you finish the base and the top disk with two coats of black enamel, rubbing the last coat to a dull gloss with pumice and rottenstone. The

inlay, Figs. 1 and 2, is easy. First, you cut out the silhouette from %-in. flat alumi-

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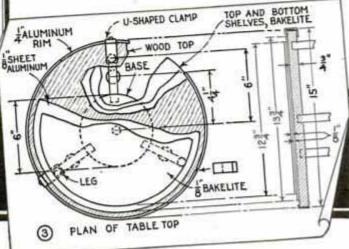
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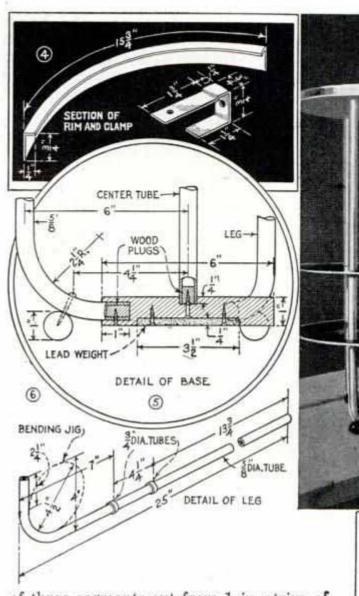
num. Lay it over the Bakelite disk, carefully scribe the outline, and saw out the waste. Then file to an exact fit.

Now the legs: For these you will need three pieces of %-in. aluminum tubing with 1/6-in. wall. Each piece is 48 in. long. The bending jig to be used here is the same as that described in the previous installment of this series. The tubes are first filled with clean, damp sand, and the ends plugged with a ½ by 2-in. length of dowel. Next, each leg is to be fitted with two collars cut from 34-in. aluminum tubing. However, only the lower collar can be put on the leg at the present time. Fig. 6 shows the location of the two collars which serve as supports for the shelves as you will see from Fig. 2. The metal rim about the wooden top disk, Fig. 2, consists

MATERIAL LIST

- 1 piece 1 x 8 x 8-in. birch
- 1 piece ¾ x 18 x 18-in. birch
- 2 pieces 1/4 x 16 x 16-in. Bakelite
- 1 piece 1/8 x 15 x 15-in. aluminum
- 1 piece 1/8 x 14 x 14-in. Bakelite
- 4 1-in. diameter button molds or ball feet
- 1 12-ft. length half-hard %-in. aluminum tubing, No. 16 ga.
- 1 6-ft. length half-hard %-in. aluminum tubing, No. 16 ga.
- 1 6-in. length half-hard %-in. aluminum tubing, No. 16 ga.
- 3 1-in. strips half-hard aluminum sheet 20 in. long, No. 20 ga.
- 1 piece 8-in. square half-hard aluminum sheet, 1/8 in. thick
- 1 piece hardwood dowel 24 in. long
- 2 lbs. pig lead
- 3 duralumin wood screws, round head, 5/4 in.
- 6 duralumin wood screws, flat head, 11/4 in.
- 6 duralumin wood screws, flat head, 1½ in.
- 6 aluminum rivets 1 in. long





BENDING

XZX6 BLOCK

of three segments cut from 1-in. strips of No. 20-ga. aluminum. One edge is bent at right angles as in Figs. 4 and 7. From this same material make three clamps as in Fig. 4, and you're ready to assemble.

To begin, you press the curved ends of the legs into the base and fasten with screws as in Fig. 5. Then drill holes for screws in the curved section of the tubing as in Fig. 5, the screws holding the ball feet. Now you set up the center tube and slide the lower shelf down over the legs until it rests on the collars. Then drive a single screw through the shelf into the plugged end of the center tube. Next come the upper collars, and on top of these, the upper shelf with the second section of the center tube screwed in place. Follow with the top, the assembly of which is clearly shown in Fig. 2. Screws hold the aluminum overlay, but the top overlay must be fastened to the aluminum disk with liquid solder. Clamp the parts together until the solder sets.

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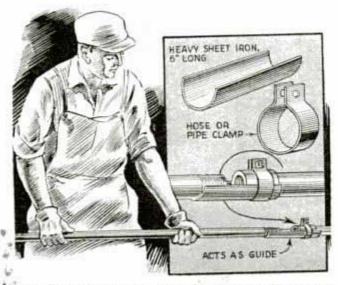
A mold for the lead base weight can be made by recessing a block of wood, the recess to be ¼ in. deep and 4 in. in diameter. After you pour the lead, remove the casting and drill two or three holes near the outer edge, then fit into the recessed base and fasten with screws.

Now to finish, you will need to do some smoothing up with a file and fine emery cloth. After this, all that remains is polishing the metal with a good metal polish.

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Lengths of Pipe Joined Single-Handed When Using This Guide

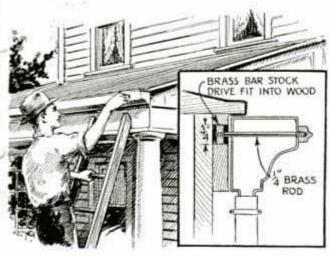


It's No Trick to Join Long Pieces of Pipe if a Guide
Is Clamped to the End of One Piece

When joining two long pieces of pipe single-handed, this guide will make the job easy. Simply clamp a piece of heavy sheet metal around the coupling at the end of one pipe, allowing it to project to guide the threaded end of the other pipe.

Eave Troughs Bolted to Building Are Removable for Painting

Most eave troughs are painted only where exposed to view, and the inaccessible parts are left to rust. By installing them so that they will be removable without involving much work, their entire surfaces can be painted periodically, with the result that the life of the troughs will be prolonged for years. A good method of making eave troughs removable is to bolt



If Eave Troughs Are Bolted to Building They Can Be Removed to Paint Parts Usually Inaccessible

them in place as shown in the detail. Holes ³/₄ in. in diameter are drilled at regular intervals in the side of the house and then plugged tightly with short pieces of brass, which have been drilled and tapped to take brass rods. These are threaded at the ends and are inserted through the troughs. Nuts on the other ends hold the troughs firmly in place.

Pickling-Jar Compressor Is Adjustable

In pickling meats at home, it is essential to keep them submerged in a brine solution. This is usually done by placing a board over the contents of the jar and weighting it down with a stone, which is



rather unhandy, especially when portions of the contents are to be removed occasionally. A better method is to attach a wire bail under the rim of the jar and use a notched stick for the compressor as shown. By placing the lower end of

the stick against the board and pressing it down, the bail is made to engage one of the notches to hold the meat submerged.

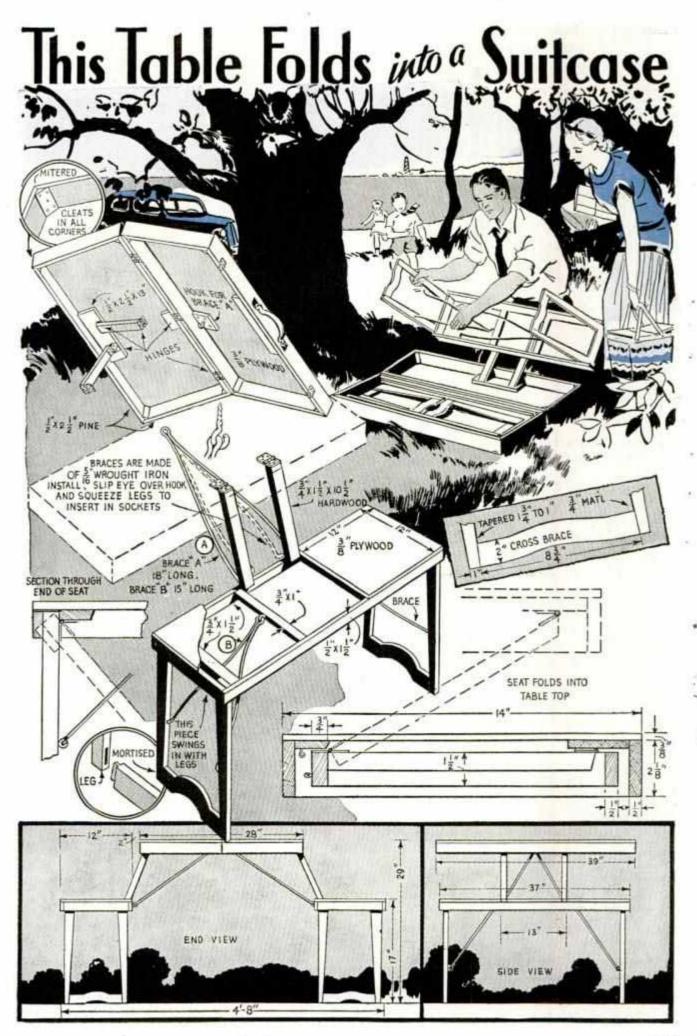
Motor Speed Reduced with Hand Grinder

For obtaining slow motion in animated window displays, for coil winding or for any other purpose where a speed-reduction unit is needed, a hand grinder will often do the trick. Of

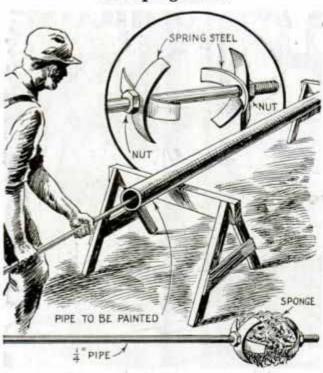


course, it must be remembered that a grinder should be used only for light work of this kind. Belt the motor to the emery stone and substitute a pulley of the desired size for the grinder handle. When winding coils the spool on which the coil is to be wound may be fastened to the handle shaft.

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Large Pipe Is Painted on Inside Surface with Sponge Swab



Sponge, Compressed between Spring Holders on Small Pipe, Fits Snugly inside Large Pipe

On a job where the inside surfaces of a number of 2-in. pipes were to be painted, a swab of the type shown was rigged up to do the work quickly. A length of ¼-in. pipe was threaded back several inches from one end, after which two nuts and four pieces of spring steel were assembled on it to hold a sponge as shown. In use, the sponge end of the tool is dipped in the paint and then pushed back and forth through the pipe to leave an even coat on the inside.

Correct Developing Time Is Checked Against Sample Negative



Difficulty of knowing when to remove a negative from the developer is overcome easily by using a sample negative of correct density and contrast. Coat the back of the sample evenly

with a good grade of white enamel, which has been mixed with an equal amount of thinner. Then fasten the sample over one side of a ruby lamp with adhesive tape. By holding a negative that is being developed in front of the other half of the lamp, you can judge if it has the correct density.

Neckties Held on Crimped Coat Hanger

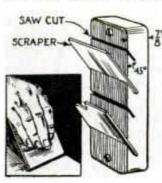
By crimping a wire coat hanger, you have a holder that will keep your neckties in neat order. The wire can be crimped easily with a pair of pli-



ers, the raised portions of the crimped wire keeping the ties separated.

Steel Scrapers Protected against Nicking

A block of wood, having several saw cuts as shown, makes a good holder in which to keep your steel scrapers to avoid nicking them, which often happens when



they are kept with other tools. The holder should be screwed to a wall within convenient reach from the workbench.—Edward J. Hartel, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Sharpening Glass Cutter on a Lathe

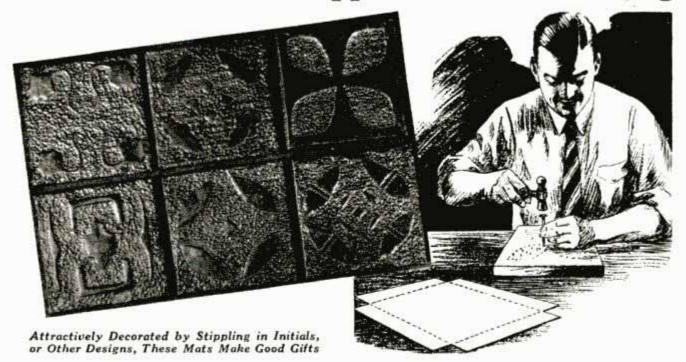
Glass cutters need not be discarded because the cutting wheels have become dulled as they can be sharpened on a lathe or drill press. Turn a wood disk or short cylinder



and then, holding the glass cutter against the rotating disk as shown, press a piece of emery board against the cutting wheel at the proper angle to give it a new edge.

¶When the draft on a boiler or furnace door sticks, lubricate it with powdered graphite rather than oil, which burns off.

Hot-Dish Mats of Stippled Tin Are Lasting



These mats, made of tin backed with 34-in. wood blocks, preferably plywood, have an advantage over the usual types in that they are practically indestructible and can be made in unlimited designs. Use soft tin of medium weight and cut it to the size desired, allowing enough overlap at the edges to bend down over the sides of the block. First shape the tin over a block of the same size as the backing block to be used. Then, with a hammer

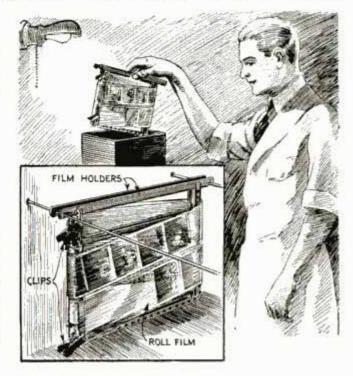
and a large nail, stipple in the design. To simplify this work, first trace the design on a piece of paper and cement the latter to the tin. Then you can stipple right, through the paper, thus avoiding errors. After the stippling job is done, remove the tin to the backing block and tack it to the sides with small brads. To protect finished surfaces, cover the bottom of the mat with felt, using glue or rubber cement as an adhesive.

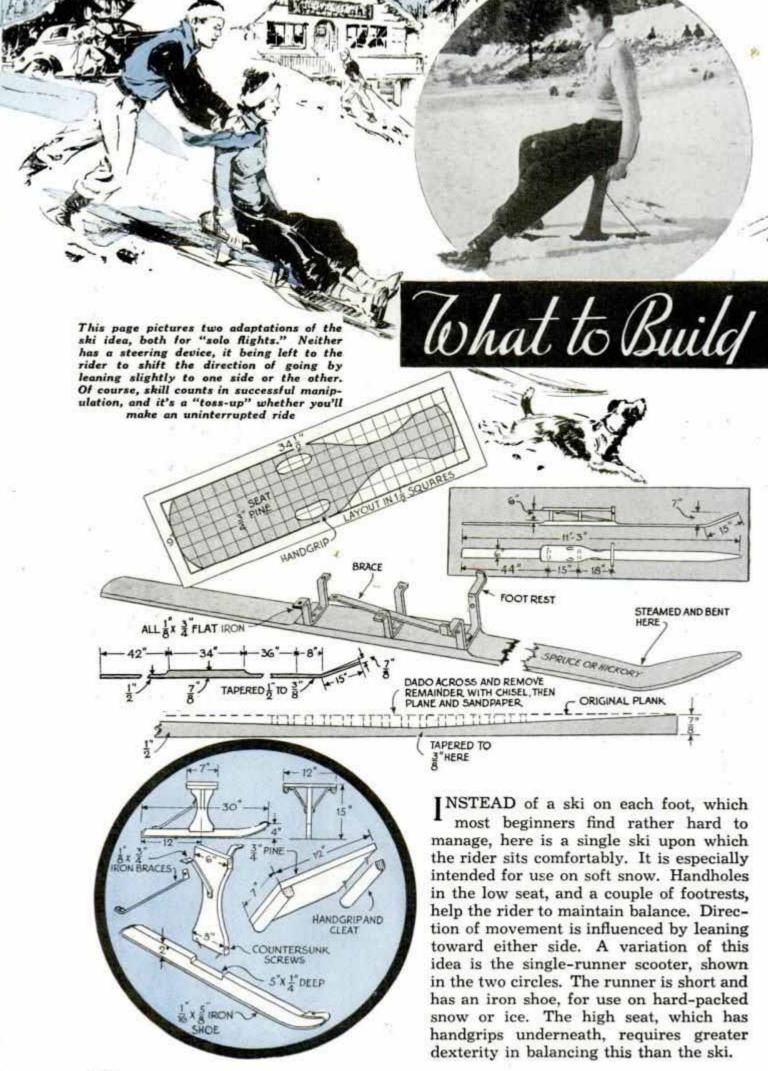
Roll Film Is Developed in Regular Tank with This Holder

Wrapped spirally around two film holders, roll film can be developed in a regular tank. The holders are bound together tightly with cord so that the layers of film will not touch each other. Also, take care in wrapping so that the turns do not overlap. Regular metal clips may be used to fasten the ends of the roll to the holders.—Fred G. Korth, Chicago.

Wallpaper Patches Made Unnoticeable

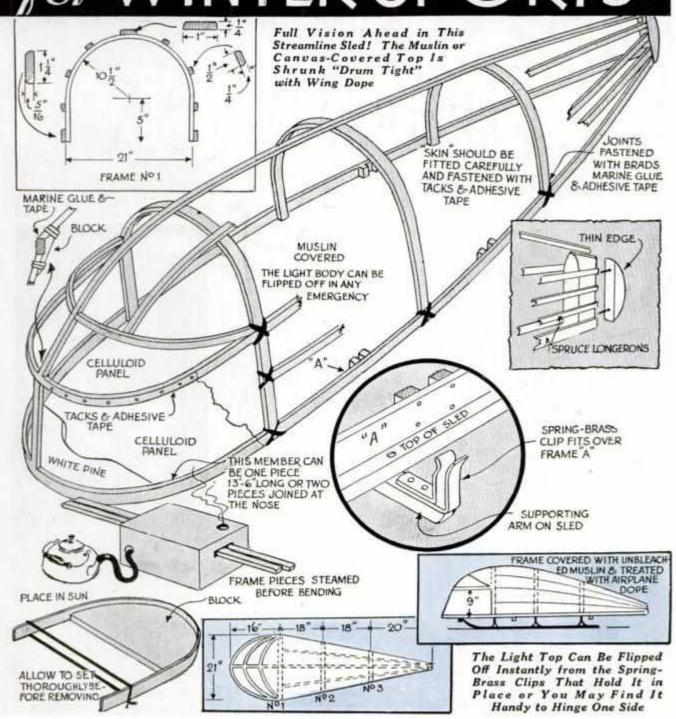
When repairing wallpaper, use a patch which has first been placed in the sun and faded to the approximate shade of the old paper. Do not use a square rectangular piece, but tear it so that the edges will be irregular. By matching the designs on the paper and using this method of applying the patch it is scarcely noticeable.

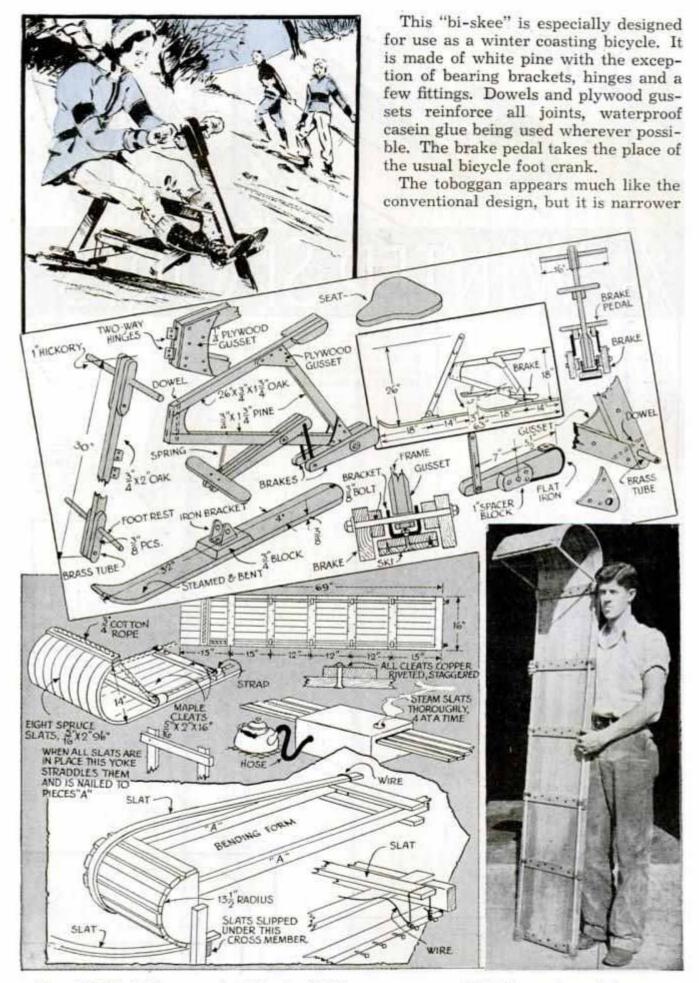




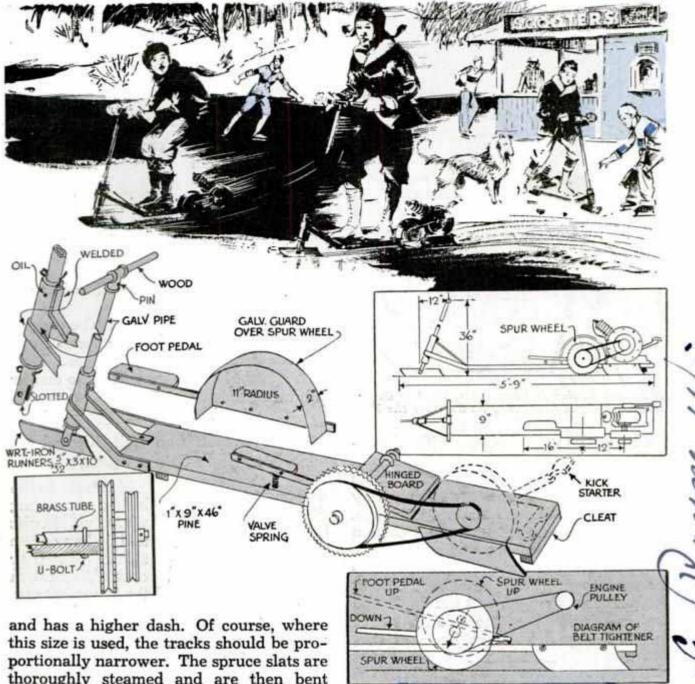


FOR WINTER SPORTS





Above, "Bi-Skee" gives you a fast "bicycle ride" down a snow-covered hill. Too much speed, however, may call for the application of brakes that are foot-controlled. Below, for most purposes of tobogganing, this 6-ft. job will be just the thing. The curved front is uniformly bent on the form shown



and has a higher dash. Of course, where this size is used, the tracks should be proportionally narrower. The spruce slats are thoroughly steamed and are then bent over the form, being held down at the other end with wire. When the slats have all been bent, they are straddled with a yoke so they will lie flat. After drying for 48 hrs. in dry weather, the slats are removed and assembled to maple cleats by copper-riveting. When the job is finished apply several coats of shellac, rubbing each with steel wool when dry. The finish coat is sandpapered and waxed.

The motor-driven scooter has wroughtiron runners, a single one at the front which is used for steering, and two at the rear. The spur wheel is covered with a guard and is driven by the belt only when the foot pedal is depressed. Motor-control lines should be handy on the steering bar and a foot brake should be provided.

Motor-Driven Scooter Is the Outstanding Number in the Winter Ice Carnival; You Can Obtain Small

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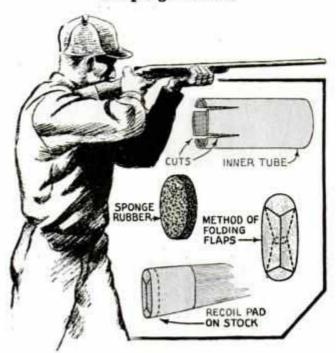
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"Kick" Taken Out of Gun with Recoil Pad of Sponge Rubber



If Sponge Rubber Is Unavailable, Wool or Other Non-Wadding Material May Be Used for the Pad

Why bruise your shoulder with a heavily loaded shotgun when you can make a recoil pad for a few cents? Cut off a length of inner tube, of a size to stretch tightly over the stock, and slit one end as shown. Slip the tube over the stock and place a piece of sponge-rubber pad against the butt plate. The pad should be trimmed to the same shape as the plate. Then cement the tube over the pad, first the upper and lower flaps and then the side flaps over them.—George J. Thiessen, Fremont, O.

Marbleizing Cardboard for Sign Work

Amateur show-card writers, who have admired the vari-colored marble effects



on cards displayed in store windows, will be surprised to learn that the production of such background designs is extremely simple. A deep pan is filled with water and several drops of different oil colors are add-

ed. As the oil rises to the surface, the water is stirred and the card immersed in it, edgewise. When lifted, the oil colors

adhere to the card in beautiful mottled or marble designs. This idea is also adaptable to bordering your stationery by simply dipping the edges of each sheet into the water in the same way.

"Hot-Bottle" Cup Held with Paper Handle

Grasping a hot cup of coffee from an insulated bottle in your bare hands isn't much fun, but you can manipulate it easily with a strip of paper, folded over several times and



then slipped around the cup. The ends of the improvised handle serve the purpose of an "ear" and, as paper is a good insulator against heat, there will be no danger of burning the fingers.

Noisy Washtub on Wall Silenced by Tight Grip of Spring

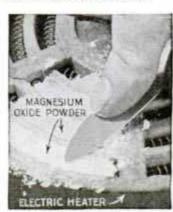


If you are in the habit of hanging your washtubs and boilers on the side of a porch or outbuilding, fasten the lower handles with coil springs as shown. This will keep the tubs from being blown down, and will also keep the wind

from swinging them against the building which is especially annoying at night.

Protecting Coils of Electric Heater

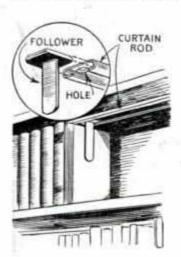
Spread over the exposed heating coils of an electric hot plate or stove, magnesium oxide powder protects the Nichrome wire against air, which soon oxidizes it and causes the coils to burn out



prematurely. Pack the powder firmly into the grooves of the coil holders and level it off with a straightedge. Heat from the coils soon fuses the powder to a solid mass.

Bookrest Slides in Curtain Rod

Nailed to the underside of a bookshelf top and fitted with a follower, the channeled part of a telescoping curtain rod will be effective in keeping books upright.

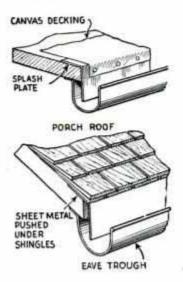


The follower is merely two strips of heavy sheet brass bent at right angles near the upper ends and soldered together to form a tee, a third strip being soldered across the top of the tee to strengthen the assembly. Or, if desired, you can use two pieces of

flat iron and weld them together. In use, pressure of the books against the follower causes the horizontal part to bind in the curtain rod and keep it from slipping. The follower is adjusted by relieving the pressure so that it can be moved.—Lester P. Young, Culver, Ind.

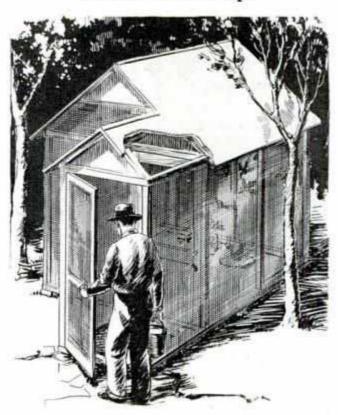
Eave Splash Plates Protect Your Home

Pushed under the shingles and then bent down into the eave troughs, a strip of sheet metal will keep water from being blown under the edge of the shingles where it may cause the wood to decay by keeping it damp for several days at a time. This idea also holds true on



porches that are covered with a canvas decking as shown in the upper detail.— L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

Outdoor Aviary Equipped with 'Vestibule' So Birds Won't Escape



Both Doors Should Be Fitted with Coil Springs and Also with Hooks on the Inside

By building an entrance with two doors, the bird fancier can enter his aviary without any possibility of the birds getting away, because only one door is opened at a time. In case a bird does escape into the entrance, you can get it back into the aviary again before the outer door is opened.

Two Pairs of Trousers Hung on One Hanger with Spring Clothespins

Screwed to the crossarm of a wooden coat hanger, four spring-type clothespins enable you to suspend two pairs of trousers from the hanger so that either pair can be removed without disturbing the other.

The clothespins are screwed in pairs to opposite sides of the crossarm, which then serves as a spacer between the trousers so they can be hung up or removed easily.—
Bob Ruskauff, Long Beach, Calif.







PART I—BUILDING THE CHASSIS

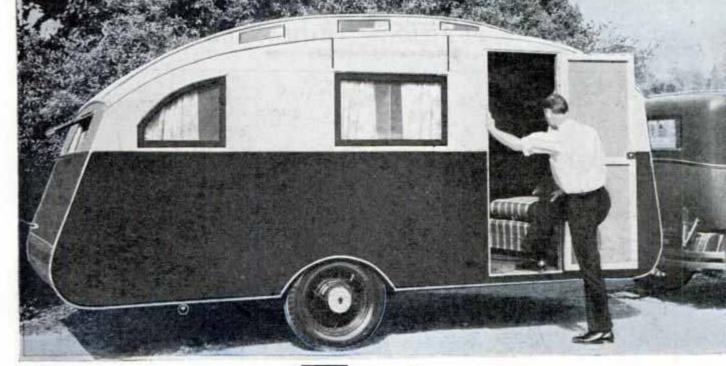
STYLED in the latest streamline, roomy, yet light and sturdy, this trailer affords you all the comforts of home. "Roadability" is assured by a clever arrangement of interior fittings to give an equal distribution of weight. An underslung axle of unique and original design maintains a low center of gravity and at the same time provides a spring seat as close to the wheel as possible. The tubular construction of the axle reduces the unsprung weight to the minimum.

Construction begins with the sills. Fig. 1 gives you a perspective view of the underframe assembled, and over in Figs. 4 and 5 you will find the essential dimensions.

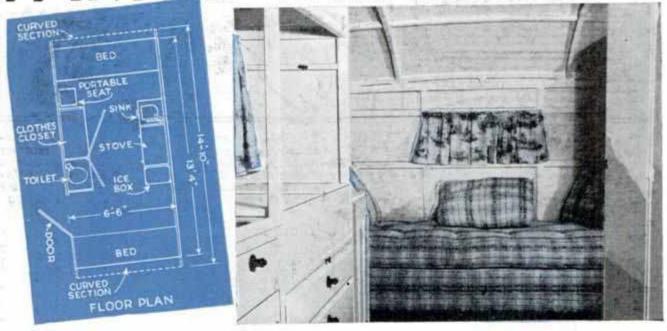
The sills, A in Fig. 1, are of selected hard maple, 2¼ by 4 in. in cross section, and are joined by spruce cross members, B, 1½ by 2½ in. in section. All joints are mortised and secured with ¾6-in. carriage bolts. Before you begin work, notice from Fig. 4 that all the cross members, except the ends, are spaced on centers. A section of each sill between the third and fifth cross members is rabbeted to take the fender as shown in Fig. 1 and the detail at the left in Fig. 5. With this rabbet cut at the bench you can mortise the sills and cross members.

Are Conveniently Arranged and Adequate Cross Ventilation Is Provided by Numerous Screened Windows

The care you use in mortising determines to a great extent the rigidity and



FAMILY TRAILER ...

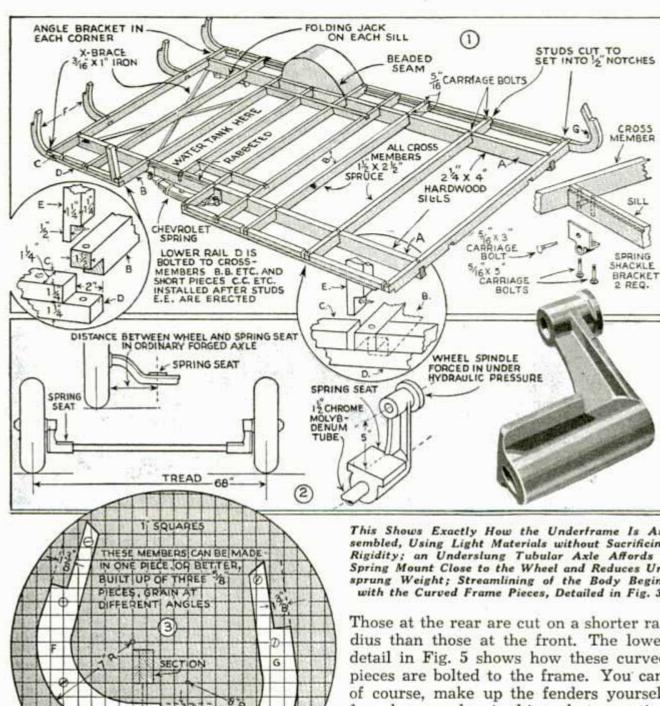


For Sleeping Quarters That Will Accommodate Four Persons, a Luxurious Studio Couch Is Placed at Each End; the Aluminum-Painted Top Reflects Heat, Keeping the Interior Cool; for Added Insulation, the Walls and Top May Be Made Double

strength of the frame. Accuracy in laying out the spacing and depth of the cuts and the use of a miter box in sawing down the shoulders of the mortises will assure a close fit. Scoring the depth of each mortise with a marking gauge will aid in chipping out the waste with a chisel, as the last few chips will break off at the scored line. Now you level two sawhorses on the floor and place the sills on these. Then with the cross members in place you can check the fit of all the joints and bore the \%16-in. holes for the bolts. When you bore

these holes it will help to clamp the parts tightly together so that the bit goes through the two members as though they were one piece. Waterproof casein glue is used in all joints of the underframe. Now with this assembly set up and bolted together, be sure, before the glue sets, to check the frame at each corner with a square. If necessary, put clamps on the frame to hold it in the square position until the glue is dry.

Now you're ready for the lower rails, fenders, springs, and the curved end mem-



bers. The cross members are halved at the ends to take the lower hardwood rails, which are 11/4 by 11/4 in. in section. These rails, part D in Fig. 1, are bolted to the cross members with 5/6-in. bolts. There are two longitudinal pieces halved into the cross members directly over the axle. These form an opening for the water tank. Fig. 3 shows what you will want to know about the curved end members, F and G.

This Shows Exactly How the Underframe Is Assembled, Using Light Materials without Sacrificing Rigidity; an Underslung Tubular Axle Affords a Spring Mount Close to the Wheel and Reduces Unsprung Weight; Streamlining of the Body Begins with the Curved Frame Pieces, Detailed in Fig. 3

Those at the rear are cut on a shorter radius than those at the front. The lower detail in Fig. 5 shows how these curved pieces are bolted to the frame. You can, of course, make up the fenders yourself from heavy galvanized iron, but your tinsmith, with the equipment he will have at hand, can do a neater job in far less time and at a nominal cost. The fenders are cut on a 16-in, radius but not to a full semicircle, as they are only 14 in. deep and 10 in. wide. Chevrolet front springs are mounted on the sills as in Fig. 1, the shackle brackets being bolted to the sill as in the detail at the right. The bolts holding the shackle brackets should be a snug fit in the holes bored through the wood. It's a good idea to use lock washers on all bolts in the underframe.

Now that you've progressed to this stage you're ready to start with the axle. As shown in Fig. 2, this is a simple affair con-

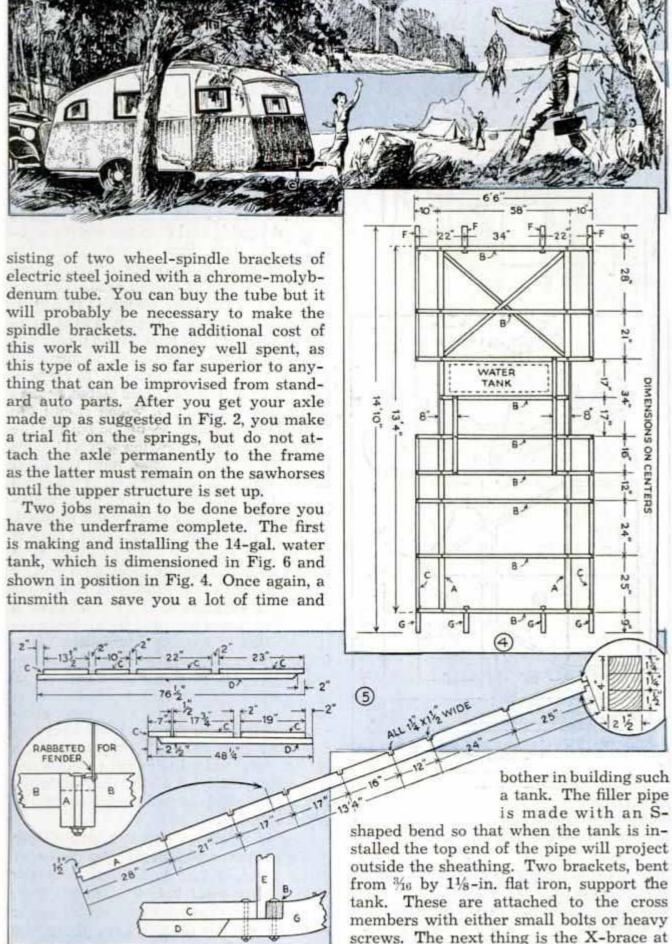
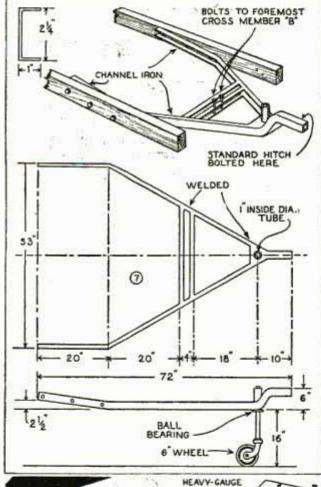


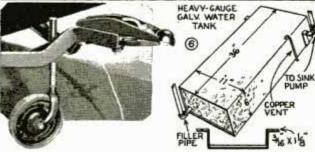
Fig. 4 Gives You a Dimensioned Plan of the Underframe Shown Assembled in Fig. 1, While Fig. 5 Details the Sills and Lower Rails

screws. The next thing is the X-brace at

the rear, and the 1 by 21/4-in. channel-iron A-frame, which carries the coupler and the caster wheel at the front. Details on







An A-Shaped Frame of Channel Iron Carries the Trailer Hitch and Caster Wheel; the Galvanized Tank Supplies Water to a Marine-Type Pump

the construction of the A-frame are given in Fig. 7, and the X-brace is shown installed in Figs. 1 and 4. The A-frame calls for a simple welding job and the fitting of a bushing to take the spindle of the caster wheel. The bushing can be made from a short length of tubing. The A-frame is not installed permanently at this time as it would interfere with the body sheathing.

You will need two folding jacks to support the rear end of the trailer when it is parked. These are attached to the sills with a bracket as in Fig. 1; they serve to prevent tipping and ease the weight resting on the tires. Provide a reliable catch or hook so that the jacks will not drop down when you're on the road. You can also get out the filler pieces, C in Fig. 1. The position of these is shown in the enlarged detail at the left. These pieces are cut to fit but are not installed permanently until the studs, E, are erected. In connection with the fitting of these pieces, see the lower detail in Fig. 5, which shows the curved end member, G, bolted both to the cross member and the filler piece, C. This assembly is not completed until the studs are set up at the four corners, as the studs are glued and screwed to the cross members before the filler piece is put in place. When you cut these filler pieces be sure of the length. Properly cut and fitted, with the studs in place, they contribute greatly to the strength and rigidity of the whole structure. Just now is also a good time to check the frame over for slight inequalities which might cause trouble when laying the floor. A straightedge will show up any high spots on the cross members. If necessary, level up with a plane. To insure close fit of the studs, scrape away any excess glue where the cross members join the outer rails. For wheels you can use any of the standard wire auto wheels fitted with a 5:50 by 17-in. tire. Suitable bearings should be purchased to fit the wheel spindles.

Now to finish up, you can give all the parts of the underframe two coats of black paint, a primer first, then follow with a body coat. It is well, in painting, not to cover those sections of the lower rail where the studs join the rail and the end of the cross member, as glue is to be used in these joints.

(To be continued)

Name Is Printed on Photos with Flashlight

Preferable to stamping or writing, this flash-light name printer permanently marks your photos by exposing them at one corner before development, so that your name, initials or monogram will appear in black as a permanent part of the photo. Use a flashlight having a flat lens. Take it apart and solder a tin angle to the

Lighted Flashlight, with Negative Carrying Name Placed over Lens, Is Held above Corner of Undeveloped Print to Expose Sensitized Paper

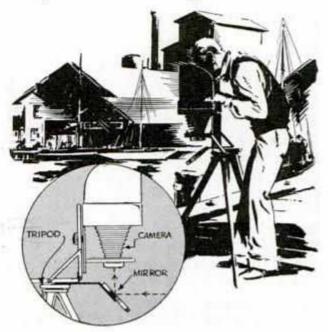
lens cap as shown in detail C to serve as a guide in getting the name uniformly on all photos. Then cement a small piece of frosted glass to the underside of the lens A to diffuse the light, using a little table gelatin dissolved in water or a drop of Canada balsam. Next print your name on white paper with India ink and photograph it. Develop the film in contrast developer to obtain clear lettering on an opaque background. Then cut out the portion of the film carrying the name in

the form of a disk, detail B, to fit over the lens. Assemble the flashlight with the disk between the lens and the cap. In use, place each print, after it has been printed, but not developed, on the edge of a board or table and hold the flashlight above it as shown for about 5 seconds to expose this portion of the paper. Then turn off the flashlight before lifting it from the paper to avoid blurring the name, after which the print is developed in the regular way.

—Ivan C. Luckman, Erie, Pa.

Drawing by Tracing Images Reflected through Camera

By using a small plate-glass mirror and a tilting tripod top, arranged as shown in the drawing, any focusing type of camera having a ground glass, can be used to make drawings. Substitute a sheet of plain glass for the ground glass in the camera back, and if the back is not already equipped with a viewing hood, to keep out unwanted light, one can be made from cardboard. The mirror is fastened to one end of a narrow piece of heavy sheet metal, the other end being clamped between the tripod and tilting top. Adjust the mirror at an angle so that the scene will be reflected into the camera lens. With the lens wide open and a sheet of tracing paper over the glass in the camera back, drawings are easily made.



Irregular Lathe Turnings Sanded Easily with Tapered Abrasive Stick

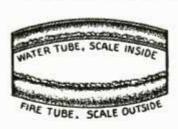


Stick Covered with Sandpaper Gets into Grooves of Turnings That Can't Be Sanded in the Regular Way

For greater ease in sanding various grooves in turned pieces, take a round, tapered stick and wrap it with abrasive paper. This permits getting into any groove or following almost any curve on a turning, and does a quick, efficient sanding job.

Why Boiler Tubes Buckle

It has been observed that when tubes in a horizontal water-tube boiler buckle, they bend upward, while those in the fire-tube type of boiler buckle downward.



When the steel, of which the tubes are made, becomes heated, it naturally weakens. Therefore, the hottest side is the weakest. In the

water-tube boiler, the weakest side is on the bottom. The compressive forces acting on the tube, when in operation, are equal, and are opposite in direction, acting from the ends parallel with the tube. The hotter side compresses more readily than the cooler side. Therefore, in the case of the water-tube boiler, the buckling is upward. For the same reason, the upper side in the fire-tube boiler is the hottest and the buckling is downward. Another contributory cause of buckling is soot and ashes, which are deposited to the greatest depth on the top or outside of the tubes in a horizontal boiler, and on the bottom or inside of the tubes of a fire-tube boiler. This deposit, of course, insulates part of the tubes against heat, with the result that buckling occurs toward this part.—W. F. Schaphorst, Newark, N. J.

Developing Photo Prints Evenly

When certain parts of a photo print develop too dark before other parts reach sufficient depth, an excellent "short stop" is as follows: Prepare a solution consisting of 28 per cent acetic acid, 2 oz., and water, 1 qt. Before the print has devel-

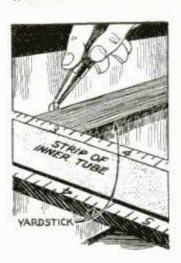
oped in the darker portions to the sufficient depth, immerse the photo in the solution. This will stop development immediately. Then wash the print with water and,



still under a safelight, apply developer with a cotton swab to the parts which will be too light. When they have almost reached the desired depth, immerse the print in the developer again until sufficient blackness is attained. This will eliminate all lines caused by "local" developing.

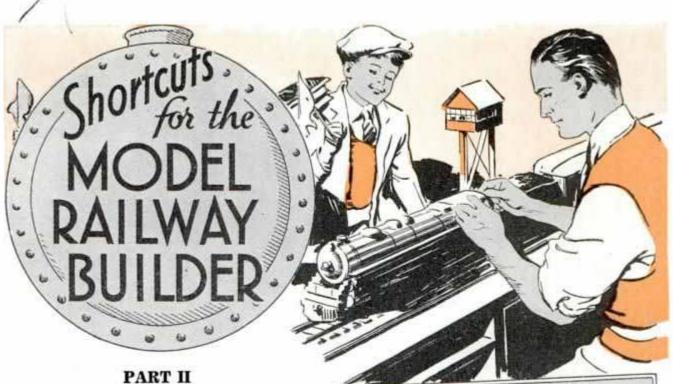
Non-Slip Straightedge for Cutting Glass

When cutting glass, a straightedge faced with rubber on one side, which is laid on



the glass, will prevent slipping. A piece of inner tube is ideal for the purpose and is attached by applying two coats of rubber cement to both the rubber and straightedge, letting the first coat dry before applying the next. After the second coat has dried, the

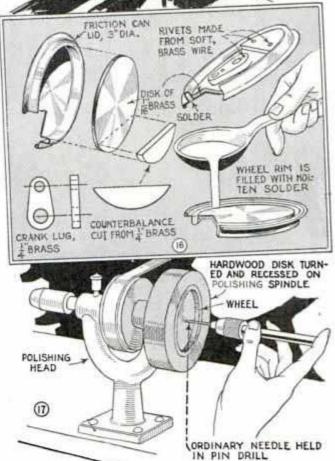
rubber strip is pressed into place.—A. J. Kaufmann, Los Angeles, Calif.



Wheels, Valve Gear and Motor Drive

BY USING ordinary friction can lids, a couple pieces of brass and molten solder you can make model locomotive drive wheels without any machine work. Before you conclude that this results in crude work, look at Fig. 27, which shows a complete chassis ready for the electric drive. In this case all the wheels were made from can lids. Fig. 16 shows you how. Of course, the can lids for any set of wheels should be of uniform size and those selected have to be free from dents, bends or other imperfections. When using the can lid, you already have the tread and flange of the wheel virtually made to order. All that is necessary, is to add to each wheel three parts; a reinforcing disk, a counterbalance and a crank lug. All these parts are sawed from solid brass to the size called for on your blueprints. Then they are finished before soldering and riveting to the wheel. The rivets can be made from soft brass wire. After you have these parts in place, turn the wheel over, flux the concave rim and fill it with molten solder. Then a bit of cleaning up with a file will make your wheel ready to mount on the axle.

Finding the exact center of the wheel as in Fig. 17 is very important. Lacking a wood lathe you can use a polishing head. The hardwood disk is screwed on the tapered end of the polishing spindle and



turned into round. Then it is recessed to take the drive wheel in a tight press fit and, with the work revolving, you can locate the center with a needle held in a pin drill. When, after trial, the needle remains steady you have the exact center of the wheel. Mark this for spotting with a prick punch. You can use the same hardwood disk as a jig when you drill the holes for the main axles on the drill press.

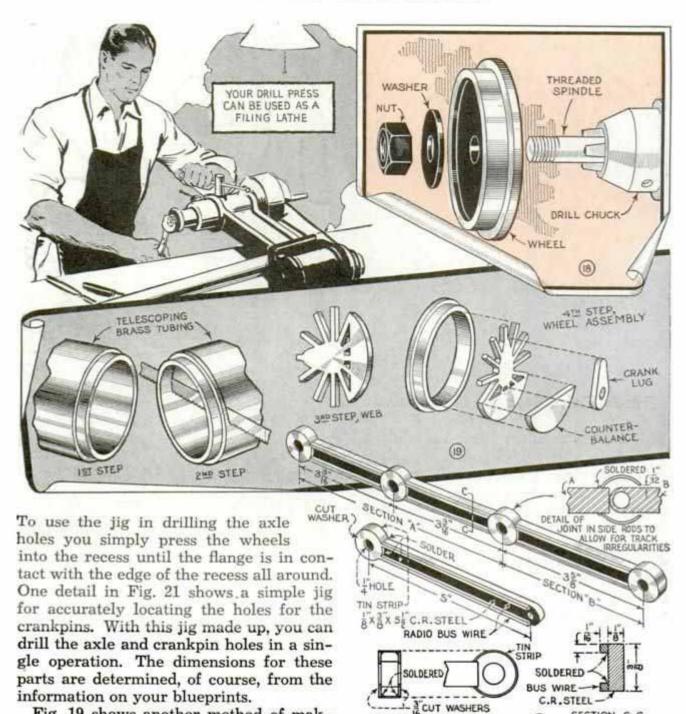


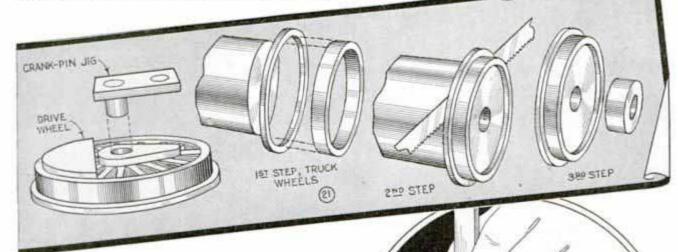
Fig. 19 shows another method of making drive wheels with a spoked web. The four steps illustrated tell the whole story of how you form the rim and flange with telescoping brass tubing. The third step shows how a spoked web is cut from a brass disk with a base for the crank lug and counterbalance already formed, and the fourth step shows the assembly of the parts into the complete wheel with the crank lug and counterbalance built out to the required width. All the parts are soldered together to form the single unit. Looking across the page at Fig. 21 you will see that the same method is used in making up wheels for the lead and trailer trucks. Now, if you do not have telescoping tub-

ing of the right size handy, there's still another way of making a suitable flange.
The tread is made from tubing in the way
just described, then you set the wheel in
a recessed block as in Fig. 22, the recess
large enough to take a length of soft brass
wire in addition to the diameter of the
wheel. Force the wire into the recess
about the rim as shown and then flow solder into the joint.

END-BEARING DETAILS

SECTION C-C

Once you have them center-drilled for the axles, wheels made by the latter method must be put through a finishing operation. Going back to Fig. 18 and the illustration at the left, you will see how your drill press can be utilized as a filing lathe. If you have been careful to center the axle holes, your wheels are already concentric. All that is necessary is to taper the tread slightly, smooth up the front and back faces, and round the flange to the blueprint dimensions. To do this, you block up your drill press in a horizontal position any place where it is handy and



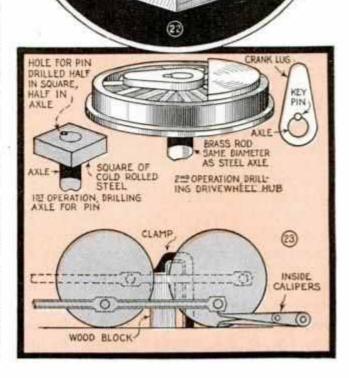
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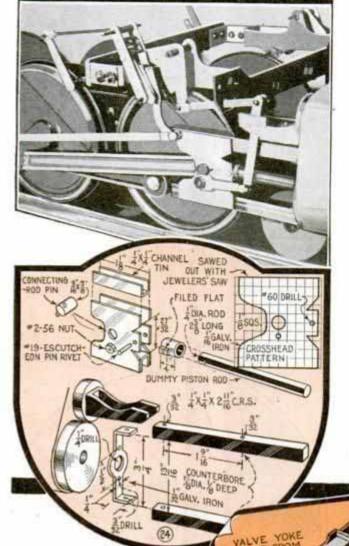
SOLDERING

provide a threaded spindle to hold the work as in Fig. 18.

As you will see, the ends of the chuck jaws afford a shoulder against which the wheel can be tightened. For good work, the speed of the drill spindle should be fairly high, about 2,000 r.p.m. To finish all over, you will need several sizes of small round and flat files. The trick in doing clean filing of this sort, is to keep the file moving in a straight stroke over the work, and at the same time to apply a light but uniform pressure. To taper the tread of the wheel, you would use a flat file, and to file in the fillet at the point where the tread meets the flange, you should use a fine, round file. Following this procedure with such an improvised outfit, you can do a neat job of finishing your wheels.

Just at this stage in the construction you make the side rods as in Fig. 20, which shows side rod and connecting rod for a chassis with eight drive wheels. This type of side rod has to be made with a flexible joint, a detail of which is shown. If your model has only six drive wheels, three on a side, then you use a rigid side rod as the center wheel is usually made with a flat tread, there being no flange. When you are ready to drill the side rods, use the locomotive frame as a jig, for it is impor-





as the drill will draw into the softer metal. So with the steel axle you drill a square of steel to a drive fit over the end and then drill for the pin. With the wheel you drive a length of brass rod into the axle hole. This method is shown in Fig. 23. Either way, you now fasten the wheels permanently to the axles on one side of the frame only, leaving the remaining drive wheels loose on the axles, but with all crankpins and side rods in place. Then with a pair of inside calipers, you set one side rod on the side opposite the loose wheels, either right or left, exactly in the horizontal position, and under the rod you place a hardwood block. Then clamp the rod to the block as in Fig. 23. Now with the calipers again adjusted, you set the opposite side rod to its lowest position, then fasten the loose drive wheels permanently to the axles. This is a quick method of quartering the cranks and is sufficiently accurate for the electrically driven model.

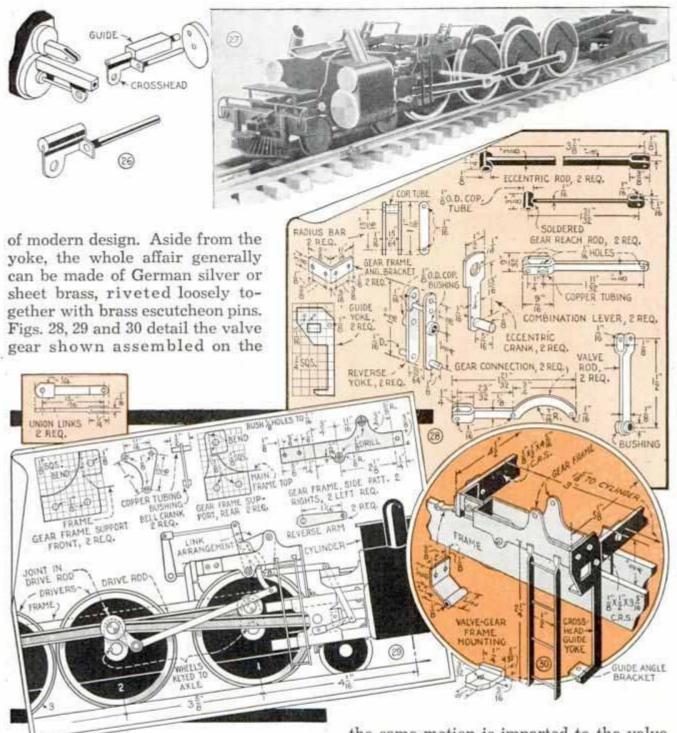
Looking over Figs. 24 to 30 inclusive, you have the story of crosshead and valve-

> VALVE LINKAGE MADE UP OF SHEET BRASS OR GERMAN

tant that the distance between the holes in the side rods and those in the frame be exactly the same. You can clamp the rods right to the frame and lay off the exact center-to-center distances between the holes for the crankpins. This done, you are ready to set the wheels on the axles and

quarter the cranks. In building either a ½ or ½-in. scale model you can do one of two things when fastening the wheels to the axles. You can make the axles from steel-rod stock and pin the brass wheels, or you can use brass rod for the axles and solder the joint. The latter is the easier method, and though not orthodox, is fully as good in point of utility. In pinning the wheel to the axle you cannot drill the hole for the pin half in brass and half in steel

gear assemblies. Where given, the dimensions are, of course, only approximate and they will likely vary with the model you are building. However, in general design you will find these two assemblies much the same. Figs. 24 and 26, for example, show two types of crossheads and guides. The more simple of the two types of valve gears shown is that in Fig. 25. This is the type your blueprints will probably call for if you are building a ¼-in. scale model



chassis in Fig. 27, which is built to ½-in. scale. Here the parts are of sufficient size to permit the use of small bolts and machine screws in assembling. Making crossheads and valve gears for practically all models is purely a sheet-metal job, except the cross guides, and, in some models, the valve yoke. In Fig. 25, the yoke is made up of stock brass in simulation of the casting ordinarily furnished in this particular design. You can see the difference between this and the yoke detailed in Figs. 29 and 30. Also note that the link arrangement of these two differs, although

the same motion is imparted to the valve stem. Because of these variations in the design of model locomotives, it is well to make a close study of your blueprints before you cut any materials.

Now the last phase of the chassis construction—making and mounting the motor drive. Figs. 31 to 37 inclusive cover this work in detail. Begin with Fig. 33, which shows the support for the motor frame, and also how it is attached to the main frame of the chassis over the trailer truck. This support serves the twofold purpose of providing a base for the motor and later for the engine cab when the assembly is complete. It is attached to the

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GLOCK GEAR, 32 TEETH, I"DIA.

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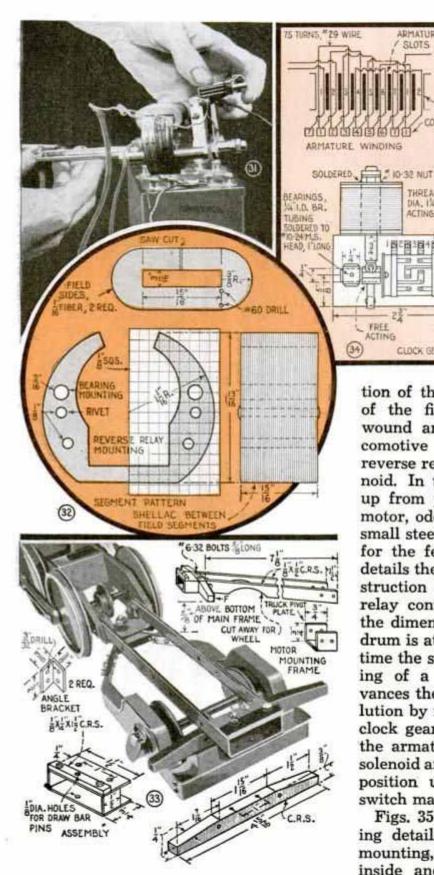
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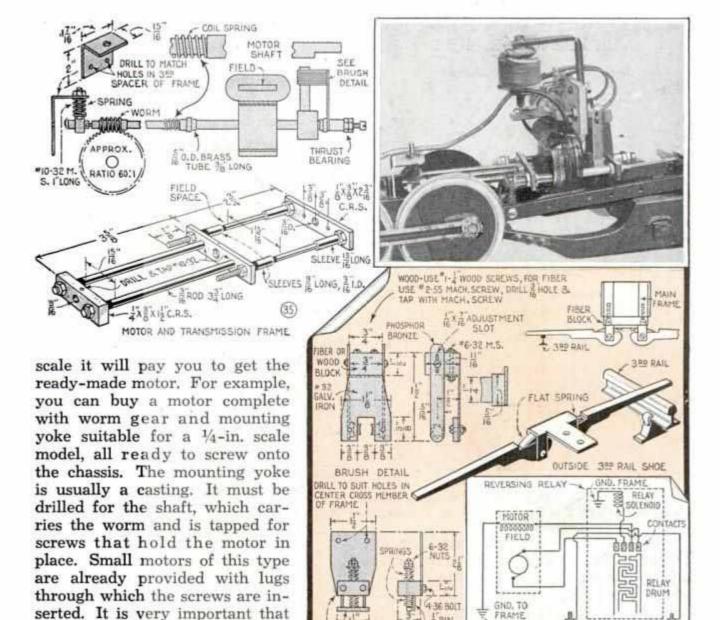
FROM A SCRAPPED HORN MOTOR



main frame as a separate unit, but in certain designs and types it is made an integral part of the main frame. See Part I in the January issue of Popular Mechanics. The motor detailed is designed as a drive for the 1/2-in. scale chassis shown in Fig. 27, and is of the universal type for operation on 18 to 25 volts. The construc-

tion of the motor involves the rewinding of the field and a seven-pole, serieswound armature. Movement of the locomotive is controlled by an automatic reverse relay, which is operated by a solenoid. In this instance the motor is made up from parts of a discarded auto-horn motor, odds and ends of radio equipment, small steel rods and pieces of brass tubing for the few bushings necessary. Fig. 34 details the armature winding and the construction of the solenoid and relay. The relay contact drum is a thread spool of the dimensions given. To one end of the drum is attached a small clock gear. Each time the solenoid is energized by the closing of a remote-control switch, it advances the drum one-sixteenth of a revolution by means of the pawl acting on the clock gear, thus reversing the current in the armature windings. By omitting the solenoid and fitting a lever in a convenient position under the locomotive cab, the switch may be operated manually.

Figs. 35 and 36 show clearly the bearing details, the motor frame, the brush mounting, and current pick-up shoes for inside and outside third-rail operation. Fig. 37 gives the wiring diagram for operation with the relay, while the completed motor, mounted on the chassis, is shown in the illustration directly above Fig. 37. The motor, as you will note, is built for a 1/2-in. scale locomotive and in this size it will give satisfactory service, but if you are building a model in smaller



BRASS

FIBER OR PARA-

the lugs of the mounting yoke in order to bring it to the proper position on the frame. Another thing to be considered in this connection, is the size of the firebox, as this generally accommodates the motor drive in small-scale models. It's a good idea to determine this size before you mount your motor permanently, otherwise you may have to make some changes.

the worm meshes properly with

the gear on the drive-wheel axle.

To assure this, it will be neces-

sary to do some careful filing on

Now, when you have the assembly complete, block up the chassis on a firm support so that the drive wheels will turn freely. Check all the moving parts to make sure that they do not bind at any point, then connect the motor to the line. Put a few drops of machine oil on all bearings and allow the chassis to run under power for an hour or more. During this

time you can check the operation of the worm drive, the action of the side rods, and particularly, the valve gear. If these parts show any tendency to bind, now is the time to remedy the trouble. A freerunning fit of the assembly assured, you can dismantle the chassis for painting. It's best to use a flat black paint for the first coat, then black enamel, and finally finish with aluminum enamel on the wheel treads, side rods, and cylinder heads. Small, round brushes are best for this work as they carry only a small quantity of paint. Allow plenty of time for the paint to dry. Then your chassis is ready for the boiler assembly.

FRAME

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LOCOMOTIVE - B

WIRING DIAGRAM

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PREVENTS

TURNING

CURRENT PICK-UP SHOE

(To be continued)

Inside of Boiler or Drum Is Inspected with Tube and Flashlight



By Looking through a Tube with a Flashlight Fastened to One End You Can Inspect Dark Interiors

For inspecting the inside surfaces of boilers, tanks, drums, etc., fasten a flashlight, preferably one of the "pen" type, to one end of a long tube, insert the assembly through the bung and then look through the tube. In the absence of a suitable tube for the purpose, one can be made by wrapping heavy paper around a broomstick and fastening it with glue.

Percolator Handle Is Removable to Prevent Charring

To avoid charring a percolator handle, why not make it removable? The round



heads of two small bolts are cut off and soldered to a strip of sheet metal, which is in turn soldered to the percolator. The handle is then slotted as shown to slip over the bolt heads. Incidentally, if your percolator handle does not lend itself to this alteration, the handle from an old electric sadiron is usually quite easy to convert for the purpose.

Lunch Box Has Metal Initials

Thin, metal letters of the type used on ladies' purses are handy to initial your lunch box. They will last the life of the box, and can be obtained at almost any department store. The letters are provided with small prongs for attachment which are



inserted through holes punched in the box and then bent over on the inside.

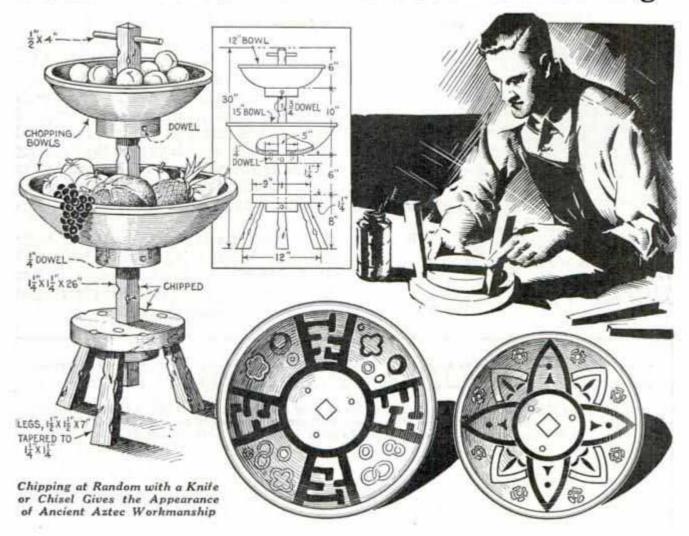
Dust-Mop Handle Has Flexible Joint for Cleaning under Furniture

You can clean under low furniture with very little stooping if your dust mop has a flexible joint in the handle. Cut the handle in two and connect the severed ends with a piece of rubber hose, which may be held in place with shellac or rubber cement. It is best to use fairly stiff hose so that the handle will be as rigid as possible for regular mopping.—T. L. Moore, Detroit, Mich.



It's Easy to Dust Floors under Furniture When You Have a Flexible Joint in the Mop Handle

Double-Deck Fruit Holder of Aztecan Design



Constructed entirely of wood and having the appearance of ancient Aztec workmanship, this colorful fruit holder lends an ornamental touch to a dull corner. The job can be done with a keyhole or coping saw, brace and bit and a plane, the parts being assembled entirely with dowels and casein glue. A square standard is mounted on a three-legged stool, and supports two wood chopping bowls. These are doweled to wood disks which are pinned to the standard with larger dowels. The wood, except the bowls, is "aged" by roughening with a stiff, wire brush after burning it slightly with a blowtorch, or by chipping, gouging or adzing. A coat of stain followed by a rubbing down with rottenstone gives a pleasing antique effect. If the inside surfaces of the bowls are given one coat of clear shellac, the color design to be done in bright hues will be more brilliant. Do not be geometrical with the designs-let them be more or less irregular in keeping with the Aztec idea.

Hat Rack Made from Coat Hanger Is Carried in Suitcase

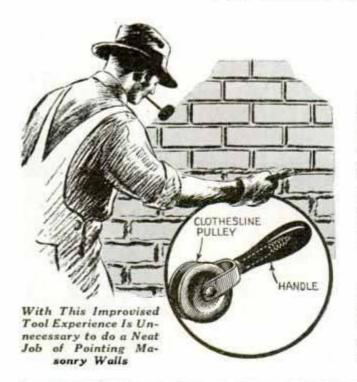
If space in a closet does not permit use of regular hat racks, or if you are staying



in temporary quarters, you can improvise a holder for your hat from a wire coat hanger. Also, the holder is handy when traveling as it can be carried in the bottom of a suitcase and takes up no room. The

hanger is bent to form a loop as indicated, after which the shank of the hanger is bent to one side at the twisted part so that a hat will not fall out.

■Don't mix glue in a glass container as it may break the glass when it dries.



Pointing Tool for Masonry Joints from Grooved Pulley

Anyone can do a neat job of pointing masonry walls with a grooved pulley of a size to suit the work at hand. A clothesline pulley is suitable for the purpose as it has a screw shank to which a handle is easily attached. In use, mortar is applied between the bricks in the usual way and the tool is run over it to give the finishing touch. If the width of the groove in the putty equals the distance between the bricks a neat job will result.

(IA piece of clear glass laid over your cookbook when using it on a table will keep it open and protect the pages against soiling; adhesive tape over the glass edges will prevent cutting the fingers.

BUILD YOUR BOAT THIS WINTER

so it will be ready to launch next spring when the boating season opens. The photo shows "Hi-Ho," a 14-ft. family runabout, driven by a 11 to 22-hp. outboard, or converted model-T Ford motor. Six prints giving complete constructional details will be sent postpaid for \$1.00.



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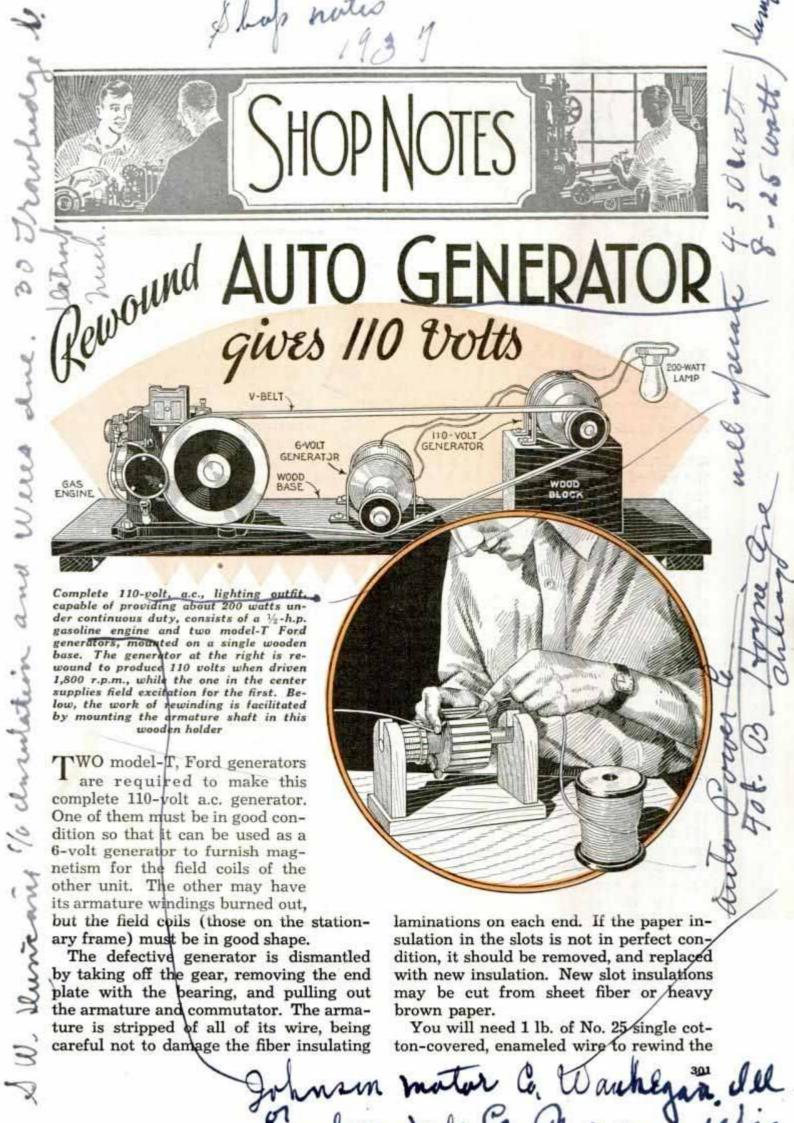
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armature. The start is made by soldering the end of the wire to the shaft between the bearing and the laminations. Next, bring the wire up to the nearest slot, lay it in the bottom of the slot, and return to the start by the adjacent slot as shown in the wiring diagram. Keep this up until these two slots are filled with wire. This should take about 90 turns if they are kept tight and even. As the coils are completed, the wire should be pushed carefully down into the slots so that the wood wedges may be pressed into place to secure the coils as they were in the original winding. Let us say that these slots are numbers 3 and 4 respectively. From slot 4 go to slots 2 and 5 as shown in the wiring diagram. Wind these two slots with the same number of turns as before, and in the same direction. From slot 5 proceed to slots 1 and 6. Wind these slots half full (45 turns) in the same direction. Then from slots 6, go to slots 9 and 8 and wind them full in the opposite direction. Continue this procedure, as shown in the winding diagram, until all the slots are filled. When correctly done, all the slots will be full except slots 1 and 21 which will be half full.

The high part of the commutator is cleaned and a wire is soldered around its circumference, making sure that each bar is rigidly soldered to this wire. This shorts all the bars of the commutator together.

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After the rewiring job has been completed, the free end of the wire is soldered to a copper-wire ring, which connects all the commutator bars. Then the holding wedges are replaced, the armature is impregnated with varnish and is baked in an oven until thoroughly dry

WIRE RING SOLDERED

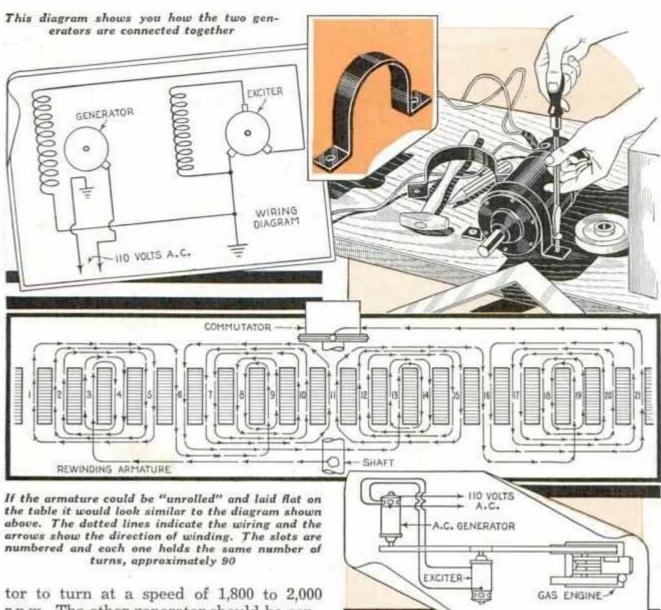
The end of the winding just finished is soldered to this wire around the bars at any convenient point. When the coils have been wound and the turns pushed down tightly with a blunt piece of

wood to make the windings solid, drive the holding wedges back in place to seal the slots. The armature is next placed in a pan of varnish until the windings have absorbed as much varnish as possible. After allowing the varnish-impregnated armature to dry in the air for a few hours, it is placed in an oven and baked dry.

The housing with the brush attachment is inspected next. The brush, which is grounded, is removed as it will not be required. The third brush, which is the thinnest of the three, is also removed permanently. This leaves the remaining brush connected to the terminal to which the cutout was formerly connected. This terminal now becomes one side of the a.c. line. The field coil wires are disconnected from the third brush holder and from the grounded brush holder. Long wires are soldered to each of these and taped. These wires are forced between the adjacent coils so that they can be run out of the casing through the holes in the end plate.

When the generator is reassembled the job is done. In order to use this generator, it is necessary to drive it at a speed of about 1,800 r.p.m. to produce 110 volts at 60 cycles. However, it may be necessary to drive the generator slightly faster to get the best performance. If the driving engine has a speed other than 1,800 r.p.m. under load, it will be necessary to adjust the pulley sizes to get the genera-

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r.p.m. The other generator should be connected to this same driving belt, both generators being mounted so that they will rotate in the same direction as they did when installed for generating current in a car. The speed of the second generator is not very critical because its output can be adjusted by sliding the third brush. This generator supplies the field excitation to the 110-volt generator. The two wires, which were run out from the back of the housing of the 110-volt generator, should be connected to the terminal on top, and to the frame of the 6-volt generator. The a.c. voltage is taken off from the top terminal or brush, and the frame of the revamped generator.

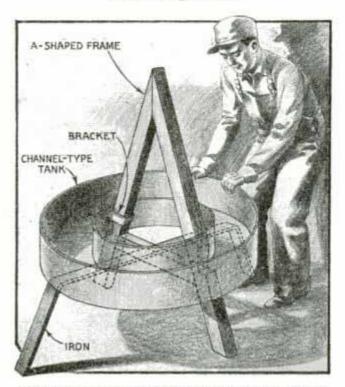
The capacity of this generator is approximately 200 watts continuous duty. A ½-h.p. gasoline engine or motor will be required to pull it. In operating this generator, the voltage may be increased by adjusting the third brush of the 6-volt

generator, or by increasing the speed of the 110-volt generator. If the speed of the generator is increased above 1,800 r.p.m. the cycles will become slightly over 60. However, this should not interfere with the operation of appliances if the speed is not allowed to be greater than 2,500 revolutions per minute.

Castor Oil for Lubricating Hot Parts

For lubricating sprockets or bearings on automatic ovens or other machinery having the moving parts subjected to heat, castor oil is one of the best lubricants. It does not ignite so easily as most oils, does not carbonize and cake on the moving parts, and a moderate amount will keep the parts in good condition, which makes it valuable where dripping is objectionable.

Rocking Tank Drains and Quenches Work in One Operation

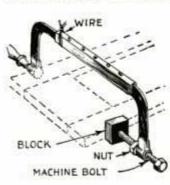


Work on One Side of This Tank Is Automatically Drained When That on the Other Side Is Quenched

This quench tank has an advantage over the usual type in that it can be rocked, causing the quenching fluid to flow from one side to the other. Thus, work on one side is drained when the tank is tipped to quench that placed on the other side. The tank is of the channel type, and is supported by an A-shaped frame. An iron bar bent to a wide U-shape and fastened to the bottom of the tank, at right angles to the frame, permits the tipping action as shown.—John Hyler, Peoria, Ill.

Clamp Made from Hack-Saw Frame

For jobs requiring a light clamp with a wide mouth, I find that a hack-saw frame



serves the purpose nicely. Adjust the frame to the approximate width required, after which a couple turns of wire at the end of the telescoping part will hold it together. Then insert a long

machine bolt through the outer end and drive a nut up against the frame. A hardwood block placed between the end of the bolt and the work prevents marring.—E. V. Michael, Pawhuska, Okla.

Ink Spreader Saves Time in Press Room

When ink in a collapsible tube is applied to the ink disk of a job-printing press, it is usually in such masses that the rollers must be operated for some time to distribute it evenly over the



surface. To avoid this, one pressman made a sheet-metal spreader of the shape shown and fastened it to the tube with a rubber band. The flat end can be used to spread the ink in a jiffy.

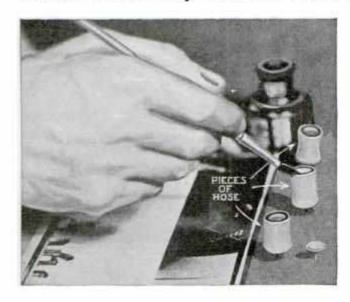
Old Broom Gripped in Pipe Handle for Roof-Tarring Jobs

To avoid the expense of using bristle brushes on roof-tarring jobs, one workman made a pipe handle in which old brooms could be held. A tee on the end of the pipe takes the broom, and the pipe is screwed against it to hold it snugly. The worn straws should be cut away to square up the end, and the broom handle should be sawed off to leave a short stub.

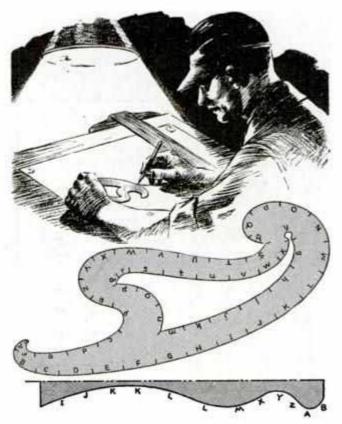


Interchangeable Handle Made of Pipe to Utilize Old Brooms for Spreading Tar on Roofs

Two Handy Ideas for Artists and Draftsmen



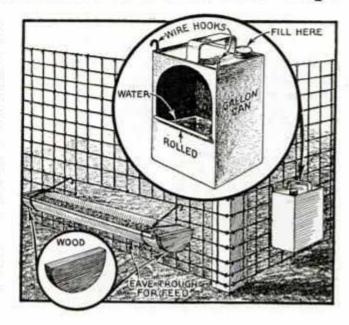
Cups made by pushing short pieces of hose over large rubber-head tacks, are unusually handy for mixing artists' paints. Being rubber, the cups are easy to clean, and they are adjustable in depth by simply moving the tack head in or out of the hose. By pushing the tack points into the drawing board, the cups may be placed close to the work, and they can be set vertically to prevent spilling regardless of the angle at which the board is tilted. The right-hand detail shows a French curve with the edges marked off in divisions and lettered to save time when inking a penciled sketch. When drawing a curve, the letters indicating the portion of the instrument used are copied on the sketch. Then,



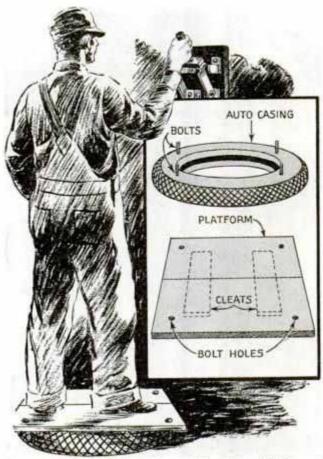
when inking the drawing, it is unnecessary to try out various parts of the curve to find the portion used. The letters may be cut or scratched into the celluloid, or they may be written with a pen dipped in acetic acid. When dry, such writing has a dull appearance in the surface of the celluloid and may be colored by adding pigment to the acid.

Poultry Feed and Water Containers on Fence Save Steps

Suspended from the exterior of a poultry-yard fence, feed and water containers made from large cans and old eave troughs not only save many steps, but prevent scattering of feed and contamination of drinking water. Old varnish cans with portions of the backs cut out serve for water containers. The water supply may be replenished through the opening in the top by removing the screw cap. The feed troughs are sections of old eave troughs having curved pieces of wood nailed to the ends. It will be necessary to cut openings in the fence level with the containers so that the poultry can get their heads through to reach the feed and water .-Glenn R. Hampton, McCamey, Tex.



Insulated Platform Protects Electrician against Severe Shocks



Tire Bolted to Platform Keeps Electrician Off Ground or Floor When Working with High-Voltage Current

When electricians must stand on the ground or a damp floor while working with electrical apparatus carrying high-voltage current, this insulated platform will lessen the possibility of severe electrical shocks. A wooden platform is bolted to an old auto tire, the bolts being inserted through the upper wall of the tire, as shown, so that they do not come in contact with the ground or floor.

Hardwood Wedge Is Metal Sheathed

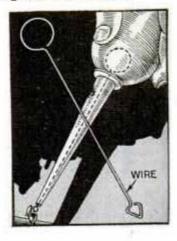


As most iron wedges are too short to split logs without driving them down below the surface of the cleft, where they are difficult to drive and almost impossible to remove, I start the split with them and finish it with

long wood wedges. These are hardwood, about 1 ft. long and are protected on the sides with strips of galvanized sheet iron tacked on. If several of these wedges are made up, you can split any log without difficulty.—A. Hinkley, Rowley, Mass.

Non-Clogging Spout for Oilcan

To prevent clogging the spout of an oilcan, when it is used around machinery, bend a length of small wire to form a loop at one end. Insert the other end through the spout and bend the projecting portion to form a



small triangle. This end may be used to clean oil holes or to lift cup caps.

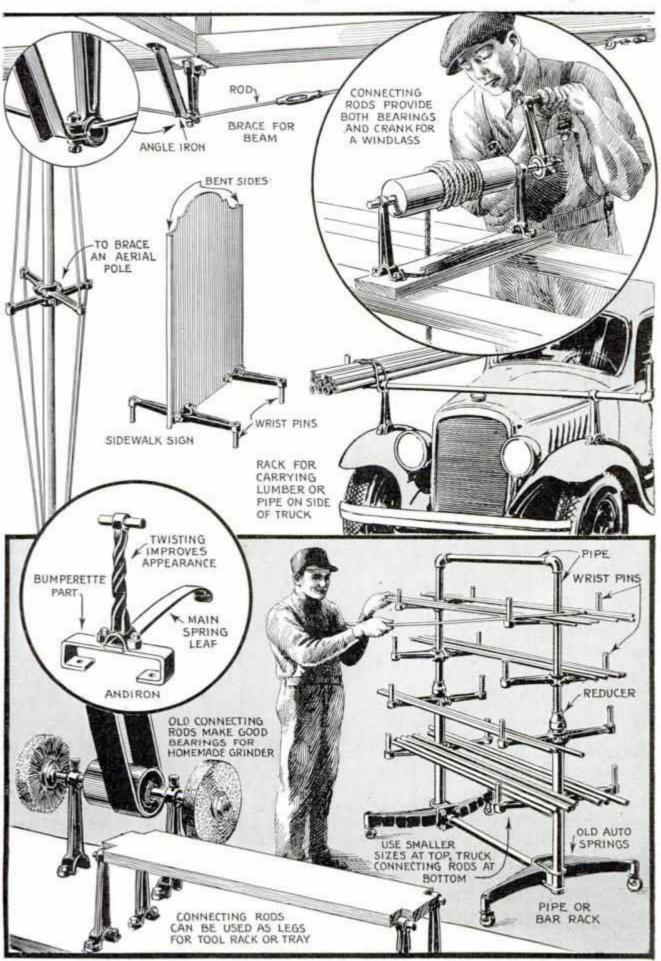
Show Cards Dried in Cardboard Trough

When making up a number of small price tickets and similar work, show-card writers will find a piece of corrugated cardboard handy for holding the cards while they are drying. Bend the cardboard at right angles and prop it against the wall, tacking the lower portion to the top of a table or drawing board.



The Cardboard Is Bent at Right Angles and Propped against a Wall, Tacking the Lower Part to a Table

Old Auto Connecting Rods Have Many Uses



Rolled Paper Is Torn Off Roll Evenly with Hack-Saw Blades

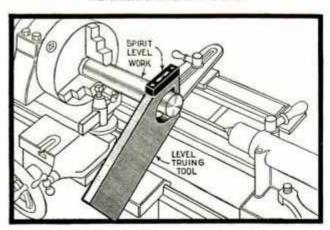


Hack-Saw Blades Tend to Perforate Heavy Wrap-

Most wrapping-paper holders of the type shown are not effective when heavy paper is used, unless the operator presses down on the shearing blade with one hand while tearing off the paper with the other. To improve such a holder to handle heavy paper, one storekeeper riveted hack-saw blades to the shearing blade. The teeth tend to perforate the paper when it is pressed against them, thus making it tear off with straight edges.

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Tool for Truing Turned Lathe Work Is Made from Level



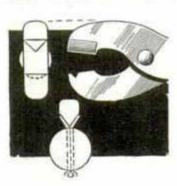
By Using This Tool, You Can True Up Turned Work without Stopping the Lathe

Instead of using chalk to aid in truing up turned work in a lathe, which requires frequent stopping and starting, try this

tool. It consists of a length of flat steel with a hole bored at one end to take the largest size of stock usually handled on the lathe. The front side of the hole is cut to a V-shape. The tool is then slipped over a perfectly true piece of work with the bar resting against the lathe bed. Next. the top of the bar is marked off and then machined level, after which a small spirit level is attached to it with screws. If the tool is laid on any size of work within its capacity, and it is true, the bubble will be central. If the work is not true, the high spot will show by the bubble moving away from the operator as the chuck is turned by hand-H. Moore, Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Cotter Keys Spread by Altered Pliers

For spreading cotter keys, alter an old pair of pliers as shown. Grind the face of the upper jaw to a V-shape and cut a Vslot across the face of the lower jaw as



shown. In use, hold the pliers so that the head of the cotter key rests in the slot of the lower jaw. Then, by bringing the edge of the upper jaw between the legs of the key, you can

bend them over quickly, after which a light tap on each leg with the pliers will finish the job.—Ralph Stewart, Charlotte, N. C.

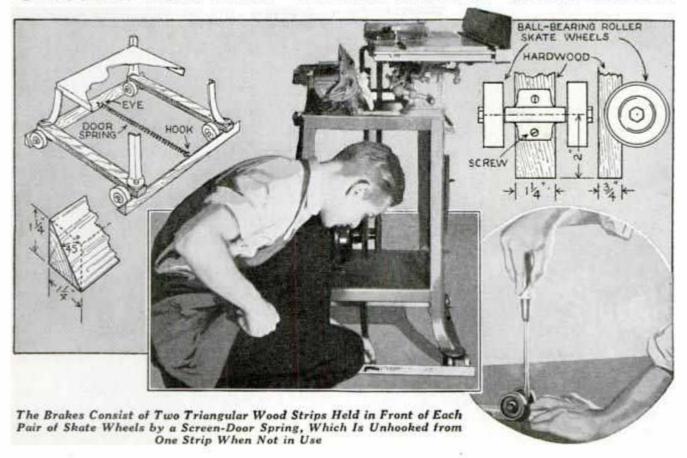
Tool-Room Checks on Curtain Ring Are Easy to Remove

Instead of carrying tool-room checks on a key ring, which is difficult to open when the hands are greasy, try using a spring curtain ring of the type shown. Opened like a safety pin, it is



easy to handle and can be clipped to your belt or clothing, or it may be carried on a short chain.

Circular Saw Has "Roller Skates" and Brakes

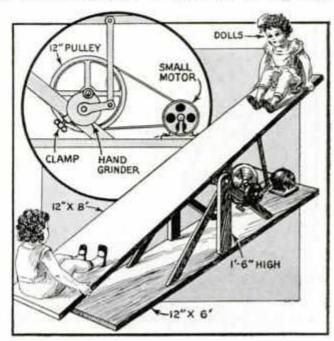


If you have a floor-type circular saw, the problem of moving it without difficulty is solved with two old roller skates, preferably of the ball-bearing type. Cut off the rivets that hold the wheel trucks in place and mount the pairs of wheels on the ends of two hardwood strips as shown, bolting the latter to the feet of the saw stand. To keep the saw from "creeping" when in use, two triangular strips of wood are held with a coil spring against the lower part of the wheels. When moving the saw these are pulled up over the legs.—R. O. Buck, Chicago.

Seesawing Dolls Put Action in This Store-Window Display

Set in your show window with the operating mechanism concealed by scenery built up of painted cloth and evergreen foliage, these seesawing dolls will attract attention of many shoppers. The seesaw is driven by a small motor through the gear mechanism of a hand grinder. A 12-in. pulley is substituted for the grinding wheel and a 2-in. crank arm takes the place of the handle, the arm being connected to the seesaw with a wood pitman. The entire assembly occupies a space 8 ft. long, 1 ft. wide and 1½ ft. high.

¶Most of the noise made when cutting sheet metal on a scroll saw can be eliminated if the work is sandwiched between two sheets of heavy cardboard.



Stakes Made from Pieces of Scrap Pipe Are Strong and Durable



Hollow Stakes of Pipe Are Light to Handle, and Will Withstand Hard Usage

Needing a number of stakes to set concrete forms and for other purposes, a contractor made them inexpensively from scrap pieces of pipe. To point the stakes, one end of each piece of pipe was serrated to form four teeth, which were then hammered together as illustrated.

Covers of Ice-Cream Containers Removed by Pulling on Strips of Paper

Realizing the difficulty his customers often experienced in removing covers from



ice-cream containers, a druggist places a strip of waxed paper across the top of the filled container before putting on the cover. The latter can be removed easily by pulling up on the projecting ends of the paper.

Boiler Scale Loosened with Vinegar

In cases where a thick coat of rust has been deposited on the inside walls of the pipes and boiler of a steam-heating plant, most of this can be removed as follows: Drain all the water from the boiler, remove the steam-pressure gauge and, using a funnel, pour bulk vinegar, 5 gal., into the boiler, and then fill up with water. Allow the vinegar solution to circulate through the system for six days of firing. Then drain and flush with clean water.—H. B. Klimek, Detroit, Mich.

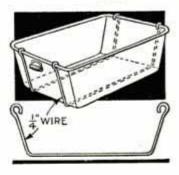
Gear Grease Is Dropped on Teeth from Cup Mounted Rigidly

For effectively lubricating gears that are not housed, mount a grease cup above them as shown. A couple of turns of the cup at intervals will keep the gear lubricated. A flat-iron arm



drilled at one end to take the cup nipple and bolted to a convenient part of the machine makes a good mounting. Or, if the gears are covered with a shield, the cup can be screwed on the latter.

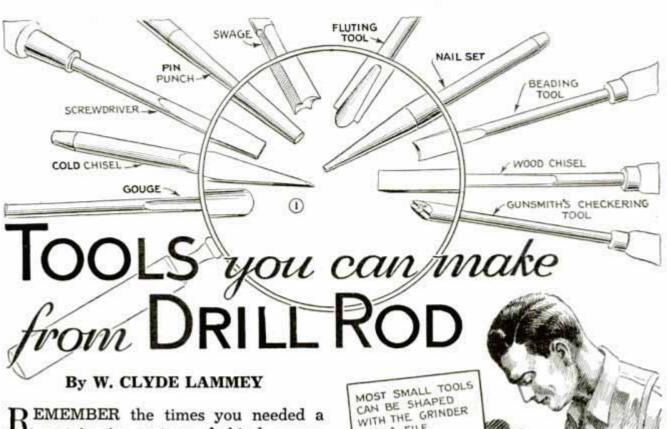
Metal Shop Baskets on Wire Runners Prevent Fast Wear



In a western factory where parts are carried from table to table or to various departments in sheet-metal baskets, the workmen soon wear holes in the bottoms by

pulling them along on a concrete floor or sliding them over the table tops. To prevent such wear, lengths of heavy wire or small iron rod are placed on the baskets as shown to serve as runners. When worn, the wires are replaced.

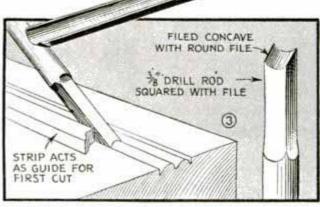
■Photographic paper that is too old to make good prints may often be used with excellent results by adding potassium iodide, 1 teaspoonful, for each quart of developer in the tank; the iodide often corrects the tendency of the paper to turn gray before being fully developed.



REMEMBER the times you needed a certain size or type of chisel, screwdriver or punch? Or, perhaps it was a swage, gouge, nail set, turning chisel, fluting or beading tool. These and many others can be improvised from drill rod. As an example, you need a very small cold chisel for fine chipping operations on brass or other soft metals. A piece of ¼ or ¾-in. drill rod, a file, and a few minutes time, is all you need to make exactly what you want. Drill rod is cheap, the size is always exact, and you can grind, file, and turn it easily.

Fig. 1 shows the variety of small hand tools made of drill rod. Most of these are serviceable without tempering, especially those intended for woodworking. Tools

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HARDWOOD HANDLE

FERRULE CUT FROM BRASS TUBING

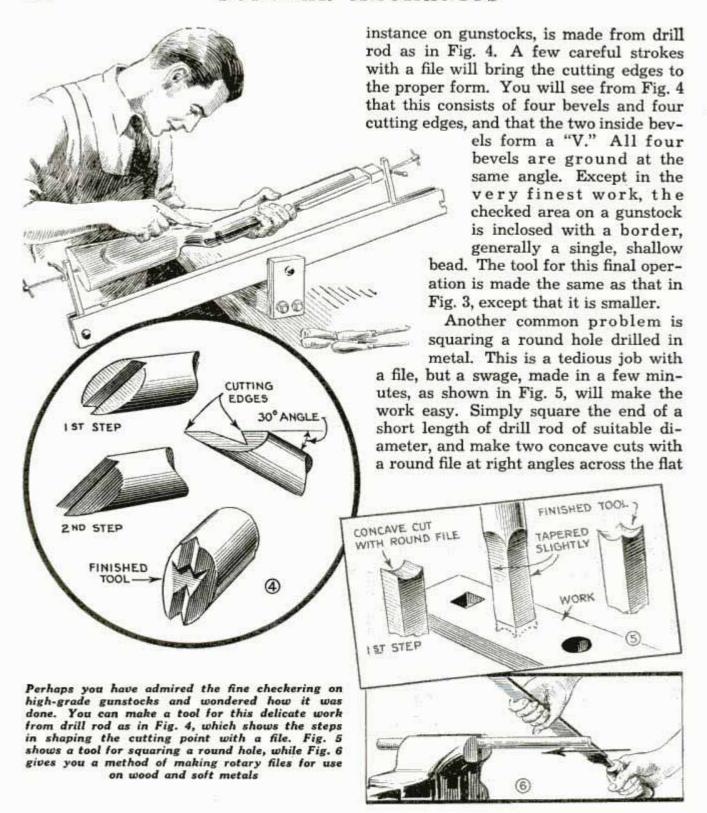
NOTCHES FILED IN THE BIT PREVENT ITS PULLING OUT OF THE HANDLE

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zor edge which will stand up in any ordinary wood. For woodworking tools, you can get ready-made hardwood handles or you can make them yourself as in Fig. 2, providing brass ferrules to prevent splitting. Handles should always be large enough to fit the hand comfortably and afford a good grip for easy control of the cutting edge.

Now some practical applications: For beading on a piece of furniture try the



tool shown in Fig. 3. It works equally well on either a curved or flat surface. To make it, you simply square a short length of drill rod, fit a suitable handle and file the end to a concave form. The angle should be about 30 degrees. A strip, clamped to the work, acts as a guide when starting the first cut, which should be light until the wood is deeply scored. Then a few strokes will finish the bead.

A tool used for fine checkering, as for

end. Set this tool over the hole to be squared and strike it a few light blows with a hammer. To square holes in any of the soft metals, the cutting point need not be hardened; in iron or steel, of course, it must be suitably tempered.

Rotary files like those shown in Fig. 6 are handy for use in the drill press or in a portable electric drill. You can turn these to shape and then groove the cutting faces with a single-cut file as shown.

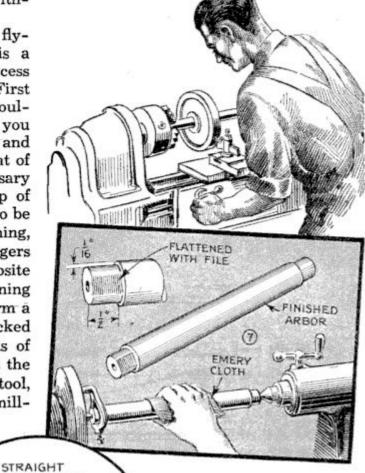
MILLING CUTTER

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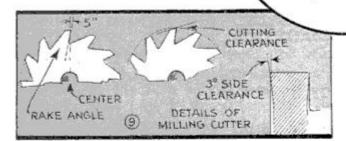
They will cut in wood or soft metals without hardening.

A lathe tool for machining a small flywheel or locomotive drive wheel, is a mandrel. Fig. 7 shows the whole process of making this tool from drill rod. First you mount the work on centers and shoulder the ends back an inch or so. Then you turn down the body to a true cylinder and to a diameter slightly greater than that of the hole it is to fit. To get the necessary taper on small mandrels, loop a strip of emery cloth over the body at what is to be the small end. With the lathe running, pinch the cloth tightly between the fingers and move it slowly toward the opposite end, at the same time gradually lessening the pressure. In this way you will form a taper, the degree of which is easily checked with a micrometer caliper. Mandrels of small diameters should be as short as the work will permit. Another lathe tool, which is easily made, is the straight mill-

ing cutter shown in Figs. 8 and 9. Making this cutter is a matter of turning it to the rough form and then filing in the cutting teeth. The side clearance you can form by undercutting in the lathe. To use the cutter, you center it in the chuck and mount the work on the tool-post saddle in what-

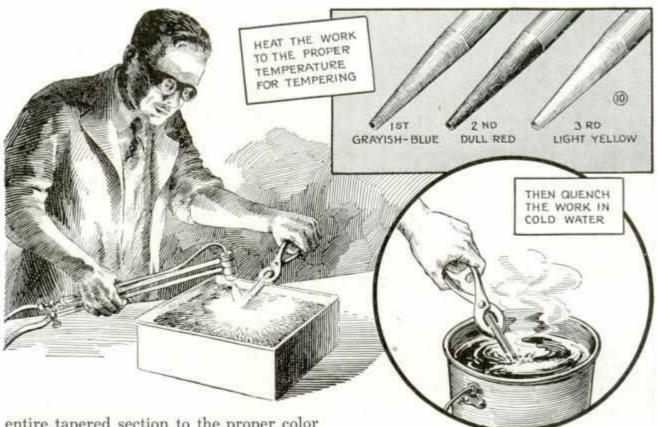


Above, a quick way of making up a lathe mandrel to hold cast pulleys and small flywheels for machining all over. For light work such a mandrel need not be hardened. Small milling cutters, as in Fig. 8, for use in your lathe, can be made by turning down a piece of drill rod to form a shank and then shaping the teeth. Left, how you shape the teeth of the milling cutter for proper clearance and cutting angle



ever way is necessary to hold it securely. Then you reverse the lathe spindle at slow speed and feed the work against the cutter with the cross feed. Such a cutter will work, without hardening, in any soft metal, including brass.

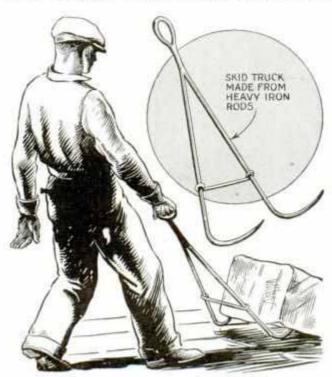
A glance at Fig. 10 will tell you what to do when it is necessary to temper. As a first step, it is well to anneal the drill rod from which the tool is to be made. This is done by heating to a dull red color and then allowing it to cool slowly. Now you file, grind or turn the rod to the desired shape and then re-heat with a torch. A thick pad of asbestos or a shallow, tin box, filled with sand and heated, will make a good support for the work while you are heating it. In general, the oxide colors go through the three stages shown in Fig. 10, and it is important to observe these color changes closely, in order to temper successfully. The object is to bring the work uniformly to the same color on the section you want hardened. For example, in heating the tapered end of the nail set in Fig. 10, you keep the flame well back on the taper and allow the heat to travel to the point. In this way you will bring the



entire tapered section to the proper color at the same instant, whereupon you immediately quench the work in cold water. In general, this same process applies to any of the small tools requiring tempering, but you will have to use some judgment in applying the heat, of course. When you

grind tools on an emery wheel, be careful not to draw the temper, which is done by slightly overheating them. Therefore, keep a can of water handy and dip the tool every few seconds to keep it cool.

Ice Cakes Handled on Loading Platform with Iron Skid



This Skid Saves Time When Ice Cakes Are Moved About on a Platform or Up a Gangplank

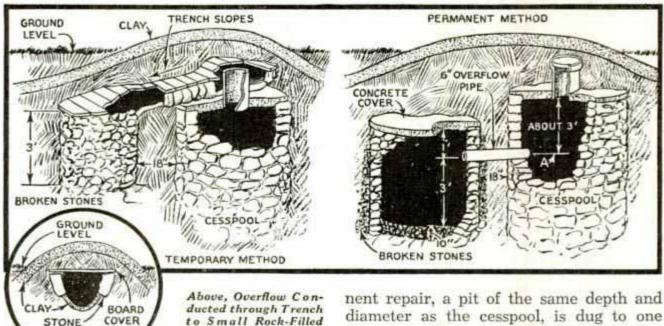
For handling ice on a loading platform, and for conveying the large cakes up or down a gangplank, this skid will be found much safer and more easily controlled than tongs. It is made of heavy iron rod bent double and welded to form an eye at the looped end. The free ends are then spread apart, bent at right angles and pointed to slide easily under an ice cake. A cross rod is added to strengthen the skid and to provide a foot piece by which the points may be pushed into place. When the handle is pulled down, the pointed ends dig into the ice, and the cake is also raised at that end so that it can be pulled or pushed about with ease.

(I) An economical filler for stopping cracks around windows and doors of barns and other outbuildings is made by mixing equal parts of fine sand and asphalt-roofing paint; the filler dries hard, is water and weather proof and takes paint readily.

Cesspools Repaired to Dispose of Overflow

In many of the older types of cesspools, which are walled up with stones loosely laid, cracks between the stones become clogged and cause them to overflow. Two methods offer a means of effectively disposing of the overflow. The first method, shown in the left-hand detail, provides temporary drainage, while the second effects a permanent repair at minimum ex-





pense. For temporary relief from the trouble, the overflow is conducted through a clay-lined trench into a pit filled with loose, crushed stone. To make a perma-

SECTION THROUGH

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nent repair, a pit of the same depth and diameter as the cesspool, is dug to one side of the latter and walled up with flat building stone laid up loosely. The two are then connected with a 6-in. tile at about the position indicated by A in the right-hand detail. The bottom of the pit is filled with sand to a depth of 10 in. and the top is covered with a concrete slab.—Lawrence N. Olsen, Philadelphia, Pa.

Three-Speed Winch by Using One Drive Wheel of Tractor

Pit; Right, Pit Walled

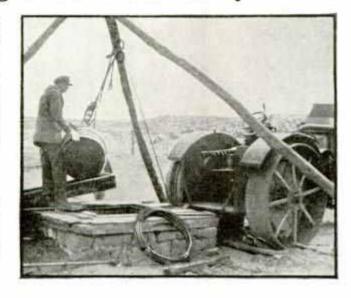
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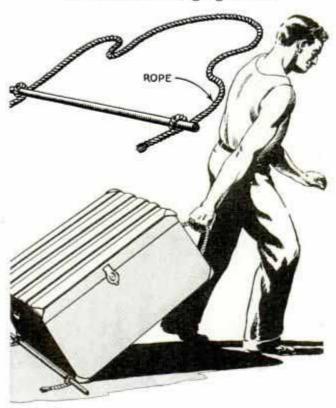
Overflow Permanently

On farms and other places where there is occasional need of a strong winch, a tractor will do the job in an emergency. Jack up one wheel and wrap the cable or rope around the tire, chocking the other one to hold the tractor. If lugs are used on the wheel, you may have to remove them to avoid damaging the cable, especially if they run horizontally across the tire.

Ticking of an alarm clock in a bedroom may be muffled by inverting a crock or bowl over it; in an invalid's room an inverted fish bowl is preferable as the clock face will be visible.



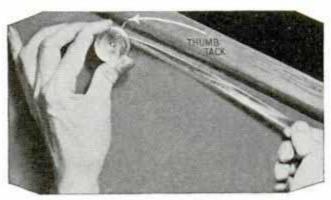
Heavy Trunks Moved on Rope Skid to Prevent Damaging Floors



Rope Skid for Expressmen to Move Heavy Trunks over Floors without Marring Them

Expressmen, who are frequently obliged to carry heavy trunks to avoid marring polished floors, will find a rope skid a time and labor saver. A trunk, when placed on the skid with one end against the wood crossbar, may be pulled over a floor without damaging the surface.

Tape Measure Fitted with Thumbtack Is Used Single-Handed

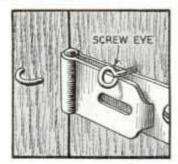


Thumbtack on Case of Steel Tape to Take Measurements Longer Than Reach of Your Arm

When measuring long timbers, buildings or other wooden material with a tape measure, a thumbtack soldered to the case of the tape will enable you to do the job single-handed. In use, the point of the tack is pushed into the surface of the work to be measured, after which the tape is pulled out to the required length.

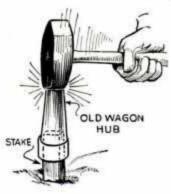
Free End of Padlock Hasp Is Clipped under Screw Eye

To keep the hinged end of a hasp, when not in use, from swinging around and catching in the door casing or on the clothing, drive a screw eye or hook



above the hasp as indicated. Then the eye or hook can be turned to engage the hinged end and hold it against the door.

Wooden Stakes Shielded from Splitting under Sledge Blows



Slipped over the upperend of wood stakes, a hub from a buggy or light wagon wheel makes a good shield to prevent them from splitting under the blows of a sledge. As the hub is ta-

pered, it will fit various sizes of either round or square stakes. A light upward blow on the lower end of the hub loosens it after the stake has been driven.

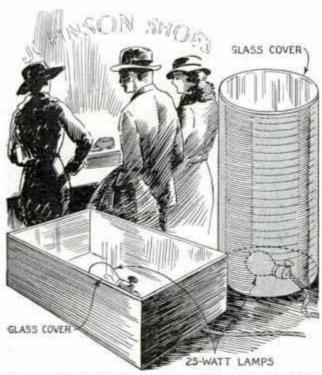
Hooks on Beehives Replace Weights

Instead of piling stones on a beehive to hold the covers and "supers," screen-door hooks and screw eyes will lock the assembly together and give a much neater appearance. When at-



taching them, measure off their locations uniformly on the hives so that they will be interchangeable.

These Window Displays Are "Eye Catchers"



Above, objects in show window illuminated individually by box or cylindrical pedestals containing lamps. Right, miniature figures having light-bulb heads attract shoppers' attention to messages held in their hands

Pedestals with glass covers and electric lamps inside, offer a means of illuminating articles placed on them so that they stand out in a strong, individual manner. By using 25-watt lamps, the cost of illuminating the window is much lower than with overhead lighting. Unusual, pleasing effects can be worked out with the aid of colored lights as the part of the window below the pedestals is only dimly lighted.



In the right-hand detail is shown an exceptional display where small cardboard figures have electric bulbs painted to resemble human heads. The figures, posed in a realistic manner, call the attention of shoppers to advertising placards held in their hands. The detail shows how the lamp sockets are held to the cardboard with U-shaped clamps.

Hot-Air Ducts Built of Insulating Board Reduce Heat Loss

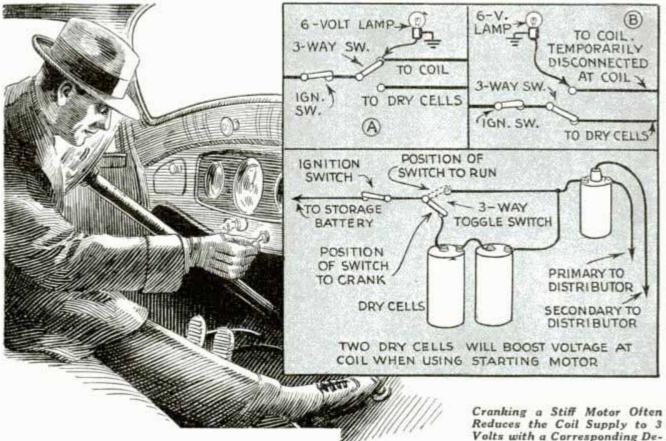
In homes where hot air is to be carried to an upper floor through ducts in the walls, a great improvement over the usual sheet-metal ducts is to construct them of insulating heard of the type having one side faced with aluminum foil. Besides permitting greater area between the studs for air passage, the ducts, due to their insulating qualities, minimize loss of heat by radiation, permitting them to be installed in outside walls as well as partitions.

When it is necessary to fold a blueprint, back the creases with adhesive tape and the print will last longer.

INSULATING STUD OUTSIDE

With the Aluminum Face Inside, This Insulating Lath Offers Little Resistance to Passage of Air

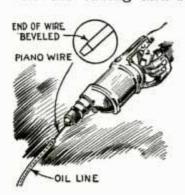
Winter Starting Aided with Ignition Booster



An ignition "helper" consisting of two dry cells to boost the current so that good, hot sparks at the plugs will start the motor quickly, will save much wear and tear on the battery. The method of connecting the dry cells in the circuit with a threeway toggle switch is shown so that the dry-cell supply may be switched on conveniently. After the motor is running, the supply is cut off. In wiring, be sure that the negative and positive sides of the drycell supply are connected to correspond to the circuit of the car. To check this, take a 6-volt lamp with two long lead wires. * Ground one of them to the car frame and then, with the three-way switch turned to the running position, as indicated in the drawing, touch the bared end of the other to the terminal that leads to the ignition switch. The lamp will burn at full brilliancy. Now, disconnect the coil wire from the coil temporarily and touch the end of the lamp wire to the terminal of the three-way switch that connects to the dry cells, the switch being turned over to cranking position. If the lamp burns with more brilliancy than normal, the connections to the dry cells are made correctly. If it burns dimly, reverse them.

Clogged Oil Line Cleaned with Wire and Electric Drill

Clogged oil or fuel lines are cleaned readily by inserting a length of piano wire into the tubing and rotating it with an



electric or hand drill. The end of the wire should be beveled so that it will easily penetrate any foreign matter in the line. If you have much of this work to do, braze the end of the wire to a small

crease in the Spark Intensity

steel or brass rod so that it can be chucked into the drill quickly.

"Switching" Ignition Points Doubles Their Life

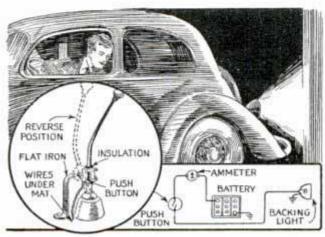
You will find that efficient service of the ignition points on a Ford V-8 can be lengthened greatly by changing their position when they begin to wear. The

screws should be removed from the breaker plate and reinstalled on opposite sides. Then the assembly of the two moving breaker points should be removed, turned over, and put back in place. The reason for changing the position of the points is the fact that the right-hand set, as viewed from the driver's seat, serves only to close the ignition circuit and does not wear as fast as the left-hand set, which breaks the circuit to fire the cylinders. Too rapid burning of points is usually caused by a faulty condenser or high voltage in the electrical system. Performance can be improved also by keeping the tension on the breaker spring between 22 and 27 oz. It is necessary also to see that the gap of each pair of points is set at the clearance specified by the manufacturer.

"Backing Light" on Rear of Car Turns on Automatically

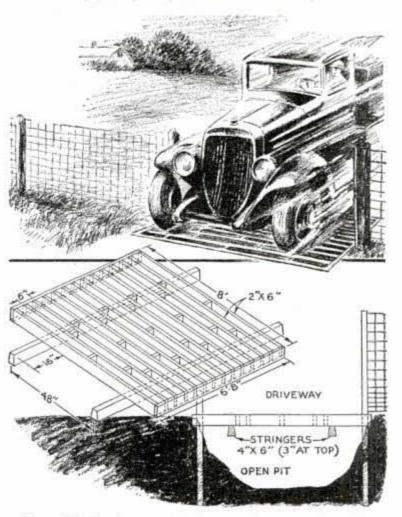
Mounted on a rear-bumper bracket and wired to a push button on the gearshift lever, a small spotlight will be turned on automatically to provide illumination when backing your car. Insulate the push button thoroughly from

the lever with a piece of inner tube. A flat-iron bracket screwed to the floor boards depresses the push button when the car is shifted to reverse. Place the wires so that the insulation will not be chafed and cause a short circuit.



When Car Is Reversed the Push Button Is Automatically Depressed to Turn on Light

Cattle Guard at Driveway Gate for Cars and Trucks



Heavy Grating Set over Pit between Driveway Gate Posts Keeps Out Cattle, Yet Allows Cars and Trucks to Enter

To avoid the inconvenience of opening and closing a gate each time the farm car or truck was driven to or from the highway, superintendent of the Southeast Minnesota Experiment Station installed a cattle guard at driveway entrance as shown. A pit was dug to a depth of 3 ft. between the gate posts and then bridged with a grating supported by heavy stringers. The grating was made of 6-in, planks set on edge and spaced 6 in. apart from centers, the planks being held in this position by spiking other planks across their ends and by spacing blocks staggered through the center. A regular gate was installed to one side for use when taking a team through the fence.

Grain-Sack Tie Strings Cut Same Length on Gallon Jug

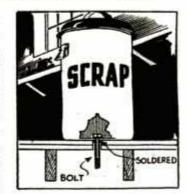


For Different Lengths, Various Sizes of Bottles and Other Cylinders Are Used

With one stroke of a sharp knife or razor blade, you can cut a number of tie strings of equal length for tying sacks. Wrap the twine around a jug as many times as the number of strings desired, and then cut them off on one side. A gallon jug is about the size for grain-sack tie strings.

Keeping Shop Scrap Cans in Place

To keep workmen in a shop
from moving the
scrap cans to suit
their individual
convenience, a
long bolt was soldered into a hole
in the bottom of
each can. At the
designated loca-



tions of the cans, holes were drilled through the floor to receive the bolts, thus making it impossible to set the cans at any other location.

¶Stains on washbowls and bath tubs usually can be removed with kerosene.

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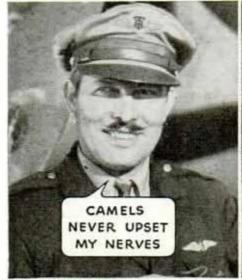
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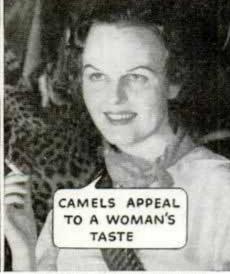
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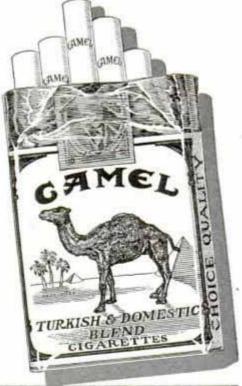
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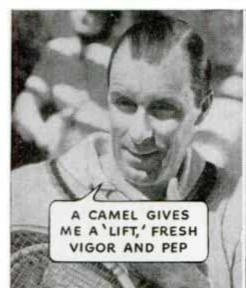
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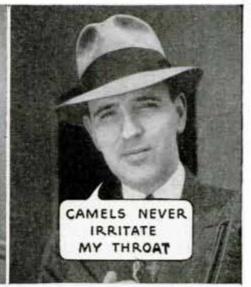
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six inches of good, rich soil." Used only for producing early plants such as peppers, tomatoes, cabbages and common annual flowers for transplanting, an electric hotbed three by nine feet, with a capacity of 12,000 to 15,000 plants, would probably meet the needs of an amateur home gardener and the cost of producing plants for early transplanting would probably be around five cents a square foot of soil heated.

For an all-winter garden, the hotbed should be covered with glass of green-house quality, preferably in three-by-nine-foot sashes. For raising early plants only, glass probably will not be needed. The bed should be kept well watered, and if covered, should be ventilated during warm weather. A sunny basement or porch frequently proves a good location. When the bed is not in use, its temperature can be raised high enough to sterilize the soil. The seed beds can produce from one to a dozen crops yearly.

Winter vegetables such as beets, lettuce, turnips and celery grow well in soil temperatures of from fifty to sixty degrees. "Warm weather" vegetables require a soil temperature of about seventy degrees for best growth. Keep soil temperature at about eighty degrees until seeds have germinated. After sprouting, sixty-five to seventy degrees is a good growing temperature. Indoor garden experiments also show that many types of flowers can be made to blossom in mid-winter or very early spring by exposure to seventy-five-watt lamps three or four hours each night.

One gardener has installed a "warming griddle" for starting early peppers, tomatoes, cabbage and various garden vegetables and flowers for transplanting. He built the griddle on a bench in a corner of his greenhouse, covered the top of the bench with lead-sheathed wire cable made for resistance heating and placed two-by-four-inch boards between the cables to protect them from the weight of soil boxes. Within three weeks he produced sturdy plants for transplanting.

Electricity is taking new roles in the above-ground propagation of plants. Dr. Samuel G. Hibben, director of applied lighting for the Westinghouse company in

cooperation with experts of the department of agriculture, is developing a means of sterilizing soils with a short-wave or soft X-ray radiation capable of penetrating the soil several inches. When the device is fully developed it is possible the soil of fields, gardens and flower beds can be freed of harmful insects, bacteria, larvae and fungi by use of a portable outfit. The soft X-ray has proved sure death to various animal organisms such as insects beneath the bark of a tree and termites in timber.

"We have done sufficient work to ascertain the practical possibilities of sterilizing food products and liquids and killing bacteria in water by means of electric lamps," says Dr. Hibben. "Practical lamps are available that produce mostly invisible light and such radiators can also prevent the growth of white mold on food, and this may retard or prevent a great deal of depreciation. This use comes to practical effect in connection with bakery products, the aging of meat, and the preparation of containers like cans and bottles. Another & class of invisible radiation just at the edge of the visible spectrum is being studied in . connection with practical equipment for trapping insects. This may become a valuable operation to the home gardener."

A new school of scientific agriculture is seeking to produce certain types of plants without using either soil or sunlight—a "cabinet" style of farming which would conceivably change the form of producing farms into a series of filing cabinets. The principal advantages of artificial and indoor growing of crops is saving of space, labor, transportation, and time of growth. The basic belief is that soil is not absolutely necessary for the growing of many valuable forms of plant life. The physical purpose of soil is to give anchorage to plants. The soil then proceeds by various means to feed the plant. Air does the rest, and actually the plant takes the largest part of its living from the air.

Contained in the soil, however, are the basic chemicals of plant foods, nitrogen, potassium, calcium, phosphorus, sulphates and certain minor salts and extractives. Reduced to saturate solutions, these foods

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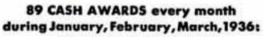
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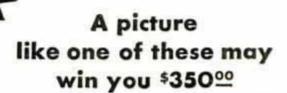
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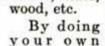
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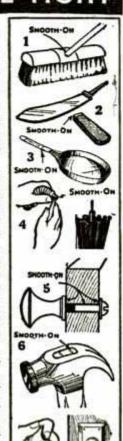
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usually come to the plant through its roots. Heat is the medium of converting crude chemicals to salts consumed by the plant and the basis of soil heat is, of course, sunlight.

"File cabinet" agriculturists argue it is possible to feed food chemicals directly to the sprouted plants under carefully controlled condition and to provide a reliable chemical energy to substitute for unreliable sunlight. This would end all hazards of drought and flood, bring scientific accuracy to agriculture, reduce growing time from one to four months and insure that most of the plant food actually would be consumed by plants. Growing fertility of open soil is probably less than one per cent efficient.

Naturally the scientist who visualizes producing farms in cabinet drawers would not attempt to raise all crops in such a way, but certain crops offer advantages. Recent stories from Germany tell of green vegetables being grown chemically in steel cabinets within a few hours. Cabinet drawers are lined with peat moss or sterile sand, plant food extractives are applied to germinated plants under regulated heat conditions, and rank, appetizing green vegetables are said to result within a few days. German dairy feed experiments are said to be featuring cabinet-grown ensilage, young plants nourished with chemical extractives in the morning, and fed to livestock the same night. Due to its rapidity of growth, within a season's time a comparatively small area of drawer space can yield as much green food as twentyfive to fifty acres planted in outdoor crops. Some American scientists also are devoting their time to the study of filing cabinet farming because the large import of the work is readily understandable.

Clearly visible on new horizons of mechanics and science is a new agriculture, a new technique of plant culture which may guarantee to ourselves and to our children a permanent abundance of all the great harvests which arise from earth.

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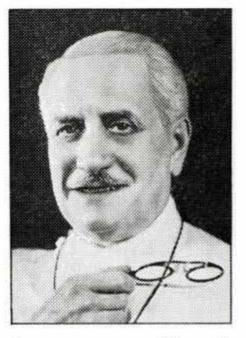
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The World's Greatest Race

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tires have been used on the derby cars, with pneumatics apparently having some advantages. The rule for 1936 specifies tires of rubber construction, meaning either type. The rules also prohibit the use of wheels having steel or wood running surfaces. There is no question but that the rubber-equipped wheel holds the track better and gives the driver better control.

The biggest argument is over the small cross-section high-pressure tire and the large cross-section low-pressure tire. The winning car for 1935 was equipped with special made tires having a tread design typical of the speedway. Inflation pressure was about forty-five pounds. Advantages of this tire are disputed by engineers who claim that the low-pressure, or "doughnut" tire, will give a better grip on the road, rolling over instead of bouncing over small objects or uneven spots on the track. Inflating the small cross-section tire to a pressure determined by actual test runs, might reduce this tendency to lose traction.

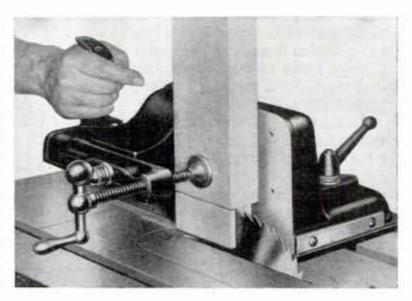
Streamlining is another question for the derby car builder. Any form of construction that tends to reduce wind resistance, both head-on and crosswise, should result in more speed, although engineers seem agreed that the effect of streamlining on the automobile does not become noticeable until a speed of thirty-five to forty miles an hour is reached. Since the derby car is much smaller, this might not hold true, and a body shaped like a turtle's back, which is a good model for all forms of streamlining, probably would have some effect in a close race. Great structural strength is another advantage offered by the turtle-back body.

One of several designs may be used for the steering arrangement, but all must incorporate a wheel. The brake must stop the car with safety, and there are several types capable of fulfilling this requirement. Last year's cars had ground friction, tire friction, internal expanding, external contracting and freak combinations of brake designs, all operated by hand lever or pedal.

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S.O.S.'s of the Air

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air liner which had landed about five miles from the first. A heavy storm the night before had forced water into the airport's underground fuel tanks and both planes had refueled from the same tanks. But the prompt radio messages prevented worry and started aid rushing to the grounded planes without delay.

On a long flight, when the destination is unapproachable because of bad weather, an airplane is cleared by the dispatcher to the farthest intermediate field along the route where a safe landing may be made. En route, the weather at the terminal may improve and in that case fresh orders are issued by radio, clearing the plane through to its destination. Aside from these clearances few commands are given to a pilot in the air. He may be advised to fly at a certain altitude, or requested to change his course, but never commanded, as he is the final judge of conditions in the air.

One day a few years ago the fog was so thick at one airport the attendants couldn't see ten feet. They were surprised to see an air liner slowly loom up out of the fog and taxi to the landing canopy and unload its passengers. The pilot explained that although the terminal building was shrouded in a patch of fog the entire runway was in the clear and he had landed in the normal manner. Since then the department of commerce has established minimum weather conditions, usually adopted from regulations of one air line or another, under which landings may be made. If the ceiling or visibility is too limited the pilot must cruise around until the weather lifts or must land at some other field.

At busy airports such as the United Air Lines terminal at Burbank, Calif., the radio operator works at full speed every minute he is on duty. Twenty-two liners on regular schedule land or take off from the field every day and in addition other large airplanes make frequent landings. Each of the scheduled liners reports by radio a few minutes before landing or after leaving and also reports its position and weather at half-hour intervals while it is in the station's area. In addition, the ground operators handle quantities of traffic between ground stations, confirming schedules, handling seat reservations,

and relaying the quantities of mail and express carried by each plane. They phone ahead the desires of passengers, arranging for cabs to meet them at the airports, or for changes from one plane to another. Planes due to pass each other on the same airway are warned of their proximity and advised of the altitude of each other. In cases of doubt the pilots talk between themselves and arrange to fly at different altitudes.

If the air is clogged with messages and a ground operator finds it hard to advise an incoming liner of the wind and barometer at the field he shifts to another frequency where the conversation can be carried on without interference. At some time after dark the operator tells the listening airplanes he is shifting from day to night frequency, from 5,592½ kilocycles to 3,182½ kilocycles. At that signal the pilots likewise switch their receivers and transmitters to the new frequency.

Occasionally when an operator calls a plane he receives no reply due to the mysterious "skip" type of fading that seems to be most prevalent during the hot summer months. The pilot may not hear him, or he may not be able to hear the pilot's reply. In such a case some other ground station helps out and a threecornered conversation is carried on. The skip condition may last for a few minutes or for several hours and may affect only a small territory or cover an area hundreds of miles across. Sometimes an operator in Chicago is unable to work planes a few miles away although he may hear Pacific coast stations and airplanes.

In the air several kinds of static rarely experienced on the ground sometimes make reception so poor that only experienced pilots can "read" through it. Electrical disturbances are intensified and create roars and crackles in the earphones. Rain and snow often create steady frying or sizzling noises that nearly drown out reception, as may also be the case during a dust storm. Even ice on the rubber decicers along the leading edge of a wing seems to build up static charges that pop in the earphones when the rubber is stretched and deflated to cause the ice to drop off.

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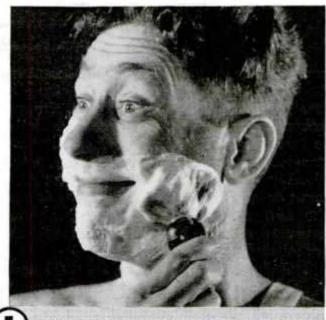
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Playing Nursemaid to Lions

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and for the first week or two the infant is never out of the mother's arms. Later she lets her baby play by itself but always keeps it in sight. If a baby makes a dash to run away the mother reaches out and grasps it by the tail before it can escape. Monkeys eat virtually all foods that humans do and when the baby begins to eat the mother samples everything the baby gets and slaps the baby away if it reaches for something harmful.

You can buy a baby lion for \$125 and up although if you want to save money you can get a one-year-old for a little less. The reason is that a half-grown lion has neither the appeal of a baby nor the ferocious appearance of the full-grown beast. A fully developed four-year-old has a market value of from \$250 to \$1,000. Baby "cats" treated with steady kindness rarely turn vicious in later years but as they grow older and stronger they become rough playmates because of their great size and weight. The so-called "wrestling" lions which engage in rough-and-tumble matches with their trainers are raised by hand from youth and are as affectionate

"Two days of kindness accomplishes more with an animal than two months of cruelty," Roth tells you. "I've taken twelve tigers direct from the jungle and worked with them so that three weeks later they were trained to perform in an arena. The buggy whip that I carry is used only for pointing and snapping. If I should beat the tigers I would never be able to trust all of them in the arena with me."

Roth's favorite animal is "Bobby," a wrestling tiger which is only seventeen months old but already weighs 380 pounds. Roth raised him at home from a one-pound cub and until a few months ago "Bobby" had the run of the house and the back yard, playing with the dogs and chickens and Roth's children. Now that he has grown too large for a house pet, the tiger spends most of the day in a cage. Each morning he is turned loose for several hours to exercise in the motion-picture "jungle" that adjoins the lion farm. "Bobby" is completely tame and has worked on command on a motion-picture

stage with scores of people within reach of his spring. Wrestling a 380-pound tiger is hard work for a strong man and sometimes, to quiet the animal, several trainers take turns in holding a mock fight with him.

"The only trouble with 'Bobby' is that he never wants to stop playing and sometimes I have a hard time getting away from him," Roth says. "After you have been knocked down half a dozen times and rolled on and held by a pair of giant paws while the animal licks your clothing you are exhausted. Once I was picking apples in the back yard, before 'Bobby' was fully grown. He decided he wanted to play and leaped from the ground to the limb on which I was sitting, knocking us both down."

"Bobby's" mother, now eight years old, is one of the few tigers in captivity which will touch cooked food. The reason is that Roth raised her side by side with his two dogs. At mealtimes the trainer served raw meat to the tiger and cooked meat or prepared dog food to the dogs. After eating her own meal the tiger usually helped the dogs finish up their own food.

"When the tiger saw the dogs eating cooked carrots and potatoes she decided she could eat them also," Roth says. "Now she will eat vegetables any time and if you should happen to have a gallon of warm soup handy she would like to have that too."

You shouldn't always assume, when you see a dozen "fighting female lions" growling and spitting on their perches in a wild animal show, that the animals are tame and merely putting on an act, Roth says. The chances are that the animals are actually jungle-born. Wild animals make better performers than those born and raised in captivity. Domesticated lions or tigers, being used to the presence of men, are less apt to obey the trainers so readily. Besides, a trainer may be more careless with animals that he thinks are tame and if there should happen to be a vicious one in the bunch the trainer may be caught off guard and hurt. Most accidents in the arena today happen with animals born in captivity, it is claimed.

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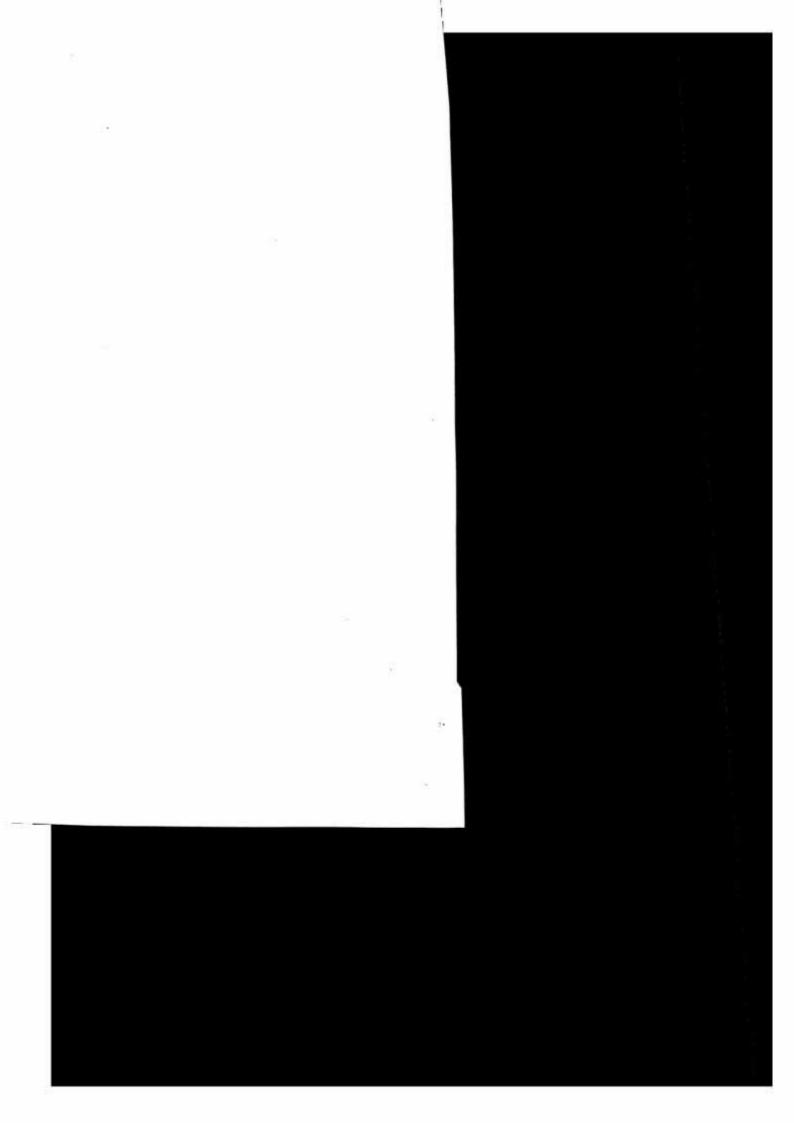
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When you watch a dozen or more jungle kings snarling and roaring while the trainer makes them jump over boxes or pose on pedestals you wonder how one man has the courage to enter the cage. Training a wild animal to act is mainly a matter of patience and kindness. First, the animal must be led to think that he can't hurt the trainer. When Roth receives a new lion fresh from the jungle he first studies its disposition. An animal that continually charges the bars at the sight of a man is bad and probably will be hard to train.

If the lion, or tiger, seems tractable it is sent into the arena to become accustomed to its surroundings. Finally a wide white collar is tied around its neck, from which a chain is led outside the cage. Then Roth opens the door and walks in. If the lion charges, men on the end of the chain pull it taut and Roth walks around outside the scope of the chain, talking to the animal in a soothing voice. Day by day he walks closer, finally petting the animal with the end of his whip. After a few more days a stool is placed near the lion and usually the animal immediately jumps to the top of this perch. If, by then, it seems to be docile the chain is removed and Roth completes the training alone in the cage.

Even with kindness, of course, lion training is not the safest job in the world. Roth has been clawed a number of times, usually "by accident." The most serious occasion was when a dozen full-grown tigers that had been trained recently were entering the arena single file. The line crowded up and the second tiger in line took a sharp nip at the leader's tail. The startled leader gave one great roar and leaped across the cage, landing on Roth's shoulders.

The trainer barely had time to raise his arm and elbow to ward off the claws, and dodged behind some of the stools with his face and shoulders clawed open. It happened during a circus performance, and, true to the tradition that "the show must go on," Roth bound a handkerchief around his head, finished the act, and after being treated at the hospital, returned to the arena to stage a final performance in which he appeared with a group of sixteen lions. The old belief that the instant



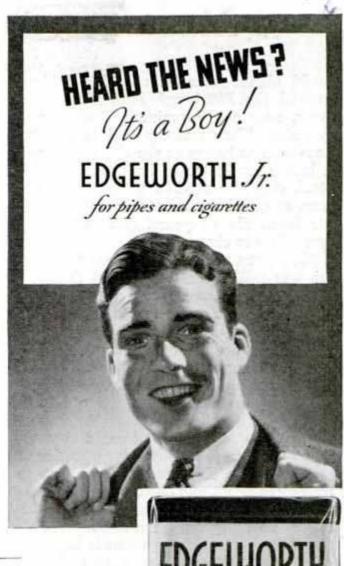
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a wild animal draws blood he is certain to kill his victim is merely a superstition, Roth has learned.

The trainer's most difficult feat was to train four polar bears to act. The bears were five years old and the smallest of them weighed 500 pounds. At the start of the training one bear, clad in a collar with two strong ropes attached to it, was led into the arena. Four men outside the cage were holding to each rope. As soon as Roth entered the cage the bear charged straight for him and the eight men who tried to hold the animal were dragged off their feet. Roth dodged behind some properties in the cage and escaped. He started in again the next day and two months later the group of bears were performing like veterans, sitting on stools and changing places at command while Roth stood among them armed only with the buggy whip with which he gives his orders.

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Aluminum—the Wonder Metal

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could obtain financial aid. His backers formed the Pittsburgh Reduction Company, now the Aluminum Company of America. They foresaw that this metal, one-third as heavy as the older ones, and a better conductor of heat than iron or steel, could be used in many ways. But iron, copper, lead and zinc had been used for hundreds of years. Metal workers were slow to change.

Aluminum made by the chemical process was selling for about eight dollars a pound. Hall's company offered some for five dollars. No one bought it. It was reduced to four, then to two dollars a pound. Still no one wanted any. This taught the backers it was necessary to do more than make aluminum in order to sell it. It was necessary to create markets, to do research and development work, to find alloys with which the metal could be combined to adapt it to particular purposes.

One of the first experiments was in making castings, and one of the early castings was a teakettle. The aluminum industry virtually was born in that teakettle. Aluminum cooking utensils began to gain favor. Their popularity has increased with the years. Today about fourteen per cent of the aluminum produced in this country is used for pots, pans and percolators. More than 350,000,000 kitchen utensils of aluminum have been made in America—a round dozen for each family.

While it is estimated that eight per cent of the earth's crust consists of aluminum, it is never found in its pure form. Bauxite, a mineral, offered the best source of commercial aluminum. Arkansas and Dutch Guiana supply most of the bauxite used in this country. Bauxite contains aluminum oxide plus many impurities which are removed by chemical processes. The remaining alumina, a fine, whitish material like table salt, is treated by the Hall process, now refined and improved. It is stirred in a bath of molten cryolite in carbon-lined cells, and an electric current is passed through the mixture to rob the alumina of its oxygen, causing pure aluminum to be deposited on the bottom of each cell. Two pounds of alumina produce about one pound of aluminum.

The metal is tapped from the cell and

poured into pigs which are remelted and cast into ingots. To improve the mechanical properties of aluminum the metal is alloyed with small percentages of other elements. The common alloying elements are copper, magnesium, manganese and silicon. Some alloys of aluminum possess the strength of structural steel.

Because of its light weight and excellent conductivity, the metal soon was recognized as suitable for electrical cables. Some 430,000 miles of aluminum power lines, reinforced with cores of steel wire to add strength, transmit electrical energy from points of generation to points of use in America. Span lengths of 2,000 and 3,000 feet are not uncommon.

Aluminum was used in architecture before Hall's discovery. In 1884 a 100-ounce aluminum casting was made as a capstone for the Washington monument. It was considered a very large piece of very precious metal. Recently a 7,500-pound casting was turned out. During the nineties aluminum was being used for elevator inclosures, stair railings and grilles. With the trend to lightweight, light-colored metals in architecture, aluminum has come into its own in the building industry. As skyscrapers pushed higher, weight became a bigger problem. So aluminum now is widely used not only for decorative purposes but for spandrels, cornices, window frames, railings, leaders and gutters. The Empire State building contains more than 5,700 aluminum spandrels and 150,000 pounds of the metal inclose and decorate the mooring mast.

The transportation industry today is the largest user of aluminum produced in this country. Thirty-eight per cent of the total production goes into automobiles, airplanes, dirigibles, trains, boats and trucks. Aluminum is used in passenger automobiles for reciprocating engine parts, but it finds an even wider application in trucks where a reduction of dead load by using aluminum results in an increased pay load.

When railroads wanted to increase speed, one of the first problems was to decrease weight. Aluminum again fitted into the picture. At first, cars were built partly of aluminum, then entire cars were

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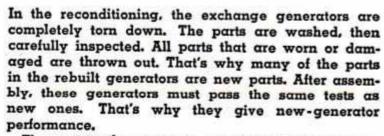
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aluminized and now several all-aluminum trains are in operation.

Each metal has at least one industry in which it has won special recognition and aviation might be called aluminum's own. Without this metal and its alloys the progress of aviation would have been retarded greatly. Virtually all military and transport planes today are of aluminum and the metal has played a vital part in the development of the dirigible. The application of aluminum to the marine field has increased in recent years. Small craft utilize it for masts, spars and railings; larger ones like the "Normandie" use it for partitions and decorative purposes.

While the cooking-utensil, electricalconductor, building and transportation industries consume about seventy per cent of the aluminum produced, the metal now is used in hundreds of other fields in one form or another. Aluminum foil, collapsible tubes, and bottle seals and caps are encountered daily. Household appliances by the hundreds are built partly or entirely of aluminum, and you probably will find the metal in your furniture, your telephone, your radio and possibly in your watch. Aluminum paint is utilized both in industrial and domestic fields and the metal is found in big dragline excavators and overhead cranes. Even the floor of a Pittsburgh bridge is constructed of it.

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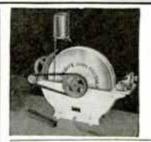


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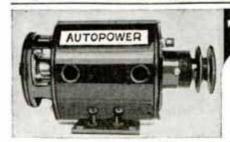
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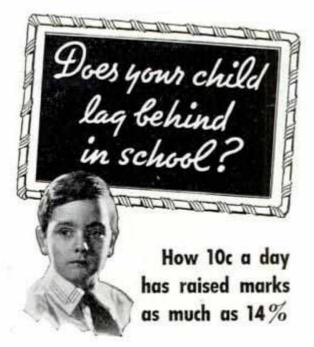
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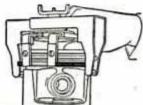
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Auto Lighting Riddle

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that the automobile manufacturer must keep down costs to prevent his business from losing money and that the average car owner hesitates to part with more than a few cents for a gadget on which he has to spend time or money for installation, no matter how great the resulting advantages. The best way of making a new lighting idea popular is, in the light of past experience, to have some manufacturer put it on his car as standard equipment.

The inventor often works with his own headlights, which are out of adjustment; and at the same time he does not possess enough knowledge about the physics of headlighting equipment. He generally thinks that objectionable glare can be eliminated by screening off either the upper or lower part of the reflector. Perhaps his system will work perfectly with his head lamps because they are out of adjustment, but it won't work on other cars.

Another pitfall that traps inventors is their failure to realize that headlights are not always at rest when in use. Careful adjustment of the lighting equipment, coupled perhaps with the use of a trick gadget that does no particular harm, produces a beam of light that seems to be just the thing. It shoots down the road for 500 feet or so, and its uppermost limits do not cause discomfort even to the pedestrian who is walking toward it. All seems well -until the car is taken out on the road. Then the picture changes. The car bounces up and down in passing over the irregularities present in even a good pavement; and furthermore tilts upward and downward in going over hills. The result is that the carefully aimed beams almost constantly annoy approaching drivers. The only remedy is to depress the beam.

Although a vast majority of auto lighting "improvements" fail when tested under the rigid conditions of the laboratory and road, there is one cheerful note in the situation. The very pronounced activity of inventors shows that they recognize the challenge of the automobile lighting problem and that they are seeking a solutionthe perfect head lamp.

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The Next War on the Land

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The press has recently shown pictures and reported tests in Europe where large numbers of troops with equipment have been dropped from the air in parachutes. The troops would seem to have rather a brief existence entirely surrounded in enemy territory. This points to the possibility of dropping quantities of poison gas, incendiary and disease germ containers back of enemy lines.

The discoveries and developments which have been made in science and engineering since the World War, when adapted to the wholesale slaughtering of human beings and the wholesale destruction of their property, would result in the annihilation of whole nations. We find that 700,000 were killed in the Civil War, 10,000 in the Spanish-American War, and 9,980,000 in the World War. If there is another world war, the death and destruction that will be wrought will be beyond estimate.



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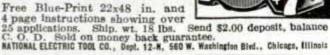
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The Graveyard of the Pacific

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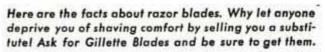
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Around the World

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day, Fulton was struck by a falling coconut which knocked him unconscious. From the Dutch East Indies, he traveled back to the mainland and visited Siam, Indo-China, and China, covering 3,000 miles in China alone. From China he went to Japan, thence to the United States by steamer.

In the whole journey, he never removed the front tire from its rim. He had six blowouts in the rear one but finished the trip with his original tires. Fulton reports much road-building remains to be done before the traveler can ride across Eurasia in the same comfort with which he now travels across the United States. Roads in western Europe are good; in the Balkan states they are bad; Turkey is roadless for the most part; Syria enjoys a good road system, built by the French; between Damascus and Bagdad, one can travel at a forty-mile clip over hard dirt desert; Baluchistan and Afghanistan offer little besides rough caravan trails: India has good primary roads built by the British, but in a good many instances, it was necessary to cross rivers on railroad trestles, and in Malaya, the abundance of crude rubber stocks has resulted in a unique experiment with rubber-surfaced roads. The rubber is mixed with pebbles and, according to Fulton, makes a very good riding surface.

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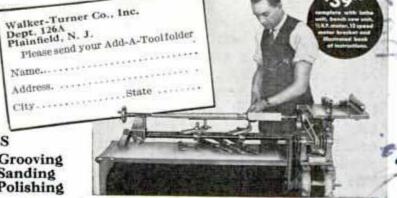
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"amber" cigarette holders and beads, and even shatterproof windows for omnibuses. Once again Germany's inventors have here slashed a sizable strip from the long list of the nation's imports. The basic new product, "Kunst Harz," or artificial resin, can be substituted in thousands of ways for wood, metal, ivory, horn, porcelain and even for glass.

The most remarkable refinement of this new by-product is what is marketed under the trade name of "Plexi-Glas." It is "bendable glass," and splinterproof. The material, clear as ordinary glass, and containing no reinforcing steel threads, has been adopted for use in all the modern, streamline omnibuses which the Nazi government has built to operate on the new "Hitler highways."

This Plexi-Glas, a product of pitcoal waste, can be bent readily to and fro at a temperature of 194 degrees Fahrenheit. But it has one other remarkable advantage as construction material—it can be worked with a simple steel point, and does not require a diamond point as does ordinary glass. Its properties seem incredible to the ordinary layman; this "glass" can actually be cut in two with an ordinary wood saw.

"Kunst Harz" is produced in two varieties. By the chemical combination of phenol with pitcoal waste and a formaldehyde condensate, "Phenol Harz" is manufactured. Every new billiard ball, umbrella handle, cigarette holder, pair of goggles and shatterproof window placed on the market in the last few months in Germany has been a Phenol Harz product.

The other variety is "Amino Harz," and is produced by a sister process which substitutes urea for phenol. All new knife handles, radio cabinets, switchboards, fancy buttons, electrical appliances, and even unbreakable cups and saucers are being fashioned from this new material.

Not only is Germany already preparing to breakfast, lunch and dine on her forests, but she has actually begun to use her coal for jewelry and windows. But "invention" is only one part of the battle. The other is "substitution." For instance, hough German soil does not contain sorely desired metals, Germany's famous

heavy industry does. Hitler has ordered that the national railways be "mined." His huge "replacement program," by which the German State Railways will divest itself of all metals needed for armament has been going full blast for six months. "Precious" parts all the way from locomotives' copper boilers to the cotton insulation on electric-light wires are being systematically salvaged for the good of the hard pressed Fatherland.

The new "precious" metals in Germany are copper, tin and zinc. With a large hurry-up armament program, Hitler needs them all in quantity and can get little. His unique reclamation program is commandeering tons of them from the repair sheds of Germany's gargantuan State Railways, next largest to America's.

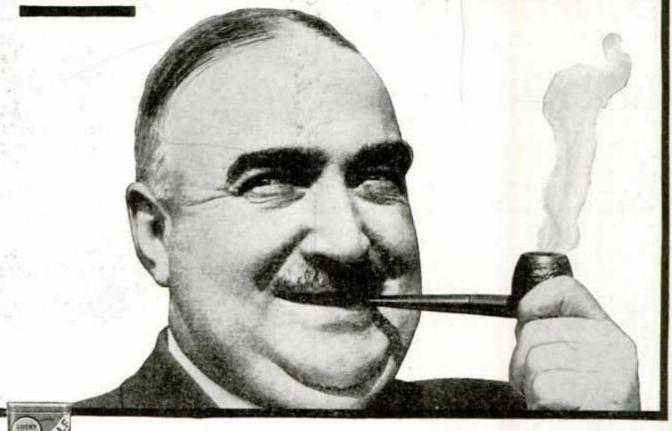
The initial command in this salient of the war on imports outlawed the huge copper boilers, or fireboxes, of German locomotives, until recently considered the most efficient type. These are being replaced by boilers of steel. Successful experiments also have been conducted with boilers of "Kunst Harz." All brass has also been officially doomed, and ordered systematically confiscated from the railways' rolling stock. Among other items of equipment, this removes the capacious ash trays, whose red and gold gleam on the walls of every train compartment is familiar to every American who has spent a vacation in Germany.

Bronze has also been proscribed, since it is an alloy of all three of the trinity of metals "for government use only"-copper, zinc and tin. This rule is even changing the tone of the engine bells, since the high sharp peal of bronze must now give way to the dull, muffled clang of cast iron. Even the bronze letters and nameplates upon the locomotive faces have been taxed for the armament treasury. They are replaced by a particularly cheap type of aluminum, called "Silumin." All frames for clothes hangers, hatracks and baggage hammocks are also en route to the government melting-pot for they are also of brass. Even the brass steam-heat valves have been removed and valves of the new "Kunst Harz" put in their places.

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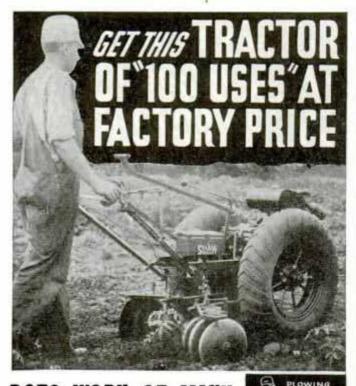
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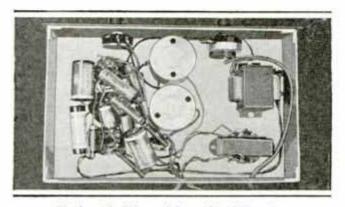
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All-Metal Tube Set for Beginners

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two coils in the small shield cans are mounted directly under the tuning condenser and the leads to the grids which go to the stators of the condenser unit should be as short as possible to prevent feedback and insure good selectivity. Leads to the grid caps of the tubes will come from Tr. 1 and Tr. 2 on the top of the condenser.

Filament wires 2 and 7 should be twisted together and connected to prongs Nos. 2 and 7 on each socket. The No. 1 terminal of all three sockets contacts the metal cases of the tubes and should be connected to ground. Mount several soldering lugs



Underside View of Completed Receiver

on the base and connect them together with bare wire to provide a good common ground without depending entirely on the metal base. A complete list of materials can be obtained upon application without charge. Solder all connections with rosincore solder, and a good hot iron, using ordinary hook-up wire for the circuit.

To place the receiver in operation, connect the antenna and run a lead from the adjacent ground post to a ground clamp on a cold-water pipe. Connect the speaker, plug in the 110-volt line cord and turn on the filament switch. Adjust the tuning condenser until you hear a fairly loud signal on the low end of the dial near 1,500 kc. Now adjust Tr. 1 and Tr. 2 with a small screwdriver until the signal is the loudest; then repeat this process at the high end of the dial. A position of these adjustments will be found where the signals are about equal in volume at both ends of the dial; the set is then ready for use. A large blueprint of all diagrams is available, those who wish it should specify blueprint R-219. The receiver may be installed in a table-type cabinet if desired.



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Low-Loss Antenna Connections

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loop and make the electrical connection above, thus removing the strain from the soldered junction.

A frequent cause of lead-in losses results from the practice of winding insulated lead-in wire around the nail used to fasten a common type of split-section porcelain stand-off insulator to the side of the house. A low-loss method of anchoring the wire in the insulator is illustrated in the photo at the left in Fig. 4. Wind a few turns of inch-wide adhesive tape around the wire to form a pad for the porcelain to grip without damage to the insulation. Shielded lead-in wire should always be treated in this manner to prevent the porcelain from pressing the woven metal shielding through the insulation.

There are a few simple rules for good soldering that every radio experimenter and set owner should follow. When choosing an electric soldering iron for a particular job, be sure that the iron is large enough to supply sufficient heat to the parts so that the solder will flow freely when applied to the work. Fig. 5 shows a fairly heavy iron suitable for making antenna and ground connections, also for general soldering around the home. It may be used with an extension cord for outdoor work. The smaller iron, Fig. 6, is an 80-watt variety with two tips, specially designed for building and repairing radio receivers. The small barrel enables the operator to reach difficult corners.

To tin the working tip of the iron, and thus retard the formation of oxide on the working faces, allow the iron to heat for about 5 minutes, apply soldering paste to the tip and then a thin coating of solder as indicated in the upper sketch. Remove the excess solder with a cloth; a badly corroded iron may be cleaned with a smoothing file as shown in the lower photo.

The work to be soldered must be cleaned thoroughly with sandpaper or a steel brush. For antenna joints and soldered connections in the r.f. circuits of radio receivers and transmitters, do not use soldering paste or acid flux. Employ rosincore solder in these cases to avoid any trace of corrosion. Heat the work thoroughly with the iron and apply the rosincore solder on the opposite side of the joint until the heated surfaces melt it.

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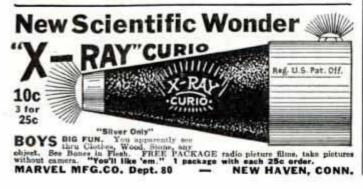
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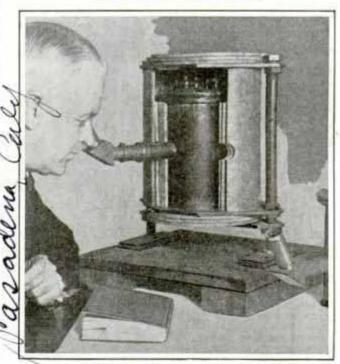
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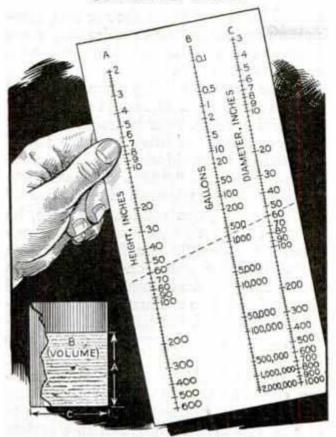
Dr. R. A. Millikan, Eminent Scientist and One of Early Instruments Used to Study Cosmic Ray

tough alloy and lined with lead, containing nitrogen under pressure. Every time a cosmic ray struck this ball, there was an electrical disturbance in the nitrogen and this was measured. This, of course, gave only the total number of rays.

What good are cosmic rays? That question is now taking up the thought of scientists. Dr. Arthur H. Compton has estimated that if all the energy of the cosmic rays could be gathered twenty miles above the earth's surface and utilized one hundred per cent it would only amount to 20,000 horsepower. The atmosphere of the earth acts as a blanket, and the rays are only one two-hundredths as numerous at sea level as twenty miles up, so the same authority has estimated that at sea level only 100 horsepower could be found on the whole surface of the earth, about enough to drive one automobile.

Yet cosmic rays may have a great influence on weather, they may also have many other influences as yet unknown to man, for scientists even now admit that they do not yet know what cosmic rays really are. Through them scientists may be able to study the "ancient" history of the universe, and this means millions of years. Truly, cosmic rays are the great mystery of the universe. Will some use be found for them? No one can tell.

Chart to Figure the Capacity of Round Tanks



Point of Intersection Between a Line, Drawn Across the Outside Columns, and Center Column, Indicates Tank Capacity in Gallons

The problem of quickly determining the capacity in gallons of a cylindrical tank mounted in a vertical position, is easily solved with this chart. To use it, draw a straight line between column A, representing the height of the tank in inches, and column C, which represents the diameter in inches. The point where the line intersects column B will be the number of gallons in the tank. In case it is desired to know the amount of liquid in a given tank at a given time, column A represents the depth of the liquid. The chart may be used backwards for determining the height and diameter of a proposed tank of any predetermined capacity.

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This prescription cannot, of course, be followed in every instance, but it represents a worthwhile aim for the modern man. In large cities one sees changes which have resulted from the wide use of the machine. The ordinary street, formerly a playground for neighborhood children, is now a highly specialized "machine for producing speed traffic."

People blame the automobile for causing congestion. Le Corbusier holds that the very same automobile can be made to reduce congestion if allowed to circulate in a city properly planned.

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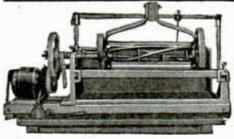
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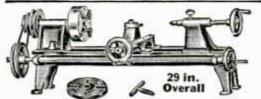
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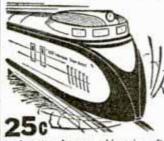
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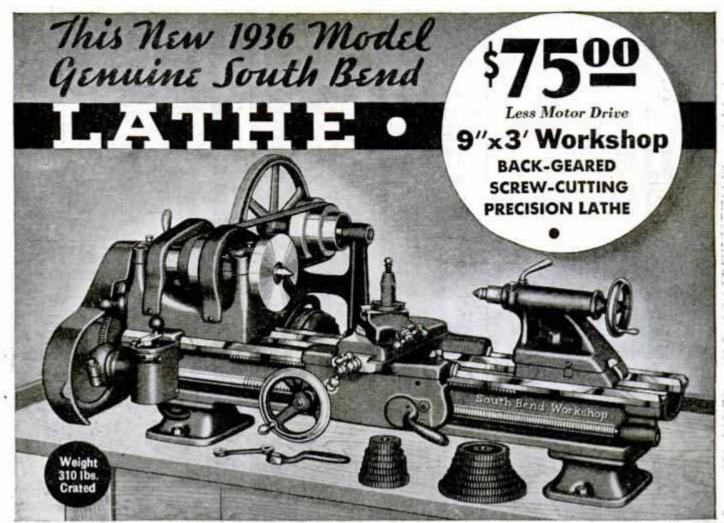
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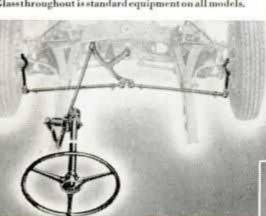
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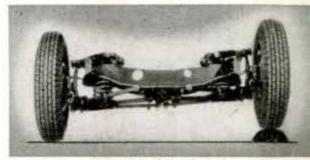
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