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## Next Month

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## Ride 'em Cowboy!

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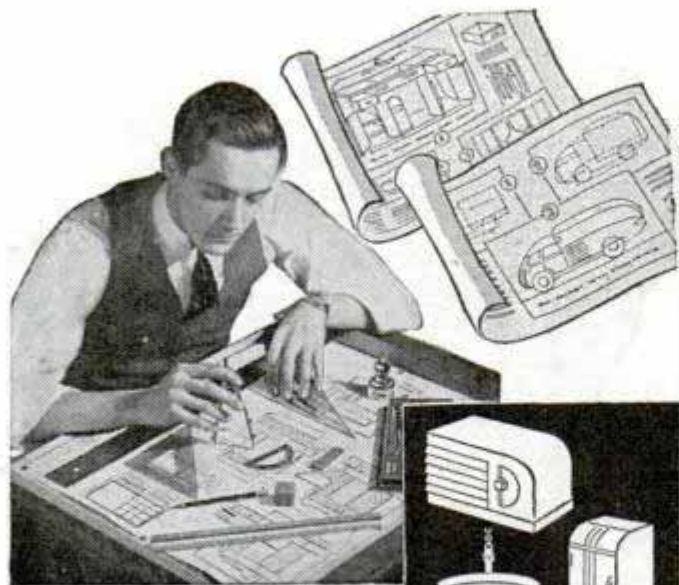
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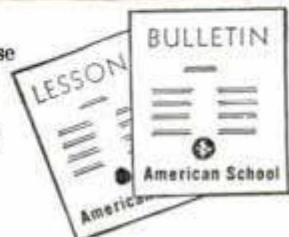


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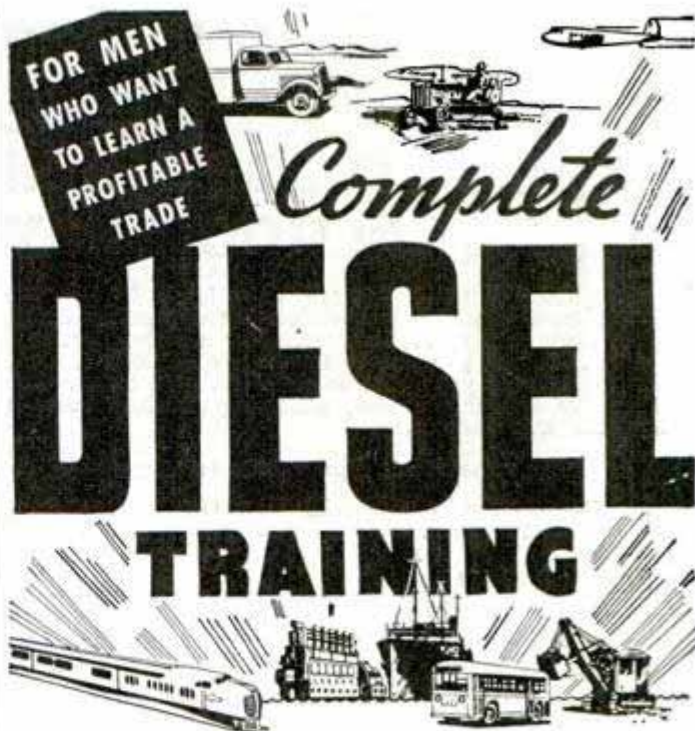
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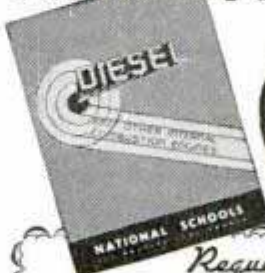
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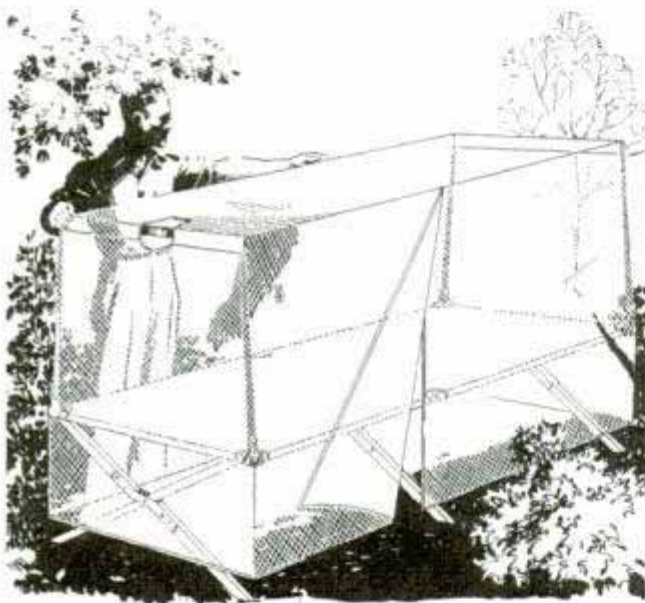


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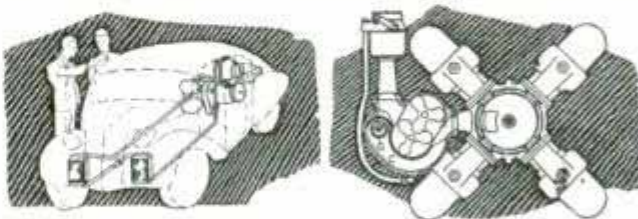
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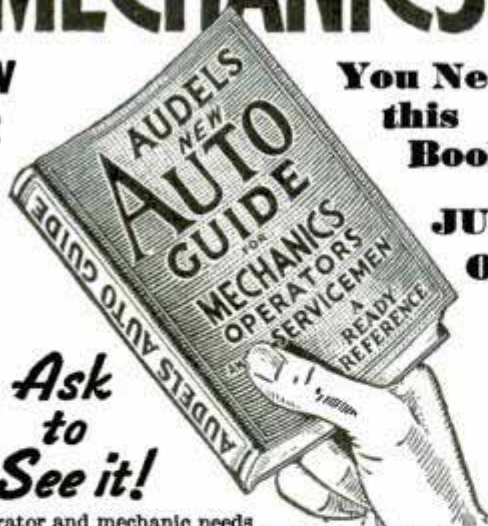
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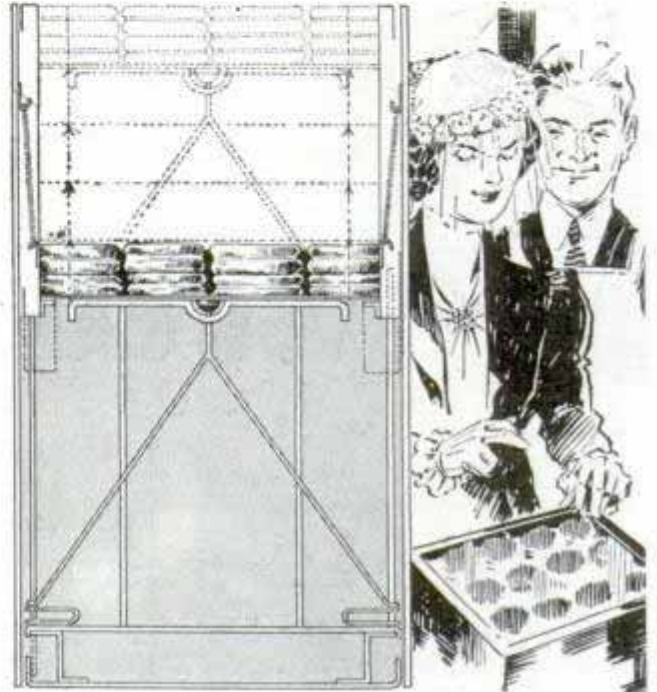
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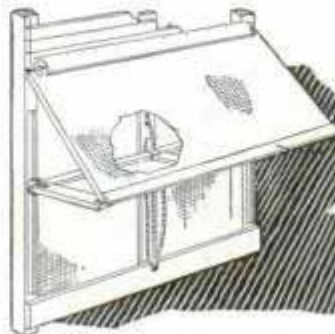
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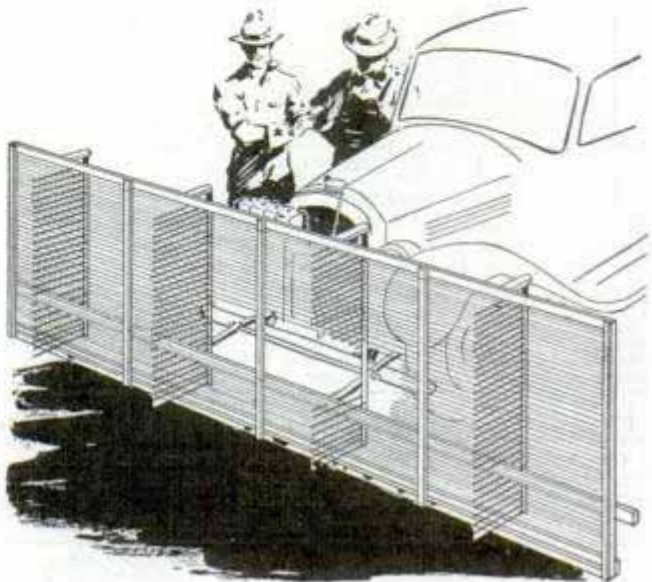
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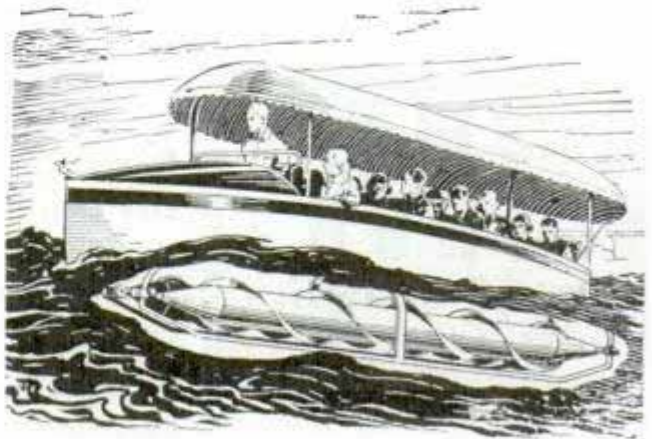
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**F**OR exterminating insects rapidly on a large scale, a device attachable to the front of automobile, truck or tractor has been patented. It consists of a frame with parallel wires, a transforming coil, vertical shafts which oscillate rods extending between the wires to clear the exterminator



of insects, and means for connecting the device to a source of electrical power. Alternate wires in the frame are connected, forming a circuit and composing an "electric chair" for insects that touch the frame as the shocker moves across a field.

**S**OMETHING new in water-sports craft is promised in a hydro-safety boat patented recently. The craft has spaced parallel open side members with rotary pon-



toons, on which are spiral blades, extending the full length of the hull. Rotation of the pontoons causes the craft to move forward through the water.

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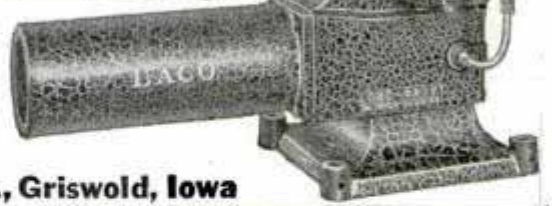


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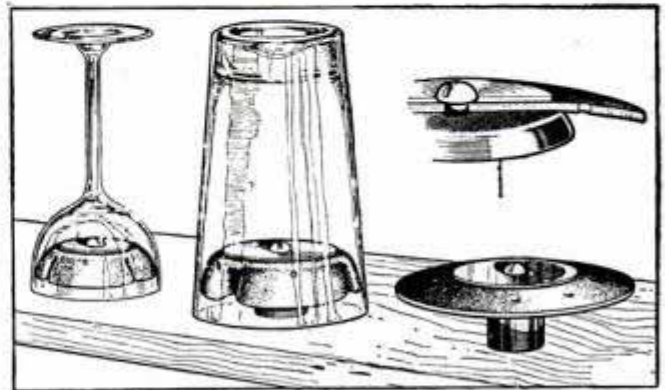
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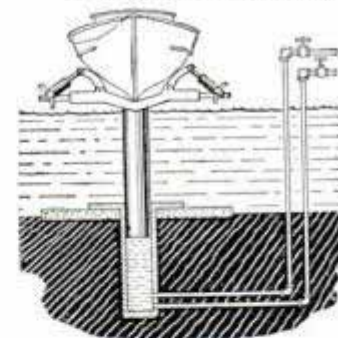
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**D**RINKING glasses can be made secure against oscillation and vibration in trailer, railroad dining car, airplane and elsewhere by using a holder patented recently in England. It consists of metal hub and a large rubber disk. When a glass is



pushed firmly down over the disk, the rubber is compressed inside the glass, providing a firm anchorage. With the holder, glasses can be hung on the wall or even suspended from the roof. A glass will not fall off the holder if put on straight, but can be removed easily by tilting.

**P**UTTING a boat into drydock would be simplified greatly if a newly patented hydraulic device should come into general use. Installed at the bottom of whatever body of water it may be used in, the device consists of a plunger with gripping mechanism to hold the boat firmly. The plunger is forced upward, by hydraulic means, to engage the bottom of the craft and to lift it clear of the water to facilitate repairs or painting. Pipes leading from a fluid pressure tank to the cylinder in which the plunger moves up and down permit hydraulic operation.



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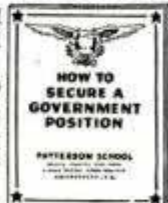
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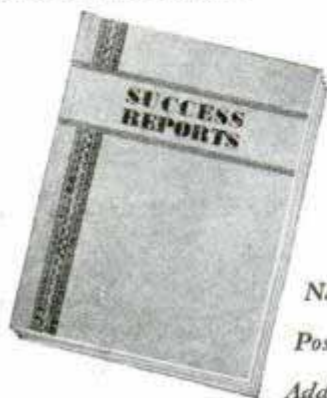
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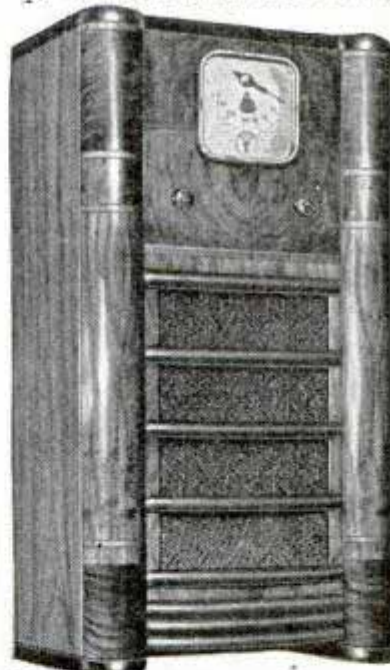
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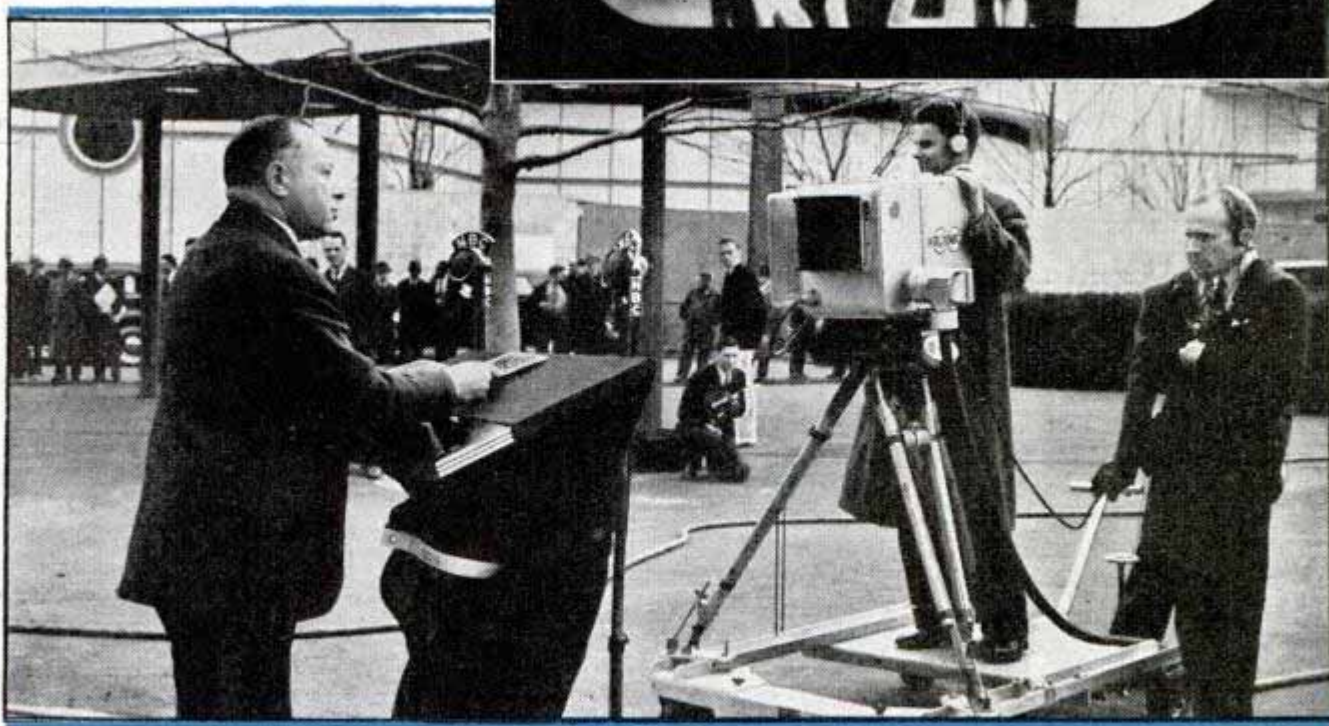
By David Sarnoff

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LONG confined to the homes and workshops of its scientific guardians, television has just been graduated from this protective environment, and has been thrust out to make its way in the world. What will it offer to mankind, and what response will mankind make to it?

One by one the shackles that chained man to the limited sphere of his own mind and his immediate neighborhood have been struck from him. Today with the aid of modern means of transportation he can move his body about rapidly, easily and at will; he can enlarge the pow-

## The FUTURE of TELEVISION



Bottom, David Sarnoff delivers speech at New York world's fair while television camera and sound instruments pick up scene. Above, the television image received eight miles away

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ers of his hands and arms thousands of times with the help of machines; he can extend his voice by radio to other men throughout the world, and hear them in return. Now the last shackle is being broken; through television his eyesight promises to become all-embracing and world-wide. And not only is he given the power to see at a distance those things which may be evident within the limited spectrum of the visible rays of light, but also those which heretofore have been invisible because they could only be perceived through the use of waves outside the visible region.

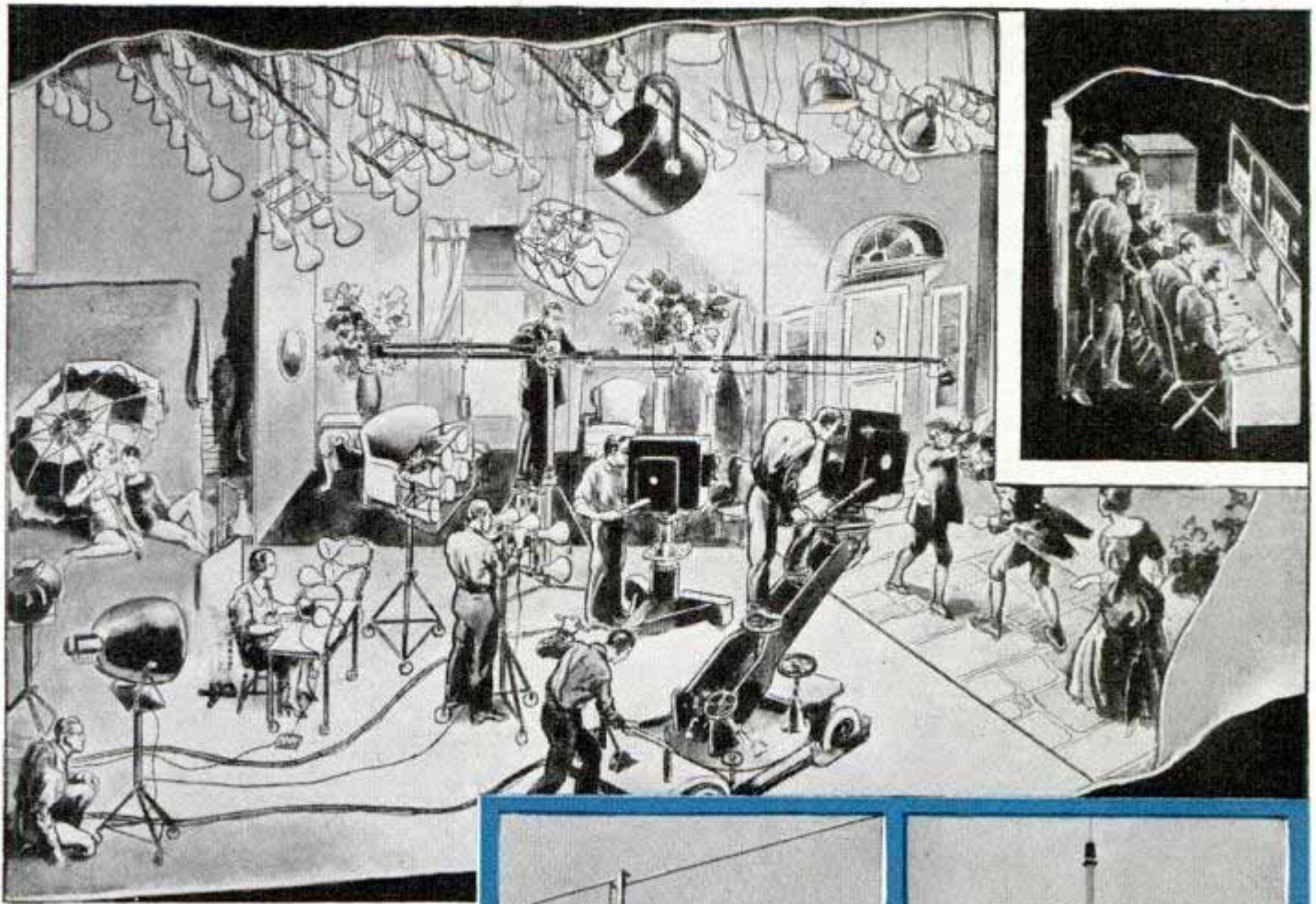
Television will finally bring to people in their homes, for the first time in history, a complete means of instantaneous participation in the sights and sounds of the entire outer world. It will be more realistic than a motion picture, because it

will project the present instead of the past. Aural radio already has demonstrated the greatly heightened psychological significance, to the listener, of feeling that he is present at the radio performance, as a member of an audience listening to living performers. The sensation that one is participating in an event actually taking place at the precise moment of hearing it is quite different and much more intense than the sensation one has in witnessing a sound picture or hearing a record of the same event, later on. With the advent of television, the combined emotional results of both seeing and hearing an event or a performance at the instant of its occurrence become new forces to be reckoned with, and they will be much greater forces than those aroused by audition only. The emotional appeal of pictures to the



*Top, watching television pictures on indirect viewing mirror under lid of receiver, which has twelve-inch kinescope and thirty-six tubes. Center, the kinescope receiving tube and iconoscope, "eye" of transmitter. Below, mobile television station which picks up image and sound in the field*





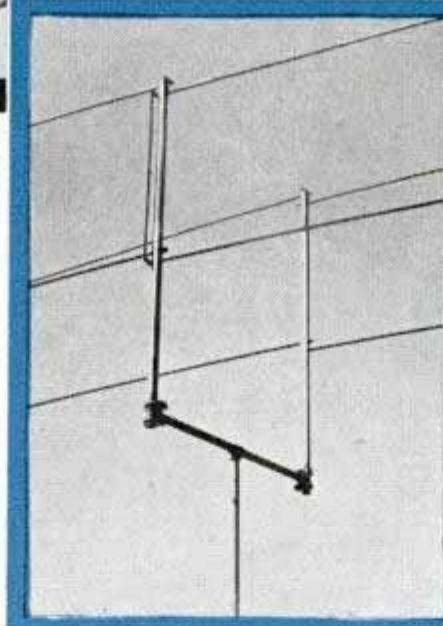
mass of people is everywhere apparent. We have only to regard the success of motion pictures, tabloid newspapers, and picture magazines, to be convinced of this.

Let us consider next what sort of program material television may present to its audience. Radio programs today cover almost every conceivable type of material that may be of value as entertainment, instruction and news. But while the scope of television programs will be equally broad, it is clear that the relative emphasis on the various types of subject matter can be changed to advantage. In aural radio we tend to emphasize program material that may be enjoyed without the use of vision; hence music forms a major part of aural radio programs. In television it will be natural to emphasize types of program material where the addition of visibility will

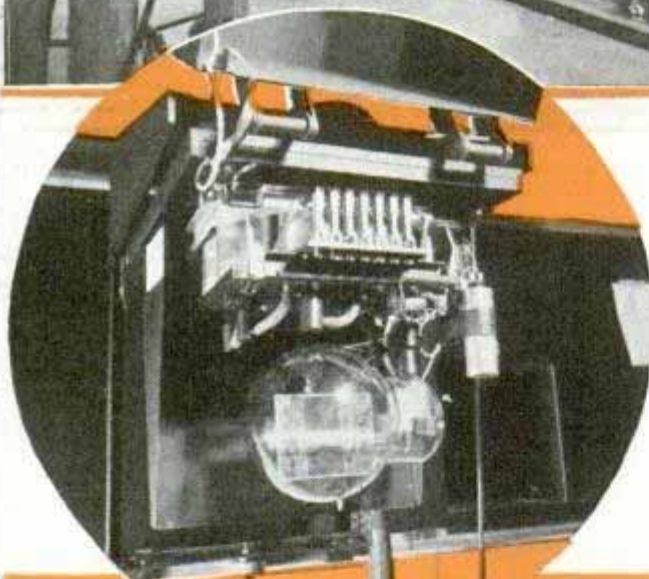
enhance the emotional effect—such as drama, news, or sporting events.

Radio already has made significant contributions to novel dramatic forms and materials. Experimentation is constantly going on, under the daily pressure of providing ever-changing programs. Famous dramatists, actors, and producers are turning in increasing numbers to radio as a new and important medium, and the intellectual standard of much radio drama is

Top, drawing of television studio. Upper right, control room where engineers monitor broadcasts. Below, receiving and transmitting antennas







*Top, studio scene during actual television broadcast; notice twin cameras and "mike boom." Center, inside the iconoscope camera. Bottom, audio and video units in transmitting room*

in the best tradition of the legitimate theater. With the advent of television, a new impetus will be given to this form of art, and we may expect it gradually to replace some other types of programs which now occupy a large part of radio time.

While some television dramas may be recorded on film, for convenience or for network distribution, it is not certain that the standards, methods or artistic ideas of the present-day motion-picture industry will control the material presented. Radio has always been an independent force, and has broken new ground in what it has done. A first-class radio program is like no theatrical or motion-picture presentation that ever was. It is a new thing in the world. Similarly, it is quite likely that television drama will be a new development, using the best of the theater and motion pictures, and building a new art-form based upon these.

It is probable that television drama of high caliber and produced by first-rate artists, will materially raise the level of dramatic taste of the nation, just as aural broadcasting has raised the level of musical appreciation.



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An outstanding contribution of television will be its ability to bring news and sporting events to the listener while they are occurring. The widespread public participation in events such as those which occurred during the European war crisis in the summer of 1938, and the intensity of the mass emotions aroused thereby, have given us a glimpse of the possibilities of this phase of radio. It readily may be imagined what will be the results when television adds to the effect of reality of projecting the vision as well as the hearing of the audience to the scene of action.

Educational institutions are gradually adopting mechanical inventions as aids to teaching, and radio receivers as well as phonographs are becoming increasingly familiar sights in schoolrooms. With television we may find the educational uses of radio increasing; for while children may be restless when merely listening to a speaker without seeing him, living pictures may capture and hold their interest.

There is another aspect of television which is important, and this is the nature and effects of its by-products. New instrumentalities have been developed, specifically for the purpose of transmitting visual intelligence by radio. These include iconoscopes, or devices for converting a light image into electric currents, amplifiers of wide frequency range, high-powered ultra-short wave transmitters and kinescopes which reproduce the original image by converting electric currents into light. All these devices are beginning to find applications in fields remote from television, and, as familiarity with them grows, their fields of application will be extended.

The whole subject of electron optics, or the control of electron beams by electric and magnetic fields, has received great attention because of its importance in television devices. This has led to a whole new range of possibilities in optical devices which heretofore have been limited because of their dependence on the wave lengths of light. With the wave length of electrons of moderate velocity thousands of times shorter than that of light, it is obvious that by the use of electrons and electron optics we can design magnifying devices of much finer resolution than heretofore; and this has already resulted in a

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## Paint Carried in 'Knapsack' Is Fed to Brush by Valve



Paint is fed smoothly to bristles under control of valve in handle, eliminating dipping of brush

To eliminate the dipping and dripping of paintbrushes, a painter invented a tank that is worn across the shoulders, feeding paint to the bristles under control of a valve in the brush handle. From the knapsack-style tank, the paint travels to a flexible leather pocket distributor which extends almost to the end of the bristles.

## Rake with a Roller on the Back Packs Down the Garden



Two garden tools in one is a rake with a detachable roller for use in finishing the surface of a garden or re-seeded lawn. In garden planting, the rake serves the

usual purpose in opening furrows and covering the seeded rows. Then the roller is attached for pressing down the soil upon the seeds to help germination. It is used on lawns in the same way when bare spots are re-seeded.

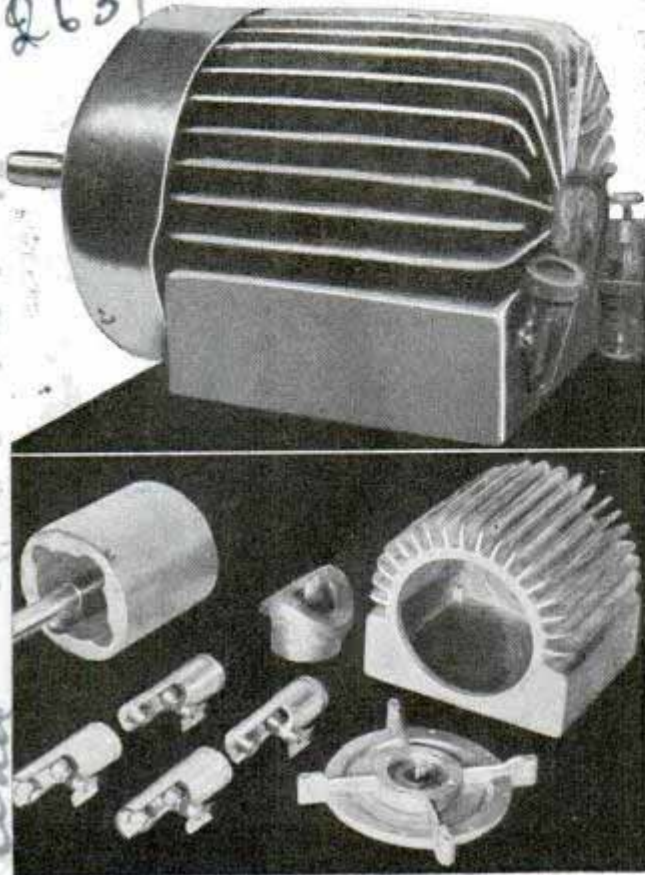
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## Small Rotary Gas Engine Has Six Moving Parts



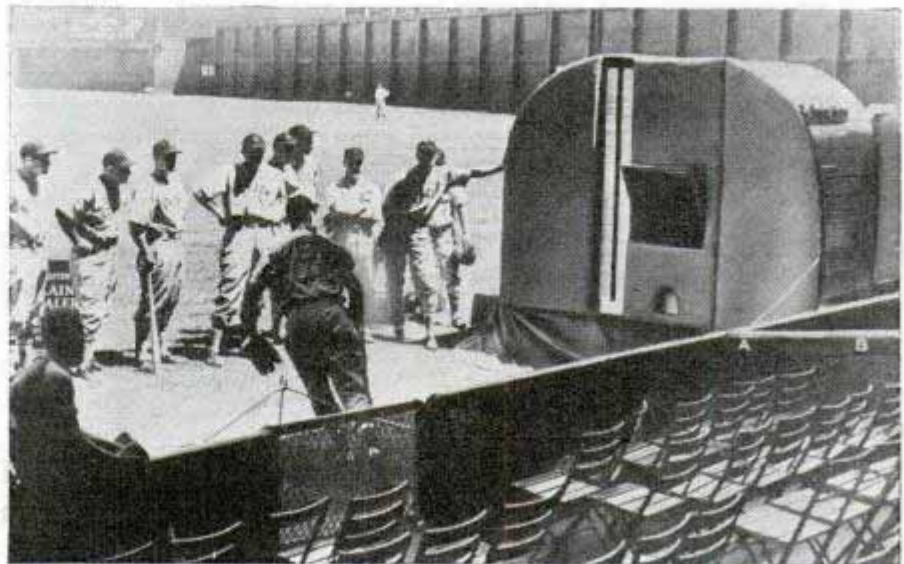
Small-size four-cylinder rotary engine (top) has only six moving parts (as shown below)

Claimed to be almost vibrationless, a small four-cylinder engine of the rotary type has been produced. One model, developing one-third horsepower and weighing only fifteen pounds, has a diameter of five inches and a length of seven inches. Basic design follows that of an electric motor. It has a rotor carrying all moving parts, a stator or shell which houses the rotor and a front bearing plate. There are only six moving parts in the four-cylinder job. The rotor is a cylindrical block mounted on a shaft, with the cylinders set parallel to the shaft and the pistons reciprocating by means of a special cam mounted on the bearing flange. The engine is designed so there are four power strokes per revolution instead of the two

power strokes of the ordinary four-cycle engine. The rotor revolves in the stator, which is designed with an oil sump in the base, from which the rapidly turning block picks up and forces under pressure a film of oil between the outer wall of the rotor and the inner wall of the stator. The oil film provides lubrication and also carries off heat quickly so that the cooling fins on the outer side of the stator can dissipate it. A tiny incandescent wire, heated with a low-tension magneto, furnishes the ignition without the aid of other parts. The engine is remarkable in that it has no valves, no gears, no flywheel, no ignition points and no oil pumps. Only one gasket is used. For use in automobiles, an eight-cylinder motor about fifteen inches in diameter and slightly longer would develop, theoretically, twice the power of the conventional engine of the same displacement.

## Speed of Baseball Is Measured by Electric "Clocking" Meter

Big league baseball pitchers are finding out exactly how fast their speed balls travel. A pitching speed meter just completed clocks the ball in the interval it passes between two photoelectric circuits set up in a twelve-foot trailer. The pitcher throws from a distance of twenty feet. As the ball reaches its target a bell rings and the speed of the ball, translated into feet per second, shows instantly on a dial. It is accurate within one and one-half per cent in thousandths of a second.



Boston Red Sox pitcher flings a fast one at the window and photoelectric "eyes" register speed of ball on dial visible at left

Pitching Speed Meter

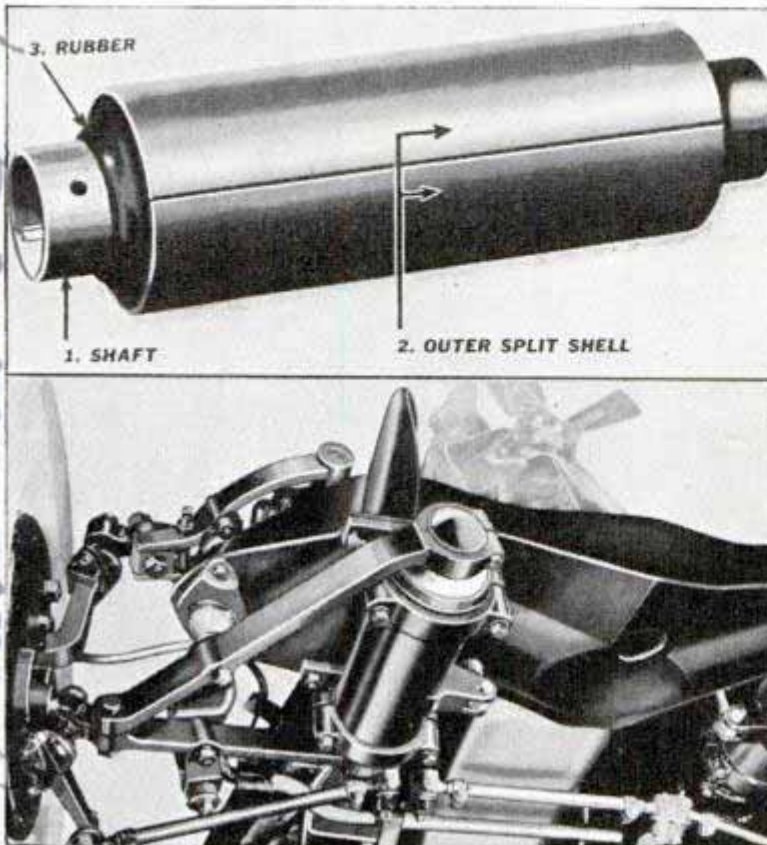
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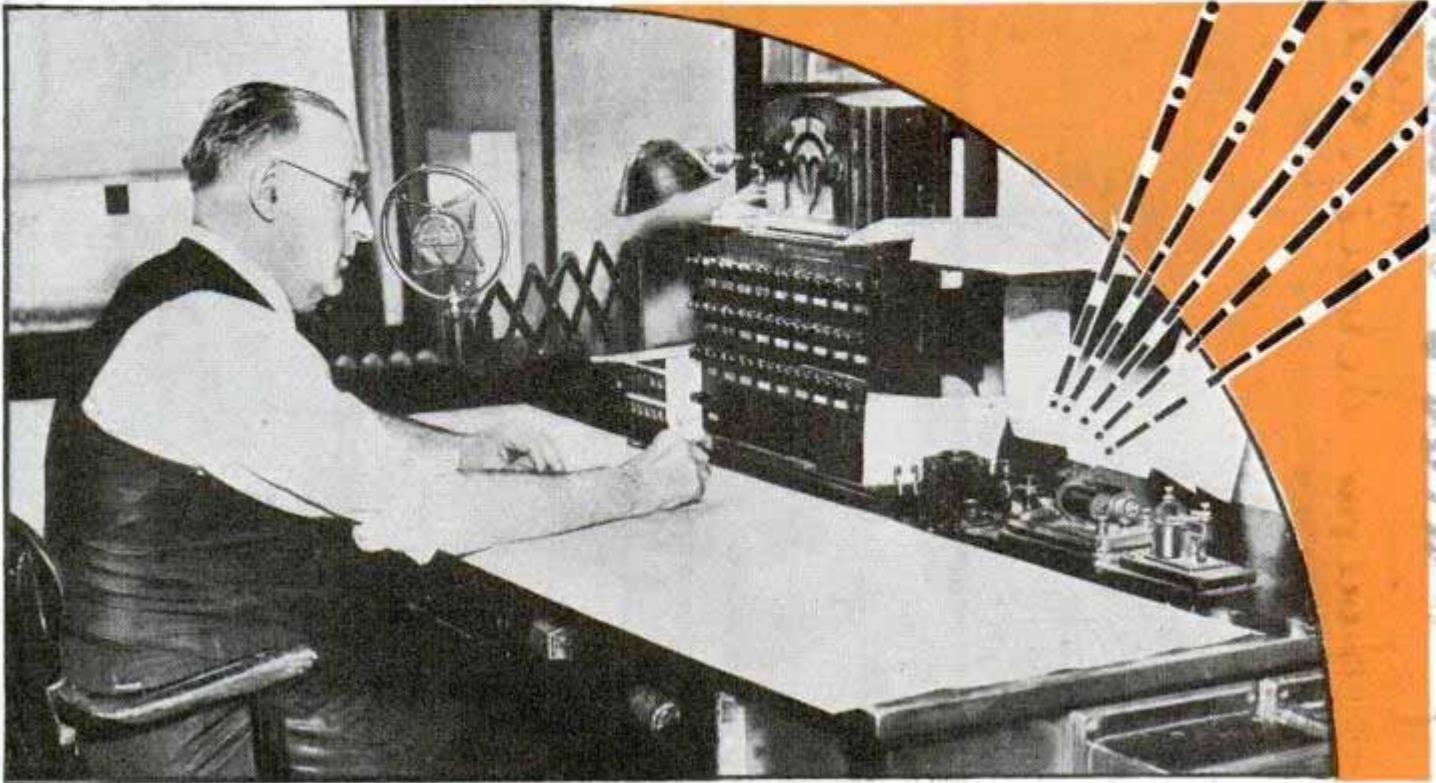
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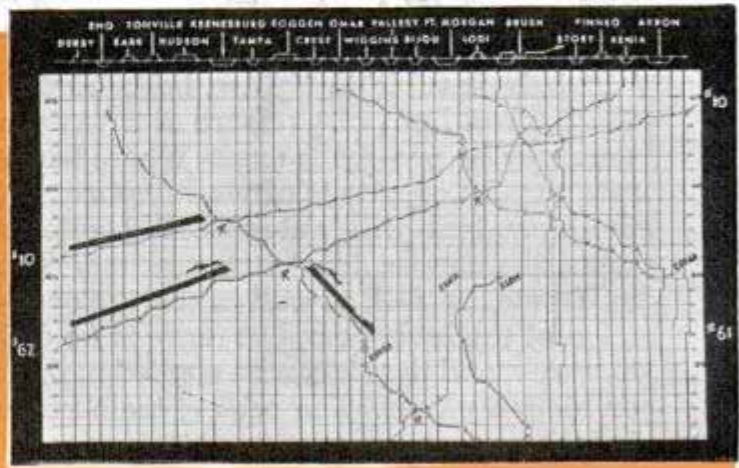


**H**HEAD-ON down the single track thunder

two fast passenger trains, their engineers alert but neither aware the other is close ahead. An unseen hand moves in a tower miles away; a switch clicks, a signal flashes. The eastbound express swerves into a siding, the limited roars through westward and almost as its last car clears the switch the express, without pausing, noses back into the main line. No time lost. A nonstop meet.

By Roderick M. Grant

A rock breaks from a bluff and falls across a railroad right of way, but it crushes a "detector" fence, and automatic signals turn red to stop trains short of disaster. Over in Pennsylvania an engineer hauling a string of gondolas chats through the rails with the caboose he has left on a spur track five miles back. A towerman presses two buttons and automatically switches and signals line up a route for an interurban train through the tangle of tracks ap-



Dispatcher, top, talks to towerman by flicking switch; telegraph automatically reports passage of train. Below, Burlington operator at Brush, Colo., watching diagram showing train positions, controls 112 miles of line. Automatic log, right, records train movements, "R" indicating nonstop meet

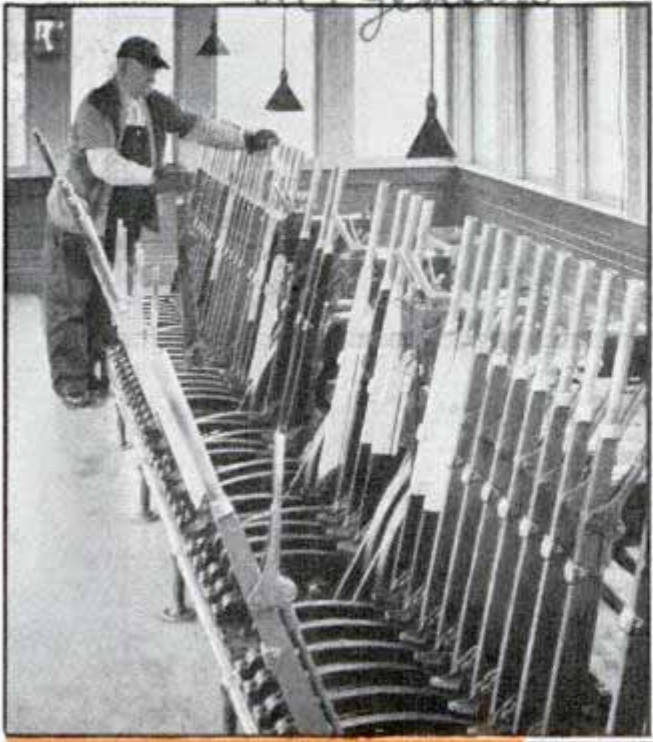


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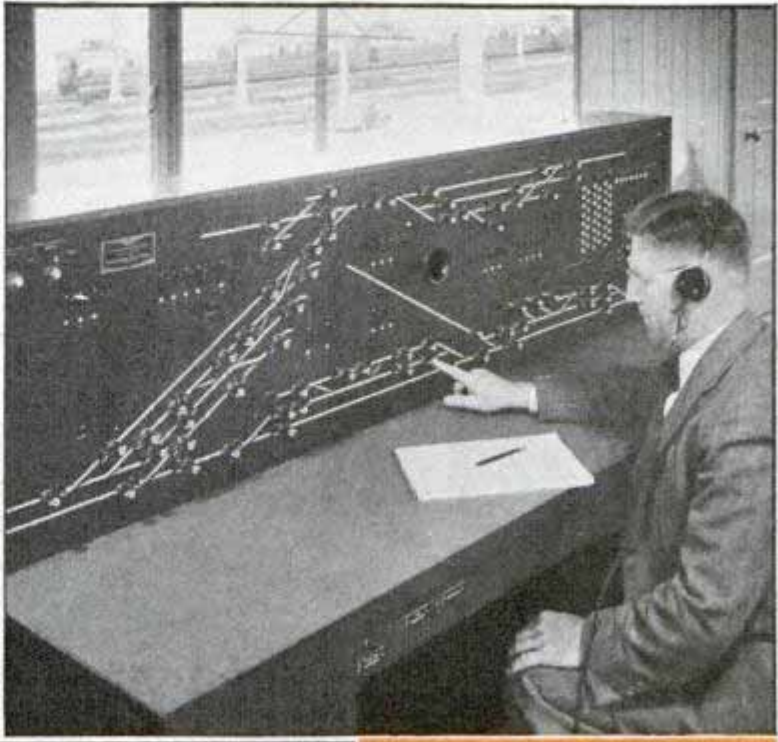
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# RAILROADING

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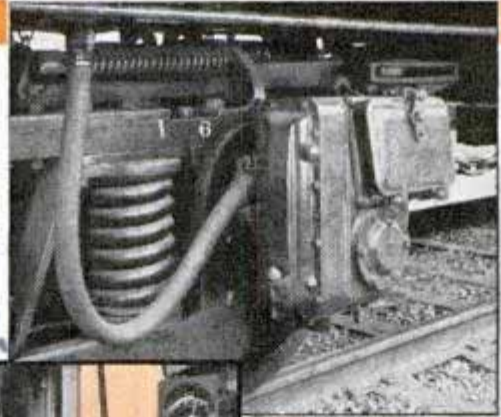


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Top, old and new ways of switching; operator at right pushes two buttons lining up train route to San Francisco bay bridge. Center, governors on axle of bay bridge interurban hold train speed to limit shown on motorman's panel, below, according to track conditions ahead



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proaching the San Francisco bay bridge. The northbound mail train races past Galt station and in the dispatcher's office two counties distant an automatic telegraph key without a sending hand clicks the message in Morse: "North by Galt."

All this goes on behind the scenes on the railroads. Automatic signals keep trains moving without written orders, robots report train movements, electric detectors unnoticed by the passenger keep him out of danger.

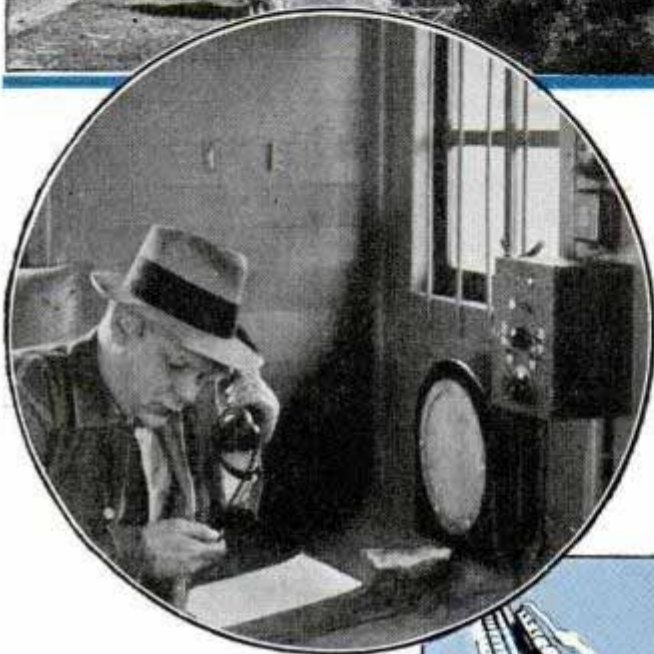
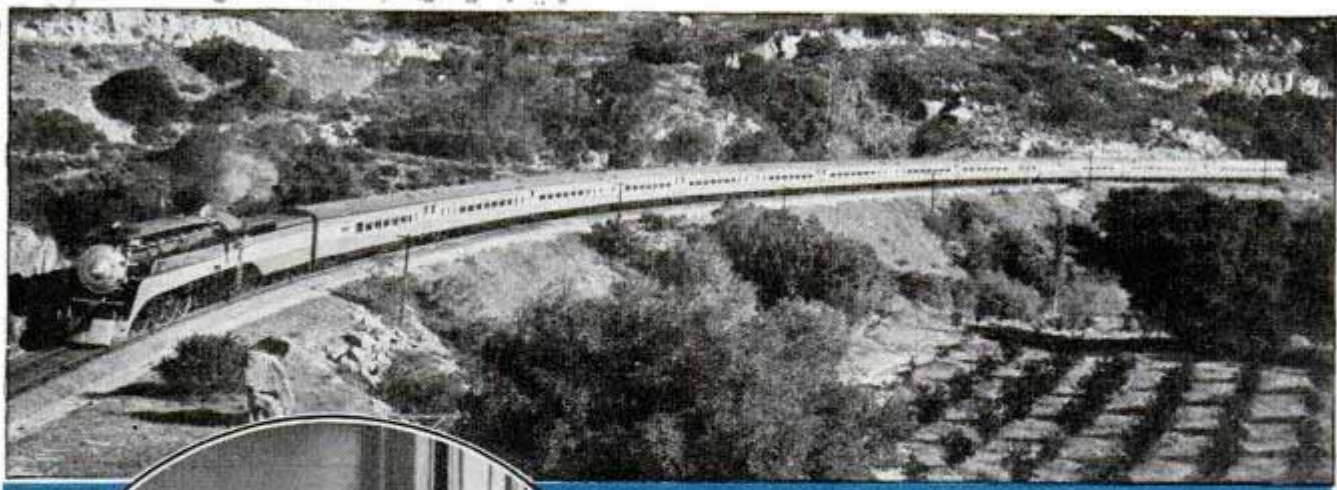
American trains lead the world in speed—whether drawn by steam or Diesel or electric power. More than half the world's mile-a-minute passenger-train mileage is in the United States—48,287 miles of daily passenger runs scheduled at sixty miles an hour or better.

But it isn't streamlining that does it. Streamlining is just the billboard that sells tickets. It is engineering that gets you there on time—engineering marvels that the public seldom sees, such as push-button interlocking controls and cab-to-



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Top, streamline train on Southern Pacific. Below, conductor in caboose (circle) chats with engineer by telephone, message traveling through rails. By same method crews of trains and agents could converse

caboose signals and automatic train controls.

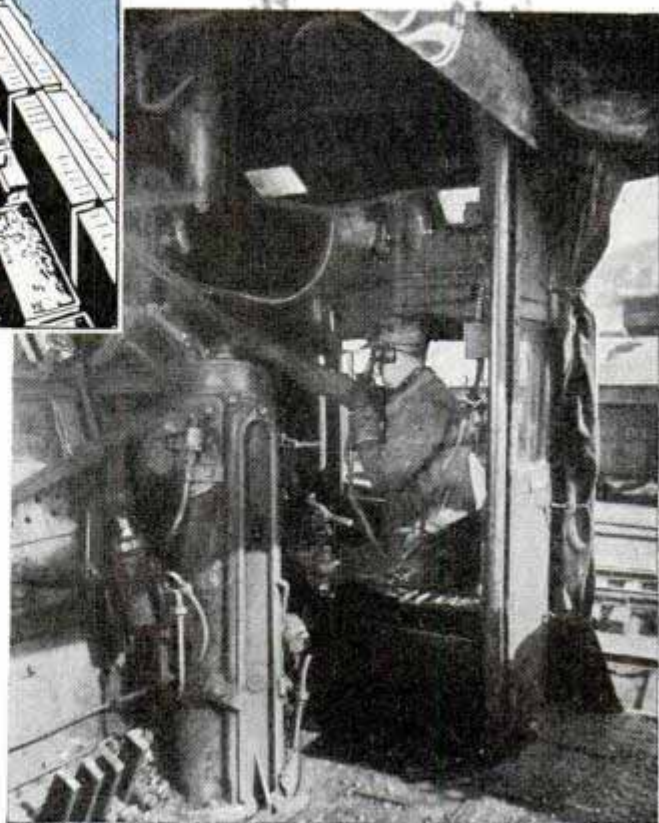
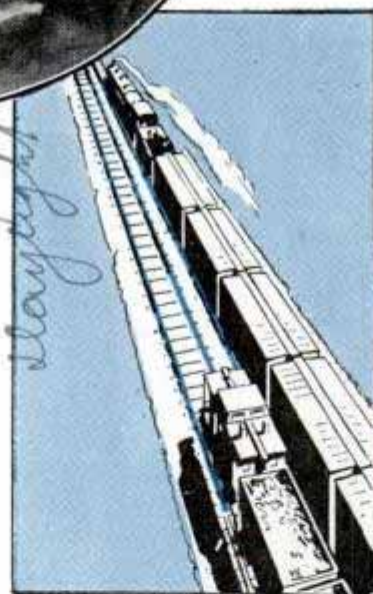
Time was, for example, when way freights and local passenger trains dozed on sidetracks waiting for the fast mail, long overdue. And all along the line the engineer would reach down for orders handed up by stationmasters on a hoop. Morse keys kept up a busy staccato reporting train movements and relaying orders from the dispatcher.

Now take a look at centralized traffic control as it clicks on a section of the Burlington line.

Downhill out of Denver and the Rockies streaks the silversided "Zephyr," heading into the night for Chicago, swiftly overtaking the manifest freight that started

down that single track forty-five minutes ahead.

Head-on in their path crawls the local freight, Denver-bound. One track, three trains—and one of them a Diesel-electric streamliner doing ninety miles in the first sixty minutes. Three engineers wonder where they'll meet, but there are no train orders to tell them. One man in a tower miles away at Brush, Colo., maneuvers those trains with his fingertips. Under his control is every locomotive, every switch, every signal in the 112-mile stretch between Akron, Colo., and the Denver terminal yards. Before him is an illuminated map on which the position of every train





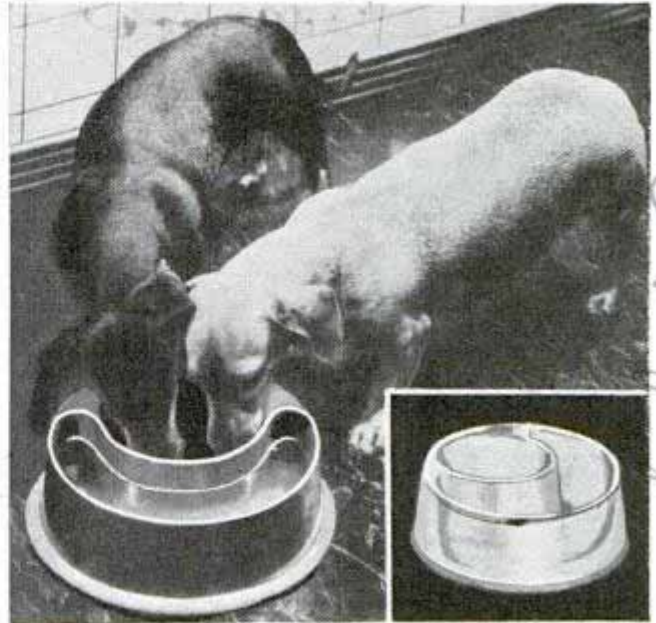
at every moment is represented by a moving dot of light. On the table at the base of the map is an automatic graph, moved by electric clockwork, with forty-five pens that log the arrival of trains at every siding in those 112 miles. Watching the lights moving across the map, the operator observes that the eastbound freight running ahead of the "Zephyr" has reached Tampa. He flicks a switch lever beneath the route map, moves a signal lever to conform with the switch, presses a button and forty-one miles away at Roggen a switch and signal snap into position. A few minutes later a tiny pen jogs on the graph; the westbound freight is sliding into the sidetrack at Roggen, the eastbound fast freight roars past on the main line, and without either train stopping they proceed their opposite ways. A nonstop meet. Forty minutes later the way freight ambles into the siding at Keenesburg, the "Zephyr" highballs past and again the freight takes the main line without a stop. Fifty minutes pass and the "Zephyr" overtakes the eastbound freight. Another of those forty-five pens on the graph jogs automatically and the dispatcher watching his lights knows the streamliner is breezing through while the freight, at slower pace, is moving through the siding at Brush, then following the "Zephyr's" clicking heels eastward.

One railroad that installed this centralized traffic-control system found it eliminated 46,355 train stops per year, and when you consider it takes not only time but extra coal and water to stop a heavy freight or a string of steel passenger cars, the saving by nonstop meets is amazingly large. Thirteen railroads operating single-track lines obtained in effect a double-track system by installing centralized traffic control and postponed building the extra track. The first remote-control switch in this country was installed near a tunnel in the mountains of the northwest to enable heavy freights to proceed without stopping on the upgrade to let the brakeman open the switch.

Electric sentinels stand guard over railway lines at innumerable danger spots to signal the engineer if something is wrong. Fire on a wooden trestle opens a circuit and sounds a warning in a yard four miles distant. Electric fences are laid along the

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## Non-Skid Cup for House Pet Holds Food and Water

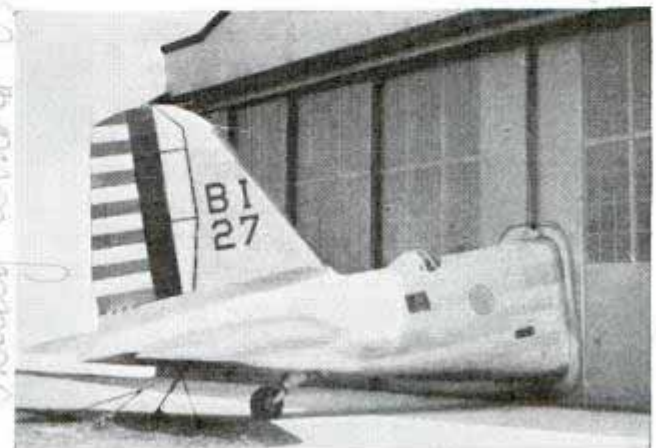


Dogs cannot upset their dish because its rubber base clings to floor. Inset shows dual containers

Floors are kept tidy by a non-spill combination food and drink bowl for dogs or cats that will not slip or tip on the smoothest waxed wood or linoleum. A patented rubber base holds it in place. Two compartments each hold a quart, and being made of molded Bakelite the dish has nothing to chip off.

## Army Plane Hides Like Ostrich in Door of Its Hangar

There's good reason for the big army bombers at Mitchell Field, L. I., to hide their heads. There isn't room in the hangar for the twin-engine ships, so the tails are left outside. Holes cut in the hangar doors fit closely around the tails.



Bomber too big for hangar plays "ostrich" in door

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Judy Arnold Photo



Karst Forest Park  
Hanover, Pa.

# Inflated Paddle-Wheel Rafts Offer New Sport to Bathers

Seayook



Bathers splash and paddle their way around the surf in two-passenger raft floating on a couple of air-filled rubber rings like inner tubes

Introduced at Miami as one of the latest bathing fads is a small inflated craft operated by paddle wheels. Bathers virtually are seated in the water as they crank their way across the surface. Two inflated tubes at the bow and stern keep the raft afloat.

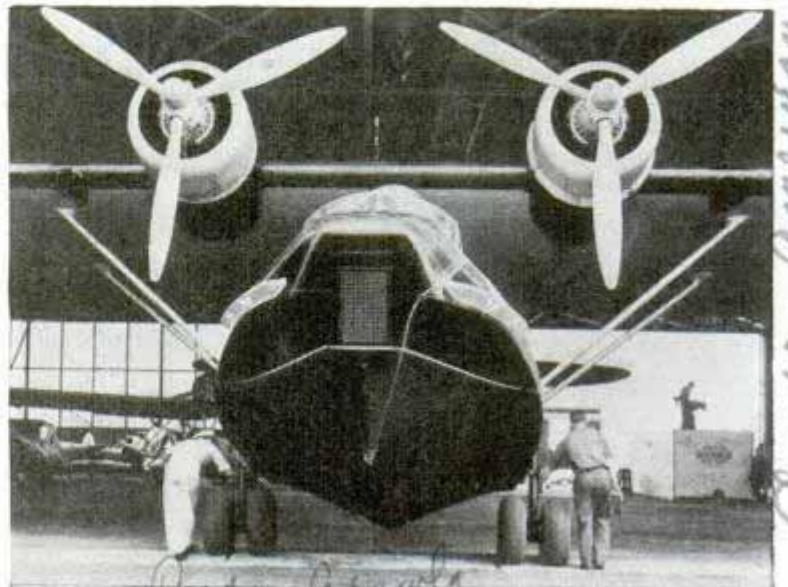
## Army Could Reach Europe Faster by Air Than Water at the Same Cost

Flying clippers may replace troopships if there is ever again a mass movement of armies across the Atlantic. The big transatlantic planes that are now in regular passenger service could carry three soldiers for every two carried by ship in the same time and at the same cost in transport equipment. The S.S. "America,"

largest American-built steamer, now under construction, will have cost \$17,000,000 and could carry 4,000 soldiers across in two weeks. For the same sum, thirty-five flying boats like the "Atlantic Clipper" could be built, and in two weeks they could ferry 6,000 soldiers.

## Beaching Gear Has Water-Filled Tires

Large flying boats that have no wheels of their own to give them mobility on shore, depend on a special type of land gear which is attached while the plane rests on the water. Recently the wheels of this beaching gear have been equipped with brakes, and since they are operated independently of the seaplane, a mechanic must run beside each wheel to apply the brake. The wheels are submerged in attaching them to a plane, and the tires are partly filled with water so the gear will not be too buoyant.



Men alongside wheels are ready to apply brakes if necessary. Water is placed in tires to help in attaching gear to plane

Consolidated Aircraft Corp.

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*2692. a w. Chaddy Wagner  
% Midnight Sun Club  
1634 Broadway New York  
Duddy Wagner*

# 'Electric Baton' Controls Saxophone Volume

Full control of the volume of his saxophones is obtained by a band leader who has invented an "electric baton." The mouthpiece of the instrument is connected by an electric wire to an amplifier under the player's music stand. Near the leader is a control board which he manipulates to regulate the amplifier's volume.

*Clude Rogers Lennie Losen*



*at Midnight Sun Club*

Left, saxophone players with their instruments hooked up to amplifiers are under direct control of orchestra leader who regulates tone volume by turning dial as above

*Acme 2900*

# "Mother" Barge Escorts Divers Exploring Sea Bottom

J. E. Williamson, under-sea explorer, has a new "mother" ship, the forty-foot barge, "Jules Verne III," which will be used to examine the ocean floor around the Bahamas. In the bottom of the craft is a large well through which the flexible tube and "Photosphere" are lowered. Then, as the barge moves slowly along the surface, the observers and photographers in the undersea chamber are carried along in the tropical waters beneath. The latest equipment for color photography is carried.



"Photosphere" for undersea observers is lowered from well inside barge

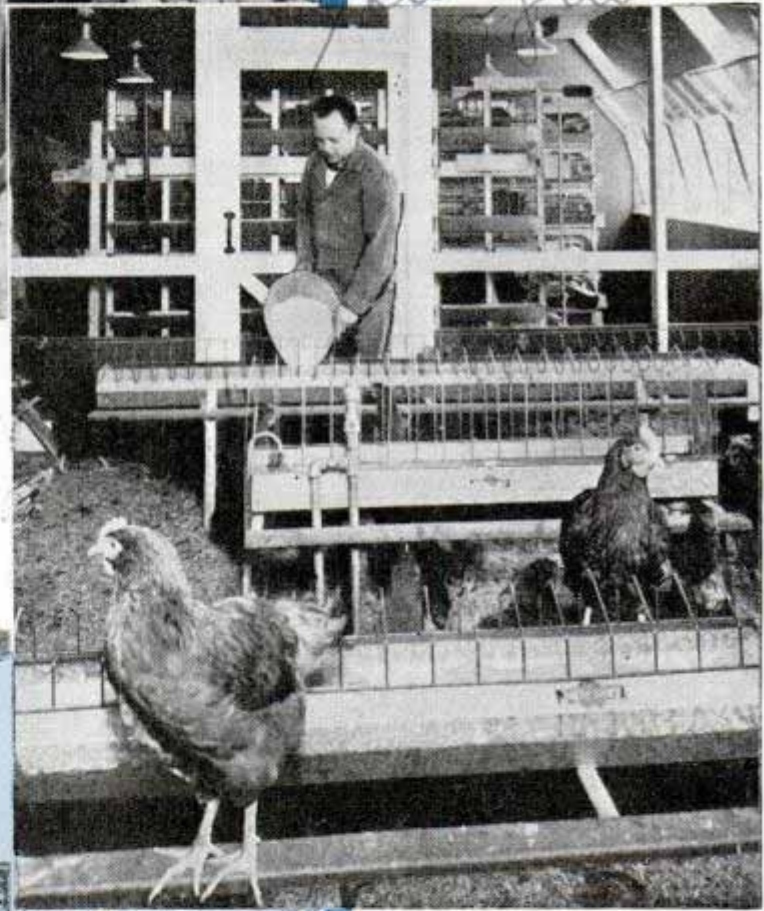
*Ward Wollen  
Built at Symonette's Shipyards.*



# The ALL-ELECTRIC



That electricity can do a large proportion of the work on the modern farm is demonstrated at the New York world's fair in the electric utility industry's exhibit, an electrified farm in which more than 100 practical applications of rural power service are shown. Left, community storage and packing building with electrically operated machine for cleaning and grading apples and potatoes



All common uses of electricity and many new, tested practices are on display on this farm. Right, poultry house with battery of pens in background. The science of killing chickens and then scalding and waxing them electrically for the market is demonstrated. The hens have a long day, because of the electric lighting in the poultry house. Other equipment includes egg cleaner and grader, latest type candler and ultraviolet illumination and modern ventilation devices to keep the flock healthy



Planned for assembly-line efficiency, the electric farm kitchen (left) is arranged in logical order, from dual-temperature refrigerator, which has zero-temperature section for storing frozen foods, right around to the range, work spaces and labor-saving appliances. Note the arrangement of windows to provide extra light

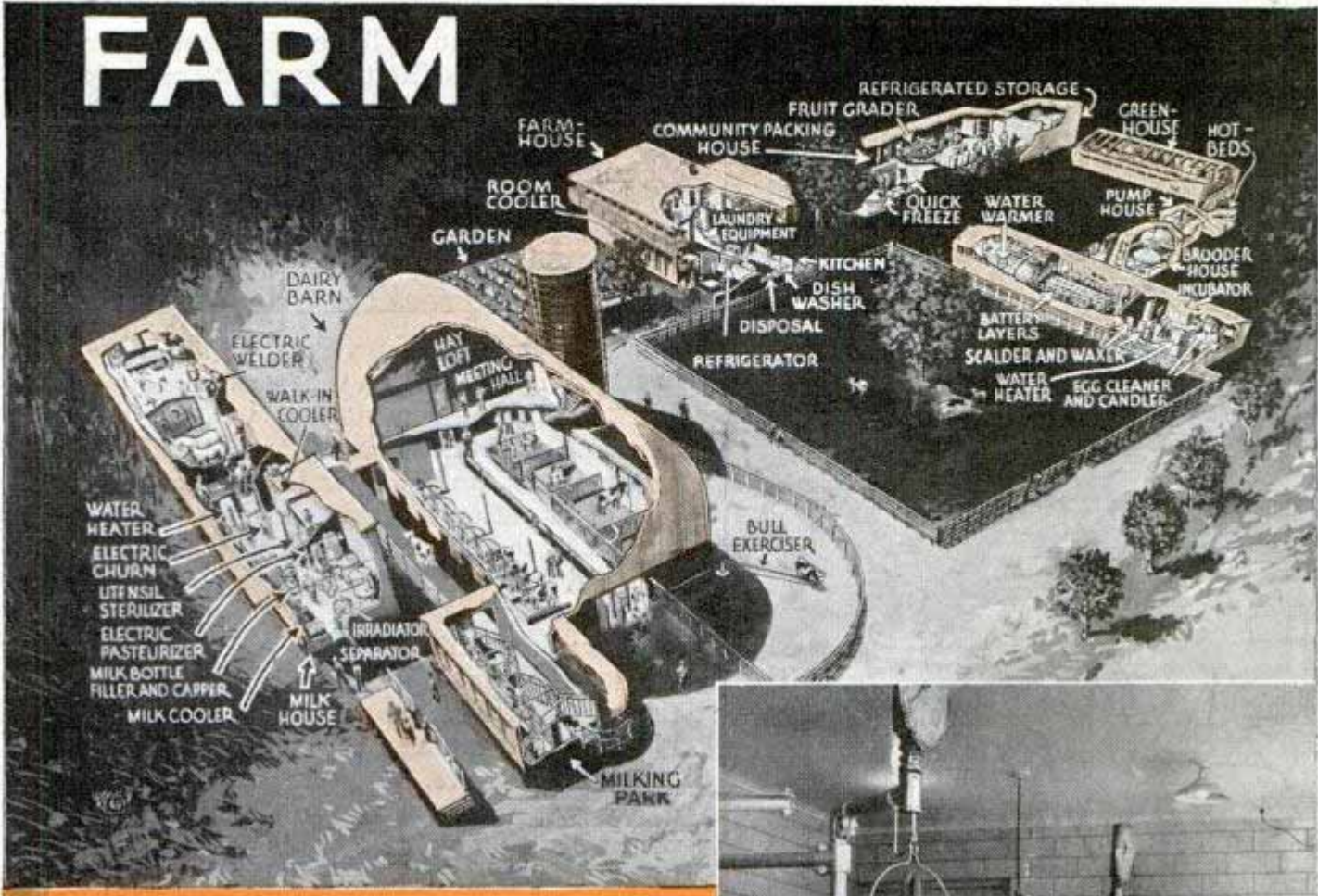
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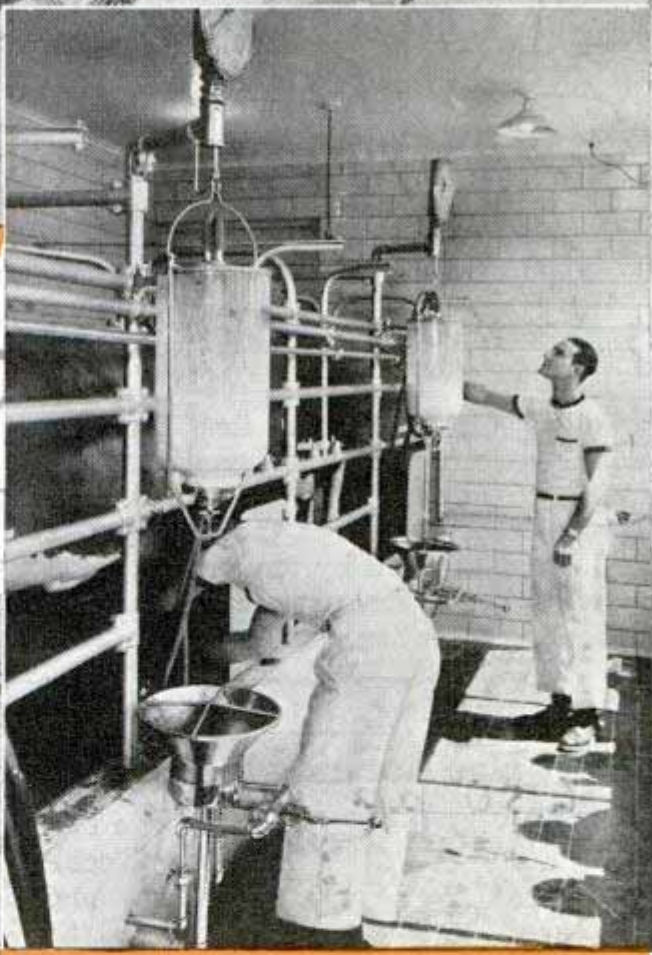
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# FARM

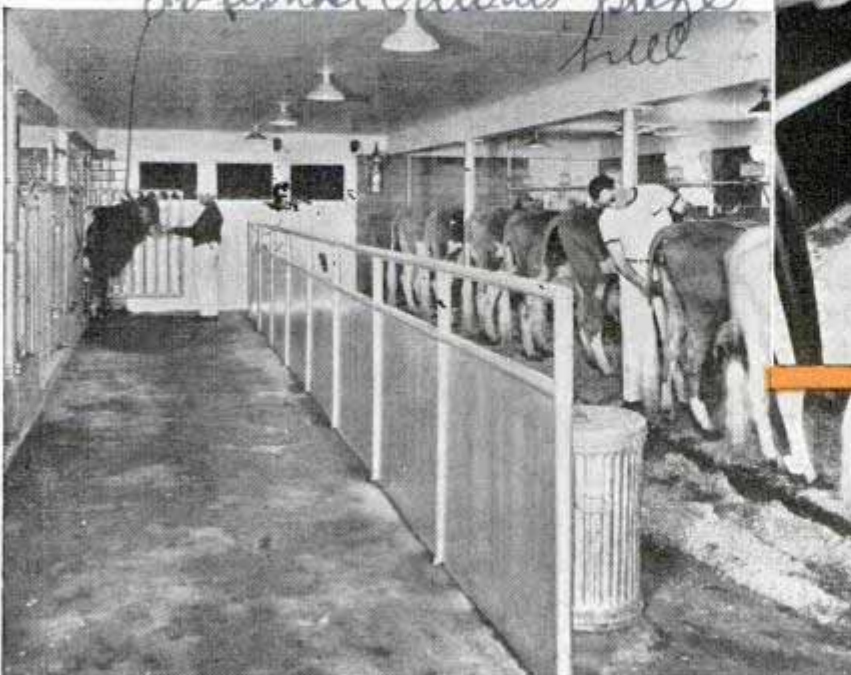


Above, sketch of all-electric farm. Note that barn contains a community meeting hall. The farm house contains ground-level laundry, with machine that automatically soaks, washes, rinses and rough-dries clothes. Next to the washer are electric ironer and electric sewing machine. At one side of the house is a vegetable and flower garden, with plants started in electric hotbeds. The barn has proper lighting and ventilation, drinking cups and machines for grinding and mixing feed. Stalls are covered with rubber mats which minimize danger of injury to animals

*Horstmann Laurus page Hill*



Above, milking time, with the modern magnetic combine milker drawing the milk into a glass container where it is weighed without exposure to the air. After weighing it is conducted by sanitary pipes to the dairy room. Utensils used throughout the milk-handling room are washed in hot water and sterilized by electricity. Left, attendants inspecting the dairy herd in the air-conditioned barn



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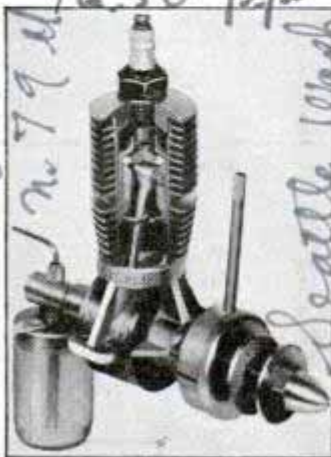
# Roller Skates Five Feet Long Advertise National Derby



Youngster standing on five-foot roller skates gives an idea of their comparatively large size

Roller skates five feet long that never will be worn were displayed at Venice, Calif., to announce the national roller-skate derby. Although they are practical and could be used by anyone big enough to wear them, their service is limited to attracting attention.

## Streamline Model Plane Engine Has Rotating Piston

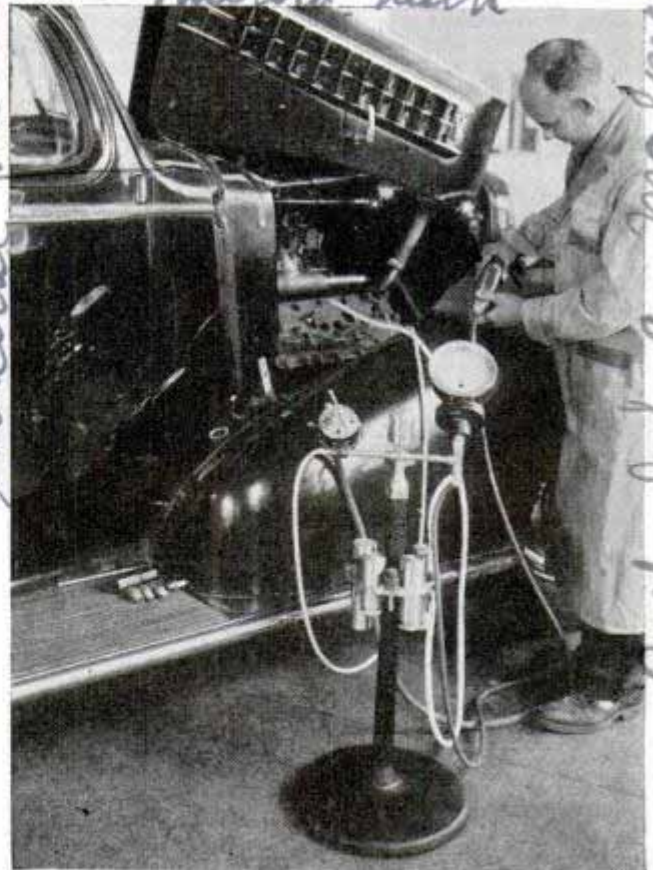


Designed with full-length cooling fins, a new engine for model airplanes has a rotating piston whose movement is intended to result in even wear of cylinder walls. The engine is streamline, having no excess metal

around the cylinder, a factor tending to allow piston and cylinder to expand or contract evenly. The transparent gas tank may be filled through a hole in the cap. The engine may be run either in an upright or inverted position.

## Whistles Gauge Air Volume in Compression Chamber

How to measure the volume of the compression space above the pistons of an internal combustion engine, without removing the cylinder head has been solved by the invention of a whistling gauge. The rate of vibration of the air inclosed in the cylinder head is compared with that of air inclosed in an adjustable and calibrated chamber of known volume by employing two identical whistles, one attached to one spark-plug port of the engine, the other to the adjustable chamber. The whistles are blown by air having a common supply and constant pressure. The pitch of the notes of the whistles on the two chambers depends upon the volume of air contained in them. Thus, when notes of the same pitch are produced, the volumes of the two chambers are equal.



Measuring compression space volume with whistling device eliminates removal of head

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# A FORTUNE *on a* LIMB

SCIENCE wages constant war on enemies of fruit trees. Above, light traps mounted in orchard by Purdue University experimenters to catch codling moths, parents of a worm which annually destroys apples worth a fortune.





*G. A. ...*



*Purchased from J. G. ...  
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*9292 Markham*

GUARDING the secret of a new peach is this cage (above). At left, spraying trees with latest type of automatic equipment drawn by a tractor.

*Hardie ... Hudson, Ind.*

same goes for the grape or berry with new features; an ornamental bush with special eye appeal, a quick-growing nut tree, or a rose that might cause garden club members to grope for superlatives.

One spring, Paul Stark, famed specialist in new fruits, was making routine tests of apples sent in to the Missouri nursery his family has operated for 123 years, when he came to a yellow one. One bite convinced him of its commercial possibilities. Because of a distinctive flavor and crisp juiciness rarely found in apples at the fag end of the season, he decided to make a trip to the West Virginia orchard the following fall to look at the parent tree.

When he arrived at the orchard, a careful check of the scrubby trees and wild seedlings failed to produce a single

**N**ATURE likes to play tricks on us, but if you can catch her in the act, there's a fortune awaiting you.

In reality, her pranks are new fruits or outstanding improvements in established varieties and if you are lucky enough to have one of either growing in your back yard, any progressive nurseryman will pay a fancy price for it. The

*Cent. James McCreery 471 W. 6th*

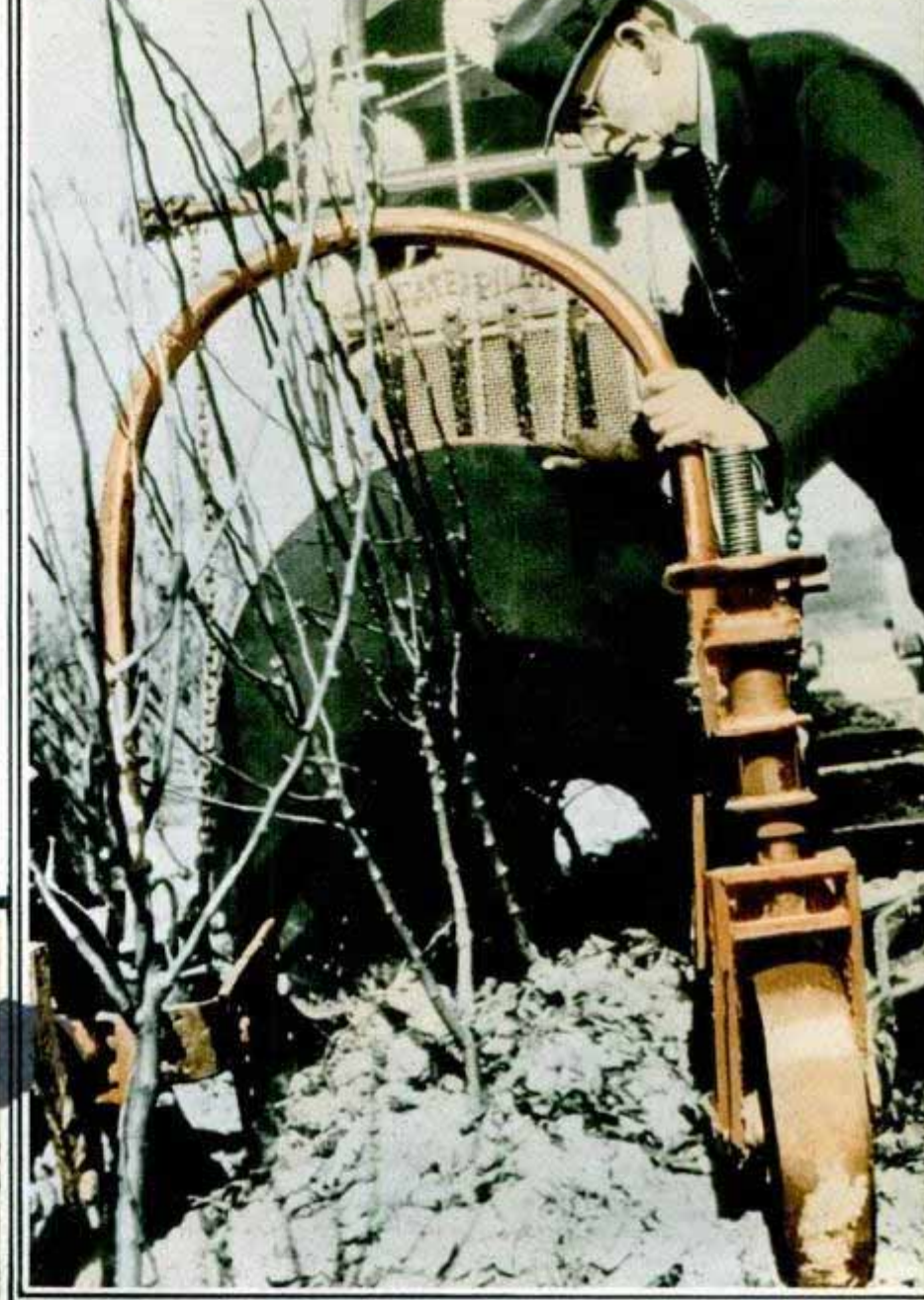
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 yellow apple. But when the plant explorer started back to the railroad station he noticed a tree laden with yellow apples growing on the side of a hill, some distance from the orchard. When he was certain its fruit bore the flavor that had occasioned the search, he dug a shallow ditch around the base of the trunk to study the root system. It was strong and vigorous and when the orchard owner, A. H. Mullins, returned home, Stark paid him \$5,000 for exclusive propagation rights.

Naturally, he couldn't dig the tree up and cart it home, so he

**LIFTER** for roots of tree (right) passes underneath the entire root system and lifts tree out of ground.



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**TOWERING** above fruit tree (left) the spray operator can reach every limb. The tower is pneumatic-powered.

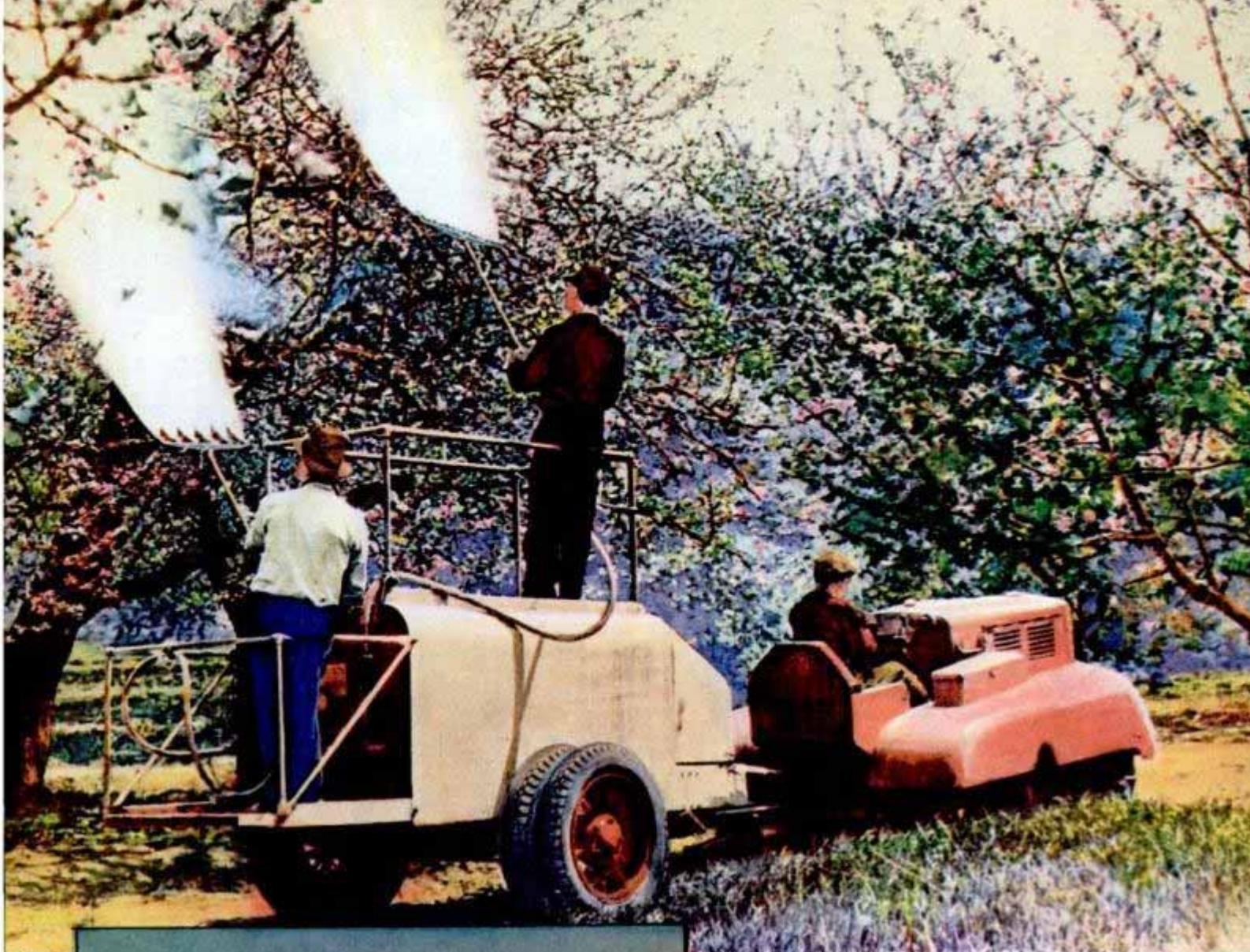
did the next best thing, taking scions or shoots from it. These could be grafted on other stock already growing in the nursery and in this way, the new variety could be launched. And to prevent anyone else from doing the same thing, the tree was encased in a cage fitted with padlocks and a burglar alarm.

Christened Golden Delicious, the variety proved a stake winner and today millions of these trees are growing, all progeny of the tree in the cage in the West Virginia mountains.

Did you ever hear of a boy going through college on a tree limb? A New Jersey youth did

*and field paper  
 developed by Paul  
 Lowman*





*Stark*

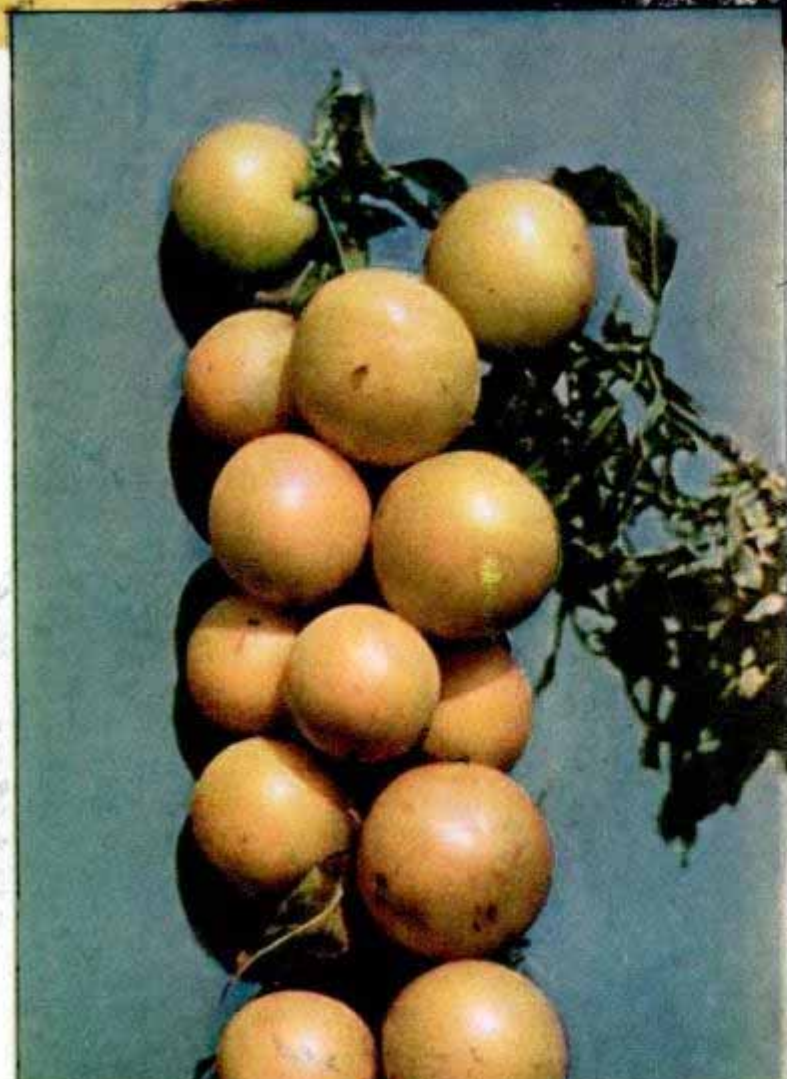
**FIGHTING** plant diseases (above) with special sprays. Left, gold plums, a variety from trees produced from an original that cost \$3,000.

*Stark* *Durbin*

after his father, Lewis Mood, noticed the apples growing on one bough of a Delicious tree were bright red in August while others on the same tree as well as the rest in the orchard were just beginning to blush. He wrote Stark about this phenomenon and on his next swing eastward, the fruit scout stopped there. He checked the limb carefully and then handed Mood a royalty contract amounting to \$6,000, which paid for the boy's college education.

That limb was the answer to an apple grower's prayer. When a customer steps up to a fruit stand to buy a big eating apple he wants a bright red one. Color's the thing and in an effort to sell their apples many growers allowed them to re-

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COLOR is highly important in sales of apples. Above, note the difference between the ordinary apples held by the young woman and the Double Red Delicious apples on the tree.

*Stark*

main on the trees until they were over-ripe. As a result, many became dry and mealy and would not stand up in storage. The bough found by the New Jersey orchardist, however, made possible a new strain, one that produces brightly colored apples that can be picked while still hard and crisp, capable of standing the rigors of shipping.

For years, this lack of color was a handicap to the Stayman Winesap in the market, particularly those grown in the northern part of the country. That's why J. H. Dickey knew he had something when a limb of one of his trees was ablaze with scarlet apples weeks ahead of the other Staymans in his Wenatchee orchard. He wired Stark to see if he might be interested. He was — paying the Washington orchardist \$1,000 a foot for the three-foot limb, which bore these highly colored Stayman Winesaps.

The technical term for nature's jokes is bud sport, which, according to the

fruit expert, is a spontaneous variation which remains constant and reproduces true to type. In other words, a branch offering a higher color, larger fruit, or some other specific improvement and having the ability to transmit this superior quality to its offspring can be classed as a bud sport.

Cherry growers have been benefited greatly by the discoveries of amateur and professional plant hunters. A former horticulturist of Michigan, L. R. Taft, has found two variations of the Montmorency cherry that have been a tonic to his bank account. One ripens two weeks before the regular variety, the other two weeks later, making it possible for the grower to stagger the picking season over six weeks instead of two. This adds to his profits as the extended season minimizes the need for extra pickers and equipment.

A bud sport that enhances the color of the Jonathan brought a Washington





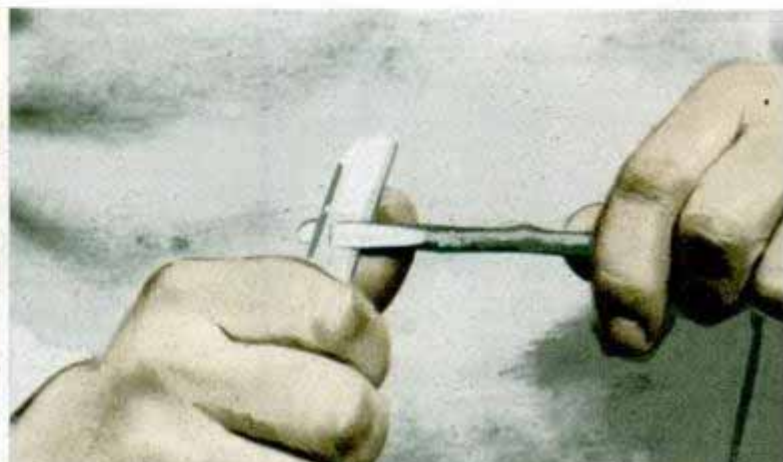
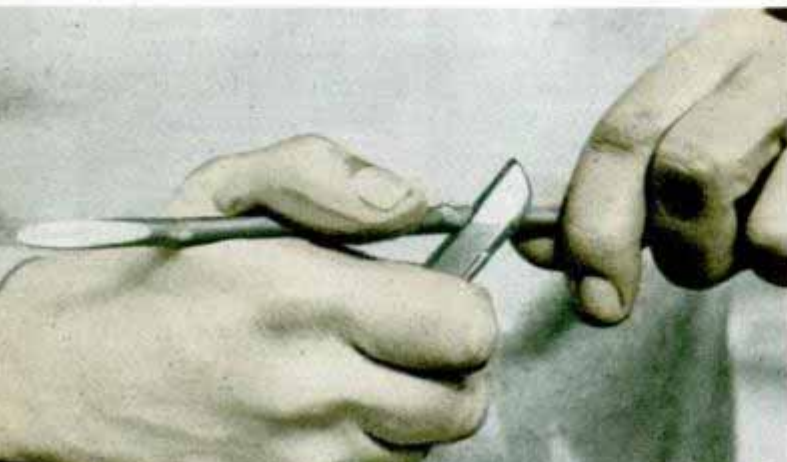
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**CONTROL** of spray used in fighting the peach borer in trunk and roots of tree is made possible by this special apparatus (above) developed by Oliver I. Snapp. The device reaches the pests working underground to increase effectiveness of spray.

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 grower \$2,000 and a similar price was paid for a giant grape developed in an Arkansas vineyard. A fifteen-year search for a mid-season giant peach ended in an Illinois orchard where Stark paid a record price for the tree. The originator of the thornless barberry bush was awarded a \$5,000 royalty contract.

Twice yearly, special competitions are held in effort to bring to light the latest in fruit styles. Of the 500 new varieties of fruits entered in the contest last fall, a specimen resembling a large red and gold peach on the outside and an apricot on the inside stood out prominently. A seventy-four-year-old retired butcher, J. C. Sparks, had cultivated it from a seedling in his Colorado garden and in its

seventh year the tree had produced more than three bushels of "peach apricots." For his trouble, he received \$300 first prize and an additional \$2,500 will be paid him when the new fruit emerges from the test orchards.

A few years ago, an orchardist found some apples on one of his trees were colored in alternate quarters of yellow and red. So perfect were the separations an artist could not have improved upon them. These he distributed among his friends, one being relayed to the plant explorer. He found it had good eating qualities and coupled with its incredible color scheme was a "natural" for a commercial grower. At the time, the orchard owner hadn't bothered to mark the limb





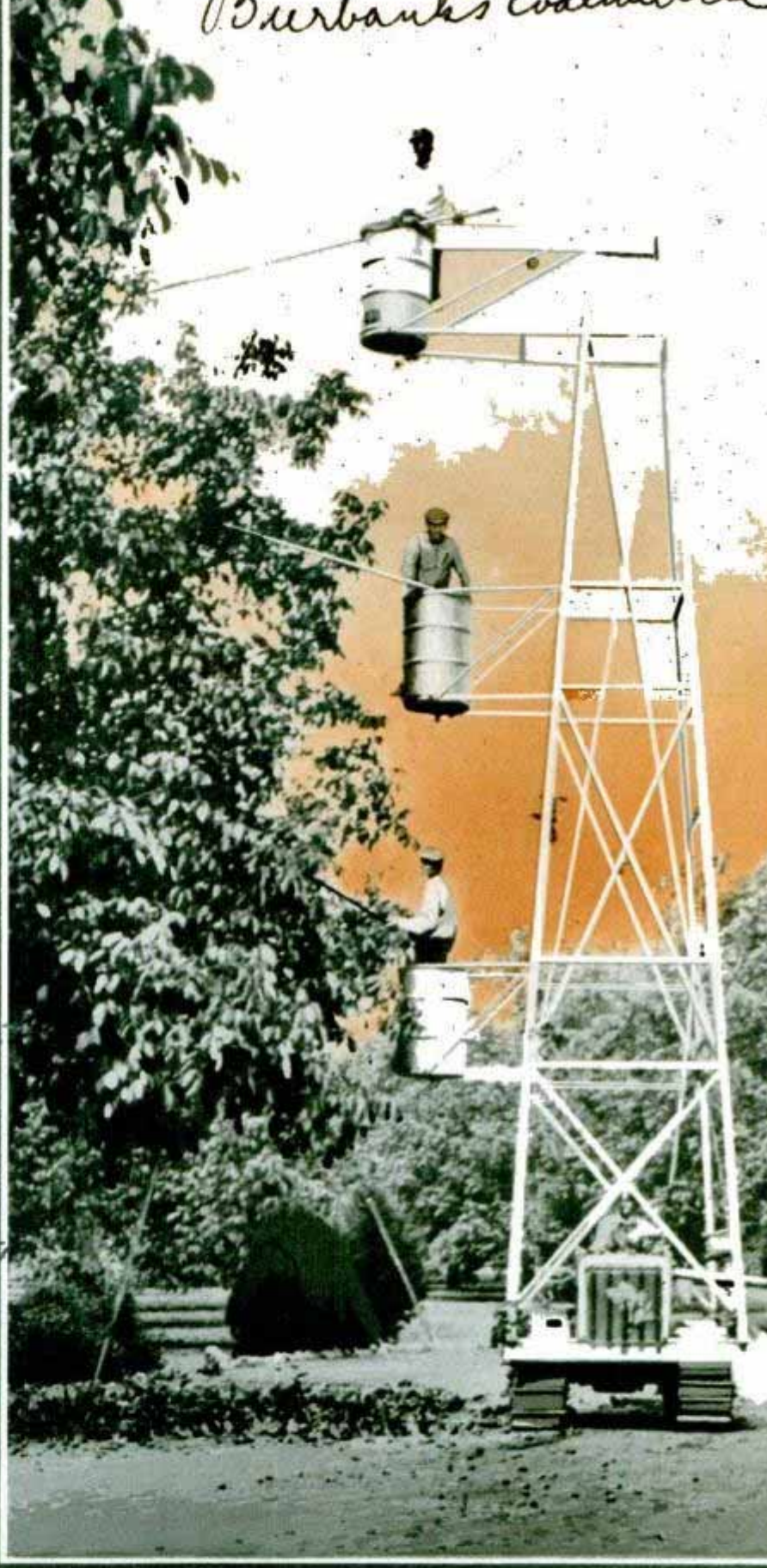
and evidently it was pruned off, as no more of them ever appeared. The industry lost a perfect trade-mark, the grower a bank roll.

Eccentric Johnny Appleseed, never known as Jonathan Chapman, roamed through the wilds of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio in the early eighties scattering apple-seeds wherever he went, but when James Stark, a contemporary of his, forded the Mississippi to set out an orchard in the Louisiana Purchase tract, he brought scions from his father's orchard, which he was able to graft on seedling trees.

Stark's method was the more scientific as apple seeds will grow and produce apples but these will not be the same kind as the fruit from which the seeds were taken, and, moreover, the apples will be of inferior quality. In order to produce the same variety, scions must be taken from the parent tree and grafted on other roots of seedlings.

During the last half century, the Starks have traveled all over the world in quest of new fruits and ornamentals. Several years ago, the late Clarence Stark heard about a young man who, with limited capital, was doing wonders with plums.

*Californian*  
**NUTTING** is easy with tower (right) which makes it less difficult for workers to reach all parts of tree. Strip at bottom of this page and page opposite (left to right): making sloping cut in twig; cutting tongue; making tongue in seedling tree, and fitting twig and seedling together, completing the graft.







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*Hal Oberka*  
INVITING is this basket of peaches, just filled from the trees. Producing a fruit that can command a premium on the market is the ambition of the specialist and it's worth real money when he does it.

He decided to visit him at his experimental farm at Sebastopol, Calif., where thousands of experiments were being conducted. Before the visit was concluded, the Missourian bought a golden colored plum for \$3,000, two others for \$1,000 each.

The young man's name was Luther Burbank.

That was the first of a number of transactions between the plant wizard and the Louisiana, Mo., nursery. During the sunset years of his life, Burbank watched Paul Stark rise as a horticulturist and designated him as his successor. When Burbank died in 1926, his old trunk chock full of seeds and breeding secrets was turned over to the Stark organization.

Bugaboo of the apple branch of the billion-dollar fruit growing industry is the codling moth, parent of the "apple" worm, which annually destroys or renders unfit for marketing millions of dollars worth of fruit. Major combative

measures have been in the nature of scientific spraying techniques and light traps rather than in research on worm-proof strains. However, efforts still are being made to make the seedless apple commercially practicable. Having only stamens and a small quantity of pollen, the tree is blossomless. Inasmuch as the codling moth lays its eggs on the blossom, a wormless apple may not be outside the range of possibility.

A high quality pear tree capable of withstanding the Central West's blight would be a real gold mine. A peach tree that would thrive in the northern portion of the country would be worth its weight in gold.

A tree or plant that can be considered seriously, Stark points out, must be superior to those with which it must compete. If it offers a different color than those on the fruit stands, greater uniformity of size, an earlier or later ripening season, or other outstanding point, it has the makings of a gold mine.



## Window 'Greenhouse' Hangs on Outside Wall

You can have flowers blooming outside your window all year around by installing a greenhouse that hangs on the outer wall and covers the entire window. Consisting mostly of light steel frames and glass panels, the "garden" is delivered knocked-down, and all material necessary for its assembly is furnished. No puttying, flashing or extra construction is needed. Plants get heat from the house as well as from the sun in winter, and in summer the glass panes may be replaced by screens.



Plants bloom all year around in this window greenhouse

### Low-Cost Artificial Rubber Withstands Long Use

Artificial rubber that wears two to four times as long as ordinary Para rubber can be made from butane gas, a by-product of the oil industry. Development of an inexpensive method of manufacturing this synthetic rubber was announced recently by a Chicago oil products firm. It can be produced cheaply enough to compete with the natural rubber, and it withstands greater heat and is more resistant to acid.

### Speedy Boat with Twin Pontoons Is Driven by Air Screw



Driven by an "outrigger" engine with an air propeller, this Italian boat won race from Pavia to Venice. Driver sits in right of twin pontoons

Unusual in design and powered like an airplane, a new Italian built speedboat is capable of sustained fast travel. It recently won a 280-mile race from Pavia to Venice. The craft has two pontoonlike sections separated from each other by water. Extending upward from each section are substantial supports on which is mounted a powerful aviation-type engine which drives a large air screw, very similar to those used on airplanes.

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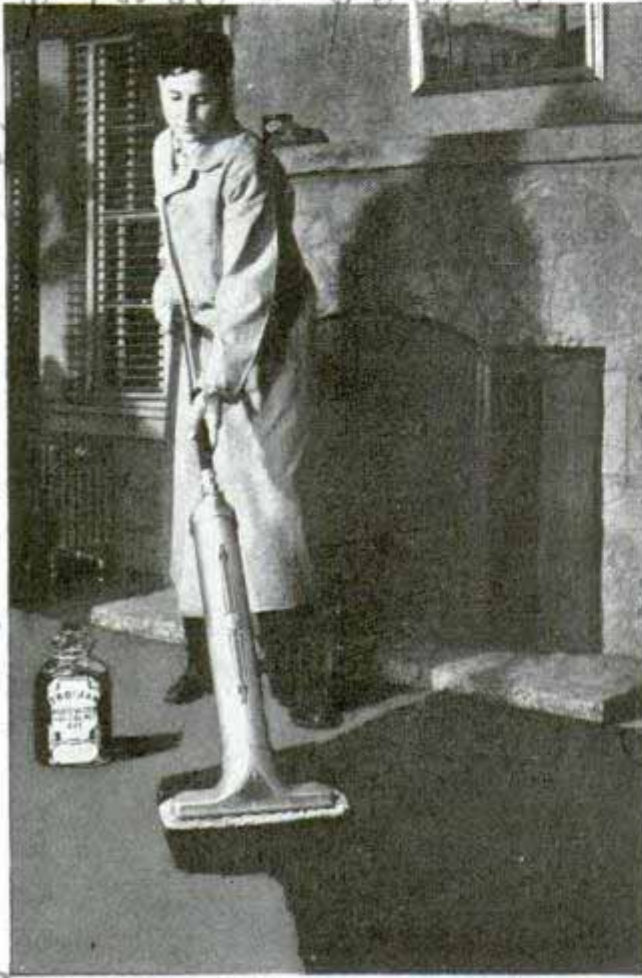


*Mr. Donald,  
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*San Angeles  
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### Machine for Dyeing Carpets Has Fluid Tank in Handle

*\$48.80 - \$165.70*



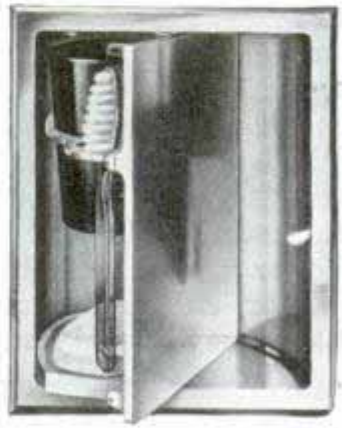
*Dyeing a rug with fluid fed from tank in lower part of handle. Rugs can be shampooed in similar manner*

Designed for cleaning and dyeing rugs and carpeting and for scrubbing and waxing floors, a new non-electrical machine has a fluid tank located on the lower part of the handle. The fluid is released by a trigger just above the tank. Shampooing is accomplished without removing rugs from the floor. In much the same manner, dye may be applied and spread rapidly.

material which has millions of tiny bubbles of nitrogen sealed into it during manufacture. This helps to cushion the foot.

### Disappearing Lavatory Mirror Hides Toothbrush Holders

At a glance you'd think it was just a bathroom mirror. Press the glass at one side and it turns on a swivel, the mirror disappearing into the wall while a bracket holding a drinking glass, soap dish and four toothbrushes emerges into view. The fixture is recessed into the lavatory wall.



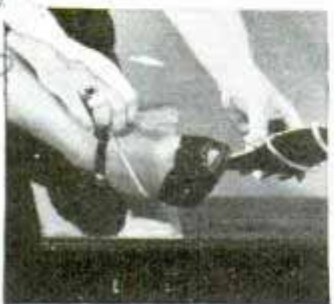
### Cast-Iron Spring Bends into "U" to Show Strength of Metal

As a demonstration of the strength and hardness of modern cast iron without brittleness, a manufacturer shaped a coil spring from the metal. Bent into a complete "U," the cast-iron coil sprung back to its original shape undamaged. From the same mix of cast iron a razor was made to give another demonstration of the fine grain and hardness of the metal.



*Coil spring of cast iron, bent "U"-shaped, returns to original shape without cracking or distortion*

### Extra Soles for Walking Shoes Let You Tread on Air



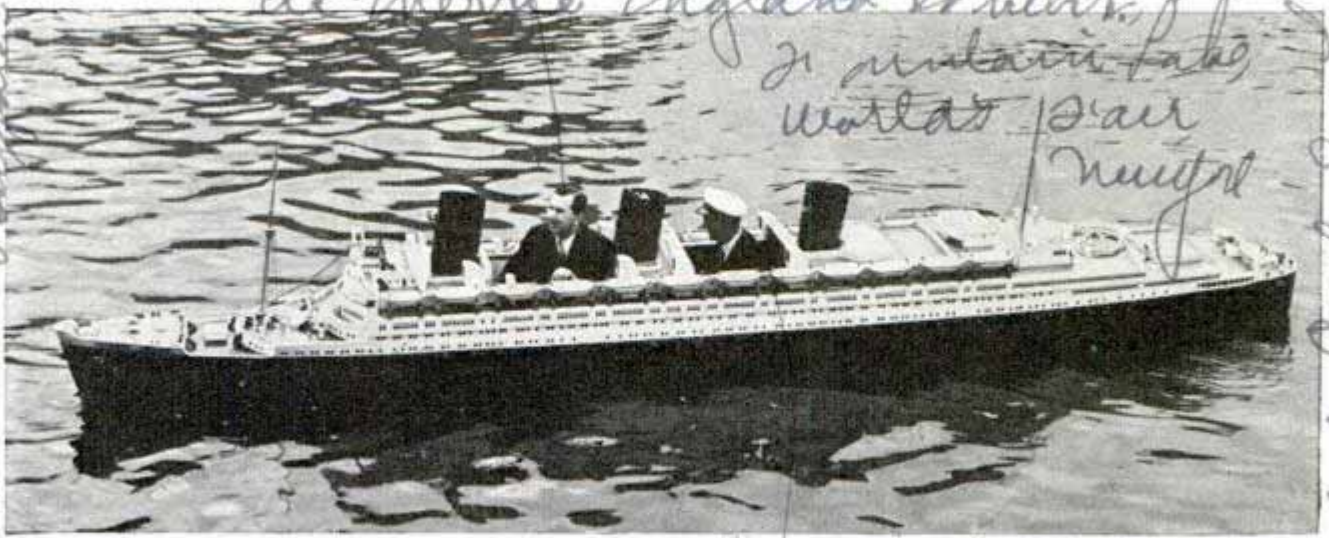
Literally you tread on air when you wear the extra soles that are being introduced for walking shoes. The soles are made of a new lightweight rubber

*Tropic Products Manufacturing Co.  
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**Twenty-Two Foot 'Queen Mary' Carries Two**



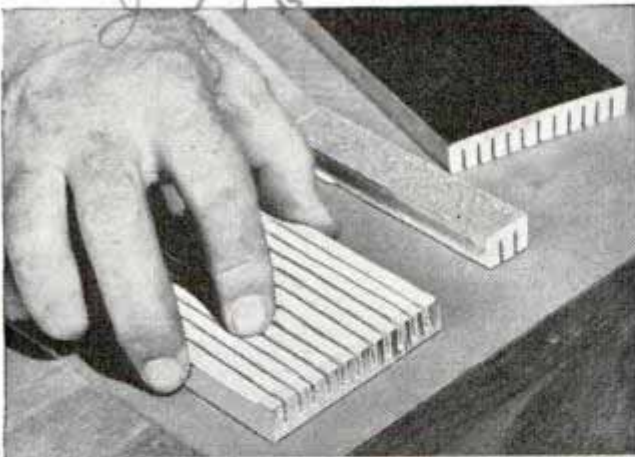
*Watchmaker built into this model of the famous "Queen Mary" all the skill and precision his trade had taught him. The craft easily holds its builder and an extra passenger*

*Conk mark Palmer 259 Delaware St. Buffalo, N.Y.*

Sailing under its own power and having a displacement sufficient to float with two passengers aboard, a twenty-two foot model of the ocean liner, "Queen Mary," has been constructed by a Toronto, Ont., watchmaker during a period of two and one-half years. Built with precision on a scale of one-quarter inch to the foot, the

craft draws nearly eighteen inches of water and has ridden out four-foot waves. In the hull are 1,630 portholes, and the boat contains 556 windows, 846 stanchions, 300 feet of cable railings, and twenty-four lifeboats equipped with propellers and canvas covers. There are 5,394 screws and 11,106 nails holding together 12,000 pieces of wood.

*Oscar H. Fletcher*  
**Sanding Block Bends Slotted Back to Fit Curved Surface**



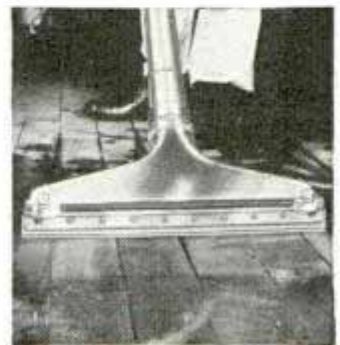
Made especially for sanding curved or angular surfaces, an abrasive block faced with sand or emery paper has a slotted back which permits flexibility. The wooden block is a half inch thick. It lies flat and rigid unless the paper top over the slotted side is cut, then the sanded side bends to fit convex, concave or angular surfaces.



*Slots in these sanding blocks permit bending them to fit a concave or convex surface*

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**Squeegee for Vacuum Cleaner Sucks Up Dirty Water**

Instead of mopping up the dirty water after scrubbing the floor, a squeegee can be fastened to the vacuum cleaner to suck up the water. The squeegee attachment permits its use on home or factory vacuum cleaner. It has double blades of rubber.



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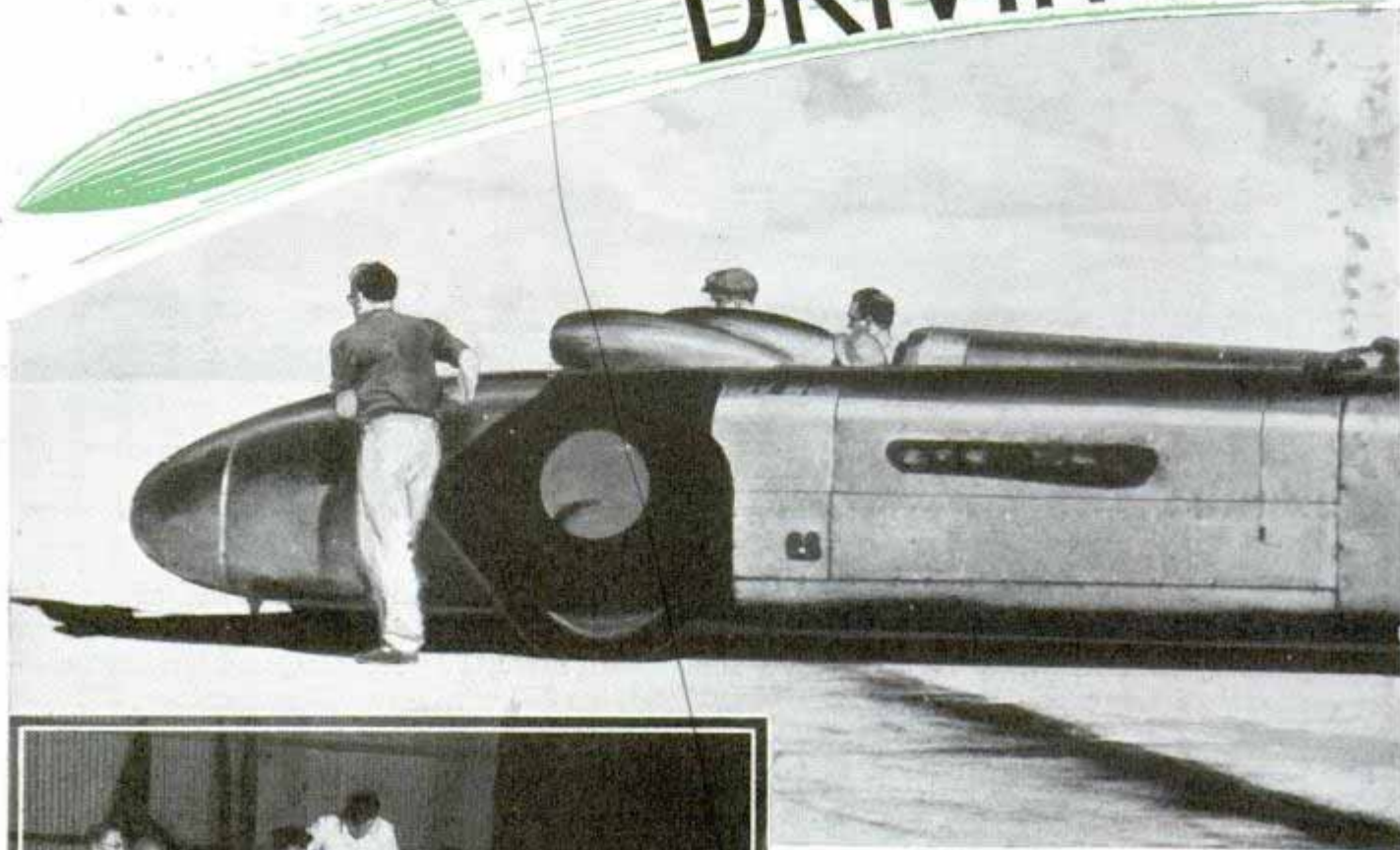


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# DRIVING a



By  
 Capt. George E. T. Eyston

**I**F YOU have ever "let out" your car to ninety miles an hour you have just the ghost of an idea how it feels to grip the wheel of the "Thunderbolt" at four times that speed.

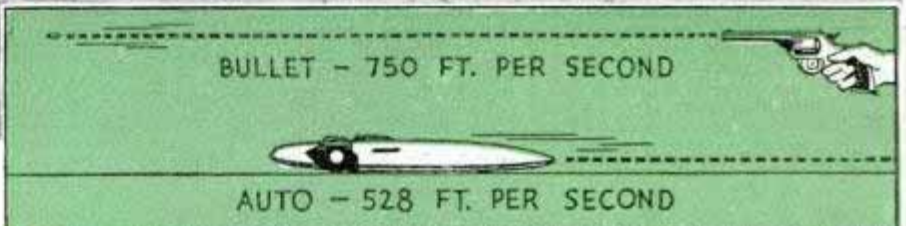
That's about the speed of a cannonball, you know. Shoot a field howitzer parallel to that black line across the Utah Salt Beds and, within the measured mile that marks my top speed, I could theoretically lean out and pluck the shell right out of the air. At 528 feet per second Thunderbolt would even make a pretty good race against a .45-service revolver bullet with its muzzle velocity of 750 feet per second.

Last year, after I established a world's land record of 357.5 miles an hour, I said man would probably never travel much faster on

Top, pushing "Thunderbolt" to starting line; below, Captain Eyston watches alterations in makeshift garage near Salt Beds

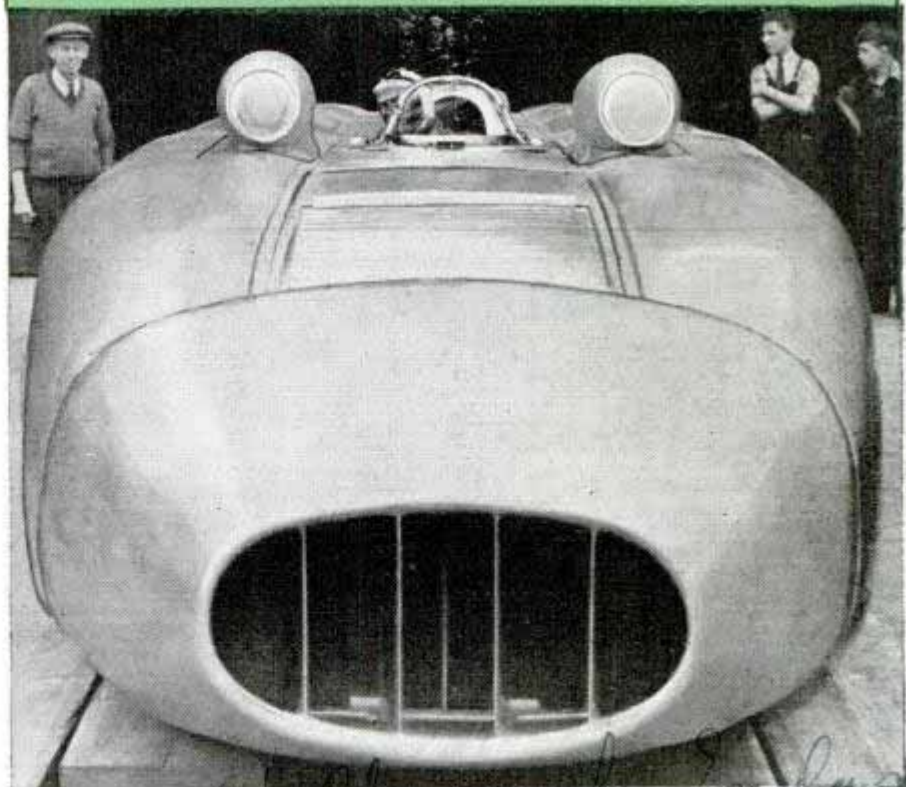


# BULLET on WHEELS



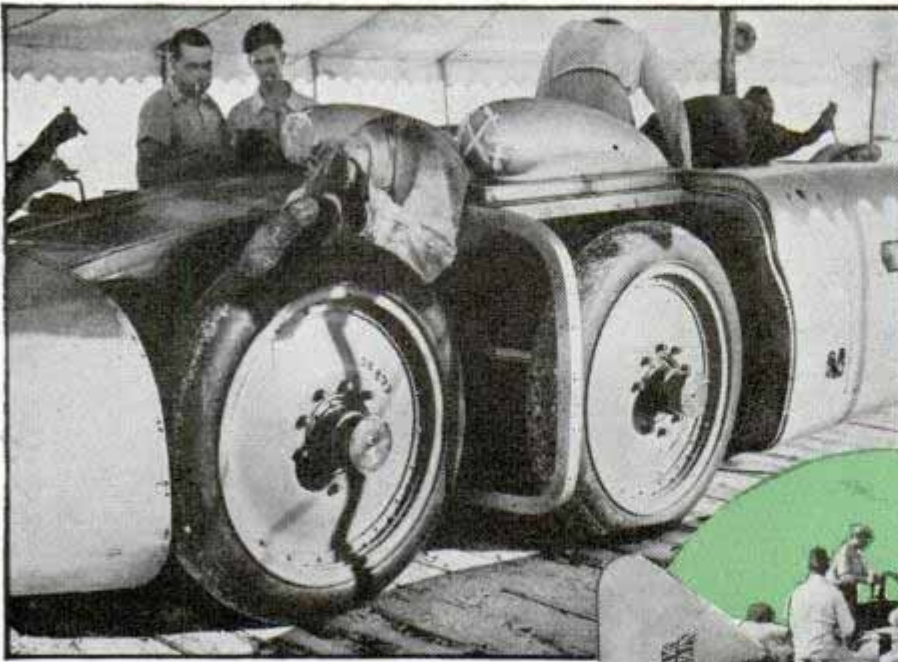
earth. I still believe that. Not that Thunderbolt has done her best yet; if my friend John Cobb is successful in attacking my record in Utah this year I am confident it will not be his for long. I am working on certain refinements of design, motors, brakes and tires that will produce an even faster Thunderbolt. What those changes are I am not ready to reveal. But even without this year's improvements my car has not reached the limit of its capabilities.

There is much more to superspeed driving than the designing of a powerful engine and stable vehicle. There is the human element. Nerves. Physical condition. Eyes that can sight along that guiding

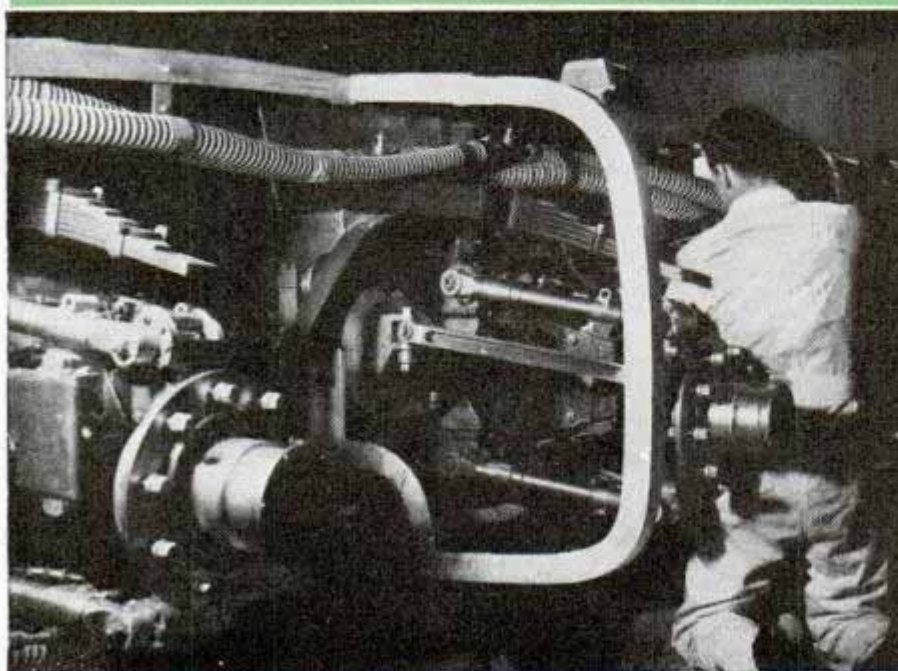
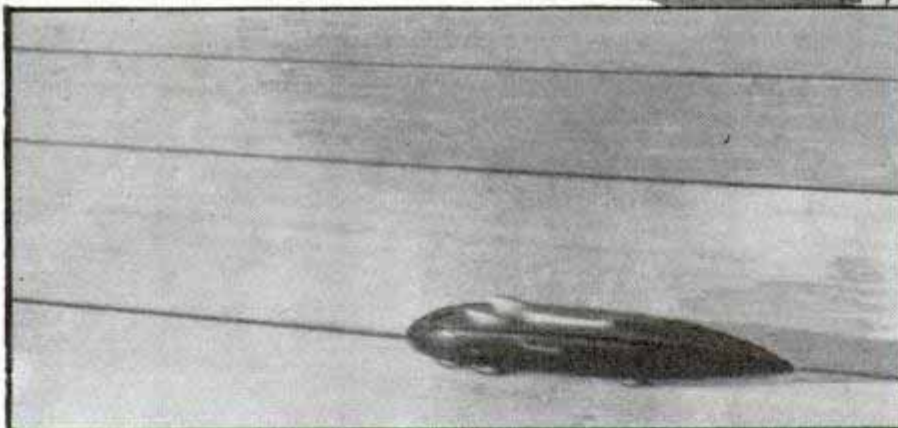
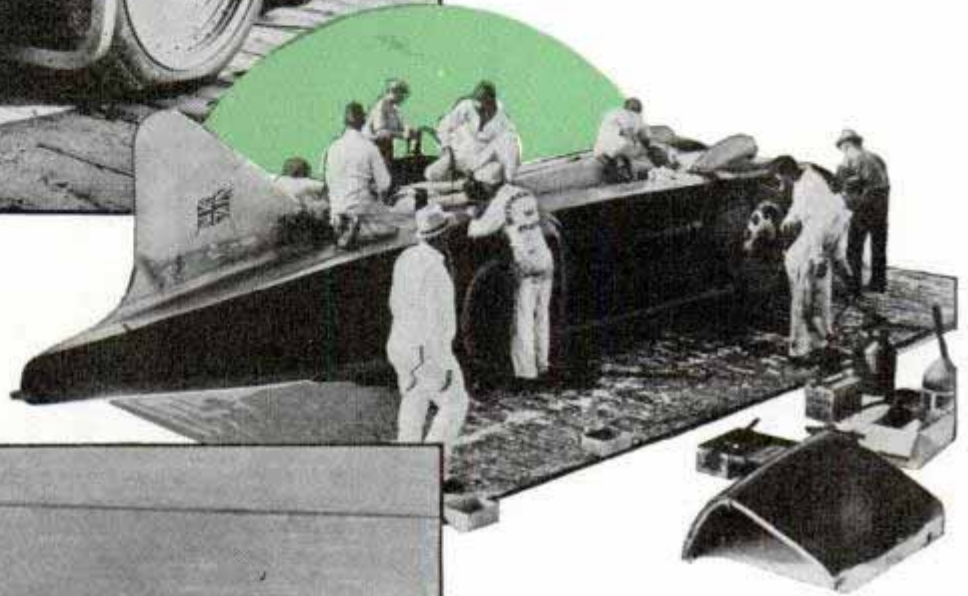


*at Chevrolet, England*  
 Head-on view of world's fastest automobile with Captain Eyston in cockpit. Drawing compares its speed with that of bullet from army pistol. Target was painted on side of car above front wheels to interrupt photoelectric beam on clocking device





Above, mechanics check car under canopy before test run. Right, refueling between runs. Below, airplane view of record dash—notice tail fin was removed as unnecessary weight—and "pit" scene showing front wheel hubs



ribbon across the desert and still watch the measuring posts and the dials on the instrument board. Hands steady enough to hold the wheel true as a gunsight for thirteen miles, and a steady foot on the accelerator.

I scarcely need mention that you need a clear head for split-second decisions.

I should not be writing this had I not acted quickly in my last record dash. My dial showed I was doing 360 miles an hour as I was leaving the measured mile. I had but six miles to stop or hurtle over the railroad, and that would be disaster. Dozens of alternatives flashed through my mind. Decelerate too quickly and I would lose control; apply the brakes too heavily and I would go into a dangerous skid. The only safe alternative was to swing into a wide circle, let the power diminish gradually and start braking.

I knew Thunderbolt was sprung correctly; I knew her steering was properly alined; I knew



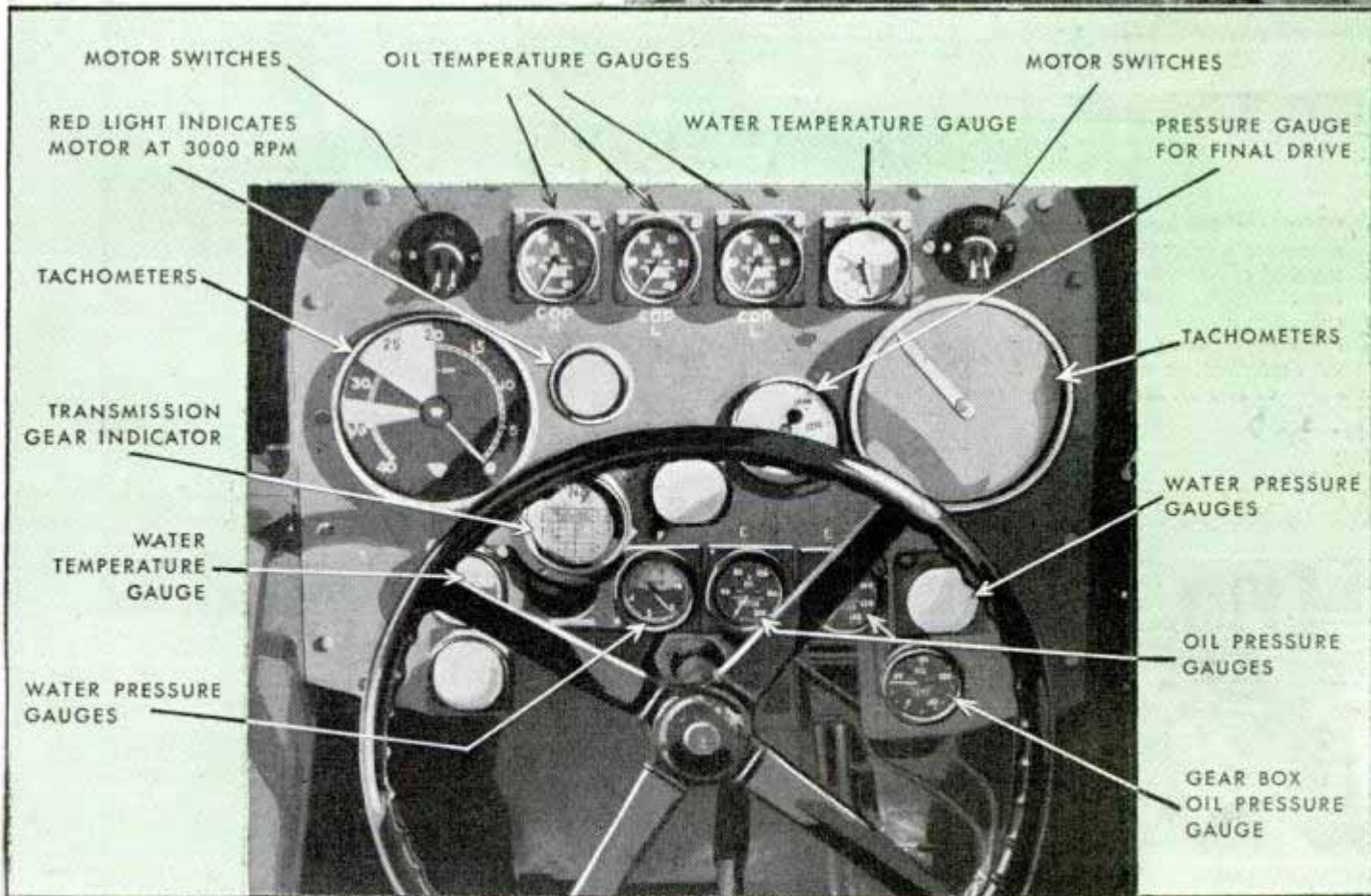
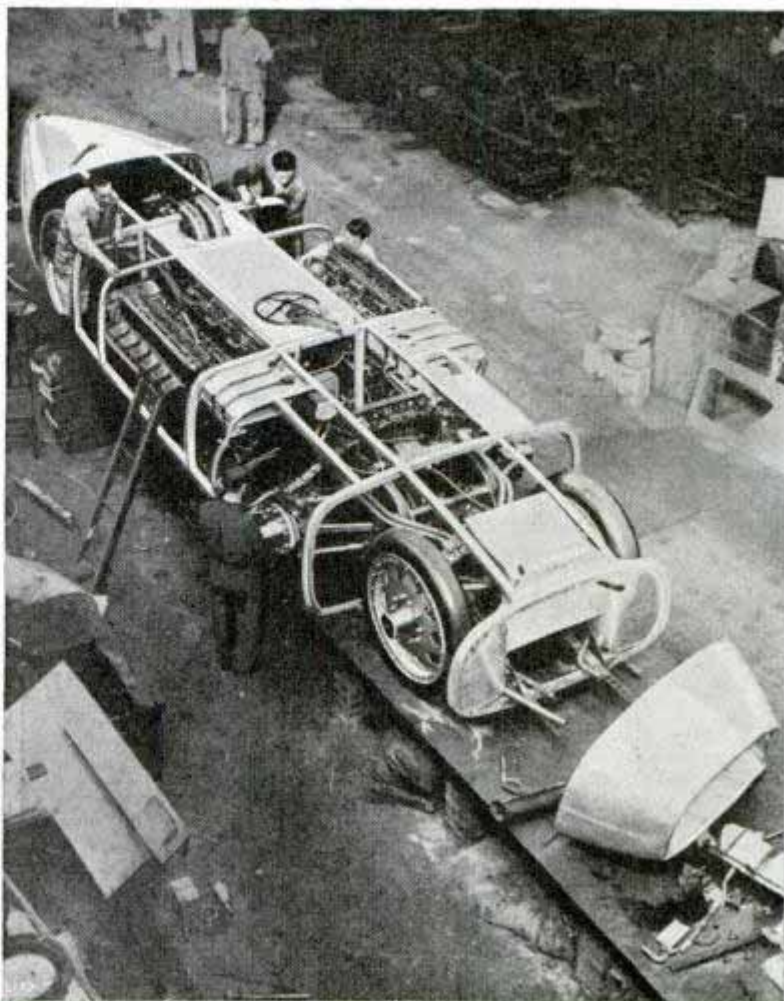
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her tires were fit. I gripped the wheel tighter, pulled her around into a wide loop and completed ten circles before I could safely bring the car to a stop.

But there are other factors besides the human element, and chief among them is rubber. A car can go only as fast as its tires. You people who drive sixty miles an hour on the highways are always in mortal danger of a blowout that might send your automobile careening against another car or a culvert. Yours are four or six ply, low-pressure tires, heavy and well-made, but the danger is there. Then think of me, riding six times as fast on treadless tires less than a half inch thick, inflated to 120 pounds air pressure!

The amazing thing to me is that these tires last as long as they do. Much thinner than yours, they take a terrific pun-

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Top, assembling the twenty-four-cylinder giant. The engine is behind cockpit and there are four wheels forward and two at rear. Below is a view of instrument board from driver's seat



# 'Big Top' Is Air Conditioned for Any Weather

And now air conditioning has reached the "big top" of the traveling circus. The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey

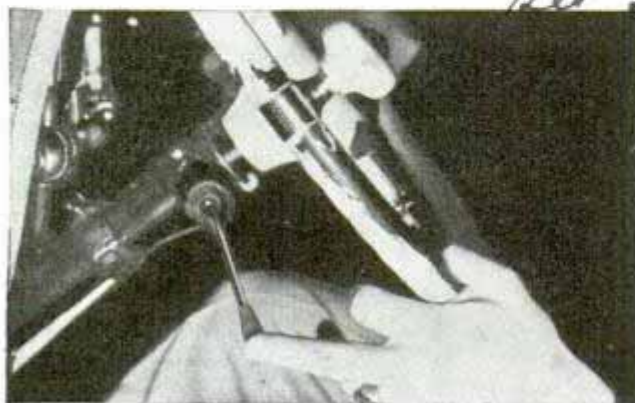
show has a portable heating and cooling system that pipes comfortable air into the roof of the big tent in cool or hot weather.

Eight mobile units are posted close beside the main tent, and from each one two arms extend upward along the tent roof, then curve inside it where metal distributors spread the air. Ice is used for cooling, producing a temperature drop of six to eight degrees even when 12,000 patrons jam the tent. An oil heater is used on cold days. The cooling system sends 215,000 cubic feet of cool, washed air into the big top each minute while suction fans draw out the stale air.



"Big top" performer, above, cools off under breeze from vent of air-conditioning system. Right, two of the ducts delivering "perfect weather" from portable units to points of distribution on the roof of the circus tent.

# Melodies Played on Auto Horns by 'Wobble-Stick' Switch



Switch lever is wiggled to produce melodious notes

Automobile drivers can play tunes on car horns by attaching to the steering column a "wobble-stick" switch that resembles a small gear-shift lever, to operate three differently toned electric horns. Three electric circuits are operated alternately by moving the switch lever, and each circuit is attached to a separate horn.

Send return postage to our Bureau of Information to learn the name of the maker of any device described in this magazine.

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### Television Rides on Phone Wires from Scene to Studios

Long considered to be impossible, the transmission of a high definition television picture over an ordinary telephone line was accomplished in New York recently by the National Broadcasting company. Engineers, however, were careful to explain that this did not warrant a prophecy of a nationwide network through telephone circuits, since the linking of several cities differs markedly from local pickups within the limits of one city. In the experiment an indoor scene was picked up by a television camera, and the picture monitored in the control room of the NBC mobile television station. From there the electrical impulses, representing the picture, were passed through telephone wires to the NBC broadcasting studios at Radio City.

### Diesel-Driven Highway Liner Has Venetian Window Blinds



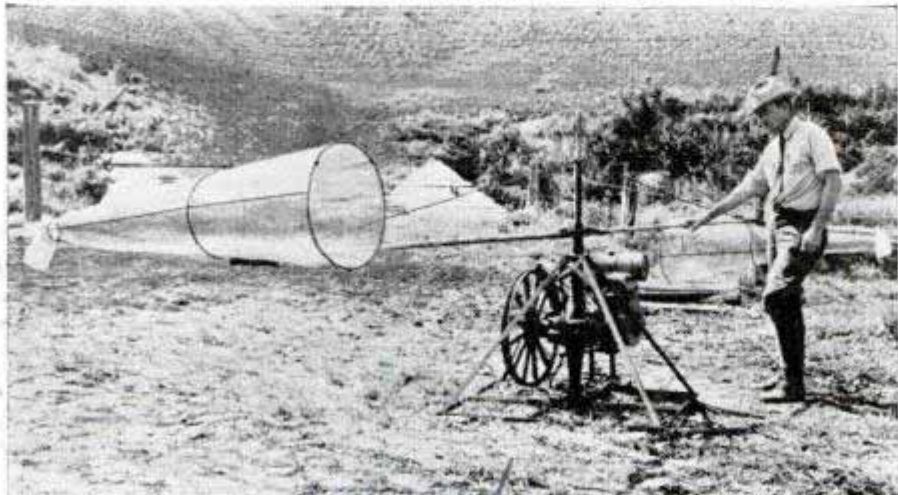
Air conditioning under driver's control, Venetian blinds and adjustable seats are comforts of Diesel buses operating from Chicago to Pacific

Diesel-engined buses made their debut on transcontinental highways this summer when a fleet of twenty-five began operating between Chicago and San Francisco and Los Angeles. Seating twenty-eight passengers, the buses offer the comforts of air conditioning and roomy, adjustable seats. One row of four chairs provided for the long-legged patrons has thirteen extra inches of leg room. Humidity and temperature are automatically controlled, and 1,200 cubic feet of filtered air is circulated per minute. Venetian blinds at each window are individually controlled from the seats. The power unit is a six-cylinder, two-cycle Diesel engine.

### Pests Snared by Revolving Nets to Watch Their Activity

Efficiency in dusting fields to combat crop pests in eastern Oregon, Washington

and Idaho is increased by pea weevil and aphid traps that give accurate information of the intensity of insect flights during the day. Driven by a one-horsepower gasoline engine, two large nets revolving fifty times a minute sweep the insects from the air. Counts are made three times a day, and when flight increases are noted in any section the pea growers throughout the affected area are warned so a concerted warfare against the pests can be started on all fronts.



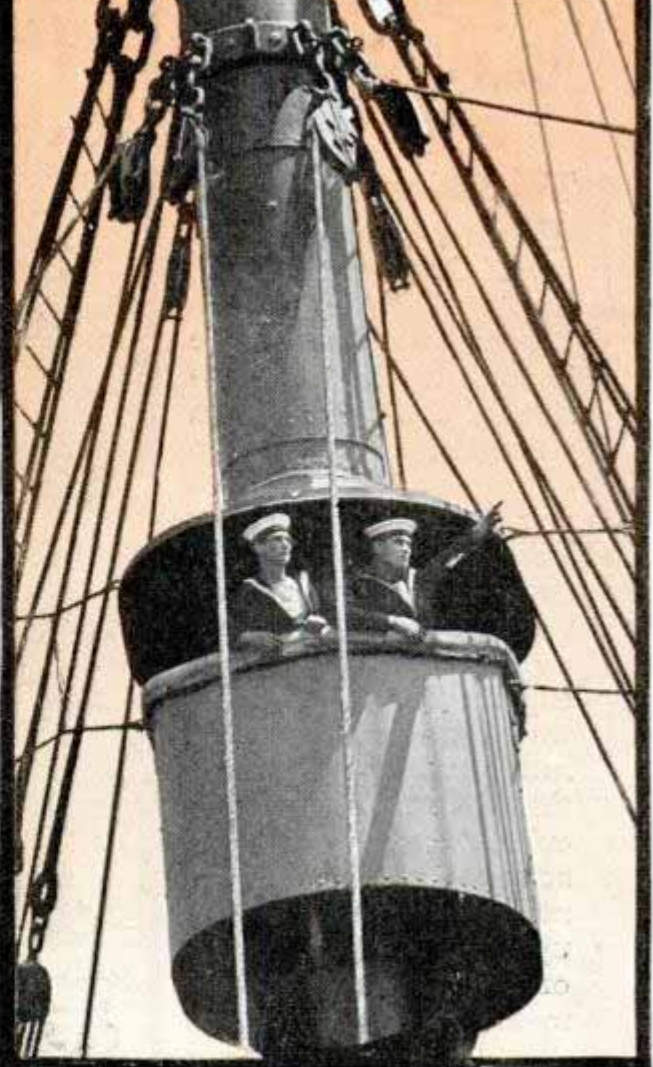
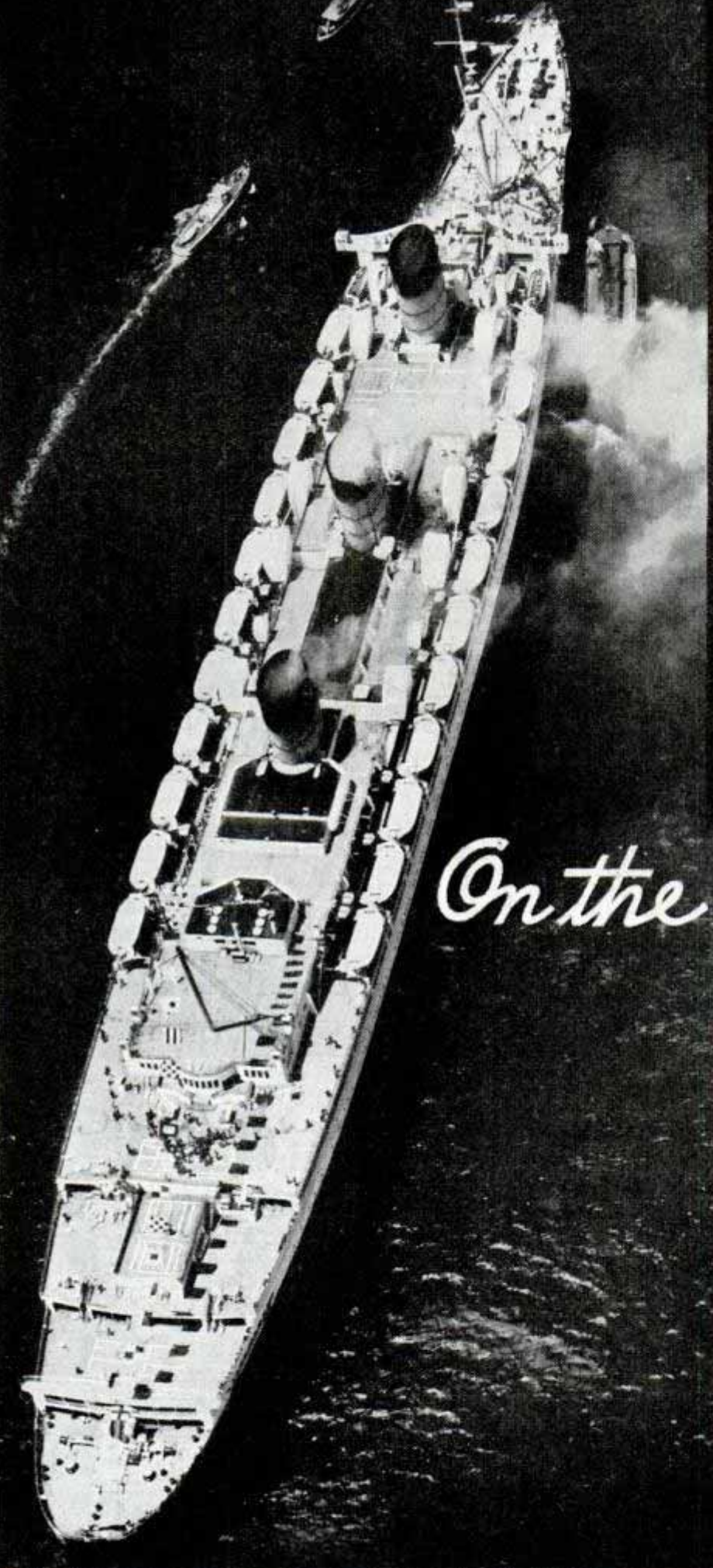
Insects trapped in sack at small end of net are counted thrice each day

Yellow Coach with Diesel engine  
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# BRIDGE

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By

Commodore R. B. Irving  
of the R.M.S. "Queen Mary"

As Told to Julian P. Leggett

IT'S been a long time since I was in charge of a rowboat, but considering the vast difference in sizes, I believe that a superliner, such as the "Queen Mary," is about as easy to handle as a rowboat under good conditions.

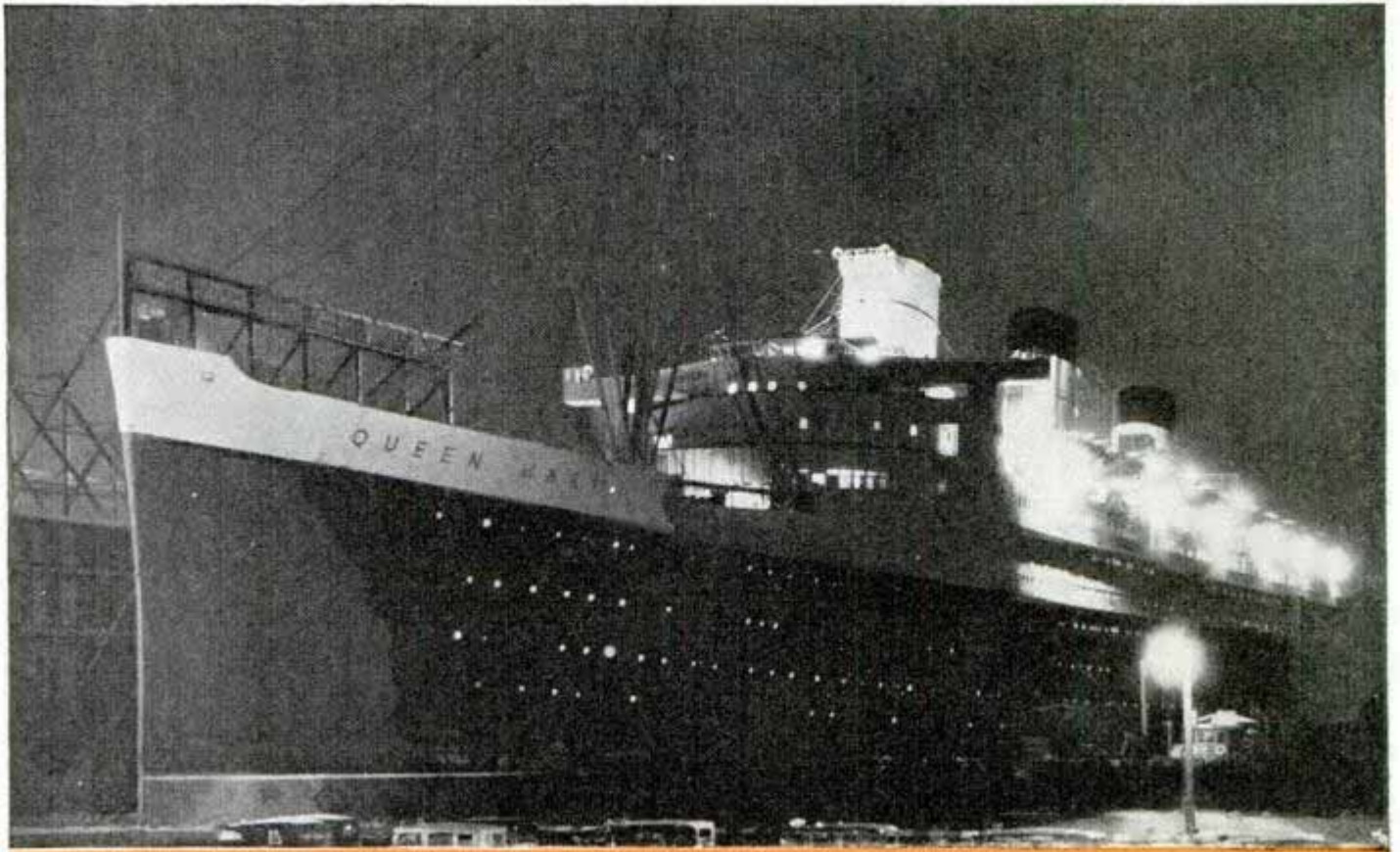
Not so long ago, during a tugboat strike in New York harbor, we had the alternative of anchoring and waiting until the strike was settled or of docking without the help of tugs. Since the weather was perfect and we wished to avoid a long delay, we elected to try docking under our own power. It was high water and there was no wind. The "Queen Mary" answered her helm like a ferryboat, so that I was able to maneuver

*New York*

*Air view (left) shows many features of modern liner. Note lifeboats on either side. Right, the lookout in crow's-nest high above deck*

*Commodore White Star*

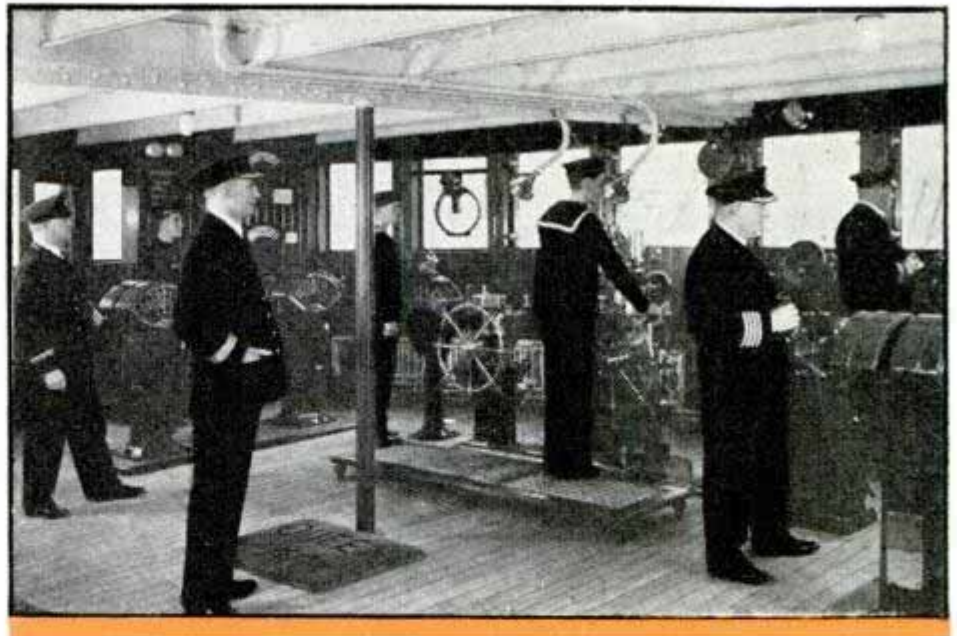




## of a SUPERLINER

her easily between the Cunard White Star pier and the Italian Line pier, which was unoccupied, fortunately. Then, with a small boat carrying a line ahead of us, we moved forward into our berth. We were off the end of the pier at 6:10 a.m. and at 6:44 the gangways were down, completing the job in exactly the same time as that required when tugs did the job. That was an emergency measure, however, and would never be employed when tugboat service is available.

Credit for such skillful maneuvering of any great liner should go, in large measure, to the well-trained crew—the men in the engine room as well as the officers on the bridge. All are at their stations, know just

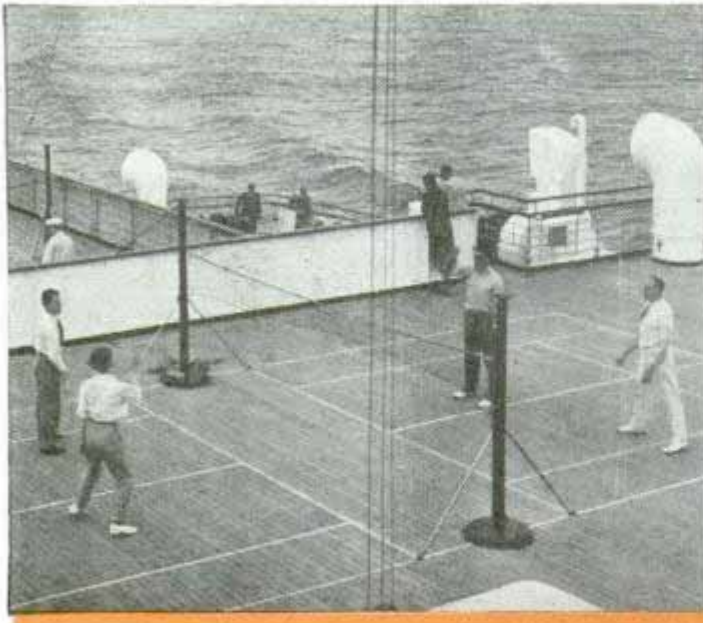


*Night view of brightly lighted liner at its New York pier. Below, on the bridge of the "Queen Mary." Commodore Irving is at left (foreground)*

what is expected of them and they perform it, as in any business. Cooperation, the giving and the obeying of orders at the proper time, plus the skill of officers, is the secret.

On the bridge I see that the men perform the duties expected of them. The bridge





complement consists of seven officers, including myself, six quartermasters and four deck boys. The officers are responsible for the course we run and are constantly checking the instruments on the bridge for accuracy. The quartermasters handle the helm and the engine room telegraph. The deck boys run errands. There are about twelve instruments on the bridge, of which the Sperry gyrocompass is the most important, I would say. This compass is not affected by the earth's magnetism or metal parts of the vessel, and keeps the ship constantly on her course more accurately than any human being could. Even so, we cannot take any chances and consequently the compass is under constant supervision by one of my officers who checks it each hour for possible error by comparison with ordinary magnetic compasses and observation of the planets.

The engine room telegraph is the next instrument of importance on the bridge. It is controlled by one of the quartermasters who, at the direction of one of the officers, moves the indicator to whatever speed is required. In turn this change is automatically shown on the telegraph in the engine room where the engineers make the necessary adjustments in the ship's movements. These are

made at the engine room controls, which regulate the operation of the ship's powerful oil-burning engines, capable of approximately 200,000 horsepower. The power plant consists of a system of single reduction geared turbines, operating four propellers. The engines are "cushioned," similar to those in the modern automobile. Instead of being riveted directly to the bedplating, the foundations are "sprung," thus eliminating much vibration. Every one of the 257,000 blades for these turbines was tested and fitted by hand, to insure reliability. Each of four gear wheels meas-



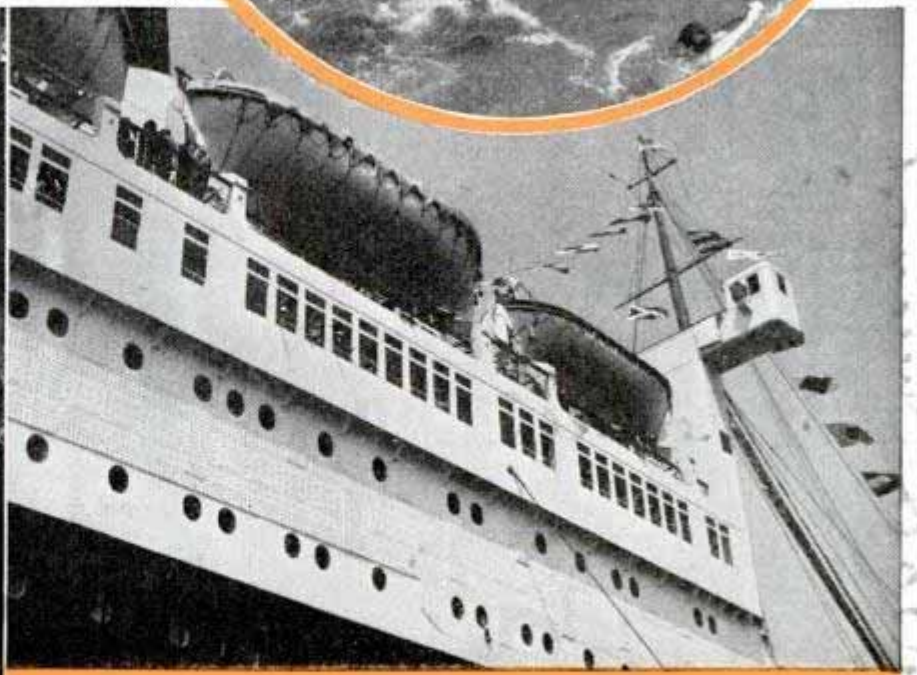
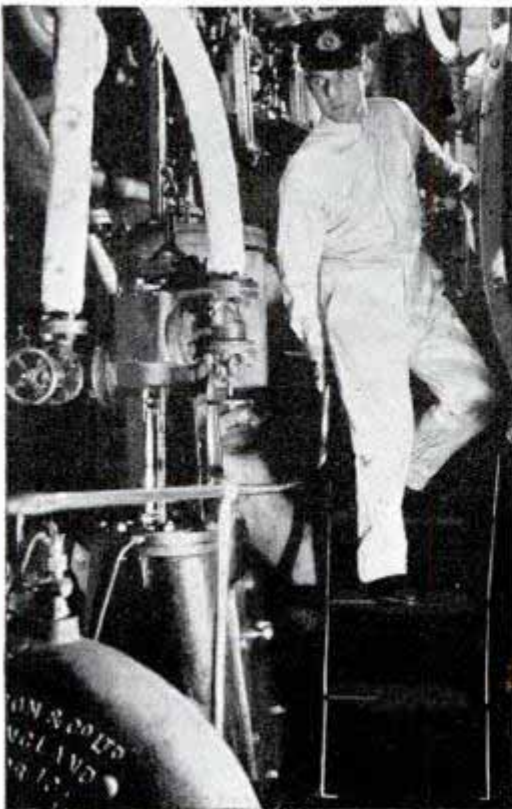
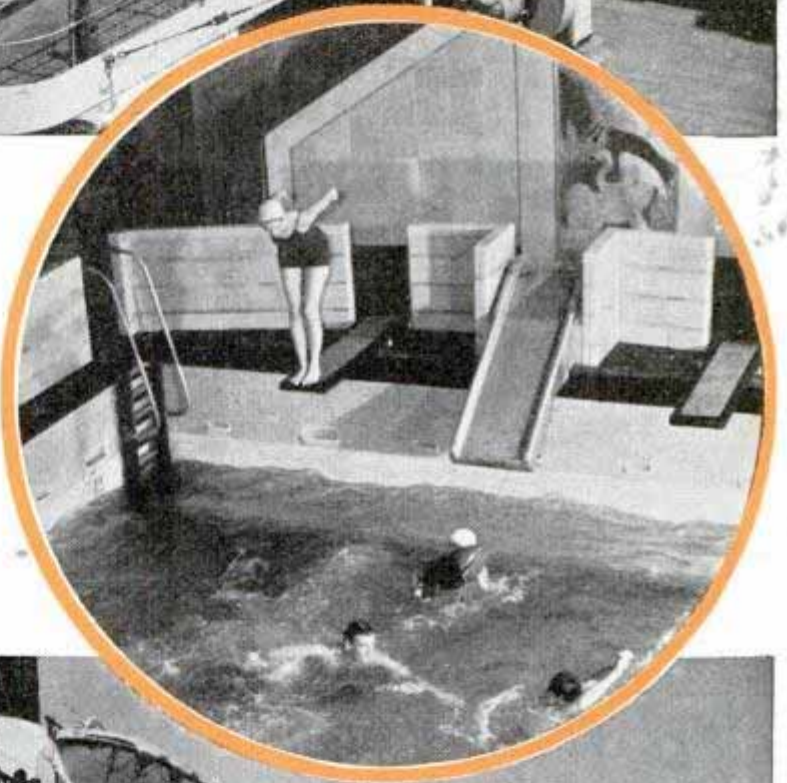
Top, left, playing deck tennis. Right, example of luxury afforded cabin-class passengers aboard the modern liner. Bottom, partial view of starting platform, with engineer making out log. Dials show engine performance.



ures fourteen feet in diameter and together they weigh nearly 600 tons. The cutting of each wheel, calculated to a thousandth of an inch, occupied from two to three months. The five boiler rooms accommodate twenty-seven enormous boilers, having a total of nearly 160,000 tubes, and the boilers are fed oil from nearly fifty side bunkers. Six filling stations make it possible to fuel the ship in eight hours.

That great power plant is one of the factors in our record crossings of the Atlantic. In August, 1938, we sailed from Southampton with no intention of attempting a fast run. However, the weather was perfect throughout the voyage and we crossed from Bishop's Rock to Ambrose Channel light vessel in three days twenty-one hours and forty-eight minutes, the fastest westbound transatlantic crossing made by any passenger liner. On

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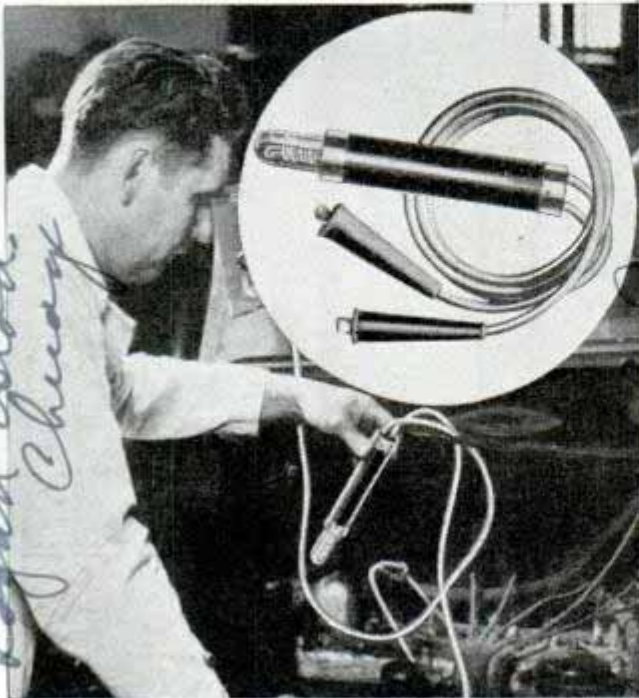


Top, officers of the watch on duty. Circle, swimming pool adds to passengers' enjoyment of voyage. Bottom, left, making routine inspection of auxiliary machinery. Right, view of boat deck, as photographed from U. S. coast guard cutter



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### Timer to Test Auto Ignition Flashes Neon Light

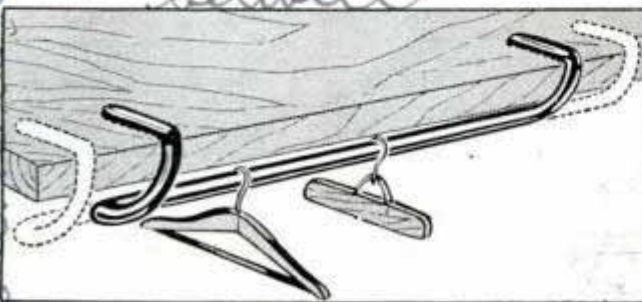


Inspecting ignition with neon-light tester. Inset shows the unit with its five feet of cord

Split-second timing of an automobile engine is accomplished by using a neon light tester that operates while the motor is running. With its aid ignition is timed, and the governor, spark plugs and ignition cables can be tested. The condition of worn distributor cams also is revealed as well as sprung distributor shaft or excessive play. A combination of silvering and saffron colored coating in the light dome concentrates the ray and triples its power.

### Clothes Rod Grips Edge of Shelf without Aid of Screws

Walls are saved from being marred by installing a clothes bar that hangs on a shelf without screws or nails to hold it. The notched ends grip the shelf, and put-



Self-supporting clothes rod gripping edge of shelf. Dotted outline indicates how bar may be extended

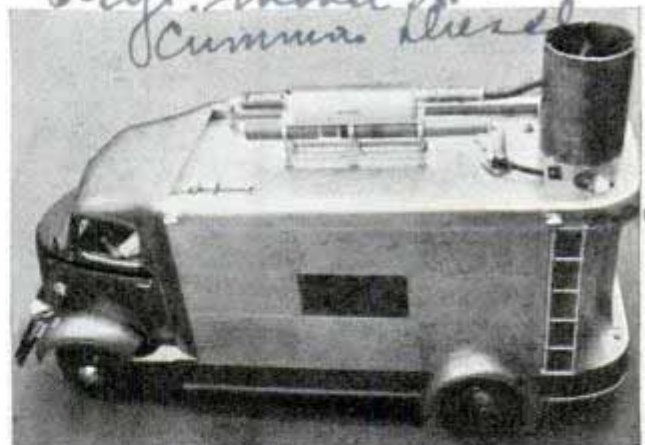
ting weight on the rod makes it take a tighter hold. It can be shifted from one closet to another and the ends telescope into the tube, making it adjustable in length from fifteen to twenty-four inches.

### "Navigation" Lights on Bicycle Protect Rider at Night

Red and green "navigation" lights attached to the front axle of a bicycle are proposed as a protection for "bike" riders at night. General use of these lights, low and close together, red on the left and green on the right as on ships at sea, would help identify the bicycle on the street. The lights have non-breakable lenses of transparent phenolic molded Bakelite, and operate on standard batteries in aluminum cases.



### Soundproof Diesel Generator Is Built in a Truck



Cork and rubber walls absorb noise of Diesel generating plant on this truck, used on movie "locations"

What the movies needed was a portable electric generating plant that could deliver power for hours at a time "on location" and withstand the shock of sudden loads and variations in demand. So Paul Grosso built it, a Diesel generator in a duralumin truck, soundproofed so that it can operate within 200 feet of the sensitive sound microphones on the movie lot. Arrived on location, the truck driver pulls the steer-

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# SCIENCE-



IN 1908 a giant athlete put the sixteen-pound shot fifty-one feet for a record that most people thought would stand forever. But nineteen years later the mark was surpassed and you would have to put the shot more than fifty-seven feet one inch to be champion today. The record for the mile hadn't changed much in fifty years before Nurmi began his spectacular career. Now even Nurmi's speed has been beaten and the time for the mile today is about six seconds less than it was sixty years ago. In 1908 the farthest an athlete had ever thrown the javelin was 180 feet and since then some seventy-eight feet have been added to the distance.

Today man is running and swimming faster, jumping higher, and throwing things farther than ever before. Tradition to the contrary, he is better at feats of strength and agility than the best athletes of the past.

Why? Let's ask that question of Dean Cromwell, the "maker of champions" who



*Athlete practicing with discus (left); javelin thrower in action (right), and electrical pacing device that runs along track beside pool to train swimmers to maintain certain pace (circle)*

has been track and field coach at the University of Southern California for thirty years. Cromwell's students have a habit of creating new world records. A dozen of his athletes have been Olympic champions

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# the MAKER of CHAMPIONS



*Tumbler practicing by diving through hoop (top); high jumper "rolling" over bar (below), and football player training with aid of scientifically designed dummy (circle)*

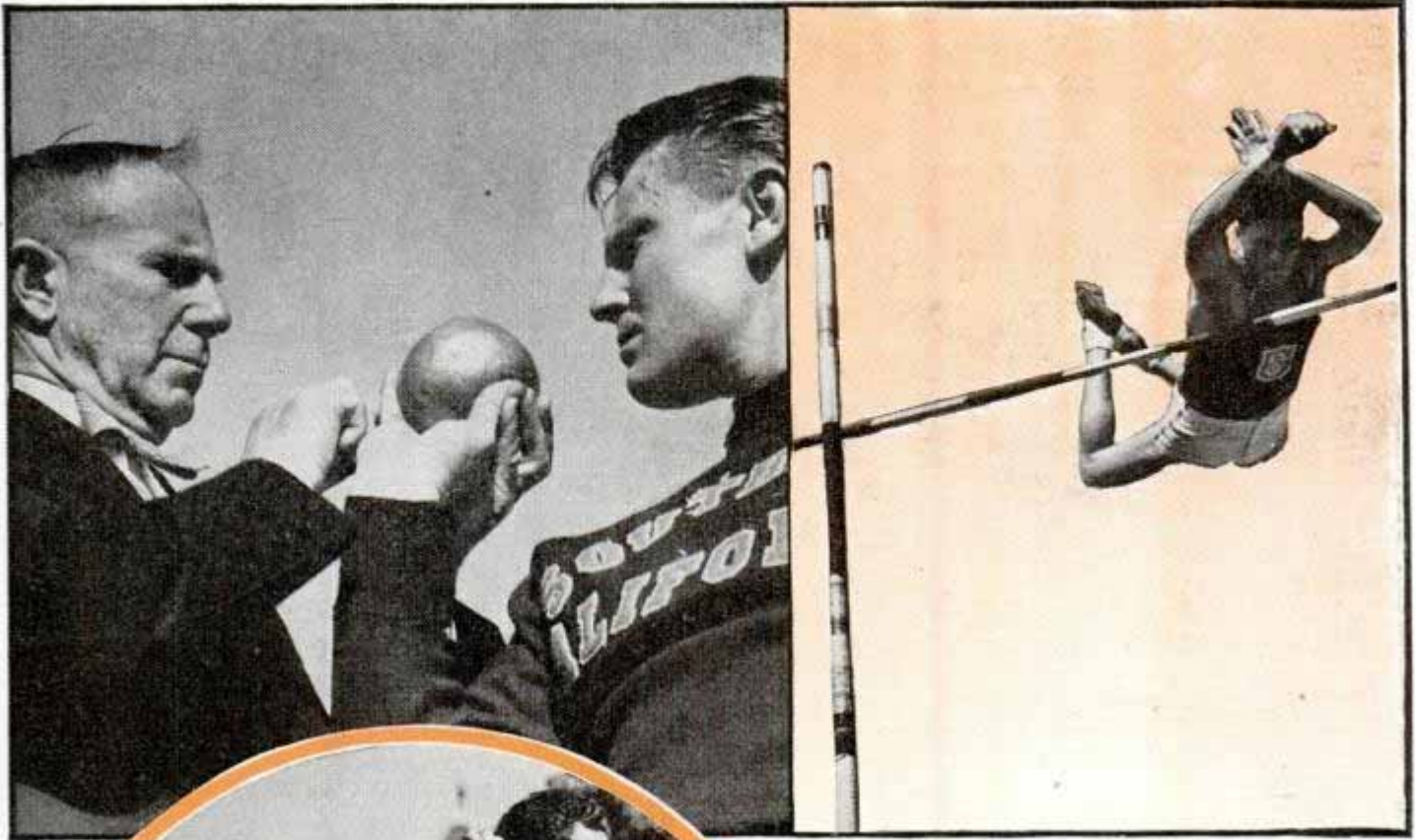
and many others have record-breaking performances to their credit.

"Man is a superathlete today because science is providing him with better tools and is teaching him to use them better," Cromwell says. "A sprinter can run faster on pavement than he can in sand but he can run fastest on a scientifically designed

track that has just the right amount of resiliency. Pole vaulters are better than they used to be because we have thrown away the heavy poles they once used and provided light bamboo poles for them. The men have smaller loads to carry up into the air. Once javelins were so flexible that they vibrated in the air, cutting down their flight. Now we are using javelins of stiff birch that fly much farther.

"The fastest races are run on springy tracks that have surfaces firm enough to hold the spikes. A six-inch layer of wood





*Coach Cromwell corrects shot putter's style (left); holding body parallel with ground while going over bar helps set pole-vaulting records (right), and runner clearing high hurdle in race (circle)*

shavings rolled down to two inches, covered with well-packed soil, makes a fast track, as does a properly constructed cinder path having a base of large cinders with smaller ones above them and a final top dressing of fine material."

A mechanical freak among running tracks is the wooden indoor practice track at Dartmouth College. It is called the fast-

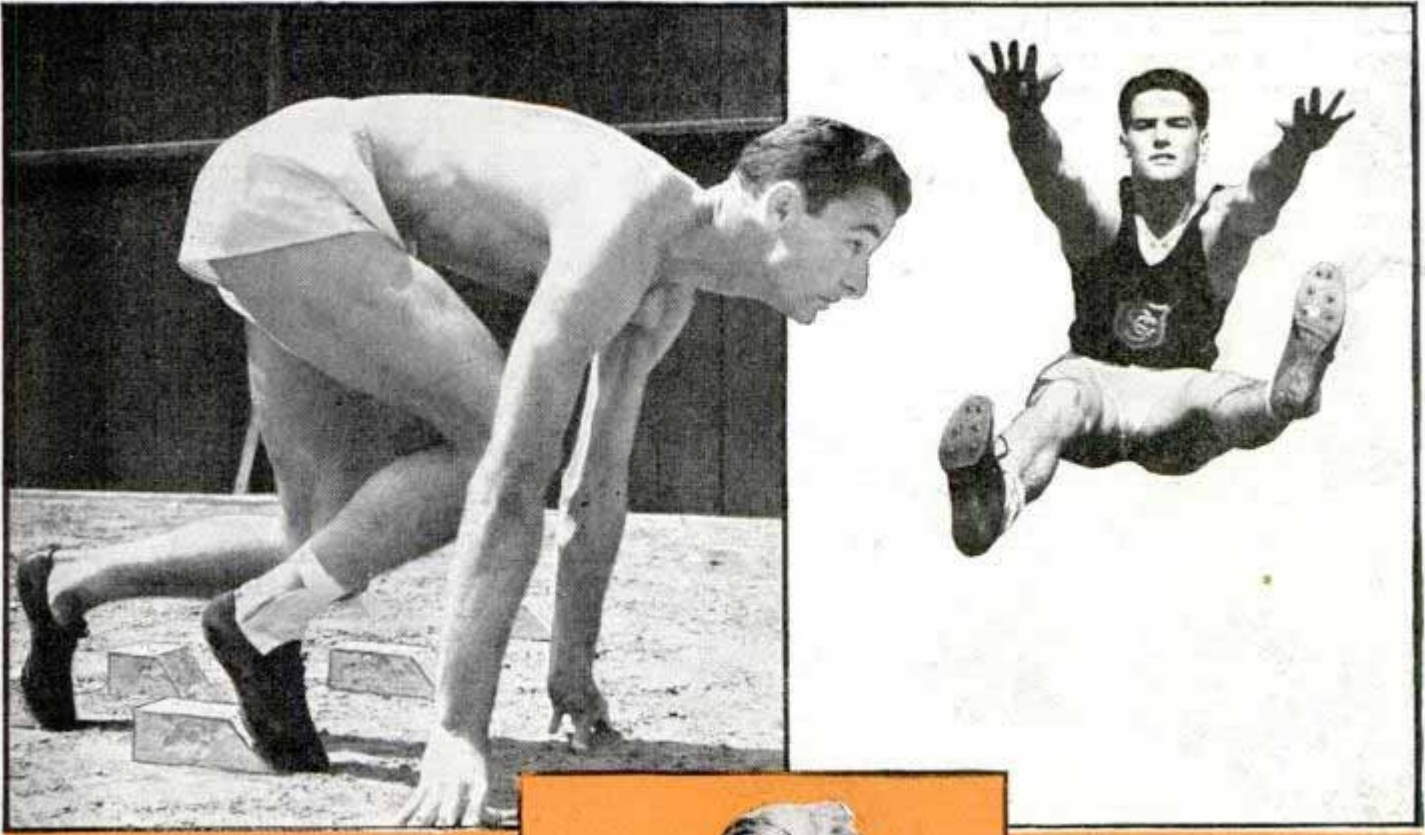
est track in the world. However, records made on it are unofficial because only outdoor performances count in the books. On this track Glenn Cunningham recently ran the mile in 4:04.4, faster by two seconds than it had ever been run before and possibly a couple of seconds slower than the time Cunningham might have made if he had been familiar with the track.

The course is fast because the builders worked out their own ideas instead of following the usual type of construction. The surface consists of one-and-a-half-inch solid spruce boards on a two by four framework. The planks run lengthwise along

the straightaways but are set across the course at the turns and the turns are banked thirty degrees instead of the usual twenty degrees. The wooden track is laid on an old indoor cinder track which partly accounts for its springiness.

Mere ability to run fast would never win a sprint today. Spiked shoes, starting blocks or holes, a crouching start, and a





leap at the finish all contribute to reaching the finish line sooner. With training, a runner learns to get away simultaneously with the sound of the starting gun, seemingly reducing reaction time to nothing.

To avoid carrying an unnecessary load the weight of an athlete's shoes and clothes is reduced to a minimum. Sprint shoes have six long spikes in the soles to get a grip on the ground and the shoes used by broad jumpers and other field men also have two spikes in the heels. Athletes are still experimenting for the most satisfactory shoe, and one of the latest kinds used by field men is fitted with a large thin metal cleat shaped like a horseshoe.

Offhand you might think that if you threw the discus with a tail wind behind it you would get the best distance, but wind-tunnel tests have confirmed the fact that the opposite is true. An athlete may add as



*Sprinter braced against wooden blocks to get powerful start (top, left); broad jumper after the takeoff (right), and javelin thrower extending arm backward to get benefit of long pull (bottom)*

much as twenty feet to his normal toss by throwing it across wind or even directly into the wind. The spinning discus takes on some of the properties of an air-foil shape. Manufacturers once made the discus by shaping it out of a block of wood cut across the grain but now they cut the shape horizontally with the grain. It travels farther that way.

Natural ability rarely wins a championship any more. A good coach breaks an action down into its separate parts, studying each motion of a runner's stride or analyzing step by step the movements that comprise the broad jump. Any performance is reduced almost to a mathematical problem with the idea that when each separate motion can be made most efficiently the com-

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## Baby's Life Size Gas Mask Also Is Used by Its Mother



*Mother helps baby breathe by drawing air into inclosed chamber which is impervious to poison gas used in air raids*

Twofold protection is given by a gas mask recently tried in Paris, that supplies pure air to both a mother and her baby in case of war. The baby is encased in a gastight bag, and the breathing apparatus is so arranged that the mother draws air into the container for the baby as well as for herself. This helps the infant who could not breathe strongly enough to pull air through the valve.

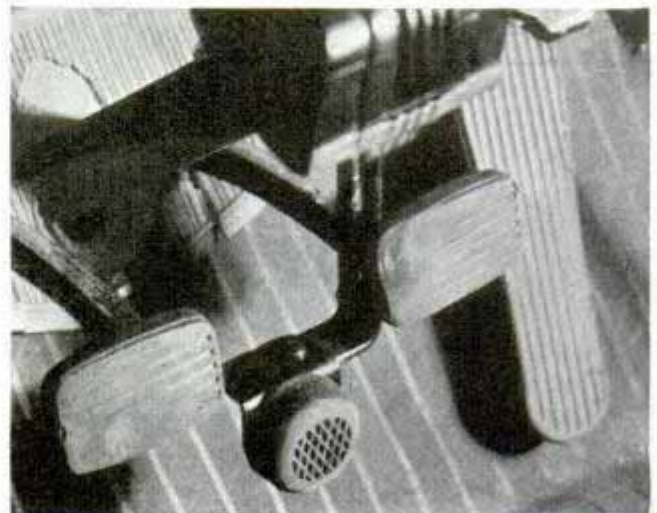
## Some Birds Can't Hear Man in Ordinary Speech

Some birds cannot hear ordinary human voice tones, but only sounds two octaves and more higher than middle C on the piano, it was learned in tests at Cornell University. The tests were conducted in a cage in which the birds were able to get food only while standing on an electrical platform. A whistling sound warned them

that their claws would receive a slight electric shock if they remained on the platform. When the birds learned to hop off the platform to avoid the shock, the tone of the sound was varied to measure their range of hearing. Sparrows and starlings, it was found, paid no attention to the note when it dropped to about two octaves above middle C. The sparrows could not hear sounds below 675 cycles a second, and the starlings' hearing washed out at 700, a slightly higher note. Pigeons heard faintly down to 200, or nearly two octaves lower; but below 500 cycles they appeared rather insensitive to sound. At the upper end of the scale the birds did not quite match the best human ears, which are sensible to sounds to about 16,000 cycles.

## Hill-Hold for Brake Pedal Is Operated by Left Foot

Virtually giving the driver a third foot to hold his brake pedal while releasing the clutch on a hill and at the same time pressing the accelerator, a small bracket attached to the brake extends to a point near the clutch pedal. This extension arm holds the car motionless when depressed by the left foot while also holding the clutch, and the brake is released as the clutch is being engaged.



*Pressing clutch pedal and hill-hold bracket with left foot leaves right one free to operate accelerator*

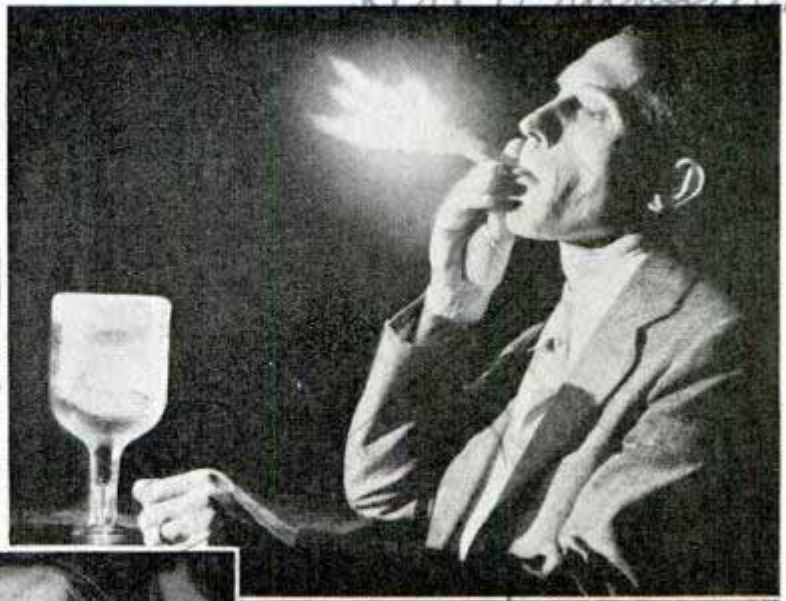
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# Egg "Poached" in Liquid Air Is Hard as Stone

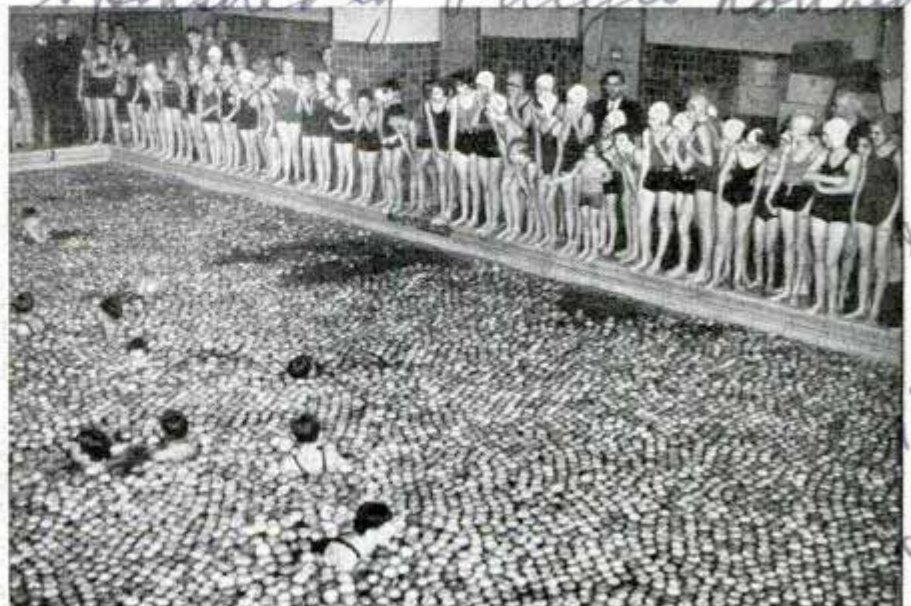


Top, left, breaking egg with chisel; right, cigar spouting flame. At bottom, vapor from liquid-air cocktail is exhaled

Cigars and eggs take on queer characteristics when immersed in liquid air, it was shown in demonstrations at the National Bureau of Standards. The cigar becomes saturated with excess oxygen, and when lighted spurts flame like a Roman candle. Subjected to the low temperature of liquid air, which is about 310 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, an egg comes out so hard that instead of a knife and a fork, a hammer and chisel are required to break it.

## Apple Bobbing on Grand Scale Held in Swimming Pool

Apple bobbing has grown into a major annual event at Seattle, Wash., where some 30,000 apples are dumped in an indoor swimming tank so youngsters may plunge in and try their skill. After the contest, apples that escape damage are given to charitable organizations. The state of Washington, called the nation's "apple basket," produces approximately 23,000,000 boxes of apples each year, and the large crop yield is feted during the autumn season.



Children swimming among 30,000 apples in extraordinary bobbing contest conducted in large indoor pool to celebrate the annual fruit crop

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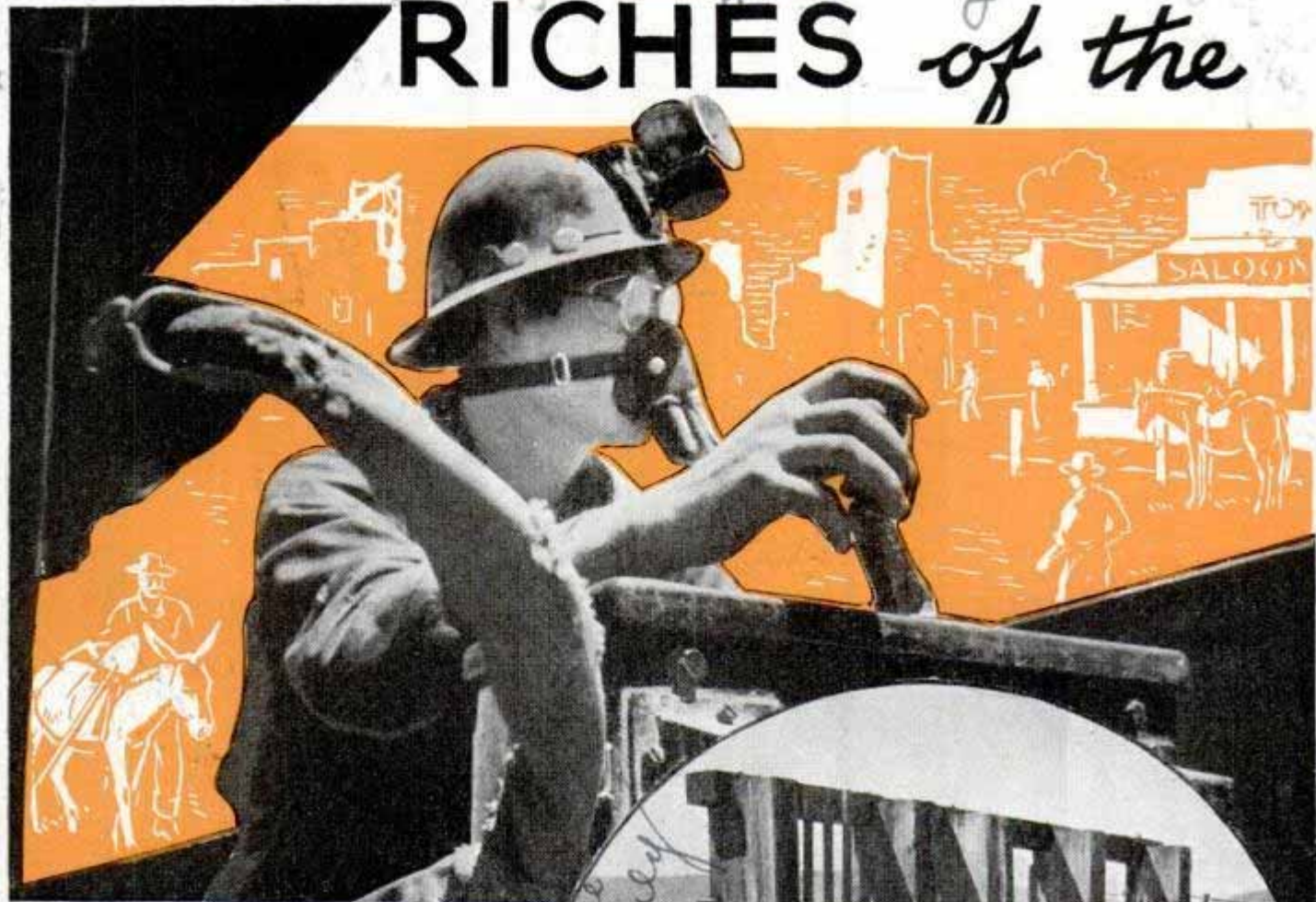
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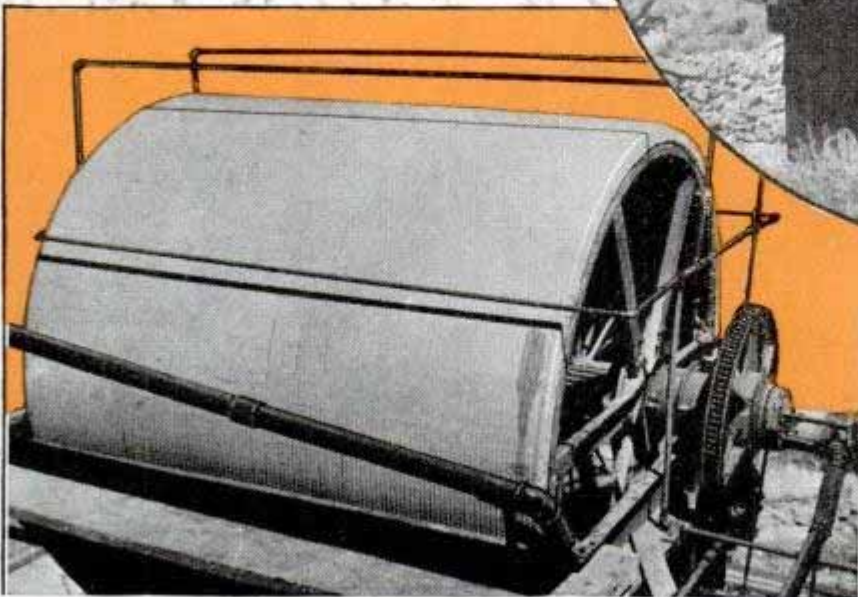
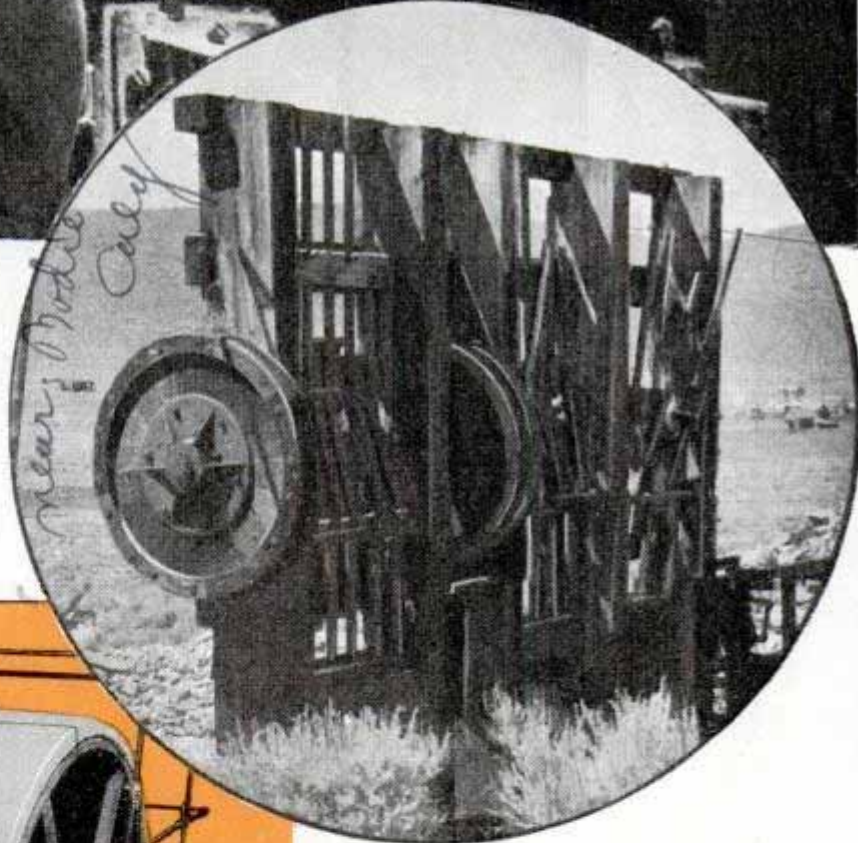
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# RICHES of the



WITH few exceptions the dozen or so famous lost mines of the west remain as great mysteries today as when hordes of early prospectors first took up the search for them. The Lost Peg-Leg, and Lost Dutch Oven, the Mine with the Iron Door and other lost mines of tradi-



tion seem to have vanished into the haze above the mountains and desert hills.

Modern prospectors don't bother to hunt these will-o'-the-wisp promises of fortune because there are plenty of other mines that are easier to find. Picking his way along a creek bed this fall, a prospector may

Top, miner at controls of electric locomotive hauling ore from mine to mill. Circle, remains of old wooden stamp mill at early gold camp. Bottom, gold-refining equipment on Soledad Mountain, California



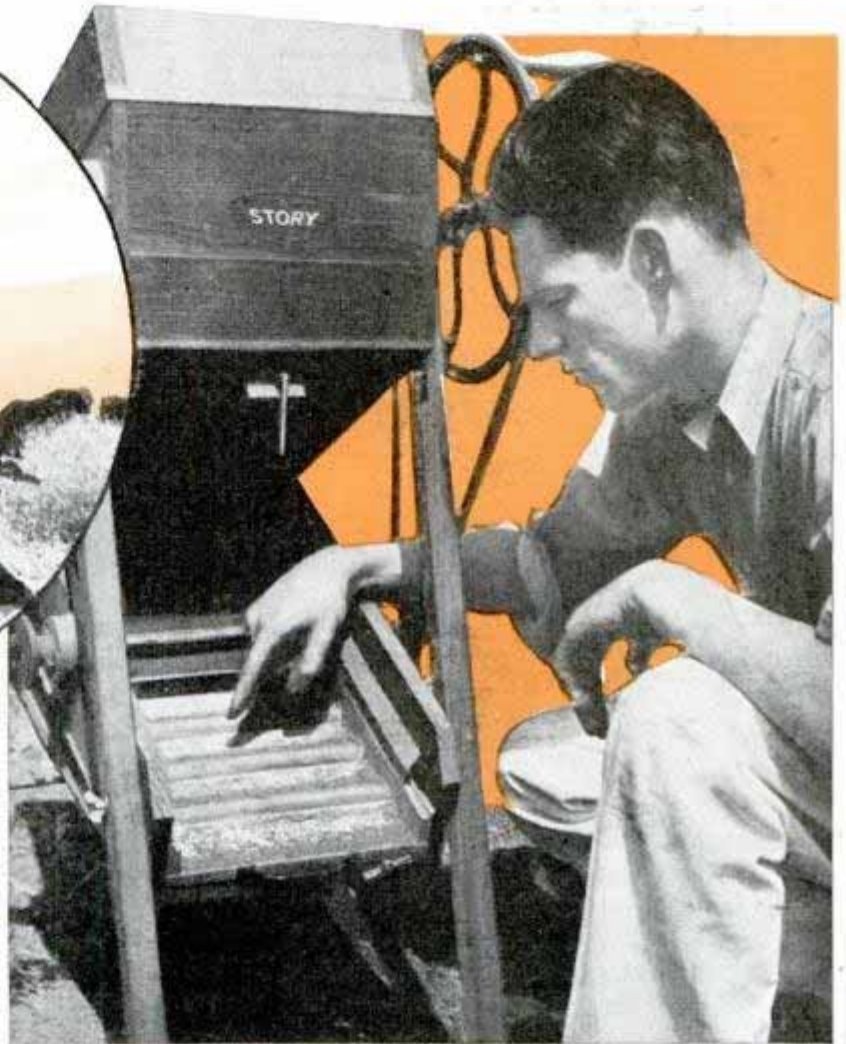
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# FORGOTTEN MINES



spot a cluster of rocks piled in a heap on the hillside.

"Hm. Someone's claim monument," he muses. "Let's find out how old it is and what the ore looks like." If the location notice, usually scribbled on paper and protected in a tobacco



Top, resting place of early prospector; right, dry washer that separates gold dust from sand. Below, working sluice box in Mother Lode country

co can, reveals the claim is a recent one the prospector goes on his way, but if the claim is ten or twenty or fifty years old and no work has been done on it the prospector investigates further. Someone, he figures, found rock that looked valuable enough to spend half a day erecting monuments. Discovery rights have lapsed and now the ground can be relocated. Hundreds of early prospectors claimed ledges of rock that had possibilities and then never returned to develop them. Lost and abandoned claims and mines are scattered throughout the west and when you find one on public land you may claim it for your own. Perhaps it is worthless, but perhaps it may develop into something rich.

In many cases the piles of rock erected by the '49ers to mark their claims and the tunnels and dumps they created have vanished without a trace. Nature is constantly changing the scenery. Rocks tumble to the

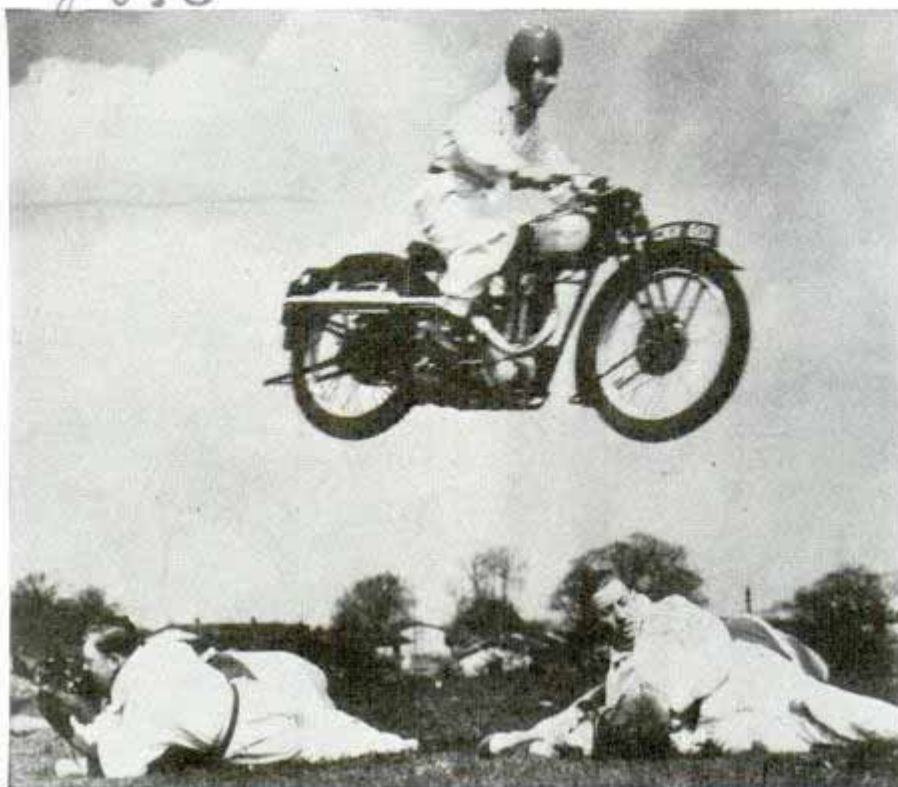
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# Stunt Rider Flies through Air over Two Men and Horses

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Two men lying on ground with their horses are probably more worried than army motorcyclist hurdling them in London stunt performance

It takes nerve to "fly" a motorcycle, but it also takes nerve to be the "ground crew" when the stunt rider is sailing overhead. A dispatch rider of the British army signal corps performed this spectacular leap at a London tournament, hurdling two men and two horses in his jump.

at Caterham Camp, England Hollywood Surf Club

## All-Weather Light System Helps Pilot Land in Fog

Air-line service in all kinds of weather is brought a step nearer by radically new runway lights that fog cannot hide from the pilot. The lighting system, which is being tested at the government experiment station in Indianapolis, involves a complicated lens arrangement making the lights visible for 500 feet almost regardless of the weather's thickness. Once radio has led the pilot to the runway's approach, he can follow the row of lamps to land safely. Four different colors are used—green to mark the approach, white the runway proper, and yellow

Civil Aeronautics Authority



Welded permanently into the pavement, these stools offer a bit of comfort to spectators at a California racetrack

clw. John O. Bartow

the end of the runway, while the backs of the lamps glow in red to warn the pilot if he heads in the wrong direction. One peculiar effect of the lenses is to make each lamp look just as bright to the on-course pilot whether he is 100 feet or 500 feet away from it, and yet the powerful light is so controlled that it does not become blinding. The secret lies in taking advantage of the changing angle between the moving plane and the lamps. The lights are spaced 200 feet apart.

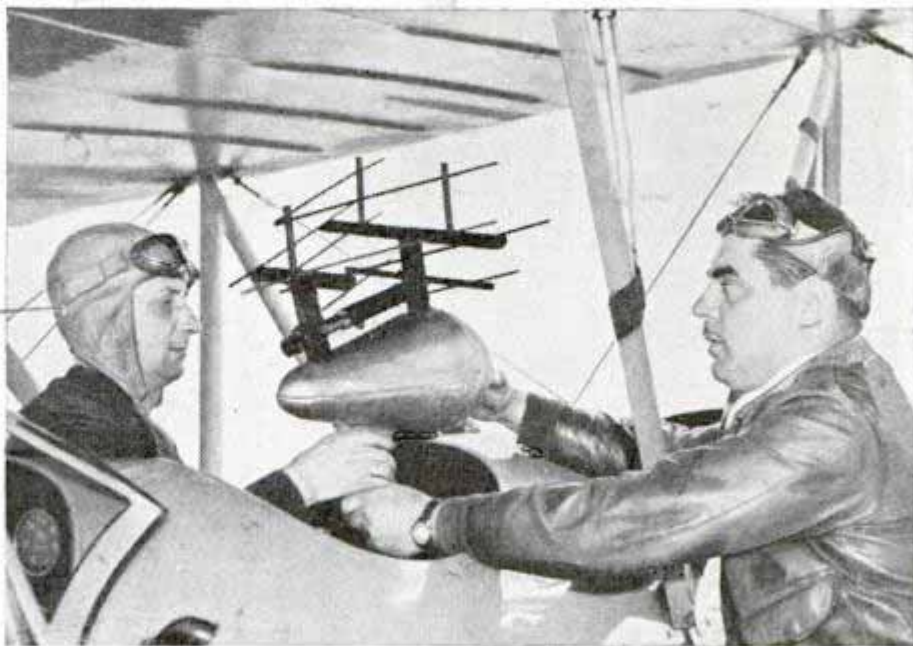
## 2651 Stools for 'Railbirds' Welded in Sockets at Racetrack

"Railbirds" watching the races at the Inglewood, Calif., track no longer have to lean on the fence to rest. Three long rows of permanent stools have been provided for them, the pedestals being welded into sockets laid in the cement.



# Bouncing Radio Beam Warns Pilot of Danger

Mountain, tall building, aircraft—any solid object that looms in the path of a plane is detected instantly, miles away, on the voltmeter of a power beam transmitter demonstrated recently at Floyd Bennett



Using radio beam to detect hidden aircraft, left, and to indicate obstacle in path of plane, above

field in Brooklyn. The beam, reaching a circumference of 250 feet, is shot from a three-tube set in a "teardrop" aluminum housing that weighs altogether ten pounds and uses 180 volts from dry cells. When this beam strikes any object more than a yard in diameter it rebounds to its source, registering the obstruction on its voltmeter. So sensitive is it that a pilot flying 3,000 feet high was able to "pick up" the Tylon at the New York world's fair from fourteen miles away. Besides acting as a warning guide to pilots flying blind, it could be used aboard ship to detect icebergs, vessels or land hidden in fog; or by ground crews to spot lost aircraft.

# Water-Going Mowing Machine Cuts Weeds in Lagoon

When a growth of water plants choked a park lagoon at New Braunfels, Tex., a mechanic with an inventive turn of mind came to the rescue with his water-going mowing machine. Driven by a light automobile engine, an all-steel scow is equipped with powered cutting blades at the front. Controllable wings at the stern serve as rudders and shield the propeller.



Blades mounted at the bow sever weeds as mower moves through the water

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# Robot Information Cabinet Answers Your Questions



Talking cabinet will tell you location of any place in city if you lift lever to its name shown on panel

Information about the location of prominent places in a city, such as theaters, parks, public institutions and hotels, is given by the electric "Informat" which telephones advice directly from a reproducer. To ask a question you take the receiver off the hook and raise a lever to the name of the place you desire information about. Then you listen to the voice of the machine. Five hundred places can be listed in a unit.

## "Chaser" Restores Worn Threads on One to Five-Inch Pipes



Damaged, battered and crossed threads of old pipes can be cleaned and restored for use by a tool recently announced. Fitting any size pipe from

one to five inches in diameter, the chaser is simple to use and can be adjusted to match any one of nine pitches, working with threads ranging from eight to twenty-four per inch. Besides pipe, it will handle axle housings, bearing cages and large shafts.

## Wear in Bearing Surface Shown by Measuring Indentations

To measure the amount of wear on the bearing surfaces of machinery, the Bureau of Standards has developed a method of marking the surface with minute indentations. This is done with a specially shaped diamond point. The dimensions of the indentations are taken before and after the bearing has been used, and the change of the dents during use makes possible a quick and accurate determination of the extent of wear.

## High-Speed Valve Tool Is Offset for Working Close to Cowl

Turning at a speed of 12,000 revolutions a minute, a powerful valve seat grinder provides fast cutting action with only slight pressure. Because of its offset design, the tool needs no extra attachments to reach valves back near the cowl. The manufacturer claims it will grind to an accuracy within .0001 inch.



Electric valve grinder works efficiently in close quarters and can be held securely with one hand

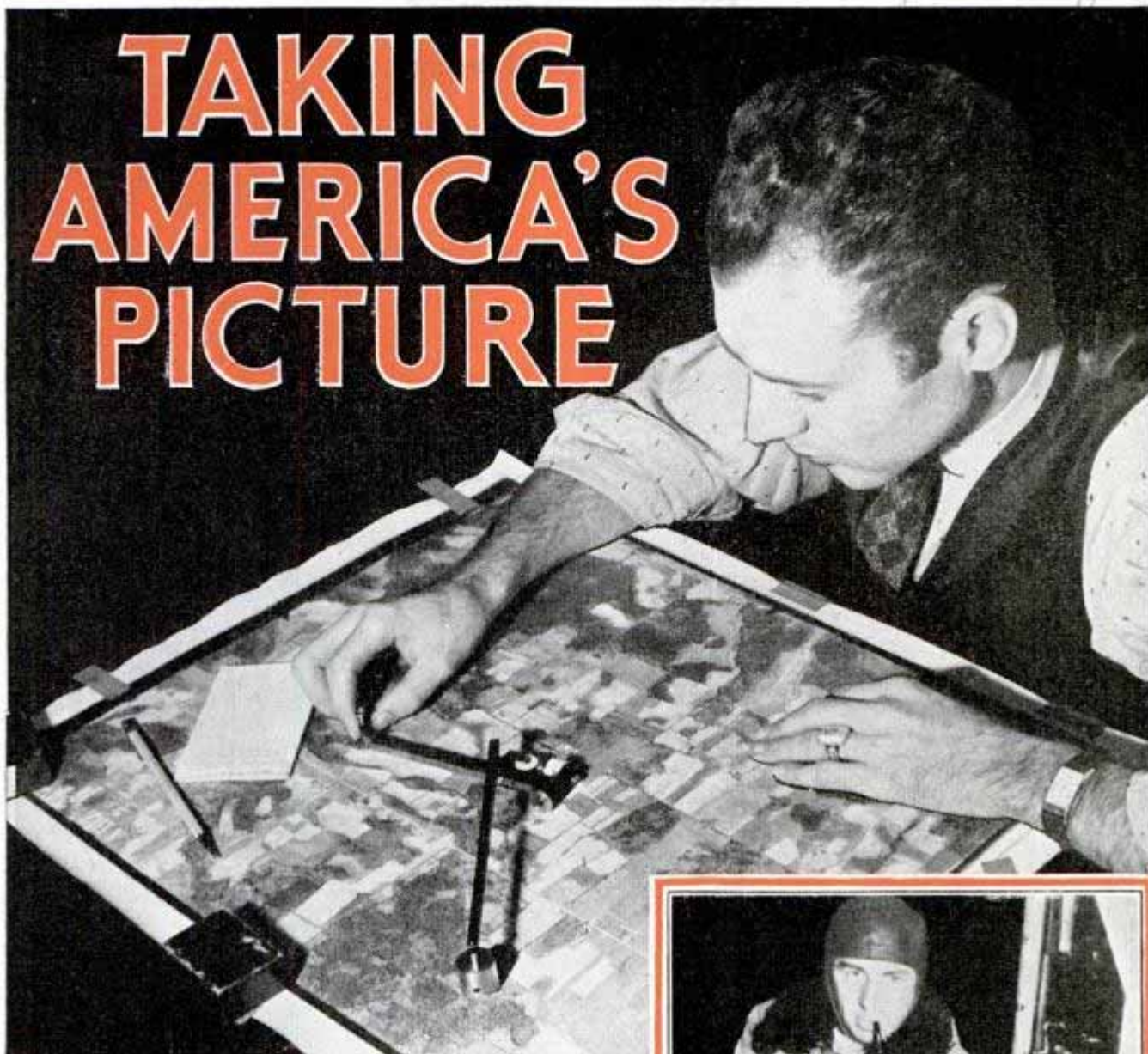
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# TAKING AMERICA'S PICTURE



**I**N THE thin air 14,000 feet above Nebraska's farm lands a tiny speck shuttles back and forth in the cloudless sky. Simultaneously over the cattle country of Montana, the cotton lands of Mississippi, the forests of Oregon and the terrain of other states other little specks are flying back and forth, at the same distance above the ground.

These airplanes, almost fifty of them, are cabin jobs, scientific photographic studios of the air. Equipped with oxygen tanks for pilot and photographer, precise flying instruments, modern aerial cameras, film and filters, they are engaged in the gigantic task of taking America's picture, a job that involves more than 1,333,000 nine-by-nine inch photographs of some 3,000,000 square miles of land.

When the huge undertaking is finished some years hence, a detailed picture of the United States will show all of America's visible natural resources. It will show the extent of soil



*Aerial map in use (top) and flying photographer with oxygen tube in mouth*





*Top, indexing aerial photos composing map of county. Bottom, photo shows strip cropping to combat soil erosion*

erosion, the course of lakes and rivers and sites for future dams and irrigation projects. It will be an invaluable scientific aid to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Civilian Conservation Corps and other agencies which are already using completed sections of the pictorial map for flood-control work, checking crop control and for other constructive projects.

America's picture will cost approximately \$15,000,000, just a fraction of what it

would cost if land-bound surveyors attempted to do the same task and spent an inestimable amount of time conquering mountains, deserts and waterways in so doing.

The aerial photographers have their hazards too, but they have overcome the great majority of these with one exception—the weather.

"In taking America's picture the weather is a highly important and uncertain factor," says William H. Meyer, Jr., general manager of Fairchild Aerial Surveys.

"In and about New York City, for example, we can figure on one suitable photographic day in every seven, or about four and one-half a month. This average will vary for different sections of the country. The yearly average, based on the Weather Bureau data for the past thirty-seven years, broken down to a monthly average, gives Colorado approximately seven days per month, California in certain sections as high as fifteen days per month and Arizona eighteen days per month.

"One of the qualifications for this work is to be able to conquer the mental as well as physical hazards of the weather, to use every flying minute to the greatest advantage and outwit the 'jumps' and 'jitters' which are apt to creep up on a photographic crew if they can't maintain an even disposition while waiting for the right kind of weather. On one project in

Tennessee we had to wait sixty-seven days for a break in the weather. It must also be remembered that in photographing the United States, the government has specified that photography may be undertaken only when the sun is at an angle of twenty-five degrees above the horizon.

"Before a crew is sent out on an assignment flight maps are prepared, the camera is thoroughly tested and sufficient panchromatic supersensitive aerial film, usu-

*Charles County, Md*



ally in rolls 150 feet long and nine inches wide, to complete the assignment is taken along. From a roll of film approximately 185 individual nine-by-nine inch exposures are made.

"On a good day they may photograph as many as 500 square miles of terrain, the developed pictures showing every fence, house, and tree in the area. These individual exposures are taken with a Fairchild aerial camera equipped with an eight-and-one-quarter-inch lens."

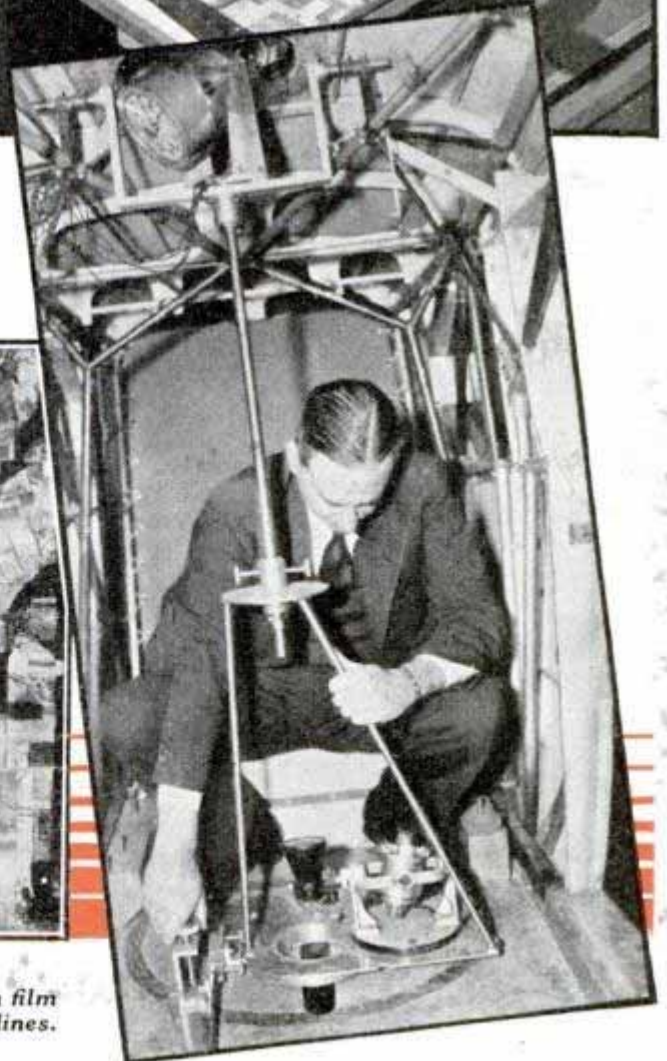
Eighteen aerial survey companies, including Fairchild, are engaged in the job of taking the country's picture.

Photographing from the air calls for a high degree of specialized skill on the part of pilot and photographer alike.

"In addition to being expert aerial photographers," says Mr. Meyer, "they must have a thorough knowledge of the construction and maintenance of the cameras in order that necessary repairs may be made at the base of operations, rather than having to send the equipment back to the factory, thereby losing valuable time."

Photographic pilots too are chosen for

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Top, enlarging camera for projecting aerial photos from film roll. Right, device which facilitates flight on parallel lines. Left, Floyd County, Ind., from the air



# Motor Bike without Pedals Speeds Delivery Service

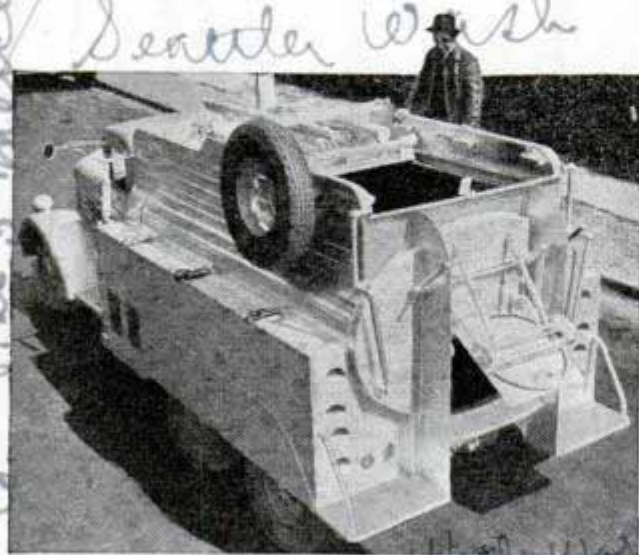


Western Union messenger rides lightweight motor bicycle to save time and effort

Telegraph messengers in big cities are being equipped with "telemotors," motorized bicycles without pedals. Controlled entirely from the handlebars, the vehicle is intended to speed up service in less congested sections. It is faster and less fatiguing than a bicycle.

# Salmon Ride in Trucks over Dam on Way to Spawning Ground

Six trucks of radical design have been finished recently to transport salmon from the lower river to still water above Grand Coulee dam during the spawning season.



Salmon get lift in this truck over barrier erected by man between ocean and spawning ground of the fish

Each truck has a large tank at the back that holds about 500 gallons of water and can carry 400 or 500 fish. These are put in through the top of the tank, and to unload its burden the truck is backed onto a pier and a door at the back opened, pouring out fish and water together.

# Chopper for All Kinds of Food Has Three Cutting Blades

Cutting up food is speeded and the work lightened by a chopper with triple knives that has an easy spring action. Raw or cooked meats, vegetables or fruits can be



Cabbage is easily and quickly shredded. Inset shows chopper used in cubing and tenderizing steak

chopped for either fine salads or coarser dishes. The cutter also will shred cabbage, cube and tenderize steaks, dice potatoes and other vegetables, and cut potatoes for French fries.

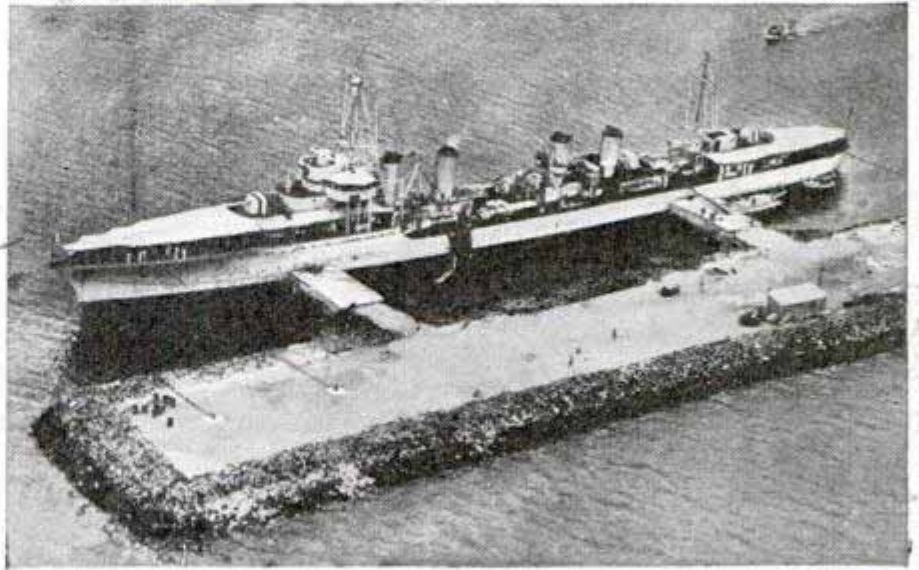
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# Cement Cover Turns Wrecked Ship into Pier

Conversion of the hull of a grounded mailboat into a substantial pier large enough for warships to use is the accomplishment of French engineers. The ship, "Fountainbleau," ran aground in Djibouti harbor after fire broke out, settling into mud at a point where the water was about twenty feet deep. This left the ship half submerged. Engineers, failing in their attempts to raise the craft, hit upon the idea of converting it into a pier and soon the hull was encased in layers of cement and stone. Now the concrete-covered ship is in use, French warships frequently mooring there.

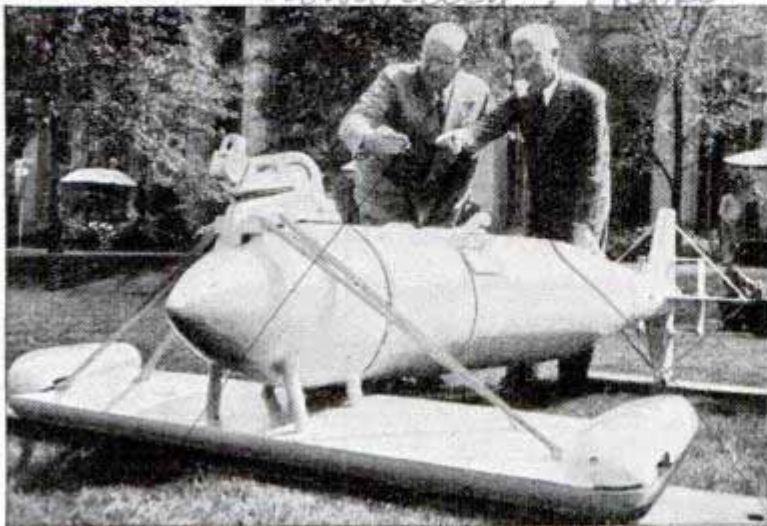


Top, mailboat covered with cement serves as pier for big ship. Bottom, same craft before conversion

# Paravane Finds Underwater Mines and Cuts Moorings

Latest in protective paravane equipment was inspected recently at a national defense conference at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The paravane is a buoyant, torpedo-shaped instrument which

is towed from either side of a ship or between two ships, submerged at a definite depth. It is provided with cutters. As the tow cable contacts the mooring wire of a mine, it slides the wire along to the paravane where the cutters go into action, severing the mine from its mooring and causing it to rise to the surface. There, it may be destroyed easily by gun fire. Paravanes were used extensively during the World War. Another form of the paravane is a cigar-shaped, charged mine, submerged at the proper depth and towed from the side of a ship. The mine may be controlled from the ship or it may explode upon contact with a submarine. Vanes deflect it away from the ship as it is towed forward. Two paravanes may be used, one on each side of a ship.



Examining details of latest paravane. Note wire cutter (at top) that severs mine mooring

Louis G. Johnson, Asst.

Rear Admiral



# Fireman's Portable Torch Worn in Adjustable Vest



Fireman cutting through hinges of steel door with torch, carrying oxygen and acetylene tanks on back

Carried in an adjustable canvas vest, a complete oxyacetylene flame cutter enables firemen to gain quick access to buildings by cutting through steel doors, barred windows or metal locks. The equipment, self-contained, weighs only forty-three pounds and with the vest arrangement the fireman can use his legs and arms on ladders and working in close quarters.

# Automatic Sight for Rifle Ends Guesswork

Accurate shooting, without guessing at the distance to the target, is made possible by an automatic sight for rifles. The gunner sights through it and makes an adjust-



Using rifle sight which automatically gives the proper elevation for the shot

ment, which results in the elevation being set automatically, whether the target or game is twenty-five or 200 yards away. If the gunner knows the distance, he sets the sight to the known yardage, thus automatically sighting the rifle properly.

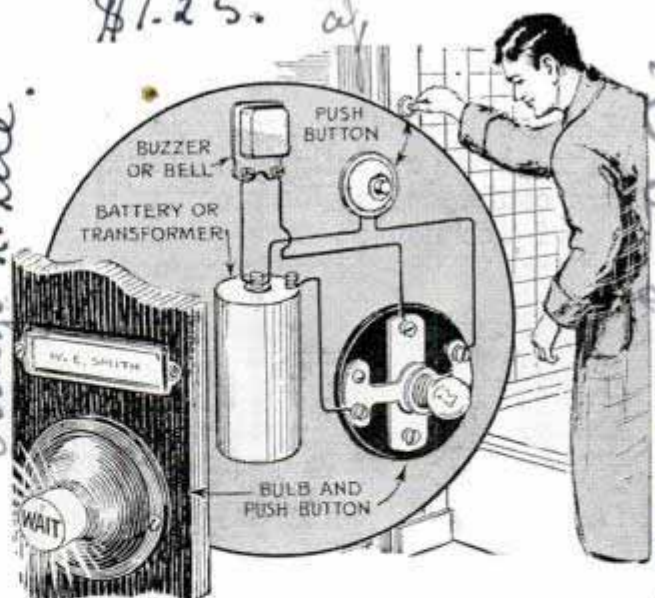
# Metal Clacker Warns Motorist When Tire Goes Flat

Of particular value on trailer wheels, a metal clacker gives loud warning to the motorist when a tire goes flat. It is mounted on the rim, touching the tire, and as the tire is deflated it presses against the clacker and causes a distinctive sound at each revolution of the wheel.



# "Wait," Says Doorbell Button If You Are Busy

To the aid of the housewife, so often engaged in household tasks she cannot leave at the moment a doorbell rings, there



Pressing button inside the house turns on light at front door asking caller to wait

comes a push button that signals "Wait" to the caller. Pressed at some convenient place in the house, the button lights a small bulb at the front door on which is printed the message to wait. Only one wire need be added to the regular doorbell wiring.

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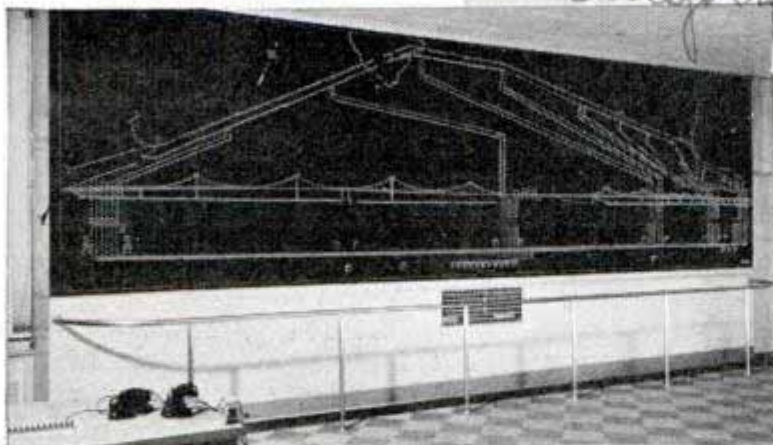
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# Dial Two Numbers and Bay Bridge Is Lighted

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*Upper left, diagram of Bay Bridge with tiny lamp for every light on bridge; right, dialing a number to turn on a group of lights on bridge. Below at left, view of bridge showing part of 400,000-watt illumination system*

Twilight arrives over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. A girl steps to a "telephone" dial, gives it a couple of twirls, and a thousand lights are set aglow from shore to shore along the great span. That's all it takes to light the bridge. At first it was more complicated; there was a large panel of switches governing the numerous divisions of the 400,000-watt illumination system. But addition of other electrical facilities put too heavy a burden on those switches, and young as the bridge was, its lighting control board became obsolete. Now you dial two numbers, and eight miles of sodium-vapor lamps glow red, then orange-yellow. The same dial con-

trols navigation signals, red-flashing aerial beacons, fog bells and sirens along the bridge. Certain designated numbers on the dial turn on separate lighting circuits, and dialing the same numbers again turns them off. From the dial, electrical impulses flash over two wires the size of pencil leads, causing selector switches at substations to "step up" to the contacts corresponding to the numbers dialed. Thus electrical circuits are closed and any group or groups of lights selected are switched on. The two "master numbers" operate the entire system at once. On the wall of the control room is a twenty-six-foot illuminated board with tiny lights duplicating those of the bridge itself. If a fog bell is in trouble, a sodium-vapor lamp goes dark or an aviation beacon stops revolving, a light on the master board goes out too, indicating instantly the trouble spot. With this to guide him, a trouble shooter can go direct to the scene of the breakdown.

*Cont Paul Conant 703 Bay Bridge*



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### 'Filling Station' for Puppies Feeds Family of Nine



Puppies learning to use mechanical nursing system when large family was deserted by overtaxed mother

Like the old woman who lived in a shoe, one golden cocker spaniel had so many babies she didn't know what to do. Luckily for these nine puppies, their owner knew what to do when the mother could not feed them adequately. A mechanical feeder was prepared having nine nipples from infant nursing bottles, and the pups receive from it a mixture of warm milk and sugar. It causes no conflict even if all of them get hungry at the same time.

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### Farm Products Have 400 Uses and Food Is but One

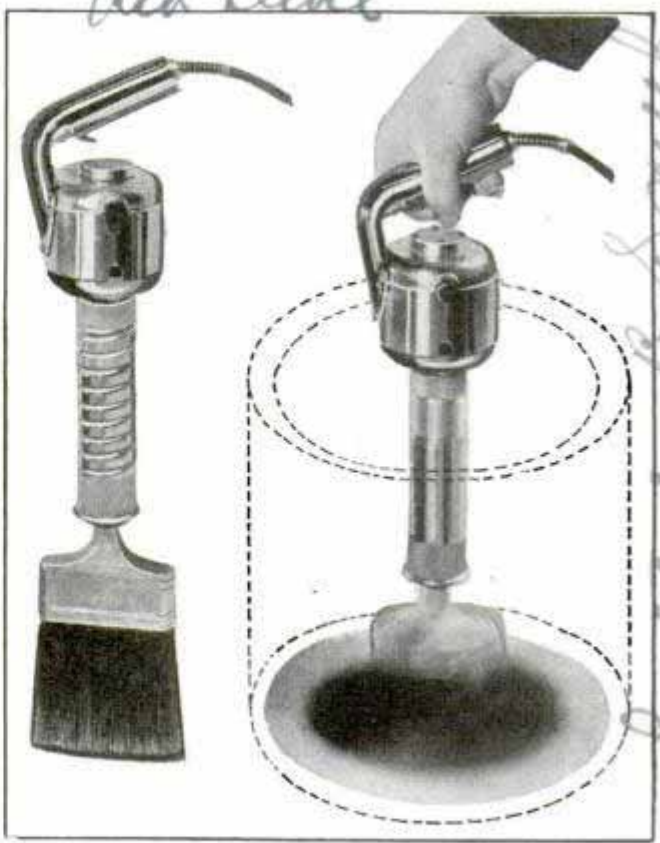
American farmers once were considered only as food producers, but that picture has been changed by industrial research, according to a list of non-food uses of agricultural products recently compiled by the United States department of agriculture. Even farmers will be surprised to learn that from eighty-six agricultural sources there come 133 raw materials used for purposes other than food, and these

raw materials are fashioned into 240 different manufactured products. In all there are more than 400 non-food uses for these farm crops. Cattle, in addition to meat, yield cattle grease which is the source of glycerol that may find its way into the family car as anti-freeze, or, by another process, may become a part of dynamite. Corn, in contrast, appears as the sizing on the backs of carpets, or as an adhesive, a rayon fiber, a tanning agent, as wallboard, or even a smoking pipe. Grapes have non-food uses, for their seeds contain an oil that goes into lubricants and soaps. Even bees play a double role. They furnish beeswax which appears in polishes, candles, cosmetics, and is used by lithographers in making colored pictures.

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### Spinner Cleans Paintbrush by Centrifugal Force

Centrifugal force is used for cleaning paintbrushes in an electric spinner just put on the market. The brush is placed in turpentine to soak overnight, then is attached to the spinner, inserted in a large can and the motor is turned on. The centrifugal throw at 2,000 revolutions per minute cleans the bristles quickly.



Spinning at high speed inside can, as at right, paintbrush is thoroughly cleaned by centrifugal force

Mrs. J. Simpson, N.Y. and Rand on



# Modern Home Furniture Does Double Duty

*Helen Magoon.*

*Marian Johnson.*



Wardrobe chest for the dressing room, above, has a sliding mirror that slips out of sight when not in use, disappearing into the back of the chest



Even when the chair above is upside down it is right side up. One seat is cloth-covered, the other is upholstered in leather. This not only should double its useful life but affords a seasonal change of styling



*Marian Johnson*



*Aven*

*All. Acme*

Furniture is leading a double life. Bookcases are beds and lounge chairs are radio cabinets. At left is a combination chest of drawers and dressing table with small compartments in lower corners for shoes, a storage drawer so roomy you could sleep guests in it, and a clock and jewelry compartments on top. Above, a secretary that hides a six-foot folding bed in its base



# Dive Is Caught By Camera from Ladder in Pool



Cameraman perches on stepladder in pool while helpers at left stand ready to rescue camera "in case"

To catch high-speed snapshots of a diving champion from an unusual angle, without involving himself and the camera in a ducking, a photographer worked out an elaborate setup. He posted himself on a stepladder in six feet of water at the middle of a San Francisco indoor pool. An assistant steadied the ladder. Still, it might tip over, so the camera was attached to a cord swung from a block and tackle high over the water. If the photographer toppled from his perch, an assistant on the sidelines pulled the cord to hoist the camera high and dry, then another aid with a long pole hauled it in.

# Collision Switch Cuts Off Ignition When Auto Is Hit or Upset

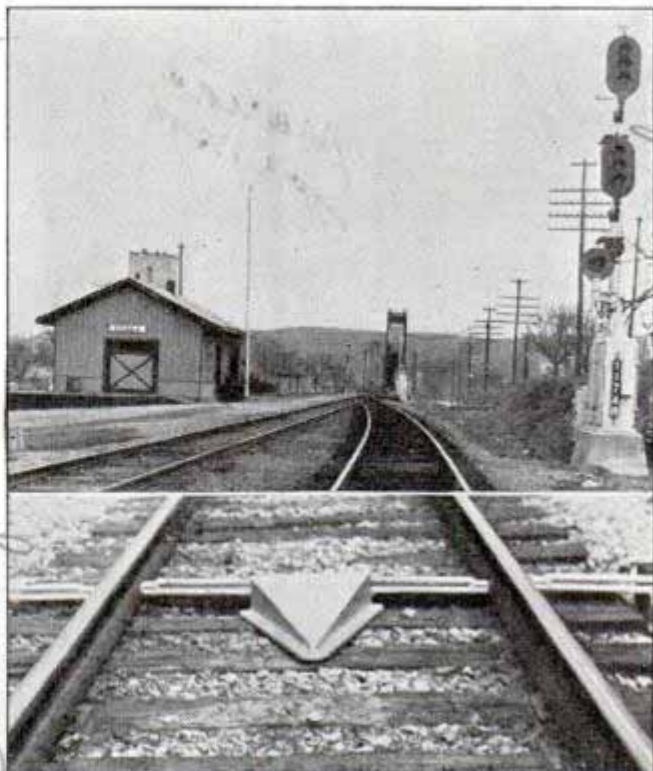


Shutting off the ignition immediately when the automobile is struck, whether it tips over or not, a collision switch that can be installed in any car

is always ready to act in the prevention of gasoline fires. Its operation is entirely mechanical and is so fast that the current is broken before the vehicle comes to rest after being hit. In case the car tips over the switch will go to work in the same way. It consists of silver-plated contacts held together by spring tension. If the auto is jolted severely or tipped over, a heavy conical weight is forced out of a cupped recess, thus breaking the connection, which can be reset only by lifting the top knob and placing the weight in the recess by hand. The switch can also be adapted to airplanes.

# Drag Detector Warns Engineer of Broken Brake Equipment

Broken brake beams dragging from a train could damage a railway bridge enough to tie up traffic for hours, but the Missouri Pacific railroad is posting automatic sentries near its single-track bridges to warn the engineer of dragging equipment. The detector units are breakable loops of cast iron, installed between the rails at rail level and extending eighteen inches outside the rails. A dragging beam or rod would shatter the loops and start a red light flashing against the train at the approach to the bridge.



Dragging brake beams would break iron loops in track, below, and set signals at bridge against train

*Mary Jane Leesting*

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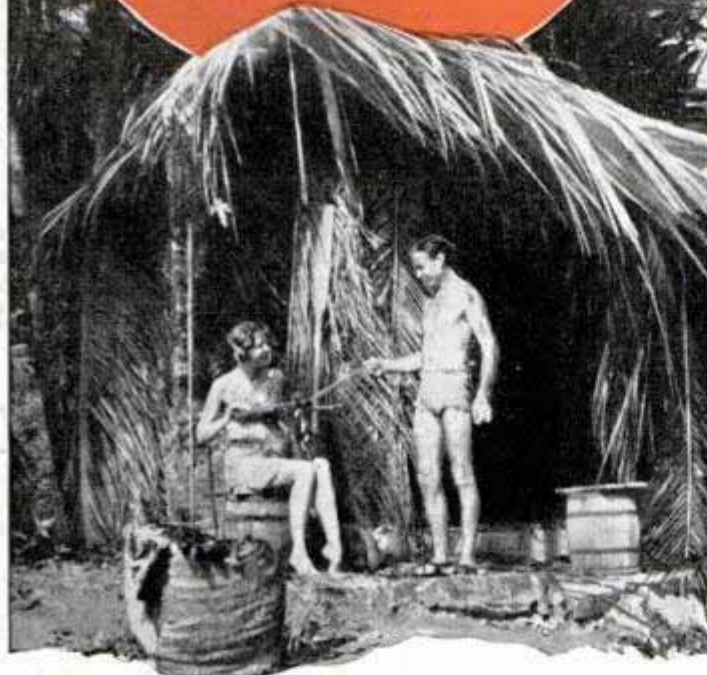
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**G**INGER and I were marooned at last. As the little coast guard boat chugged noisily out to sea we faced the realization of childhood dreams and the stark reality, too, that we had just three weeks' food supply and the boat would not be back for eight months.

This adventure had begun as a test voyage to determine whether we were qualified for a life of exploration. We paddled and sailed our homemade "hybrid" sixteen-foot canoe down from California, along the west coast of Mexico and Central America, bound for Panama. We headed into the surf with 150 pounds of equipment and \$4.20 in cash. Instead of forming an elaborate and cum-

Top, the authors with lance, machete, pistols and knives for hunting. Left, their hut on Cocos Island. Below, wild pigs furnished food and leather

bersome expedition we meant to travel alone, forage in the jungle, take from the waters and the land the necessities of life.





*Above, starting campfire by old Indian bow-and-drill method. Left, homemade jigs and spoons were used for trolling, fish supplying both food and oil to make paints. Big fellow at left is a "wahoo," Pacific game fish*

We explored, we found adventure, we foraged and we liked it.

We got as far as Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and there discovered we were only 350 miles from Cocos—the desert island of our young dreams. Perhaps we were children of civilization, but so was Robinson Crusoe. If he could make a go of it, we could. So the government boat took us to the island and promised to return in eight months.

Paddling toward the palm and jungle-fringed shore of Wafer Bay we glanced back at the little "Santa Rosa," dwindling to a speck on the ocean as she headed back to the mainland. We wondered if we had

good sense. Three weeks' supply of food, a few seeds, meager camping equipment, and not a neighbor to borrow from on this isolated, uninhabited island.

Had our two years of travel along the coast of Mexico and Central America prepared us for this? We had dreamed about landing on this island for years, and there was no turning back now. The "Santa Rosa" was only a smudge on a cloudy horizon, as we grounded the canoe at the mouth of the little stream at the

head of Wafer Bay and surveyed our surroundings.

In the beautiful little coconut grove beside the stream was the worst mess we had ever seen. Surrounding the two dilapidated old treasure-hunters' shacks were piles of filth and refuse that clearly indicated why the existence of others before us on this tropic Paradise had been so miserable, and in some cases, tragic.

There was only one solution, and that was work, and plenty of it. As though to lend us a hand, rain descended in torrents as we set to work cleaning up the mess.

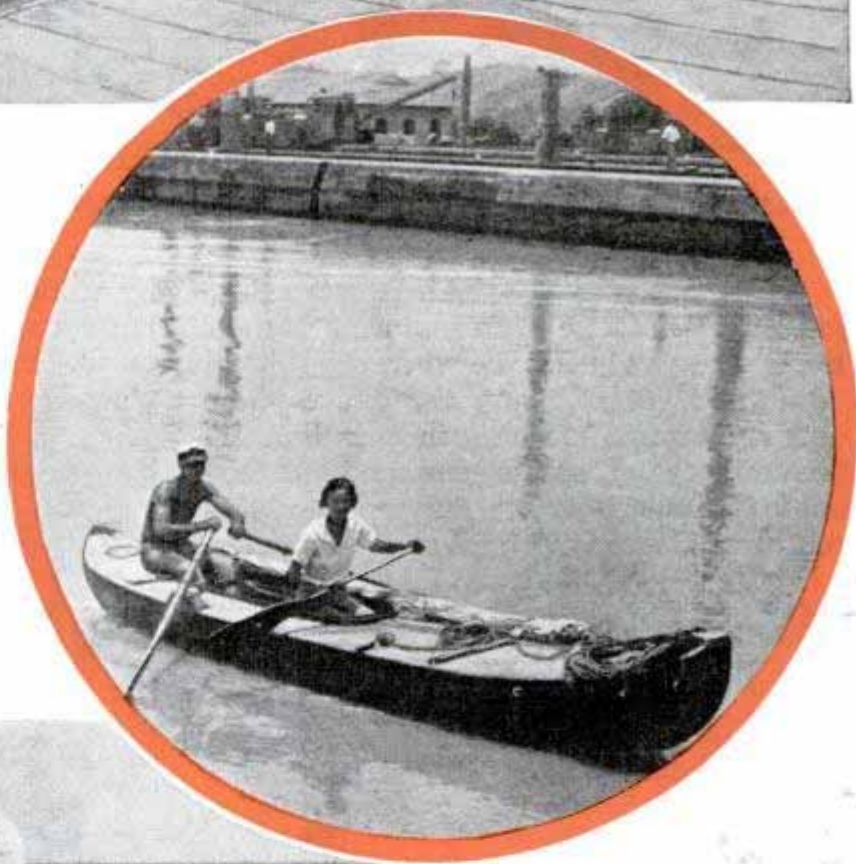
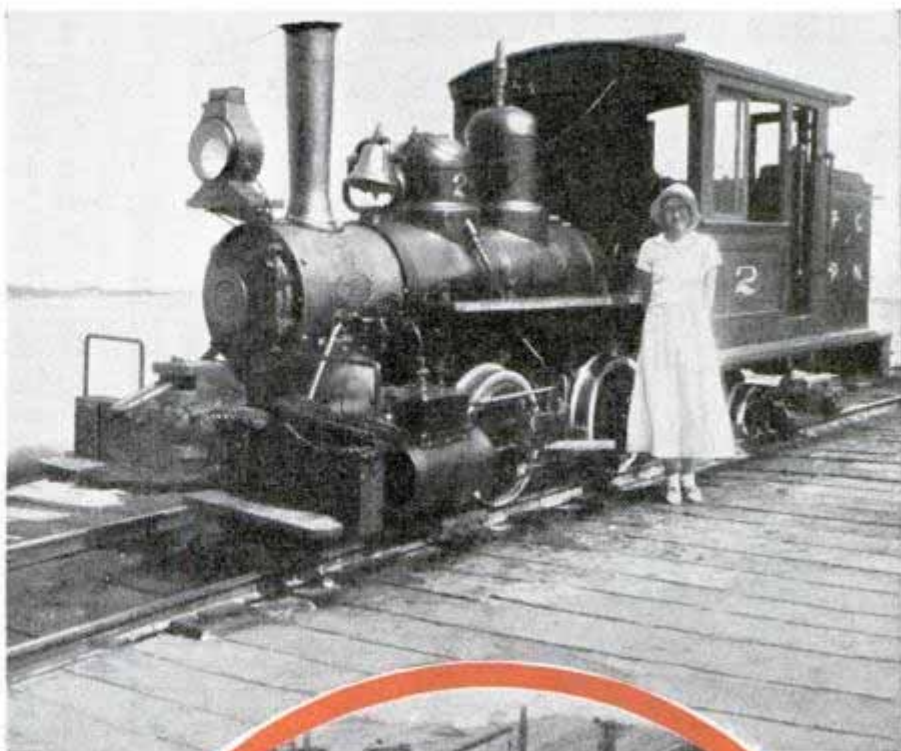
Camping on the clean white sand of the



beach, we put in long, hard days removing this blotch left by man, and relegated most of it to the briny deep. Then we set to work on our hut, with only a machete, hunting knife, and the small drill, for tools, using some material salvaged from the old huts, and the balance secured from the palm grove and jungle. Our hut was similar to those used by the natives along the coast on the mainland, and had a very steep thatched roof to shed the daily downpour of rain.

In the evenings by the light of the campfire we made crude tools, a wooden hoe, rake, and shovel for use in our little garden, planted close to the beach. We had been told that a garden could not be grown on Cocos—that all vegetables grew to tops due to the over-rich soil—but a little experimenting showed us that the mixture of soil and sand along the shore was just lean enough to produce good crops of corn, beans, chayotes, and the like.

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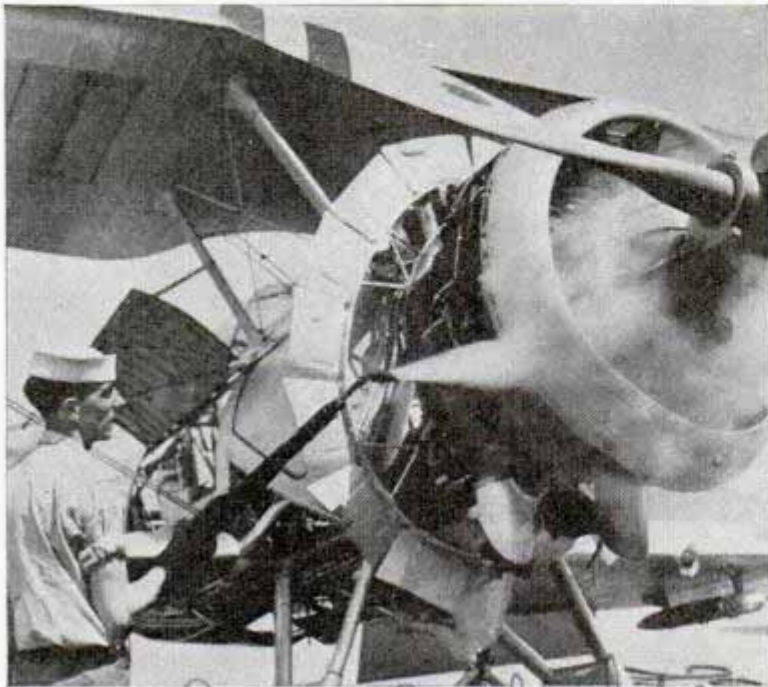


*Ginger poses beside "No. 2," picturesque old iron horse on the Nicaraguan railway, top. Look closely and you'll notice the engine carries a towrope, just "in case." Center, the crew of the "Vagabunda" reach the Panama Canal after three years voyaging down Pacific coast in their homemade craft. At left, safely beached as a storm strikes, the voyagers rush to cover equipment before blowing sand can do damage*



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## Planes Get "Turkish Bath" for Fast and Easy Clean-Up

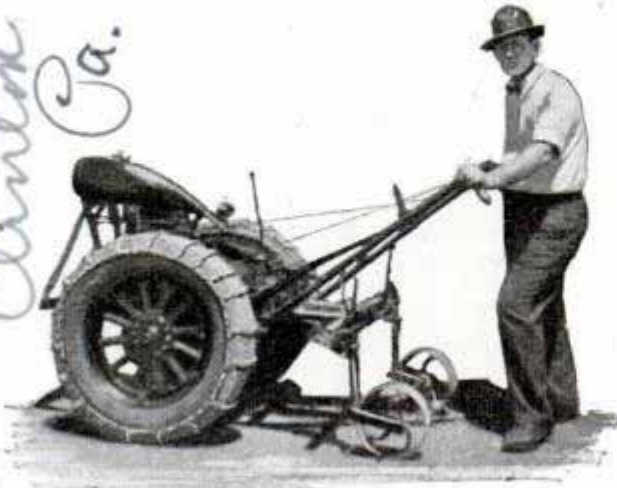


One of the navy's planes getting a steam bath to rid it quickly of briny dirt picked up in flight over ocean

Airplanes at the Naval Air Reserve Base at Floyd Bennett Field are given a bath of live steam to rid them of dirt, grease and ocean salt. In this way the entire plane gets a thorough cleaning in less than fifteen minutes. Steam is generated in a machine that mixes it with soapsuds, and this mixture is forced out of the hose nozzle.

## Homemade Walk-Type Tractor Pulls a One-Horse Plow

To cultivate and plow his small tract, one man built a walking-type tractor from

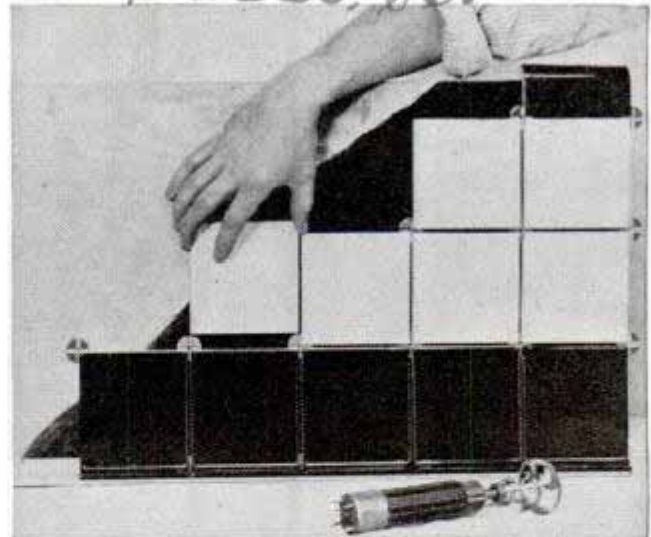


Operator walks behind tractor, guiding it and controlling the speed by levers mounted on the handle

parts of an automobile and motorcycle. For power, a single-cylinder motorcycle engine and fuel tank, together with other motorcycle parts, were mounted on a welded angle-iron frame made from discarded bed rails. To obtain a wide selection of speeds he mounted the gear box reclaimed from an old Dodge automobile at the rear of the motorcycle drive. Power is transmitted through the gear box to the large drive wheels taken from an old car. The handles were shaped from gas pipe and properly fitted. This tractor not only cultivates, but draws a conventional one-horse plow.

## Tile Held without Cement Reduces Weight of Wall

Clay tile can be installed in bathrooms and kitchens without the usual heavy coating of cement by using a special metal disk that holds the squares in place on a backing of plywood. In an old house the plywood is placed over the plaster wall and nailed into



Tiles are slipped down on clips and held in place as shown. In foreground is tool for nailing clips

the studding, while on new work it is nailed to furring strips fastened across the studding. To this wood backing are nailed metal disks about the size of a quarter. The tiles are slotted at each corner where one-quarter of the disk fits snugly. After the tiles are in place, the joints are filled with cement or waterproof mastic.

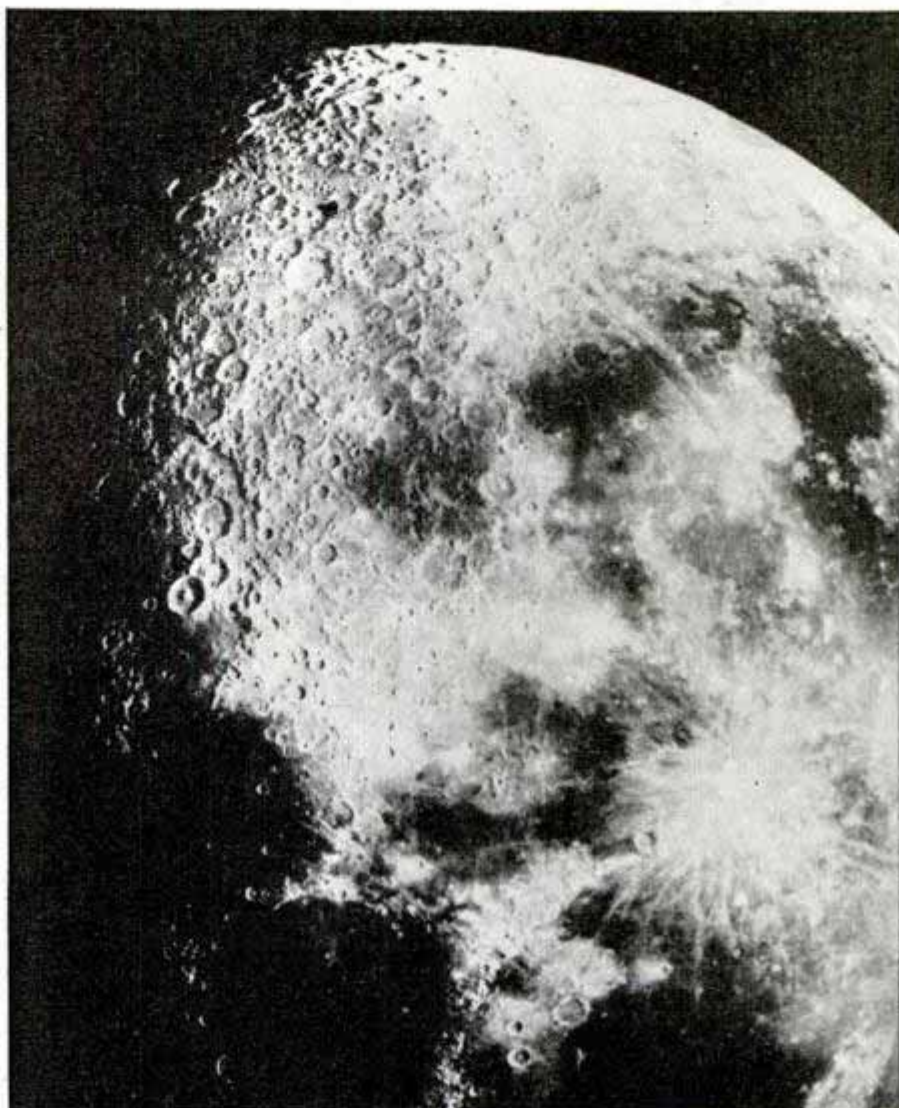
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# Close-Up Picture of Moon 'Shot' with Big Eye

As telescopes become bigger, privacy for the "man in the moon" is fading away. Unusual detail can be seen in a recent photograph of the moon which was made with the aid of the eighty-two inch telescope at McDonald observatory in Texas.



Craters are sharply defined in this photograph of the moon taken with the help of the giant Cassegrain telescope at McDonald observatory

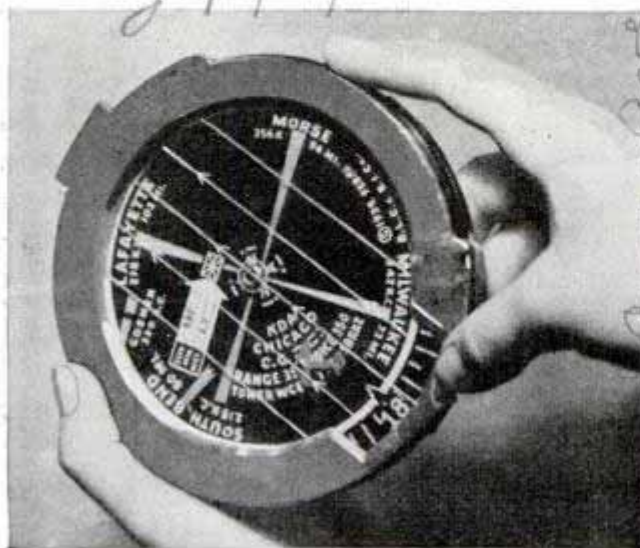
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## Tree-Planting Work Doubled on Farms Since 1935

Tree-planting activities on American farms have doubled since 1935, the distribution of 55,359,728 trees to the farmers in 1938 comparing with 26,150,197 three years previous. The trees distributed under a cooperative program authorized by Congress are young seedlings and transplants. Georgia led the states by a wide margin in 1938 with the distribution of 7,036,000 forest seedlings. New York planted 5,610,000.

help of agriculturist

## Chart Aids Instrument Flying by Solving Pilot's Problems



Notice miniature airplane, showing pilot's position on chart that works out navigation problems

Flying by instrument is made easier by a chart that works out mechanically for the pilot his course and bearing. The instrument houses a rotating compass rose to which is attached a circular chart showing radio beams radiating from various airports. Mounted on the instrument board, it can be operated with one hand. Problems of wind drift, bearing on range station and the like are solved, and a miniature airplane rotates with the chart to show the position and direction of the ship.

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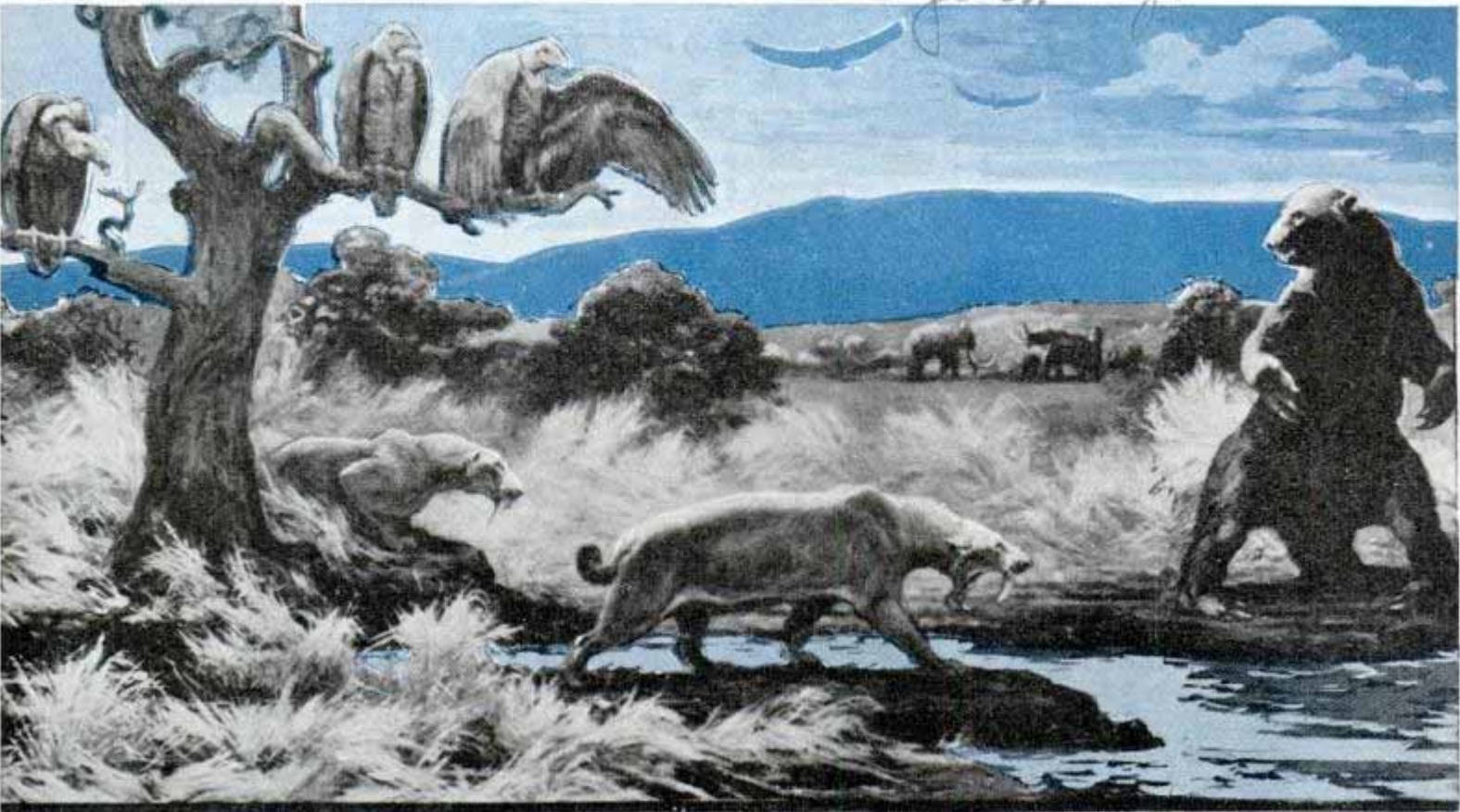
Crystal-clear clarinets, made entirely of the plastic "Lucite," except for keys and mouthpiece holder, have a different tone which some prefer to that of a metal instrument.

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# DEATHTRAP DRAMAS



Top (this and page opposite), mural of tar-pit drama. Bottom (this page), small tar pool in the Los Angeles deathtrap

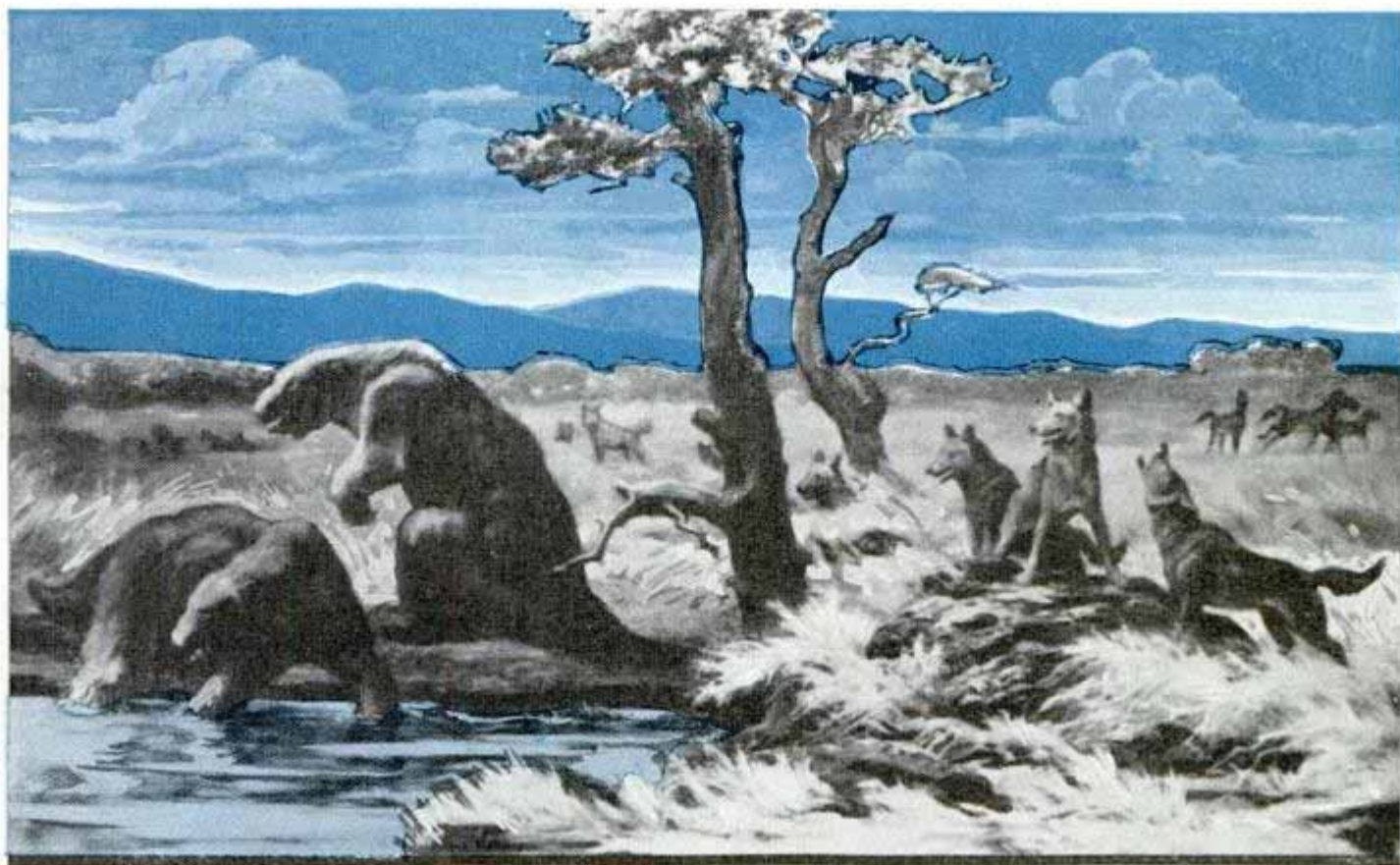
**A**LTHOUGH the animal actors left the stage 500,000 years ago, science and art, with the aid of some first-rate detective work, have made prehistoric dramas live again.

The setting is the world's strangest deathtrap, the Los Angeles, Calif., tar pits. For half a million years these pits have sucked down struggling animals, thereby writing a unique record of the passing show of life. And now science has spread that pageant for the world to see.

Poised in the act of ripping open the throat of his opponent, a great sabertooth tiger is frozen forever with his murderous eighteen-inch tusk pointed to the sky. Brooding over a black pool is a gigantic bear. Once he sat there watching the beginning of the feud between the sabertooth tigers.

It started when a huge hairy elephant slipped from the pit bank and plunged one foot into the black tar. Struggling to free himself, the elephant had slipped deeper, another foot had become entangled. Frightened trumpeting had roared through the meadow. And suddenly that plain had

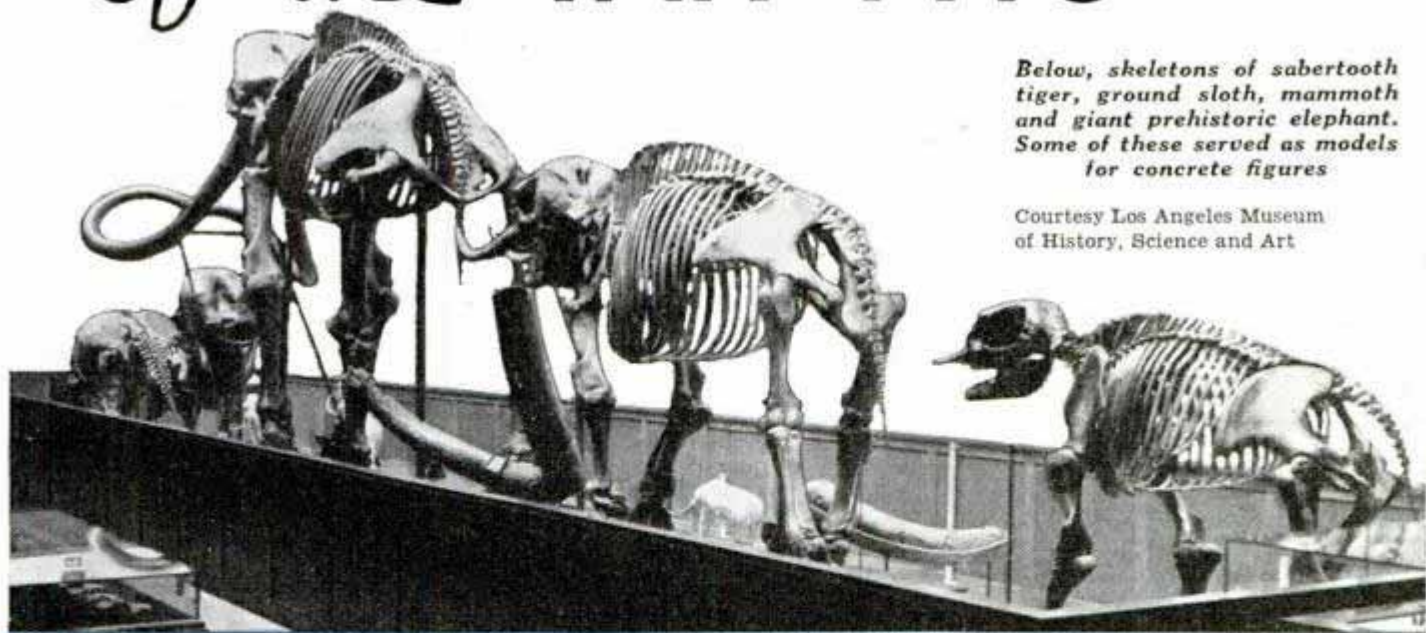




## of the TAR PITS

*Below, skeletons of sabertooth tiger, ground sloth, mammoth and giant prehistoric elephant. Some of these served as models for concrete figures*

Courtesy Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art



become filled with half-seen shapes moving through the tall grass toward the spot where the enormous animal struggled.

Just before dawn the first of the sabertooth tigers had struck, its tusk ripping open the elephant's shoulder. But the elephant, mired now to its belly, could still fight. A careless move by the tiger, and

one of the gigantic tusks had caught it, and flung it, writhing in death, far out into the clutching tar.

But there had been other tigers, and the great dire wolves had closed in. In the end, the elephant had ceased to struggle. Only the tar went on with its work, sucking at the great carcass, pulling it deep





nels in the earth, the pits have been proven to date from early Pleistocene times, or approximately 500,000 years. They are not permanent, but change occasionally as new tar springs open and old ones close. Gas which comes up from subterranean reservoirs causes the tar to form huge black bubbles, which rise slowly to form a dome, then break and sink lazily back.

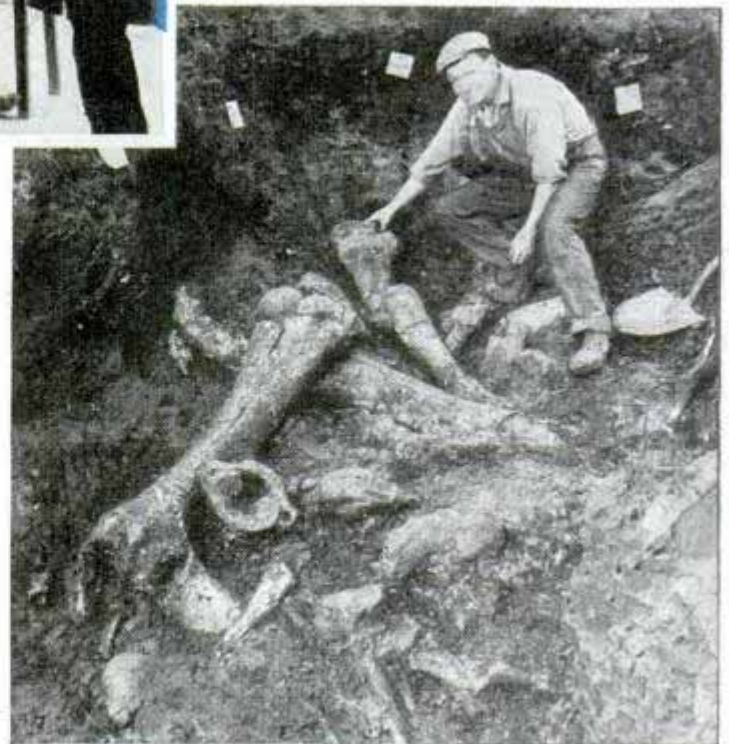
The stickiness of the tar is almost unbelievable. Once part of a man or animal is caught, it is practically impossible for him to escape without outside help. Struggling only embeds him more deeply. Moreover, the tar itself has a sucking effect caused by movements in the subterranean reservoir.

So for half a million years this deathtrap has sucked down a vast assortment of creatures, ranging from minute insects to great shaggy mammoths and elephants

into the subterranean pit. It was when only part of the elephant's back was still visible that the two sabertooth tigers which the bear was watching had arrived. Instead of making the most of things before the elephant had completely disappeared, they had decided to fight among themselves. The fight had been going on for some time now, and the bear was considering whether it would be to his advantage to intervene. At that instant the clock stopped. It is still stopped. You can go any day and see for yourself.

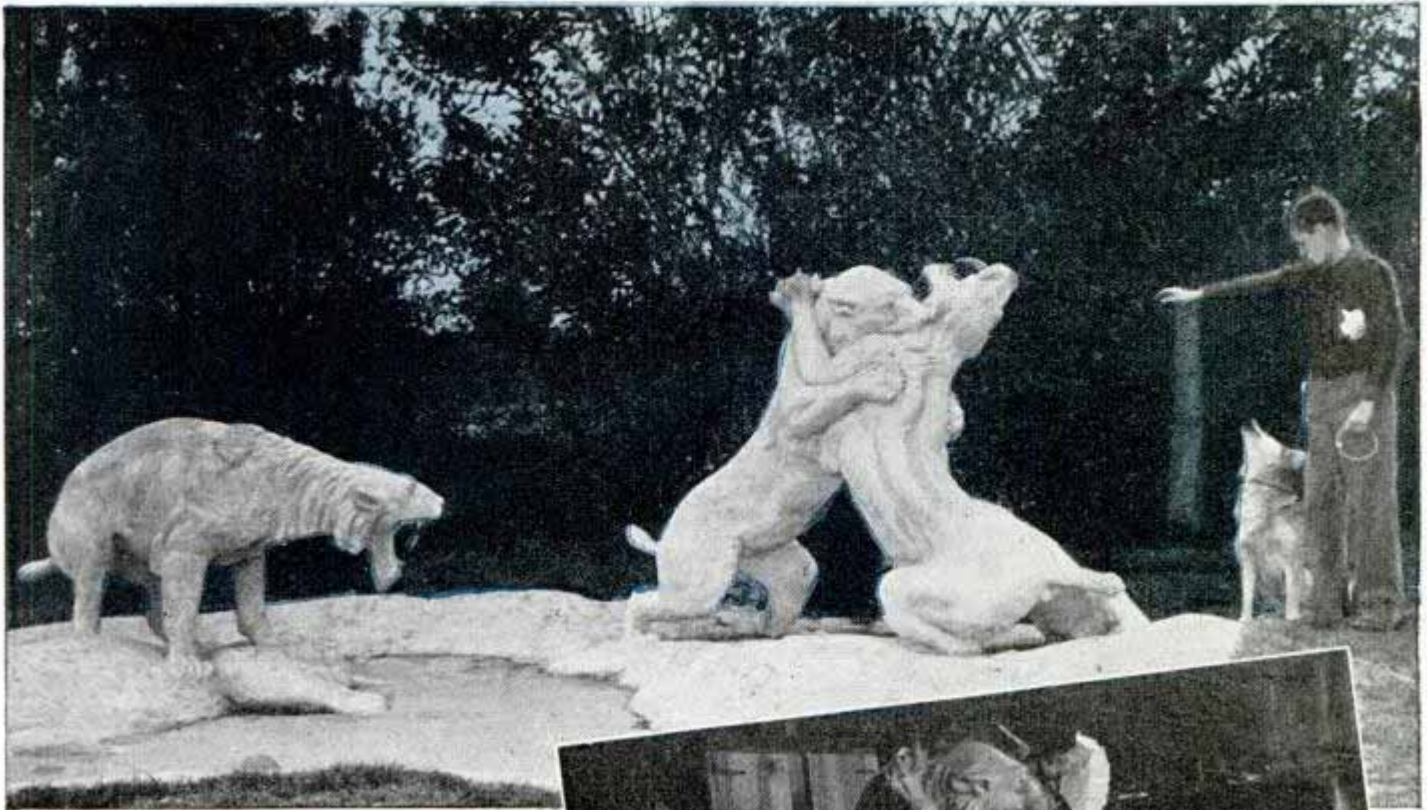
For when the Los Angeles tar pits sucked down struggling prehistoric monsters, they wrote the record so clearly in tar and bones that scientists have been able to reconstruct almost exactly the circumstances of those tragedies.

Formed by tar coming through deep fun-



*Top, concrete lion and lioness in position in tar-pit region. Center, how the figures were made from models. Bottom, scientist recovering fossil bones from the deathtrap*





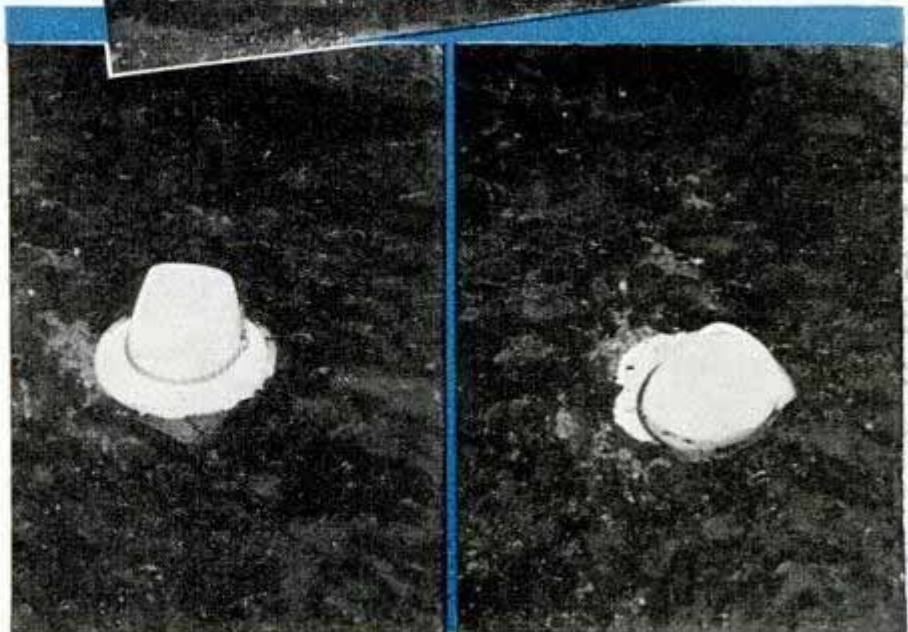
whose size exceeded that of any alive today. The tar kept bony structures in a state of perfect preservation.

Systematic removal of the bones was begun a few years ago. The skeletons were assembled in the Los Angeles Museum. Scientists from all parts of the world visited this unique collection.

Dr. William A. Bryan, director of the museum, conceived the idea out of which grew the world's strangest museum. He had sketches prepared showing how the ground sloths, mastadons, gigantic bears, and wolves looked and acted half a million years ago. Next he took these sketches to Herman T. Beck, noted sculptor.

"I want them life-sized and made to last forever," he declared.

With the aid of Los Angeles county, there began  
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Top, two sabertooth tigers battling beside tar pits while a third looks on—the figures being concrete. Center, the figures were made by pouring concrete into plaster casts constructed from life-size clay figures. Bottom, hat blown into the tar (left) slowly disappears (right)



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### Transparent Plastic Oiler Keeps Supply Visible

Clear view



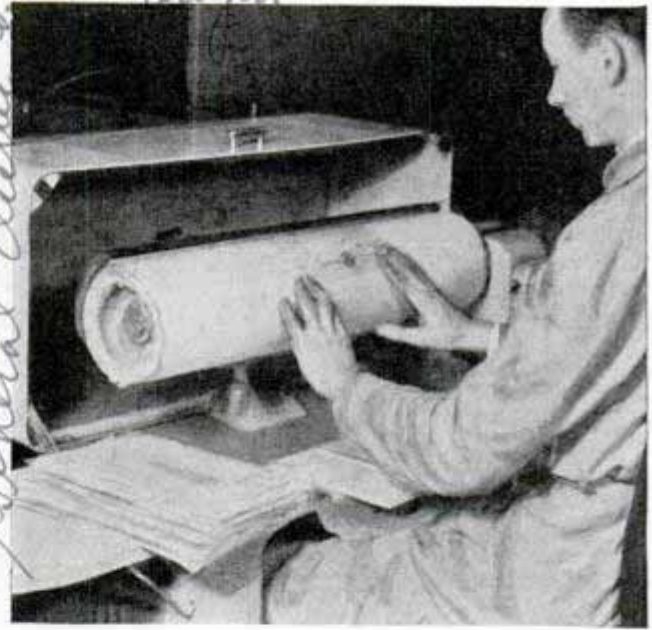
Oil supply is always visible in this transparent pumper, which spouts oil at pressure of thumb

Pump oilers are now made of a transparent plastic so that the workman can see how much oil is left in the container. The amount of oil ejected is easily controlled by the pressure exerted on the thumb lever.

into the tail-wheel bearing, the device is a standard bicycle hand-brake attachment. It is operated from the cockpit by means of a lever attached to a thin tubing containing a choke wire, leading to the tail. Replacements can be made from any bicycle-parts store.

### Old Historical Papers Restored by Pressing with Ironer

Electric ironers are now in regular service at the National Archives in Washington, D. C., for rehabilitating historical documents, many of them being priceless, which have been damaged by water or have become faded and wrinkled with age. During the Ohio river valley flood in 1937, when many official records were left in a water-soaked condition, it was found that a household ironer, by applying heat and pressure at the same time, dries out the



Ironing out wrinkles in historical records with a family-size electric machine

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### Plane Brake Made of Bike Parts Fits on Tail Wheel

Intended for airplanes weighing up to 4,000 pounds, an auxiliary tail-wheel brake introduced recently is made of bicycle parts. It brings a light plane to a stop, even with a thirty-mile wind behind the ship, without the hazard of the plane nosing over. The brake also is useful as a parking device, taking the place of chocks. Fitted



Pointing to small brake, made of bicycle parts, which is installed in tail wheel

paper, removes wrinkles, and often makes the writing or printing sharper and easier to read than it was before the damage. The success achieved in flooded areas brought the suggestion to use the machines in Washington, where fifty-eight rotary-type ironers are in daily operation.

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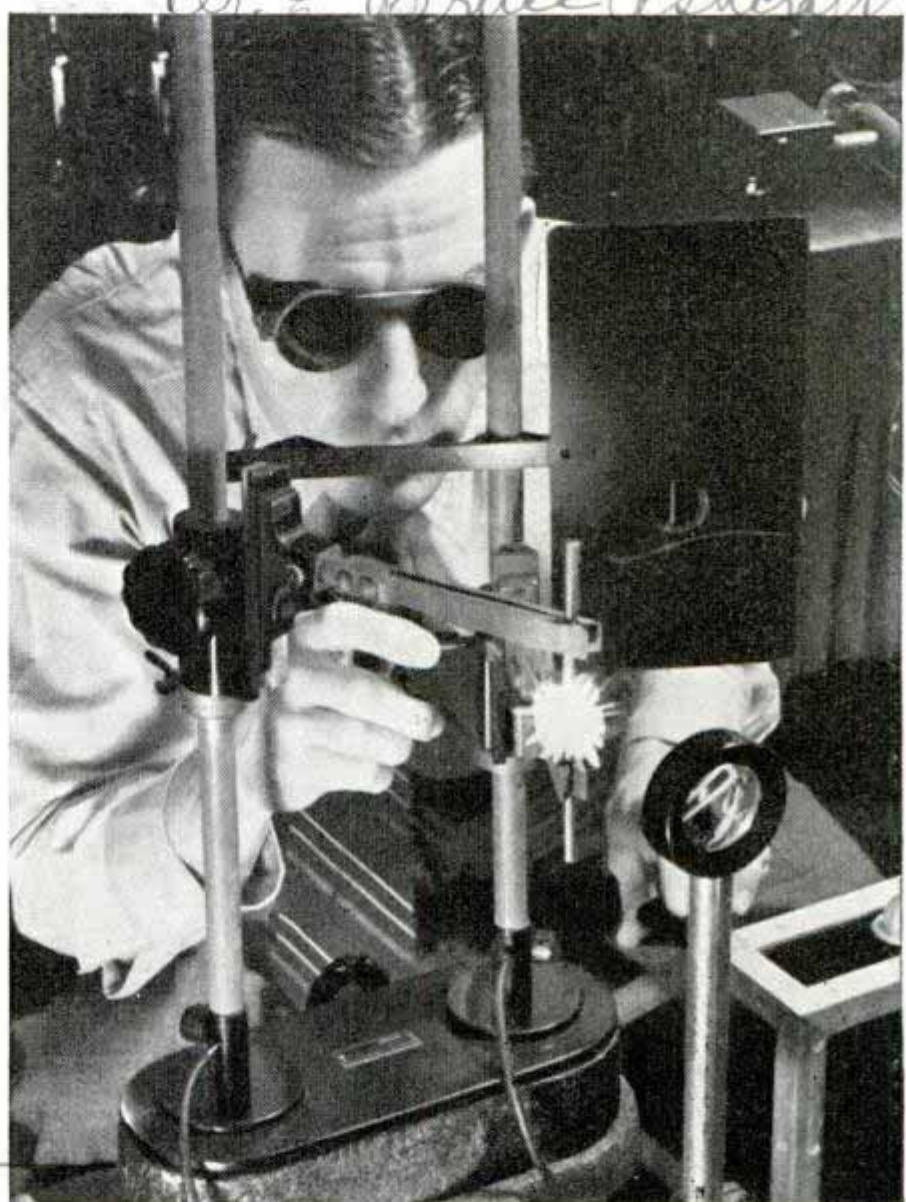


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# Iron "G-Man" Tracks Down Other Metals

*Dr. E. Bruce Ashcraft*

Iron made 99.99 per cent pure by new refining processes is so free from impurities that it is used as a detective in laboratories to aid in analyzing all metallic elements. When an electric arc is formed between two electrodes of pure iron, the metal gives off radiation which, when focused through the prism of a spectrograph, is recorded as a series of lines, or waves, on a photographic plate. In testing other metals, wave-length pictures of them are made in a similar manner. By comparing such a picture with the pure iron standard, the investigator is provided with a measurement of the wave length of all metallic elements in the test piece. The production of this spectrographically pure iron involves an electrolysis process developed by Westinghouse research laboratories, whereby iron molecules in a chemical solution are attracted to an electrode made of lead. After removal of the oxides from this porous iron, it is "cooked" in a high frequency furnace. Carbon and oxygen re-

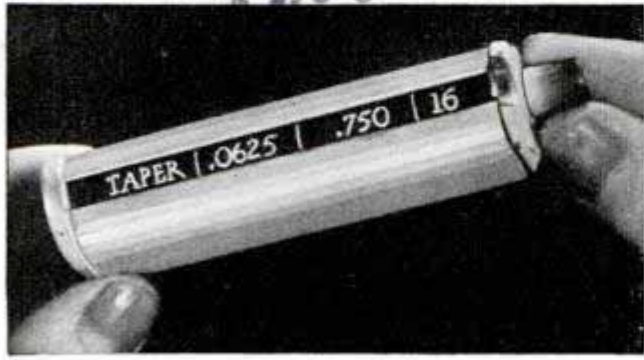


*Forming electric arc with pure iron in spectrograph, which focuses the radiation through prisms to record wave-length portrait of the metal*

maining in the metal combine during the heating and are drawn off by a vacuum system as carbon monoxide.

# Pocket Case Filled with Data for Mechanic or Draftsman

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*This tiny encyclopedia of machinists' data gives quick answers at the turn of a knob*

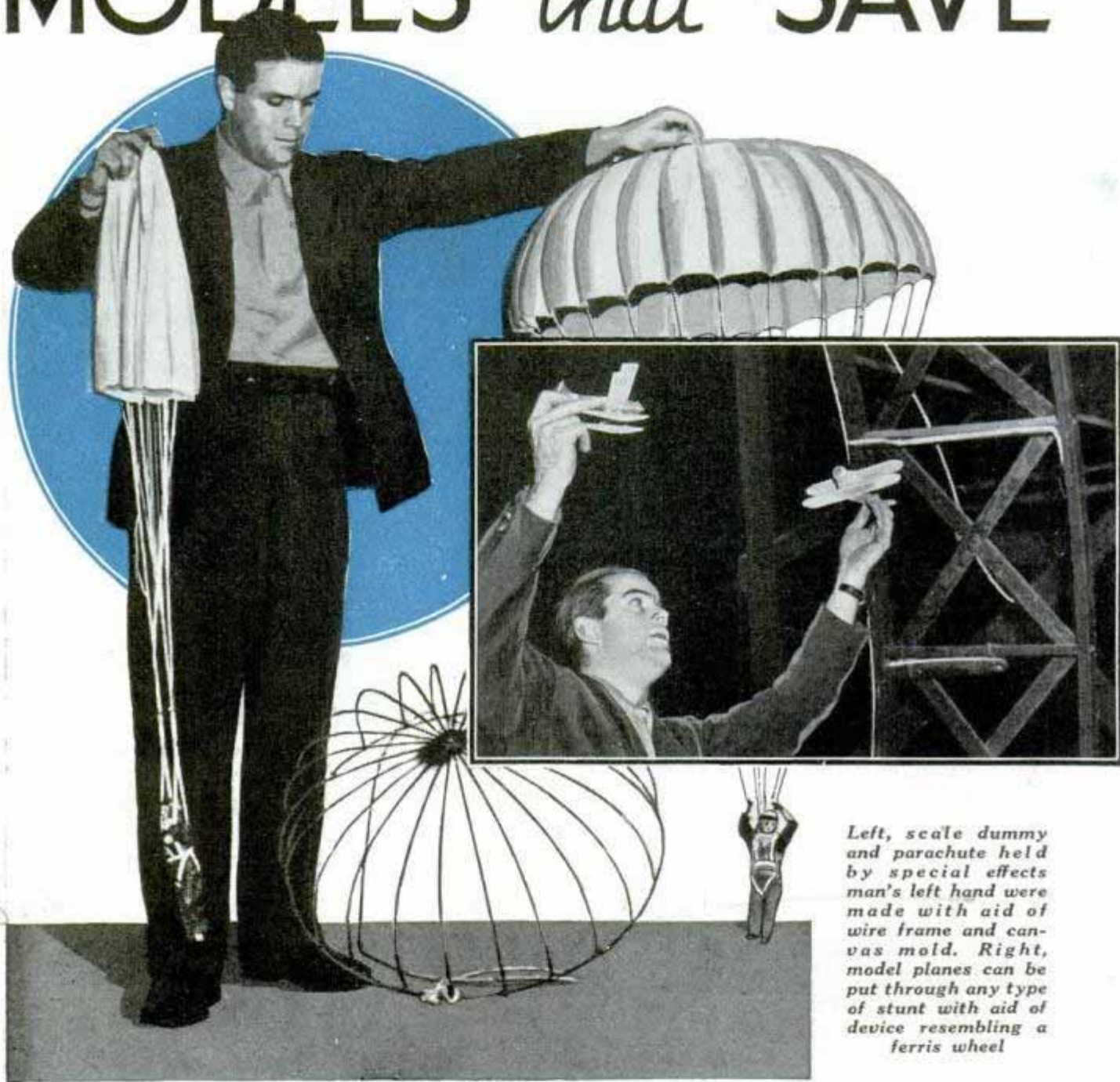
In an aluminum case small enough to fit in your vest pocket is packed a volume of handy information for the machinist, draftsman or home workshop enthusiast. A twist of the knob brings into view in two windows various data on pipe threads and other standard threads per inch, tapers per foot and per inch, the sizes of round stock necessary to make hexagons and squares of various dimensions, and decimal equivalents of fourths, eighths, sixteenths, thirty-seconds and sixty-fourths.

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# MODELS *that* SAVE



*Left, scale dummy and parachute held by special effects man's left hand were made with aid of wire frame and canvas mold. Right, model planes can be put through any type of stunt with aid of device resembling a ferris wheel*

*Hollywood Carley*  
**W**HEN a movie producer wanted a scene showing a man jumping out of a plane with a parachute and landing in a motorboat, he found no stunt man willing to try it. So he called in Fred Jackman of the Hollywood Special Effects company and explained the problem.

Jackman returned to his shop and issued this order:

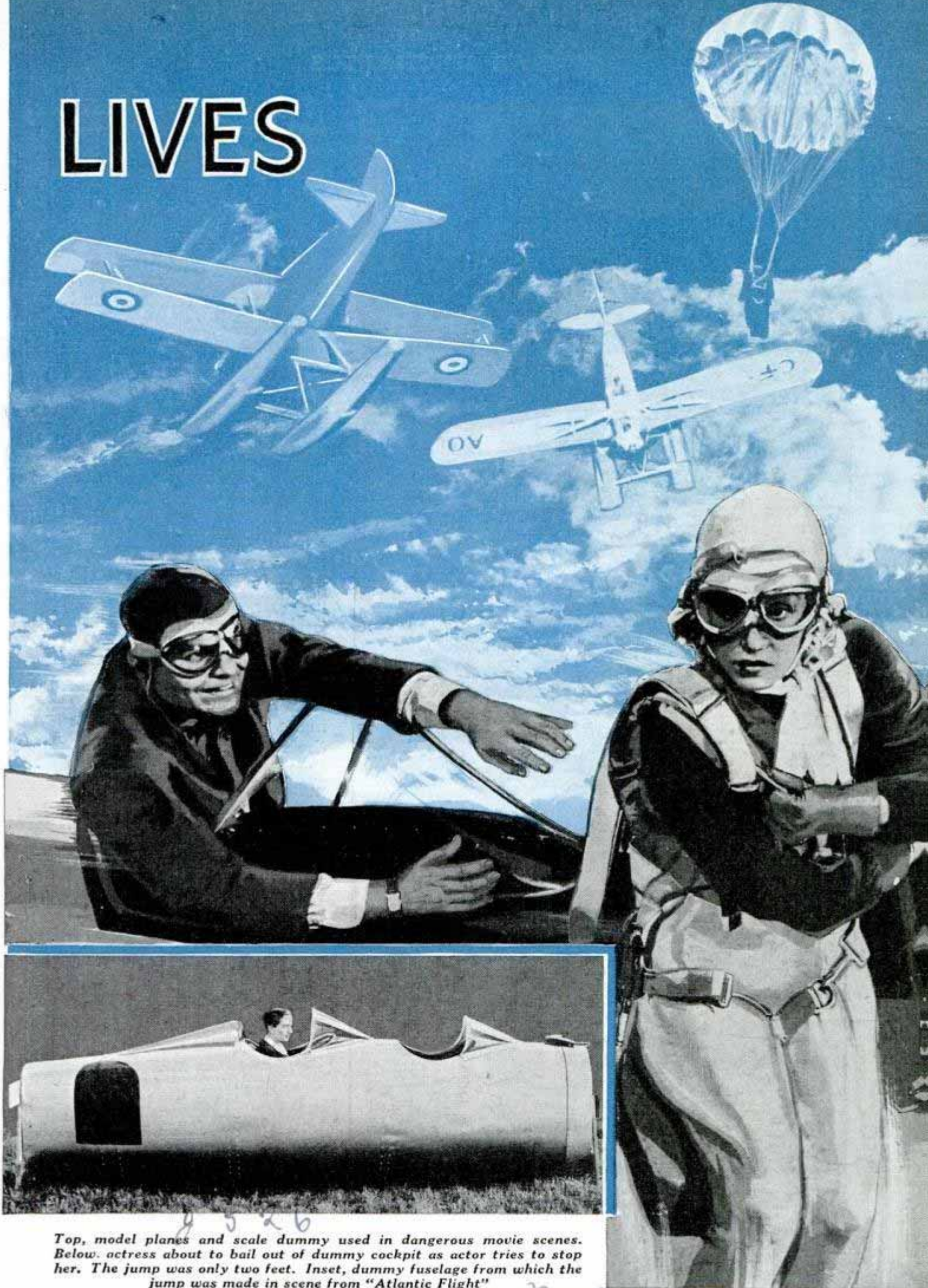
"Rig up a dummy that will jump out of a plane with a chute and land in a motorboat. Use one of our stock planes and fill up the lake. Better get a north country background."

Instead of considering the job unusual, the shop workers thought they were rather lucky that the dummy didn't have to jump out of the motorboat into the moving plane.

Even that wouldn't be very unusual for this unique business—which resulted from crossing a hobby with a desire to save people's lives. For years Jackman's hobby was building miniatures, particularly animated ones. Then he began wondering if he could turn his hobby to some practical good. The result is a company specializing in preparing sets for movie scenes in which stunt men face too great a risk.

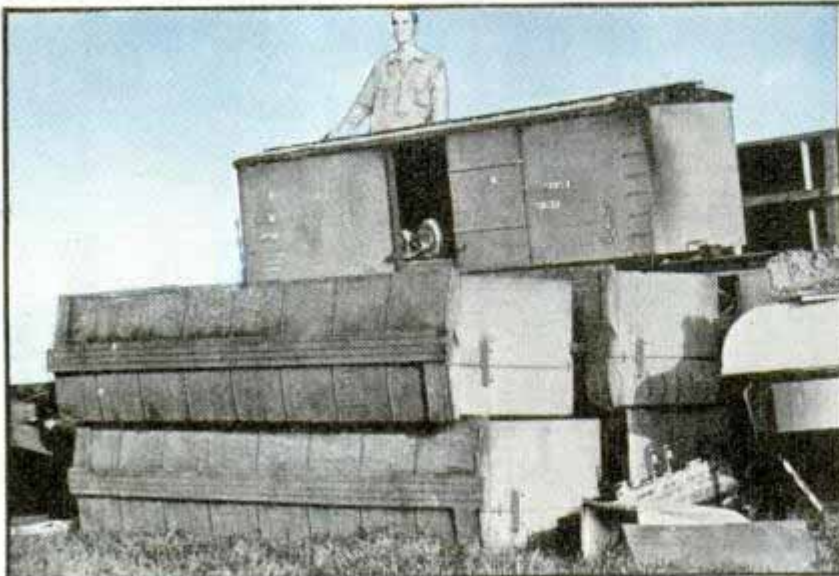
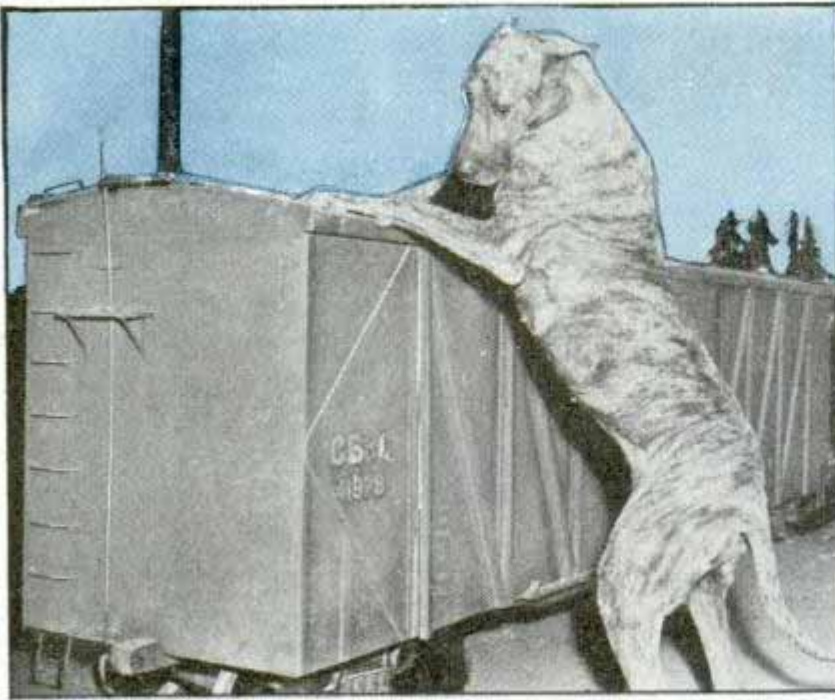


# LIVES



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Top, model planes and scale dummy used in dangerous movie scenes. Below, actress about to bail out of dummy cockpit as actor tries to stop her. The jump was only two feet. Inset, dummy fuselage from which the jump was made in scene from "Atlantic Flight"





*Top, dog with model of freight train used in "Professor Beware." Cars of the train are shown piled up (photo at bottom) after scene had been taken. Center, model houses, car and dummy used to produce scenes in which stunt men would have faced real danger*

Here's how Jackman's men went about the job of making the dummy bail out of the plane and land in the speeding motorboat.

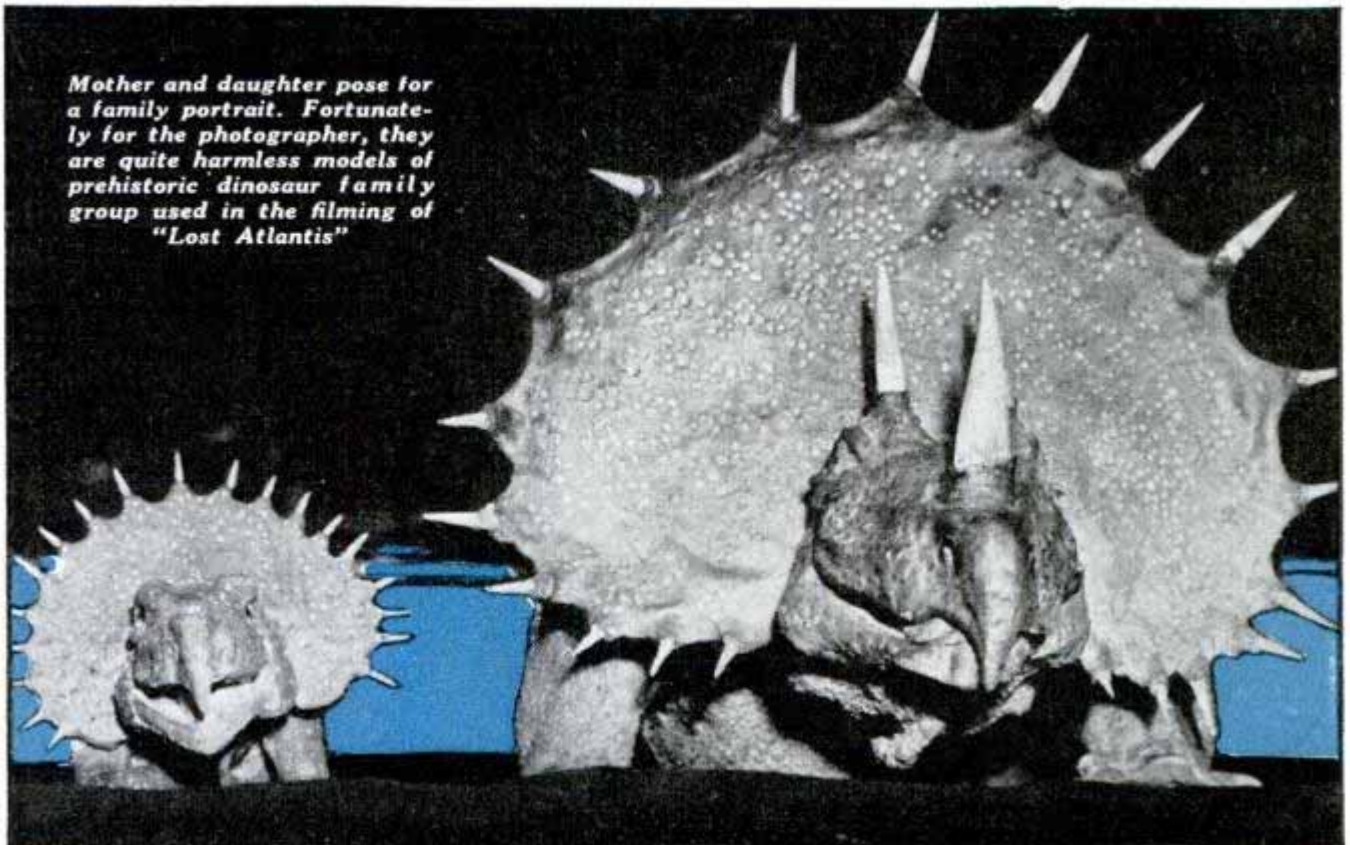
First, the trick effect experts got out the stock parachute and dummy. The parachute, when opened, is about three feet in diameter and made perfectly to scale, each shroud being an exact duplicate of that on a standard chute. The dummy is a doll stuffed with cotton and painted to resemble an aviator. A plane was chosen from the score kept on hand. The motorboat was also taken from the assortment of stock models. The "lake" is a cement pond forty by fifty feet, which tapers at one end to allow for the perspective of a camera lens. The north country background was a standard stage drop hung on the building behind the lake.

The problem was how to make the dummy jump from the flying plane and land in the motorboat. The plane was pulled on a concealed wire, and the motorboat ran by its own power on an underwater track. The dummy was dropped by a timing device which operated a given number of seconds after the plane started. The motorboat was started at the same instant as the plane and ran a shorter distance at a slower speed, which brought it slightly behind the plane at the instant the timing device released the dummy.

It sounds perfect in theory, but it didn't work out that easily. A wind came up and the dummy landed every place on the lot except in the boat.

After three days and over two hundred trials, Jackman was about ready to give up





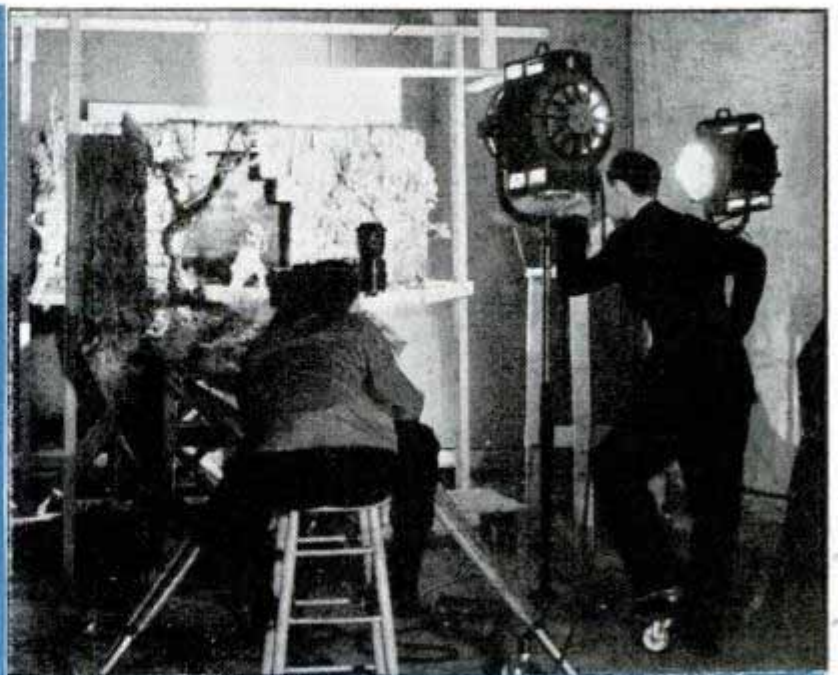
*Mother and daughter pose for a family portrait. Fortunately for the photographer, they are quite harmless models of prehistoric dinosaur family group used in the filming of "Lost Atlantis"*

when the dummy dropped again from the plane, the chute opened perfectly, and the figure settled into the motorboat. The cameramen said the take was good, and the developed film proved they were right.

Dinosaurs are stars of "Lost Atlantis," a new film. They range in size from four inches to two feet, and are made of a special sponge rubber molded over a flexible

wire frame. First stage of dinosaur creation is to secure the picture of a dinosaur skeleton from the local museum. Next the beast is modeled and remodeled in clay until it looks weird enough. Finally the framework is made, the sponge rubber molded around it, and the prehistoric figure painted. Two girls who worked over

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*Left, model of prehistoric monster. Right, how scene at left was filmed. Such shooting is really a series of stills, as the camera is stopped and the models moved after each frame*



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# Tiny Lifelike Band Does Everything but Play



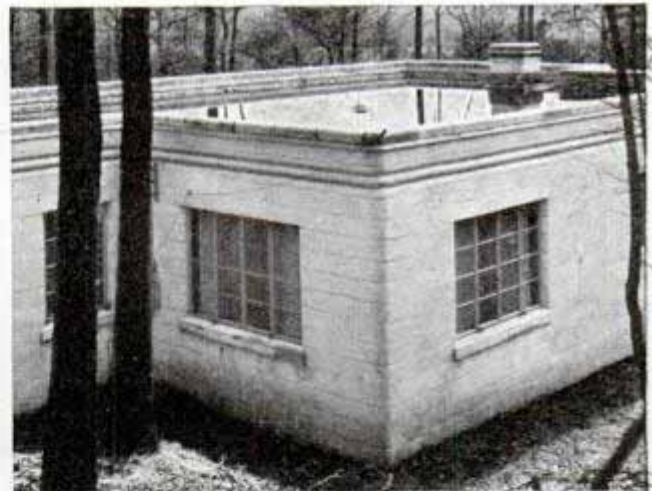
Mimicking movements of a real orchestra, toy musicians sway rhythmically with the music they seem to produce, but never a sound comes from their instruments. That is supplied by a phonograph hidden from view. The half-pint members of the band were made by an unemployed Philadelphia craftsman, who used bits of wire, wood, cloth and other scrap materials and doll heads. What once were dentists' drills and tin cans were converted into musical instruments by his skilled hands.

Like a serious, hard-working orchestra these midgets go through all the motions, synchronized with music coming from a concealed phonograph

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# Water Helps Preserve the Roof of Cinder Block House

Flooding the roof with water to preserve it seems paradoxical, yet that is the case at the cinder block house of a Knoxville, Tenn., resident. Water has a preservative effect on the volatiles in the roof, made up of pitch, felt and gravel. It also keeps the house cooler in summer by evaporation and by reflecting the sun's rays. An automatic valve keeps the water at a three-inch level. This plan is practical on a concrete structure where there is no wood to rot. Chemicals could be added to prevent freezing in a cold climate. This cinder house is unplastered, its walls being painted, and its floors are concrete tile squares.



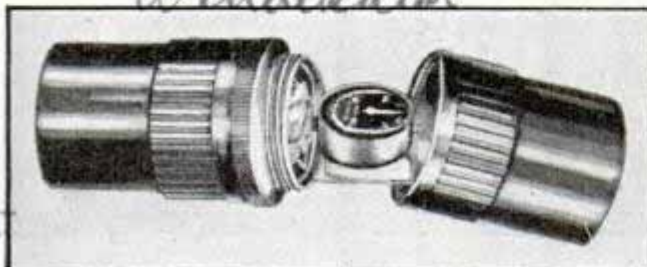
Automatic valve keeps roof flooded three inches deep to preserve volatiles in roofing materials

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# Wind Indicator in Pocket-Size Case Has Space to Store Valuables

Packed in a tiny Bakelite case handy for the yachtsman, fisherman and for outdoor

sports is a combination compass and wind instrument that gives instant indication of the speed and direction of the wind. It is less than four inches long and weighs under two ounces. Precision-built of non-magnetic, rustproof materials, it has a waterproof housing that contains a compartment for matches, money, licenses and the like. One model measures wind speeds from five to thirty miles an hour, another speeds from ten to sixty miles an hour.



Tiny wind indicator for sportsmen has Bakelite case

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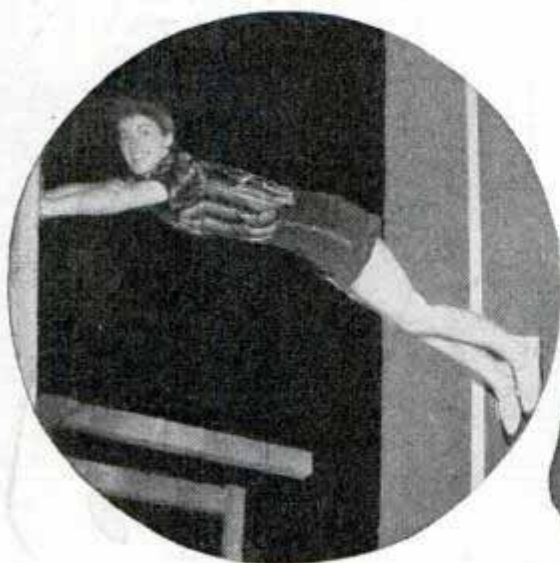
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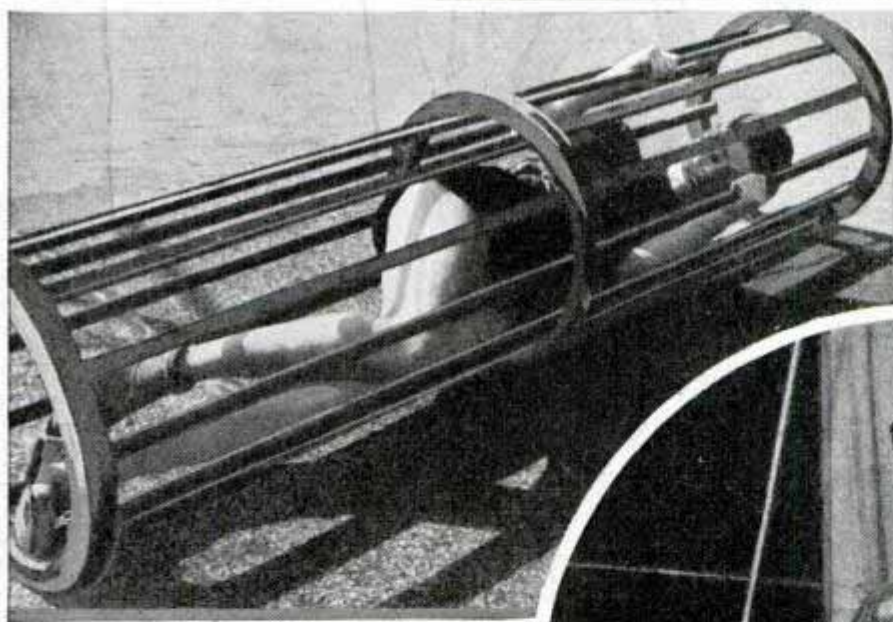
# Alpinists Train Indoors for Scaling Mountains

Paul's Photos



When Alpinist, above, is confronted by a narrow chasm in mountains it will only be necessary to remember the method in indoor school of descending parallel walls by hands and feet. Top, center, Alpine instructor demonstrates scaling technique

To train himself for endurance and for keeping balance with heavy equipment, mountaineer above practices carrying table with weights attached. Below, swaying platform teaches mountain climber to preserve equilibrium where footing is insecure, as on a slippery slope

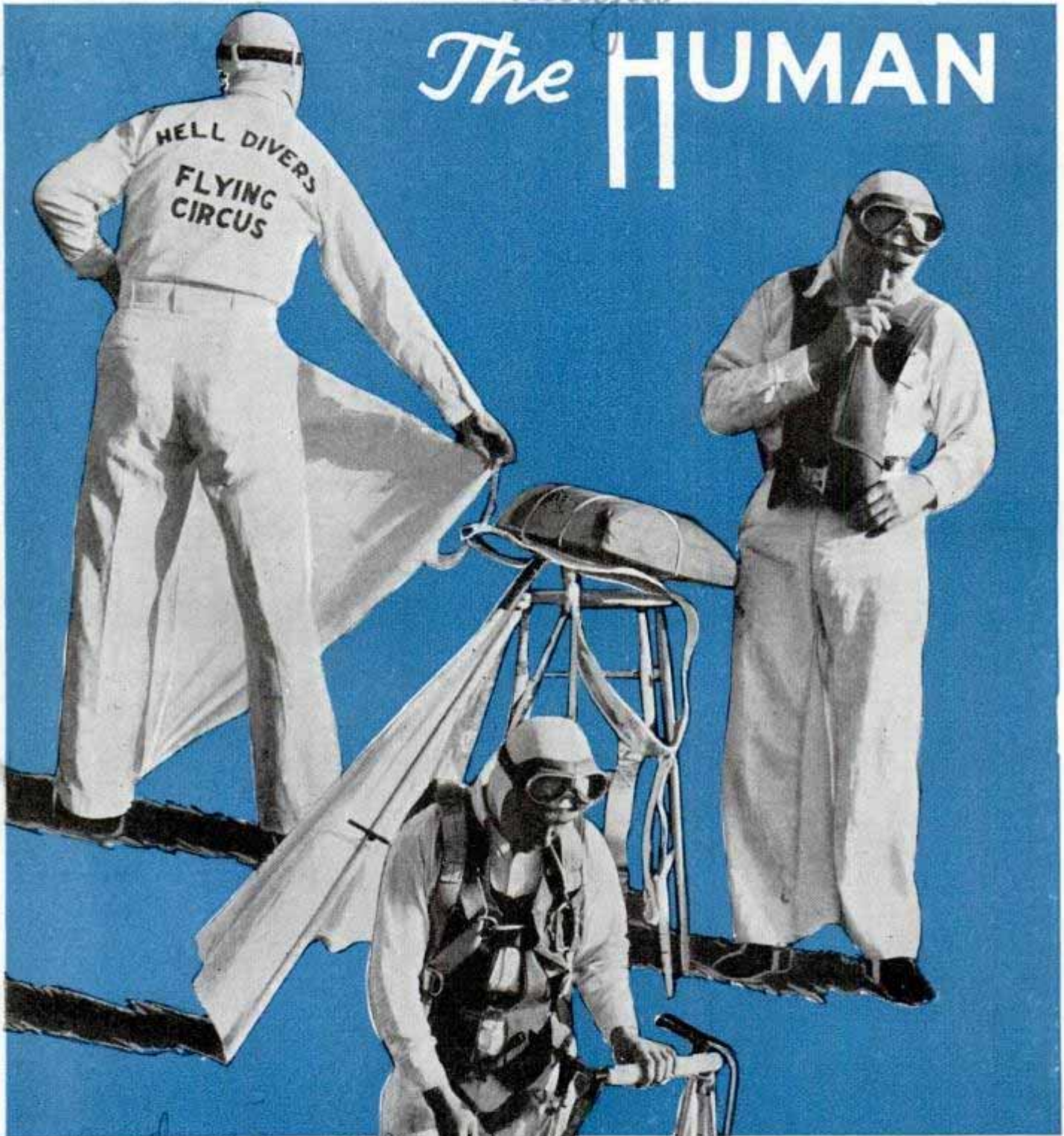


Far from the inspiring scenery of the mountains, aspiring Alpinists train indoors for the perils and labors of mountain climbing. Although lacking the scenery, they are not without the "props," for the Alpine club of Paris is equipped with many a "synthetic" hazard to harden muscles and steady nerves. The athlete above, for example, is not trying to escape from a medieval torture cage but is engaged in practice maneuvers in a rolling cylinder that gives special exercises for the ambitious mountaineer. After a rigorous course of training at Paris the novice is ready to try his skill and endurance on any snow-clad peak



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# The HUMAN



\* Huey Morgan

Here's how the daring batwing glider prepares for his leap from a plane and descent to the earth. Left, donning trousers with web between the legs and straps under the insteps to hold the web taut. This gives the glider longitudinal control, much the same as the stabilizer of a plane

Right, wearing flotation vest which is inflated rapidly by blowing into a valve. This would keep the human glider afloat if he fell into water. Bottom, preparing to attach the folding batlike wings which are hinged to a steel frame strapped to the man's chest. The fabric is airplane cloth.



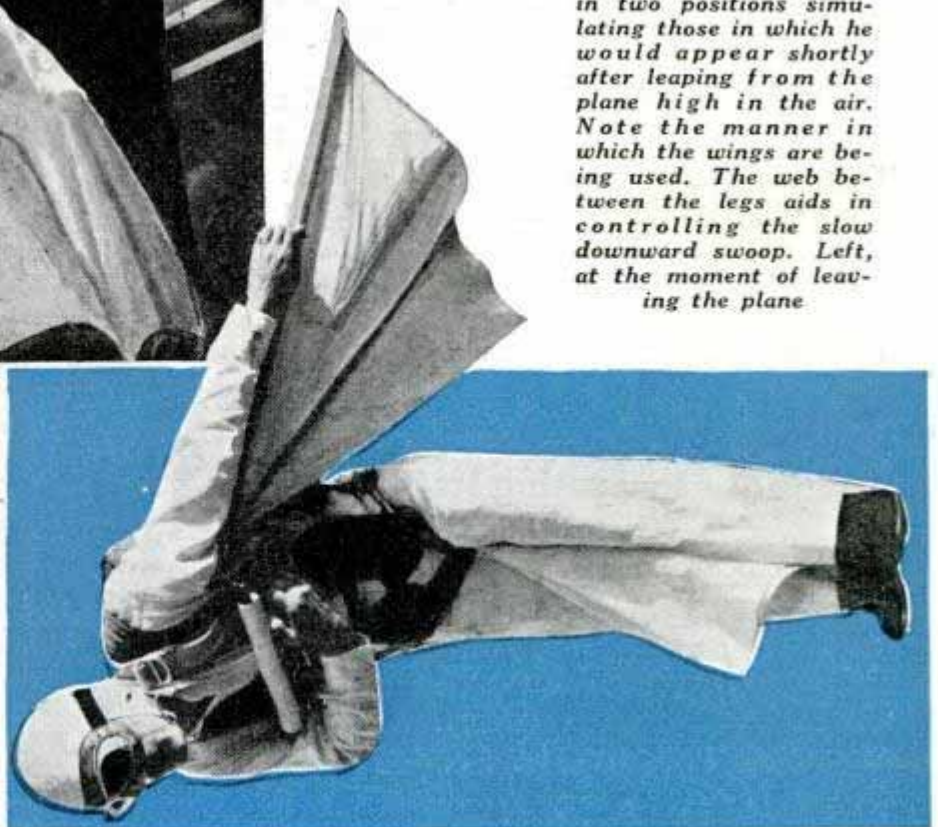
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# GLIDER



*Above, the human glider in two positions simulating those in which he would appear shortly after leaping from the plane high in the air. Note the manner in which the wings are being used. The web between the legs aids in controlling the slow downward swoop. Left, at the moment of leaving the plane*

*Right, the human glider, getting close to earth, must open his parachute to avoid injury from a rough landing. Getting his head down, he drops the right wing and puts that hand on the ring of the rip cord. This position enables him to take the shock of the parachute's opening on his shoulders*





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# Plane Is Polished by 'Bootblacks' before Its Flying Debut

once are run through a bath of paper pulp. The pulp forms a thin coating on the copper, producing a covered wire with a diameter three thousandths of an inch less than the paper-wound wire and thus saving space in the standard cable for 606 additional wires.

## Seven-Foot Pneumatic Tire Encases 100-Pound Tube

How'd you like to drive a truck with seven-foot pneumatic tires and have one go flat? It takes three men and a specially designed derrick five hours to change one of these gargantuan tires. They were built by the U. S. Rubber company for giant earth-moving machines at work on the Hansen dam near San Fernando, Calif., machines capable of carrying thirty cubic yards of dirt at seventeen miles an hour. Each tire, of thirty-four ply construction, weighs about 1,500 pounds and has rubber tread more than three inches deep at its thickest. The tubes themselves weigh 100 pounds each. One of these tires, inflated, has a loading capacity of twelve and one-half tons.

*Special Service  
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Here's how workmen shined up one big transport plane as it was being prepared for its first passenger-carrying flight

It's a big day in the life of a transport plane when, after passing all the government tests, it takes off with passengers for the first time. Like a youth being graduated, it must look its best and of course a "shine" is requisite. In one instance workmen polished the body by reciprocating a long fabric strip over it similar to the familiar shoe-shining process.

## 600 More Wires Packed in Cable without Increasing Its Size

Telephone engineers are now packing 4,242 separately insulated copper wires in one cable. The cable is the same size as before—two and five-eighths inches in diameter; the wires themselves are the same, yet there are 606 more wires in the cable than before. The secret lies in the insulation. Instead of wrapping each copper wire spirally in paper ribbon, sixty strands at



Inner tube of giant truck tire weighs 100 pounds, and the seven-foot tire itself weighs 1,500 pounds

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# Pack Animals Ride Fast Truck to Forest Fire

Within twenty minutes from the time an alarm goes out from a lookout station, a fast truck of the U. S. Forest Service is speeding to the scene of the latest forest fire. Instead of the familiar city fire-truck equipment, this vehicle carries nine mules and a saddle horse, all wearing masks to protect their eyes from wind. These ten animals make up a complete pack train, an important part of the fire-fighting equipment. The truck which carries the animals is a powerful, lightweight vehicle designed especially for the rapid transportation of animals and equipment. Its body is made of aluminum. Capable of a gross load of 32,000 pounds, the truck has a speed up to seventy miles an hour on the highway. A powerful engine enables it to maintain speeds of twenty-five to thirty miles per hour on the six-per-cent grades found on national forest roads. A roomy compartment, back of the cab is used to carry nine pack saddles, a riding saddle, two bales of hay, 100 pounds of oats and miscellaneous equipment. A bed is available for the pack rider when the truck is in transit. Loading and unloading is accomplished by a portable ramp.



Pack animals being carried to scene of forest fire (top and center). Bottom, loaded with supplies and on the trail to fire lines

## Farmer Scalds Soil with Steam to Rid It of Weed Seeds and Insects

To rid the earth of weed seeds as well as insect enemies of his crops, a farmer has invented a portable boiler that shoots superheated steam into the soil. The boiler is mounted in front of a disk harrow and

pulled by a tractor. As the disks open up the soil, pipes from the boiler send steam at 300 degrees into the furrows. Tests showed the steam-sterilized soil was freed of pests, and produced healthy crops.

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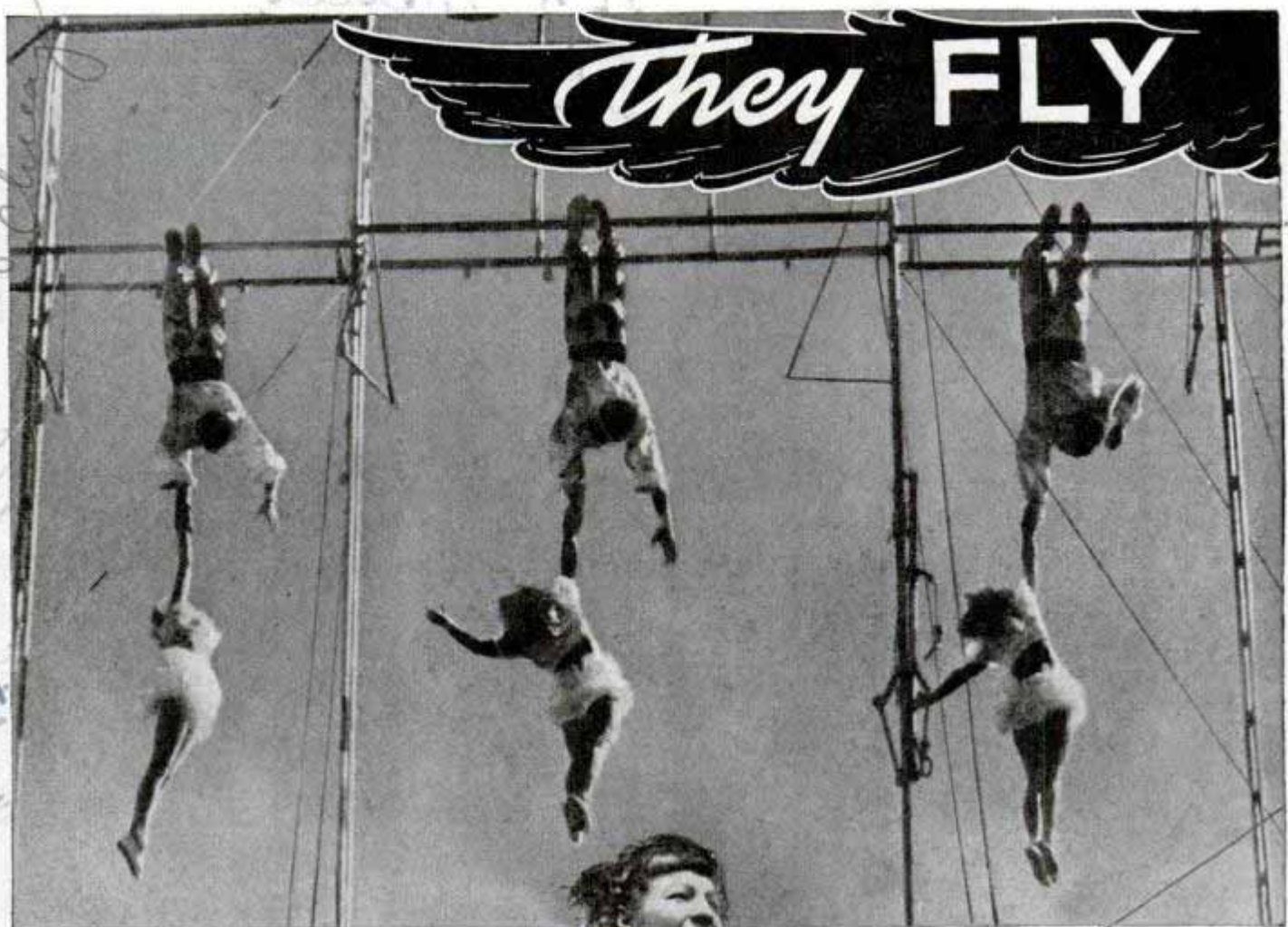
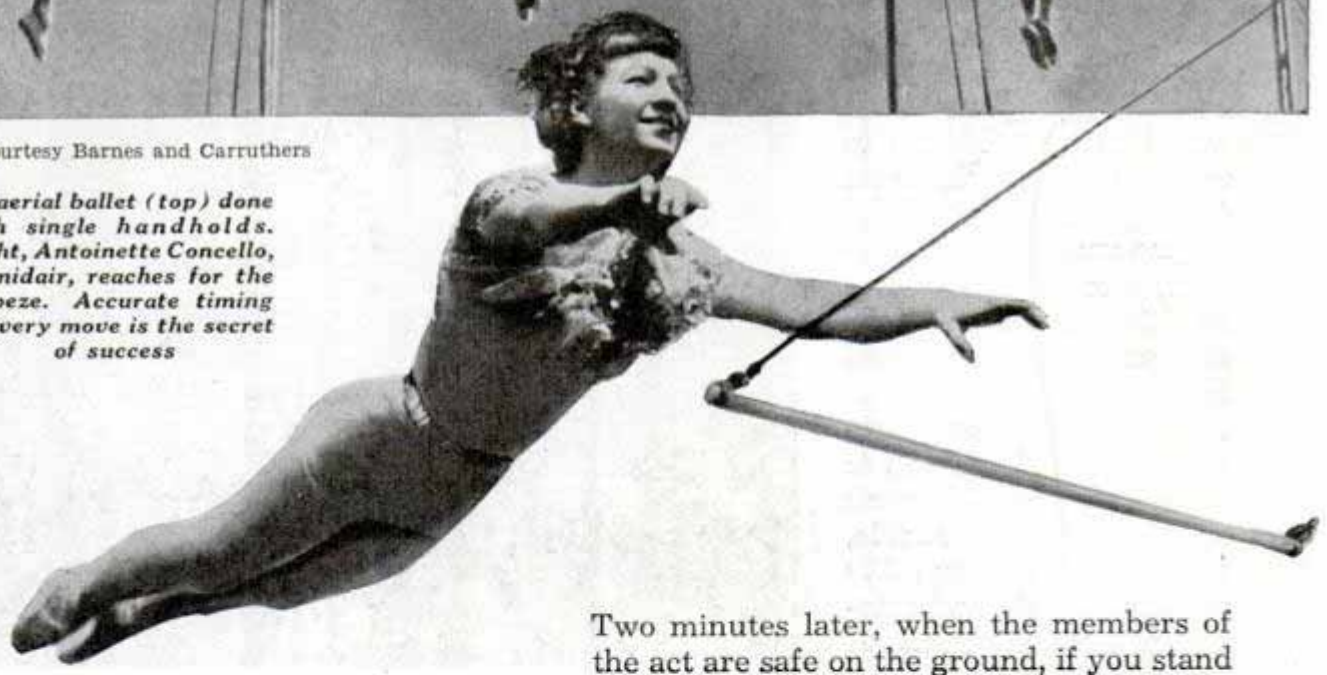


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*An aerial ballet (top) done with single handholds. Right, Antoinette Concello, in midair, reaches for the trapeze. Accurate timing of every move is the secret of success*



Two minutes later, when the members of the act are safe on the ground, if you stand close enough you realize the perspiration was honest, for the man's face and the faces of his fellow actors are beaded. One gets that way, risking one's neck.

**F**FIFTY feet above the ground, three men and a girl in an ensemble balance themselves on a taut wire five-eighths of an inch in diameter. A circus act is under way. They have just passed the most dangerous point of their performance.

In the world of the circus, true aerial acts are of several varieties, but all are distinguished by the fact that they "hang from the ceiling," with no connection to the ground other than the ropes and guy-wires of their rigging. When they work outdoors, at fairs and similar attractions, metal framework is used to rear the acts

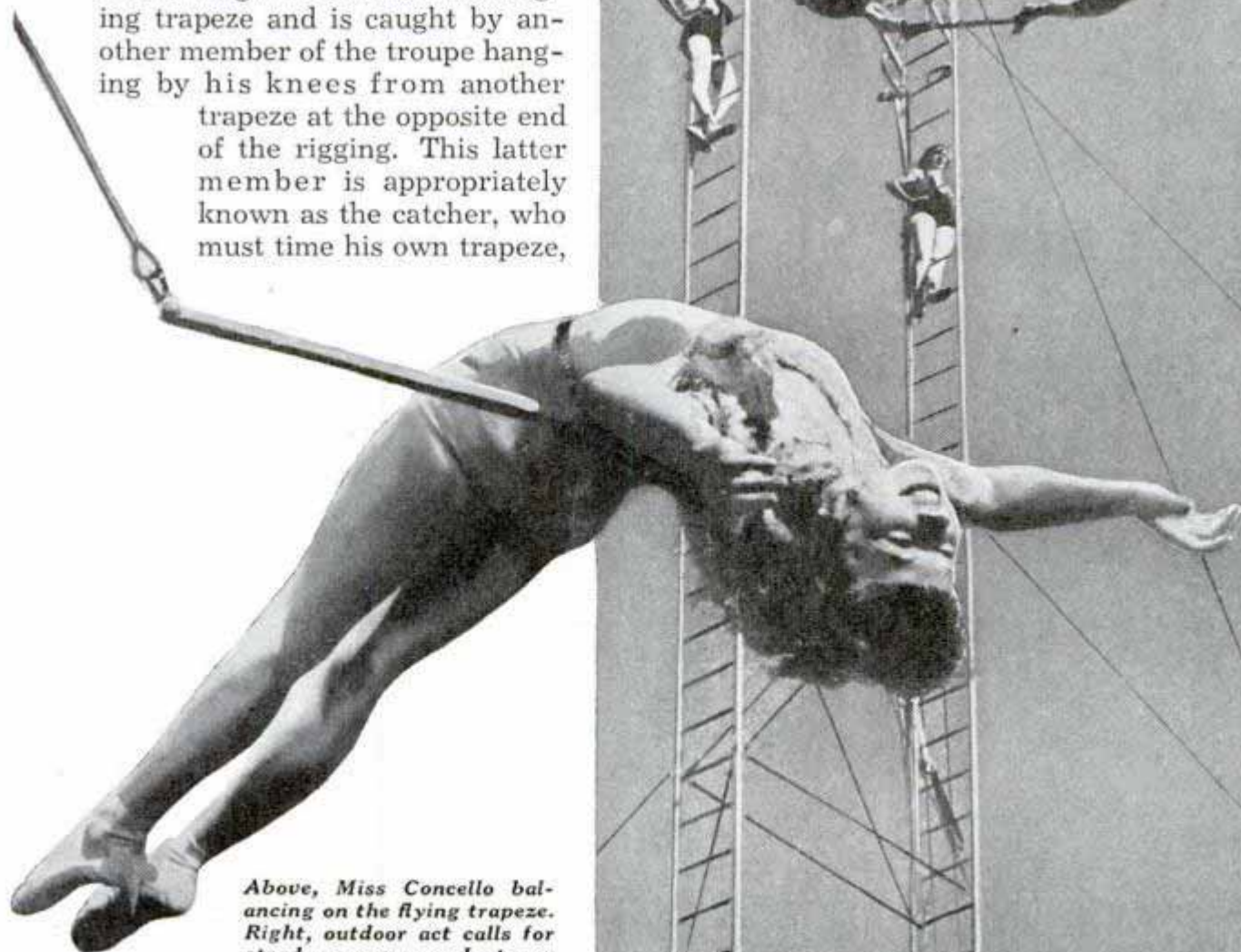
One of the men gingerly removes one hand from a long balancing pole and goes through the motions of wiping perspiration from his brow. A ripple of nervous laughter goes through the tense audience.



# Without WINGS

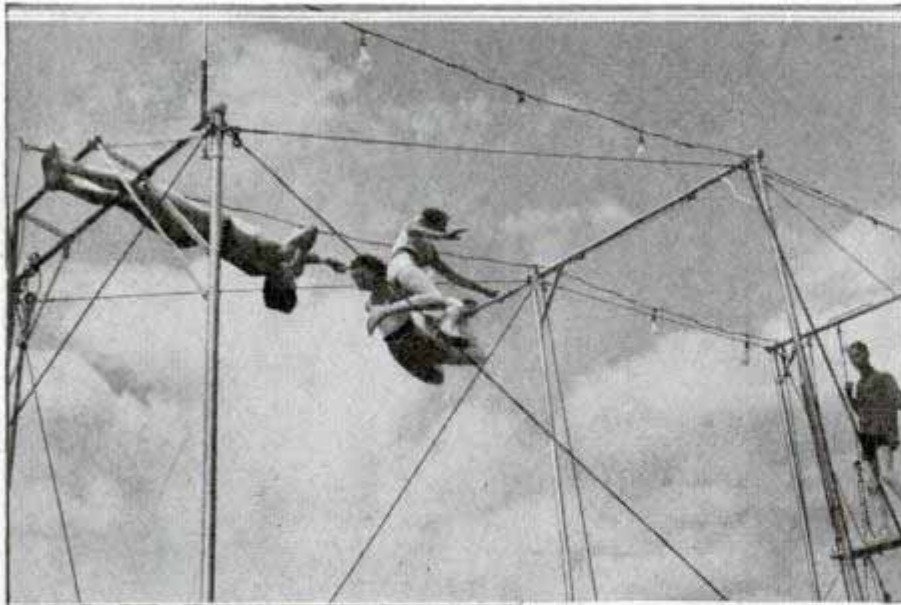
into the air. Besides the high-wire acts there are the "flying" or casting acts, double-trapeze acts, swinging-ladder acts, head-balancing trapeze acts, "iron-jaw" acts, "ceiling-walking" acts and one-arm acts. The latter calls for a deep reserve of strength, since such a performer will throw himself or herself in an aerial somersault one hundred or more times without stopping, while hanging high in the air, by one arm, at the end of a rope.

Among the aristocracy of circus performers are the "flying" or casting acts. Here a performer flies through the air from a swinging trapeze and is caught by another member of the troupe hanging by his knees from another trapeze at the opposite end of the rigging. This latter member is appropriately known as the catcher, who must time his own trapeze,



Above, Miss Concello balancing on the flying trapeze. Right, outdoor act calls for steady nerves and strong rigging



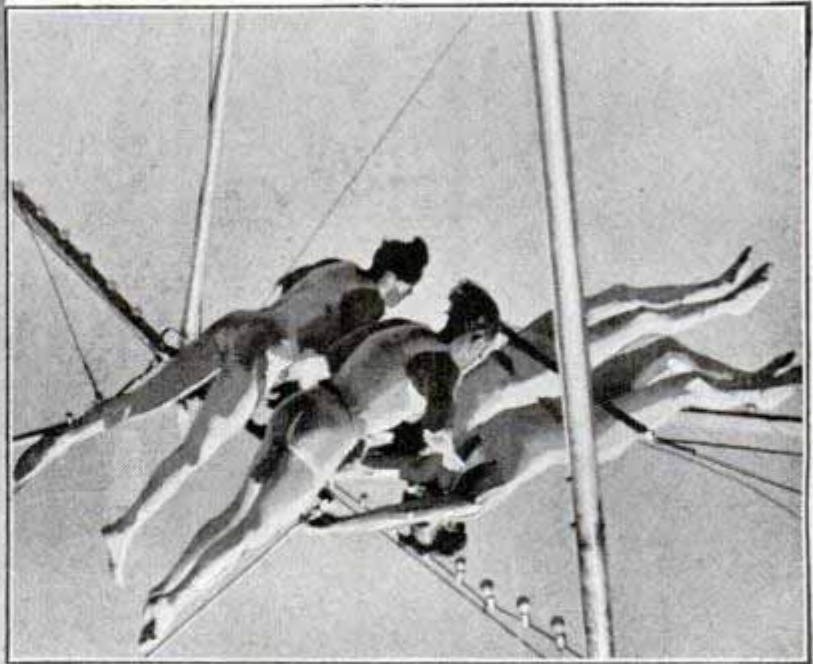


moving through the air to meet the oncoming flier, to a fraction of a second, and to a quarter of an inch in the arc he travels. His hands must meet the hands or ankles of the other, and their grip must be sure and of just the right tension.

Antoinette Concello is the only woman aerialist who today does either two and one-half or three somersaults in the air, between the time of leaving the flying trapeze and landing safely in the

hands of the catcher. She generally confines her somersaults to two and a half. If she does three of them, she says, there is a split second of unconsciousness during the last half turn, before her hands meet those of the catcher.

Not always is the timing perfect between the catcher and herself, and their hands miss. A fall to the protecting net below is the result. Aerialists take no unnecessary chances, but if an act is to remain a headliner, it must retain those chancy spots where a loss of balance, a slip or an error in judging time or distance may mean a broken limb, if not a broken neck. No flying act is done without a net. In the case of the high-wire walkers, a small



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Two flying artists pass in midair (top), one leaving the catcher's hands as the other reaches for catcher. Left, strong-jaw act in which strong jaw muscles and sound teeth are essential. Right, a "double pass," two members of the act going in one direction, two in the other

*Flying Artists*



net is held by eight or ten workers on the ground below the act, at its most dangerous point. But such a net has little value as a lifesaving device in case of emergency. It is wholly psychological in its effect, and gives the members of the act a feeling of safety.

Trainers of aerial acts try to get hold of their new material while it is young, some as youthful as eight years of age. Around forty years of age is generally recognized as the time when an aerialist working in a dangerous act had better begin thinking about some less hazardous occupation.

The youngsters have muscles and bones that are capable of correct training. Virtually as soon as they are strong enough, especially in high-wire acts, they go into training. This is begun near the ground, until they acquire courage and the essential sense of balance. Gradually the wire is raised to fifteen feet, thirty feet, and on up to regular working height, from fifty to seventy-five feet.

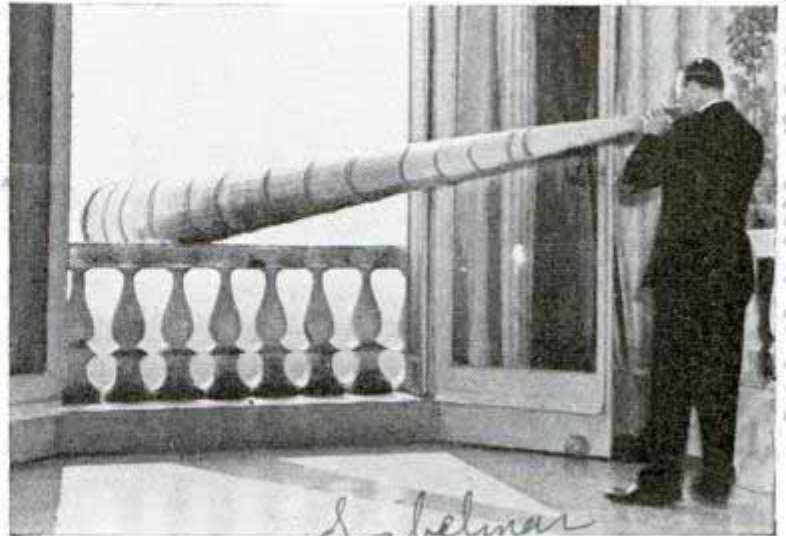
Beginners in flying acts are generally started around the age of fourteen. Younger than that they are too small to reach from the pedestal and grasp the flying bar. The catcher must be mature. Fliers in their maturity weigh between 105 and 150 pounds, while catchers, who do the heavy work, run from 160 to 190 pounds.

Rigging for aerial acts is not made after a set pattern. Each act has its own needs and its own ideas. When a performer wants such equipment, he goes usually to a competent machine shop, and has his rigging made to order. He furnishes the specifications for size, weight or thickness of materials, the kind of wood, metal wire or rope he wants used, and the machinist, working with him, turns out the job accordingly.

Crystallization is the bogey of the aerialists. When a metal part crystallizes the results are apt to

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## Horn With Two-Mile Range Used to Direct Field Work



*S. Belman*  
Five hundred years ago this Italian megaphone was used to direct laborers in fields. It could be heard two miles away

*Venice*  
It was no simple task in the fifteenth century for one to make himself heard two miles away, but that was the range of an Italian "megafono" which served as the equivalent of a one-way telephone. When the master wanted to summon a servant from the fields, he hauled the megafono to the balcony and bellowed a command that would carry a great distance in favorable weather.

## Scout Plane Converted into a Bomber by Fitting Racks to Landing Gear

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British scout planes with a top speed of more than 200 miles an hour can be converted quickly into bombers by attaching racks to the undercar-



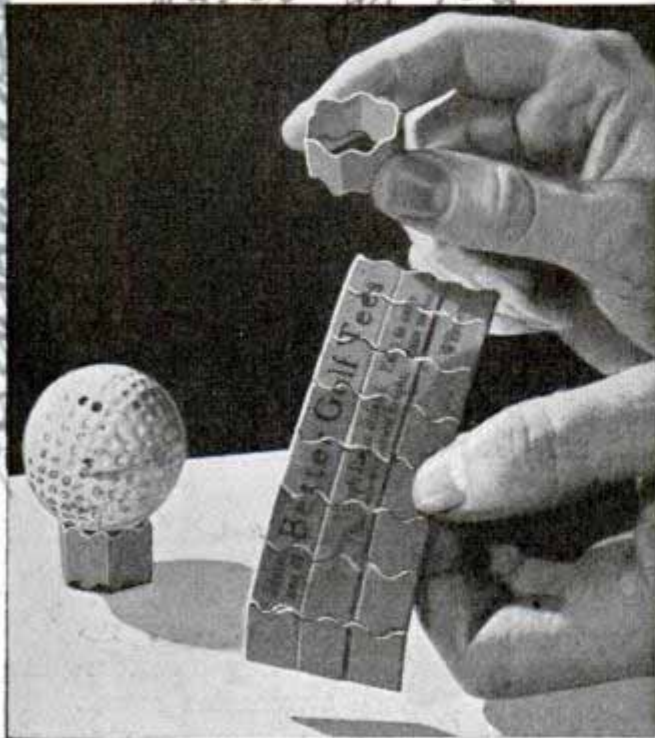
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Fitted to the "trouser cuffs" of this fast British scout plane are racks to hold bombs for additional striking power

riage. The bomb carriers project outward horizontally from the landing gear and equip the fast planes for offensive striking power when it is needed.

*Bristol Perseus engines*



# Paper Golf Tees by the Strip Are Used and Discarded



*Tee is torn off card along wavy line and squeezed into six-sided "seat" just the right height for ball*

Paper golf tees that resemble a tiny cardboard crown on which the ball is set have just been introduced. They are made in strips of ten, each tee being torn off along wavy lines when needed. An advertising message can be printed on the strips.

# Steam Slices Up Blocks of Ice into Convenient Cubes

Fed by gravity on a stainless-steel incline, big blocks of ice are sliced into small



*Large block of ice fed into steam cutter at right emerges at left as hundreds of small cubes*

cubes by a steam-operated machine just developed. A series of horizontal steam-filled tubes swiftly cut the block into slabs, which are moved by a lever-operated conveyor onto a horizontal double grid containing steam tubes at right angles to each other. These cut the slabs into cubes, which are released over a screening grill.

# 'Hammock' under Ironing Board Keeps Clothes Off Floor

Laundered clothes are kept from soiling through contact with the floor while being ironed, by a catcher attached to the board. It receives the long pieces as they hang over the edge. Two telescoping arms that hold a strip of heavy muslin to form a U-shaped shield will save steps for the housewife by serving as racks for hanging



*Laundered garments can be ironed without fear of soiling them if this clothes catcher is on the board*

garments. A flat metal plate, to which the arms are fastened, is screwed to the underside of the ironing board, and when not in use the "outrigger" frame can be folded out of the way. The clothes catcher, it is claimed, will not interfere with the folding features of any modern board.

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# Battling the GREEN HORDE

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SCOUTS warn that the enemy, five hundred million strong, is about to attack. At headquarters a tired man sits before a map. His finger draws an imaginary line.

"There," he says wearily, "we'll have to stop them, or give up. Are the flame throwers at work?"

A man answers:

"That job will be done by morning."

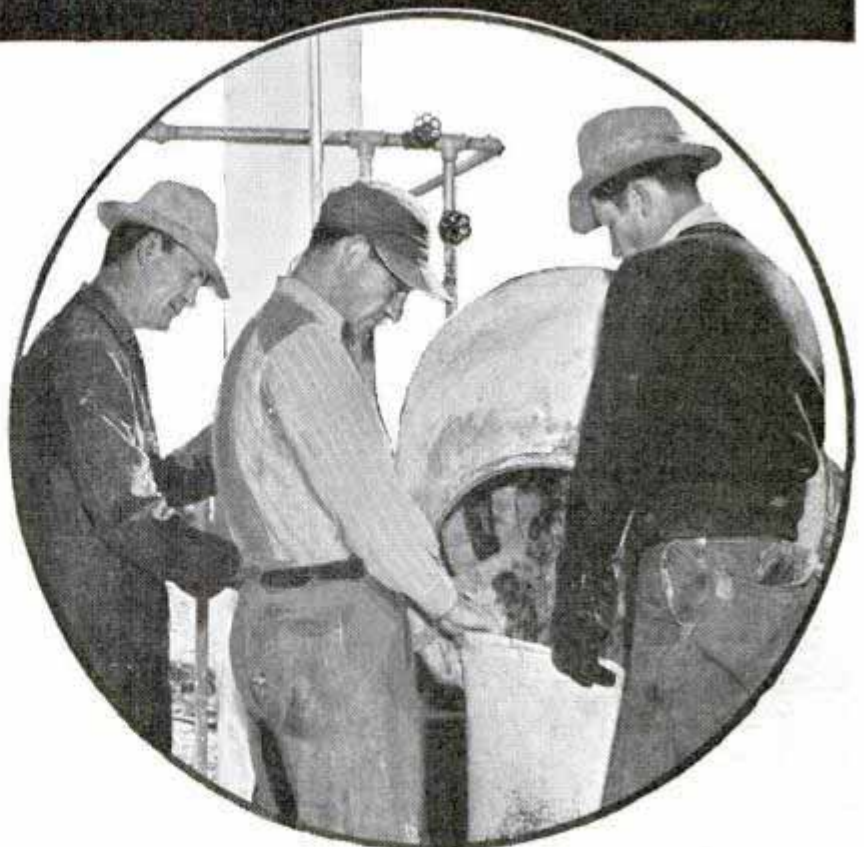
The chief turns to another lieutenant:

"How about the bacteria? Have you plenty on hand?"

"Not yet. But more are coming tonight."

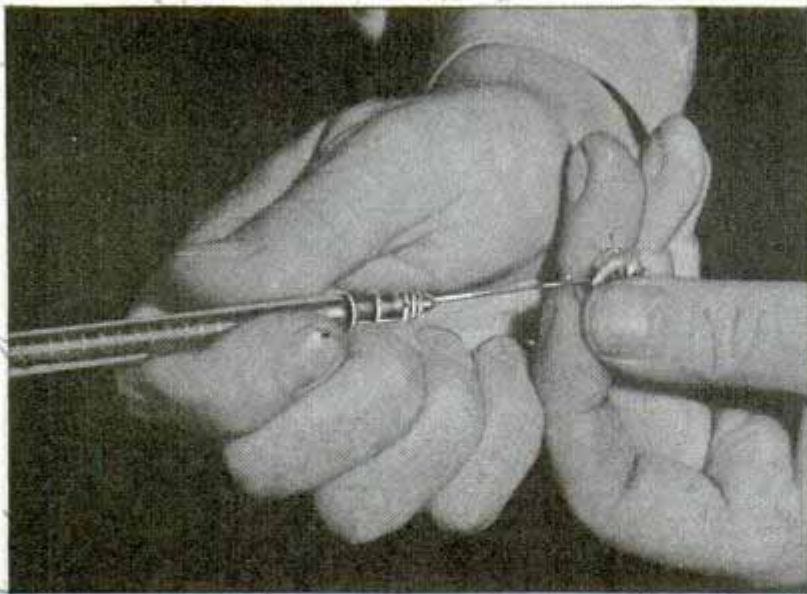
The chief turns back to the map. Then a phone jangles:

"Smith reporting. We're making a last stand at the ridge. Get us more supplies.



One of the green horde (inset). Last desperate measure is to burn the fields with aid of flame throwers (top). Poison bran mash being sacked to be rushed to front lines (bottom)



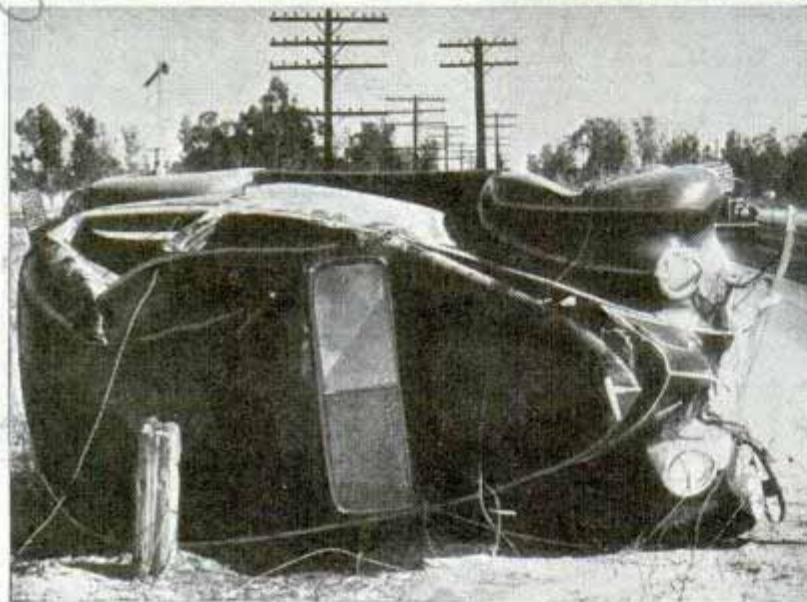


armies of them which can do a million dollars worth of damage in a night.

Scientific, coordinated action is slowly winning the war against the 'hopper, one of humanity's oldest enemies. It is a fight in which scientists, and officials of state and federal bureaus of agriculture play a leading part.

One of the most desperate fights in recent years was made in southern and central California in 1939, but before the invading army could be stopped, more than a million dollars worth of damage had been done. At one time the invading army reached the outskirts of the town of Coalinga, and began eating the paint off houses.

The standard ammunition in a grasshopper war is bran mash poisoned with sodium arsenate. This is churned in concrete mixers, loaded into trucks, and taken to the point where the chief of operations has decided to make a stand. Often valuable crops must be sacrificed to



The enemy will start advancing in the morning."

"All right. I'll send more planes along to help out. We're planning to do some bombing along the ridge."

And at dawn the enemy marches on, leaving the ground seared and blasted. Not even a blade of grass or a scraggly weed remains.

You have seen members of this invading army often in the garden, hopping among the flowers. But you have probably never seen them when they cover the sky so that they create an artificial night. They are grasshoppers, not the few mild 'hoppers you're used to, but vast



*Top, one of the inoculations by which bacteria are brought to maximum deadliness. Center, car overturned after skidding on pavement made slippery by grasshopper horde. Bottom, "bombing" the enemy with poison mash*

near Coalinga Calif



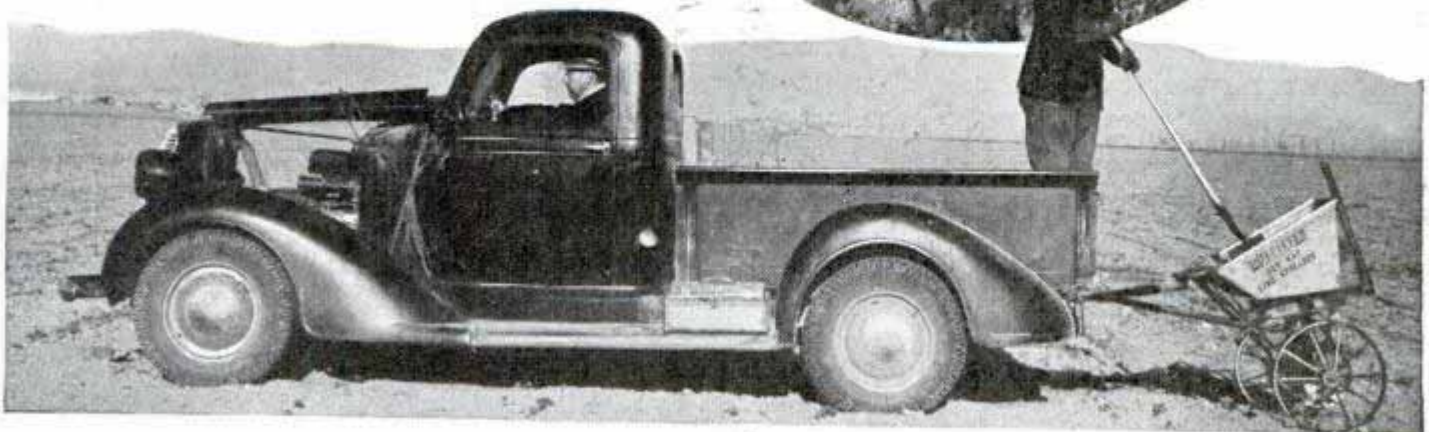
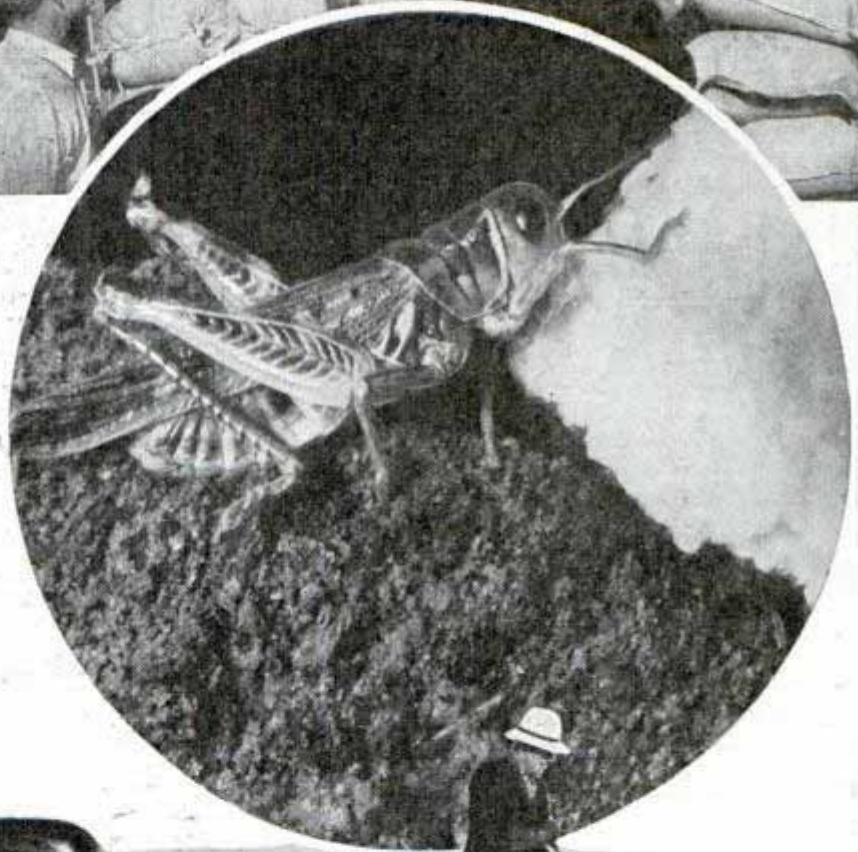
straighten out the line of defense and so conserve men and supplies.

Spreading the poisoned bran is done with a two-wheeled machine having a hopper into which the bran is constantly fed. At the bottom of the hopper are whirling disks which toss the bran outward by centrifugal force. The machine is known as a "broadcaster." By trundling it across the fields behind a truck, and keeping it filled from a second truck, a large area can be covered quickly.

Sometimes, however, there isn't time to scatter the bran, or isolated fields must be blocked off with a strip of poison. Then the enemy must be "bombed." Low-flying planes drop the bran in a wide swath which effectively stops the advancing hordes. To insure accurate bombing, the plane must almost skim the ground.

When a great swarm of 'hoppers reaches a poisoned area, a miracle seems to occur. In a few hours the grasshoppers vanish. What actually happens is that the 'hoppers crawl under clods and stones to die.

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**Top, truckload of bran arrives at the battlefront. Circle, grasshopper eating its last meal—poison bran mash. Bottom, "broadcaster" being used to spread mash quickly across field in path of the green horde**



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### Saw Teeth Set by Hammer Operated by Foot Pedal



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Every step on the treadle releases uniform blow of trip hammer for setting teeth of saw

Fatiguing hand work in setting saws is eliminated by a pedal-operated tool now available. It is a trip hammer, delivering a stroke of uniform pressure at each step on the treadle. The tool is easily fastened to the workbench and is adjustable to various sizes and types of saws. There is no danger of getting the saw out of alignment.

### "Liquid Coal" at Dime a Gallon Runs Automobile Engine

Finely pulverized coal suspended in an oil "carrier" was used to drive a stock 1939 automobile in a recent demonstration. The car was started with gasoline, then "liquid coal" was fed to the motor from an auxiliary tank without changing the carburetor

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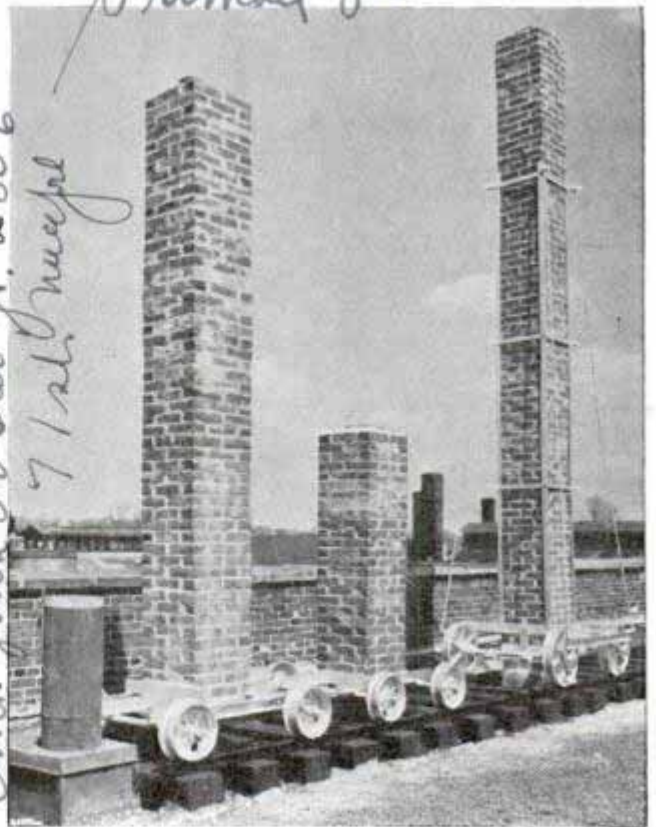
or ignition system. This fuel could be marketed for about ten cents a gallon, and contains more energy than gasoline. Previous experiments with coal as fuel for an internal combustion engine have proved impractical because of the ash, and it has not been demonstrated whether the new fuel overcomes this handicap.

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### Chimneys on a Railway Truck Show Best Height for Draft

In an effort to obtain accurate data concerning the optimum height for chimneys under various conditions, the Anthracite Industries Laboratory in Pennsylvania has begun a unique study on its roof. The plant chimney connection was cut off just above the roof, where a section of standard gauge railway track has been laid. On this track are three steel-frame cars supporting three brick chimneys of different heights. Thus the various chimneys can be tested by rolling them over the hole in the roof and cementing the joint. Complete accuracy is obtained by pre-heating the chimneys to identical temperatures before changing their positions. Thermocouples and draft tubes imbedded in each chimney show the operator what is taking place in the stack.

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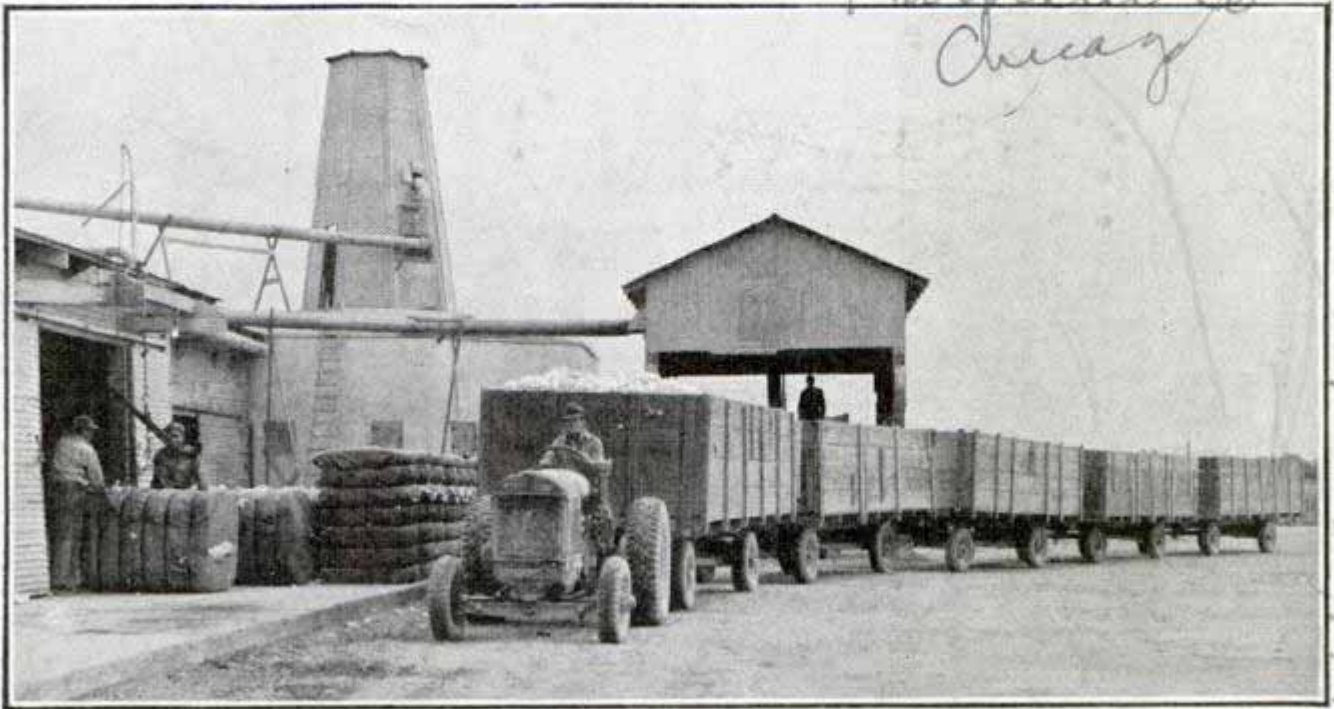


Test chimneys of various heights are mounted on wheeled trucks and rolled over hole in roof

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# Five-Car Trailer Train Hauls Cotton to Gin



Here's a plantation train riding on rubber. The five trailers are loaded with cotton, arriving at the gin from the field where the Goodyear company raises its own cotton for use in tire and rubber fabrics

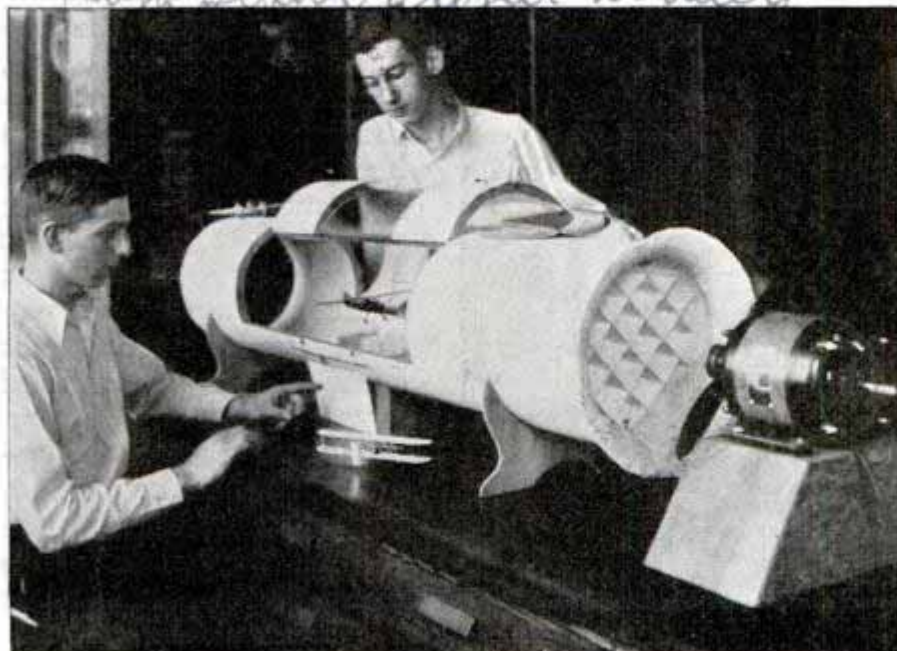
In cotton-picking time down on the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company farm a five-wagon trailer train shuttles back and forth between field and gin, bringing in

the white harvest. The company grows, cleans, gins and bales its own cotton for tires and rubberized fabrics, and this gin turns out as many as fifty bales a day.

## Miniature Wind Tunnel Tests Design of Model Planes

Two high-school boys at Eureka, Ill., built a miniature wind tunnel to test the streamlining of scale model airplanes,

boats, automobiles and buildings. At one end is a one-third horsepower electric motor driving a thirteen-inch propeller. Air



Notice the tiny airplane suspended at center of wind tunnel, which has a removable door with window for observing tests of model planes.

resistance is measured by the distance the model is pushed back by the air. A model of an early Wright biplane is blown back three times as far as a miniature modern plane. Cardboard squares straighten out the air blast. There is a large removable door in the top of the tunnel for placing and removing the models.

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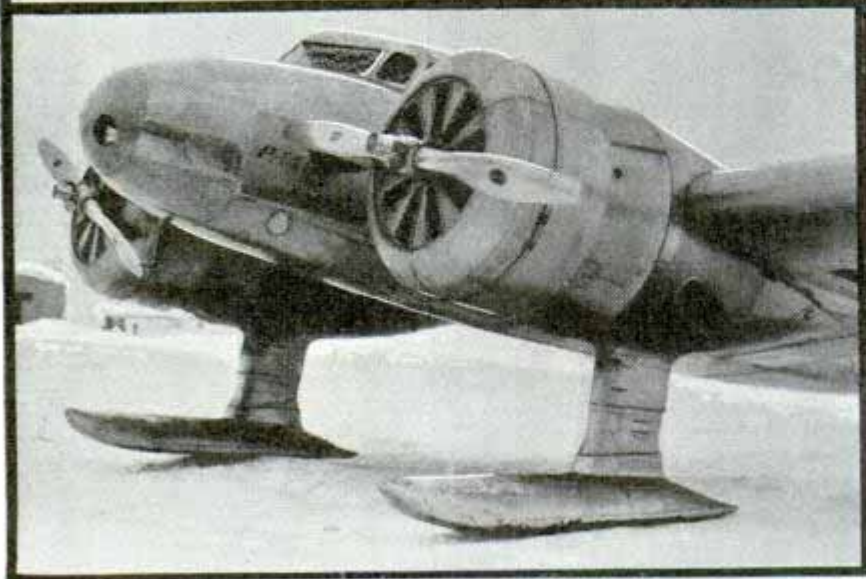
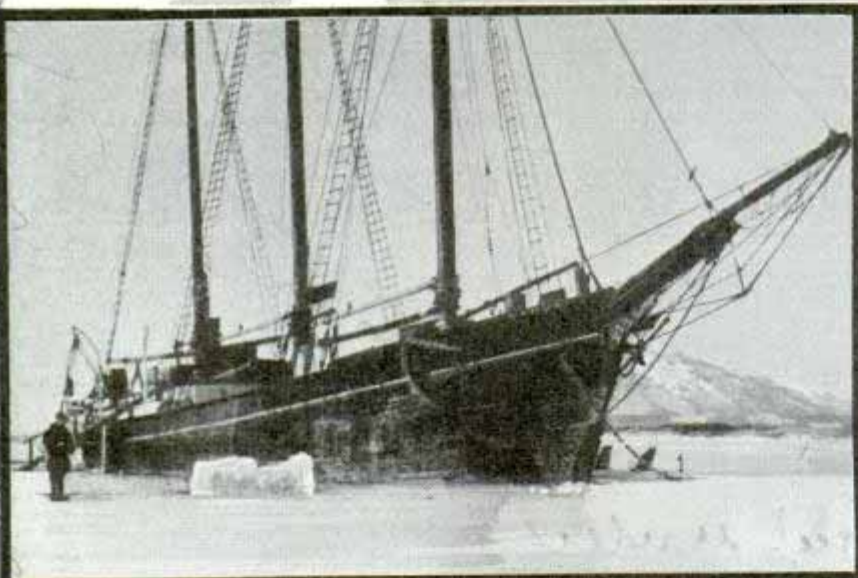
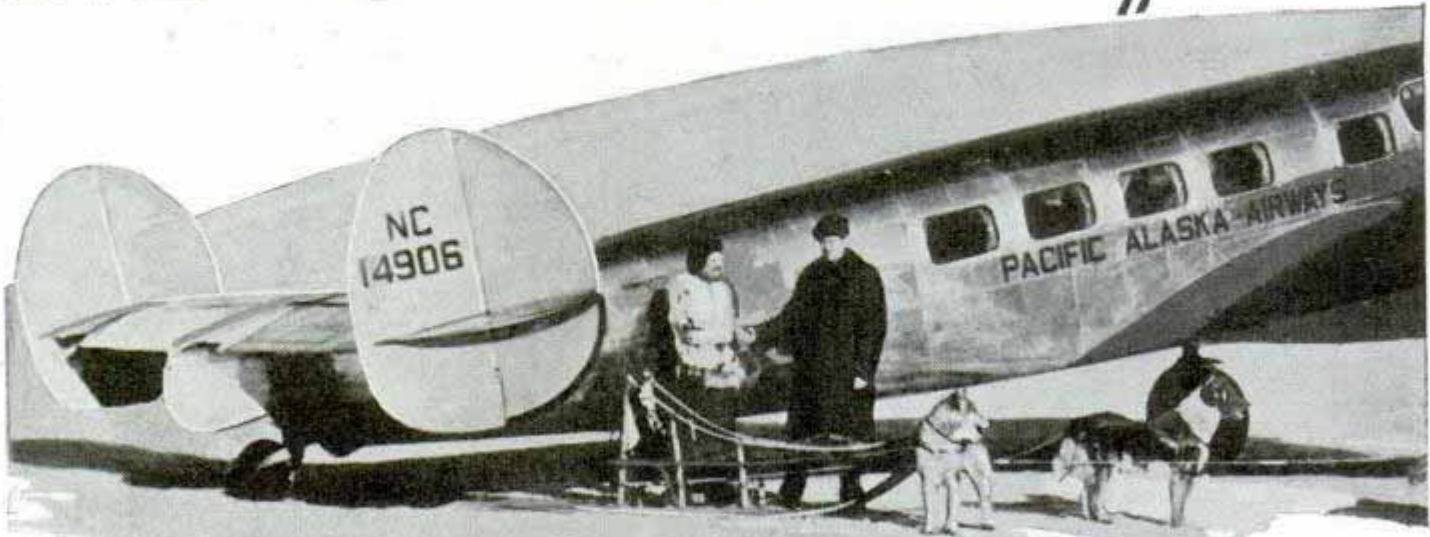
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# MERCY FLIER *of the*



**H**ARDLY a person in Barrow held the faintest hope that the tiny settlement was not doomed to extinction. A diphtheria epidemic was ravaging the community of 300 Eskimos and a handful of whites living in the cluster of huts surrounding the United States Army Signal Corps radio station and the Presbyterian Mission on the northern tip of Alaska jutting into the Arctic ocean.

Huddled in huts of timbers and turf and stones built half underground for protection against chilling winds that sweep Point Barrow more than eight months each year, the natives were certain that death was only a matter of days.

Already they had appealed to their benefactor, Dr. Henry Griest, the medical-missionary head of the Presbyterian outpost. But the doctor could only ask the pleading natives to be patient. His small hospital

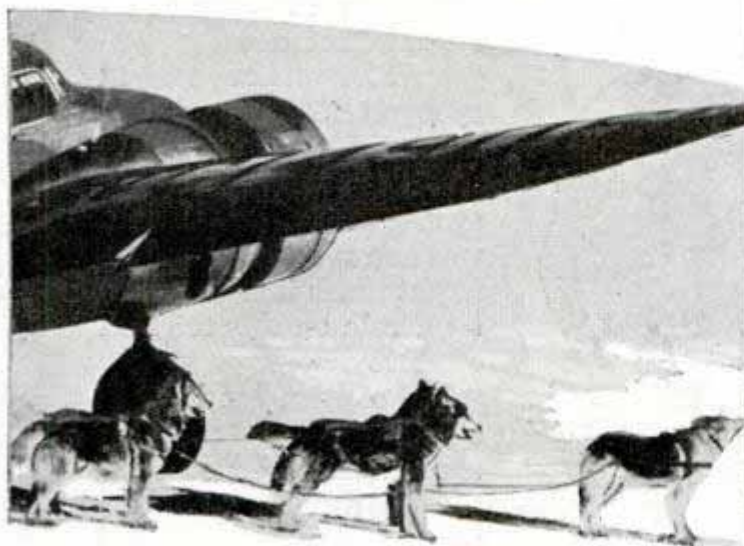
Old and the new in Alaskan transportation (top). Trading ship "Nanuk" near which Crosson based on one rescue mission (center). Skis enable plane to land on ice or snow (bottom)

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Joe Crosson, manager, Pacific  
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# ARCTIC



was filled and its staff was working the clock around. The lone hope, Dr. Griest explained, lay in obtaining a supply of antitoxin from Fairbanks or Nome, 500 miles to the south. These cities already had been notified by the radio of the signal corps station, operated by Sergeant Stanley Morgan.

But the possibility of a serum-carrying expedition penetrating to the com-

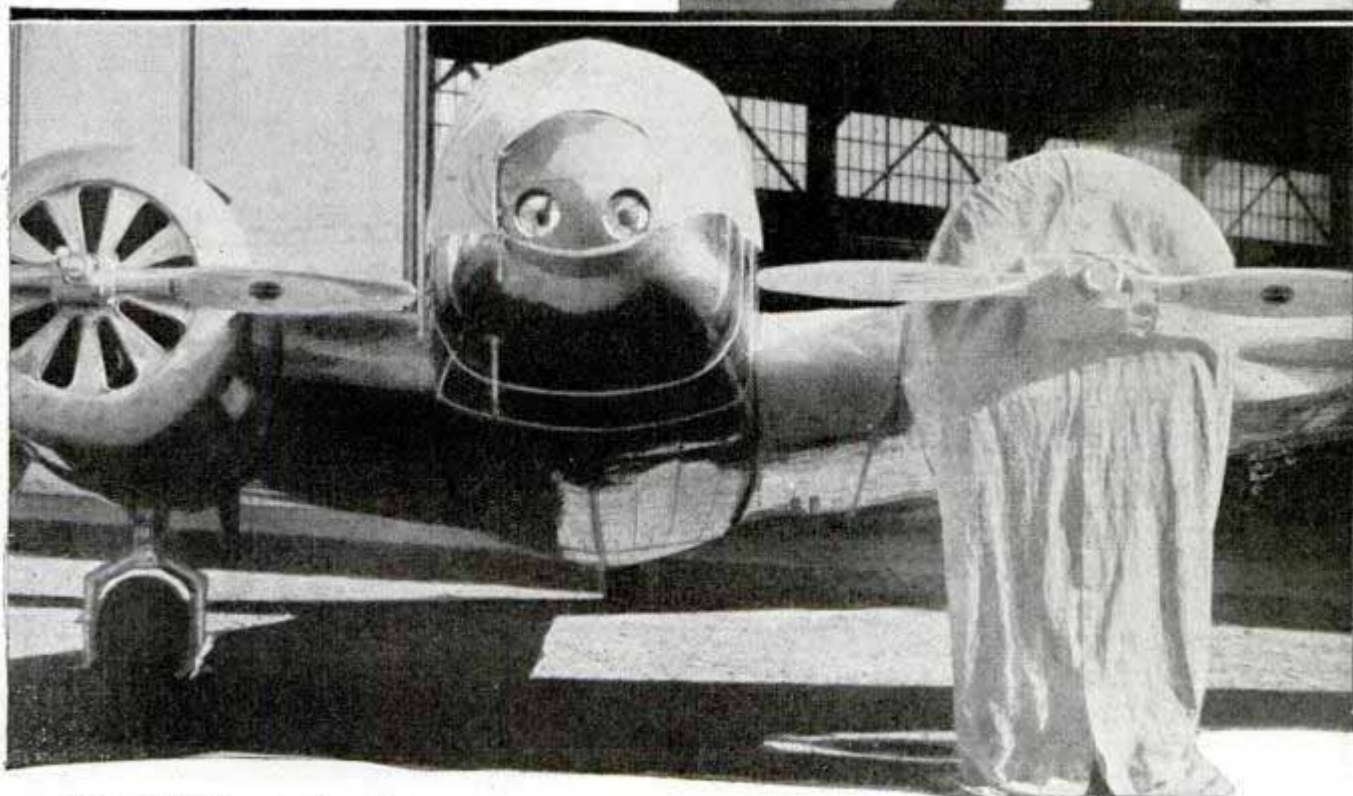


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**Right, Joe Crosson in parka used on Arctic flights. Bottom, Alaskan plane in "night gown" which protects it from cold. This equipment is carried by all planes for use where hangars are not available**





munity within weeks was remote. A freezing March wind whipped fog across the frozen Arctic and there was no hope that the ice would break up soon to allow vessels to reach Barrow on their annual voyages with medicines and supplies. The overland route to the south was barred by the ice and snow covered Anuktuvuk plateau for 200 miles, and by the Endicott mountain range with peaks towering 9,000 feet. Dog teams would require weeks to cover the distance from Fairbanks or

Nome. And, meanwhile, death was striking with increasing rapidity.

But the frantic radio appeal sent out by Sergeant Morgan had reached sympathetic and resourceful ears. Private and governmental forces swung into action. There was one solution—a plane might reach into the Arctic Circle on this mission of mercy.

Two hundred and eighty thousand units of serum, sufficient to curb the epidemic, were assembled at Fairbanks and Pilot Joseph E. Crosson was selected for the difficult job of flying the serum to Barrow, an errand not new to this flier whose exploits already had won him the title of the "Arctic Mercy Flier."

Crosson supervised the loading of the antitoxin and a supply of fresh vegetables—to enrich the diet of the diphtheria sufferers—and then roared



*Arctic "limousine" (top) used at Point Barrow to travel over ice and snow. Center, view of Endicott range over which Crosson flew on serum-carrying flight. Bottom, passenger-carrying ship of the far North*



away into the northern sky. Ahead of him lay 500 miles of perhaps the most dangerous flying country in the world.

With the directness of a homing pigeon, Crosson flew 200 miles north to Wiseman, where he landed for refueling. Then he was in the air again, flying blind through clouds and blizzards. Over the narrow passes of the Endicott mountain range he hurtled to win his way to a vast plateau of ice and snow which was the last leg of the hazardous mission. There was one remaining danger—of overshooting Barrow and flying out over the ocean in the gathering darkness with his rapidly diminishing fuel supply. To double-check his calculated position, Crosson watched cloud formations for that telltale darkening which polar fliers know marks a shoreline.

Before long he was able to make out the coastline and followed along to the north until the aerial masts of the Barrow radio station informed him his mission was at an end. The people of the settlement, having been informed by radio of his departure, were on the lookout for the plane and shouts of joy rang out when the plane zoomed low and landed on its skis on the improvised runway.

Ten minutes later Dr. Griest was administering the serum. The epidemic was stemmed within a few days. Joe Crosson had flown to another victory over Arctic death.

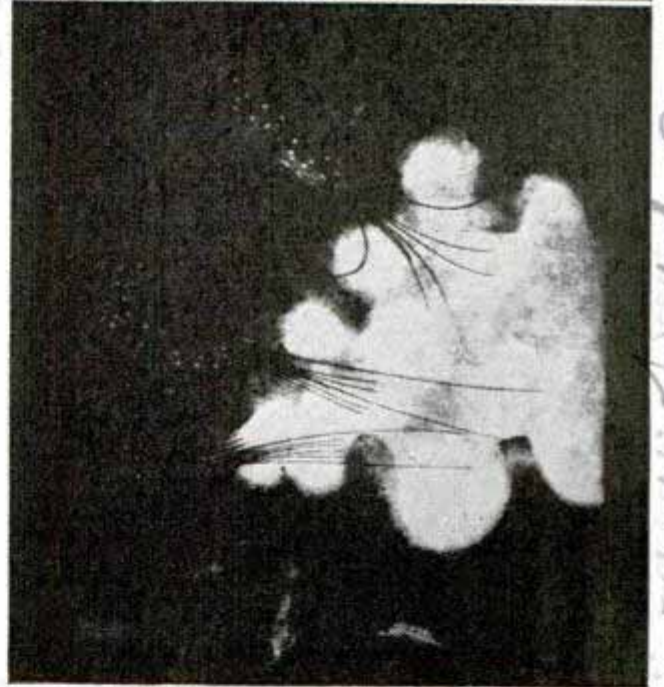
In the twelve years that Crosson has been flying over Alaska his fame has become that of a twentieth century knight errant whose great flying skill is readily available to those in need of it.

Today he may be called on for a flight to some isolated mining or fishing settlement where a victim of accident or disease requires immediate transportation to medical attention. Tomorrow it may be a summons to search for another airman or a party of travelers overdue in the Alaska wasteland, or to rush food to a starving village.

Joe Crosson takes these tasks in the stride of routine work, sandwiching them in between his duties as manager of the Pacific Alaska Airways, the Alaska subsidiary of the Pan American Airways, which operates scheduled mail and passenger service from Juneau to Nome, with

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## Luminous Page Shows Life as Seen from Diving Bell



Top, energizing page of luminous book over light; below, same page emitting its luminous glow

One page in the "Smithsonian Scientific Series," recently published, cost \$10,000 and two years of research. It is a luminous page, glowing with its own light. Seen in ordinary light, it shows a group of North Atlantic red shrimp, crustaceans that can shoot a luminous cloud. When the page is held over an electric light for two minutes, and then is placed in the dark, it glows, appearing to the reader as a scene from a diving bell. The page keeps its brilliance for several minutes, and its latent luminosity is permanent. The printing of this luminous page is a unique achievement.

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# Photo Laboratory Truck Has Extension Ladder



One feature of camera truck is this extension ladder for shots from above

Completely equipped for processing negatives and making prints, including enlargements up to thirty by forty inches, a photographic laboratory on wheels is being used to get pictures otherwise unobtainable. It is set on a 1939 truck chassis, has a floor area of sixty-five square feet, has running water, which may be electrically heated or cooled by ice refrigeration, and fans for conditioning the air. The roof has a non-skid rubber matting on which as many as six photographers may work at the same time. An extension ladder, which is useful in the taking of certain pictures, enables the photographer to reach a height

of thirty-five feet above the ground. It is sufficiently rigid for time exposures. When not in use, the ladder may be fitted into a recess in the roof. While the laboratory travels at speeds up to sixty miles an hour, film processing can be carried on.

## Right Arm Bigger Than the Left Is Heritage of Average Man

Most men grow up just a bit lopsided. Measuring a group of children and college men, Prof. Clarence R. Van Dusen of Michigan State college found the average person's right arm is bigger than his left; in the case of children, the right arm is more apt to be longer than the left. It may be that more use of the right arm develops it, but Professor Van Dusen thinks it probable that the tendency toward a mightier right is hereditary.

## Transparent Furniture Cover Protects Against Dirt

Protecting the fine fabric of furniture and mattresses from damage in showrooms and stores is one of the latest applications for Pliofilm, a transparent material derived from rubber. In homes it will keep furniture clean and fresh during long periods while it is out of use. The cover is non-inflammable, odorless, durable and washable. Its transparency is not lost by flattening the material down to conform to the shape of the piece of furniture.



Yes, you can sit on the furniture without damaging the transparent Pliofilm cover or soiling the piece

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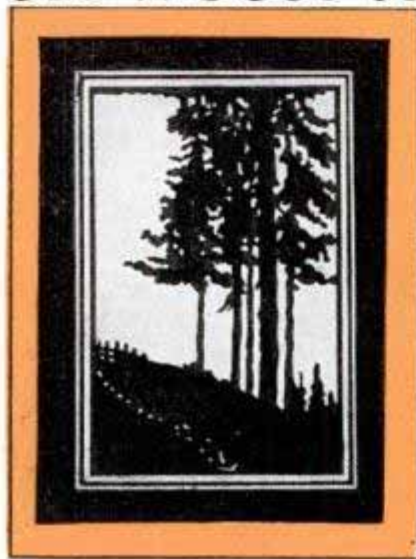
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# CRAFTSMAN

## SANDCRAFT PICTURES *on wood and glass*

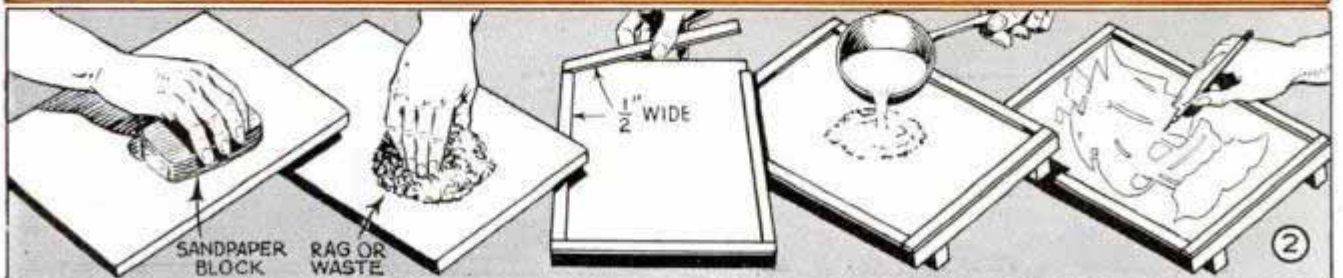


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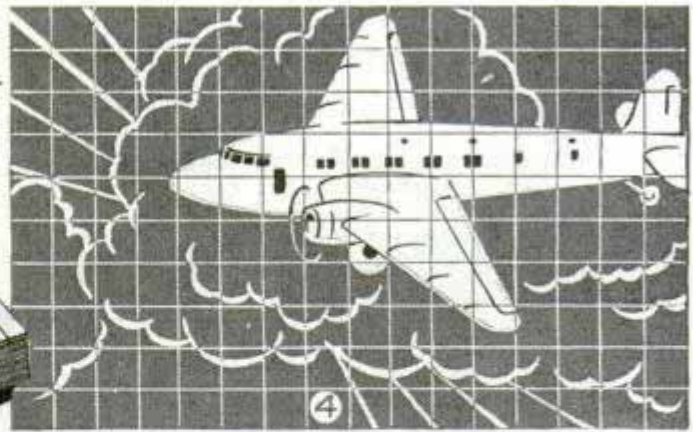
"CARVING" pictures with a sandblast on wood, glass, stone or metal—that's sandcrafting by this simple and novel process. Attractive scenes in silhouette form, line drawings that stand out in bold relief on panels, serving trays, bookends and other items are easily done with the simplest equipment. No artistic ability is required; you can transfer a clipping from a magazine or newspaper to blank white

*The ship plaque above is a typical sandcraft picture made on a panel of straight-grained yellow pine. Note unusual background effect*

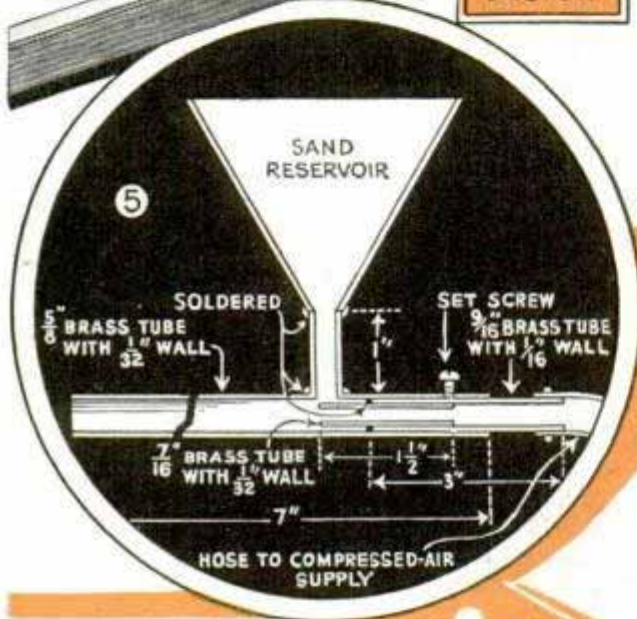
SANDPAPER --- LIGHTLY WAX --- CARDBOARD DAM --- POUR COMPOSITION --- TRACE DESIGN







in cake form ready for use, or you can make it yourself. In a double boiler over low heat melt flake or powdered glue, 4 parts, in water, 1 part. Keep the contents of the boiler thoroughly stirred so that all particles of the glue dissolve. When melted the mixture should be about the consistency of cream. To this you add glycerin, 1 part, and mix thoroughly. Finally, add zinc oxide, one teaspoonful, to give a white color. Now cut four cardboard strips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, coat the edges of the plaque with composition and press the strips in place, as shown, to form



paper with a carbon sheet. Use a soft lead pencil in tracing the design.

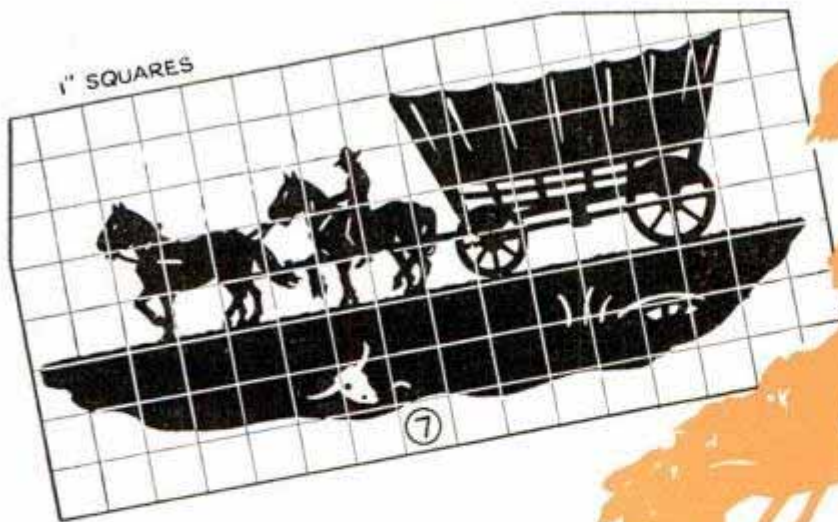
The ship plaque directly below Fig.

1 is an example of the work as it is done on wood. Although practically any common woods can be used, fir, pine or similar softwoods will give a deep-cut background like that shown while the hardwoods will give a background less deeply relieved. To make this plaque, first you enlarge the design in Fig. 6 on white paper, using either the 1-in. squares as given, or  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. squares if you wish the pattern to fit on a single board 10 or 12 in. wide. The panel must be sanded smooth with fine sandpaper, then lightly coated with liquid wax as shown in the first two steps in Fig. 2.

Now the waxed surface is coated with a composition material which you can get from monument dealers and stone cutters





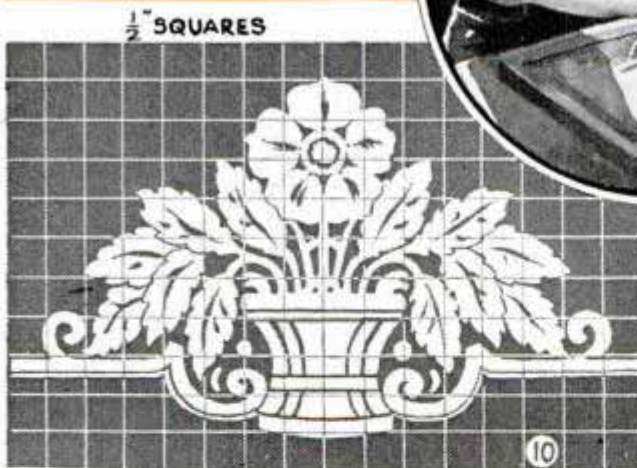


dams, preventing loss of the composition as it is poured over the surface, Fig. 2. In pouring, see that the mixture spreads to a uniform thickness equal to that of the cardboard. Let it harden 24 to 36 hrs., or until a test shows that it cuts easily with a sharp knife without dragging on the blade or spreading. This assured, you dampen the surface to make it slightly tacky, and locate the pattern over it face down. Press into uniform contact and re-



minutes and the cost is very reasonable. If you do the work yourself, protect your eyes with tight-fitting goggles.

After the work has been blasted to the proper depth, usually about  $\frac{1}{8}$  in., cover the composition on the design with a cloth saturated in hot water and allow to stand overnight. This will soften the coating so it can be removed. Smooth the surface with sandpaper and steel wool, stain the wood to the color or color combination you desire, and finish with shellac or varnish, as in Fig. 9. Other designs are shown in Figs. 4, 7, 8, and 10.



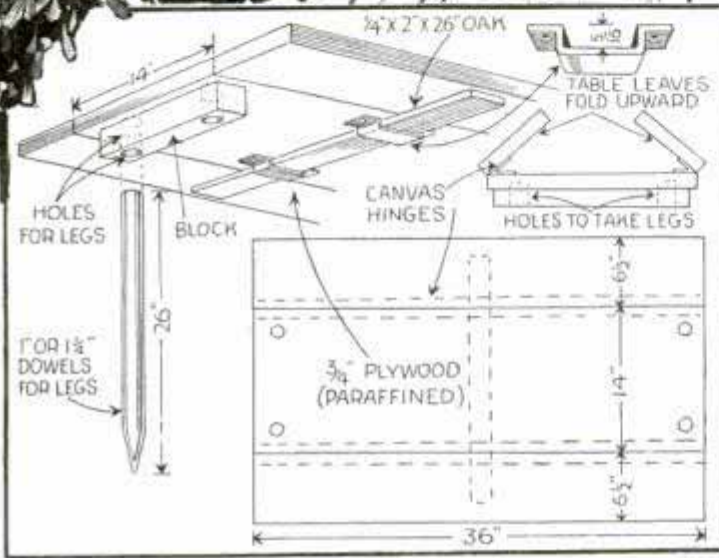
move. The pencil lines of the pattern will adhere to the composition. Then you simply cut away the latter to the bare wood over all the background, leaving the full pattern standing in relief, Fig. 3.

After this has been done, you're ready for the sandblasting. Fig. 5 details a simple "gun" which can be connected to an air compressor or a large inflated auto or truck tire. Or, if you prefer, a monument dealer is equipped to do the job in a few

On glass you use exactly the same procedure except, of course, that the surface of the glass need only be wiped dry before pouring the composition. No wax is necessary. In working on glass, the design is usually cut out and sandblasted, leaving the background clear. Then the whole panel is backed with black paper. However, striking effects can be achieved by blasting the background and backing the panel with black paper or colored enamel.



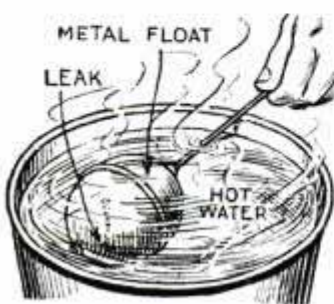
## Folding Picnic Table Carried in Car Has Pointed Legs to Push in Ground



Here is a table large enough for the average picnic lunch, and it folds into a compact bundle, which may be carried under the arm or slipped into the car luggage compartment. For carrying, a large rubber band cut from an inner tube is slipped over the condensed unit, holding it together firmly. The four pointed legs and the oak battens are slipped under this band. Because picnic tables are sometimes unavoidably exposed to rain, it is a good idea to coat the table with hot paraffin and rub it briskly while still liquid. Take only a small section at a time.

—Dale R. Van Horn, Lincoln, Nebr.

## Locating Leaks in Bathroom Float



If your bathroom float becomes "water-logged" and it seems impossible to find the leak, just remove the float and submerge it in extremely hot water.

This will make the air inside expand, forcing it out through the leak and causing bubbles. If the float is partly or completely filled with liquid, the leak can be located by holding the float under a hot-water faucet rotating it slowly while the water runs over it. As soon as the water inside the float becomes heated, pressure will increase and a tiny stream will emit from the leak.

—Walker Kelly, Little Rock, Ark.

## Labels of Adhesive Tape Stick to Any Surface

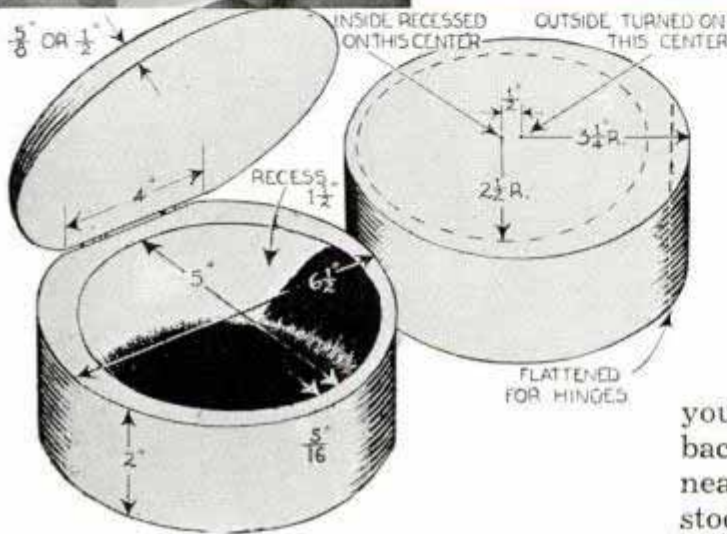
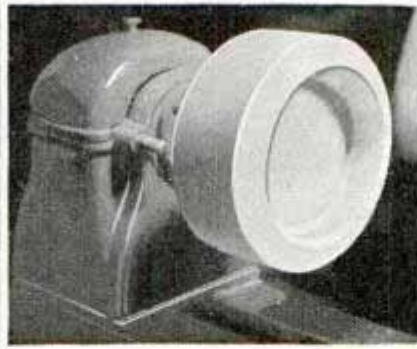
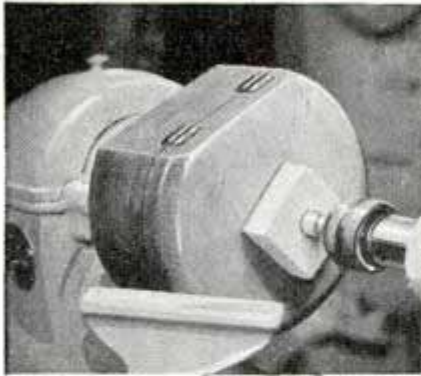
Adhesive tape of the waterproof type makes excellent labels for almost any use, as it sticks to glass, wood, metal, and almost any other kind of surface. Several labels can be made at one time by using strips of the tape 2 or 3 ft. long. These are laid on a hard, flat surface, preferably glass, sticky side down. The top surface of the adhesive is washed thoroughly with denatured alcohol. When dry, the labels can be lettered with India ink and a ball-point pen. Washing the adhesive with denatured alcohol gives a good writing surface and its penetration of the tape provides greater adhesive qualities. When soiled, the labels can be cleaned by washing them with a piece of cotton dipped in denatured alcohol.

—C. N. Suffill, Lincoln, Nebr.





# Lathe-Turned Candy Box Has a Hinged Cover



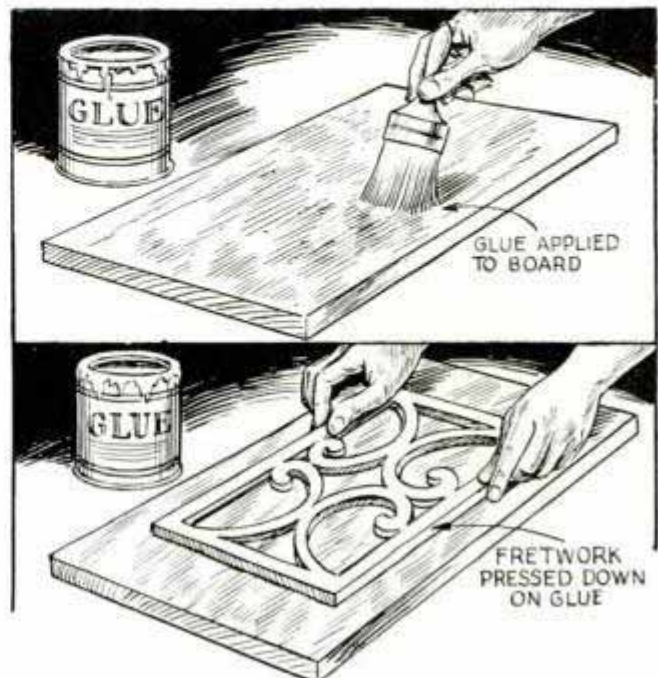
This turned box has an off center compartment or recess and a cover that is flush with the sides. You have two turning centers, one for the outside over-all and one for the inner recess. Turning the latter off center leaves sufficient stock so that

you can cut off a portion to provide a flat back in order to mount two small hinges neatly in line. Also, extra thickness of stock at this point permits use of screws of ample length. After this has been done the whole job is again mounted in the lathe for truing the cover flush with the side. This operation is shown in the upper-left photo. Any close-grained hardwood can be used for an enamel finish. For a natural finish use walnut, mahogany or maple.

## Uniform Coating of Glue Applied to One Side of Fretwork

Amateur craftsmen who have had the appearance of fretwork ruined by glue oozing from under it when attaching it to furniture and other plane surfaces, will find the following method of applying the glue the answer to their problem: Brush a thin coat of glue on a perfectly flat surface, press the fretwork firmly on the glue-coated surface, then lift it and apply it to the work. This method assures that a uniform coating of glue will adhere to the underside of the fretwork, yet there will not be any excess to ooze out.

☞ Grease poured into the sink is the cause of many clogged drains, which can be avoided by pouring your grease into a tin can, and discarding it when the fat hardens.

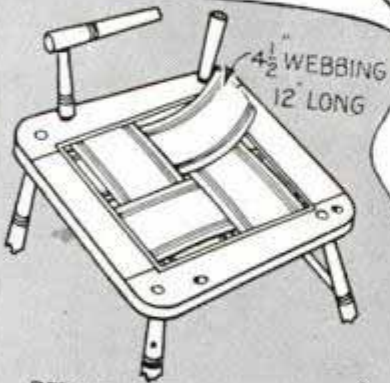








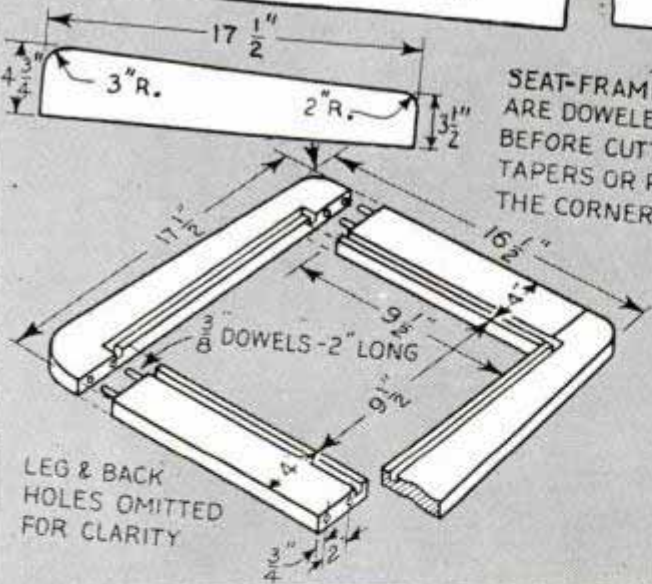
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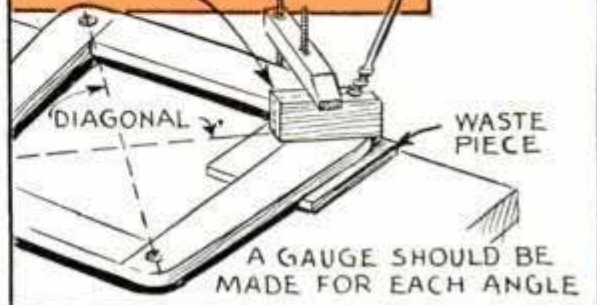
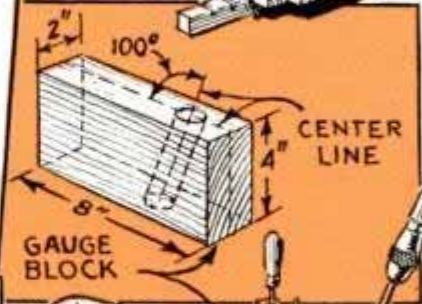
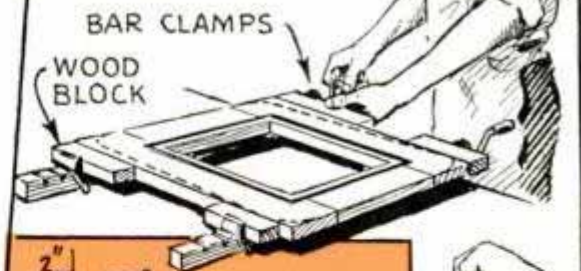
DETAILS OF SEAT WEBBING

### MATERIAL LIST

- 2 pcs. 1 5/8 x 1 5/8 x 25 in. maple— back posts
- 1 pc. 3/4 x 19 in. maple dowel— back cross rail
- 1 pc. 3/4 x 13 1/2 in. maple dowel— back cross rail
- 5 pcs. 1/2 x 18 in. maple dowel— spindles
- 2 pcs. 1 5/8 x 1 5/8 x 15 in. maple— arms
- 2 pcs. 1 5/8 x 1 5/8 x 12 in. maple— arm posts
- 2 pcs. 1 1/8 x 4 3/4 x 17 1/2 in. maple— seat
- 2 pcs. 1 1/8 x 4 x 9 1/2 in. maple— seat
- 4 pcs. 1 5/8 x 1 5/8 x 18 in. maple— legs
- 2 pcs. 1 1/4 x 1 1/4 x 17 in. maple— side rungs
- 1 pc. 3/4 x 14 in. maple dowel— back rung
- 1 pc. 3/4 x 18 in. maple dowel— stretcher



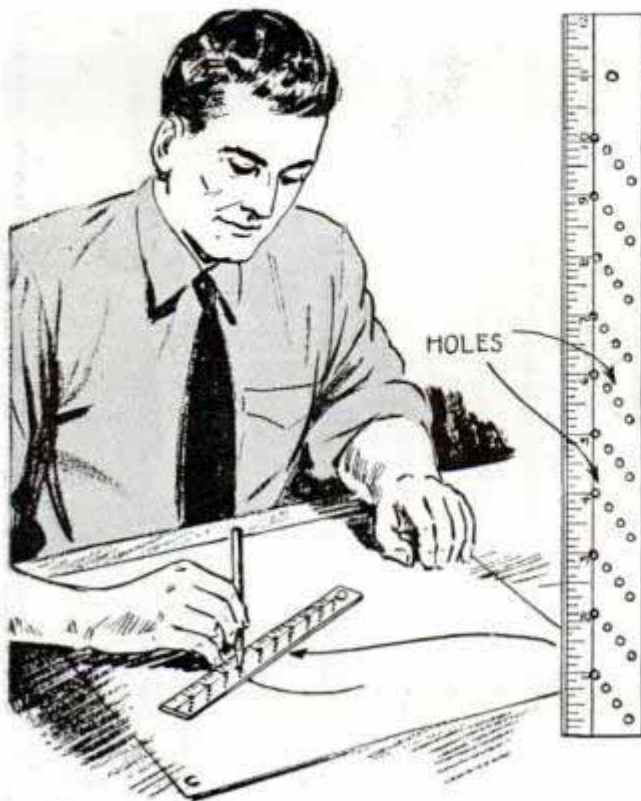
THE SEAT FRAME IS GLUED UP BEFORE SHAPING



*This chair will just suit the craftsman who likes to build reproductions of colonial furniture. Separate cushions make it easy to keep clean. The woodwork is all solid maple, both for strength and authenticity. All angle dowel holes should be bored in the stock before turning, as in this way you can use a jig on the square surfaces. The strength and durability of the chair depend on the fit of the round tenons in the legs, arms and back posts*



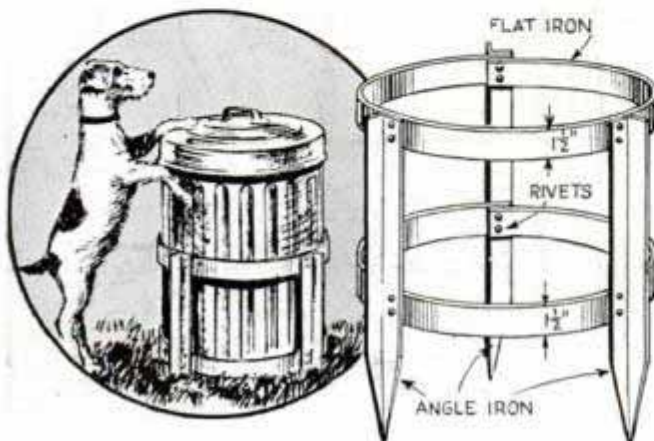
## Compass Improvised from Ruler Gives Accurate Radii



Here is a good compass that anybody can make from a five-cent ruler. Holes to take a lead pencil are drilled in the ruler at  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. intervals, locating them at slight angles across the face of the ruler so that they will not break into each other. To get them exactly on line with the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. divisions, it is a good idea to lay them out with the aid of a small try square. A pivot hole must be drilled exactly on the center of an inch mark on the ruler.

## Avoiding Upset Garbage Can

Dogs will be unable to tip over your garbage can if you build a frame consisting of two iron bands held together by



three angle-iron stakes. When the can is set in the frame and the cover fitted tightly, it will be impossible for small animals to tip it or remove the lid.

## Bird Bath Fitted with Trapeze Pleases Feathered Friends

If you have a bird bath in your garden, rig up a trapeze above it. The enjoyment that the birds will get from this will more than repay you for your time. Just bend a length of small brass rod to a U-shape and invert it above the water. From this, suspend a miniature swing made from fine brass wire.



## Emergency Vise for Tying Flies



When you are fishing and have to repair a fly, your pocketknife will make a good improvised vise for the purpose. Just stick the large blade into a log, bend the handle so that the point of

the hook may be inserted in the hinge and allow it to close gently. The hook will be held securely and will not be injured.

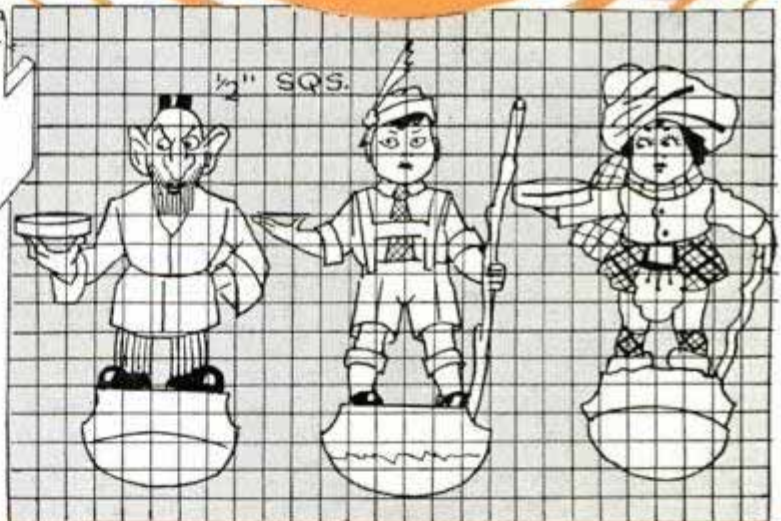
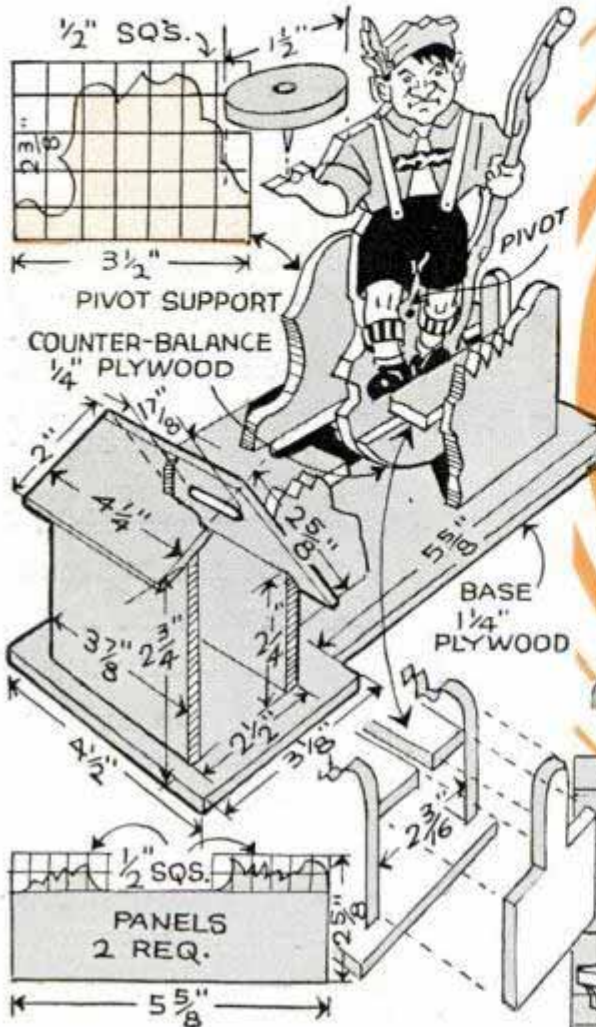
## Garden-Hose "Tires" on Mower

Your old lawn mower can be equipped with rubber tires at practically no cost, by using lengths of discarded garden hose, as shown. Two pieces should be cut long enough to go around the rims, wire being run through the hose and the ends twisted together to tighten the tire on the wheel. Four bands of wire around the hose and rim hold it in place.





# Savings Bank Filled by Efficient "Cashier"



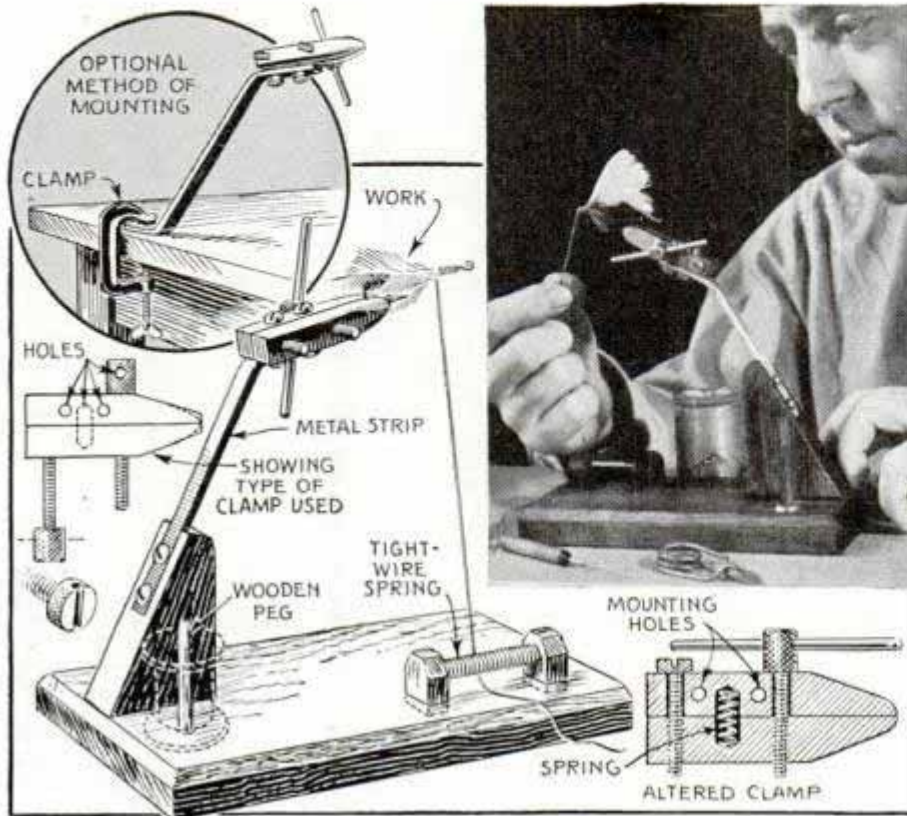
Any one of these fellows you choose will gladly receive your savings on a tray and deposit them regularly in the "bank." Of course, the figures are only plywood cut-outs painted to represent the different personalities you see pictured. Details above show how the device is assembled and how it works. When you drop a coin on the tray the pivoted figure tilts and the coin slides off the tray and through the slot in the roof of the bank. Small plywood weights attached to the lower end of the cutout provide a means of attaining the delicate balance necessary. Painting is done with showcard colors. Simply unscrew the bottom of the bank when you wish to withdraw the "account."



☛ Sprinkle the buds and leaves of house-grown hyacinths, tulips, etc., to prevent shriveling.

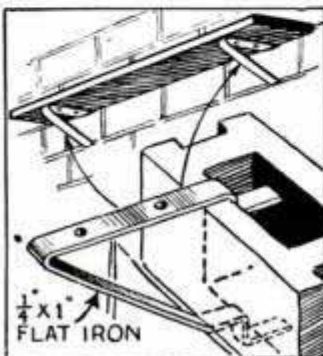


## Quick-Acting Fly Vise Holds Spool and Grips Loose End of Thread



This inexpensive fly vise consists of a dime-store metal clamp mounted on a slanting arm, which is in turn screwed to a wood base. The jaws are rounded at the ends with a file and are drilled partly through from the inside surfaces to take a spring, which spreads them as the tightening screws are loosened. When purchased, the rear screw does not pass entirely through both jaws. This screw hole is drilled out so that both screws can be driven in from the same side. Also, two small holes must be drilled in one jaw to mount the clamp on the supporting arm. A wooden peg set in the base holds the thread spool, and a tightly coiled spring mounted between two wooden brackets on the base serves as a holder for the loose end of the thread.—Fred Howard, Chicago.

## Shelf Brackets in Fruit Cellar Anchored in Concrete Wall



When laying a concrete foundation for his home, one workman installed brackets for the shelves in his fruit cellar as indicated. These were shaped from flat iron and were

put in place as the wall was laid, thus assuring that they would be anchored securely and permanently. The same idea can be adapted when laying up any wall of concrete blocks where shelves are likely to be desired on the inside. The brackets can be placed between every row of blocks if necessary, although every second row usually is better, as this gives a wider spacing of the shelves.

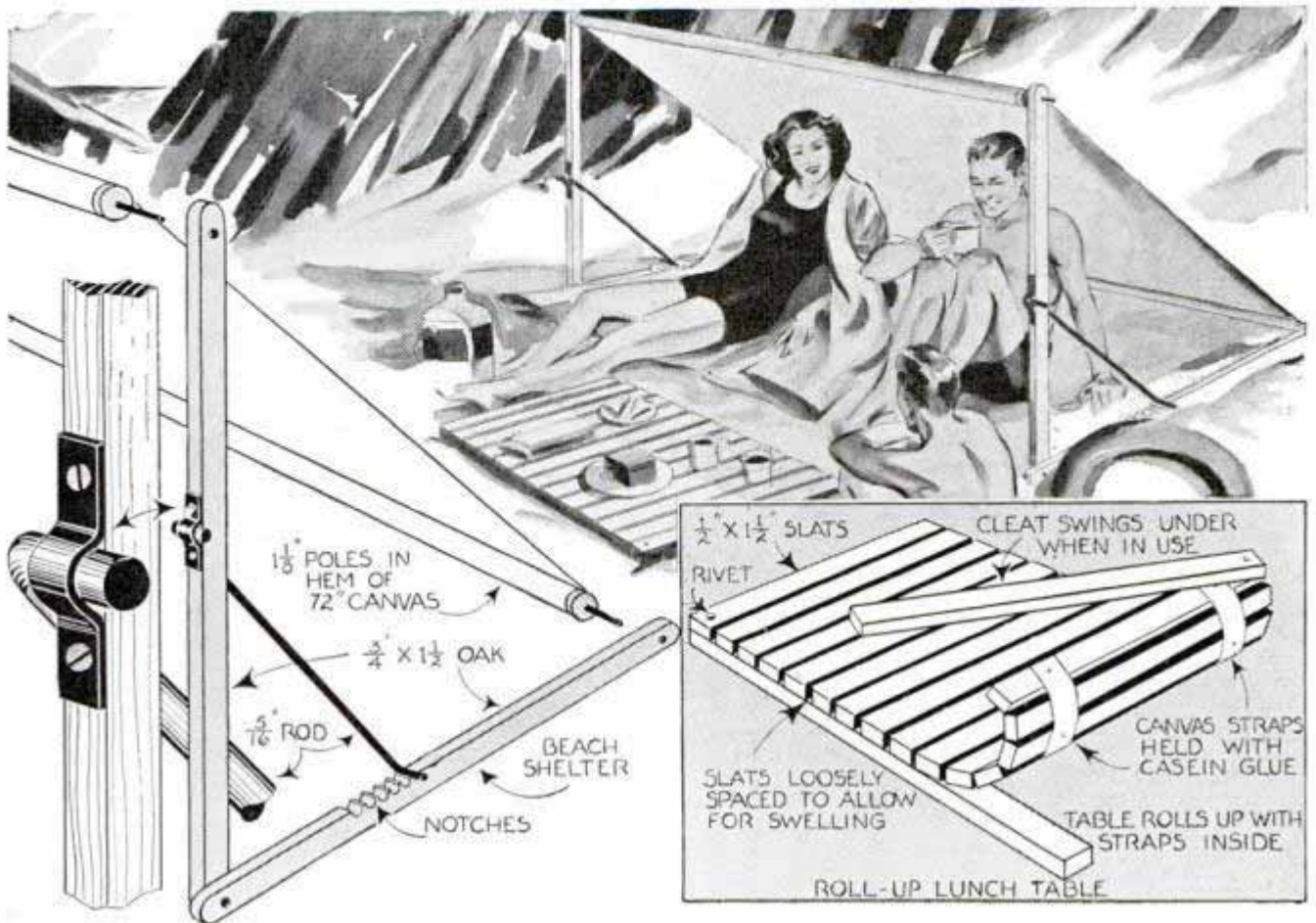
## Outdoor Fireplace Covered with Top of Old Stove

Before building your outdoor fireplace get the top from an old iron cookstove to use as a cover. Then put up the fireplace to fit it. With the stove top, the heat is even on all parts of the cooking surface, smoke goes up the chimney of the fireplace, and pots and pans are protected from soot and blaze of the fire. Cookstoves or their tops can be picked up in the country or in junk shops for almost nothing.—R. H. Moulton, Glencoe, Ill.





# Beach Tent and Table Roll Up into Bundle

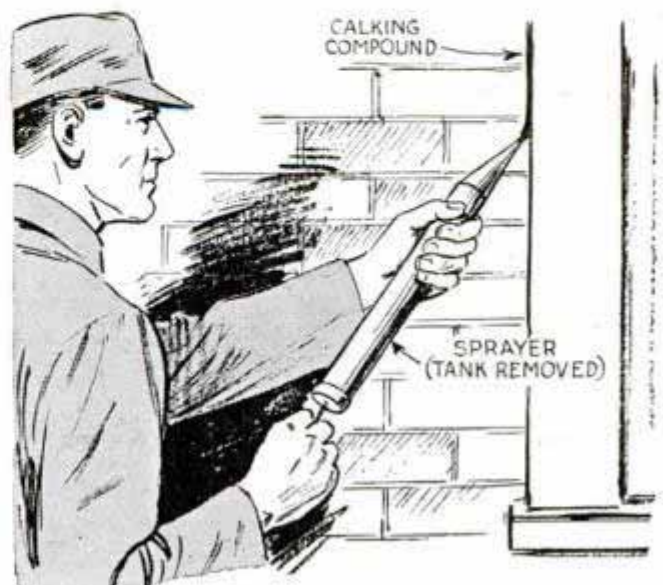


Lunch on a sandy beach is a pleasure with this roll-up table and folding shelter, which are fully portable for carrying in a car. The table provides a smooth surface on which to spread your lunch, and consists of a number of slats fastened together with webbing or canvas straps on the underside. Protection from the sun and

wind is provided by the shelter, which consists of canvas tacked to two poles, these being supported by side frames. The latter fold up when not in use, and have a pivoted brace to hold them open. The foot of the brace sets in one of several notches cut in the lower wood bar to permit adjustment to keep the canvas taut.

## Barrel of Small Insect Sprayer Provides Good Calking Gun

For an occasional calking job around the home, the barrel of an old insect sprayer makes a good gun. After removing the sprayer tank, the pointed end of the barrel will enable you to force the compound into cracks around windows, doors and other openings. If desired, a short piece of tubing threaded at one end can be soldered to the gun for attaching nozzles of various shapes.—A. H. Waychoff, Phoenix, Ariz.



☛ To keep a pair of scissors from making holes in your workbag and, at the same time always have a thimble easy to find, fit the thimble over the small end of a cork, and stick the scissors in the large end.

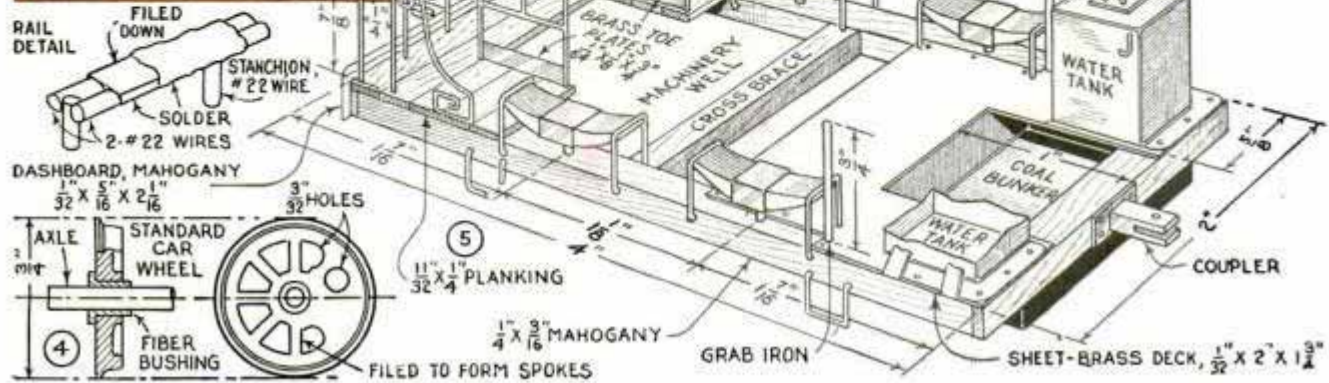
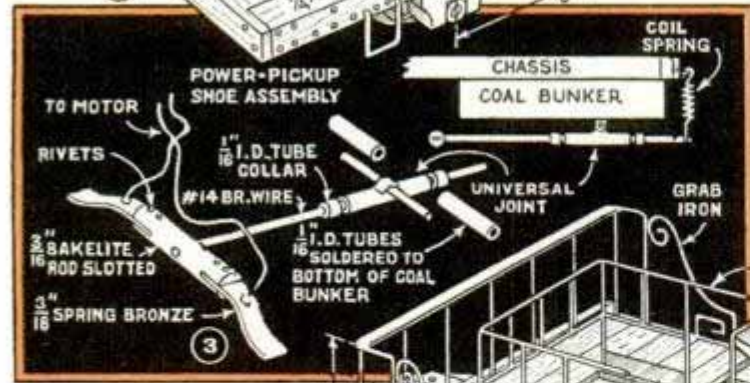
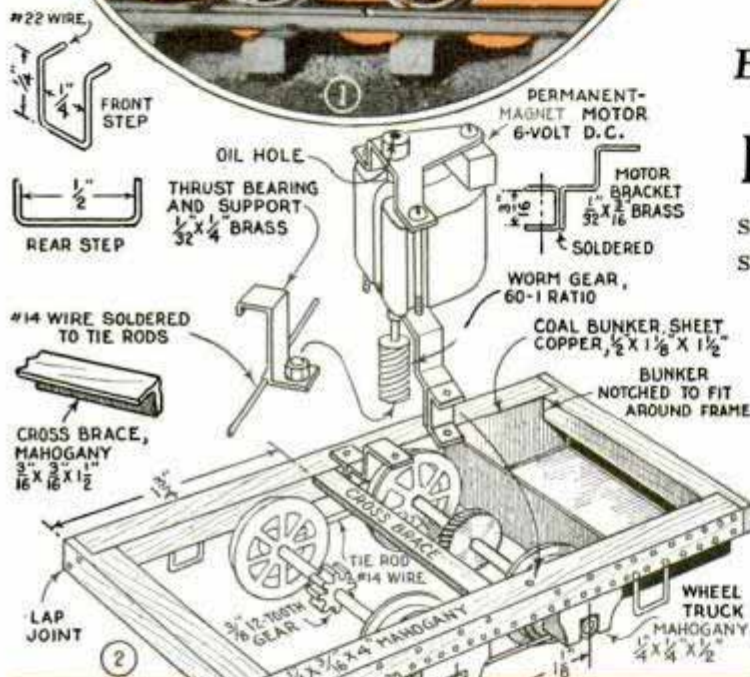
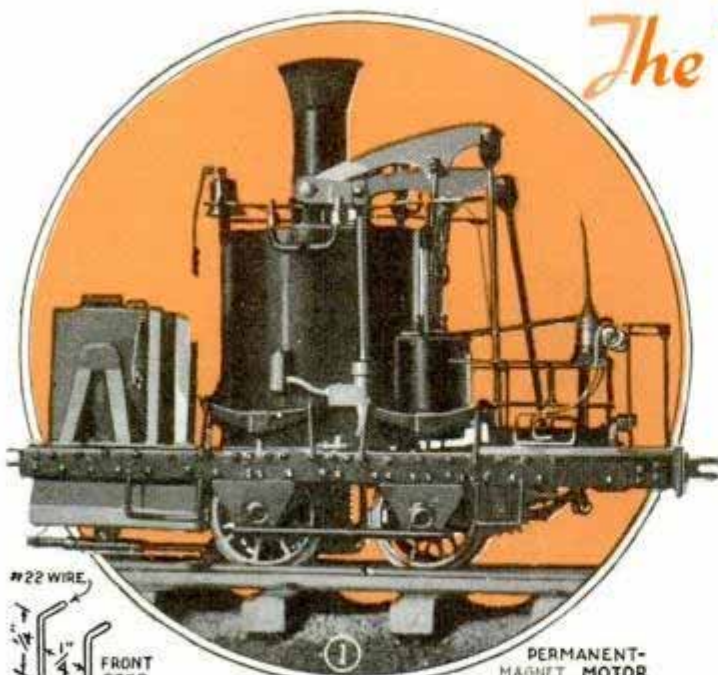


# The "ATLANTIC"

This model, one-forty-eighth the size of its famous American prototype, fits standard-size model-railway track and actually runs under power of a tiny permanent-magnet motor, located in the boiler. Standard rod, wire, tubing and other materials are used and lathe work, which is usually the largest part of a model locomotive job, has been reduced to a minimum.

By ALEXANDER MAXWELL

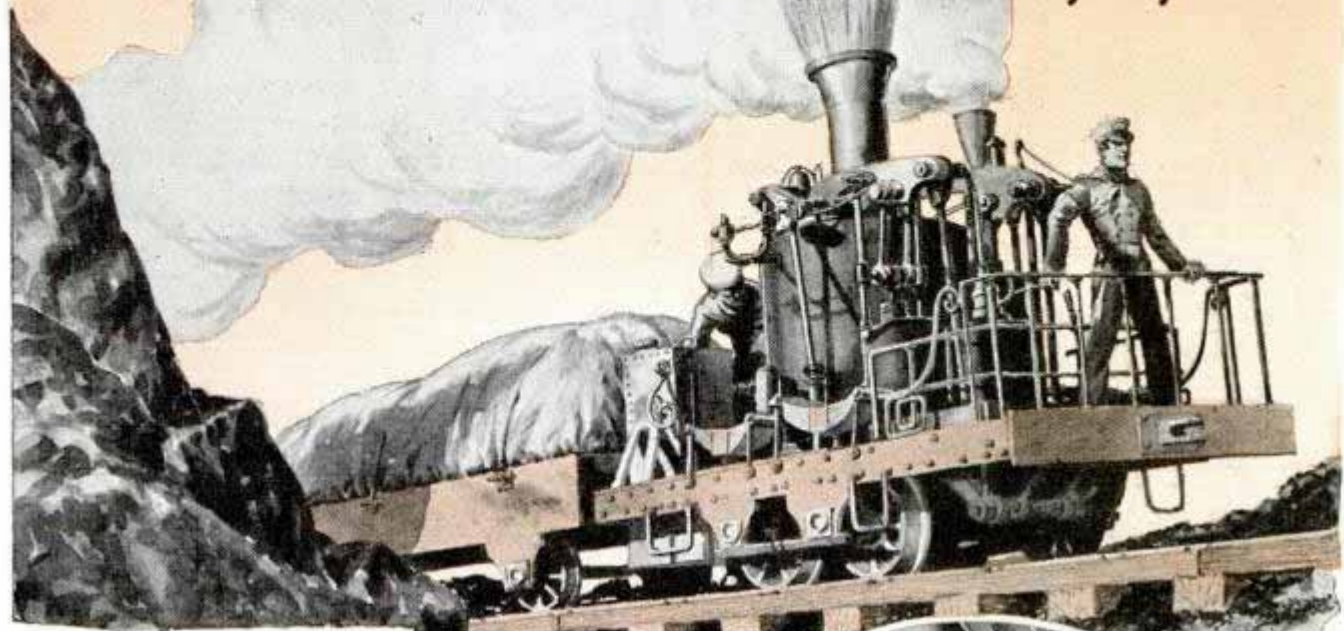
IN 1832, a new locomotive, especially designed for mountain runs, had steam up at Baltimore. Behind it were several cars, loaded with fifty tons of freight. At 30 m.p.h. it rolled over the open road, then took the grade at 12 m.p.h. It strained and it snorted, but kept going, and with a triumphant blast of the whistle coasted to a stop at the very end of the line, high in the hills of Maryland. In 1898 the "Atlantic," and its companion, the "Jefferson," were retired from active service. Both are in running condition and now make the rounds of fairs and exhibitions. For this model, shown completed in Fig. 1, all measurements were taken from the original engine. It is slightly simplified to make use of existing parts and ma-





# --World's First Mountain Climber

1832 Locomotive, in miniature, runs on 0-gauge track

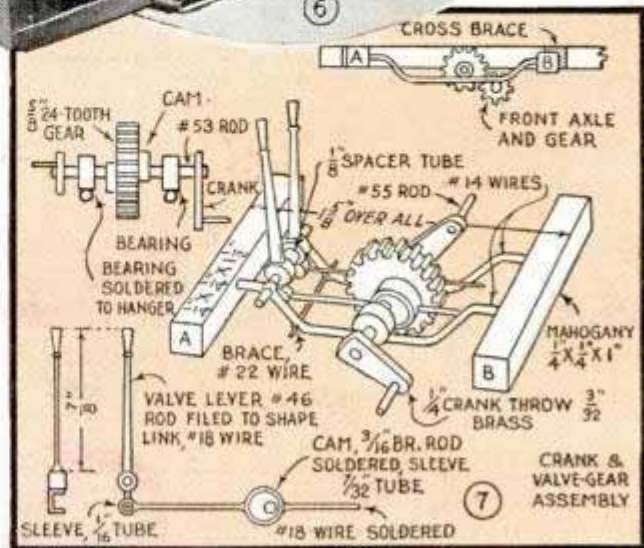
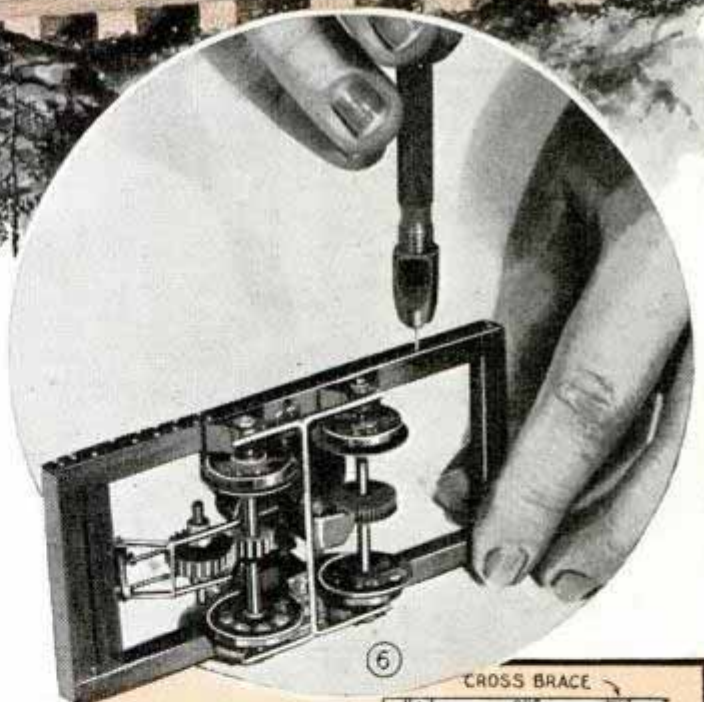


Although horses had been stationed along the track to pull the train in case of possible failure, the engine chugged along upgrade at 12 m.p.h., with several cars carrying 50 tons of freight

terial and is  $\frac{1}{48}$  actual size, which is "0" gauge. Two-rail track is the latest, so insulated wheels are specified. Several items are needed which are not commonly used by modelmakers. Clock wire, lengths of brass of sizes from No. 14 to No. 22; bronze bushings, which are already bored to size and come in 2-in. lengths; tiny Swiss files for delicate shaping of intricate parts. Your local jeweler knows where these can be obtained.

The bronze bushings are bored to fit standard drill rod. It is best to get the bushings first, then fit the rods to them. For the wheels, crankshaft and beams, the fit must be easy running; for the pistons and pump considerable slack is desirable as these parts are purely ornamental and should hang limp. Bronze bearings last for years if kept oiled. By the use of bushings and drill rod, lathe work on this model is kept down to a minimum.

The wooden chassis, Fig. 2, is held together with celluloid cement. After it has dried, bank pins may be driven for good



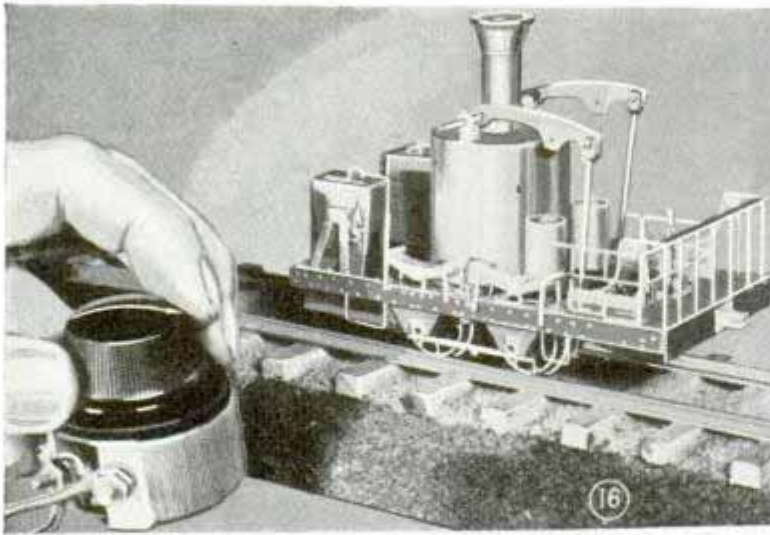












deck is tacked down with No. 24 escutcheon pins. The forward end is not fastened but rests against the chassis under the springs and is held down by the boiler. For rivets in the frame, use No. 24 pins, drilling a hole for each, Fig. 6, and placing them as in Fig. 2. Both sides are practically alike. The oilcan, poker and shovel, Fig. 14, are prominent fixtures. The shovel and poker hang from hooks on the water tanks. See Fig. 5.

The boiler shell, Fig. 11, goes directly over the motor as in Figs. 12 and 15. The two lugs go over the motor brackets slightly forward of the center line. Check the position carefully, getting the shell as far forward as possible, still clearing the motor. Mark where the lugs go, then solder them in place. The cylinders are first riveted to the boiler after which solder is run in around them. Locate the centerlines, Fig. 20, and put a rivet at top and bottom. Use No. 24 pins, bend them over and solder inside the boiler.

In this engine exhaust steam first turned the rotary blower, underneath the firebox,

then went up the pipe. This gracefully twines itself from behind the cylinder and up the side of the boiler, ending in a bell, Fig. 11. The three trycocks check the water level in the boiler, and the pump, Fig. 13, draws a constant supply from the tanks while the engine is moving. From the check valve, the pipe goes through the firebox for preheating, out the other side and up into the boiler.

The engine may be tried out on a length of track, to assure that each added part works without binding. Speed of the motor is

controlled with a radio rheostat as shown in Fig. 16. Use jigs freely, and hold the bearings rigid and parallel while being soldered. For example, when installing the axle on top of the boiler, Fig. 18, thrust it through the smokestack first, then slip a bearing on from either end. Downward pressure on the axle will hold these in place. Flow solder around them. The axle may now be withdrawn, as it must be, whenever the boiler is removed to get at the motor. Fig. 8 shows another jig; the four piston guides are set in holes drilled in wood, clamped in place against the cylinders and all are soldered at once.

The steam chest is made of lead, primarily because a traction weight is needed. Make a casting, Fig. 20, flow solder around it, and file to shape. For this use a very soft solder, which may be dressed down with a knife or sandpaper. The throttle, Fig. 21, fits on the center of the steam chest as in Fig. 18. When installing the piston rod and guide assembly, Fig. 18, the three rods are threaded on the pin, the two guides slipped in place and the whole low-

## MATERIAL LIST

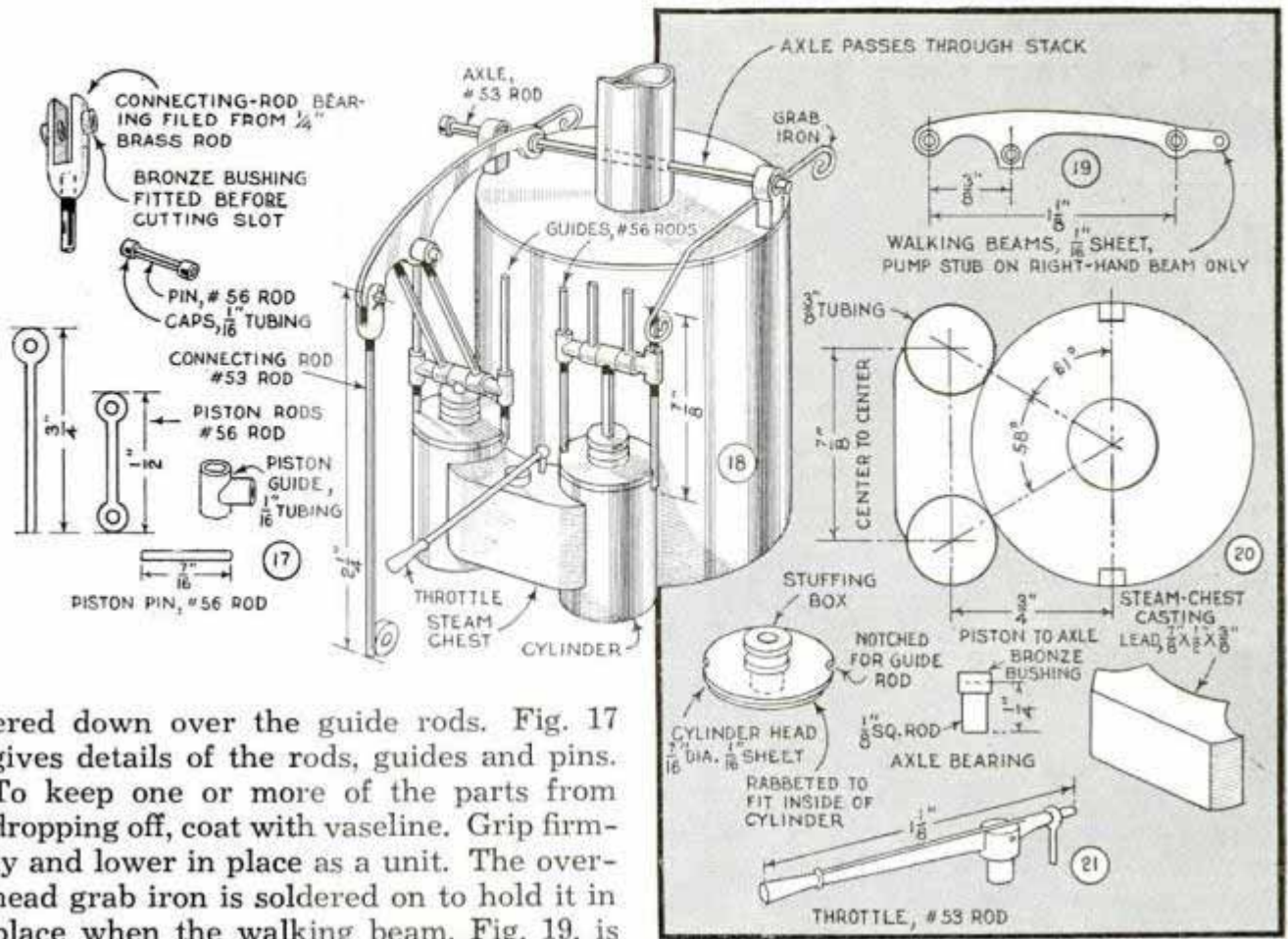
1/4" brass rod (6 in.)  
No. 56 rod (1 ft.)  
1/16" tubing (4 in.)  
No. 53 rod (1 ft.)  
1/16" sheet brass (2 x 3")  
3/8" tubing (4")  
Lead weights (5 oz.)  
1/8" square brass rod (2")  
1/4" square brass rod (2")  
No. 16 wire 1 length  
No. 20 wire 1 length  
No. 14 wire 1 length  
No. 60 rod 1 length

No. 22 wire 5 lengths  
1/32" sheet brass (6 x 6 in.)  
1/64" sheet brass (1 x 3 in.)  
1/8" copper tubing (3 in.)  
1-5/16" brass tube (1-7/16")  
3/32" tubing (3 in.)  
3/32" brass rod (3 in.)  
3/16" brass rod (3 in.)  
No. 18 wire (1 length)  
3/32" beads (3)  
5/16" ship's bell (1)  
2/56" machine screws (4)  
7/32" tube (3 in.)

1/4 x 3/16" mahogany strip (1 ft.)  
3/16 x 3/16" mahogany strip (1 ft.)  
1/4 x 1/4 x 1/2" mahogany blocks (4)  
3/16" Bakelite rod (3")  
3/16" phosphor bronze strip (3 in.)  
No. 60 piano wire (spring) (15c roll)  
1 Knapp per-mag motor (\$3.50)  
1 60-1 worm gear for above  
1 5/8" 24-tooth gear No. 53 bore  
1 3/8" 12-tooth gear to fit on axle  
2 0-gauge axles and wheels (2 rail)  
1 1/8" ball bearing (thrust)  
No. 46 rod (1 ft.) No. 53 rod (1 ft.)

Bronze bushings to fit No. 53 rod, No. 56 rod axles





ered down over the guide rods. Fig. 17 gives details of the rods, guides and pins. To keep one or more of the parts from dropping off, coat with vaseline. Grip firmly and lower in place as a unit. The overhead grab iron is soldered on to hold it in place when the walking beam, Fig. 19, is removed. The pins between beam and connecting rod are permanent. Solder a cap to one end, install, then solder the cap to the other end. Those between the beam and pistons must be removable. The cap goes on one end, but a No. 76 hole is drilled in the other and a piece of radio coil wire is used as a cotter pin.

According to an early account the "Atlantic" was red, trimmed with gold, gray and green. Select a high-grade, dark-red automobile enamel, pour out some in a cup and mix with a few drops of turpentine and enough black coach color to lower the

shade to an ox blood. Apply three coats, a day apart, to the entire boiler, chassis sides and water tanks. The deck and coal-bunker sides are dark gray. Antique the deck with black to look like worn spots and weather stains. The walking beams, grabirons and railings are gold with a dash of copper green. The pipes are gold and gray, and the bearings are dark green. Use black on the springs, steps and journals. Make the spring bands and fire shovel dark green. The ball and whistle are left natural brass.

## Cutting Large Sheets of Paper Accurately on a Trimmer

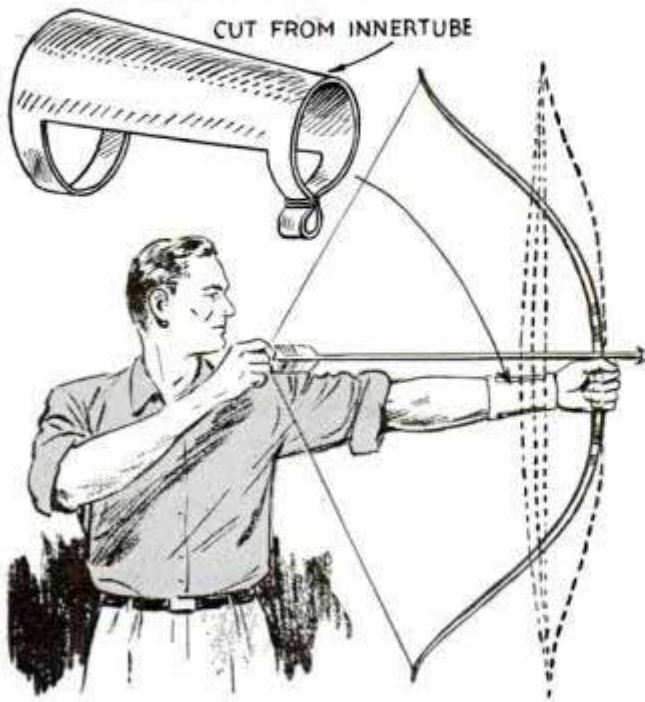
Difficulty in trimming sheets of paper that require one or more strokes of the cutting blade to finish each edge can be overcome by using a thumbtack to keep the sheet from moving to one side or the other as it is moved forward for the second stroke of the cutter. The tack is pushed through the paper on the cutting line so that the projecting point will bear against one side of the lower cutting blade and serve as a guide.

—Leon Kubala, Seguin, Tex.





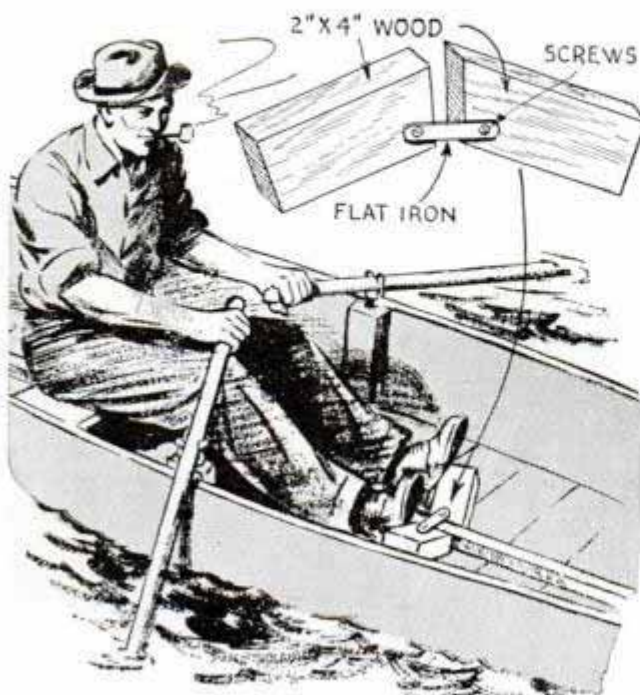
## Archers' Rubber Wrist Guard Cut Out of Inner Tube



Essential to an archer in preventing the bowstring from chafing the wrist, a guard can be made from a piece of inner tube. To make the lower end fit the wrist snugly, a small loop is bound off with a stout cord as indicated.

## Footrest on Boat Is Adjustable to Suit Different People

To accommodate a rowboat to various people who rented it, the owner of a summer camp used this adjustable footrest. It



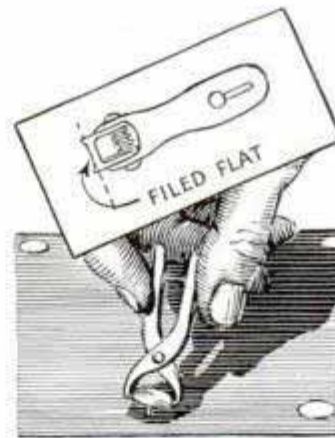
consists of two lengths of 2 by 4-in. wood, which are hinged together with a length of flat iron. The footrest straddles the center strip on the boat bottom, and pressure of the rower's feet against either block locks it in the desired position.

## Old Safety Razor Used as Sander on Delicate Work

For smoothing small pieces, or the inner surfaces of curved work, a simple little sander may be made in a jiffy by merely removing the blade from an old safety razor and slipping a piece of sandpaper over the end as indicated. When the handle is tightened, the comb guard grips the sandpaper.



## Nail Clipper Pulls Thumbtacks



head of the tack and then tipped sideways to pull it out.—K. Fish, St. Cloud, Minn.

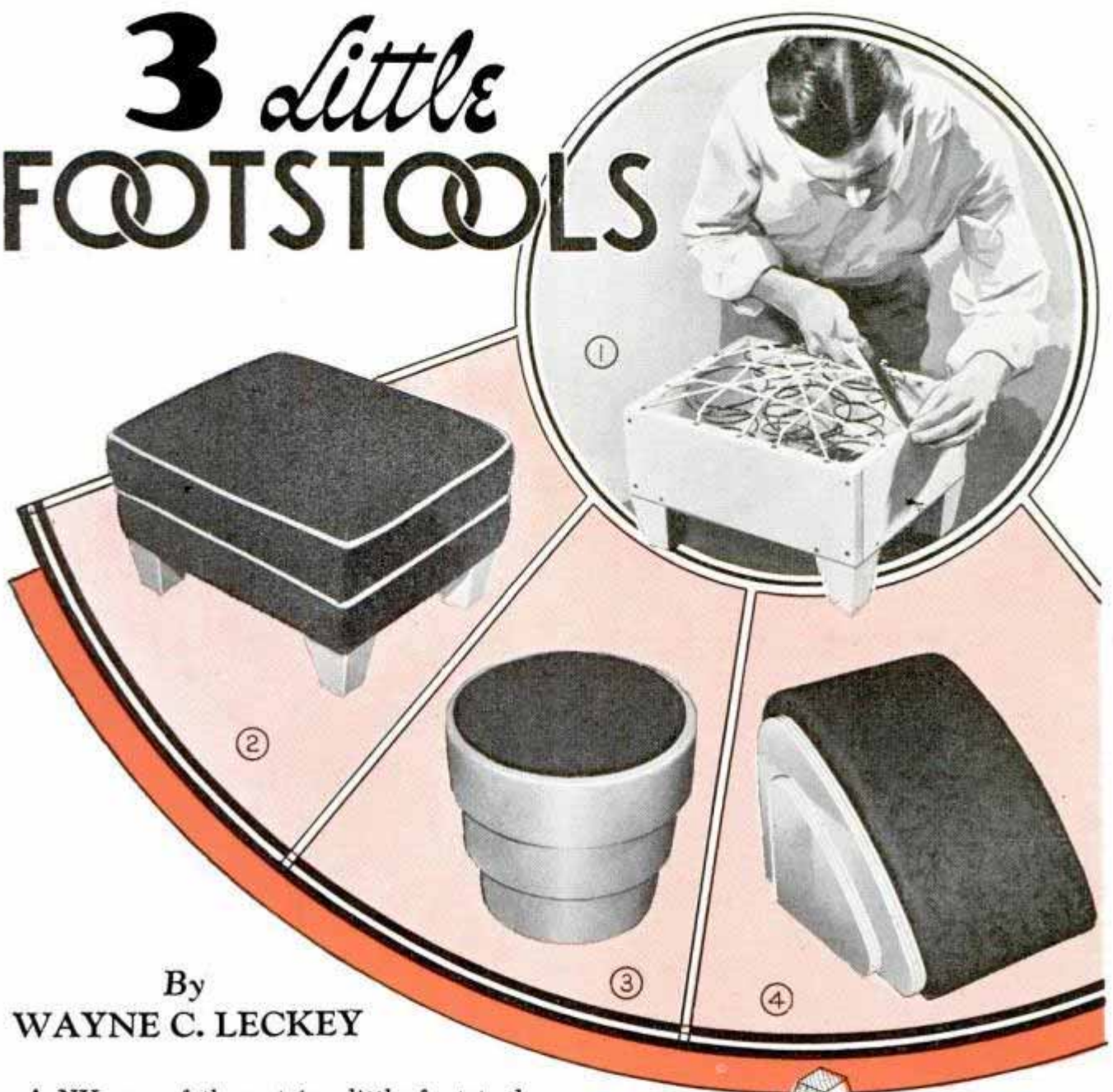
## Safety Pin Holds Fishhooks

Fishhooks can be kept from getting tangled and scattered around by just stringing them on a safety pin. Pins of various sizes may be used in proportion to the number and size of hooks carried, which can be taken off one at a time as they are needed.





# 3 Little FOOTSTOOLS

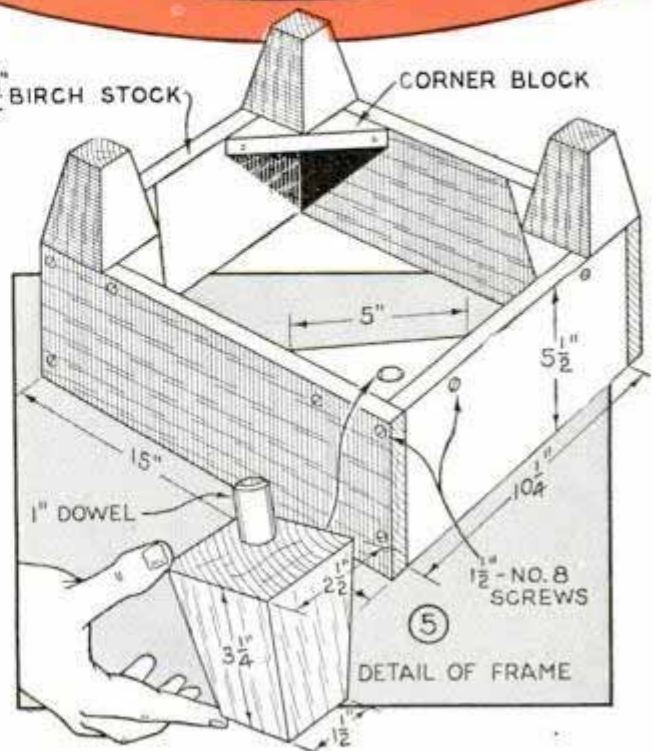


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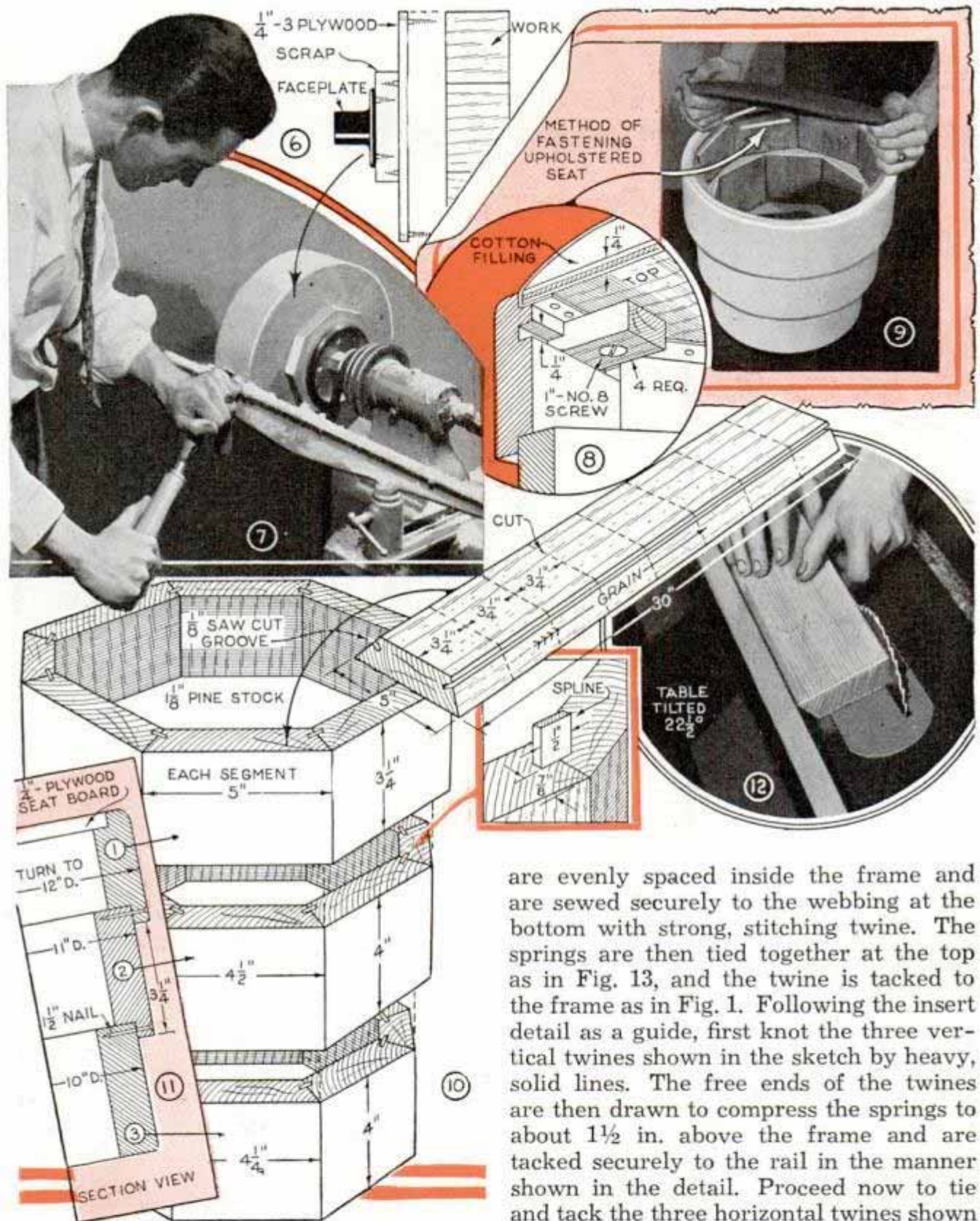
ANY one of these trim, little footstools, designed and tailored in the latest styling, will add an attractive touch to your home furnishings. They can be made and upholstered easily right in your own shop.

To make the spring-filled stool shown in Fig. 2, your first job is to make a rough, boxlike framework as detailed in Fig. 5. This should be made of hardwood, preferably birch, to hold tacks well. Plain, butt joints glued and screwed securely will do in assembling. The short, "stub" legs are cut from 2½-in. square stock and are tapered accurately by first drawing guide lines from the top corners. To make the dowel register in both leg and corner block, clamp the leg flush at the corner of the frame and bore down through both with a 1-in. bit from the inside.

The frame is now ready to upholster.





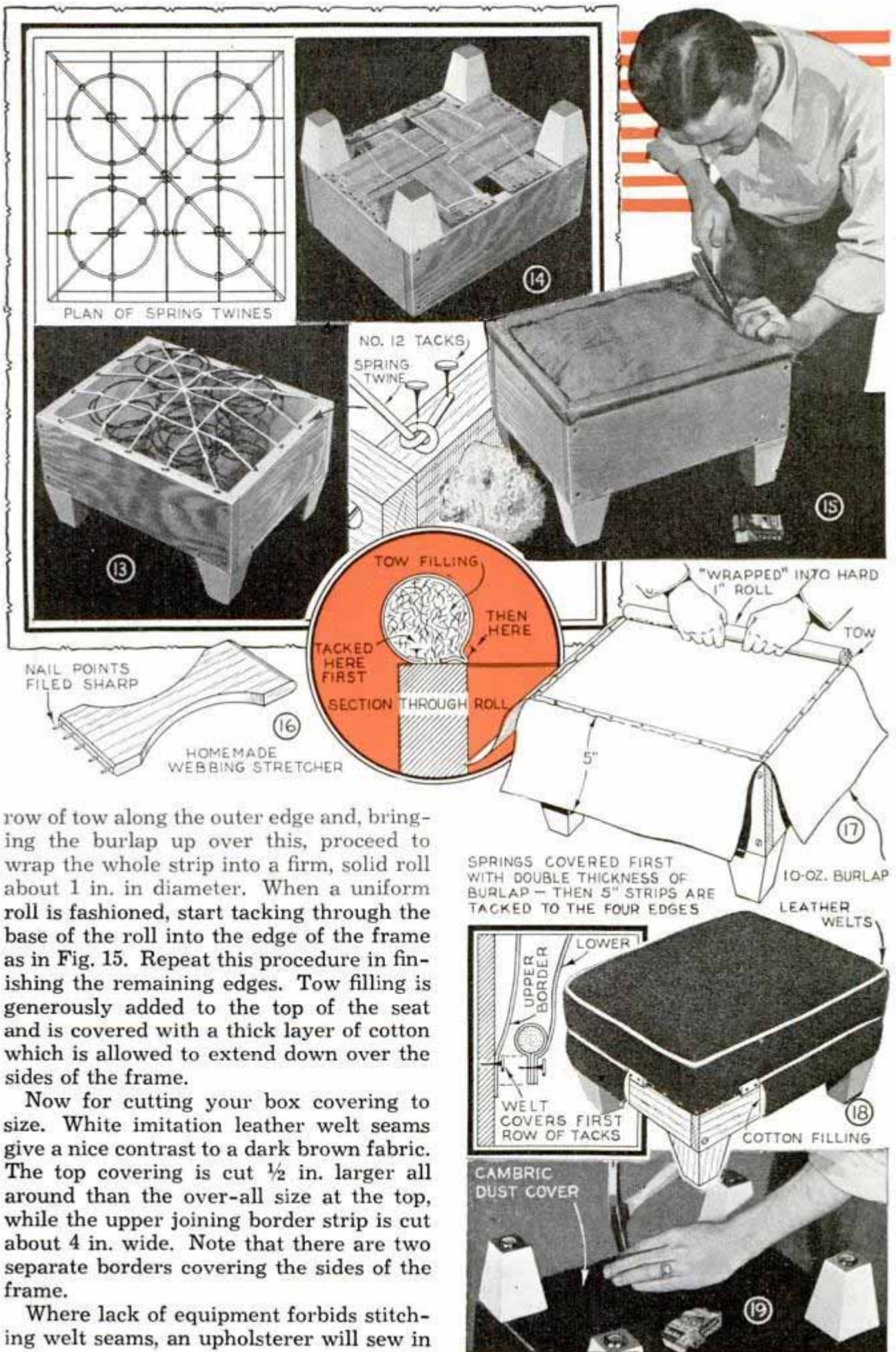


The bottom is first strung with webbing as in Fig. 14. This is easily stretched taut with a homemade tool as shown in Fig. 16. Nail points driven in at one end serve to grasp the webbing while prying downward. Interlace two strips each way, double tacking the ends with 10-oz. tacks.

Next, four No. 3 wide-center coil springs

are evenly spaced inside the frame and are sewed securely to the webbing at the bottom with strong, stitching twine. The springs are then tied together at the top as in Fig. 13, and the twine is tacked to the frame as in Fig. 1. Following the insert detail as a guide, first knot the three vertical twines shown in the sketch by heavy, solid lines. The free ends of the twines are then drawn to compress the springs to about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. above the frame and are tacked securely to the rail in the manner shown in the detail. Proceed now to tie and tack the three horizontal twines shown dotted in the sketch, knotting the twine at each point indicated. Finally, when the two diagonal twines are in place, you will have made 32 knots. Next, the springs are covered with a double thickness of 10-oz. burlap, drawing it firmly and tacking to the top edges of the frame. Follow this by tacking 5-in. strips along the four edges as shown in Fig. 17. To form the roll, place a





row of tow along the outer edge and, bringing the burlap up over this, proceed to wrap the whole strip into a firm, solid roll about 1 in. in diameter. When a uniform roll is fashioned, start tacking through the base of the roll into the edge of the frame as in Fig. 15. Repeat this procedure in finishing the remaining edges. Tow filling is generously added to the top of the seat and is covered with a thick layer of cotton which is allowed to extend down over the sides of the frame.

Now for cutting your box covering to size. White imitation leather welt seams give a nice contrast to a dark brown fabric. The top covering is cut 1/2 in. larger all around than the over-all size at the top, while the upper joining border strip is cut about 4 in. wide. Note that there are two separate borders covering the sides of the frame.

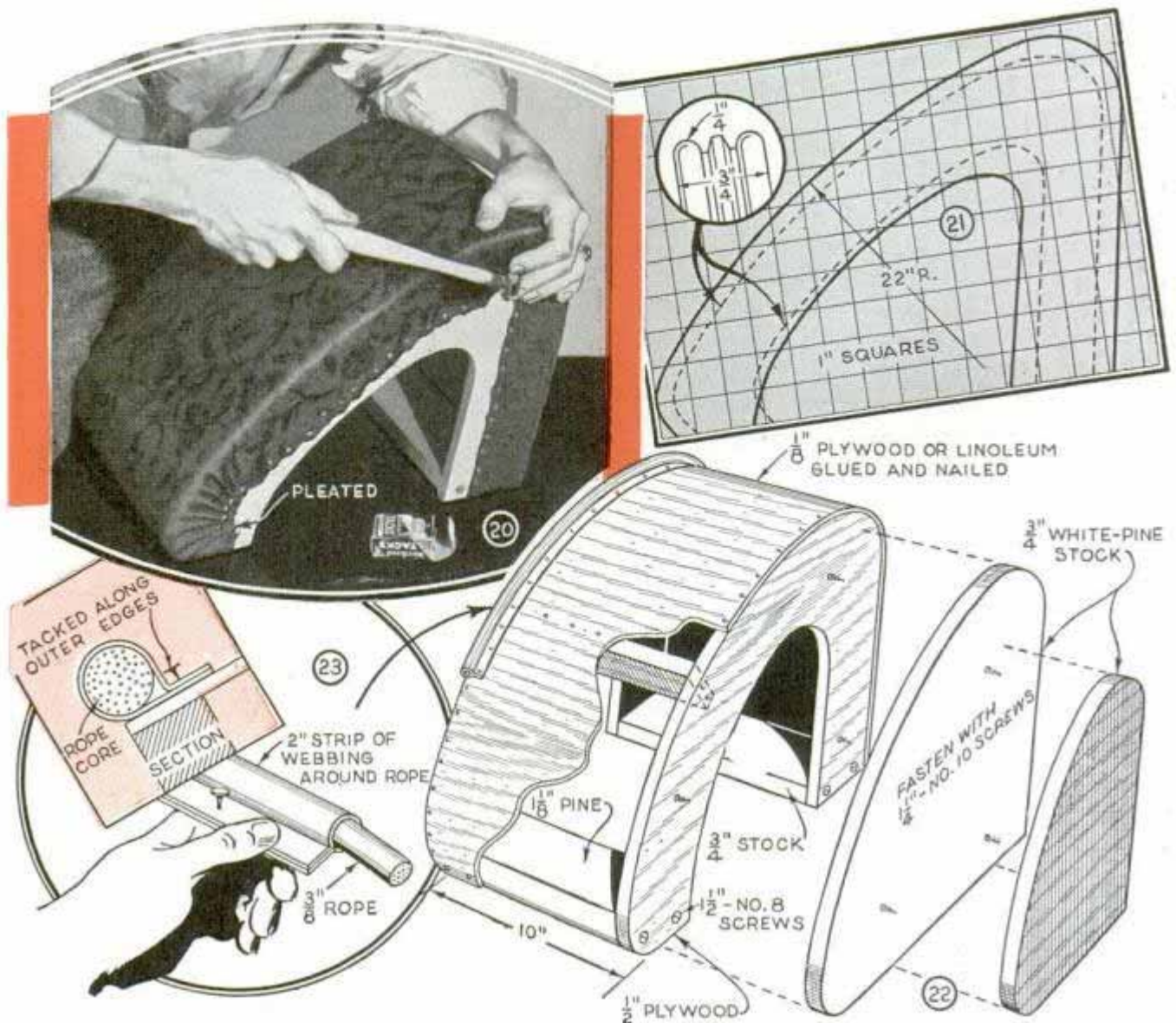
Where lack of equipment forbids stitching welt seams, an upholsterer will sew in

SPRINGS COVERED FIRST WITH DOUBLE THICKNESS OF BURLAP - THEN 5" STRIPS ARE TACKED TO THE FOUR EDGES

LEATHER WELTS  
COTTON FILLING

CAMBRIC DUST COVER





the welt once you have the pieces cut to size. With the top and upper border joined with a welt between, draw it on over the padding and tack the lower edge of the border evenly around the entire frame as in Fig. 18. Then the lower border is fitted by blind tacking through the welt mid point up on the frame, keeping the welt running evenly. Finally, when the lower border is brought down smoothly and tacked to the underside of the rails, you'll have a very neat job with no tack heads visible. Complete the stool by tacking a piece of black cambric over the webbing on the bottom as in Fig. 19.

For a smart antiqued finish of bone-white enamel, the turned stool shown in Fig. 3 can very well be made of inexpensive pine stock. Begin construction with the three hexagon-shape rims in Fig. 10. Stock,  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. thick, from which the segments are cut, is first beveled and grooved on the saw as in Fig. 12 and then cross-cut

into eight equal lengths. Check the angle for an exact  $22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees by making a test cut on a scrap of wood first before cutting your stock. Then with splines cut to fit the grooves, glue the segments together on a flat surface. For a simple means of drawing the joints together temporarily while the glue is drying, a clamp fastener placed across each joint and driven just part way in to grip the stock, will pull the two together. Place these in both top and bottom edges.

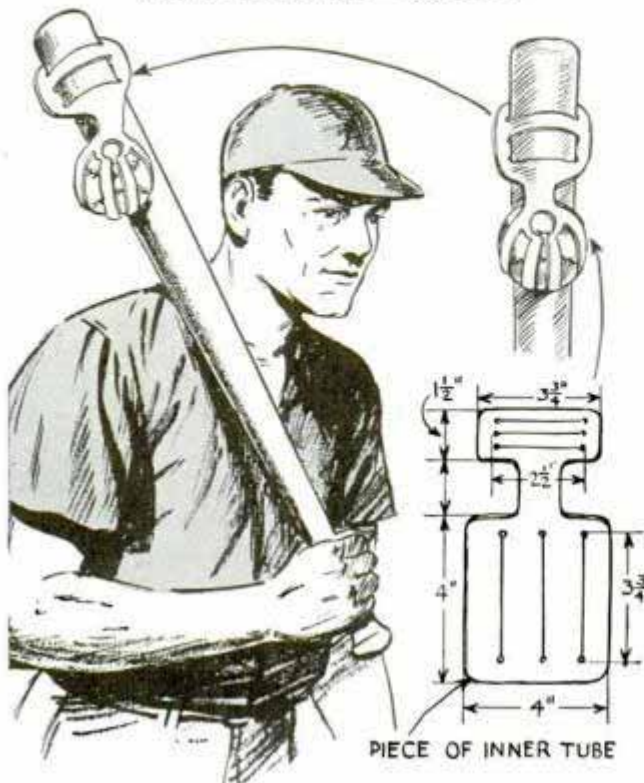
To swing the diameters called for in Fig. 11, makes it necessary to turn the work on the outer end of the lathe as in Fig. 7. The work is mounted on the face plate by means of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. disk which is screwed to the edge of the rim as in Figs. 6 and 7. Turn the largest rim first. This one requires a rabbet cut in both top and bottom edges. To cut these, first turn the rabbet in the bottom edge. Then by removing the work and turning down the plywood disk







## Bat and Ball Are Kept Together with Rubber Carrier



To assure that his bat and ball would always be together when wanted, one baseball player made up this simple ball holder, which slips over the bat. It is cut from a piece of inner tube to the size and shape indicated in the detail. The slits made in the rubber should terminate in round holes, otherwise the rubber is likely to tear out. When not in use, the holder is folded up and carried in the pocket.

—John R. Handley, Akron, Ohio.

## Tracking of Dirt Inside House Prevented by Screen Mat

Laid in front of an entrance door, this mat provides a good surface for scraping the shoe soles before entering the house.



It consists of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. mesh gravel screen tacked to wood slats, which are spaced about 1 in. apart. Heavy rubber can be tacked around the edges of the mat to prevent catching your toe on it, or better still, the outer slats can be beveled to provide a sloping surface.

—J. H. Dunnewin, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Acetic Acid Softens Celluloid to Etch It Easily

The next time you want to etch heavy sheet celluloid, coat it thoroughly with acetic acid before trying to cut it. The acid softens the celluloid so the etching tools can cut deeply and cleanly. After a few hours, the acid will evaporate and leave the celluloid in its original condition.



## Teeth of Pipe Wrench Sharpened with Valve-Grinding Compound



Teeth on the jaws of a pipe wrench often become flattened or nicked so that they do not grip securely. As the jaws of most pipe wrenches are so hard that a file will not cut them,

they can be sharpened by using valve-grinding compound. Apply the compound to a coarse three-cornered file and then rub it back and forth between the teeth. The compound will collect between the file teeth and slowly work out when pulling it back and forth over the pipe jaws.

☞ To keep artificial flowers in a permanently attractive position, place the stems in a mixture of hot paraffin and sand poured in the bottom of the vase.



# Removing Common Household STAINS from FABRICS

Tested methods anyone can use in applying various chemicals on clothes, upholstery, rugs, linens and other fabrics

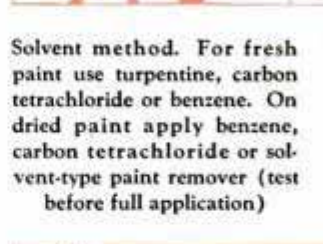
**R**EMOVAL of various ordinary stains from silk, cotton, rayon, and other fabrics becomes an easy matter if you use the right chemicals and methods. First you make sure as to what sort of stain is present, as application of the wrong spot remover may fix the stain so that removal is almost impossible. It is equally important to know what the material is, as silk and wool will be damaged by many agents that are perfectly safe on cotton, and some solvents will dissolve or soften certain types of rayons. Dyes also must be considered, as many of the chemicals used will not only take away the spot but also the dye. Use of water must be undertaken with caution with delicate fabrics, as many fabrics will water-spot. Finally, it must be remembered that some spots are truly indelible, and it is sometimes better to leave a spot alone than to make it look worse by working on it. "Spotting" makes use of a number of types of agents, which include solvents, chemical agents, and absorbent powders. Stains are treated by three methods, namely solvent, chemical, and absorption. The chemicals needed can be obtained at most drug stores.

**Solvent Method:** With this method the idea is to wash the stain out of the fabric into a blotting pad underneath. The solvent remaining in the fabric then evaporates. This method is used to remove grease and oil stains. The best solvents are carbon tetrachloride, benzene, and cleaner's naphtha or Stoddard Solvent



*Grease*

Solvent method. Best solvents for grease and oil stains are carbon tetrachloride, benzene, cleaner's naphtha (see text for safety precautions) or Stoddard solvent. Also see text



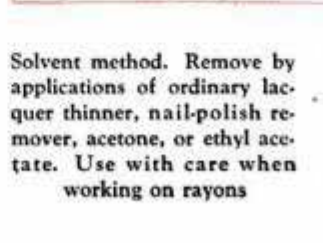
*Paint*

Solvent method. For fresh paint use turpentine, carbon tetrachloride or benzene. On dried paint apply benzene, carbon tetrachloride or solvent-type paint remover (test before full application)



*Tar*

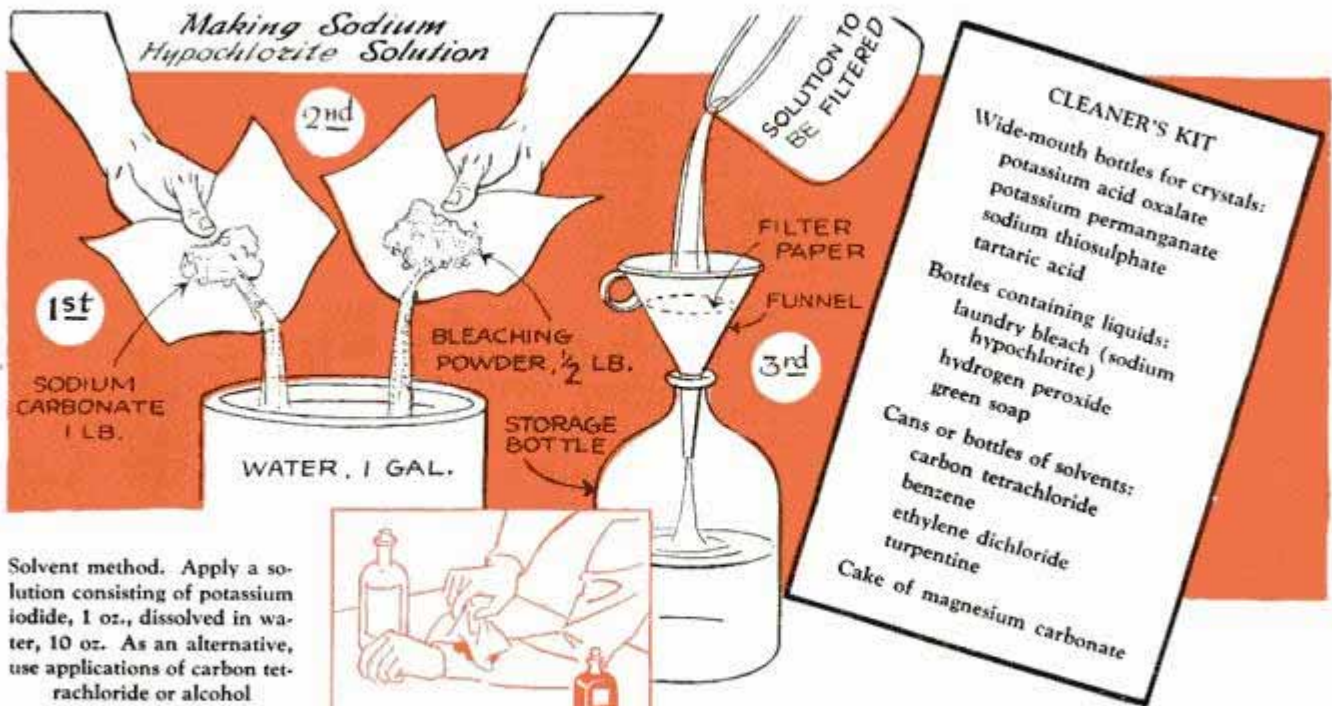
Solvent method. On rugs and clothing tar spots can be removed usually by means of ethylene dichloride or benzene. (Former is unsafe on acetate rayons and some dyed goods)



*Nail Polish and Lacquer*

Solvent method. Remove by applications of ordinary lacquer thinner, nail-polish remover, acetone, or ethyl acetate. Use with care when working on rayons





Solvent method. Apply a solution consisting of potassium iodide, 1 oz., dissolved in water, 10 oz. As an alternative, use applications of carbon tetrachloride or alcohol



Chemical method. Saturated solution of potassium acid oxalate in water. Do not use on some dyes or if fabric water-spots. Rinse with cold water after spot has been removed

Chemical method. Sodium hypochlorite on cotton, linen or rayon. If it affects dye, and on silk or wool, use cold water, then 3% hydrogen peroxide. Potassium permanganate, 1 oz., in water, 1 pt., can also be used



Chemical method. Sodium hypochlorite on cotton, linen or rayon. If this affects dye, and on silk or wool, use potassium acid oxalate. Brown or yellow stains from sodium hypochlorite are treated as rust stains

Chemical method. Sodium hypochlorite on linen, cotton or rayon. On silk or wool, use tartaric acid, 4 oz., dissolved in water, 1 pt. On silks use green soap



Chemical method. For stains caused by various kinds of fruits and also those caused by grass and leaves, apply the same treatments as advised for coffee, tea and mildew stains

(which is safer than naphtha). Carbon tetrachloride is recommended as it is non-inflammable. Your cleaner's kit should also contain ethylene dichloride, turpentine and "green soap"—an alcoholic solution of soap. Solvents always should be used where ventilation is good. With inflammable solvents, particularly naphtha, be very careful as the fumes are dangerous.

In applying a solvent, care must be taken to avoid spreading the spot, and also leaving a ring. The fabric should be laid on a flat surface, with a pad of clean cloth or blotting paper underneath. The solvent is applied sparingly so that it will not spread the stain. It is applied with a clean cloth, rubbing in one direction only. The solvent will carry the stain into the pad underneath. After the spot has been removed, a ring or clean spot often will be left. This can be eliminated only by skillfully blending it at the edges to make the change more gradual. The ten small illustrations with accompanying cleaning suggestions tell what solvents to use for various stains. Most of the solvents recommended do not affect dyes or fabrics.

**Chemical Method:** In using a chemical, the stain is not washed out directly but is, in a practical sense, "bleached" and the chemical that remains in the fabric must be removed by washing. When using chemical methods there is always the likelihood of damaging dyed or printed goods, and the chemical always should be tested on the selvage first. After applying a chem-

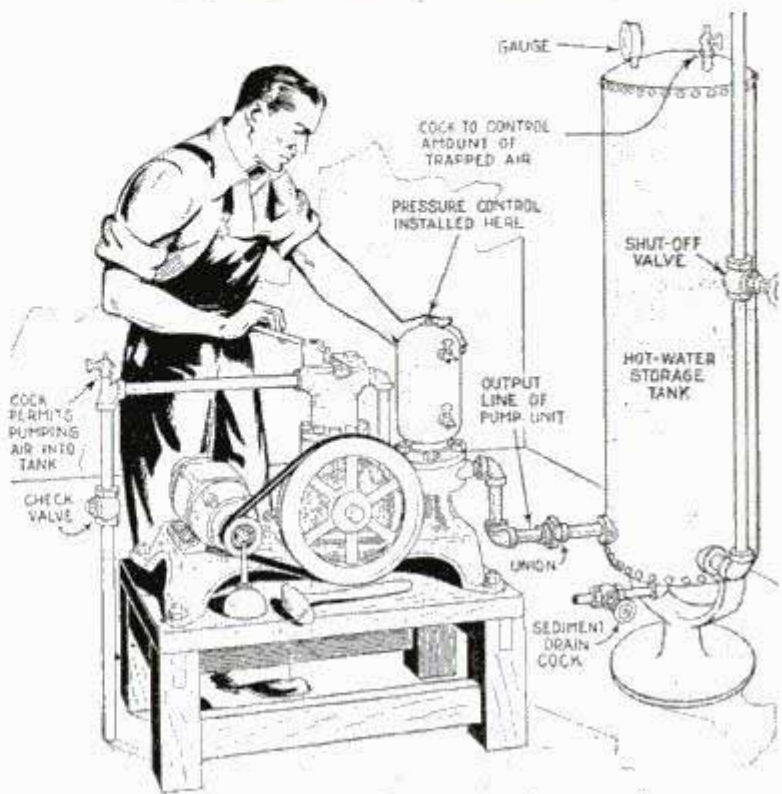


ical solution to a stain, and the stain has disappeared, rinse away the remaining chemical with water. In some cases the recommended chemicals are unsafe on delicate fabrics, on account of the dye or because of water-spotting. In such cases, about the only thing to do is to rinse with water, if that is safe, and in any case to try the use of green soap on the spot. After using the green soap, rinse with alcohol. The use of potassium permanganate may leave a dark stain, which can be removed from the cloth with a solution of sodium thiosulphate.

**Sodium-hypochlorite solution** is a useful and powerful spot remover for cotton, linen, and rayon, but affects many dyes and silk and wool. It can be made by dissolving sodium carbonate (washing soda), 1 lb., in water, 1 gal., and adding chlorinated lime, ½ lb. After being mixed well, the solids are allowed to settle to the bottom and the clear liquid poured off or filtered. If preferred, a chlorine-type laundry bleach labeled "sodium hypochlorite, 5%" can be used.

**Absorption Method:** This is usually applied only in the case of grease and oil stains. Magnesium carbonate, talc, whiting, and other fine-grained powders have the property of absorbing oils and greases. Of these, magnesium carbonate is the best, and is available in cake form from dry-goods stores. It can be rubbed on the spot, where it is left until the oil is absorbed, and is then brushed off. On stains that are not fresh, it is even better to powder some of the magnesium carbonate and mix it to a paste with benzene (benzol, from coal tar, not benzine, which is similar to gasoline). The paste is rubbed on the spot, allowed to dry, and brushed off. The benzene dissolves the grease or oil and the magnesium carbonate absorbs it. This is useful on heavy garments such as coats.

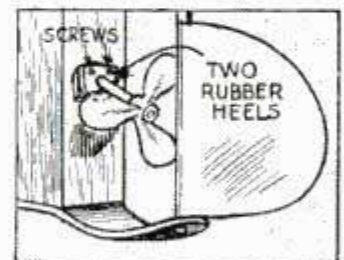
## Pressure Tank on Water Pump Gives Smooth Flow



After leasing a home in which water pressure was provided by a small pump of the instantaneous type that started when a faucet was opened, and often forced the water out in spurts, one man fitted the pump with a small pressure tank. This was a used hot-water tank and smoothed out the pump impulses. The drawing shows how the installation was made.—John W. Schulz, Bay Shore, N. Y.

## Stern Bearing for Boat Propeller Shaft Made from Rubber Heels

Two large rubber heels provide a good substitute for a rubber-lined stern bearing for a boat propeller shaft. With a half-round chisel or gouge, make a hole through the center of each one to take the shaft tightly. Push the heels on the shaft, line it up with the engine inside the stuffing box and then screw the heels to the stern deadwood with the rear edge of one upward and the other with the rear edge down. Resiliency of the rubber allows for any slight misalignment, eases the strain on the engine and tends to produce a quiet-running bearing. As water lubricates rubber, your bearing will last indefinitely.

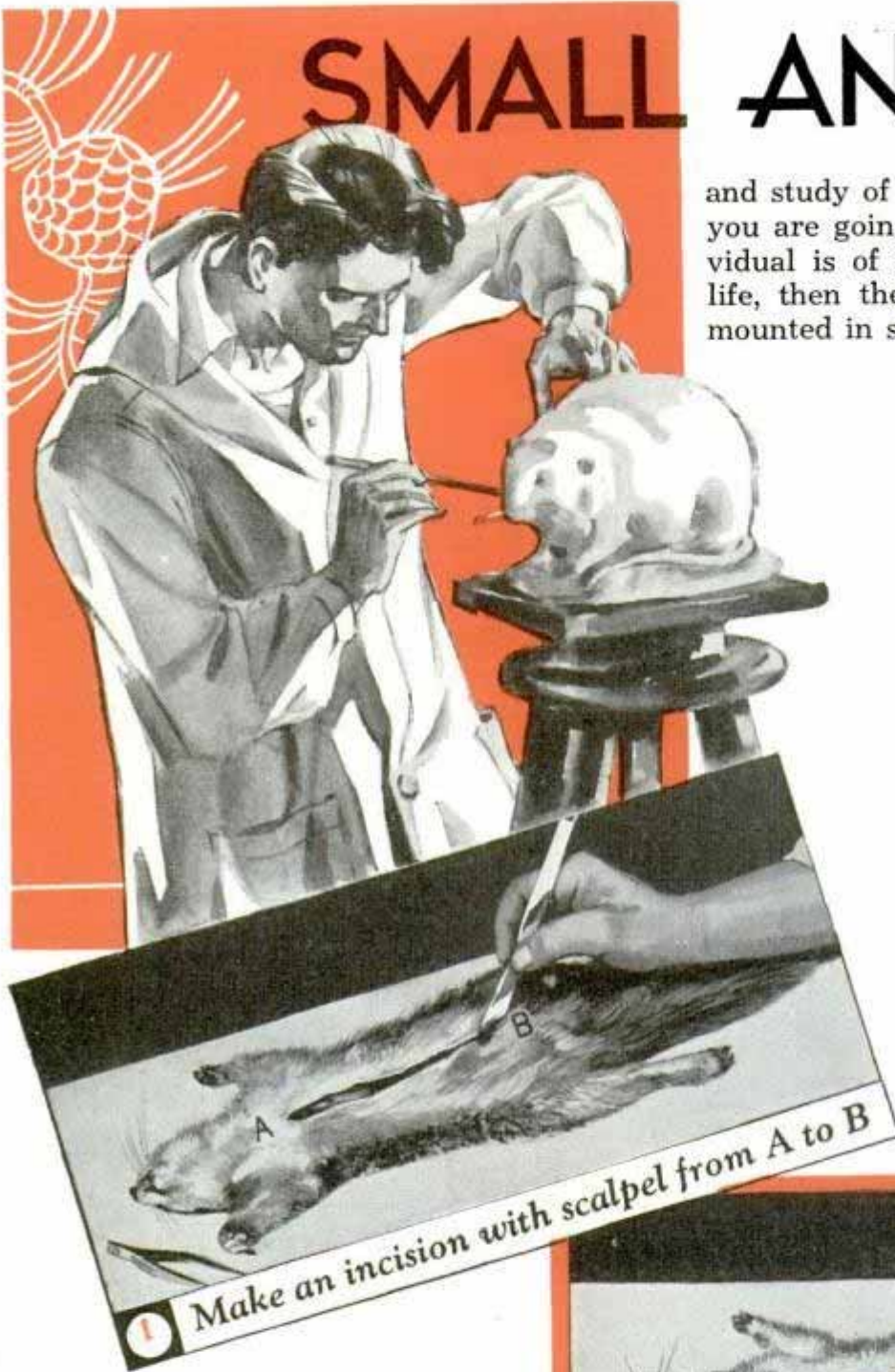




# SMALL ANIMALS

and study of the habits of the animal you are going to mount. If the individual is of a species very active in life, then the specimen should be mounted in such a way as to emphasize some characteristic pose or action.

For the first subject you might choose a squirrel. An animal of this size is easy to skin properly. Although the methods described refer directly to the mounting of a squirrel, any animal, except the larger ones, can be mounted in a like manner. Lay the squirrel on its back, the head pointing to your left and with a scalpel, or a sharp knife, make an incision from A to B as in Fig. 1. Work the skin down each side toward the back, being careful not to cut through the abdomen or



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ONE of the first steps in mounting a small animal is to become thoroughly familiar with that particular species in life, that is the anatomy and characteristic poses so that these can be worked accurately and attractively into the mounted specimen. This means some observation

the skin. When you reach the back legs skin each leg down the inside of the foot, Fig. 2, A. When the foot is reached, skin down to the toes, and cut it from the leg but leave the entire foot attached to the skin, Fig. 2, B.

After both back legs have been skinned

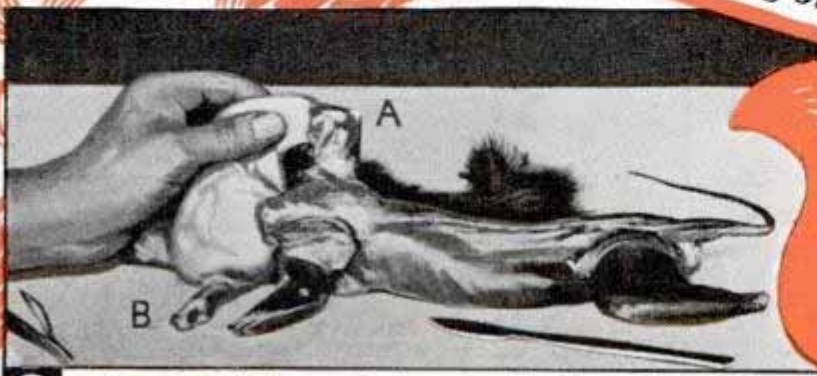
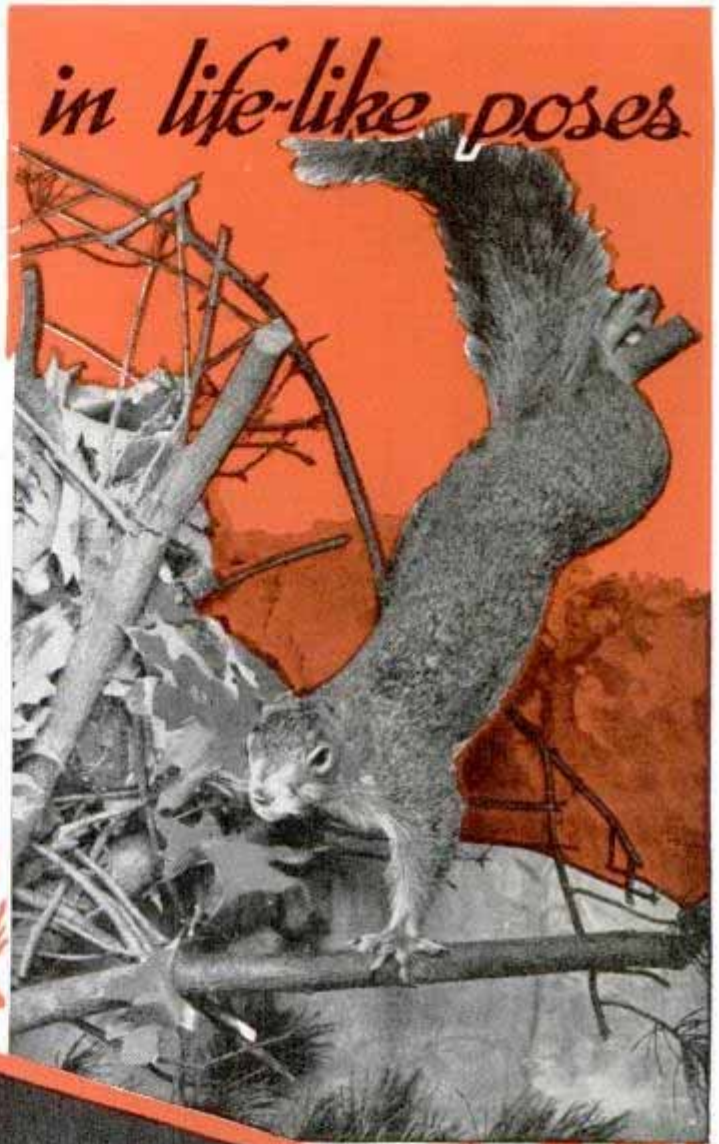


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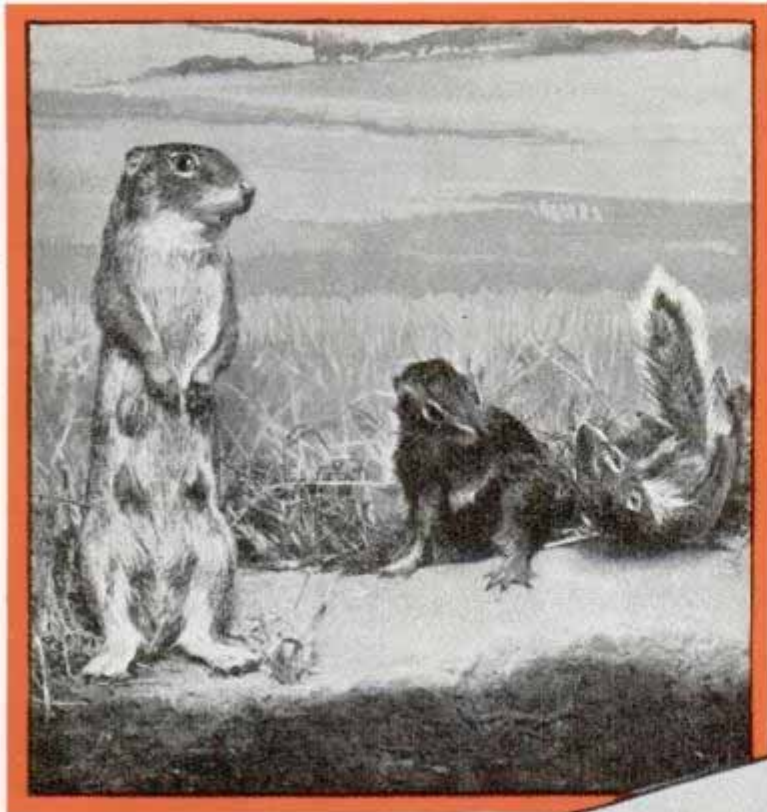
*in life-like poses*

out, separate the skin from around the base of the tail and skin it a part of the way down. Now grasp the part of the tail that is skinned out and firmly but gently pull on the skin until the tail bone pulls loose, Fig. 3, A. It is most important that the entire tail bone be removed.

Skin the carcass down over the back toward the front legs. Do this by gently pulling the skin over the back, using the knife to separate it from the flesh, in much the same manner you would invert a glove in removing it from your hand. When the front legs are reached, skin them down the inside, as was done to the back legs, Fig. 4, A, and leave each foot attached to the skin, Fig. 4, B. Continue the skinning toward the head, being very careful in removing the skin around the ears and eyes that you do not cut through it. When the mouth is reached, continue skinning around the lips until the skin comes loose from the skull, Fig. 5, A. There is no need to remove the ear cartilage in the smaller animals. An important step at this time, is to make a small slit near the tip of the tail, so the preserving solutions can run through it. Wash the skin thor-



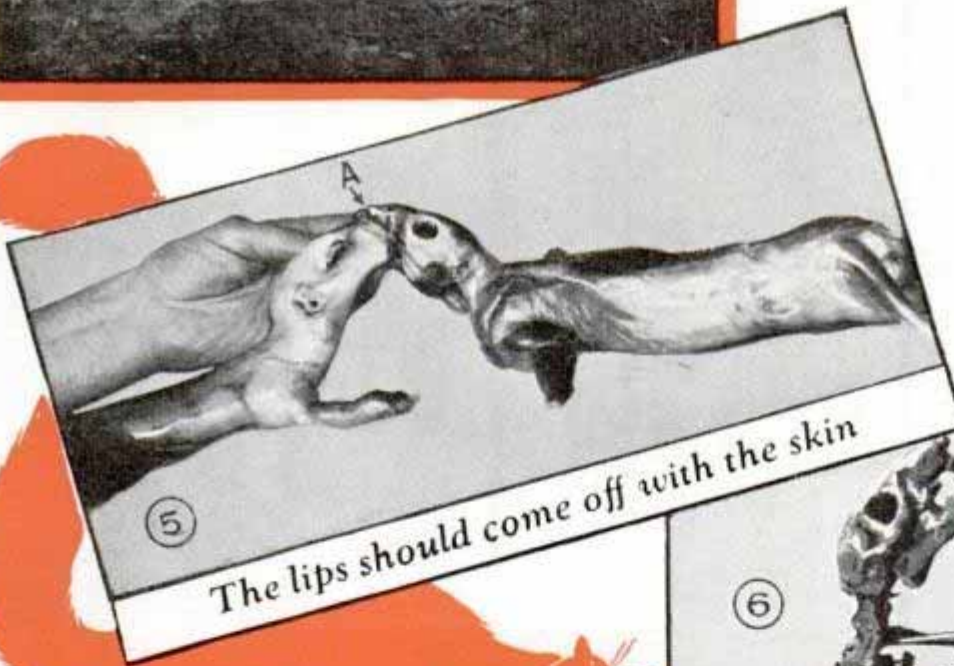




open the lips and nostrils, so they will not shrink in drying.

After the skin has been scraped, turn it right side out, put it back in the alcohol and leave for about two weeks. This tans the skin. When ready to put it on the modeled body, remove from the alcohol, allow to drain well and then immerse it in a saturate solution of borax-water. To make the borax water add carbolic acid, 1 teaspoonful, to water, 1 quart. Then after stirring thoroughly, add all the powdered borax the water will take up. This solution preserves the skin. Allow it to stay in the borax-water for about an hour, remove and hang up to drain.

In mounting by this method, the entire skeleton is used. As soon as the carcass is skinned, remove the intestines and cut away all flesh and muscles. Clean the head thoroughly by removing the brains through a small hole



The lips should come off with the skin



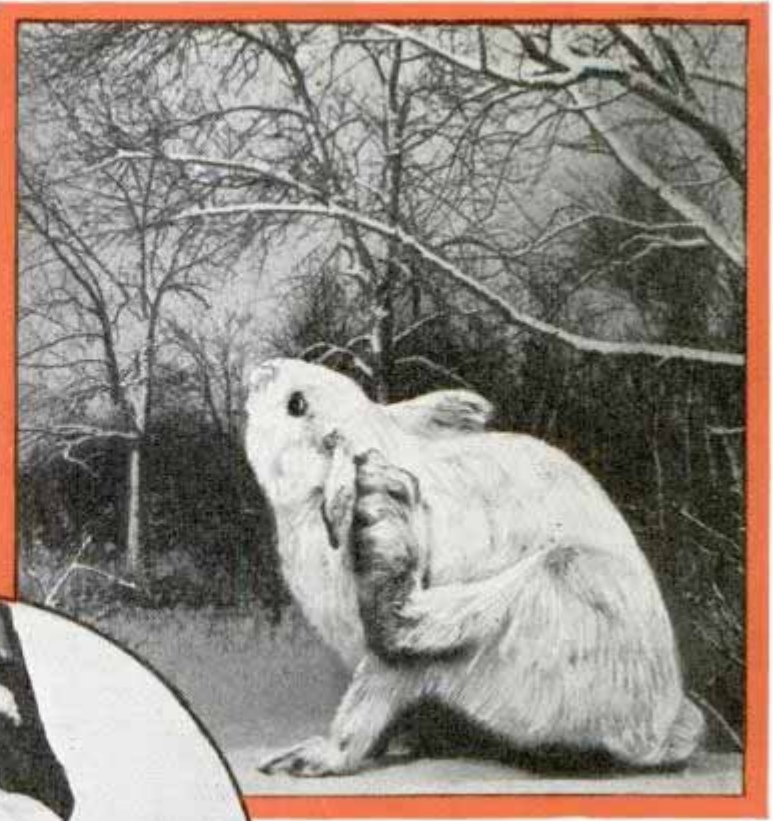
The entire skeleton is used in mounting

oughly in cold, running water, allow it to drain, then immerse in commercial grain alcohol in a glass container, leaving it in the alcohol for a day. Then remove and with a small scraper, which can be made by filing a few coarse teeth in the blade of a dull knife, scrape off the inner layer of skin which is over the entire flesh side. Be sure to scrape the skin thoroughly so that one can get the proper amount of stretch when mounting. With a sharp knife, shave down the skin around the eyes and split



made in the roof of the mouth. Remove the eyes and cut away all the face muscles. The tail can be cut off and discarded after making a notation of the length. Although all the flesh is cut away, do not cut the cartilage and ligaments that hold the bones together, as no part of the skeleton must be separated. When you have the skeleton thoroughly cleaned, wash it in cold, running water. Better still, let it soak in water overnight, then remove and allow to partly dry.

When ready to mount the squir-



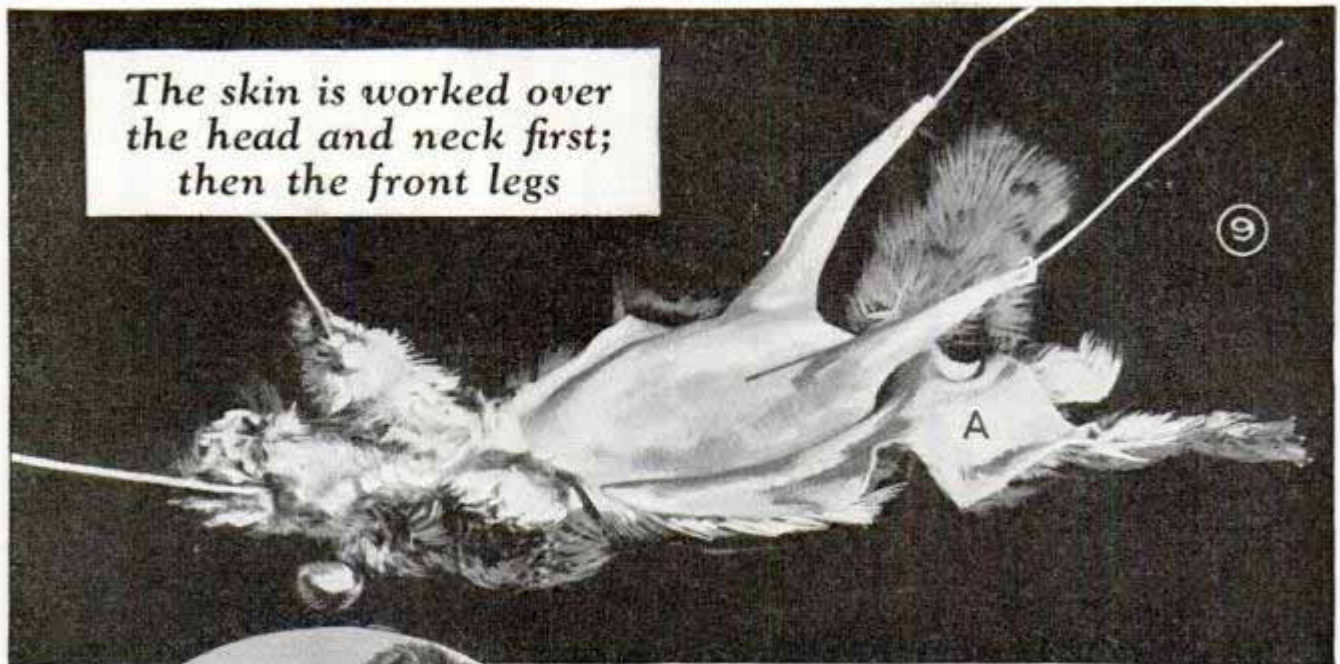
rel, cut the following wires: (larger, or smaller wires are used according to the size of the specimen) four No. 12-gauge wires, sharpened on one end for the legs, one No. 14-gauge wire, sharpened on each end for the head and neck, and one No. 18-gauge wire, tapered to a long point on one end and sharpened on the other. This is

the tail wire. Fit a block of balsa wood into the thorax Fig. 6, A. Make an artificial tail by wrapping very fine tow around the tail wire, starting about 3 in. from the tapered end.

Choose a suitable branch to mount the animal upon and decide now on the pose you want. Shellac the balsa-wood core and then wire the legs, the ends of each wire being forced into the wood core and wired to the leg bones; Fig. 6, B, B. The head and neck wire is worked through the top of the skull and fastened into the wood core. The tail is set into place but not fastened. Holes are drilled in the branch to receive the leg wires and the skeleton is shaped and allowed to dry, Fig. 6. While drying, brush it with formaldehyde. This will help to set the bones and will preserve the cartilage and ligaments.

Now, using papier-mache, model over





*The skin is worked over the head and neck first; then the front legs*



*Leg wires should be anchored securely*

the skeleton the flesh and muscles that were cut away. Try the skin on occasionally to be sure it fits and see that you are getting the correct contours to the body. Figs. 7 and 8 show the correct anatomy worked out in papier-mache, in the position chosen for the finished mount. Notice that the tail wire has been removed and that the eye sockets and the lip muscles are not as yet modeled in.

After the papier-mache has set, remove the body from the branch. Insert the tail wire into the tail skin and work it well down to the tip of the tail. Mix a small quantity of papier-mache for the eye sockets and lip muscles, but see that this is kept damp so it will not set. Put a small

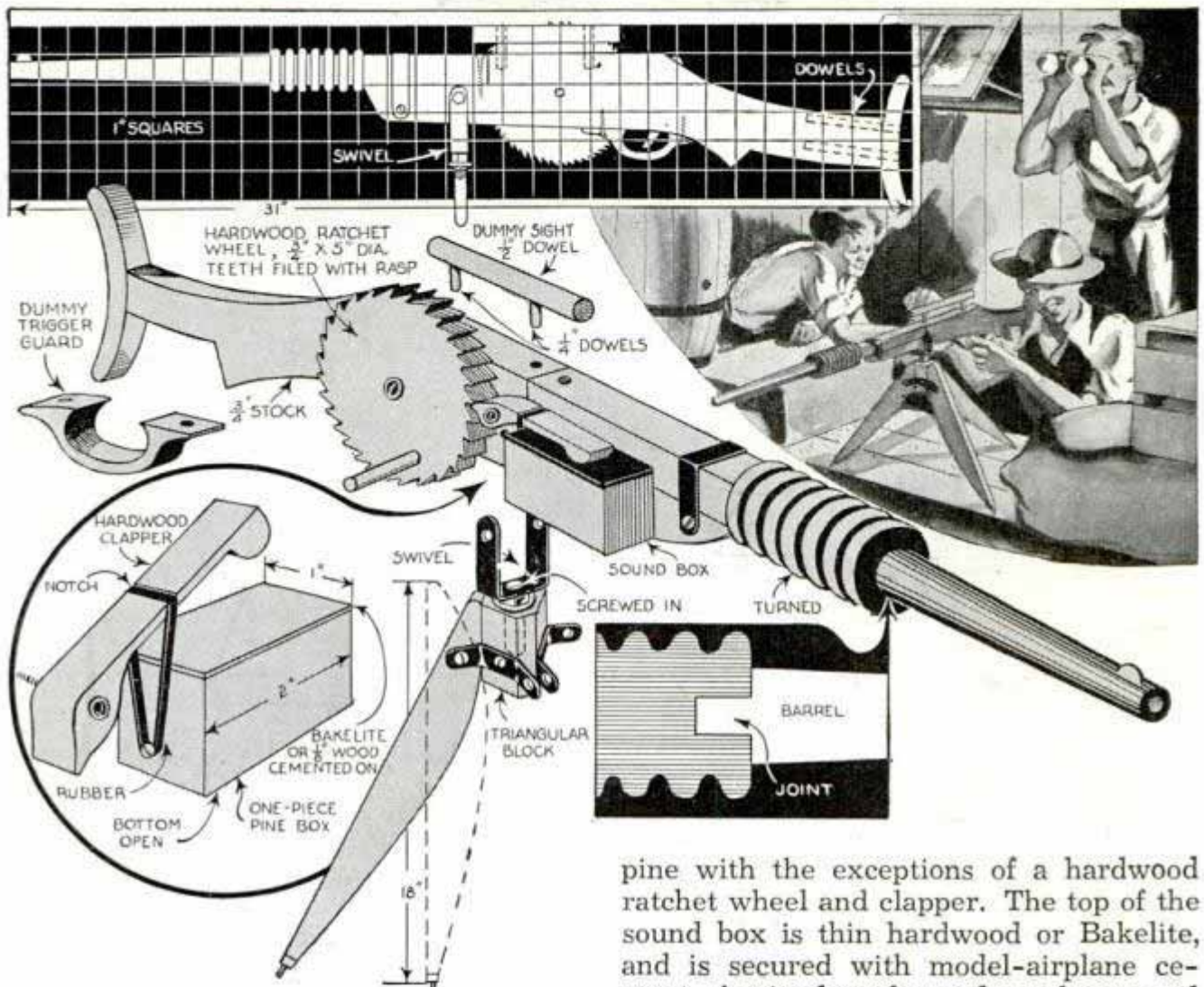
lump of the mache into each foot and work it well down between the toes. The skin of the squirrel is now pulled over the body. Work the head skin down over the head and neck and the skin of each leg down over the leg. In some specimens the skin of the leg may have to be cut open to get it around the body, Fig. 9, A. Anchor the tail wire to the body and after adjusting the skin in position, begin between the front legs and sew up the incision.

Place the specimen back on the branch and anchor the leg wires in place, Fig. 10. Fit glass eyes, adjusting the eyelids around them. The lips and mouth are shaped and held in position until dry with pins. A small piece of cardboard will hold the ears up and the toes can be fastened to the branch with pins. Smooth the hair and see that no part of it is matted. Set the specimen away to dry for two or three weeks. After drying, the pins and cardboard can be removed. Comb out the hair and "fluff" it up. Brush out the tail, which should be full and bushy. The eyelids and lips can be touched up with black oil paints. In taking specimens for mounting, keep in mind that squirrels and other animals are protected by law in nearly all states. They can be taken legally only during open seasons.

☞ Warm, camphorated oil applied with a soft cloth to white rings on highly polished furniture will remove the stains easily. Rub furniture until dry and polish with another clean, soft cloth.



# Play Machine Gun Stutters Challenge to Foe



Boys will have a lot of fun staging sham battles with this machine gun, which is harmless as it uses no ammunition but produces a realistic sound. It is made of

pine with the exceptions of a hardwood ratchet wheel and clapper. The top of the sound box is thin hardwood or Bakelite, and is secured with model-airplane cement. A tripod can be made as shown, and adds much to the "front-line" effect. The outfit can be dismantled instantly and carried over no-man's land each time the battle line advances.

## Bobby Pins Form Handy Easels for Small Photographs

Instead of propping up photos on your dresser or mantel, simply bend a few bobby pins as indicated and use them as easels. These are not likely to scratch a table surface, and they permit the photographs to be set at any desired angle.

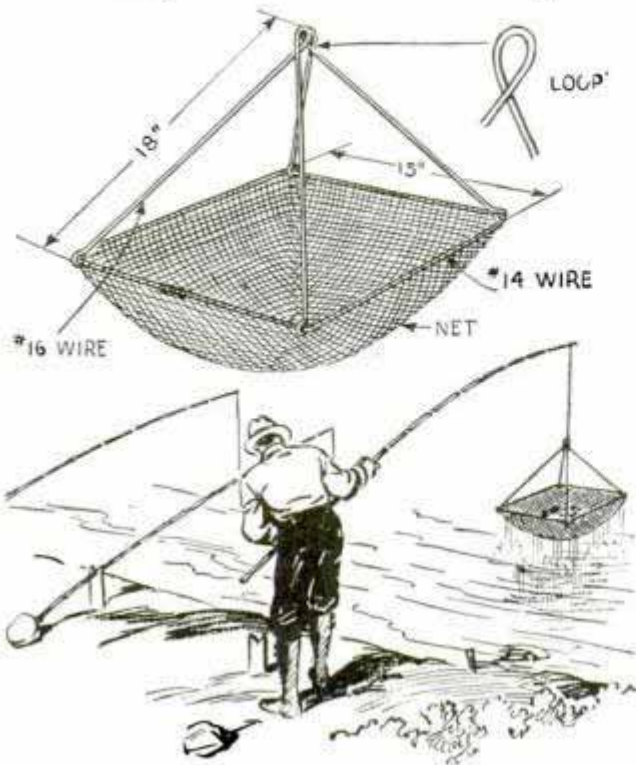
### Chalk Mark Repels Ants

A piece of soft white chalk carried along on picnics will solve the problem of keeping ants out of the food. Draw a heavy chalk mark around the outside edge of the picnic table and the ants crawling up the table legs will not cross the chalk line to get at the food.





## Small Folding Crawfish Nets Easy to Store and Carry



More crabs can be caught in a day with several small nets spaced some distance apart than in a single large net. Also, the little nets are easy to store and carry. Use No. 16-gauge galvanized iron wire and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. mesh net to make a pocket 8 in. deep. Tie the bait in the center with twine. Always carry your crawfish or crabs home in a sack or basket, because if confined in still water they will die almost at once. In air they will live several days.

## Hypo Silver Plates Metal

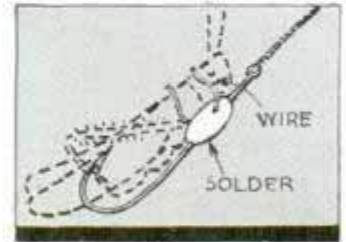


Acid hypo photo-fixing solutions that have become too exhausted for further photographic work contain silver dissolved from negatives and prints that can be deposited on brass and iron by simply immersing the work in it for several minutes. Of course, the deposit is very thin, but it will serve for many purposes. Ordinary acid hypo works better than non-acidified hypo. If no results are obtained, acetic acid should be added to the

solution drop by drop until the silver deposits. The metal to be plated should be cleaned thoroughly with soap and water, and then rinsed in acetic acid followed by a thorough rinsing in water. It is a good idea to coat the plated work with clear lacquer after washing and drying it.

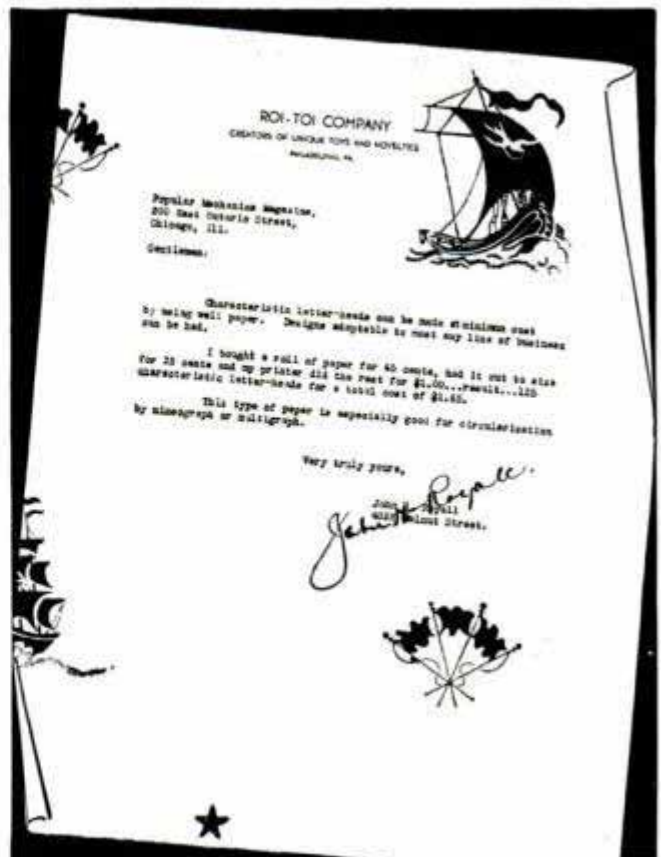
## Weighted Hook for Casting with Insect Bait

Fishermen who have difficulty in casting a hook baited with a grasshopper or other light insect will find that a solder-weighted hook overcomes the trouble. If a U-shaped piece of small wire is cast in the solder, the projecting ends will serve as a clamp which can be bent around the insect.



## Eye-Catching Letterheads Made from Wallpaper

Individuality is always appreciated, and if you select a wallpaper design suiting your personality and make it into letterheads your written messages will be

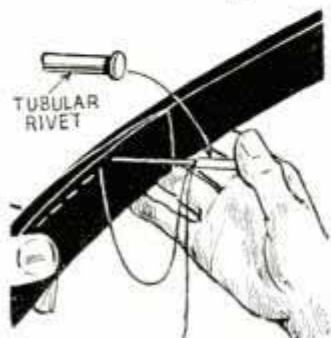




doubly effective. Have the roll cut into standard letter-sheet sizes, and your name and address printed at the top. Wallpaper takes mimeograph ink very well, and this type of appeal is colorful and attractive for advertising.

—John H. Royall, Philadelphia, Pa.

### Tubular Rivet Pushes Needle in Repairing Harness



Difficulty in pushing a large needle through leather to make small harness repairs may be overcome by slipping a tubular rivet over the end of the needle as

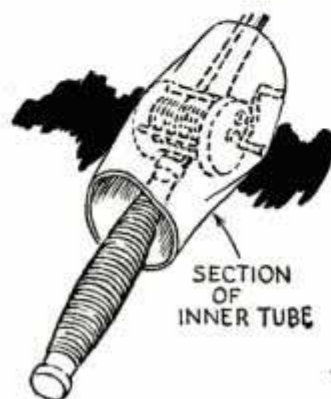
shown. The rivet is not injurious to the thumb and pressure can be applied easily.

### Disk Float to Carry Water without Spilling

If you have to carry water in buckets from a spring at your camp, a disk float on the water when the bucket is filled will help prevent spilling. The float can be provided with a handle cut from a piece of heavy sheet metal and bent to the shape indicated in the drawing.



### Rubber Shield for Fishing Reel



Fishermen who carry their reels and rods assembled in the car, will find this shield a handy protection for the reel. The shield is a section of old inner tube slipped into place as indicated.

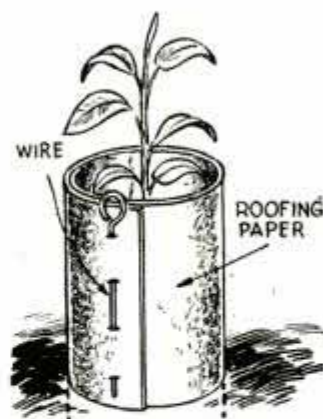
### Extension Handle on Trash Can to Loosen Lid Easily



Fit your garbage-can lid with a handle as indicated and the women members of your family can remove it easily. The handle provides a strong leverage to pull the lid off the can and folds down flat when it is not being used.

### Plants Protected from Cut Worms by Paper Tubes

Young seedlings can be protected against the ravages of cut worms by slipping tubes of asphalt roofing paper around them as indicated. The tubes are made by cutting strips from the paper and fastening them together with glue, cement, pins, or wire. The tubes should extend 2 or 3 in. into the ground.



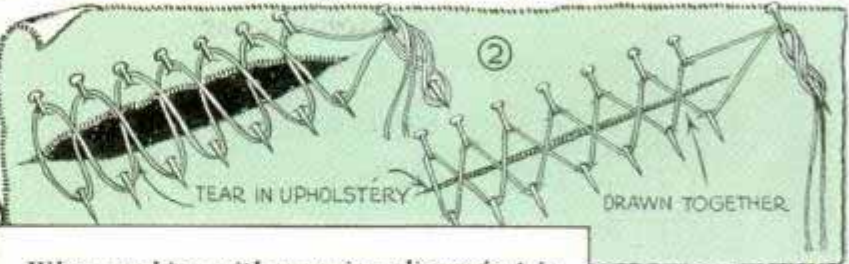
During the germinating period, seeds should be kept moist, but not wet, and the seed bed should never be allowed to dry out once the germ has broken the seed coat; if this happens, the tiny plant dies without ever getting above ground.



# Solving HOME



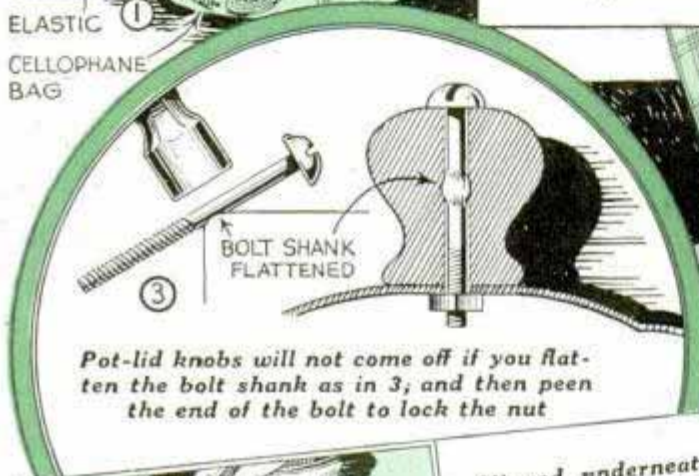
ELASTIC ①  
CELLOPHANE BAG



TEAR IN UPHOLSTERY

DRAWN TOGETHER

When working with an onion, discomfort to your eyes is avoided if you hold it inside a Cellophane bag as in 1, which will confine the fumes without obstructing vision. Stitching a tear in the fabric of upholstered furniture is simplified by pushing pins through adjacent edges of the tear and then lacing with a strong cord to bring the material together. Bobby pins are good substitutes for regular pins, as in 4, when fitting a dress that will show pinholes



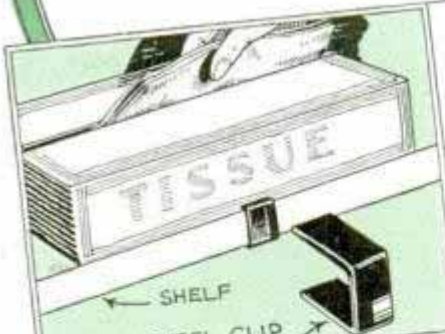
BOLT SHANK FLATTENED

Pot-lid knobs will not come off if you flatten the bolt shank as in 3; and then press the end of the bolt to lock the nut



BOBBY PINS

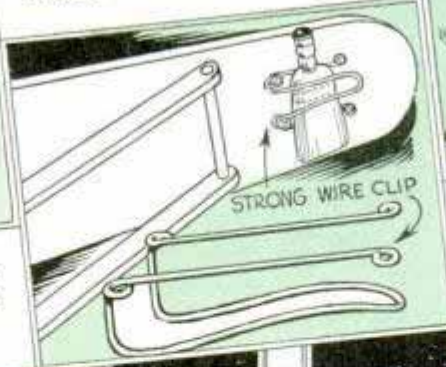
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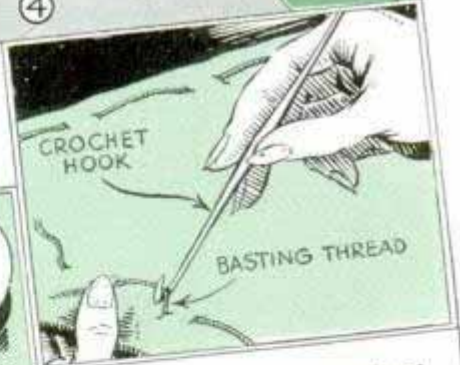
SHelf  
SPRING-STEEL CLIP

You can remove paper tissues without holding the box if you clip it to a shelf

Clipped underneath an ironing board, a whisk broom is always at hand when pressing



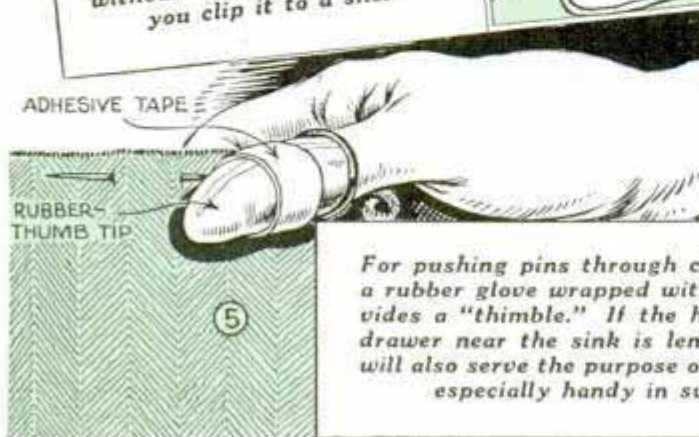
STRONG WIRE CLIP



CROCHET HOOK

BASTING THREAD

You will find a crochet hook helpful for removing basting thread from large work

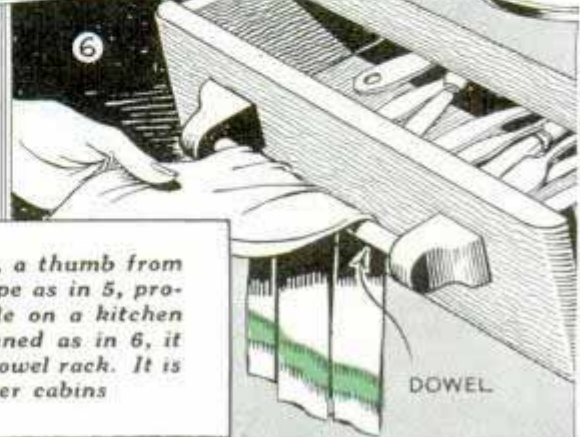


ADHESIVE TAPE

RUBBER THUMB TIP

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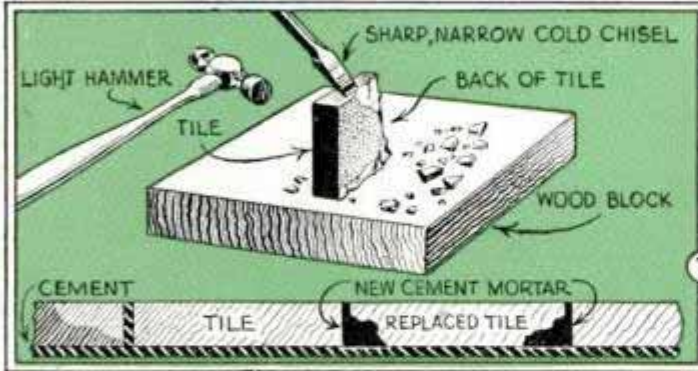
For pushing pins through cloth, a thumb from a rubber glove wrapped with tape as in 5, provides a "thimble." If the handle on a kitchen drawer near the sink is lengthened as in 6, it will also serve the purpose of a towel rack. It is especially handy in summer cabins



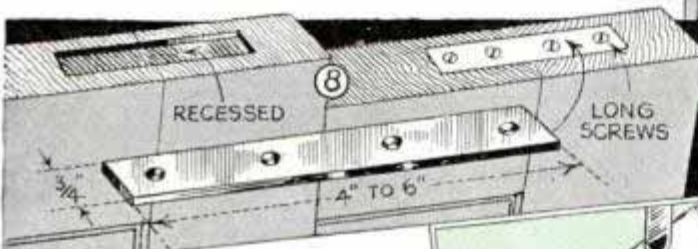
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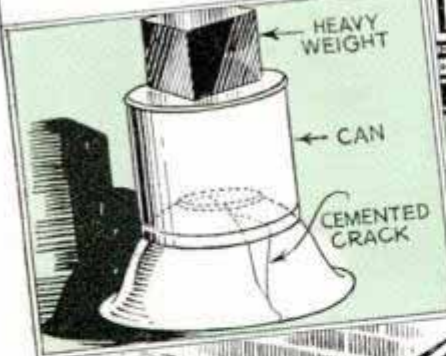
# PROBLEMS



A loose floor tile can be reset by chipping off the underside at the edges as in 7, so that fresh cement can be applied without removing the old cement between the blocks, which might loosen them. Repair a spreading door with an iron strip set flush in the top edge as in 8

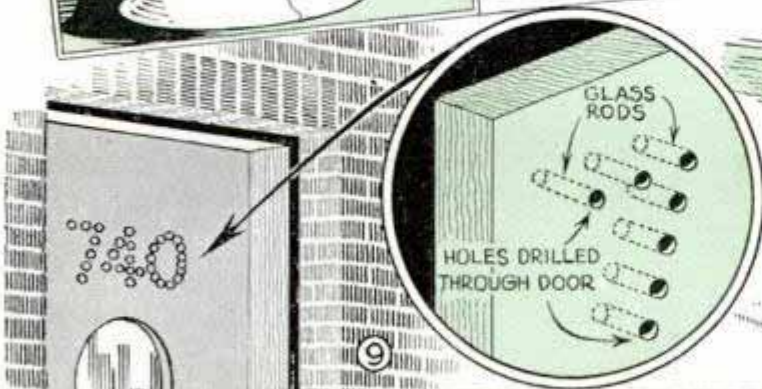
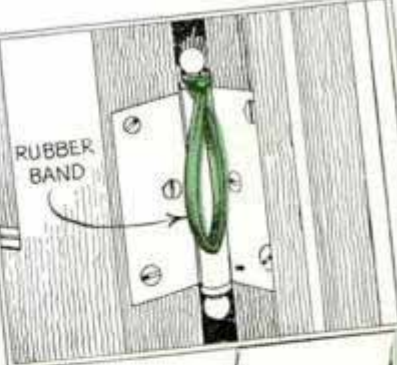


Weighted can set over a cracked bowl holds it while the cement dries

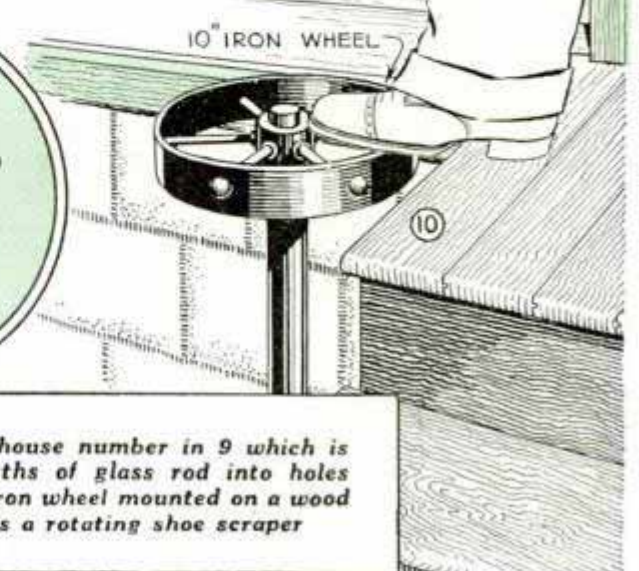


Slipped over a glue-bottle brush, a fuller ball serves as a finger grip and stopper

A small rubber band looped over the lower hinge pin, as below, silences a rattling door

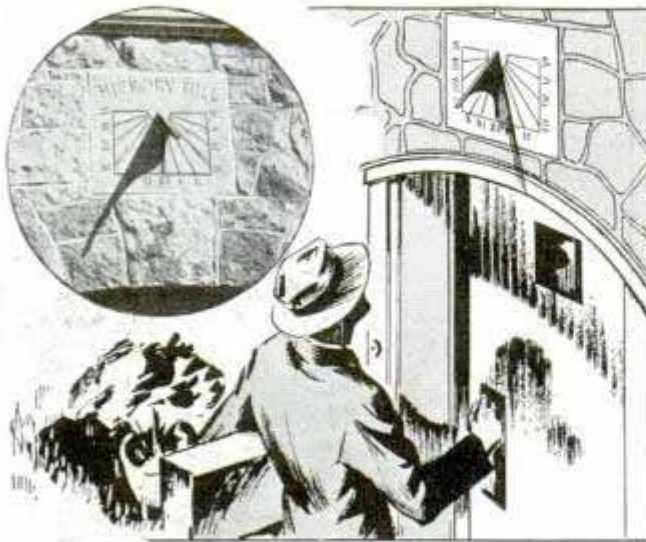


Interior light illuminates the house number in 9 which is made by inserting short lengths of glass rod into holes drilled through the door. An iron wheel mounted on a wood standard, as in 10, provides a rotating shoe scraper





## Sundial over Entrance Door Is Useful Decoration

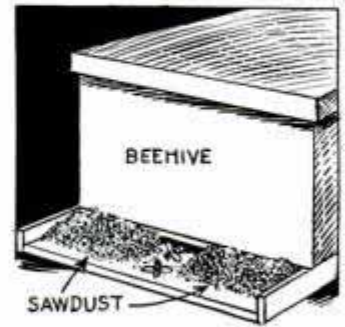


Installed primarily as a decoration, this sundial over the front door of a home on a country estate has been found so accurate

that it does not vary more than 15 min. the year around. The face of the dial is stone with the figures cut in it. The stile or shadow caster is cast from bronze.

## Sawdust "Door" on Beehives

As beehive entrances should not be sealed permanently in climates where the spring weather is extremely variable, one keeper fills the opening with sawdust as shown, in case a warm day should come and the bees might be deprived of their cleaning flight. Sawdust will protect the bees until warm weather induces them to come out, at which time they will make a passage through it.



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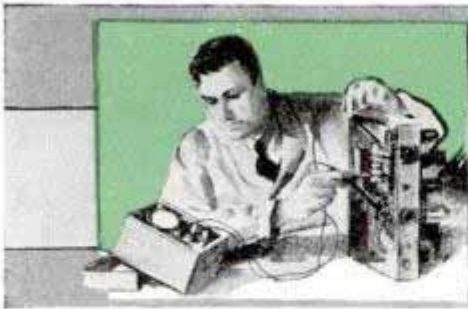
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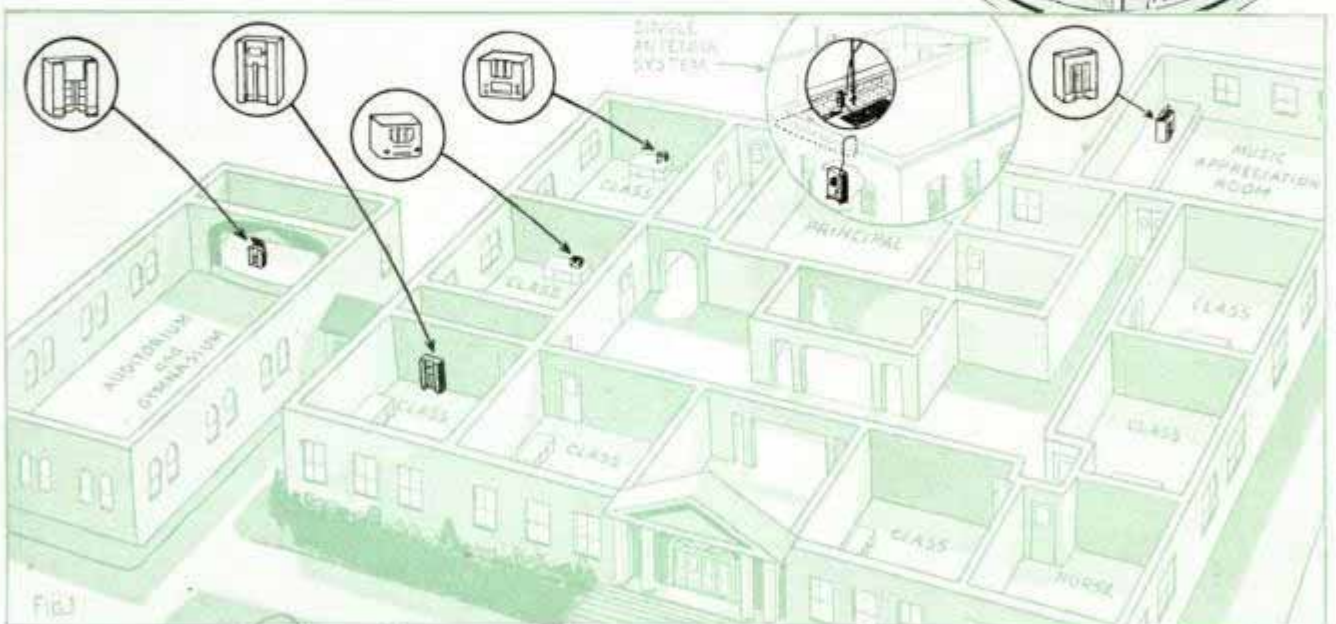




# Radio

## Radio Goes to School

MODERN aids to education include the use of radio in a wide variety of applications. Centralized sound systems transmit microphone, radio and recorded programs to classrooms and offer an important feature of two-way communication between the principal and any teacher in the school. Music, speech and radio programs also may be distributed to the school auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, music room and library. Photo (A) shows table-model sound system of this description. Recording instruments of the type shown in photo (B) make accurate records of voice that may be reproduced immediately to give students a sound picture of their speech faults. Student broadcasts stimulate pupils to greater effort in composition if those who write the best papers are permitted to read them over the school sound system as illustrated in sketch (C). Fig. 1 shows a radio-equipped school with suggested receiving sets and accessory equipment to meet the requirements of practically any school.













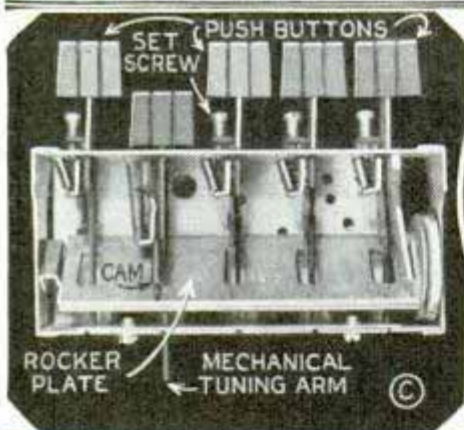
# Simplified Mechanical Push-Button Tuning



SEVERAL varieties of modern table-type receivers employ a simple mechanical method for push-button tuning that anyone can adjust with a small screwdriver from the front of the set. You can select your favorite stations and change them at will, as only one adjustment is required for setting up each station.

It is not necessary that all push buttons be set at the same time. The buttons are removable and provided with a slot for inserting the call letters of the stations desired. Several perforated sheets of call letters, which include all broadcasting stations, are supplied with each receiver as shown in photo B. In some sets the push buttons must be removed to get at the set screws; others have a hole in the front of the button into which a small screwdriver may be inserted. Photos A and C illustrate this method; however, the buttons can be removed if the operator wishes to do so.

To set up five favorite stations, tune in first as accurately as possible with the conventional



tuning knob, the one that employs the highest frequency; this No. 1 station button will be the one nearest the 1,500 kc. end of the "straight-line" dial. The set screw is loosened and the button is then pushed all the way down and held in that position while you tighten the set screw. This locks the cam at the correct position to always bring the rocker plate to the point where the tuning condenser has been manually set to tune in the station desired. The condenser rotor is coupled mechanically to the rocker plate, either with a gear wheel or pulley. This station-setting procedure is then repeated for other stations in the order of their frequency (kilocycles).

Photo D shows a similar type of small receiver with a slightly different mechanical push-button arrangement.



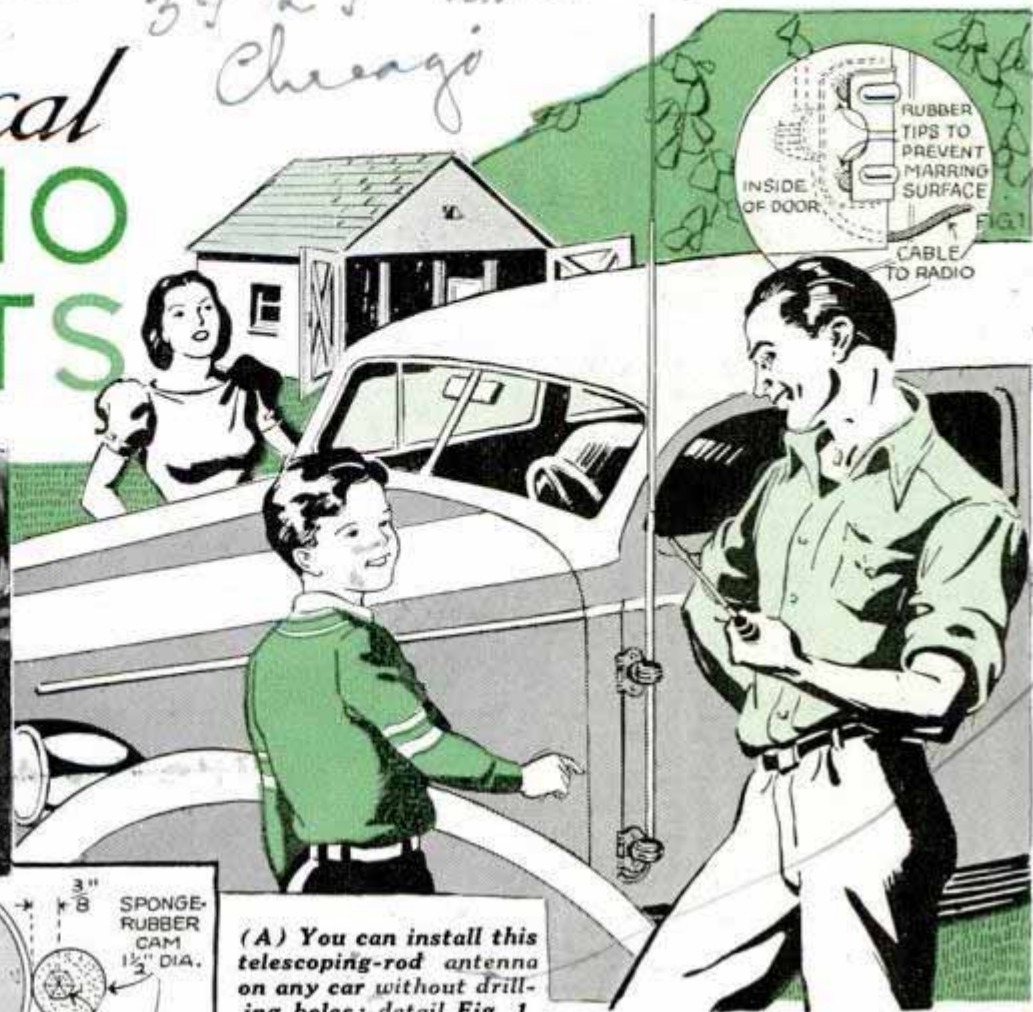


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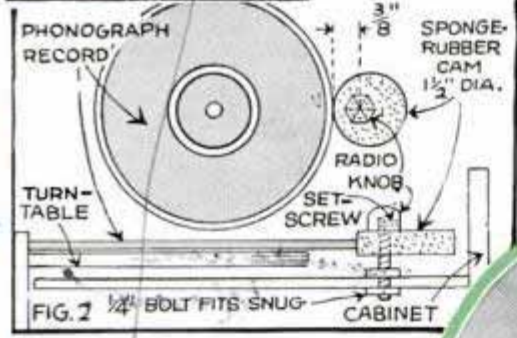
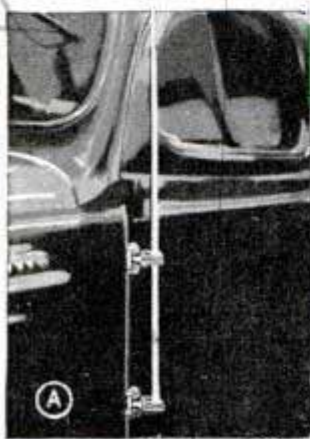
# Practical RADIO HINTS

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(A) You can install this telescoping-rod antenna on any car without drilling holes; detail Fig. 1



(B) Miniature permanent-magnet speaker for ultra-compact receivers; this 2-in. speaker has good quality and power-handling ability. It is available with matching transformers for all types of output tubes. (C) Foot-pedal volume-control and contact-type microphone used with radio amplified musical instrument. (D) Hard rubber caps fit snugly over high-voltage condenser terminals to protect operator from accidental contact

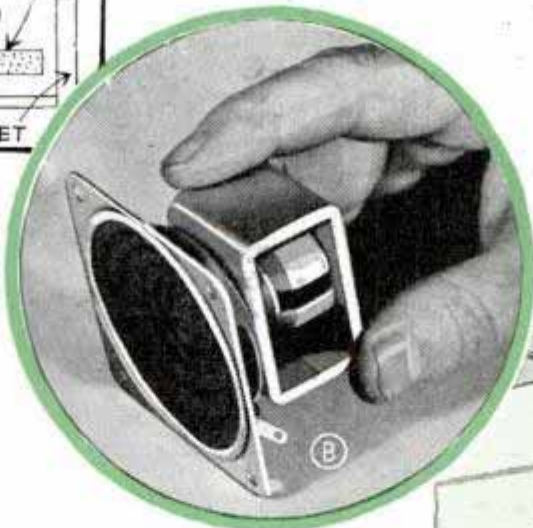


Fig. 2 shows a simple and efficient means for adding a speed control to inexpensive motor-driven record players used with radio sets; only a slight pressure of the sponge-rubber cam is required on the edge of the disk to obtain proper control for reproducing recorded music correctly

Fig. 3, insulating grommet, for antenna lead-in wire, made from electric plug cap; wood strip, mounted on angle iron, is fastened to building at any convenient point near window

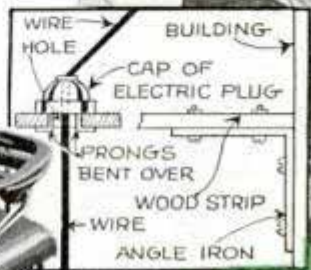
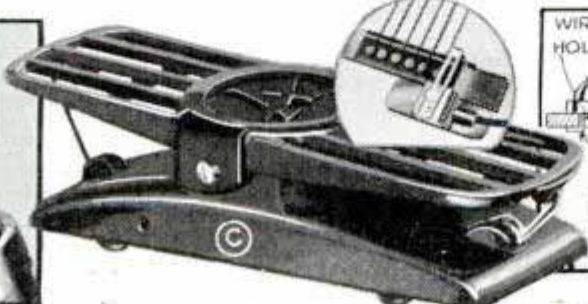
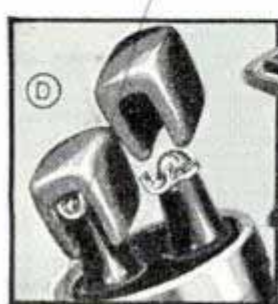


FIG. 3



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## Portable Radio Power Plant for Amateur Stations

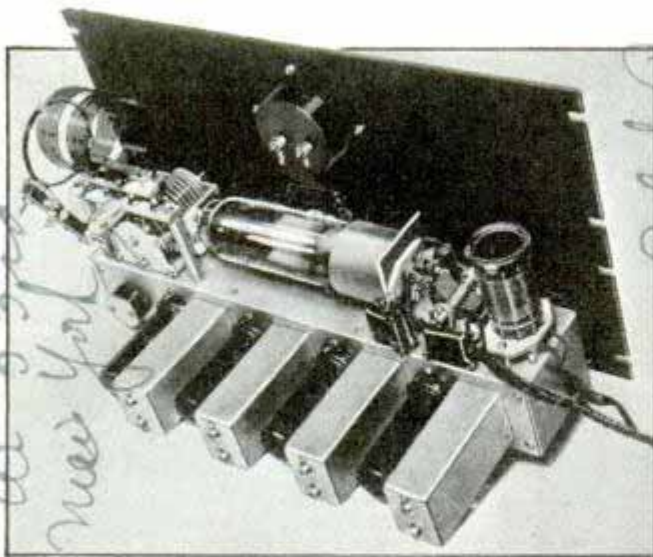


PORTABLE  
POWER UNIT

This gasoline-driven generator supplies all necessary power to operate an amateur transmitter and receiver in the field for emergency purposes. Compact and easily portable, it is available with push-button starter, ammeter, cutout and charge control, and is completely shielded and filtered.

## Compact 100-Watt Transmitter

Including everything but the power supplies, this ultracompact transmitter is assembled on a single 19 by 10½-inch panel



for rack or cabinet mounting. It has an improved method of band switching, works on all bands from 80 to 10 meters and there are only two tuning controls to operate.

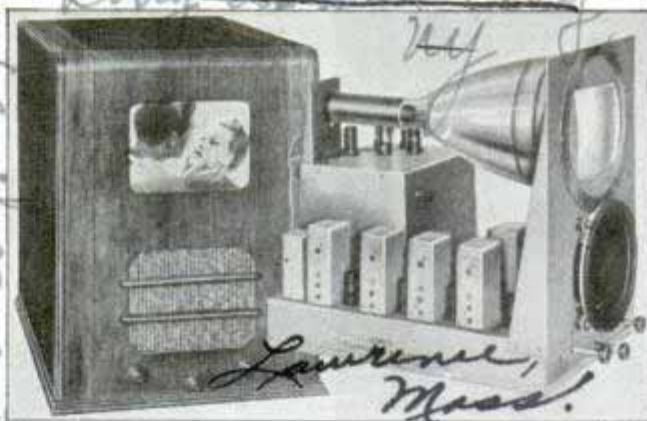
## Filter for A.C. or D.C. Supply Line

This line-noise filter is designed for use between your radio receiver and power line to prevent line noises from entering the set.



A metal case shields the unit which is equipped with a binding post for ground connection. It may be used on 110 volt a.c. or d.c. lines.

## Nine-Inch Television Receiver



A nine-inch cathode-ray tube is used in this compact table-model receiver for sight and sound programs. Improved methods are employed to prevent the formation of spots and blemishes on the screen and avoid damage to the cathode-ray tube while it is warming up. The directly viewed image is black and white.

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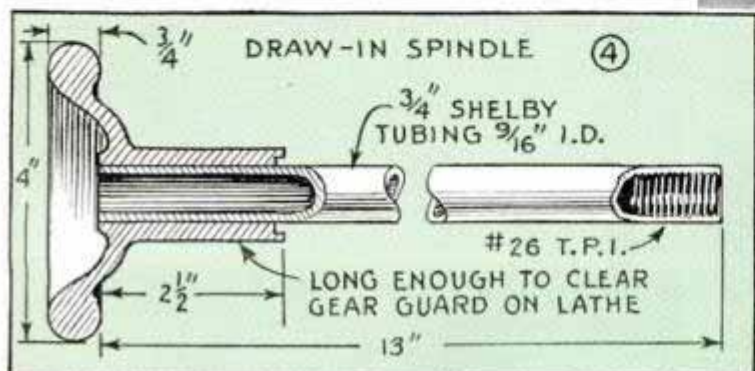
## "STEP-COLLET" CHUCK

*Speeds up turning of disks, tubing, gear blanks, etc.*

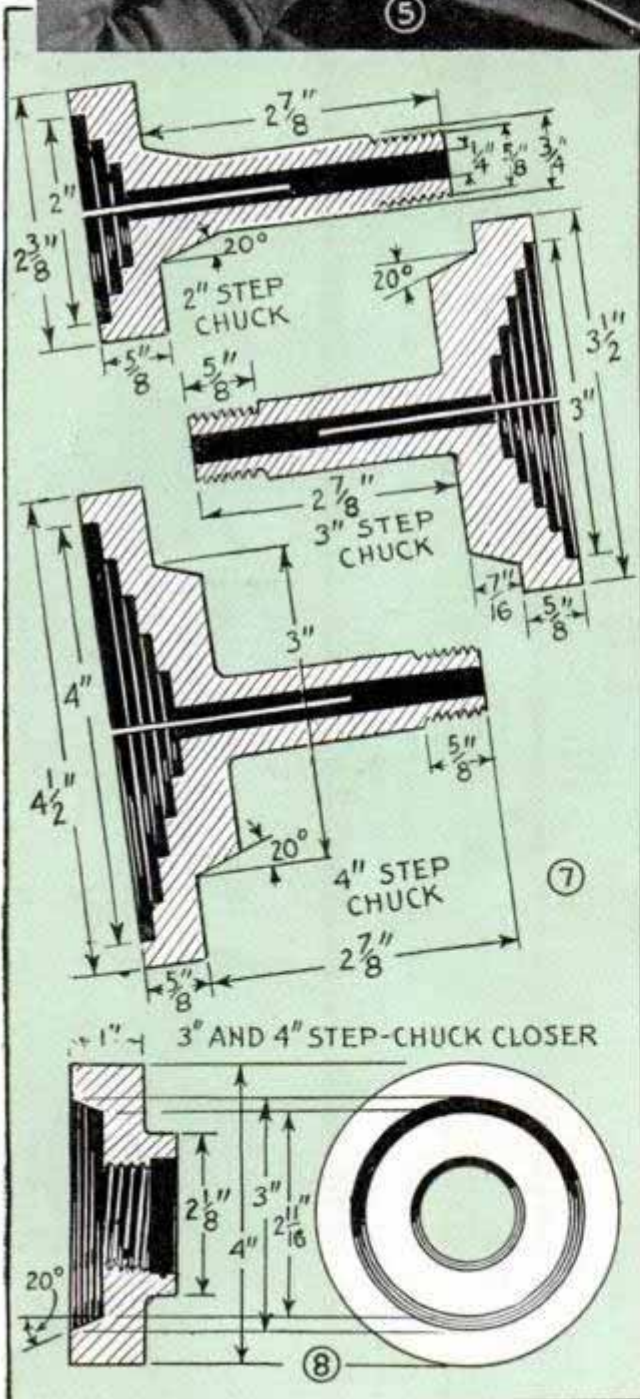
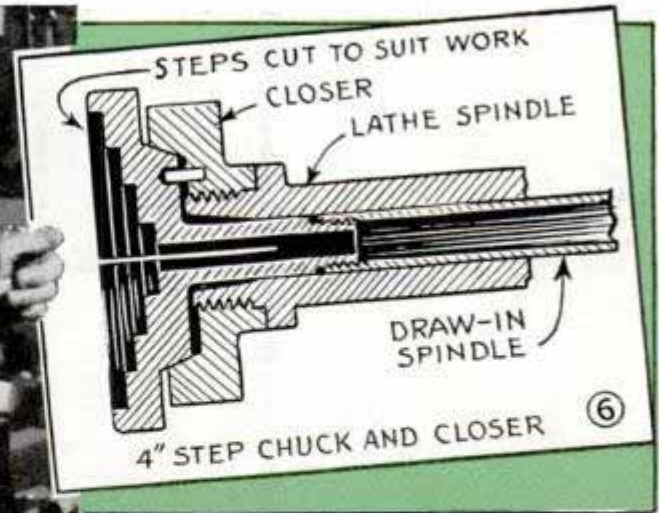
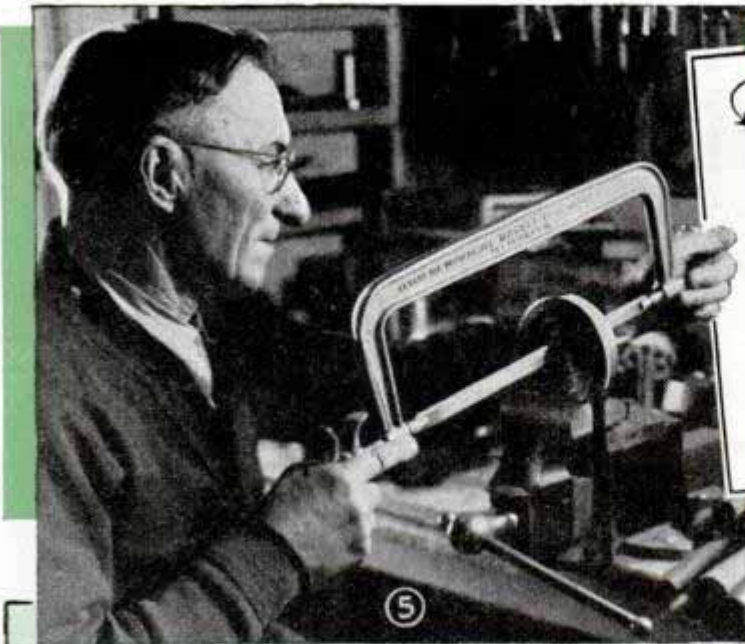


THIS tool is really a combination of the collet and step chuck and will add greatly to the speed and convenience of your lathe when machining small parts requiring a short grip. Step chucks should be recessed to approximate closely the diameter of the work to be done.

A screw-type draw-in spindle and closing ring Figs. 1, 2 and 6, are the first parts to be made. The spindle is a length of Shelby tubing fitted with a hand wheel as in Figs. 1 and 4. The wheel can be made from a casting, requiring a pattern of course, or it is possible to adapt a ready-made handwheel to this purpose. The clos-







ing ring, Fig. 8, is made from cold-rolled steel and is threaded to screw on the lathe spindle. It has a tapered seat to fit the step chucks. It is usually best to make this first.

The chucks are made from iron castings, and a pattern will be needed for each size, as shown in Fig. 7. In making the patterns use 1 1/4-in. close-grained wood for turning the chuck body and a piece of 7/8-in. dowel rod for the stem. Add approximately 1/16 to 1/8 in. all around to the dimensions given in the drawings for machining. "Shake" or the loosening of the pattern in the mold will about equal the shrinkage of castings this size.

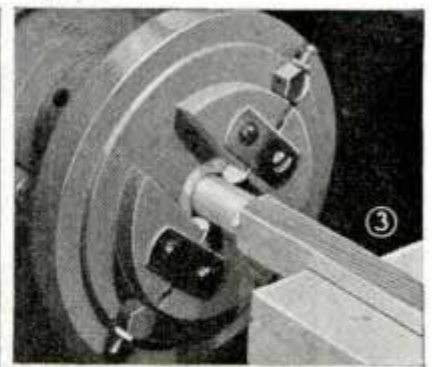
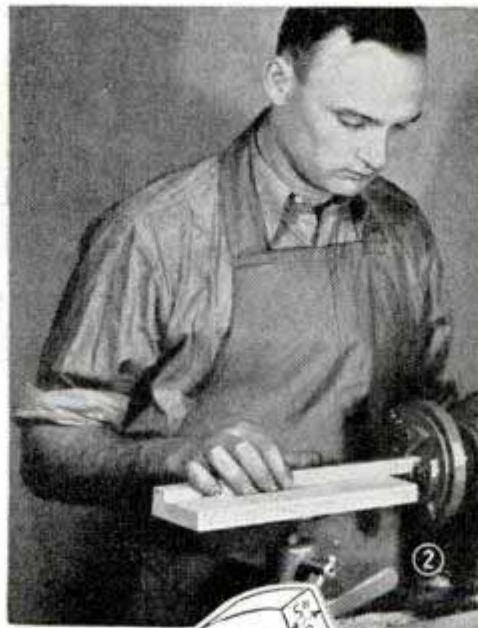
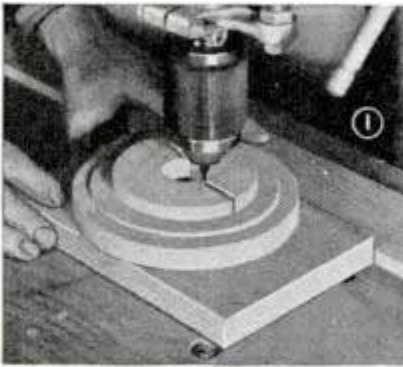
Chuck the castings with the stem out, and center drill this for the tailstock support. All the machining operations, facing, taper-turning, threading and drilling are done at this one chucking of the work. This assures concentricity of the parts and perfect-alinement with the draw-in spindle.

Remove the lathe chuck and screw the closing ring on the spindle in its place. The partly finished step chuck is inserted in the closer and firmly held in place with the draw-in spindle. The flange is turned to correct diameter and a roughing cut is taken across the face. Then the chucks are recessed to the diameters required.

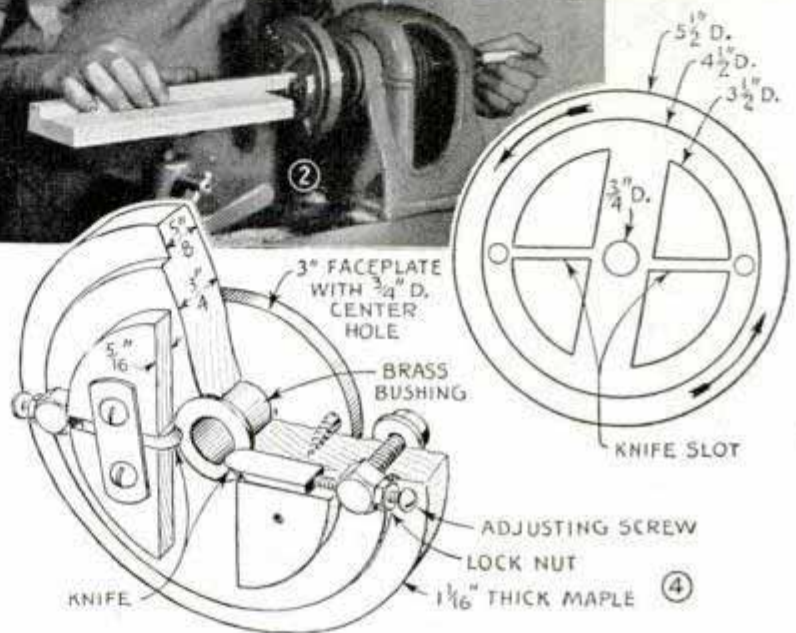
The step-chuck face is marked off in three equal parts for slotting. Lacking a milling machine the slotting can be done by hand with a hack saw, Fig. 5. This will finish the chuck. Fig. 3 shows it in use on the second operation of a model locomotive wheel. You will notice, of course, the same draw-in spindle can be used with collets, Fig. 1.



# Adjustable Lathe Jig Shapes Wood Dowels



Run at high speed in a lathe, this adjustable jig enables you to quickly turn perfect dowels from square stock. High-speed steel knives,  $\frac{1}{8}$  by  $\frac{3}{8}$  by  $1\frac{3}{16}$  in., are adjusted to cut dowels from  $\frac{3}{16}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. in diameter, adjustment being made by means of round-head machine screws, as shown in Fig. 4. The knives are held in place by means of metal plates fastened with wood screws which are "eased-off" to permit adjustments. You will notice that the knife slots are offset on either side of the centerline. The slots can be cut in a drill press, Fig. 1, with a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. router bit. A separate brass bushing is required for each size of dowel, and the stock is supported on a wood table, Fig. 2. After being cut to

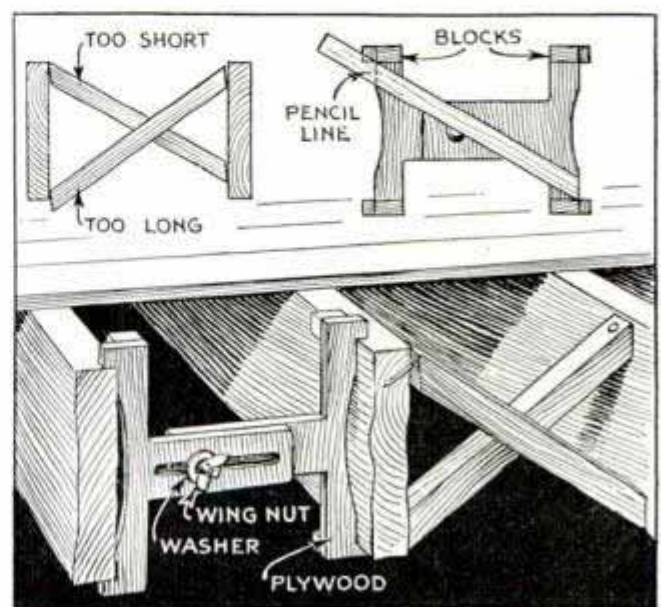


size, the work enters the brass bushing, Fig. 3, and is pushed through the hollow spindle of the lathe head. High speed of the cutters gives a smooth job.

## This H-Gauge Helps in Fitting Floor Bridging Accurately

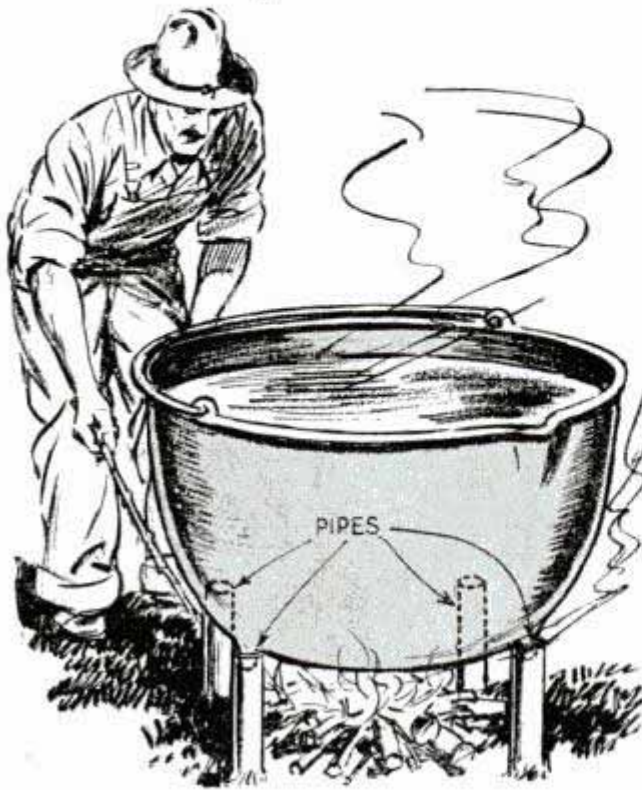
Every builder knows how important bridging is to a sound floor and here's a gauge that helps in cutting each piece of bridging to fit exactly. Make it of two pieces of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. plywood and join with a bolt and wing nut. To use, set the gauge in place as shown in the lower detail, tighten the nut to hold the adjustment and then place it diagonally over the edge of the bridge stock. Marking the latter as indicated will give the correct length and also the angle.

☐ A  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hole drilled or stamped out near the end of a carpenter's saw blade is a great convenience, as the saw then can be quickly and easily hung up overhead.





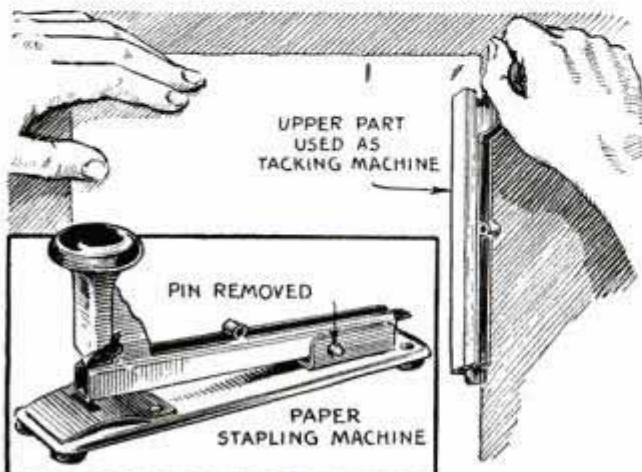
## Outdoor Iron Kettle Supported on Pipe Standards



Large iron kettles often used in home butchering and soapmaking will heat water more quickly if raised 5 or 6 in. above the ground so that a fire can be built under them. To raise the kettle, one farmer drove four lengths of pipe into the ground, spacing them so that the kettle legs would slip into their upper ends.

## Office Stapling Machine Is Used for Tacking Cardboard Signs

Storekeepers will find that an inexpensive office stapling machine is handy for tacking paper and cardboard signs to wood surfaces. The pivot pin of the stapler is

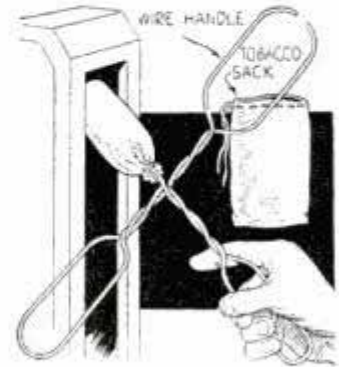


removed and the upper part is used for the work. The machine is reassembled quickly for regular use.

—Andrew Vena, New York, N. Y.

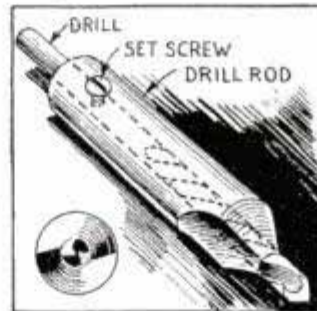
## Graphite Duster Lubricates Linotype Machines

Linotype operators who use powdered graphite on their machines, will find this duster convenient. It is merely a small tobacco sack fitted with a wire handle as indicated.



## Center Drill Has Renewable Point

If you break the point of this center drill, just loosen a set screw and lower the adjustable core, which is nothing more than a small twist drill. Broken center drills can be used as a shank for this one if they are annealed so that a hole can be drilled through the center, after



which they are again hardened. Or, you can use drill rod, tapering one end and cutting flutes of the same shape as those on a regular center drill.

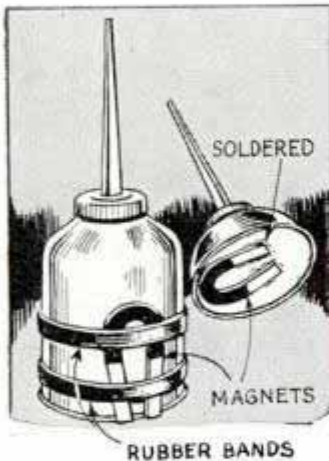
## Padded Clips on Push Truck Protect Finished Surfaces

When using a push truck to move furniture and other highly finished objects, these removable clips can be put on the truck in a jiffy to protect the load. The clips are lengths of spring steel bent to a U-shape, wrapped with cloth and covered with pieces of garden hose.





## Magnet Keeps Oilcan from Falling Off Vibrating Machine



A mechanic who often had an oilcan fall off a machine when he set it down while making an adjustment, stopped the trouble by fastening a small magnet to the can. Attraction of the magnet to metal of the machine will hold the can

against ordinary vibration. The magnet can be held on the can either by rubber bands or by a drop of solder.

## Jaws of This Chicken Catcher Opened by Coil Spring

Chickens are caught easily with this pincher-like catcher, the jaws of which are opened automatically by means of a small spring slipped over the movable jaw, the opposite end of the spring being attached to the handle. A slight pull of the finger inserted in the loop of wire holds the fowl's legs securely. Short lengths of rubber tubing slipped over the jaws prevent injury to the legs.

—Benjamin Nielsen, Aurora, Neb.



## Flypaper Back of Window Signs Is Out of Sight



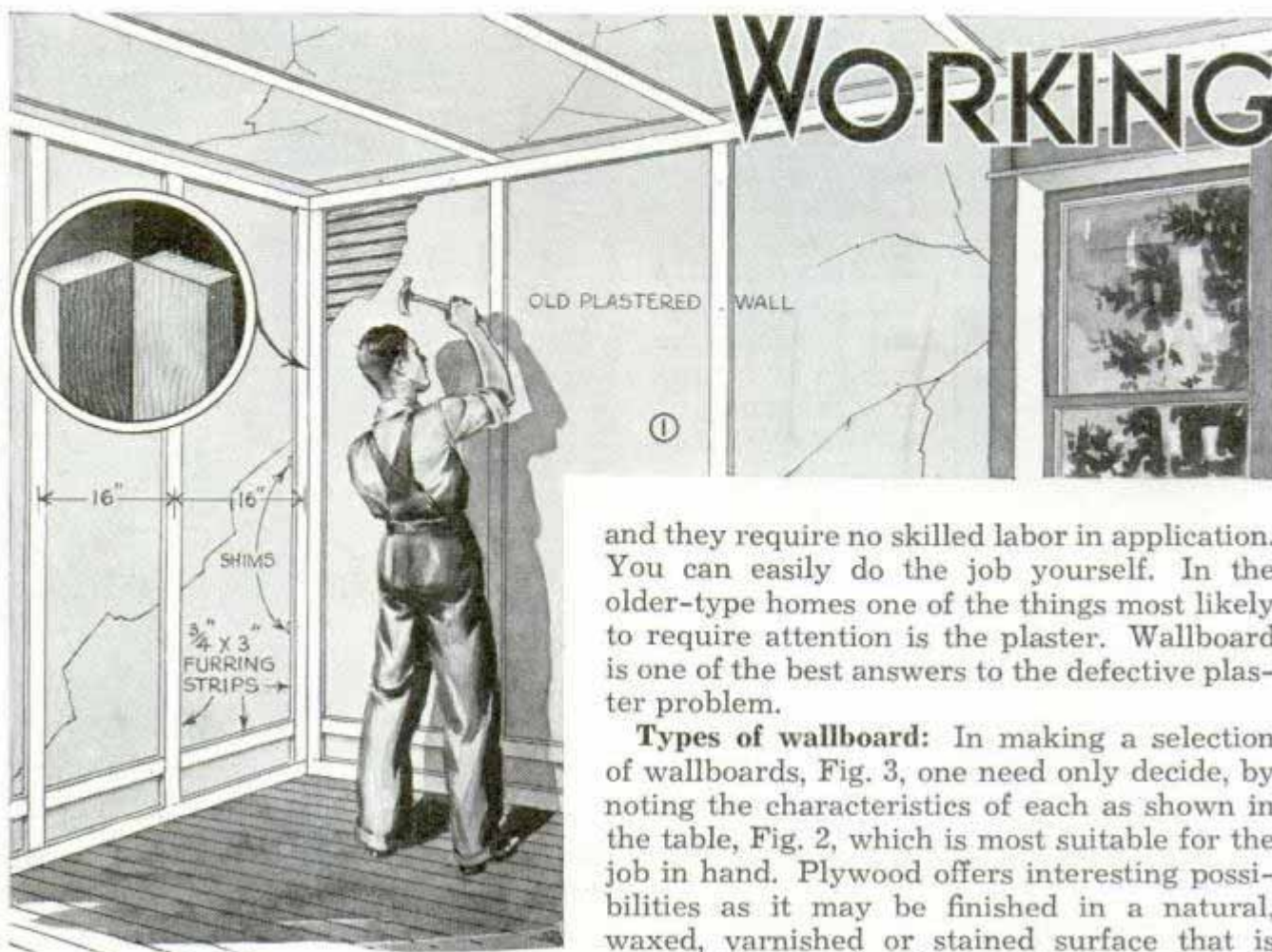
When putting signs in his show windows during the summer, one grocer pastes flypaper to the backs of them. The paper is hidden from view on the street and attracts flies in the windows.

## Emergency Cooling of Bearings

I have kept machines running with bad bearings where a shut down would mean considerable loss. A medium-weight fluid oil is used at all times and if a bearing shows signs of heating, I drop in a very small piece of laundry soap, which will fill all depressions and rough spots and cause the oil to film over the journal and bearing face. Should the bearing refuse to cool down, add a few drops of water, which will cause the soap to dissolve and wash out any dirt that may have collected, leaving a smooth, glassy surface. This method can be used as well on roller bearings and ball bearings as on journals although it is not as effective.—R. E. Robinson, Minot, N. D.



# WORKING



**W**HEN you're thinking of interior decorating and remodeling it's well to consider the decorative possibilities of wallboards, which are now available in a variety of surfaces, sizes and thicknesses. Although widely used in new homes, wallboards are particularly adapted for old houses

and they require no skilled labor in application. You can easily do the job yourself. In the older-type homes one of the things most likely to require attention is the plaster. Wallboard is one of the best answers to the defective plaster problem.

**Types of wallboard:** In making a selection of wallboards, Fig. 3, one need only decide, by noting the characteristics of each as shown in the table, Fig. 2, which is most suitable for the job in hand. Plywood offers interesting possibilities as it may be finished in a natural, waxed, varnished or stained surface that is very attractive for living, dining or study rooms. Another method for securing wood-grained effects is by the use of a new plaster board which has a remarkably realistic wood color and grain. This material is available in walnut, oak, knotty pine and fir.

**Sizes:** The standard size of wallboard panel for home use is the 4 by 8-ft. size. However, most boards can be obtained in lengths up to

**FIG. 2—PROPERTIES OF WALLBOARDS**

Type	Sound Insulating Value	Heat Insulating Value	Surface	Texture	Fire Resistance	Moisture Resistance	Color	Thickness in In.	Made of
Softboard	Excellent	Excellent	Rough	Porous	Slow burning	Fair	White and tan	1 1/2	Wood or cane
Semi-hard	Good	Good	Semi-rough	Porous	Slow burning	Fair	White and tan	1/2 3/8	Wood or cane
Hardboard	Fair	Fair	Smooth	Dense	Good	Excellent	Brown	1/8 1/4 3/8	Wood fiber
Plaster board	Good	Good	Smooth	Semi-dense	Good	Good	Cream	1/2	Gypsum and cardboard
Plywood	Fair	Fair	Smooth	Semi-porous	Low	Low	Wood	3/4 5/16 3/8	Douglas fir
Pressed board	Fair	Fair	Smooth	Semi-porous	Low	Low	Cream	3/4	Wood or vegetable fiber



# with WALLBOARD



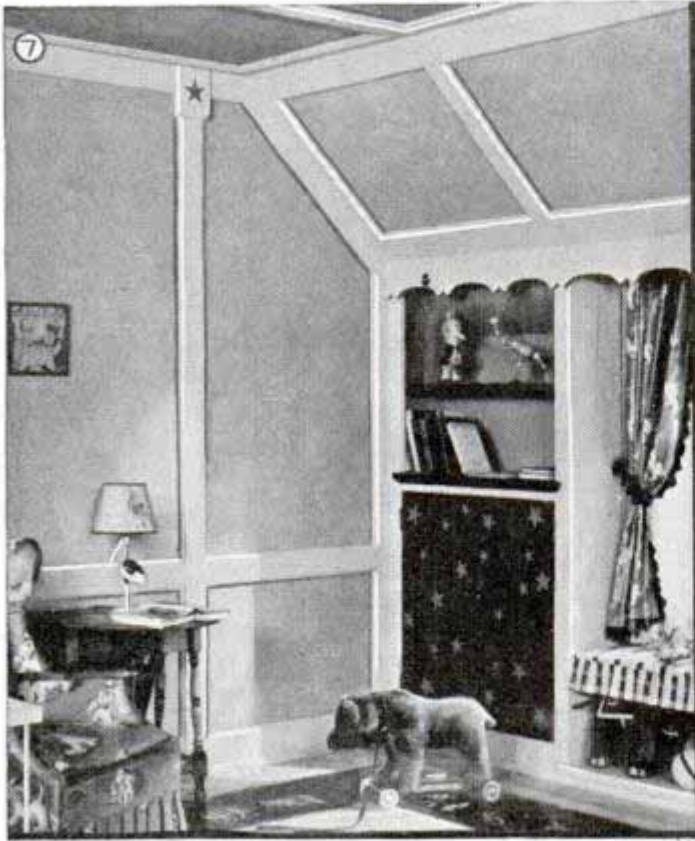
12 ft. and many of them in narrower widths also. In addition, various planks in random widths, and ceiling tiles of several sizes, moldings and ornaments of the same material, are available.

**Architectural effect:** Having decided which type of material most nearly suits your requirements, the next step is to determine what architectural effect is desired. Either V-grooves or moldings, which are used to break up large plain areas into pleasing smaller units, are the basis of most architectural schemes. Practically all softboards are available with beveled edges for V-joints. This type of joint, by the simple addition of intermediate V-grooves, gives the exceptionally beautiful effect shown in the photograph of the small dining room, Fig. 4. Note the frieze molding used which is detailed in Fig. 19. The use of a wide molding over the joints produces the striking panel effect shown in Fig. 7. The wood-molding strips are 2 or 3 in. wide and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick and are edged with panel molding to enhance the effect.

The two sides of both hard and soft boards present different textures and colors, owing to the method of manufacturing. This difference makes a pleasing shaded effect possible by simply reversing the pieces. Certain tile boards lend themselves to this type of treatment. The wall or ceiling should be left in the natural color. Plywood manufacturers have solved the







joint problem with thin molding strips set flush with the surface, as shown in Fig. 13.

Fig. 20 shows a few of the many types of wallboard moldings which are used for panel effects. Any of these moldings are simply nailed over the joints and at such intermediate spacings as may be required in your decorative scheme. V-grooves which serve a similar purpose, are also shown.

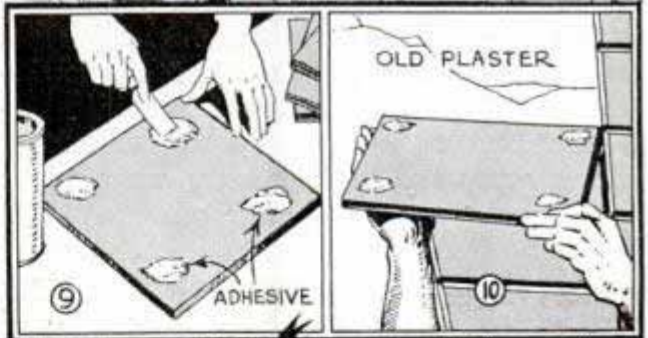
The use of metal moldings for decorative use, and incidentally to hide joints, is especially popular for modern effects. These come in chromium, stainless steel and enamel finishes. Some of them are so designed that they snap over a nailing strip, completely hiding the nails.

For kitchen and bathroom walls a special hardboard is available which is scored into squares and enameled to simulate tile. Metal moldings cover the joints and corners, as shown in Figs. 21 to 25 inclusive. For canvased or papered walls, the wallboard joints are sealed with metal tape and a special putty, making the joint wholly invisible under paper or flat paint, Fig. 18. The metal strips and cement are available from the various manufacturers of wallboards.

Whiting mixed with varnish, to a putty consistency, is excellent for filling nail holes, where the surface is to be finished

with a flat oil paint or casein paint. Do not use ordinary putty as the oil may work through and cause spots.

**Application:** The method depends largely on the condition of the walls. If the plaster is badly cracked, or the walls are uneven and the corners out of plumb, the use of furring strips is necessary. Use 1 by 2-in. pine strips, and space them accurately 16 in. on centers. They should be arranged also, as far as possible, so that they will come directly over framing members. Cross members should be added also at the bottom and top, also behind the baseboard, as shown in Fig. 11, to insure a true nailing base. Where corners or portions of the wall are out of

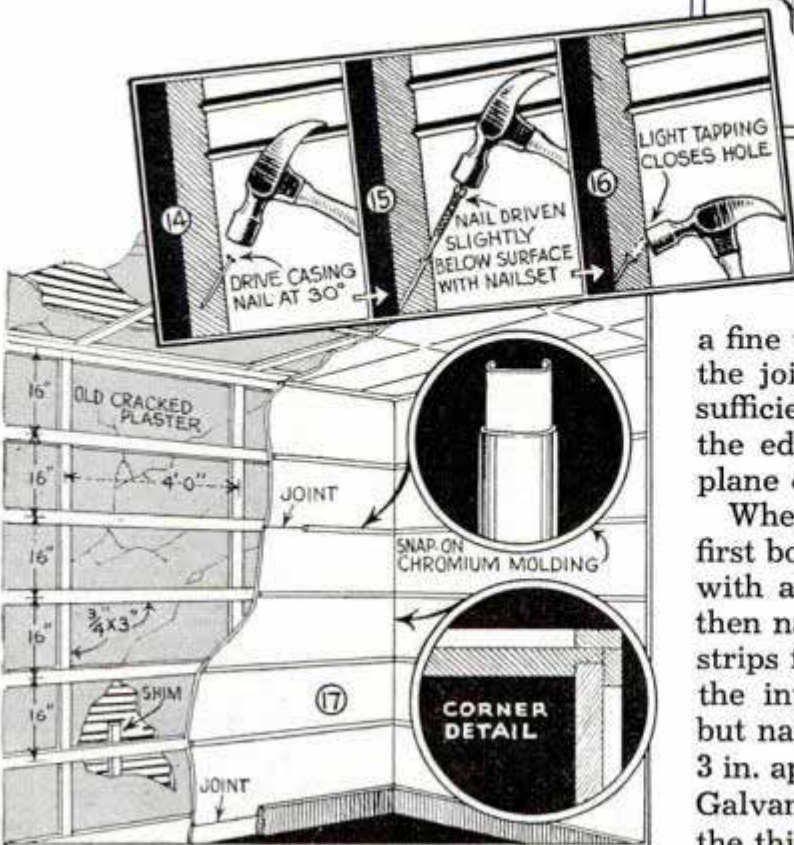
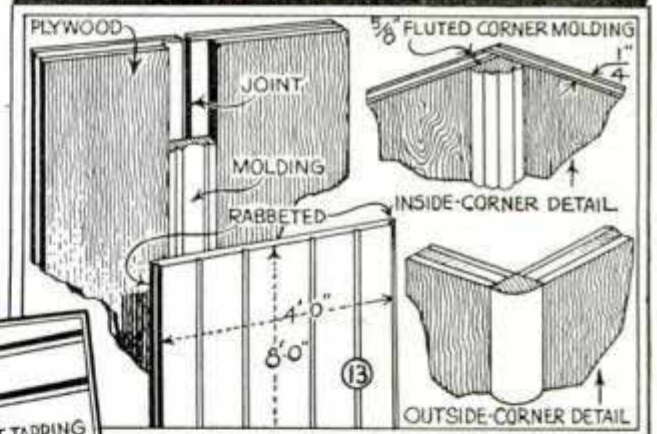
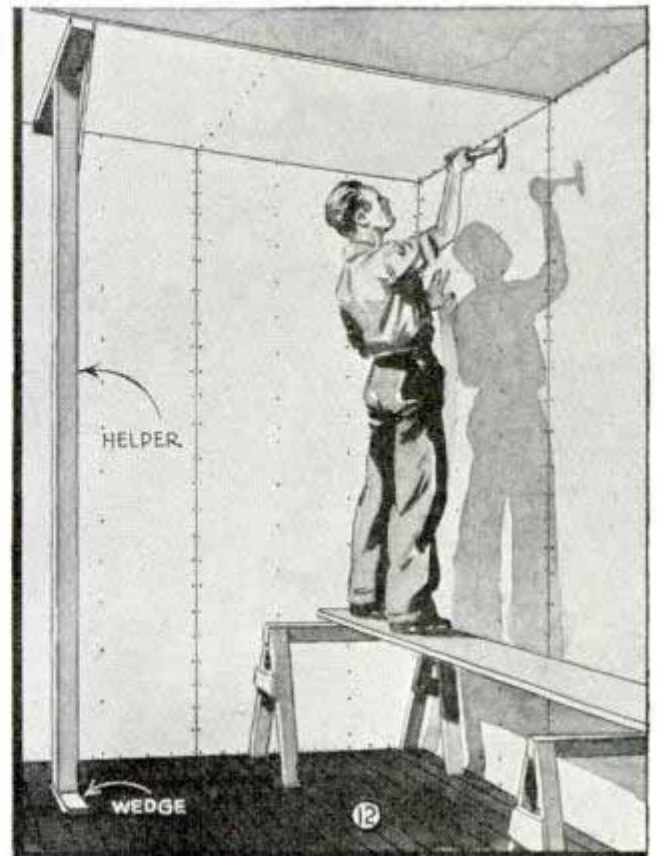




plumb the furring should be shimmed up with thin wood, Fig. 1. It is best to apply the furring strips just ahead of the board so that adjustments can be made as the work progresses.

Wallboard planks and panels are usually applied in a vertical position. However, should you wish to apply them horizontally, for a modern effect similar to that shown in Fig. 6 the furring strips should be arranged as in Fig. 17. Softboards require conditioning before application. Ordinarily you simply lay the boards singly around the room allowing them to remain for a day until they have adjusted themselves to atmospheric conditions of the room. In very dry weather or in a heated room, however, the boards should be sprinkled lightly with water, then piled and allowed to stand for a day or so for conditioning. They should be taken from the pile only as used. Hardboard is so dense in structure that conditioning is unnecessary, but both plasterboard and plywood that has been conditioned by the first method, are less likely to warp or shrink.

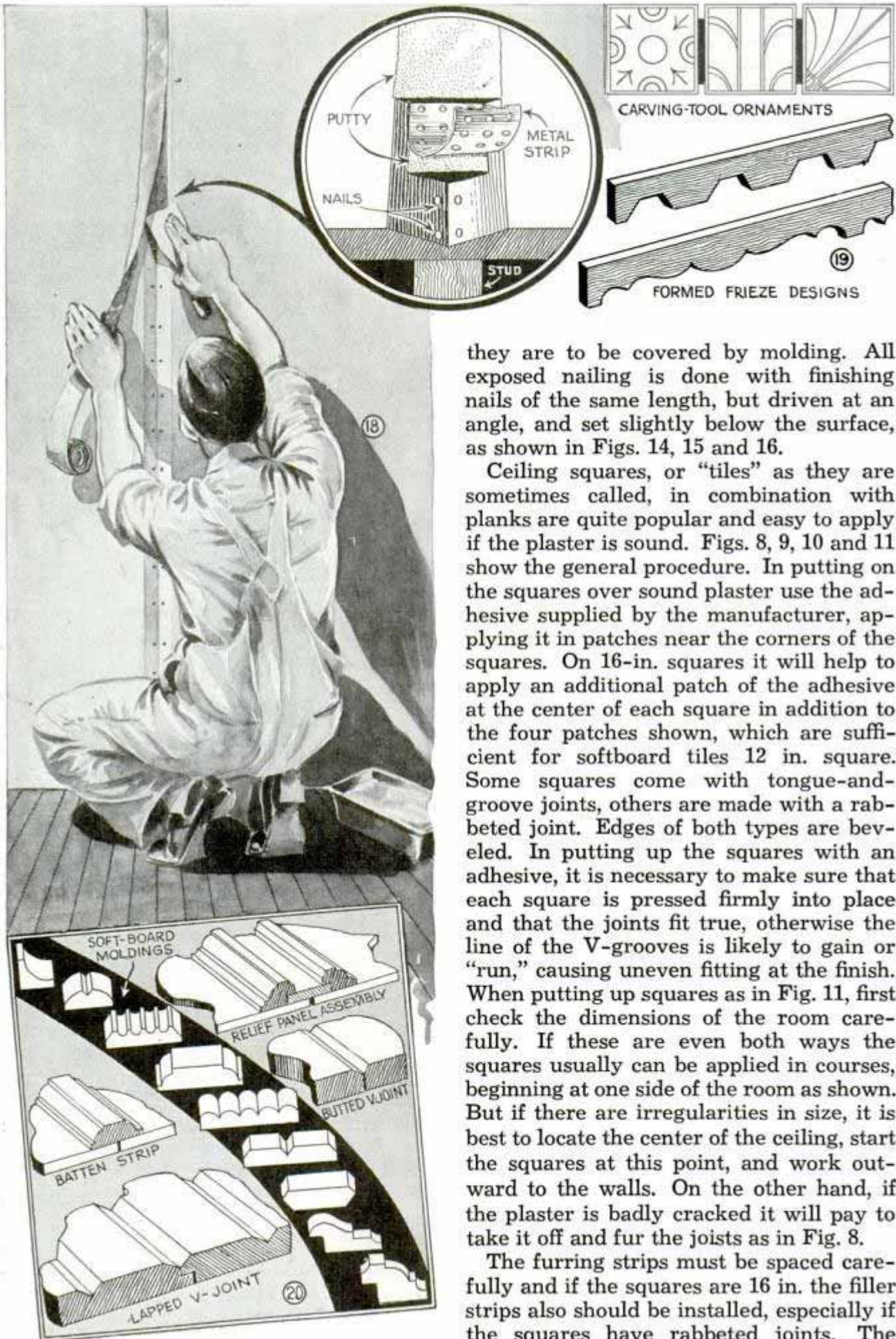
If the joints in softboard walls are to be covered with molding, space the boards, when applying, approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. apart along all edges. Joints which are to be finished by beveling or rounding are placed in moderate contact. This is also true of



boards, planks, or ceiling squares which come already tongued and grooved or rabbeted. Any type of wallboard is readily cut with a fine tooth saw, as shown in Fig. 5, and if the joints are to be covered a saw cut is sufficiently smooth. For exposed joints the edges may be beveled with a special plane or rounded with sandpaper.

When you are ready to start nailing, the first board on each wall should be checked with a level to be sure it is plumb. It is then nailed along the intermediate furring strips first before nailing the edges. Space the intermediate nails about 6 in. apart, but nails around the edges should be only 3 in. apart and about  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. from the edges. Galvanized shingle nails 1 in. longer than the thickness of the board, are used where





they are to be covered by molding. All exposed nailing is done with finishing nails of the same length, but driven at an angle, and set slightly below the surface, as shown in Figs. 14, 15 and 16.

Ceiling squares, or "tiles" as they are sometimes called, in combination with planks are quite popular and easy to apply if the plaster is sound. Figs. 8, 9, 10 and 11 show the general procedure. In putting on the squares over sound plaster use the adhesive supplied by the manufacturer, applying it in patches near the corners of the squares. On 16-in. squares it will help to apply an additional patch of the adhesive at the center of each square in addition to the four patches shown, which are sufficient for softboard tiles 12 in. square. Some squares come with tongue-and-groove joints, others are made with a rabbeted joint. Edges of both types are beveled. In putting up the squares with an adhesive, it is necessary to make sure that each square is pressed firmly into place and that the joints fit true, otherwise the line of the V-grooves is likely to gain or "run," causing uneven fitting at the finish. When putting up squares as in Fig. 11, first check the dimensions of the room carefully. If these are even both ways the squares usually can be applied in courses, beginning at one side of the room as shown. But if there are irregularities in size, it is best to locate the center of the ceiling, start the squares at this point, and work outward to the walls. On the other hand, if the plaster is badly cracked it will pay to take it off and furr the joists as in Fig. 8.

The furring strips must be spaced carefully and if the squares are 16 in. the filler strips also should be installed, especially if the squares have rabbeted joints. The



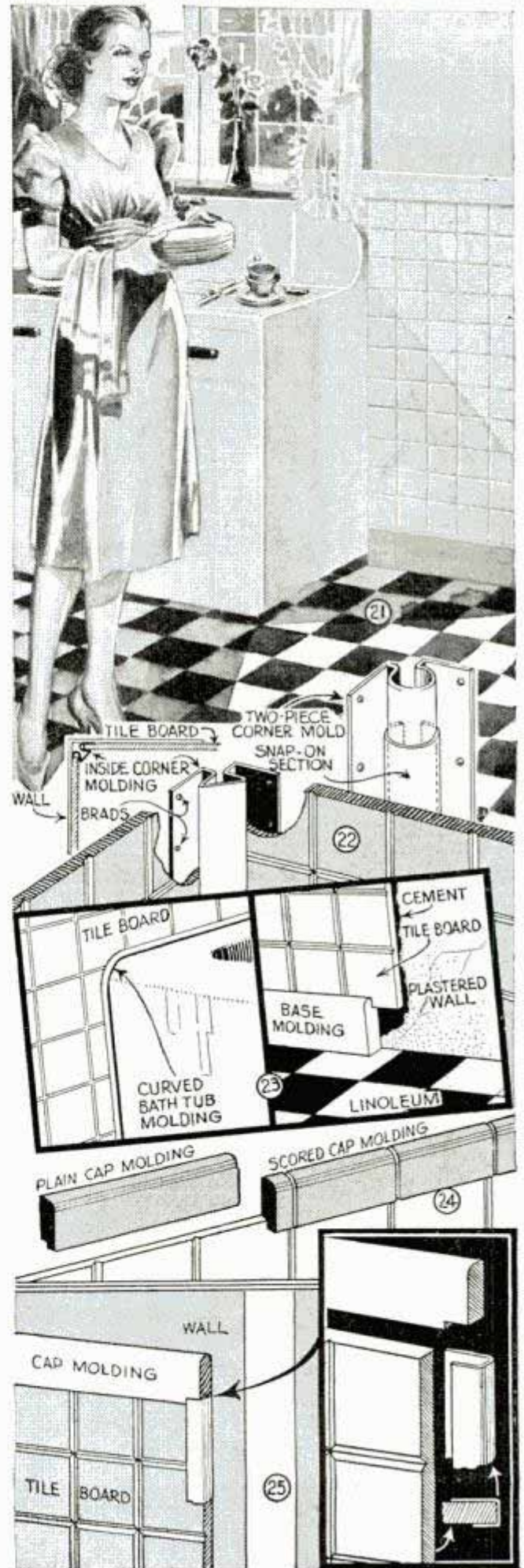
construction of the building will govern to a certain extent the exact method of application. Brads,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. long, are usually used to attach the squares to the strips. In putting up tongue-and-groove squares, care must be taken not to force the joints unduly tight. Planks, whether placed vertically as in Fig. 11, or horizontally as in Figs. 6 and 17, are usually applied over furring strips. Various manufacturers supply directions and manuals covering fully the application of their products. It is advisable to follow these carefully. For handling large sheets on the ceiling it is generally necessary to provide a "helper" to hold one end of the piece while the other is being nailed, Fig. 12.

**Finishing:** The decorating possibilities of plain softboard panels are many. The material may be painted, stained, decorated with stencils, rough finished with plastic paint or covered with wall hangings. Water paint, calcimine and the new casein paints all can be applied directly over the unsized board. It is advisable, however, to use a varnish size under calcimine.

Softboard must be sized before oil or varnish paints are applied. Wall size is available ready mixed and should be applied according to the manufacturers' directions. Two coats of any good interior wall paint over the size, will produce a beautiful and washable wall. Plastic paint can be applied over any of the wallboards after the joints have been filled as previously described, without size. Sufficient paint always should be applied to cover completely the texture of the board.

Softboard should be glue sized for all wall hangings such as paper, canvas, oil-cloth, etc. After the size is dry the material should be sanded lightly to remove protruding fibers before proceeding in the usual manner to apply the hangings with wallpaper paste.

Hardboards can be finished with any of the water paints without sizing but for oil paints and enamels a sizing of shellac, varnish, enamel undercoat or aluminum paint should be used. After applying the size, the surface should be rubbed down with steel wool or fine sandpaper to produce a smooth surface for finishing coats. Plywood will take stain, varnish, wax or paint and enamel finishes but is not suitable for water finishes or wall hangings.



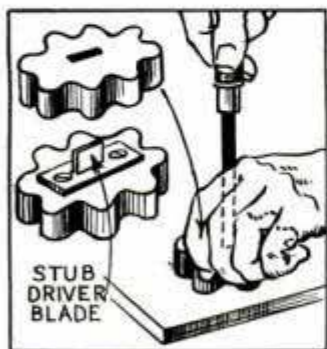


## Signwriter's Maulstick Is Fitted with Spirit Level



To aid in getting guide lines horizontal when lettering doors and windows, one signwriter fitted his maulstick with a small spirit level. A recess was made in the center of the top surface of the stick to take the level, which was then covered with a strip of sheet metal having a slot in the center so that the level bubble could be seen, the metal being set flush with the surface of the stick to avoid sharp edges that might injure the hands.

## Guide on Blade of Screwdriver to Turn Stubborn Screws



ing out the slot, and makes stubborn screws easy to remove. A slot in the center of the guide takes the screwdriver, although in some cases a stub blade is provided so that downward pressure can be

One workman who has a lot of repair work requiring the use of a screwdriver uses the steel guide illustrated to keep the blade square with the screw slot, which tends to prevent break-

exerted to remove an exceptionally tight screw.—Chas. H. Willey, Penacook, N. H.

## Tacks in Lathe Turning Chisels Prevent Rolling

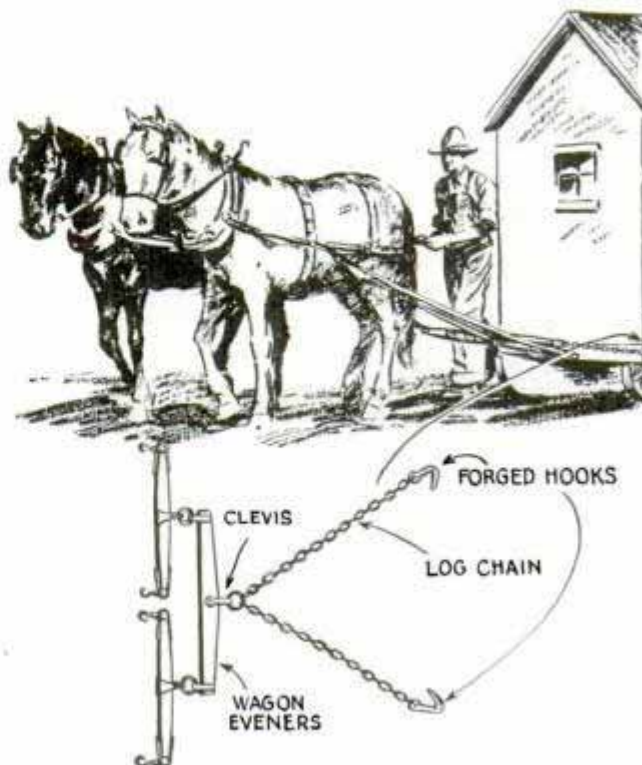
Annoyance of having lathe tools roll off the table may be avoided easily by just pressing four thumbtacks in the handles as shown. The tacks do not interfere with using the tools.



## Team Hitch to Move Hog Houses and Other Portable Buildings

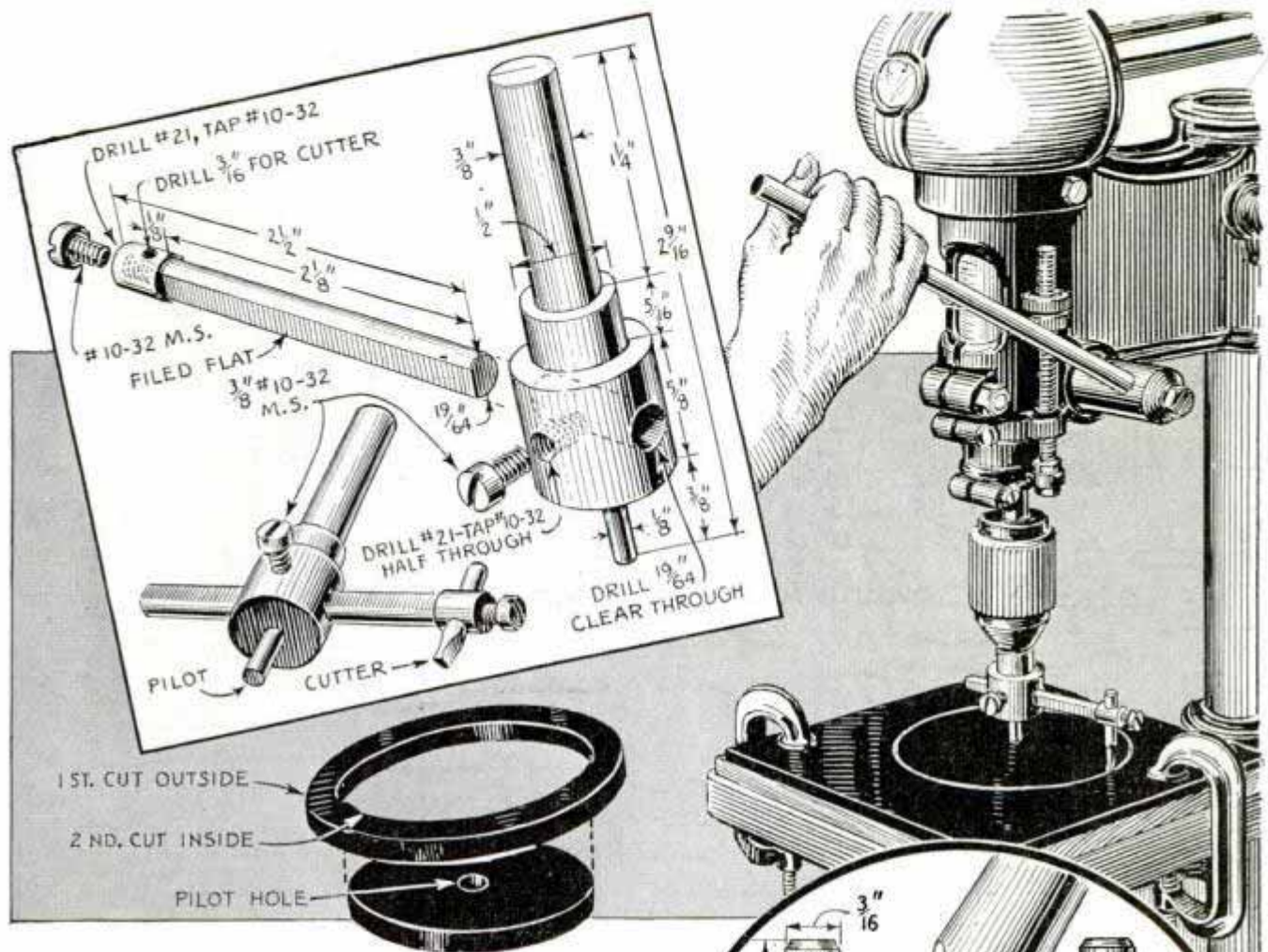
One farmer who had several portable hog houses, chicken coops, feed racks and platforms, used the hitch shown to move them quickly with a team. The hitch consists of two lengths of heavy chain each fitted at one end with a hook and both connected to a large ring to take a clevis for attaching a doubletree. Skids under the various units to be moved were fitted with heavy rings to which the hooks on the chains were attached.

—M. B. Birge, Hinsdale, Ill.

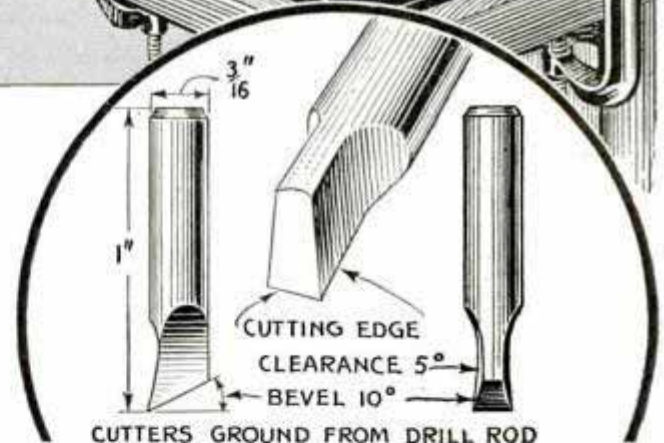




# Turned Parts Form This Sturdy Circle Cutter



Readily turned from either cold-rolled steel or from drill rod, and employing a high-speed steel cutting bit, this handy circle cutter can be used for cutting circles up to 4 in. in diameter in Bakelite, fiber and plastics. The shaft is turned first from a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. cold-rolled steel. First turn down the shaft and the  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. diam. pilot. Then drill the holes for the cutting arm and for the set screw. These must be  $90^\circ$  apart. The hole for the arm is drilled clear through. The side arm is next. The flat filed on one side of the arm must be



$90^\circ$  away from the hole for the bit, and can be filed before drilling the arm. The bit is ground from a round piece of high-speed steel,  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. in diameter.

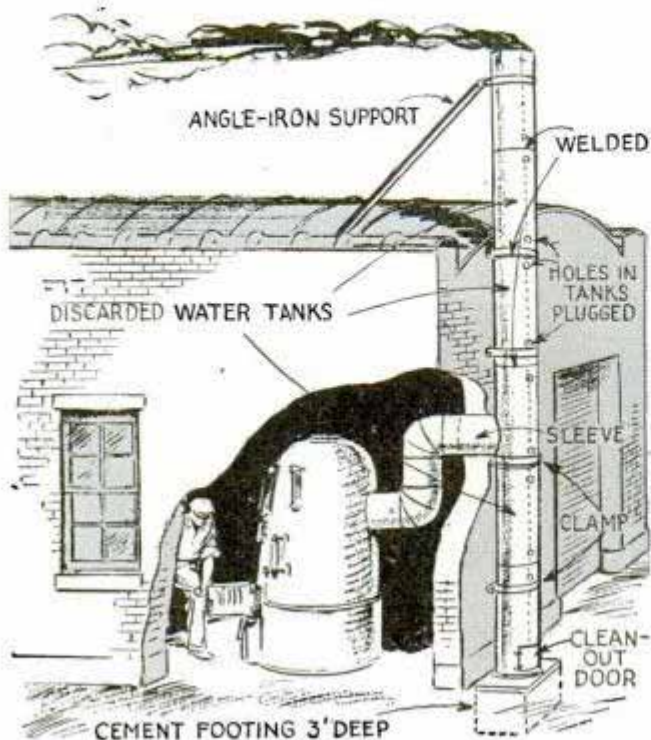
## Fresh Mimeograph Stencils Aid in Getting Clear-Cut Copy

A merchant employing a stencil duplicator to print his advertising letters and circulars, is frequently asked how he repeatedly obtains such clear and uniform copies. In explanation he emphasizes the use of fresh stencils. Typing or tracing cannot be done effectively on an old stencil because the wax-like composition of the stencil has become too dry and tough.

If stencils are used only occasionally, so that it is impossible to keep a fresh supply at hand, he advises keeping the unused stencils on a shelf in the cellar or basement where humidity and temperature are usually much more uniform than on the upper floors of a store or office building. If this method is impossible, the package of stencils should be kept in an airtight box.



## Chimney from Hot-Water Tanks Has Long Life



Figuring that an estimated cost of over one hundred dollars was too high for a chimney in my garage, I made a smoke-stack from discarded hot-water tanks at a cost of about seven dollars. The ends were cut out of the tanks, which were then welded together end to end. A sleeve was welded to this and insulated where it passed through the wall, after which the assembly was set on a substantial cement footing. Metal bands clamped the stack to the wall and an angle-iron brace supported the top.—T. R. Heine, Freeport, Ill.

## Lantern Suspended Safely on Special Hanger

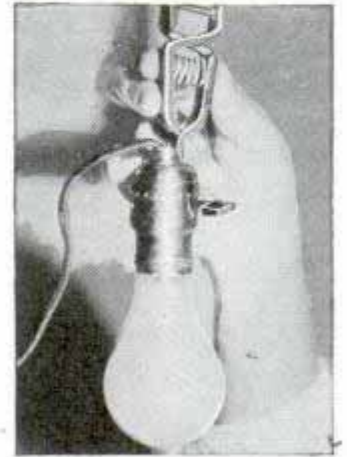


If you use a lantern around the barn occasionally, it is a good idea to provide hangers, which will assure that it will not fall off and cause a serious fire. The hanger shown will do the trick. It consists of a rope eye attached with three screws and a bicycle guard.

One end of the latter is screwed above the eye and the other end rests on it. The guard keeps the bail from slipping off if the lantern is accidentally bumped.

## Shop Light Has Clamp-On Socket

When you are working around machinery that requires a light in many unusual positions, it will be a big help to have the lamp fitted with a fastener as shown. This is nothing more than a spring battery clip attached to an ordinary light socket by the bushing screw and then soldered to make it secure.



—Albert Mihalovich, Rathbun, Ia.

## Eave Gutter Between Wall Studs Provides Small-Parts Shelves

Lengths of eave gutter nailed between the studs of a garage or workshop provide convenient shelves or bins for small parts. They can be nailed to the wall and the studs, the curved sides of the gutter making it easy to pick up the part wanted.

—Everett Hanson, Argyle, Wis.





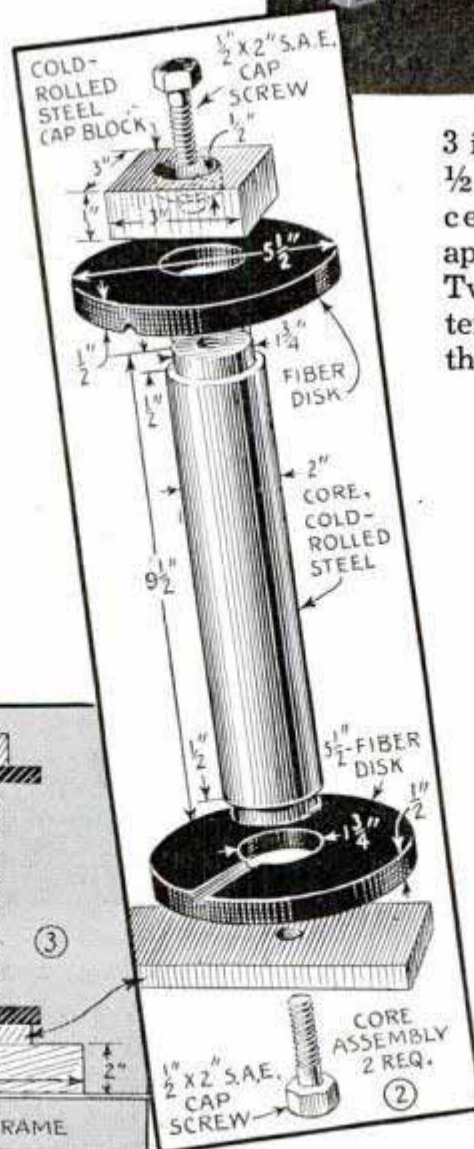
# Pepping up "TIRED" MAGNETS

Electromagnet to charge bar or horseshoe magnets such as used in truck and tractor magnetos, outboard motors, small gas engines and radio speakers

By JACK BEATER

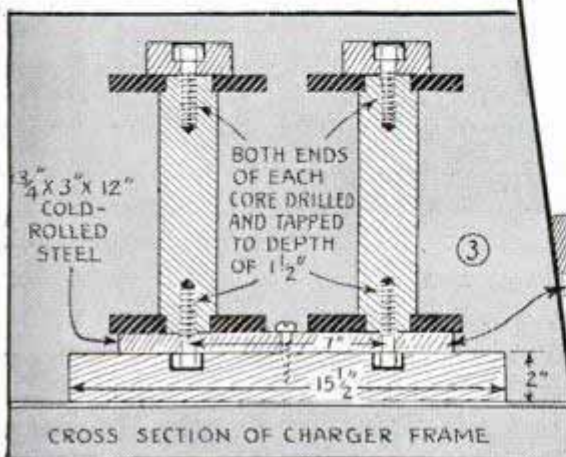
**T**HIS magnet charger was designed for heavy-duty use in the shop, and is made of materials readily available. The three separate circuits in each of the charger coils allow great flexibility for handling magnets of various sizes on the one hand, and make for greater current flow on the other. For very small magnets, such as are used in some speedometers, one winding will develop all the strength required, while for very large magnets all three windings can be used.

The cores upon which the two coils are to be wound are cut from cold-rolled steel 2 in. in diameter, and each piece is 9½ in. long, Figs. 2 and 3. Each end is turned down ½ in. to 1¾ in. diameter as in Fig. 2 and the end of each core is drilled and tapped to a depth of 1½ in. to receive a ½-in. cap screw. The base consists of a 12-in. length of cold-rolled steel,

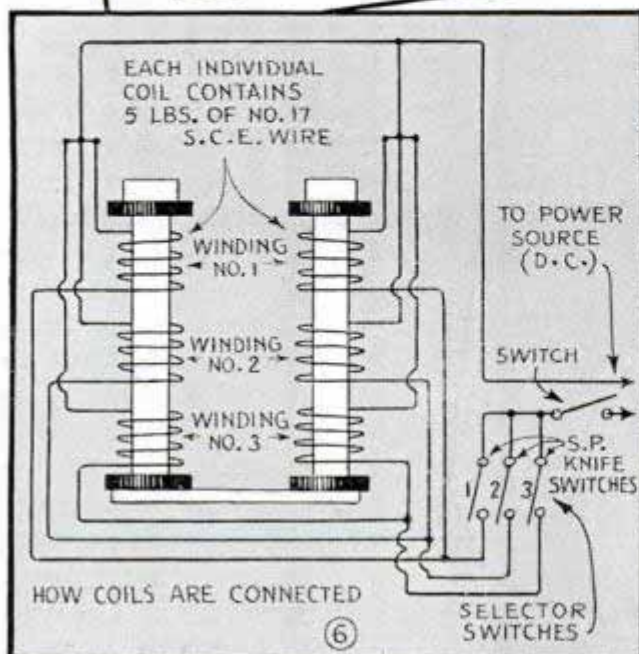
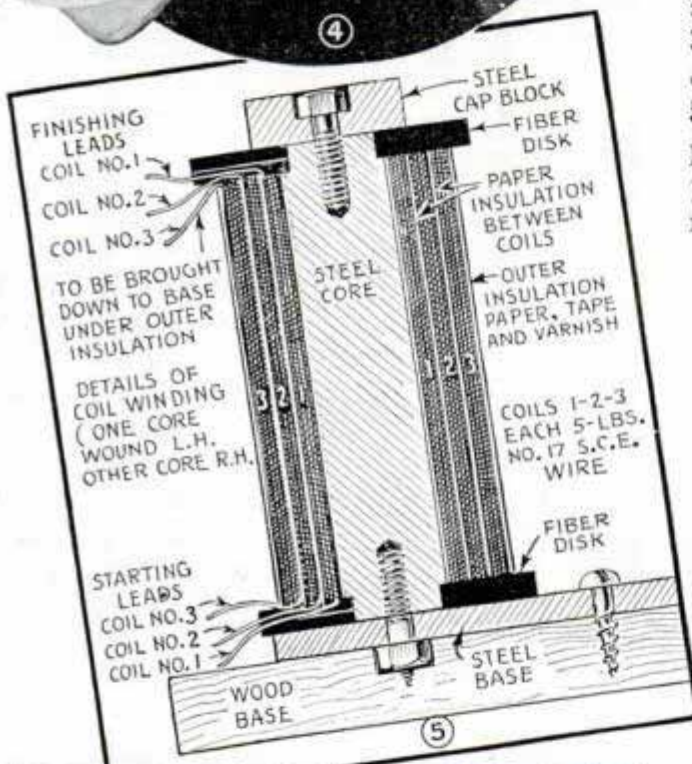


3 in. wide by ¾ in. thick. Two ½-in. holes are bored on the centerline of the base, 7 in. apart and 2½ in. from each end. Two pole caps of the same material, each 3 in. square by 1 in. thick are made up before the winding of the coils is started. A ½-in. hole is drilled in the center of each of these blocks, after which the holes should be counterbored to house the cap screws.

The four ½-in. fiber disks that fit over the ends of the cores to form the winding spools have an outside diameter of 5½ in. and a bore of 1¾ in. Make a 1/8 by 3/16-in. V-cut in each disk from the center hole to the edge as in Fig. 2. The cores must be insulated with tough wrapping paper. Cut sheets wide enough to cover the width of the core, and long enough to go around about five turns. Lay the







paper out flat, coat it with shellac, and wrap it around the core, using rubber bands or string to hold it until the shellac has set. The round disks are now pressed over the ends of the cores, and the cap block of each core is screwed in place to hold the upper disks. Counterbore two blocks of hardwood, duplicates of the steel cap blocks, to hold the lower disk in place on each core while winding. The best way to wind the coils is in a lathe where a steady, moderate speed can be maintained. The head of the lower cap screw can be chucked in the lathe headstock, while a center hole drilled in the head of the upper cap screw supports the core on the tailstock center. The cores are wound with 30 lbs. of No. 17 single cotton-covered, enameled wire, 15 lbs. to each core, and 5 lbs. for each of the three windings per pole. This winding will take the full amperage of a generator at 15 to 18 volts. Before starting the winding, place a protective

layer of tape or cotton sleeving over that part of the wire that will reach from the outer edge of the lower disk to the core. Place the wire in the V-groove, then wind on the first half dozen turns by hand. Start up the lathe in slow speed and feed the wire evenly along the core, then back and forth across the core until 5 lbs. have been wound. Bring the finishing end out at the top of the coil—the end opposite from the start. Tape the part of the finishing end that will be covered by the second and third windings. The second and third coils are wound in the same

manner as the first, except that the starting end of each coil is cut a little shorter than the first for later identification. A layer of heavy paper is wrapped around the coil between windings 1, 2 and 3, Fig. 5. The outer insulation of the completed coils consists of another wrapping of heavy paper, then a tight banding with cotton tape and an application of shellac. For a final trim the coils can be painted or enameled in color. The second core is wound exactly like the first except that the winding is done in the opposite direction. In other words, one coil is wound right hand, the other left hand. In this way all the starting ends will come out at the bottoms of the coils and the finishing ends at the tops. Before assembling the coils to the



plate each of the three windings on each coil should be tested with a 6-volt battery and an accurate ammeter. Each individual winding should show a current flow of approximately 2.67 amperes. A slight variation is permissible but if a full five pounds of wire have been used on each winding the readings should be within close limits. A high reading shows that a number of turns or layers are short-circuited.

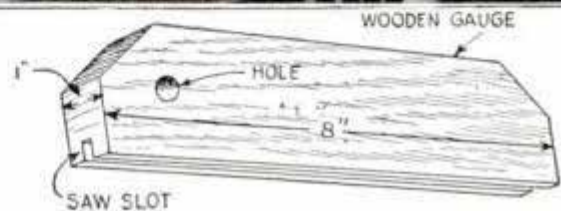
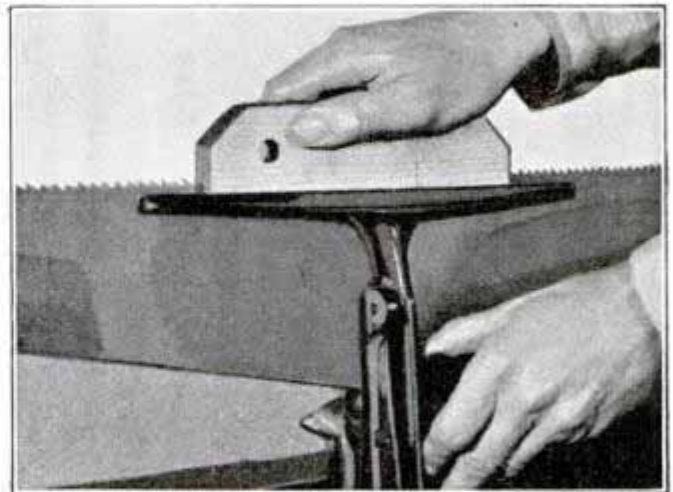
The two coils are bolted to the steel base before being connected together. This assembly is then screwed to a wooden sub-base in the manner shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

Connections are made as shown in Fig. 6. Each pair of windings is connected in parallel, as this allows double the amperes to flow. All six starting ends are soldered together to form a common connection to the battery or other source of d.c. current. The two starting ends of the two No. 1 coils are soldered together and carried to a single-pole knife switch. The starting ends of the No. 2 windings are joined together and connected to No. 2 knife switch, while the starting ends of the two No. 3 windings are connected to switch No. 3, Fig. 6. With this arrangement it is possible to connect either one, two or three of the charger windings into the circuit, depending upon the magnet being charged.

The charger can be operated on from one to three or more 6-volt batteries, or from an automobile generator capable of delivering 15 or more amperes. The charger described here is connected to such a generator; the output to the charger is 26 amperes and 18 volts at 1,800 r.p.m. This overload results in no harm because the generator is used for only a minute or so at a time. In charging a magnet the north pole of the magnet must always be against the south pole of the charger. Small magnets can be spun above the charger, Fig. 4, and allowed to assume the right position of their own accord, but for the bulky magnets a pocket compass should be used to identify the proper polar relationship. Tapping on a magnet with a non-metallic mallet during the charging process aids somewhat in magnetizing, Fig. 1.

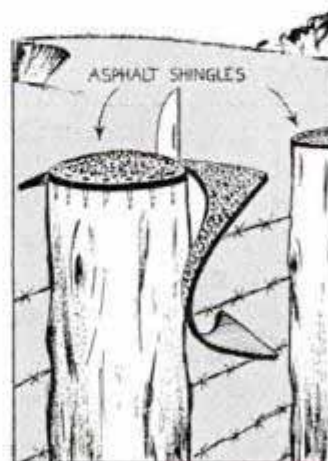
To complete the magnet charger outfit an assortment of steel blocks, Fig. 1, will be needed. These are used to make a firm contact with various shaped magnets.

## Gauge Aids in Adjusting Saw in Filing Vise



Mechanics who file saws will find this simple gauge a timesaver when adjusting the saw in a vise. It is a block of wood with one edge slotted to a depth equal to the distance the saw teeth must project above the vise jaws for filing. When the saw is to be moved in the vise, the gauge is set over the teeth and given a twist which sets the teeth into the wood so that it will not slip off. In reclamping the saw, it is lowered in the vise until the jaws touch the gauge and tighten, after which the gauge is lifted off and the filing continued.

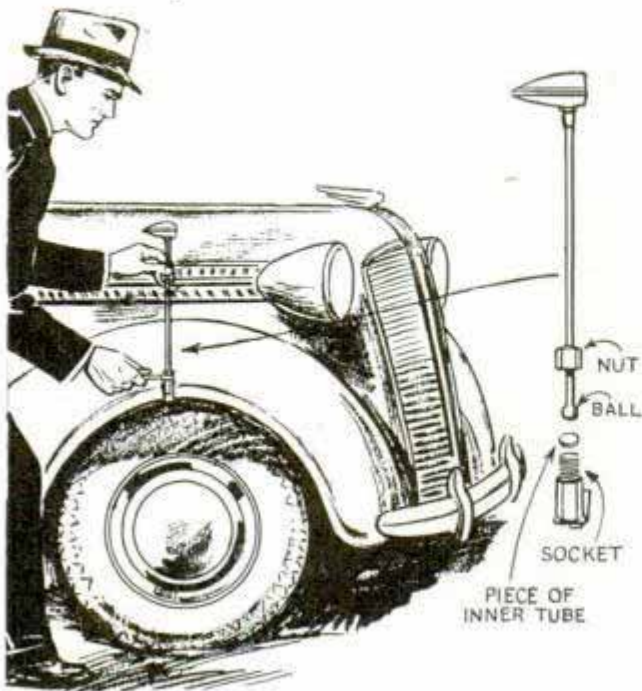
## Post Capped with Asphalt Roofing to Waterproof the Tops



Square or hexagon asphalt shingles, or scraps of asphalt roll roofing provide good caps for fence posts to keep water from soaking into the wood. The protecting piece is nailed to the top of the post, after which it is trimmed to fit with a sharp knife. If the knife blade gets too sticky, try using a small pair of tin snips.



## Fender Guide Kept in Position by Rubber Washer



Fender guides of the ball-and-socket type that have a tendency to tip to one side can be kept in a vertical position by placing a tiny rubber washer between the ball and socket. This provides a gasket between the metal parts and gives enough friction to prevent movement caused by vibration and wind resistance, yet allows the guide to move without bending if struck by some object.

—Jack H. Lynch, La Habra, Calif.

## Motor Condition Checked with Tire Pump

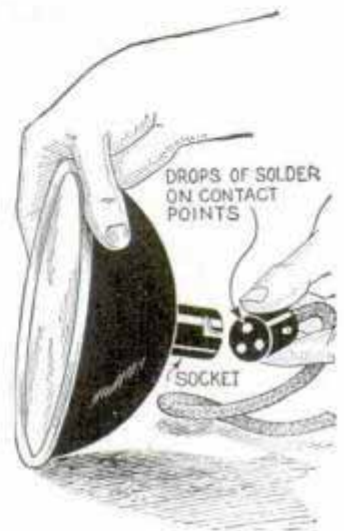


You can check the condition of your motor fairly well with nothing more than a tire pump that will create both pressure and vacuum. Use a tire valve stem fitted to a spark-plug shell to connect the pump in the spark-plug hole of the cylinder under test. Now turn the crankshaft to bring the piston on top dead center of the compression stroke. If strokes of the pump meet little resistance, there is loss of compression, and if an application of heavy

oil to the piston top stops this, the rings are at fault. But if the oil is ineffective the valves are leaking. Very quick strokes of the pump will disclose a loose connecting-rod bearing, indicated by a dull rap, or a loose wrist pin, indicated by a sharp rap. Turning the crank a quarter turn will put the piston in position to check it for play. A rapid up-and-down stroke of the pump will cause side-to-side movement of the piston if it is loose.

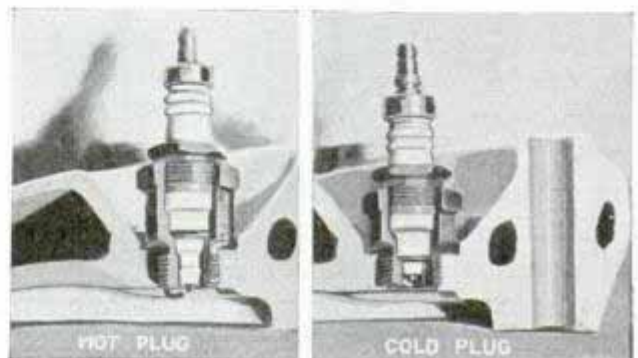
## Worn Contacts in Headlamp Plug Cause Flickering Lights

When headlights have a tendency to flicker and there are no loose wire connections, check up on the contacts in the headlamp plugs. These sometimes wear down so that they make poor contact with the bulb bases. They can be repaired by putting a drop of solder on each one.



## Use a Spark Plug to Suit Your Car Motor

If your motor has been "acting up" for no apparent reason, or if your spark plugs seem to burn out too quickly, perhaps you are using the wrong type of plugs. These are made with varied heat ratings to fit all kinds of motors, and to perform under different driving conditions. If the plug runs too hot in a motor, it may burn up the electrode, crack the porcelain and cause pre-ignition with attendant knock-





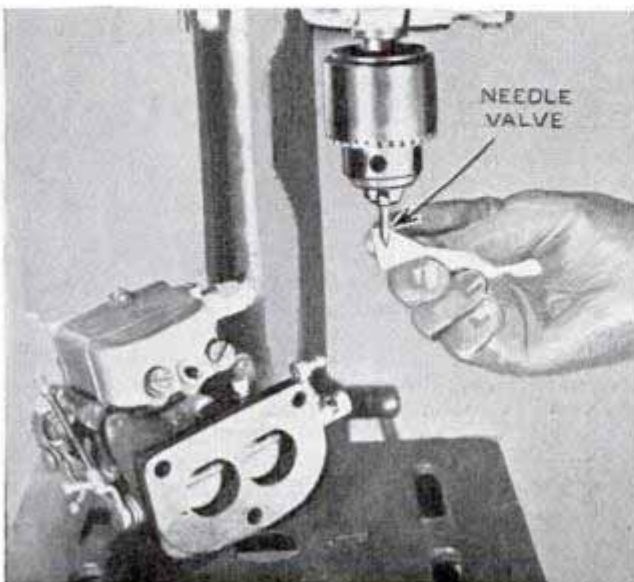
ing and loss of power. On the other hand, if the plug runs too cold, it may foul up with the oil that works up into the combustion chamber. The electrode of the plug is its hottest part, and heat from it must be carried away from the porcelain into the shell and from there through the metal of the head or block into the water. The longer this path is, the hotter the plug will run; the shorter the path, the colder the plug will run under identical conditions.

### Repairing a Cracked Bearing

If a crack is found in babbitt-metal bearings they should be repaired or replaced. If actual separation of the babbitt shell from the backing has not already occurred, repairs often may be made quite easily with solder. This is applied in the usual way, taking care that the bond between the solder and the babbitt is complete, after which the excess metal may be removed with a scraper and the bearing refitted to the shaft.

### Carburetor Needle Valve Cleaned in Drill Press

Irregular idling of a car motor is sometimes caused by scored needle valves of the idling adjustment. The valves are brass and are frequently forced into their seats so tightly that they become scored. A good way to remove the score marks is to grip the valve in a drill-press chuck and hold fine emery cloth against the pointed end as it is rotated. Care must be taken, of course, not to overdo the job.



### Car Washer Is Balanced by Rope While Wiping Top



One motorist solved the problem of balancing on a narrow running board while wiping or washing the top of his car by hanging onto a rope with one hand as shown. The rope is tied to a door handle on the opposite side of the car.

—Kathleen Bell, Columbus, Ohio.

### Lowering Carburetor Float Level Improves Gas Mileage

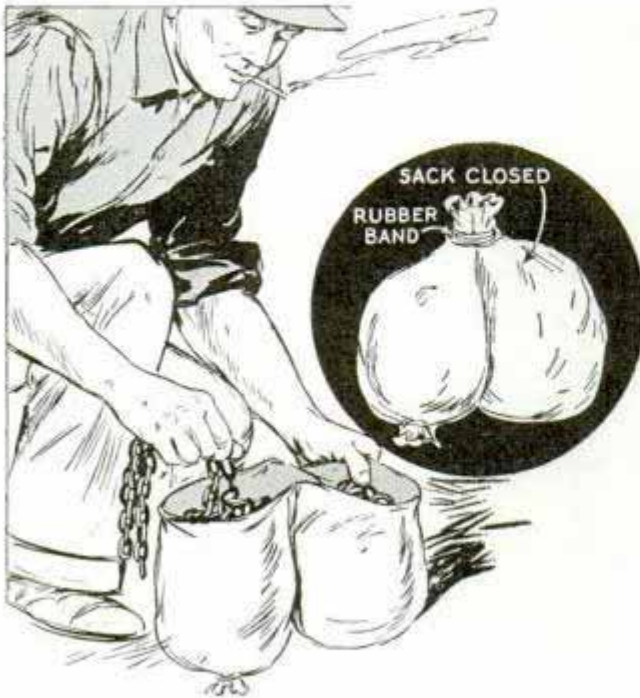
Gas mileage is likely to be poor, and the motor will have a tendency to "die out" if the float level in the carburetor is too high. It is a simple matter to lower the float level by removing the washer under the needle-valve seat as indicated. If its removal reduces performance of the motor noticeably, thickness of the washer may be reduced by rubbing it over a piece of sandpaper held on a flat surface.



☐ In cold weather auto tires sometimes develop slow leaks due to the cold shrinking the rubber valve cores; this can be prevented by replacing the valve core in each tire.



## Slit Sack for Your Skid Chains Prevents Tangling

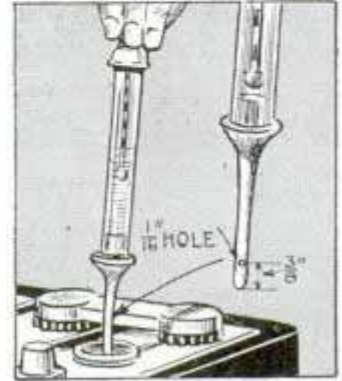


Instead of untangling his skid chains every time he used them, a motorist slit a sack to provide a separate compartment

for each one. The mouth of the sack was tied permanently with a heavy cord and a large rubber band snapped around the severed edges closed the slit opening when storing the chains.

## Leveling Solution in Battery

Electrolyte in the cells of batteries can be kept at exactly the same height if the nozzle of the battery filler or hydrometer has a tiny hole a short distance from the end. After adding water to the cells,



use the battery filler to withdraw some of the liquid. When this has been withdrawn level with the hole of the tube, air will enter the filler and prevent removing too much of the electrolyte.



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# Mercy Flier of the Arctic

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Fairbanks as the principal operating base.

Crosson contributed to the success of Wiley Post's record globe-circling flight in July, 1933. Post's Lockheed plane was disabled at Flat, Alaska, by a damaged propeller. Crosson flew there from Fairbanks with a replacement, enabling Post to continue and set a record. Later, when Post and Will Rogers crashed near Point Barrow, Crosson received the sad task of flying there for the two men's bodies and bringing them to the states for burial.

He had been flying airplanes since he was in his teens, when he and his older sister, Marvel, assembled an old army "Jenny" in the back yard of the family home at San Diego. Both learned to fly. Arctic flying attracted Crosson to Alaska in 1926. He liked the people of the North and found that they liked him. He became a friend of Col. Carl Ben Eielson, first commercial aviator to operate in Alaska. This friendship carried them on many spectacular adventures, such as in 1927 when Sir Hubert Wilkins attempted unsuccessfully to fly over the South Pole. Sir Hubert engaged Colonel Eielson as first pilot and Crosson as second for the expedition.

In 1929 a small trading schooner "Nanuk" became icelocked off the northeast coast of Siberia. The "Nanuk" carried furs valued at a million dollars. Her owners were anxious to get them to the markets of the world without waiting for the following summer's thaw. Colonel Eielson was offered \$50,000 for freighting the furs the nearly 300 miles to Alaska.

The first round trip was made without a hitch. Fifteen hundred pounds of furs were delivered to Teller and dispatched on their way to the fur markets. In the face of adverse weather, Colonel Eielson and his mechanic, Earl Borland, set out on November 9 for their second dash to the "Nanuk." They never arrived.

No great concern was felt for several days. It was surmised that the airmen had been forced down and were waiting better weather conditions. When the period lengthened into weeks a search was organized. Crosson flew from Fairbanks to Teller where a fleet of airplanes was assembled. Such other pioneer airmen of the north as Frank Dorbandt and Harold

Gillam were in the group pledged to find Colonel Eielson and Borland at the risk of their own lives. But they found howling winds whipping blinding snowstorms across the frozen ocean day after day. And when the blizzards diminished, dense fogs cut visibility to zero.

Time and again Crosson and the others took off, but were driven back by storms. Finally, on December 22, Crosson crossed the treacherous arm of the Arctic to reach the "Nanuk," where he and the other fliers who had followed him set up headquarters on the ice. Crosson flew each day the weather would allow, patrolling the frozen ocean and the shoreline of Siberia.

On January 25, Crosson and Gillam were flying east of the "Nanuk." Crosson was over the shore, Gillam over the frozen ocean. It was one of those lucky days when a sparkling clearness afforded excellent visibility. Crosson, alone in his open plane, was peering over the side when he saw a shadow on the ice below. Circling downward he discovered the shadow was cast by a frost-coated metal wing of an airplane jutting from the ice. Landing quickly, Crosson and Gilliam found it to be the missing plane. The bodies of Colonel Eielson and Borland were near by.

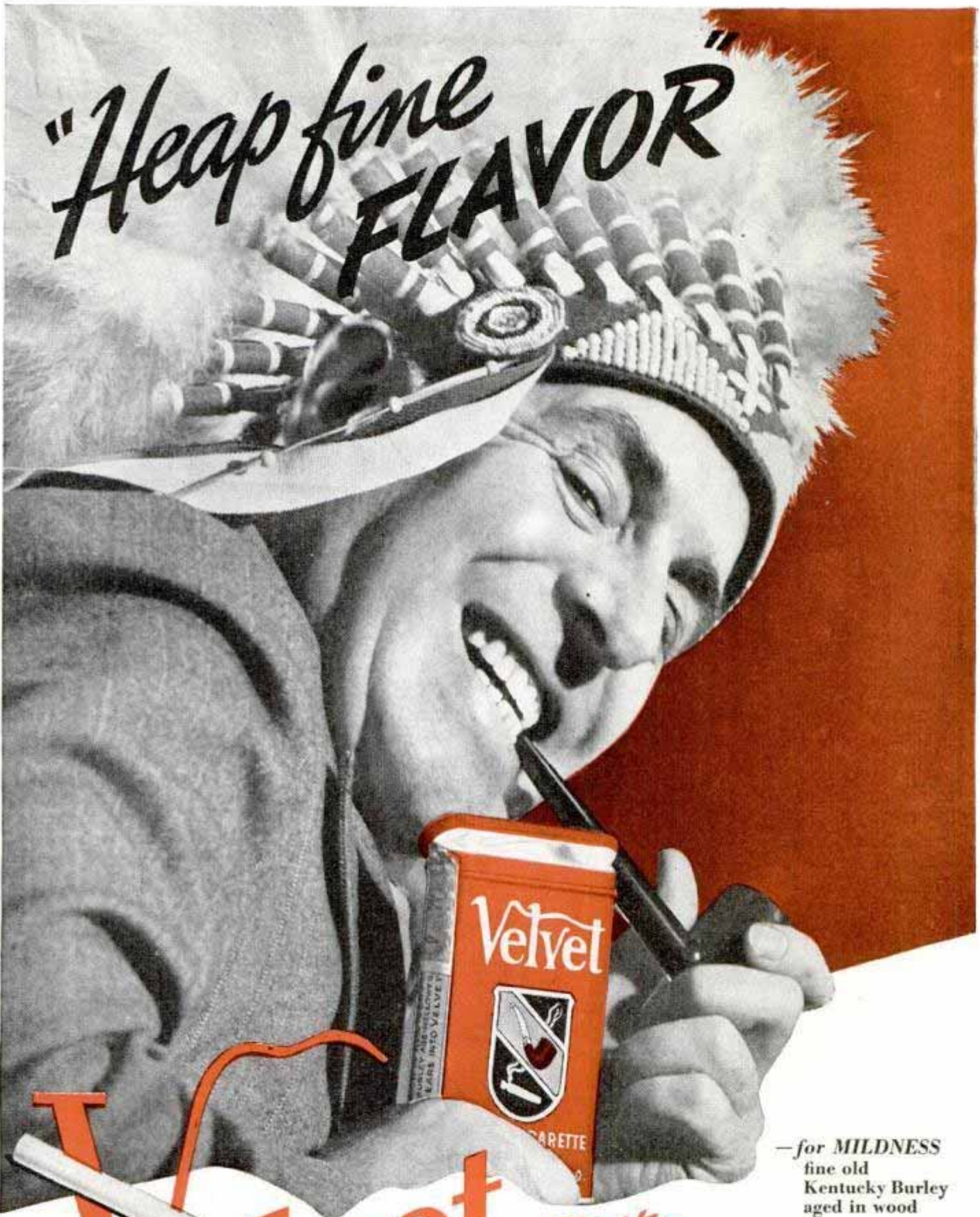
Though saddened by the death of his flying comrade, Crosson was not beaten by the Arctic. He resolved to carry on the task laid down by Colonel Eielson—that of conquering the frigid wasteland by airplane for the benefit of those who live there.

## Big Brain Not Always in Big Head Study of Skulls Shows

You can't judge a man's brain by the size of his hat, as the brain may enlarge without in any way affecting the form or size of his head. Normal human beings, according to Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution, have brains varying in size from about 910 cubic centimeters to the record-breaking size of 2,100, as indicated by the institution's collection of 12,000 skulls, mostly Indian. These measurements reveal that there is a far greater difference in the extremes of normal brain capacity than in extremes of normal outer head size.

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## 16,000 Miles on \$4.20

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In digging up the ground for the garden we found several pieces of rusted iron. When our hut was completed we made it into a workshop and then turned blacksmith, carpenter, weaver, and tanner. We were busy every minute of the daylight hours, and often far into the night.

About half our time was spent in collecting food and material. In the back country we hunted the little wild pigs which supplied us with meat and much-needed leather. We collected long stringers of a tough vine for lashings, and hardwoods of various kinds to make furniture.

When the weather permitted, we would launch the canoe and skirt the island shores, collecting birds' eggs, and browsing along the beaches for anything that might serve us in some way.

Our camp soon took on the proportions of a small factory. There was a funnel-shaped affair made of small saplings which we kept constantly filled with ashes from the fire. Rainwater filtering through the ashes and collecting in an old five-gallon can below kept us supplied with lye for tanning hides and making soap. Beside this was a small fireplace in which another five-gallon can served as a rendering kettle for oil from the coconut meat and lard from the pigs. Next to that on the assembly line was a mud-covered framework of bent saplings which served as a smokehouse for curing ham, bacon, and fish. Then a small charcoal kiln, which supplied the fuel for our crude but effective forge, with its home-tanned leather bellows. Next was the worktable, made of two hewn palm boles, then the hut itself, where products of this production line eventually entered to serve their particular purpose.

One might wonder why a person would go out to a tropic island for the privilege of working his head off, but we found more pleasure in industrious, productive work than in play. True, we did spend a lot of time in exploring, swimming, and even searching for buried treasure—there is reputedly a good deal of that on Cocos—but it seemed on all these trips we were anxious to get back to camp, and usually we would find something which would give us a good excuse to return—a piece of bamboo would suggest the idea of a flower vase

or a salt shaker; an exceptionally large coconut shell which could be made into a bowl, soap dish, or ladle—or maybe some fine clay which would do for pottery.

After six months of these busy, happy days, I awoke one morning with a sharp pain in my side. Appendicitis, I guessed. And our nearest neighbor was at least 350 miles away. We wondered about the chances of operating, but by good fortune rescue came through the unexpected arrival of a tuna clipper, whose captain and crew had taken the notion to stop at Cocos for a bath in fresh water.

We hope to return to Cocos Island some day and do it all over again—minus the appendix! It's just a tiny, tropical island, most of it mountain ridges. The vegetation is dense, luxuriant, fast-growing and very tough to cut through. The yearly rainfall is enormous. But there is something about the place that makes us want to return.

About two weeks later, against the better judgment of the captain, we left the tuna boat and set off again in our canoe down the coast for Panama.

Our arrival at the Panama Canal created quite a stir among the officials. Here was a registered, United States ship, (length sixteen feet) with all of her papers in good order, knocking at their gates.

They put us through all the formalities of a big passenger liner. That was all right, but the entertainment that went along with it nearly finished off the captain and crew of the "Vagabunda."

We were supposed to transit the canal on schedule, which usually requires between eight and nine hours—the distance is about forty-nine miles—but it took us six days. At Miraflores, Pedro Miguel, Darien, and other points along the route, we were met by reception committees and invited to partake of true Panama hospitality.

But eventually we reached Cristobal, the Atlantic side of the Panama Canal, and officially ended our adventure-filled, three-year, test trip.

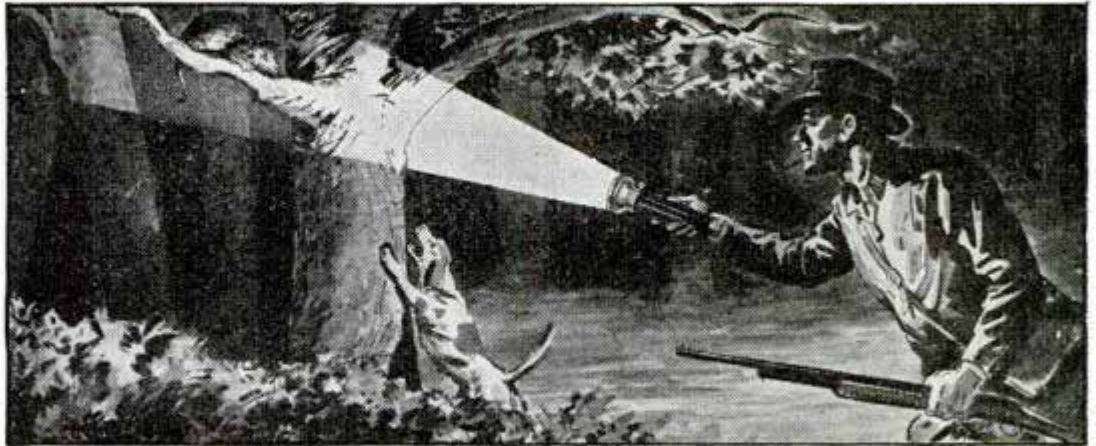
And now we are busily engaged in assembling equipment and making plans for the next voyage, which will be into the heart of the unexplored Maya jungle area of Mexico and Guatemala.



# DEATH LEERS as Hunter Plummets into Pit!



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1 "With my hound Jep, I had bagged seven 'possums and was heading back for bed," writes James Kidwell. "I was cutting through the yard of an abandoned hilltop house, when the hound gave a frightened yelp and lit out for home.



2 "I chuckled, for superstitious folks down our way regard this as an ill omen. The next moment, rotten timbers crashed under me—I was falling!



3 "I landed at the bottom of an old well. It was impossible to scale the walls. I retrieved my flashlight from the icy water. She still worked.



4 "My only chance was to keep shooting the beam upward, hoping that it would be seen and that the batteries would last. My luck was good—two boys going home from town saw the strange flashes, and investigated. Those 'Eveready' fresh DATED batteries positively saved my life, as I would have died of exposure, if help hadn't come. You've got to be in the predicament I was before you really can appreciate the value of fresh batteries.

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# Alkalize with Alka-Seltzer

## Science—Maker of Champions

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plete performance will approach perfection. Motion-picture studies help correct an athlete's little mannerisms that hold him back and help point out how the best performers make their records.

Cromwell knows that everyone is different so he never changes a person's natural style completely. Refining the natural style, he finds, brings the best individual results whether it is in increasing the stride of a runner, improving the balance and lift of a jumper or hurdler, or in giving a strong finishing snap to a weight thrower.

Learning from his athletes as well as instructing them, the coach a few years ago observed that one of his high-jump pupils preferred to roll over the bar face down instead of with his back to it. This led to the development of the stomach roll that some of the best jumpers use today as a way of keeping their center of gravity low while getting over the bar.

Remarkable as is the present pole-vault record of fourteen feet eleven inches, held jointly by two of Cromwell's men, the suggestion is that if a vaulter can learn to snake his body over the bar the way a rope moves over a pulley even greater heights are going to be obtained.

To be a good vaulter you should be tall and not too heavy, with long arms and tremendous strength in the upper body. You need the strength for the pull-up at the top of the vault to elevate your body a couple of feet or more above your grip on the pole. If Cromwell were your instructor you would spend a good part of your training period on horizontal and parallel bars adjacent to the vaulting pit. Acrobatics and tumbling teach you to handle yourself in the air so that you can raise your body from the vaulting pole and wriggle over the crossbar with full control instead of doing it blindly. If you are of championship caliber there will be a drop of about fifteen feet back to earth and you have to land without hurting yourself.

Slight refinements in style and stroke are leading to new swimming records. Some pools are "faster" than others and water is sometimes faster than it is at other times. New records are usually made in fast pools filled with fast water. A good pool has splashboards that eliminate the

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backwash waves that are apt to slow a swimmer on the turns and it is likewise well lighted, allowing the swimmer to follow the lane lines painted on the bottom and thus swim a straight path.

Slow water feels dead to a swimmer. Fast water is water that was well aerated on its way to the pool, that hasn't stood in the pool too long, and that hasn't been churned up so much that the air bubbles are beaten out. Soft water usually permits faster swimming than hard water and swimmers usually make their best time in water heated to between seventy-four and seventy-eight degrees.

One frequent difficulty in setting a new record of any kind is the psychological handicap of having to beat the old one. The longer a record has stood, the greater determination it seems to take to beat it. Frequently when a record that has stood for years is once beaten, a number of increasingly better marks are then made in a short period. Part of Cromwell's secret in turning out record breakers is the encouragement he gives his athletes, addressing each of them as "champ" to help give them the confidence they need.

His teams have made a reputation for taking transcontinental train rides and then breaking records at once instead of waiting to get over their staleness. The men don't get stale, Cromwell says, because he gets them off the train for a walk at every stop, and he insists that they eat nothing but salad at lunch. At other hours they eat normal meals.

Many coaches have sought for special foods that would stimulate an athlete to do better than his previous best, and recent experiments at Brooklyn's Long Island College of Medicine suggest that ordinary gelatin may be the long-sought "pep" food. The energy output and endurance of six men were doubled after they had been fed unflavored gelatin in glasses of chilled orange juice.

Are present records the best that man can do? Not at all, Cromwell asserts. Records of every sort are going to continue to be broken as long as the enthusiasm of the human race survives.

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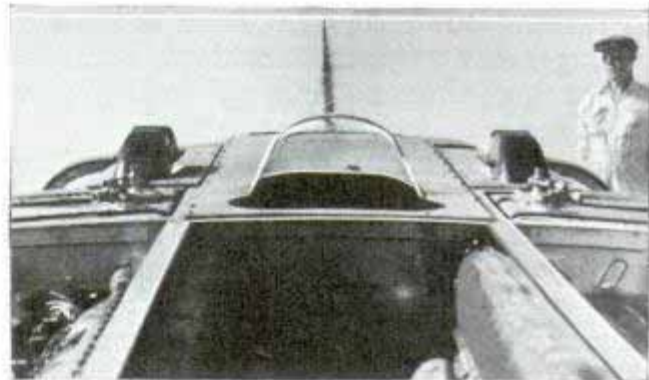


## Driving a Bullet on Wheels

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ishment in their one ride. Consider the weight they carry—seven tons, more than a ton on each of six tires. Consider the centrifugal throw, with the wheels revolving forty-six times per second and the outside of the tire traveling nearly 700 miles an hour. The headwind alone would cut the tires to pieces if not well shielded.

One of the odd things about riding this bullet on wheels is the trouble I have in getting out of the seat at the end of the run. I am actually locked in by the heat! When I designed Thunderbolt I particularly stressed construction of the seat. I made certain I could see clearly and far. I wanted to fit snugly, with all controls in easy reach. Although I am in the car only six minutes for the two-way run, correct posture and physical comfort are essential to ward off fatigue—and that applies to



View from behind windshield toward race course

you, too, when you are on a long automobile trip. Thunderbolt's seat is built to fit my body exactly, and it has pneumatic cushions. During the speed run the heat from the twenty-four cylinders causes my body and the pneumatic cushions to swell until I am stuck fast, and at the finish I must cool off before I can extricate myself.

My instrument board is not like yours. I have no room for radio and cigar lighter—I haven't even a speedometer. How can I tell when I hit 360 miles an hour? By the tachometer reading. Top reading on the dial is 4,000 revolutions per minute. At six miles a minute the revolution counter should show 3,450. Actually, the speed is a little more than estimated from the tachometer, because of tire expansion, an unknown quantity.

One dial is a shift indicator. Because you cannot "back-shift" to a lower gear



and because there is a long interval between shifts, I must have a dial to tell what gear I am in. I shift from first into second at seventy miles an hour and into third at 200 miles an hour.

The other dials are oil-pressure and water-temperature gauges for each engine; oil-temperature gauges, and pressure gauges for the mechanical brake oil line and for the air brakes. By air brakes I mean the two fins which are projected from each side of the car to increase wind resistance.

It's not easy to describe the sensation of traveling at six miles a minute. The time is too short to think of your own feelings. Probably if you had time to think, you'd be conscious of screaming engines and almost suffocating heat, a sense of pressure in the enclosed cockpit, and ahead a white blur split by that black line on which your eyes are glued.

Spectators have told me they scarcely see Thunderbolt until the car is opposite them. There is a swift, dark blur, then a flashing broadside glimpse, and I am almost out of sight again before the peak of the engine's roar reaches the watchers a quarter mile or more from the course. Thunderbolt travels half as fast as sound.

Six months before my attempts to set world speed records I go into training, following the rules of an athlete gearing up for football or track. I refrain from alcoholics, cut down on my smoking, and drink quantities of milk. I have acquired the faculty of relaxing at will. Sometimes in the late afternoon I lie down for a nap and in fifteen minutes am up, perfectly refreshed. It would pay anyone to develop that ability to relax. Even a brief midday rest during a long automobile trip might prevent an accident caused by fatigue.

The night before a record run I retire about seven o'clock and set the alarm for one. When it rings I hustle, see that my crew has hot coffee, that each man is doing his task, and then make a final checkup on the car myself. The track has been scraped smooth with heavy iron rails and the black guide line checked with surveying instruments. I breakfast on hot cakes, a slice of bacon and coffee, don the helmet and fresh-air mask which is essential in the cockpit, and when all is ready I pull the sliding roof over my head and give the signal. I'm off for the races!

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**On the Bridge of a Superliner**

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the return trip to England, the time was three days twenty hours and forty-two minutes, which established a new east-bound record, I am told.

Today's modern liner is no more completely equipped for speed and passenger comfort than it is for safety. Aboard the "Queen Mary," no one can strike a match or even flick an automatic lighter in an unauthorized place without the officer of the watch being immediately aware of it. This is because of the extraordinary delicate fire detectors installed throughout the ship which give a signal on the bridge of the exact location of any uncontrolled flame. All staterooms and spaces not under constant supervision of the personnel are equipped with the latest automatic sprinkling devices. Fireproof compartments occur throughout the ship while all vertical lines of communication, such as stairs and elevators, are enclosed in fire-resisting materials with fire doors at every deck landing to eliminate drafts. In the public rooms and certain other spaces there are thermostatic devices which automatically sound an alarm when the temperature of the protected area rises above normal. In addition there are manual stations throughout the vessel whereby anyone seeing a fire can immediately signal the location of the fire to the fire-control stations. If a fire were discovered, the officer on watch would press a button to flood the scene with extinguishing gases. Hydrants, portable extinguishers, self-contained breathing apparatus, smoke helmets and asbestos suits also contribute to the comprehensive plans for virtually eliminating the hazard of a fire at sea.

Among the features making for greater safety of the ship are the double bottom and two hulls which run for a height of about forty feet, with more than enough room for a man to walk upright between the inner and outer skins. The double bottom runs the full length of the ship and contains seventy main compartments, while the principal engine room subdivisions are effected by eighteen transverse watertight bulkheads.

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"Man overboard" is a rare alarm on the big liners, but we are ready for that sort of emergency. Automatic life preservers, located at frequent intervals along the ship's rail, can be thrown into the sea by pressing a button. Other safety devices include four sirens which can be heard ten miles—assurance against collision in fog—automatic devices for sounding the depth at any time, an automatic pilot which keeps the ship on the set course, a radio direction finder, powerful searchlight projectors, submarine signaling apparatus and powerful radio equipment for receiving weather reports, warnings from other vessels of derelicts or submerged wreckage and reports from the iceberg patrol.

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## Battling the Green Horde

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Bacteriological warfare may be still in the future as far as battles between human armies go, but in the endless war against the green horde, it is already in use. Four types of bacteria, all deadly to grasshoppers but harmless to men and animals, are used. These four strains of bacteria are combined in one inoculation. By thus subjecting the grasshopper to multiple infections, death is made absolutely certain.

Eight days are needed to prepare the cultures. When the bacteria are first injected into laboratory grasshoppers, it takes three days for death to occur. By taking cultures of bacteria from the dead grasshoppers and reinjecting them into others, the period until death is shortened to thirty-six hours.

The chain of inoculation is carried on until the death period is cut to eight hours. Here the bacteria reach their greatest strength. A test tube of each of the four types is thrown into a vat and a sugar solution added. The edges of fields in the 'hoppers path are then sprayed with the mixture.

When the grasshoppers touch the mixture, they clean their antennae by running them across their mouths. By so doing they infect themselves with the bacteria. In turn the doomed 'hoppers infect others.

Often when minutes are precious or the supply of bran and bacteria runs low, the high command may order the last desperate method of defense:

"Burn the fields!"

Carrying flame throwers such as are used in forest-fire fighting, the men surround a field and trap the 'hoppers within walls of fire.

Perhaps the most desperate time in a grasshopper war is during the hours before the 'hoppers lose their seventh and last skin, and are ready to fly. Once they have taken wing, they can jump defense lines and attack from the rear.

There is no mercy in this battle, for it is one engagement in the final bitter war between men and insects. Many famous scientists have wondered which side would be the ultimate victor. The men who fight the green horde do not think of such things. They only fight with all that human science and ingenuity can offer.

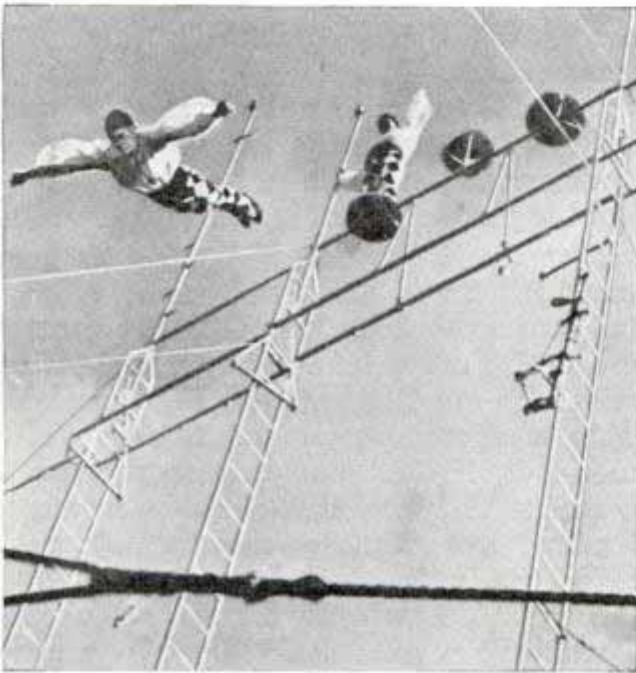


## They Fly Without Wings

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be serious, if not fatal. Hence performers watch their rigging constantly for signs of this failure of metal. If the metal is painted, they scrape it off periodically, to detect possible signs of crystallization. If there is any suspicion that the metal is going to pieces, the part is replaced immediately.

There is one bit of routine that some member of every act does, just before its turn comes on the show's program. That member inspects the rigging. Perhaps a



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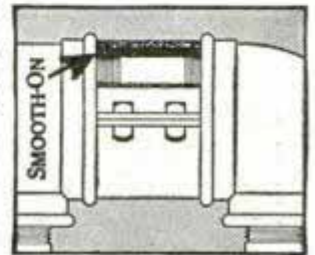
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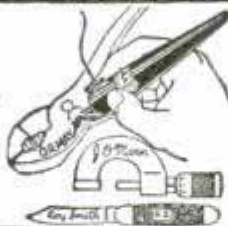
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## 2363 Push-Button Railroading

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right of way in mountain regions so that a rock fall on the tracks would break the circuit and flash red lights. Flood detectors warn of danger on riverside railroads. Bridges on the Southern Pacific are protected by indicators that give warning if girders, piers, spans or abutments are out of alinement. Defective brakes or other equipment dragging from cars on some roads set a signal against the train.

Phantom pilots stand beside the motor-men on the interurban trains operating across the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge. Here is one of the busiest lines in the world, trains operating seconds apart in fog and storm and darkness. The human engineer might make a tragic mistake—but the phantom pilot is there to stop him.

Directly in front of the engineer is a panel with five disks. One is marked "NS," indicating the train is outside the control area. The other four show the speeds at which he must operate: 35, 25, 17 and 11. This means miles per hour, and really means it; if the train exceeds the speed shown in the panel lighted at the moment, the engineer is first warned, then stopped. If "25" is indicated and the train strikes twenty-six, a whistle blows in the cab. Should the engineer fail to heed the warning the brakes are applied automatically.

The speed indicator disks are governed by the train ahead. The tracks are divided into sections of about 500 feet, each section insulated from the other. Alternating current in these tracks is interrupted a certain number of times per minute according to track conditions ahead, and the impulses are picked up by the motor car and operate the cab signal lights. One train cannot approach within braking distance of another without getting a "slow down" warning.

Another modern feature of the bridge railway is the disappearance of the traditional battery of steel switch levers. Instead, routes are lined up by push buttons akin to the interlocking systems of metropolitan railway terminals and to the centralized traffic control.

At each end of the bridge is a control tower. In front of its operator is an illuminated route map showing the position of every train. When a train leaves San



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 Francisco, the operator presses two buttons marking the entrance and exit of the train through the San Francisco yards; automatically the switches and signals between those two buttons line themselves up. If the normal route happens to be occupied, the electric panel thinks for itself and lines up the best alternate route. At the same time the operator over at Oakland observes the routing on his control board.

Through the first hundred years of railroading, brakemen clinging to the ladder on the caboose or striding along the catwalk atop a boxcar have wigwagged signals to the engineer with waving arms and swinging lanterns. Now that picturesque phase of railroading may be entering its twilight. The cab-to-caboose telephone is in its infancy, but it is here. In fact, the day may not be distant when you will pick up a telephone in the lounge car of your streamline train, talk to the telephone exchange in the nearest city and be connected with your own home.

When the engineer in the cab of his freight locomotive picks up the receiver and hears an order from the conductor in the caboose 100 cars back of him, the voice is not coming in by ordinary short-wave radio broadcast. It travels through the rail. Both engine and caboose carry transmitter and receiver. The impulses are transmitted to the steel rails, travel as far as ten miles in either direction by carrier current. Out of sight around a long curve, hidden in dense fog or cloud of steam, the engineer no longer is dependent on the swinging lantern for his signals. The engineer of the westbound freight can telephone the crew of an eastbound train, warn them of a hotbox or dragging brake rods. By laying wires connecting the rail with the dispatcher's line and way stations, train crews could talk at any time with the dispatcher or the station agent, receive their train orders and advice about freight pickups along the road. A wire from the rail to the way station could make the connection for telephone calls into the Bell system. One railroad is considering the use of cab telephones on long freights where a helper locomotive is at the middle of the train. If both locomotives fail to start at once, there is danger of pulling the train apart. With the telephone in both

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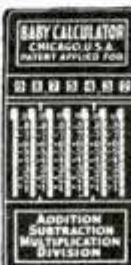
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cabs, the two engineers could drive as one.

Railroads have long ago passed the pioneering stage, but the inventors and technicians who keep them up to date will never cease to pioneer. Centralized traffic control and signaling have come a long way from that day when an early railroad rulebook called for a "relay race" of track workers to get word to town of a wreck along the right of way. Here's the rule as it read in 1853:

"On learning that an accident has occurred, a Plate-layer is to proceed with all possible despatch to the next gang, from which a Plate-layer will, in like manner, run to the next more distant Plate-layer, till information of the accident has by this means reached the Station."

**Models That Save Lives**

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a month building the creatures threatened to quit because they said the half-completed monsters crawled through their dreams.

But trouble really began when the dinosaurs were photographed. Each movie sequence involving these animals is literally a series of stills. One frame of film is exposed, the animals moved a fraction of an inch, and another frame exposed. That would be simple, except that every little while somebody will move all of an animal instead of just its head, or move an animal that isn't supposed to be moved. Then the whole sequence has to be shot over. One entire day's shooting was ruined when Jackman's dog ran away with Sally, the largest brontosaurus.

In "Professor Beware," the problem was how to make Harold Lloyd run along the top of a moving freight train. To accomplish this effect a complete scale model of a freight train was built. Each car was fifteen feet long, the whole train being the length of a city block. The train was run on a track, behind which was a background showing a cloudy sky. Between the background and the train was a treadmill on which Harold Lloyd ran while the train was pulled between him and the camera. The effect was easy, but Jackman is still trying to figure out what he can do with the freight train.

One of Jackman's sons did the trick fly-



ing in "Test Pilot." Trying to figure out a way of producing plane stunts in the studio, he designed a machine that looks like a cross between a ferris wheel and a double clothesline. Miniature planes, with a wingspread of eight inches, are hooked on the double clothesline and can be pulled in either direction. The clothesline can also be rotated. By means of the ferris wheel, the lines holding the planes can be revolved in a twelve-foot circle. By combining all these motions, the models can perform any stunt. In fact, they can execute maneuvers impossible for actual planes.

Another of the regular assignments is for plane crackups. For this work, larger models are used. To the uninitiated the models may seem to lack detail, but, Jackman explains:

"If we made such models too detailed, they wouldn't seem real. When you see a plane traveling at a high speed, you don't see much detail. In fact, it would be a lot easier for us to reproduce all the detail than to try to decide how much detail the eye actually sees."

Miniature autos and boats are standard props. Houses of all types are also kept on hand. Many of these come apart, and have completely furnished rooms.

One time a call came in for a scene showing a southern plantation house being submerged by a flood. The lake was filled with miniature debris, the cameras and lights were set up, and everything was ready—when it was discovered that the lake wasn't deep enough to submerge the house.

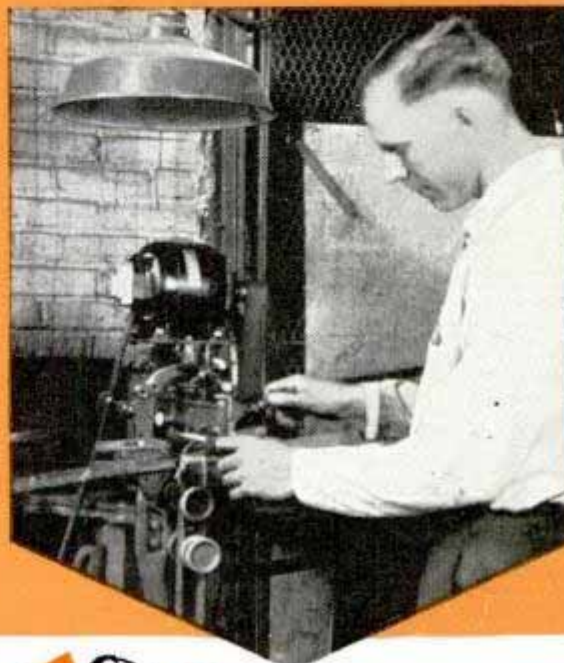
"Get a saw!" Jackman ordered, "and cut the house in two."

When this was done, the whole house was put in the lake and the water slowly brought as high as it would go. Then the cameras were stopped and the house taken apart. Next the top half of the house was slowly lowered into the water by concealed wires. The result was the effect of the house being submerged by the flood.

Turning a hobby into a business has its problems, but Jackman says tough jobs are the most fun to solve—particularly when they involve saving some stunt man's neck.

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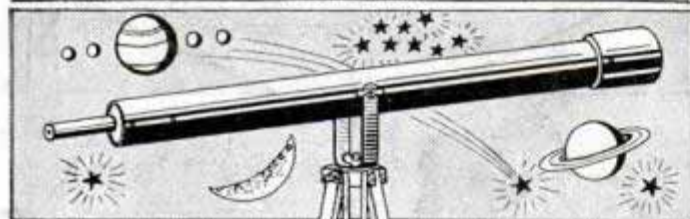
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of ordinary tubes. These "Loktal-base" tubes and sockets will probably be used in many of the new 1940 receivers. Although the tubes require 35 volts for heater oper-

### Parts Used in Model

- 1 sheet-metal chassis base—see Fig. 1 for detail
- 1 Raytheon tube (Loktal) type 35A5 (r.f. osc.)
- 1 Raytheon tube (Loktal) type 35Z3 (half-wave rect.)
- 1 280-ohm line cord, 7 ft. long with 15 ft. ant. built in. Note—this is a 4-wire cord, with red common (see text)
- 2 Amphenol (Loktal) type sockets (grounding center contact)
- 1 Gen-Ral B.C. phono-osc. coil with 100-450 mmfd. padder (type C-5614)
- 1 500,000-ohm ¼-watt resistor; body green; tip black; dot yellow
- 1 50,000-ohm ¼-watt resistor; body green; tip black; dot orange
- 1 5,000-ohm 1-watt resistor; body green; tip black, dot red
- 1 1,000-ohm 1-watt resistor; body brown; tip black; dot red
- 1 50-ohm 1-watt resistor; wire-wound type (IRC)
- 2 .0001 mfd. mica-type fixed condensers
- 1 .00005 mfd. mica-type fixed condenser
- 3 .1 mfd. 200-volt tubular paper-type condensers
- 1 16 mfd. 150-volt tubular electrolytic condenser
- 1 40 mfd. 150-volt tubular electrolytic condenser
- 1 toggle switch (single-pole single-throw 2-lug type)
- 1 25-ft. roll No. 20 push-back hook-up wire
- 8 6-32 machine screws ½ in. long
- 9 6-32 hex. nuts
- 1 twin tip-jack strip (two insulated tip jacks)
- 1 3-lug mounting strip (two terminals insulated)
- 1 ½-in. rubber grommet (for line-cord hole in base)
- 1 Quam-Nichols microphone "Permanic type"

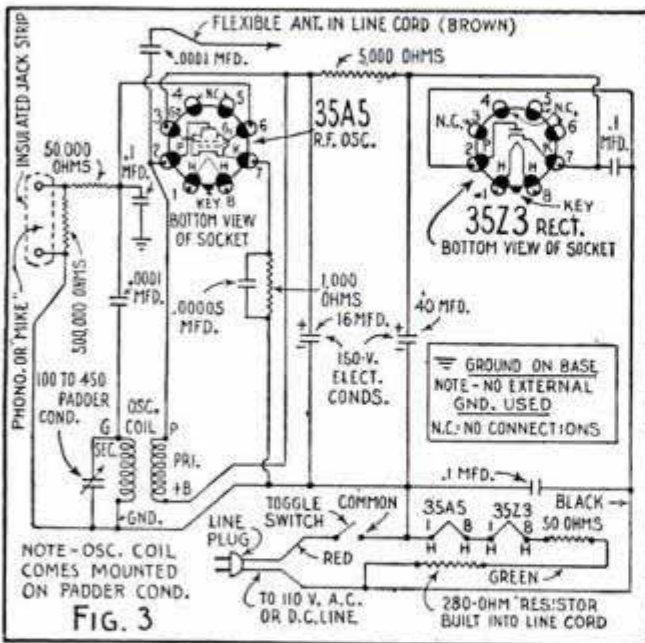
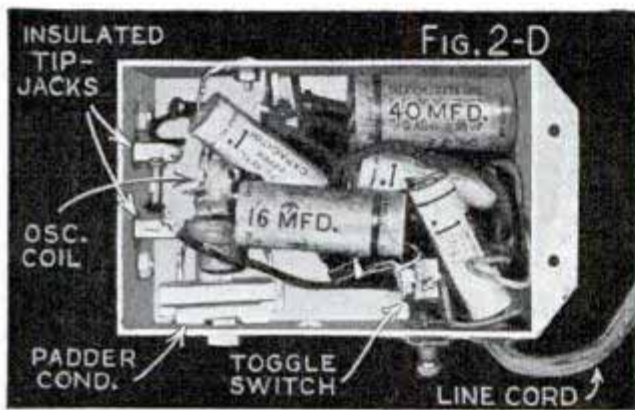
ation, the heater current is only .15 amp. as compared to .3 amp. for commonly used types.

The 35A5 beam-power tube serves as an r.f. oscillator and is modulated by the input signal from the phonograph pick-up or microphone. It will be noted that the antenna is loosely coupled through the .0001 mfd. mica-type fixed condenser. In ordinary cases the built-in 15-ft. flexible cloth-covered antenna cord will have to be rolled out beyond the plug for a few feet; the actual amount of additional antenna wire needed will depend upon the distance of the radio receiving set from the oscil-



lator unit. In all cases it should only be just long enough to operate properly. In an ordinary room where the oscillator unit is but a few feet from the receiver, the 15-ft. extension of the built-in antenna can be kept rolled up. For greater efficiency and better coverage the chassis base itself is used as a second radiator, and is connected to the control grid of the tube through a small .1 mfd. paper-type condenser. The metal base must not be in direct contact with any metallic object that may be mounted on the wooden case which houses the ordinary record player. A type-35Z3 half-wave rectifier tube is used to change a.c. line current to the required d.c. potential.

When using the microphone, speak directly into it, and hold it close to the mouth as indicated in the photo illustrating the method of home broadcasting. This



inexpensive type of microphone has certain limitations and must be held in that position for best results. The blueprint number for this article is R-270.

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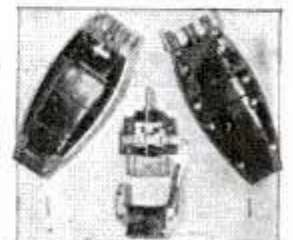
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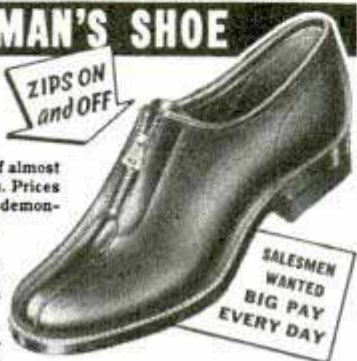
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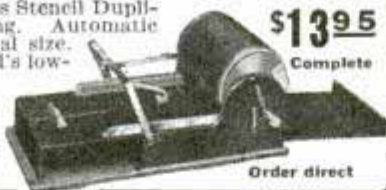
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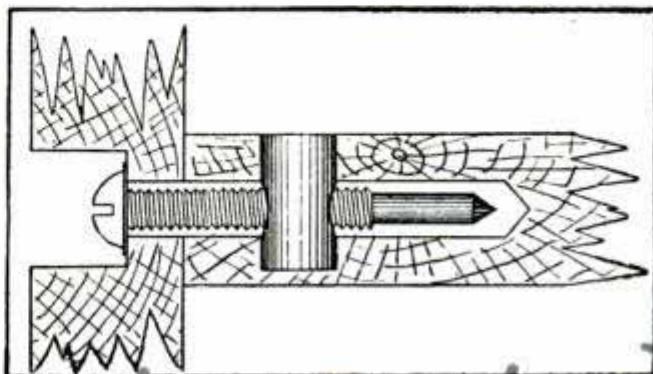
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Undoubtedly by the time that America has finished posing for its picture, scientists and industry will find it necessary to extend that picture considerably beyond our borders. Already sections of North, Central and South America have been mapped from the air, revealing many interesting topographical features to road builders who have been encouraged to envision a practical three-continent highway stretching from the Argentine to Alaska.

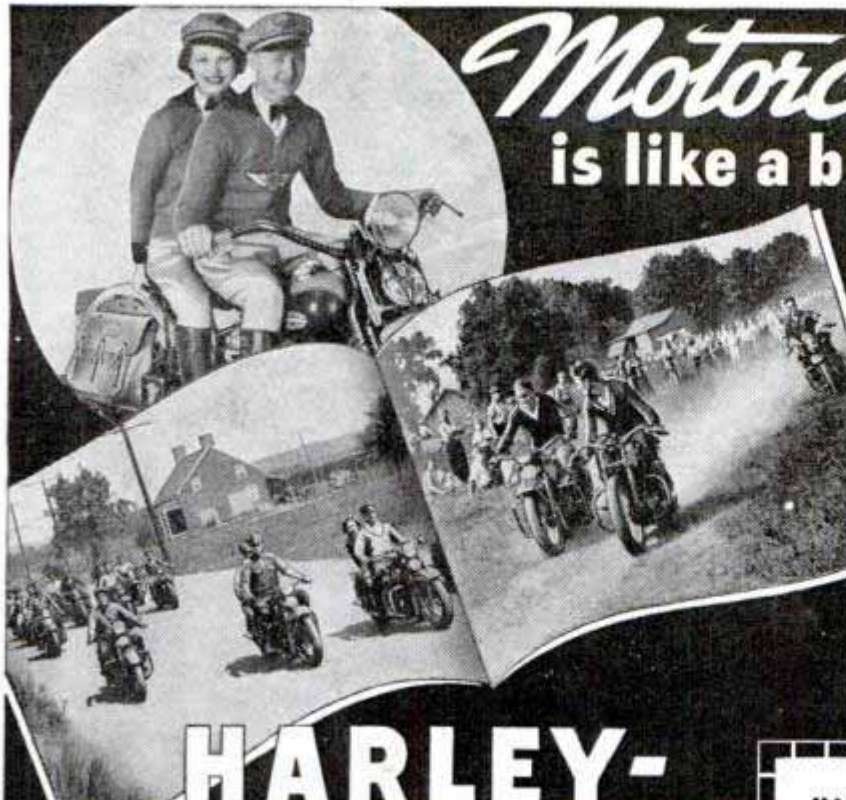
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being placed beside the pit from which the skeletons of the beasts reproduced in concrete were recovered. In certain cases the skeletons were found mingled in such a way as to indicate the titanic struggles which had been going on between the monsters at the moment when the tar claimed victor and vanquished alike.

Groups representing such prehistoric battles were placed beside the spot where the struggle ended in black death. Seen now in the moonlight they seem like white ghosts come to finish the feud they began 500,000 years ago.

A good deal of first-rate detective work was necessary before accurate reproductions of the old dramas could be made.



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One of the major problems in reconstructing the prehistoric scenes was whether the animals had been lured to the pits to drink rain water which collected above the tar. As the region is now extremely dry, this explanation looked good. But one of the museum detectives found a new set of clues. To the average person they would appear to be simply imprints of prehistoric leaves. But to the scientific detective they were the clues which upset the water-hole idea, for they represented a type of plants which grow in a wetter climate than that which prevails in the Los Angeles area today. And with more rain, the animals would tend to drink from streams rather than risk the danger of gathering at water holes.

Further research indicated that the animals were trapped in "living death chains" which started when a single animal was accidentally caught. As soon as this occurred, other animals came to make a free meal of their luckless fellow. They too were caught by the tar, and so the chain was carried on.

So with patience and detective work, scientists and artists have brought to life the dramas of the long ago. In the Los Angeles Museum a giant mural adds color and landscape reality to the scenes now captured in concrete.

But it is in the strange outdoor museum that you feel the real significance of these re-creations of a vanished era. The scene is the same—the tar bubbling exactly as it did then and the concrete figures of the gigantic beasts poised on the exact spot where they once fought. You feel in all reality that time has been run backward for 500 milleniums. In that mood you think of the one unsolved mystery of the pits—of the single human skull found among the prehistoric bones. Of course, it probably belonged to an Indian who was trapped in recent times, and his skeleton sucked to the depths by some movement of the tar. But the scientists wonder whether the beasts lingered in this region long after science thinks they were extinct, or whether that skull dates back much farther than is believed.

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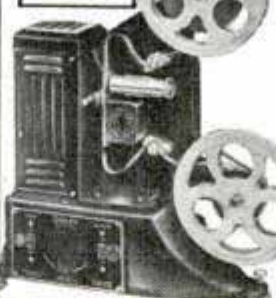
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## Riches of the Forgotten Mines

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ground and tunnels cave in. Ore dumps slide away in the rain and brush hides old footpaths.

Forty years ago a shepherdder found a rich outcrop of silver ore near the Minarets in the Sierra Nevada range and worked it for years, taking out a small fortune. No one bothered to follow him to his mine and he never described its exact location. Years after he died the rising price of silver prompted prospectors to hunt for his old tunnels but although the area has been combed time after time no trace of his mine has been found. A winter avalanche probably covered the works.

On the other hand, last fall a fisherman in the Mother Lode country stumbled across the dumps of an ancient mine and found high-grade silver ore in the diggings. Near by were the ruins of a good-sized settlement that no one remembered. Apparently the mine and village were abandoned in 1873 when silver was demonetized. Today the fisherman and his partners are taking out ore worth ninety-eight dollars to the ton.

Another way to find some of the forgotten mines is to search the early records at the county courthouses in the mineral country. Thousands of claims have been recorded although relatively few were ever thoroughly prospected. Such claims, now abandoned, are investigated by smart prospectors who are able to follow the descriptions and relocate the ledges.

The outstanding example of prospecting in books is the case of the engineer who discovered a mine 5,000 miles away while in a Brooklyn library. His hobby was collecting data on mines worked in Biblical times. In one musty book the engineer found references to a copper deposit on the island of Cyprus that had been worked by the Romans. The present generation knew nothing of the ancient mine and the engineer journeyed to the island, drilled exploratory holes, and finally re-discovered the deposit. It is being worked today.

One of the strangest instances of a lost mine is the true story of the "Lost Leaser," a rich mine in the Rocky Mountains. Years ago leasers got \$18,000 for their share of the ore they extracted in a few months and they had hardly begun to scratch the de-

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posit. Yet no one can find the rest of the gold. One man alone can reveal at what point in the tunnel the deposit exists and he won't tell.

The original owner had dug a long tunnel into the hill without finding ore. Later, a miner leased the property on a share-and-share-alike basis. On a hunch, he drove a cross-cut from one point in the tunnel, picked up a rich deposit and he and his partners started shipping ore that ran as high as \$600 per ton. Then the owner decided he wanted all the income instead of his share and found a loophole to cancel the lease. The leaser was so angry that before leaving the property he hid every trace of his work, carefully restoring the tunnel to its original condition. So perfect was his job that the owner has been unable to locate the cross-cut or the ore. Each man is still waiting for the other to come to terms.

In Nevada the badger is known as the prospectors' best friend because this animal often digs into soft mineralized zones and prospectors have learned to pan the tops of badger mounds on the chance that they will find free gold. Sixteen or seventeen important Nevada mines were discovered with the assistance of the burrowing animals.

Many of the boulders and chunks of rock scattered on the surface in gold-bearing regions contain good percentages of gold. One prospector has spent several years in the hills south of Death Valley gathering chunks of ore on the surface. He delivers a truckload a week to a mill 100 miles away and much of the rock runs close to three ounces of gold to the ton, enough to pay him a good living.

Mineral deposits have been found while drilling water wells. In one recent case a deep well near Superior, Ariz., brought up ore that ran sixty-two per cent copper, twelve ounces of silver, and seven dollars worth of gold to the ton. The owners quit farming and went into the mining business.

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## The Future of Television

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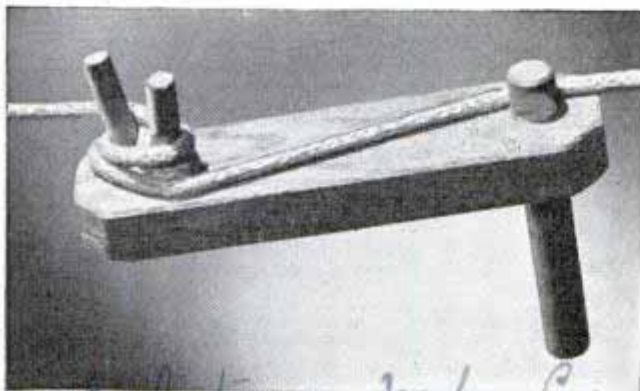
society of the advent of television. What of the more distant future, or derivative effect?

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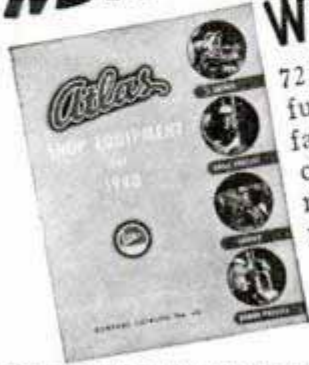
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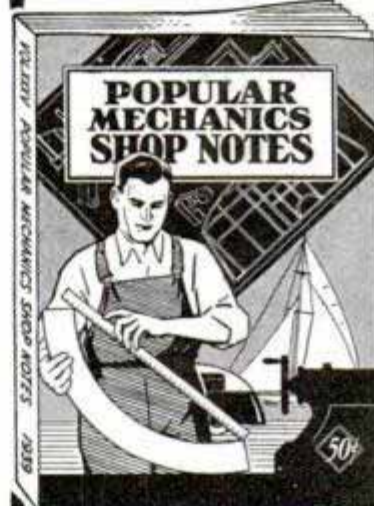
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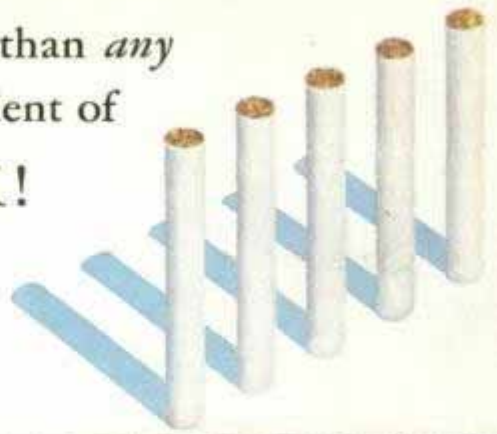
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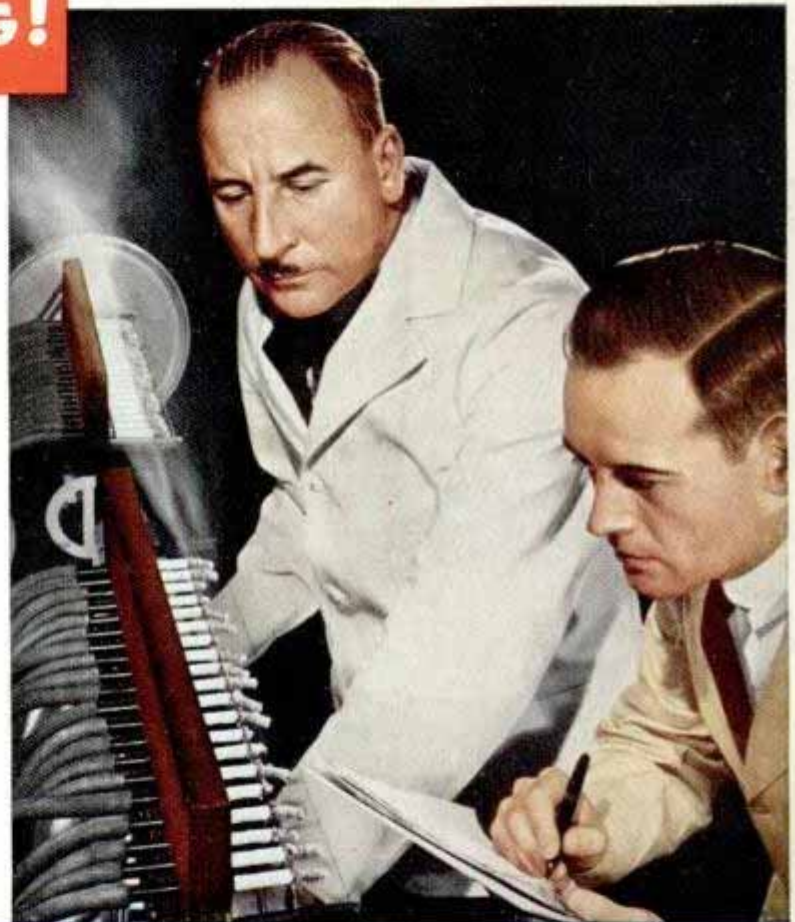


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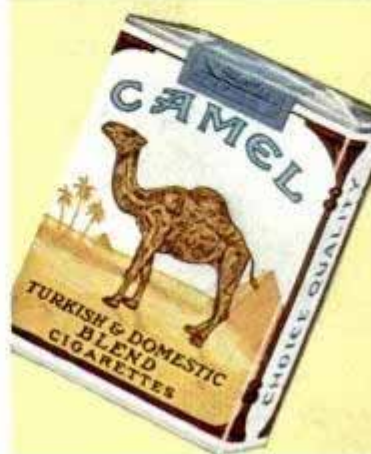


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