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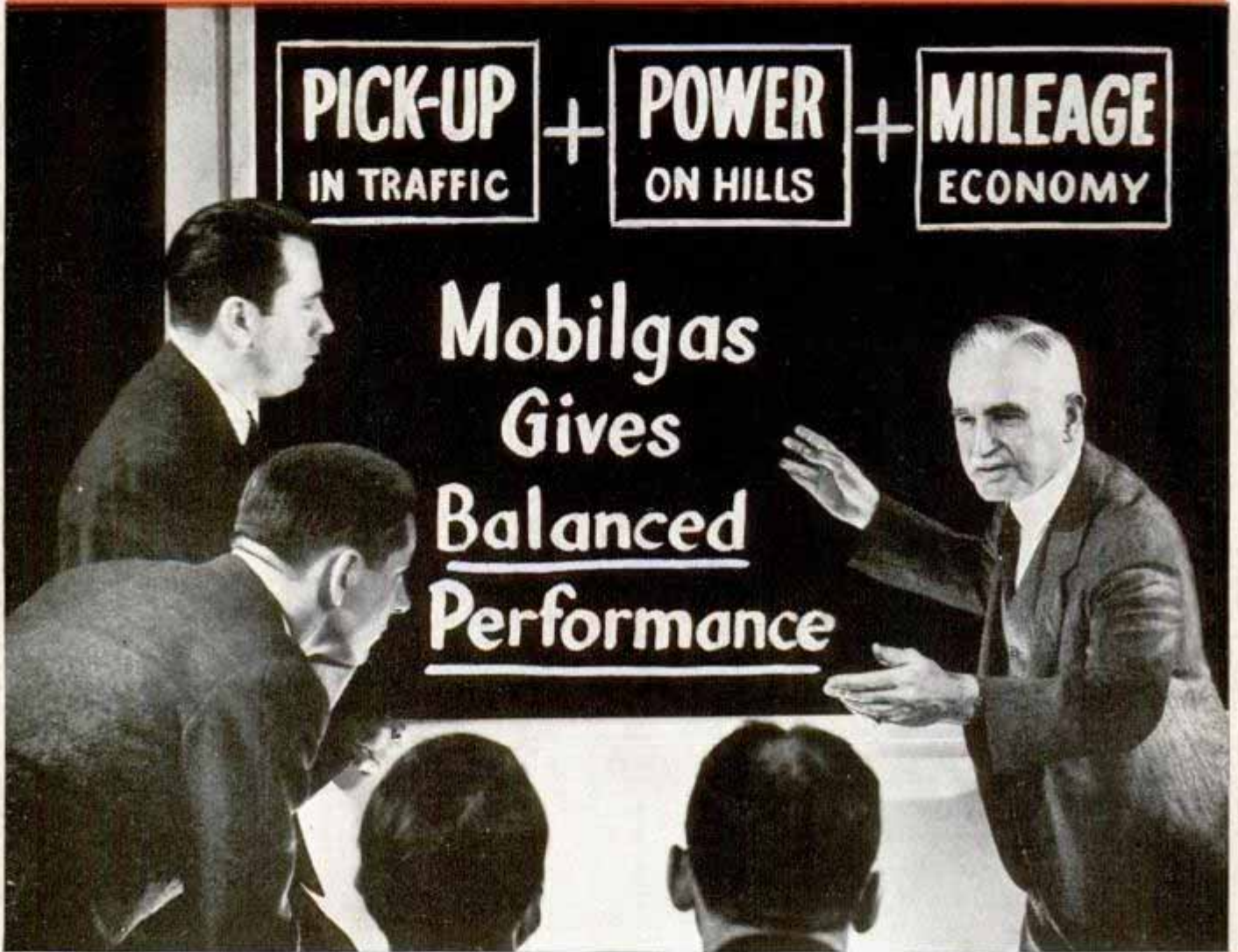
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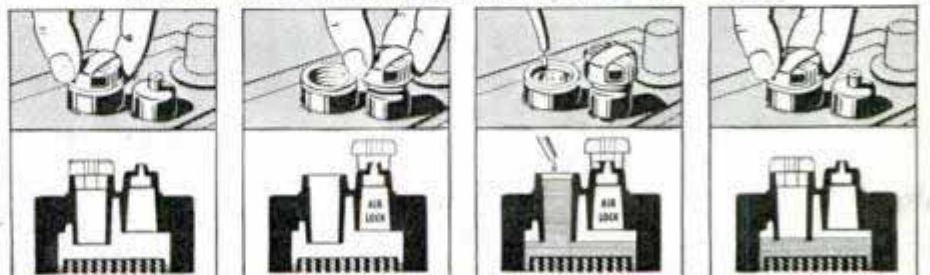
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Shooting from the Clouds

THINGS happen to an air-line photographer. One day he'll be standing on his head in a two-seater plane, clutching a thirteen-pound aerial camera while his pilot flirts with skyscrapers in maneuvering for a vertical view of the city's canyons. Next day he'll be bouncing in drafts above a forest fire or hunting the navy through holes in the clouds. Life is never dull in this sky picture business, described by Merle J. Oelke, American Airlines cameraman, in the November issue. Eight pages of Coloroto pictures include some of his own superb natural-color photographs.

Shipwreck School for Captains

FIRE breaks out aboard a "cruise" liner. Its master is dead, the mate is in command. What is he to do in the emergency? That's a question put to ship captains and mates in the government's "Disaster College." Read in next month's issue what this school is doing to avert the tragedies that befell the "Titanic," "Vestris" and "Morro Castle."

Next Month

SOME day this world of ours is going to crack up. If we escape a collision—and we did miss one heavenly tramp by a mere 400,000 miles two years ago—the earth will live on until millions of years hence the sun flares suddenly, or cools, or the moon flies into fragments. You won't see the world's end, but you can read in November how science thinks it will come, and you can journey with "Explorers of Space" to the moon to watch the sun's eclipse in the year 2144.

Don't Take It So Hard

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Here's Your Cue

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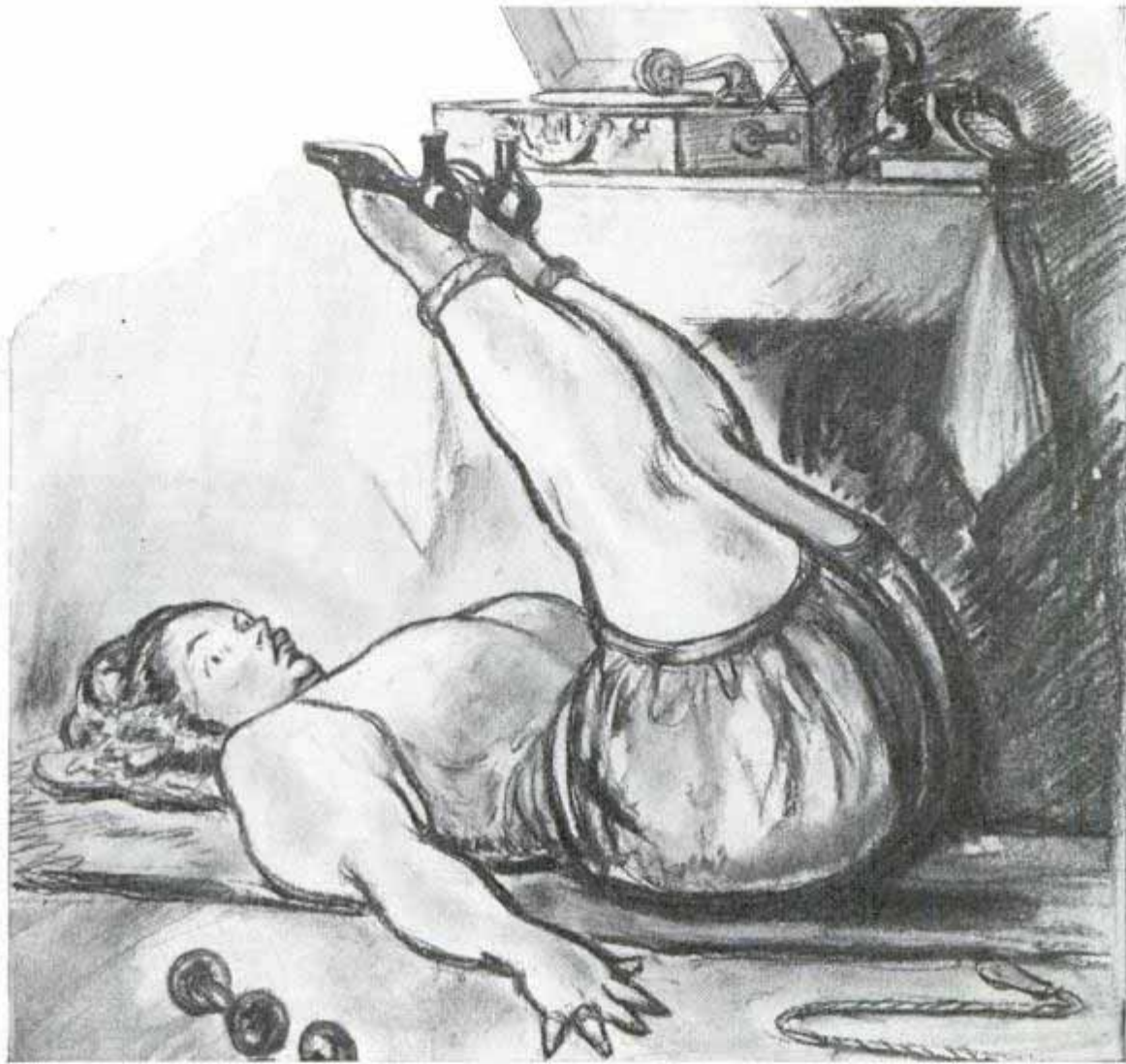
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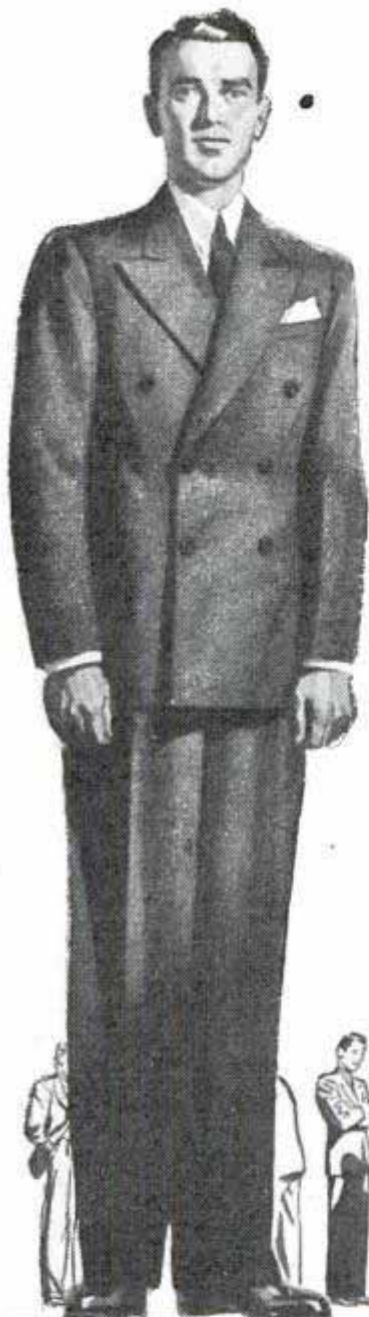
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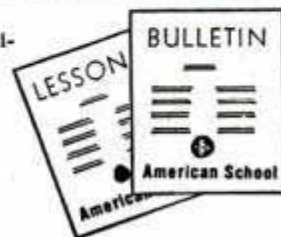
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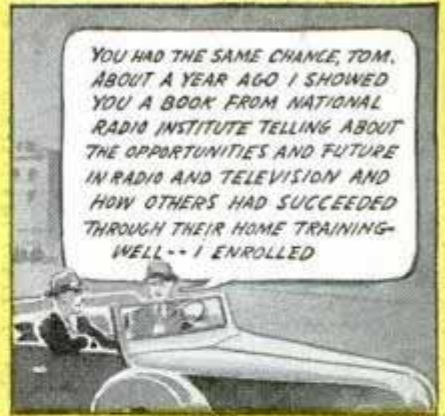
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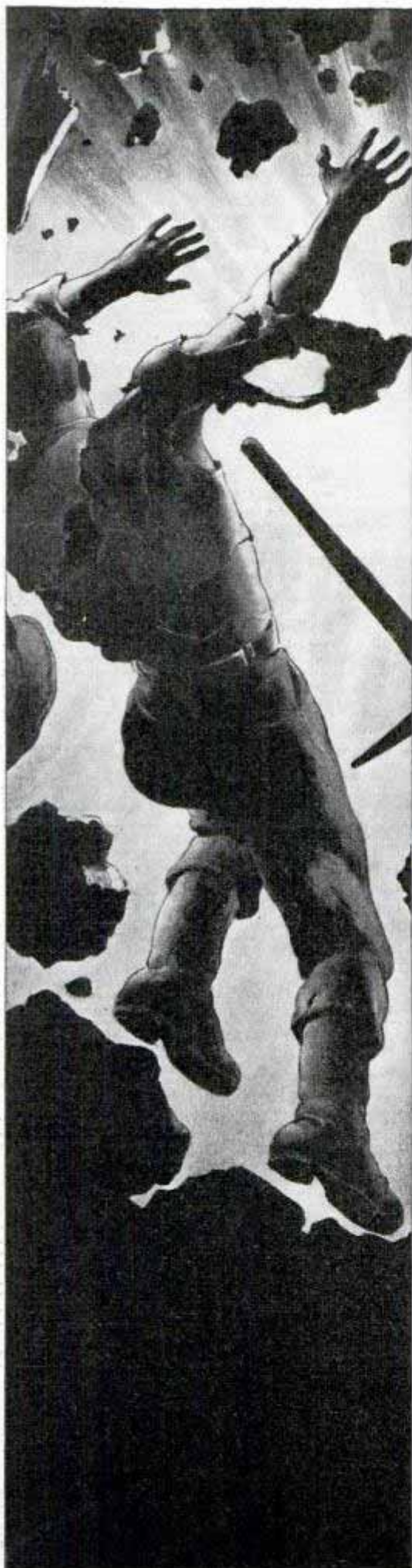
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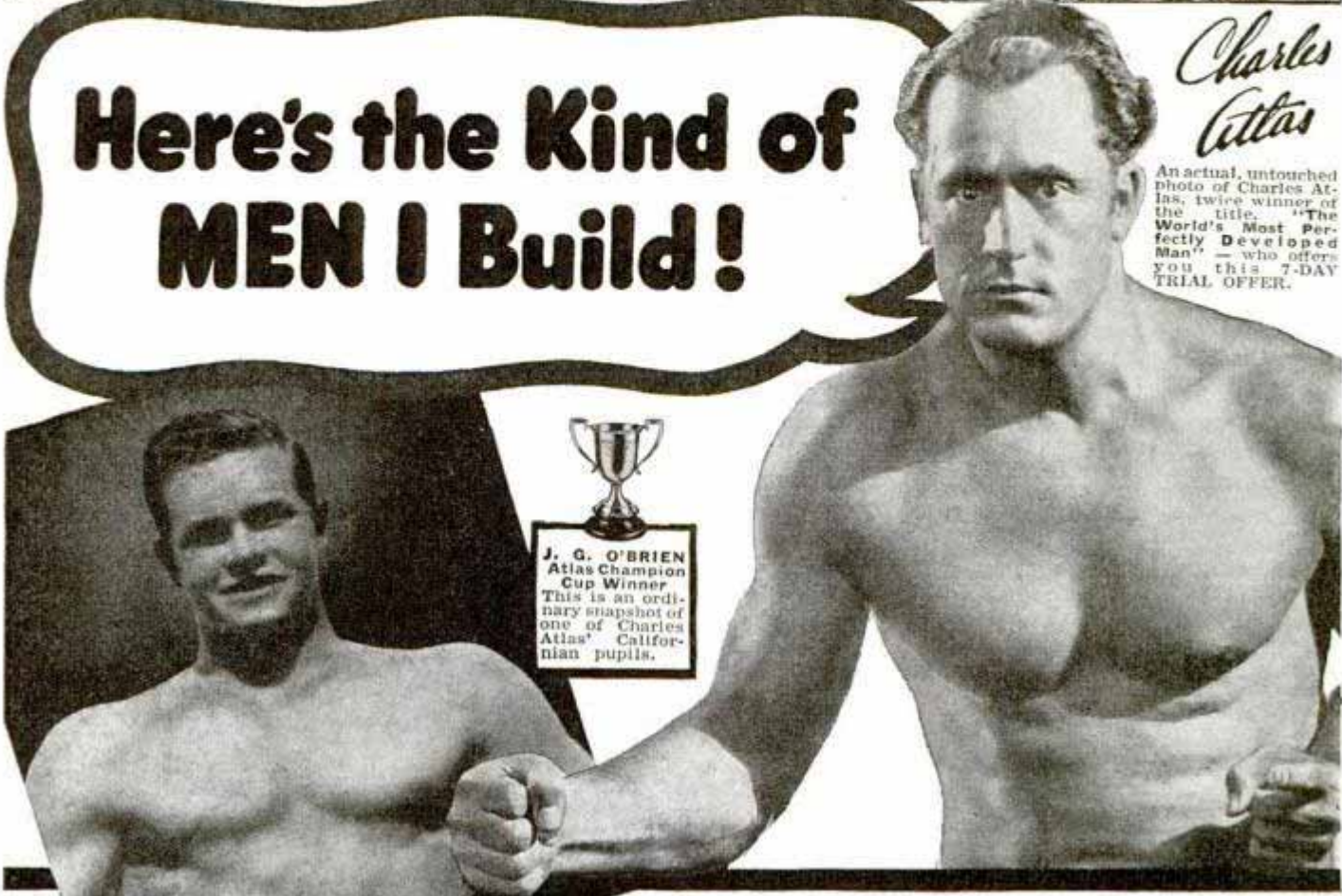
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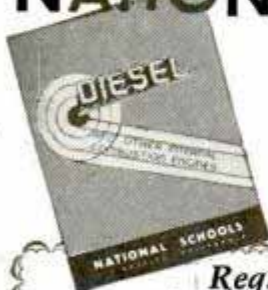
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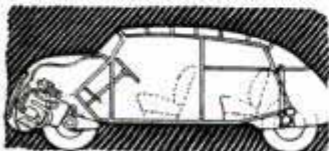
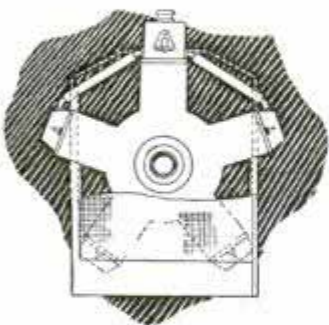
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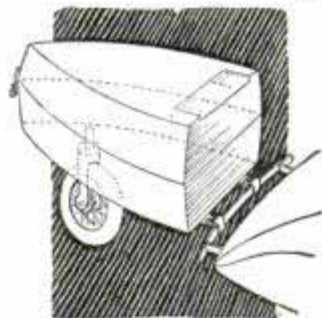
bands on the ankles. Flexible stays would help to hold the 'chute open in the air. Opening the parachute would be accomplished by simply lifting the arms.

SOME idea of what the automotive industry may have in mind for the automobile of tomorrow may be gained from a recent patent covering a radial engine. Issued to the Chrysler Corporation, the patent specifies an internal combustion with the cylinders arranged radially, like those used in airplanes, complete with radiator and cooling jacket. An accompanying patent covers the car in which this engine would be mounted. The engine



is to be installed on a wheel suspension, thus riding free of the body frame. The engine would be stabilized by some yieldable means coating between the engine and the body. One feature appears to be suspension of the rear wheels, and one advantage of the design seems to be a considerable saving in space required by the engine, thus resulting in more space in the body.

WHEN you reach an attractive camp site with a patented trailer, it may be unloaded and then unfolded to form a boat. It consists of two hinged sections, one of which is equipped with a wheel for use on the highway. A pivoted latch holds the sections together in boat formation when desired or serves as a direct drawbar when the assemblage is used as a trailer. The wheel may be removed when the trailer is converted into a boat.



HOLDING the bowling ball with greater ease is the objective of a gripping device patented recently. It consists of a handle, a suction cup which grips the ball and a rearwardly extending arm which helps to disengage the ball from the suction cup when desired. The attachment is expected to be a welcome adjunct to the game.



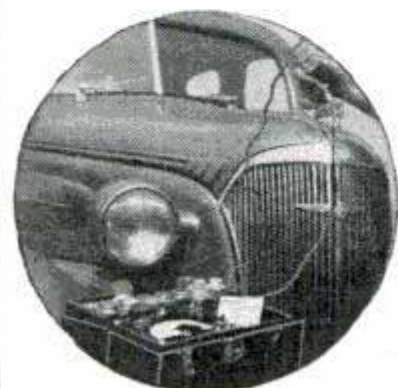
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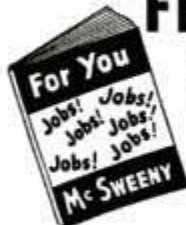


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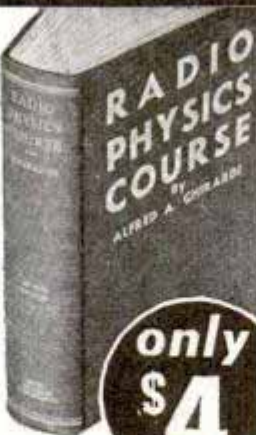
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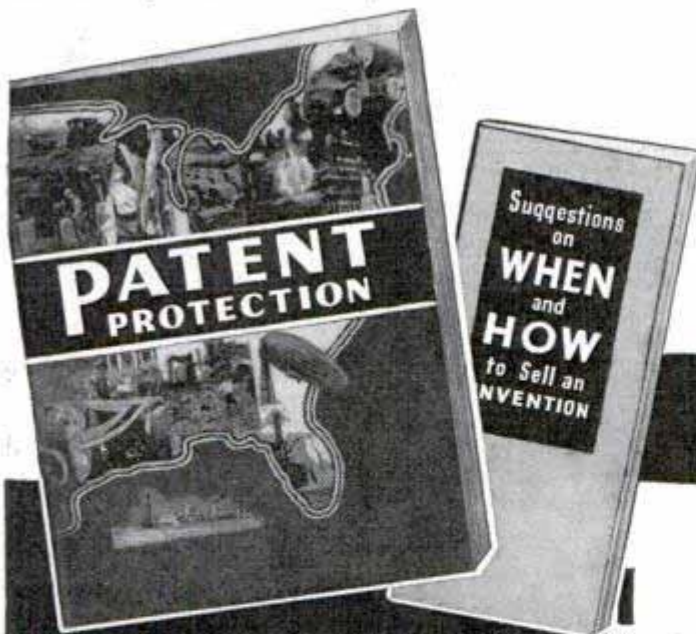
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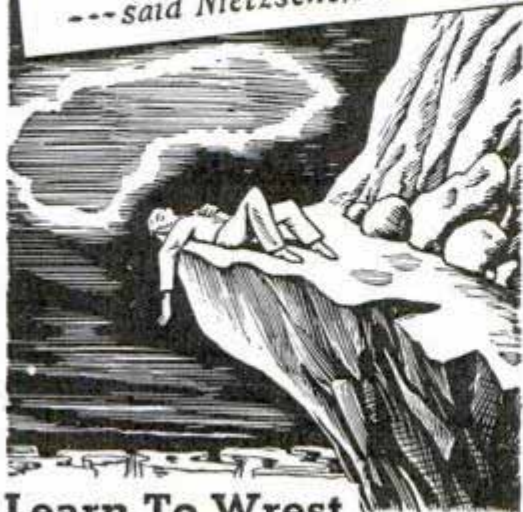
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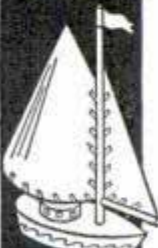
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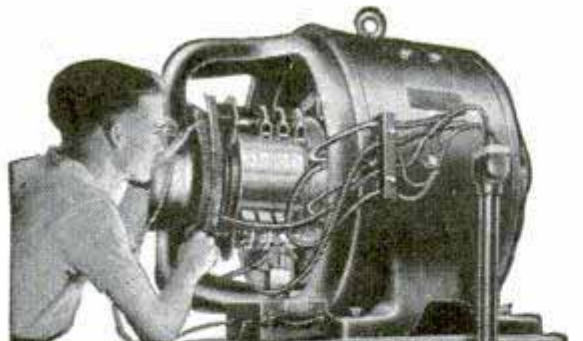
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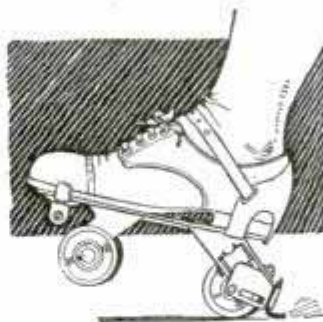
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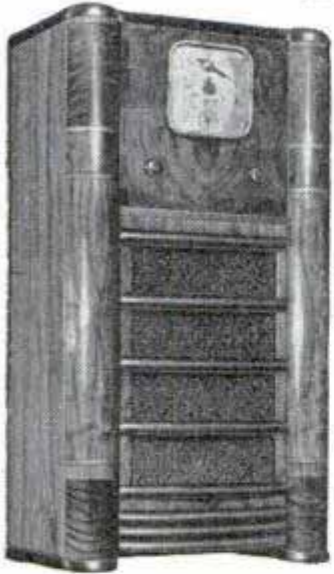
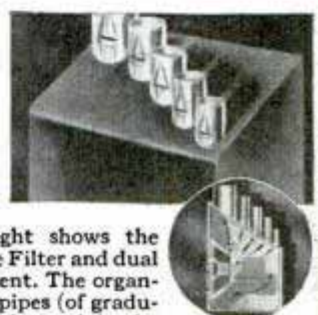
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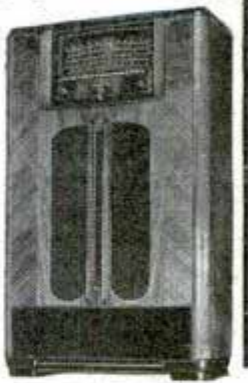
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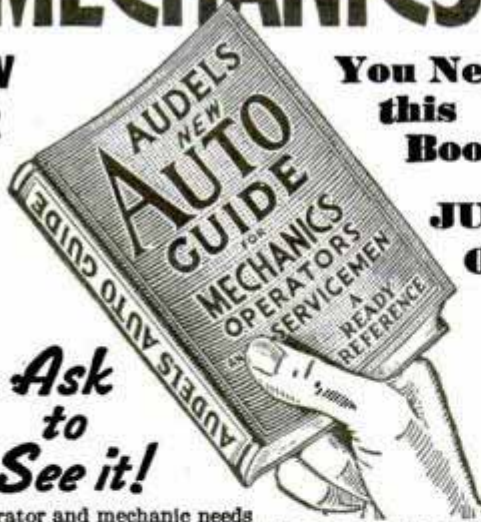
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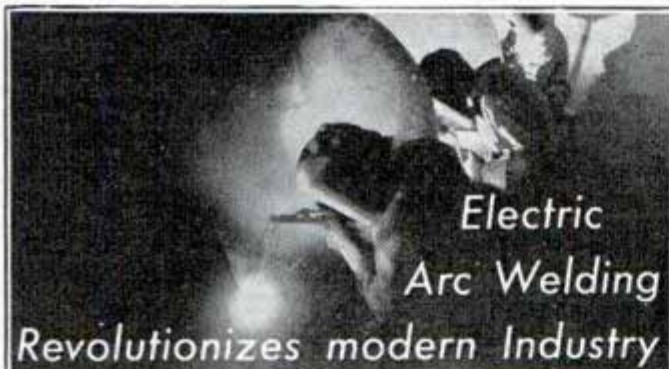
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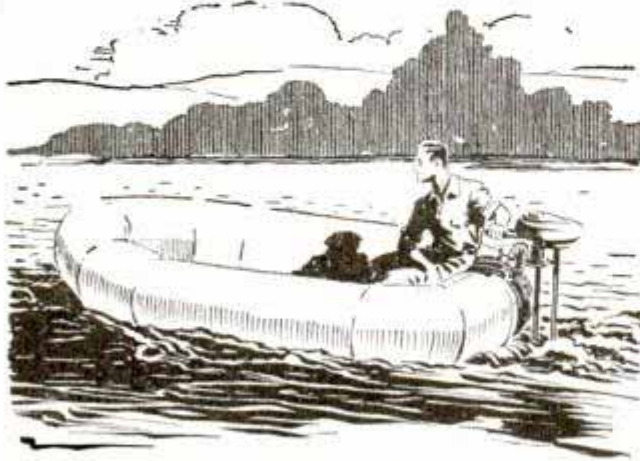
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POPULAR INVENTIONS

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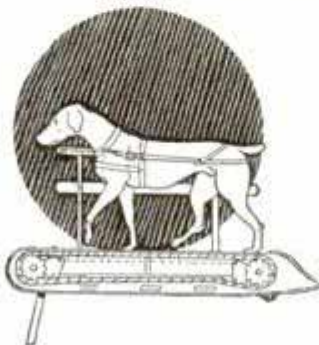
a substantial area of an inflated tube portion of a fabric boat, with an extension rising from it to hold the motor.

HIGHLY useful to the professional or amateur photographer trying to get pictures in a crowd is a newly patented camera periscope. It is arranged for attachment of the camera to its upper end, in such position that the photographer may focus through



the periscope's lens at the lower end. Then, by snapping the shutter by an extension control, he takes the picture over the heads of the crowd.

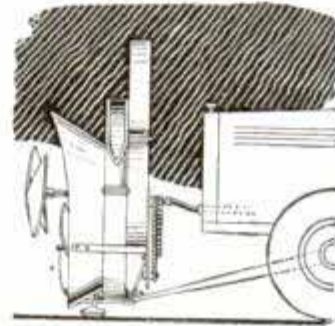
EXERCISING the dog indoors is made possible by a device patented recently. It consists of a sort of treadmill on which the dog may walk or run. An adjustable harness attached to uprights at either side of the exerciser holds the dog on the mill, but permits forward or rearward movement and helps the dog maintain his place.



MANY chicks may be saved through use of an electrically heated brooder that keeps the temperature at the point desired and makes for an increase in the health factor. The brooder has a blower and a heater. Passages provide for discharge of air from the blower to the heater housing and thence to the brooder space, through outlet holes at the lower edge of the heater housing.



ANY heavy vehicle, such as a truck or a bus, could be converted for snowplow use by attachment of a recently patented plow.



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front of the plow after it has been loosened. The plow may be attached to the front of the vehicle.

GREATER speed in swimming is the objective of a hand plate patented recently. It consists of a curved concave plate attached to the swimmer's wrist and held by inserting the fingers into loops on the back. The plate, being much larger than the hand, gives an increased surface for propulsion as the swimmer makes the normal strokes.



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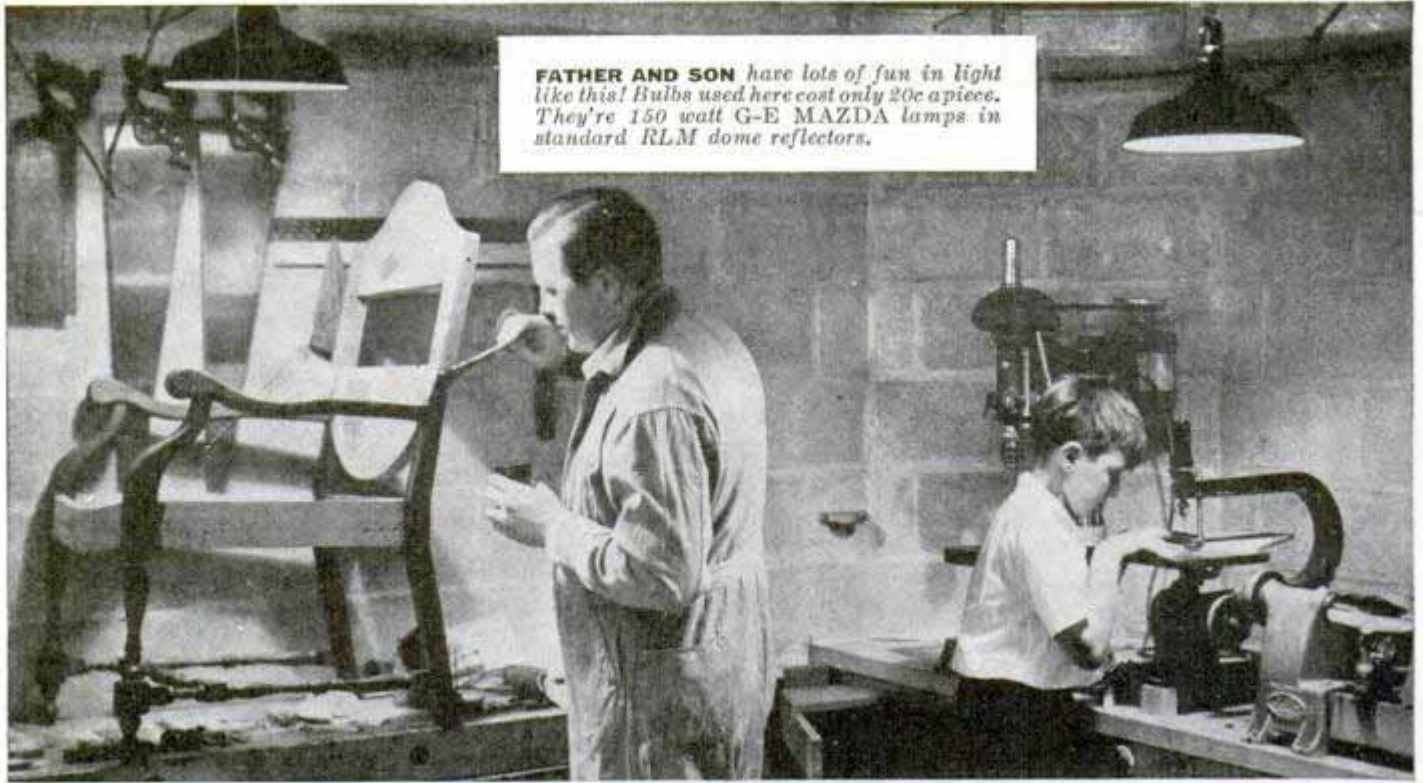
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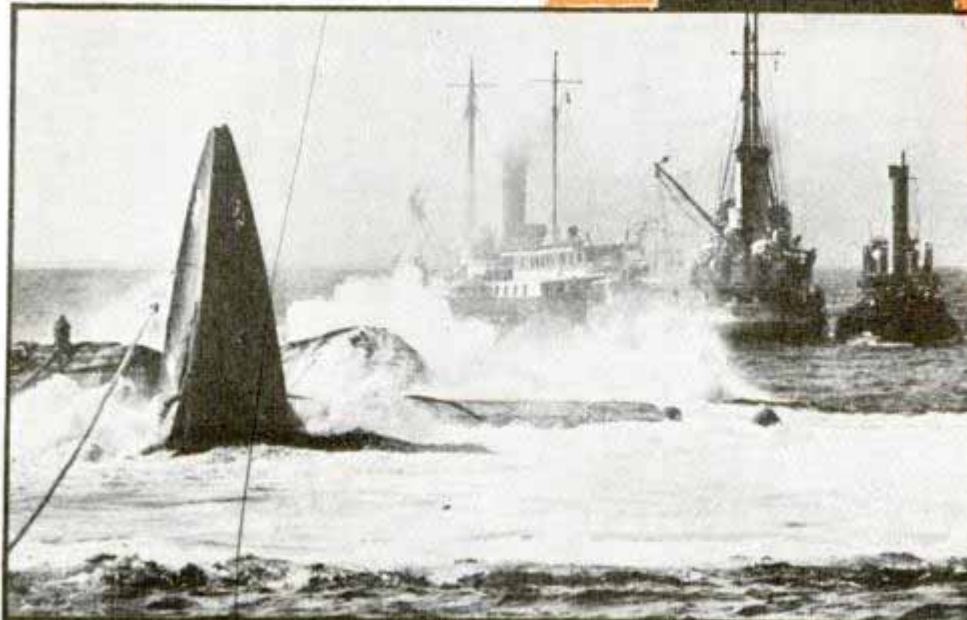
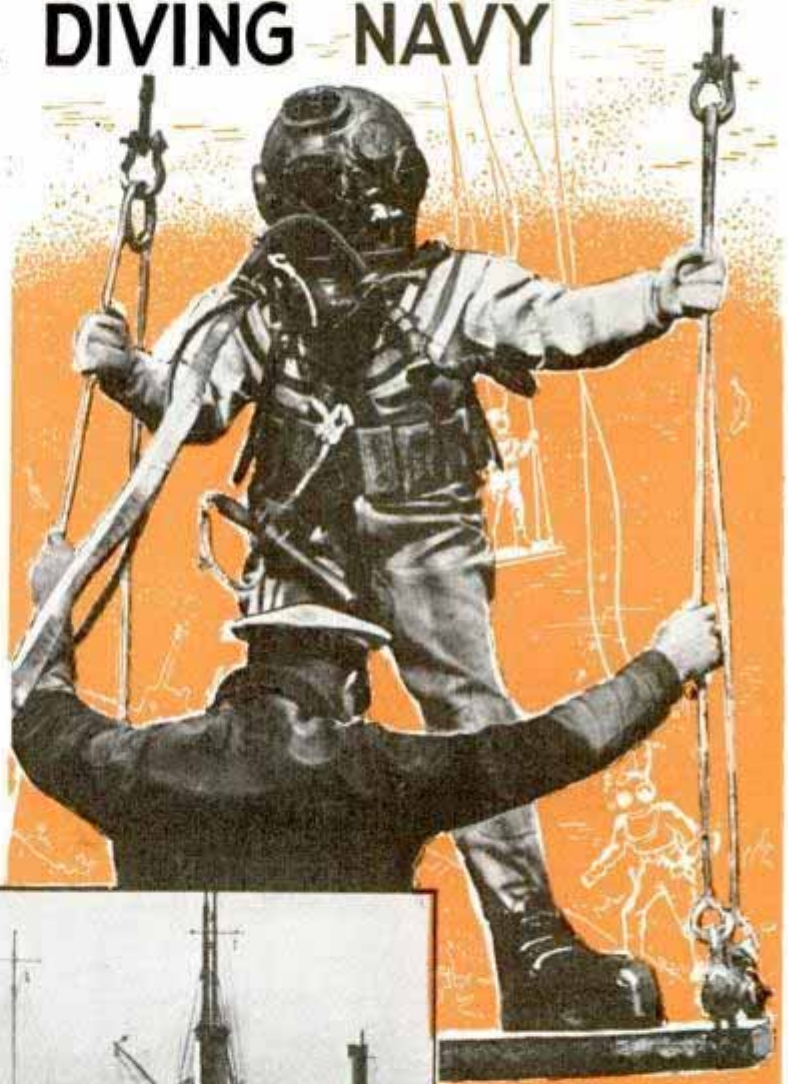
FORTY FATHOMS DOWN *with the DIVING NAVY*

By Nat A. Barrows

PART I

IT IS a tense moment on the crowded fantail of the navy's diving ship "Falcon." Far below, at the terrific pressure depths where the wrecked submarine "Squalus" lies partly buried in "blue mud," something has gone wrong with a diver. For nearly half a minute no "okay" signal has come from Bill Badders, no word since his distorted voice, shrill and unnatural from the effects of compressed air, blared out of the telephone loud speaker: "Hold everything, I'm in trouble!"

A sailor pushes his mouth close



Above, Martin Sibitzky, first to reach the sunken "Squalus" and attach cables of rescue chamber, swings over "Falcon's" rail for another trip down. Left, after seven weeks on bottom the submarine suddenly breaks the surface, tears away from its pontoons and then sinks again

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tions running wild with the fearful things that can happen to a diver in trouble where the 109 pounds of pressure per square inch is enough to squeeze him into pulp.

Seconds pass. No word from the bottom. The telephone tender repeats monotonously: "Are you okay?"

The "Falcon's" diving officer, Commander Charles B. Momsen, dares not wait any longer.

"All right, 'Skee,' get



Top, swirling water marks spot where pontoons lifting submarine are nearing surface. Center, the "Squalus" on test run off Portsmouth. Below, navy men inspect pontoons after failure of first effort to raise wreck

to the two-way loud speaker, repeating in even tones: "Hello, Bill, are you okay? . . . are you okay?" There is no answer. The magical loud speaker, in use for the first time in salvage history, gives back only the rumble of the compressed air roaring down Badders' air line. All hands peer at the telephone panel with grim faces, imagina-

down there," he says, addressing a blond giant in the grotesque dress of the deep sea diver. "You know what to do."

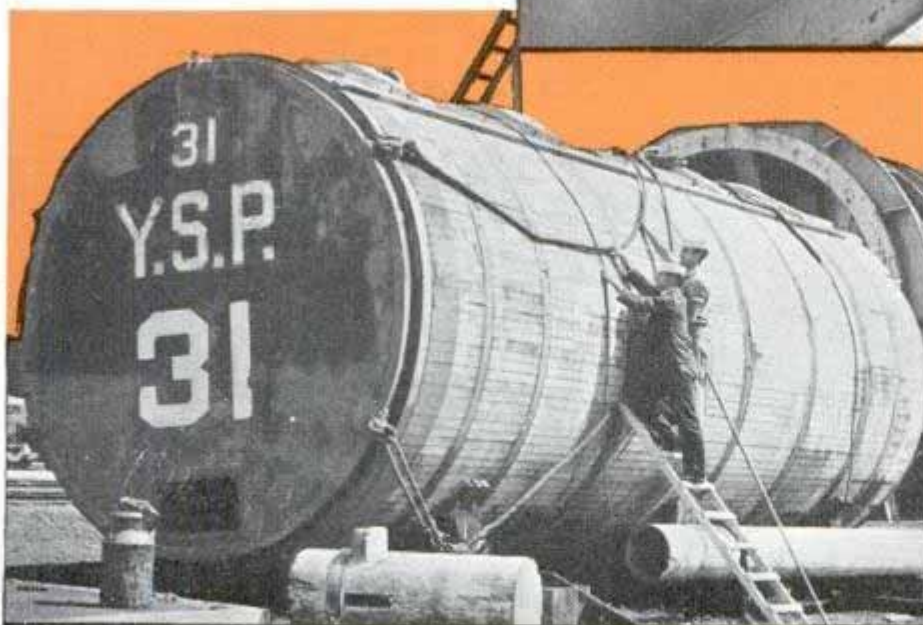
Martin Sibitzky crumples a cigarette awkwardly in his great mittens. He nods and his face is grim. "Skee" Sibitzky knows well enough what to do. Ten days ago he walked the watery deck of that submarine when thirty-three living men, huddled in the bitter chill and

murk of the forward compartments, responded to his welcome foot sounds with hammer tappings, confident that the submarine rescue chamber would get them out alive. Yes, "Skee" knows the menace of the death that hovers 240 feet below the surface.

Tenders drag him to his feet, help him

shamble to a box. His breastplate already is fastened, his leg braces tightened. Ever since Badders swung over the side in the diving stage and worked his way to the descending line, "Skee" has been ready, the stand-by diver for just such an emergency as this. A dozen attendants lift on the helmet, deftly screw it into place and snap the safety lock, rig the air line and life line under his arms and make fast the 200 pounds of lead weight. They work rapidly but with precision. There can be no mistake—if Sibitzky wants to remain alive on the bottom.

Master Diver J. H. MacDonald takes a final look at the fittings before he gives the signal to the winch operators and taps Sibitzky's "hat" twice to indicate he is ready to go over the side. The tenders help Sibitzky lumber to



Top, Master Diver William Badders, decorated for heroism on the "S-51" salvage job, takes oxygen while resting in recompression chamber of the "Falcon" after twenty minutes on ocean bottom. Center, outside the recompression tank or "iron doctor." Bottom, preparing one of the huge pontoons used in salvaging the "Squalus"

his feet, to the center of the steel diving platform lying on the deck. Holding to each side of the inverted V of the platform supports, the diver gives a clumsy nod of the fantastic head gear and the platform begins to rise from the fantail, over the rail.

Momsen watches silently, one ear tuned to the loud speaker. The tender drones on: "Hello, Bill . . . what's the matter?"

Sibitzky and the diving stage clear the rail and swing over the water. Gradually he drops down until only the helmet shows. On deck, the



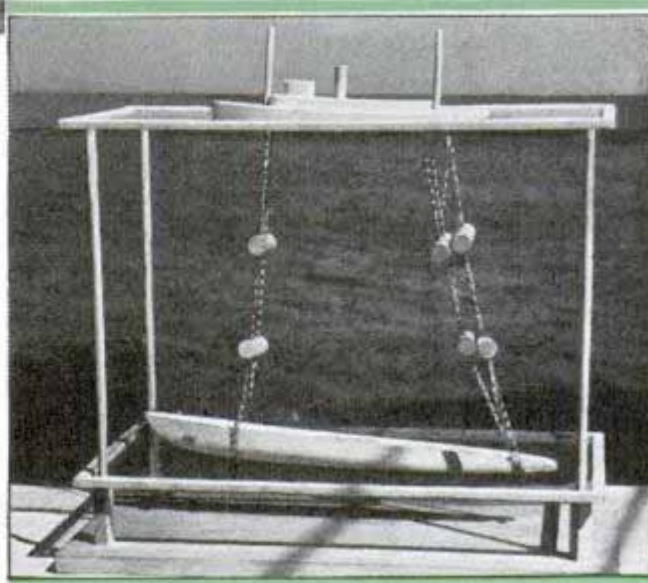
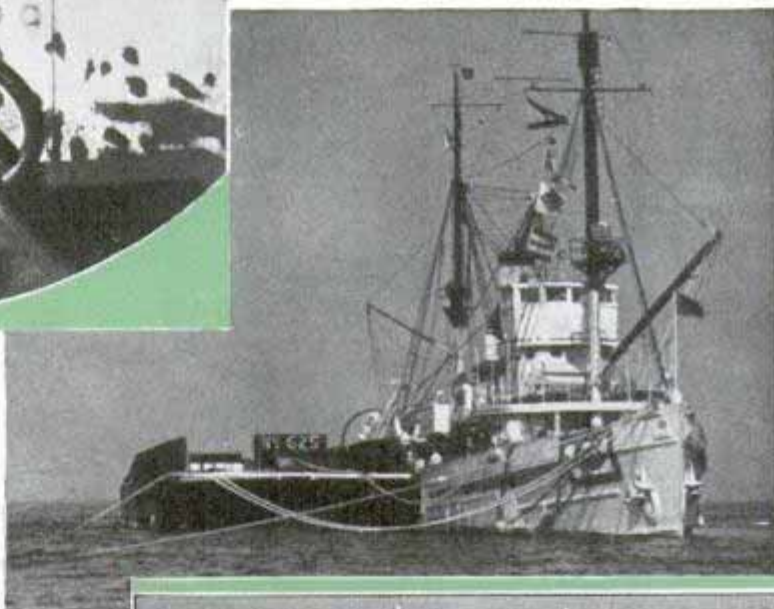
nineteenth dive—and kept on going. The “Falcon,” veteran of the “S-51” and “S-4” jobs, had raced up from New London with the priceless rescue bell. Sibitzky had made that all-important first dive to attach the downhaul cable to the forward hatch. He went forward because there had been no sound aft from the time the “Squalus” crashed to the bottom, poking her flooded after compartments deep into the muddy clay, leaving her bow tilted upward at ten degrees. If he missed the submarine on that first dive, if he fumbled about in the murk, it meant just so much longer before the thirty-three living men inside

stertorous escape of his air exhaust resounds above the slap of the gentle easterly wind rolling toward the New Hampshire shore eight miles away.

The diver remains on the platform, a few feet under water, long enough to get his air control valve adjusted properly for the slide down the descending line, like a fireman on a pole. In another few seconds, he will reach for the heavy rope hawser that runs from the “Falcon’s” rail to the deck of the “Squalus,” holding the line with his right hand, turning the pressure control valve on his left breast with the other.

“One hand for the government, the other for yourself,” he will remember as he starts to sink.

One other day Sibitzky hung like this at the surface of these chilly waters near the Isles of Shoals, an hour’s slow run from the Portsmouth navy yard. That was the morning of May 24, the day after the 299-foot “Squalus,” one of the largest submarines in the world, went down for her



Diver at submarine school, top, attempts to enter “sunken” ship under simulated disaster conditions. Center, rescue ship “Falcon” at wreck scene. Below, models demonstrate plan for raising “Squalus”

the bleak tomb could be brought to the surface in "McCann's elevator." Sibitzky hit the deck within six feet of the desired spot, a feat in any man's diving navy.

Now, with the thirty-three survivors safely back in the sunlight and air, some of them actually aboard the "Falcon" as relief crew members, the towering blond is ready again for the two-minute slide to the bottom—to the aid of a distressed shipmate.

But . . . hold everything! The telephone is speaking.

Badders' voice comes out: "Hello on deck, I'm okay now. I got my lines fouled and I sure was in plenty of trouble."

The voice is full of fatigue, groggy, but there is no sign of excitement or hysteria. The experienced diver, working at such a depth, knows he must keep cool at all costs; otherwise his blood stream, already running wild with an excess of nitrogen, will quickly send him into a coma.

Momsen himself takes over the telephone. The look of fearful anxiety has gone, but he still has a problem.

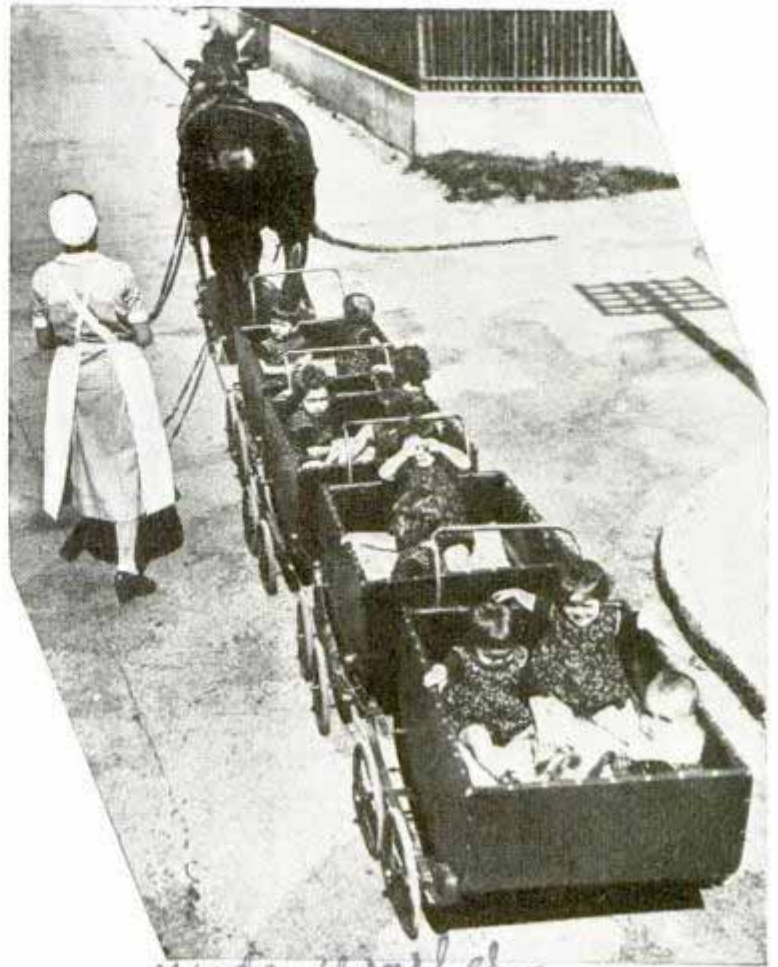
"Hello, Badders, this is Momsen," says the co-inventor of the Momsen submarine "escape lung" and one of the world's greatest diving authorities. "Want any help? We've got Sibitzky at the descending line now, ready to come down."

"No thanks," Badders replies. "Give me a moment to get this carbon dioxide out of my 'hat' and I'll be okay."

Momsen makes only a simple reply, "okay." From long experience, he realizes that a diver under pressure must struggle even to think. At the crushing pressure of 109 pounds a square inch a diver is so groggy and drowsy after a few minutes on the bottom he is apt to forget why he came down, or to start singing, or to stand blankly, talking to himself.

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Buggy Train Helps Nurse Care for Many Children



Many children are taken on an afternoon's outing by nurse who guides a horse-drawn train of baby buggies through the streets

Children at a nursery in Geneva, Switzerland, have gone back to the horse-and-buggy idea to solve the problem of a shortage of nurses. Several perambulators are coupled together, and these, with their passengers, are drawn through the streets by a horse. One nurse takes as many as three dozen children for an afternoon's outing.

2841 Chains Mounted on Disk Wheels with Simple Spring Tool

For emergency mounting of chains on disk wheels, a spring steel tool enables the user to attach the chains without soiling hands or clothing. The flat spring has a hook to which the chain is attached. Pulling the hook through the slots is easier than attempting to work the chains through without tools.



Putting chains on disk wheel with spring tool

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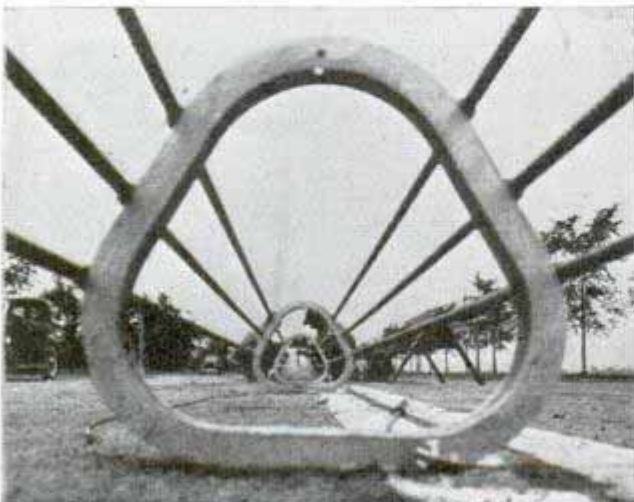


At the races, a fan tried out the wide-angle vision binoculars used by the army

For getting a wide-angle view of the event, a spectator at a recent regatta tried out the type of binoculars used by British army field officers. A sports adaptation of the military instrument is planned, since the binoculars give a greater range of magnified vision than ordinary binoculars.

Cables Between Lanes of Traffic Are Safer for Car and Driver

There is less danger of damage to automobiles, and less chance of injury to occupants, where cables are used instead of concrete abutments to separate traffic



Cables between traffic lanes do little damage to cars that hit them, and prevent head-on collisions

lanes. On Chicago's lake-front drive, cables are stretched between concrete anchorages topped by a red light and spaced ninety feet apart. Being resilient, they yield slightly when hit by a car, yet keep it from crossing into the adjoining lane.

Paint Stirred by Electric Mixer in Pint Cans or Barrels

Painters may save time by using a power mixer equipped with "wings" that stir the paint thoroughly in any size container from pint cans to barrels, which lock se-



Paint mixer with power unit raised to top has its stirring blade adjusted for quart-size container

curely to the stand. Rotated at 280 revolutions per minute by a one-third horsepower motor, the agitator blades move up and down to reach all the ingredients regardless of their density. Paint can be mixed in its holder with the cover in place if an opening is made in it for the shaft. Weighing ninety-five pounds, the unit may be moved about on its rubber-tired wheels or fastened permanently on a bench. In addition to performing as a mixer, it is designed to operate a flexible shaft with a chuck for buffers, grinding wheels and other attachments.

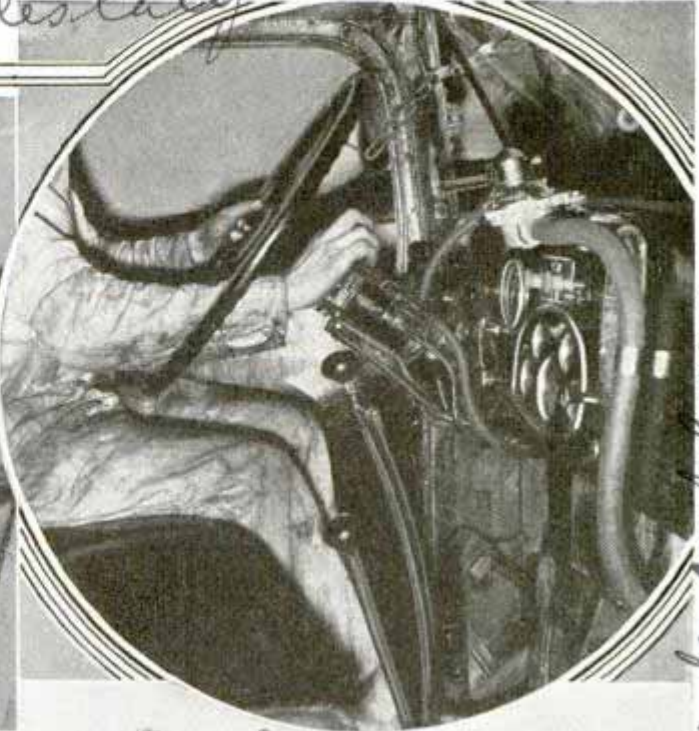
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No Wreck Is Too Big for Super-Salvage Car

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Goliath of wrecking cars, at right, can hoist 75,000-pound derelict up a cliff. At left, above, six levers behind the driver's seat control dual winches; right, view of the cab

Over an icy embankment in the California mountains skids a twenty-ton truck, to crash down the precipitous side of a ravine 500 feet deep. A call for help goes in to Los Angeles, and swiftly the super-tow car is on its way to the scene. Hoisting twenty tons up the face of a cliff is a terrific salvage job, but this giant that weighs fifteen tons, itself, accepts all challenges. It is tow car, truck crane, fire engine and ambulance, all in one. Its dual winches, each carrying 3,000 feet of cable, can lift 75,000 pounds. At the scene of the wreck, a dynamo in the rear, driven off a two-cylinder motor, begins to whir and 3,000-candlepower floodlights illuminate the salvage work. An electric pump is unloaded, a hose run down the cliff and the truck's gasoline is pumped, for safety, into the 250-gallon tank of the tow car. Then heavy drag lines are attached to the wreck, anchors are dropped to brace the tow car,

fire extinguishers are made ready for emergency, and the motors roar. Behind the driver's seat the six control levers are manipulated and the winches take hold, slowly hoisting the truck to the highway. There it is loaded on a dolly whose dual pneumatic air brakes are attached to the brake system of the tow car; if necessary, an additional braking system can be installed connecting the vacuum or air brakes of the wrecked car to the tow car's brakes. Thus, if quick stops are necessary, the driver of the salvage unit can actually apply the brakes of the car he is towing. There is even a portable kitchen aboard the car to prepare food for the crew on long salvage jobs.

☐ Fresh-water fish are being converted into sea-food products for the table by a Hungarian process of treating them with chemical salts.

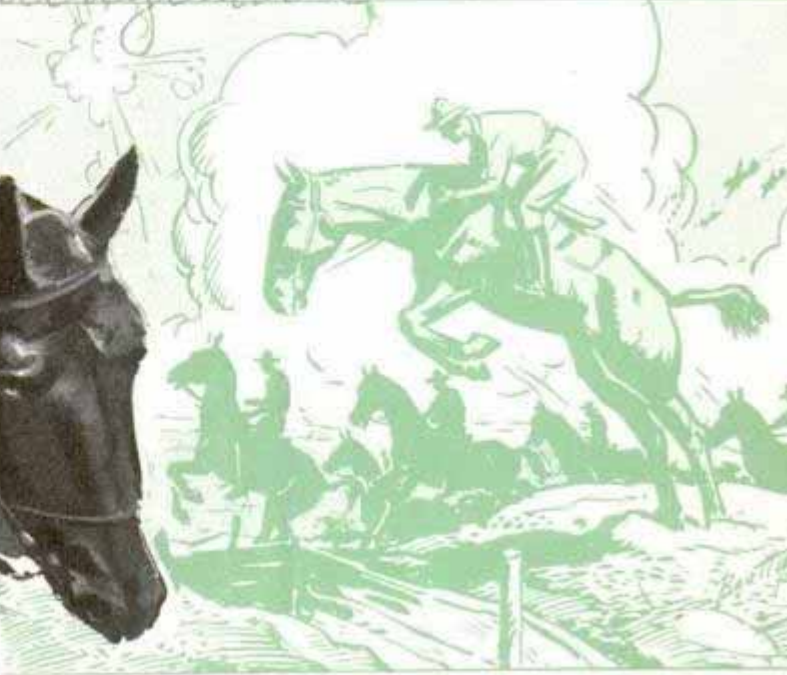
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The WAR HORSE



Unless he has been through cavalry college, any horse will naturally shy at a saber waved over his head or the blast of a pistol close to his ear.

But your cavalryman can fire a pistol inches from his face, jump him over fences and ditches, ride him down a precipitous slope. He can march him steadily past a brass band, make him swim deep rivers. He can cause him to stand steady under artillery fire, even gallop into the very jaws of death. And with no reward but a mouthful of hay or oats, that he could earn peacefully anyway pulling a milk wagon.

IF YOU'VE ever ridden a skittish horse that shies at a scrap of paper blowing across the road and all but unseats you at the sound of a car backfiring, you wonder how the cavalryman rides his mount into the noise and fury of battle.

Those six hundred horses who carried six hundred men to death in the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade" had no sense of patriotism or glory. The horse is, in fact, a timid animal. Untrained, he will shy at his own shadow. He will stop short of a fence or ditch he could easily leap. He will avoid deep water as gingerly as any kitten.

Horses don't learn to be brave. There is no room in their brains for ideals. But they can be taught that the noise and confusion of battle are a part of life. They learn so gently and gradually that cavalry horses are the most tractable animals in the world.

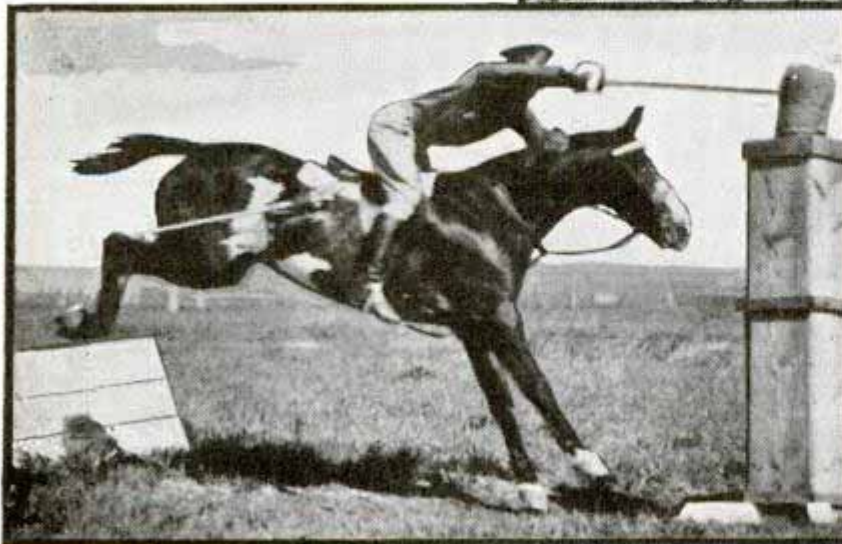
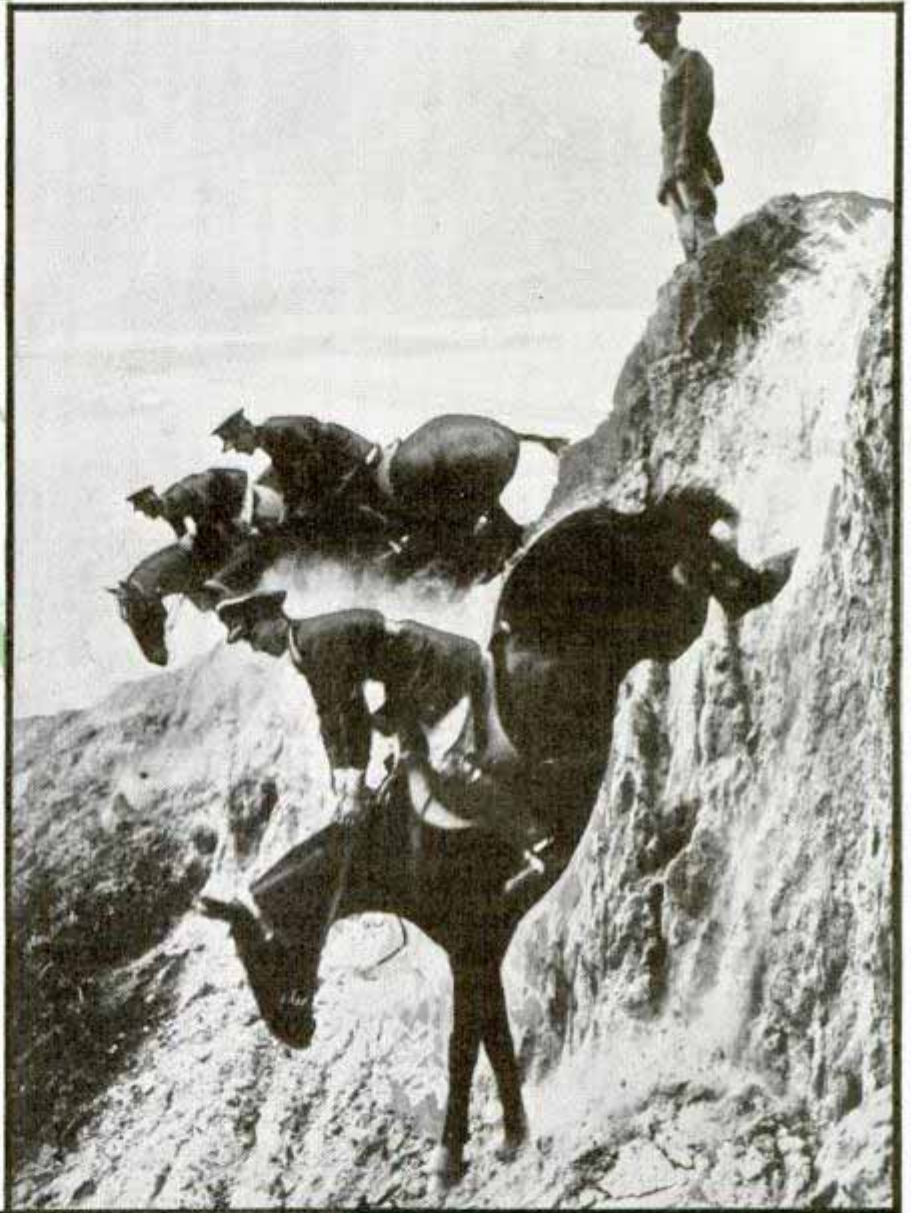
For the army has a system. The system begins at birth for most cavalry horses. Bred of selected stock at remount depots, they are handled and groomed from the time they are tiny colts. They are gentled. They become accustomed to men, who pet them, lead them, feed them. When turned over to troops they require no breaking as the term is

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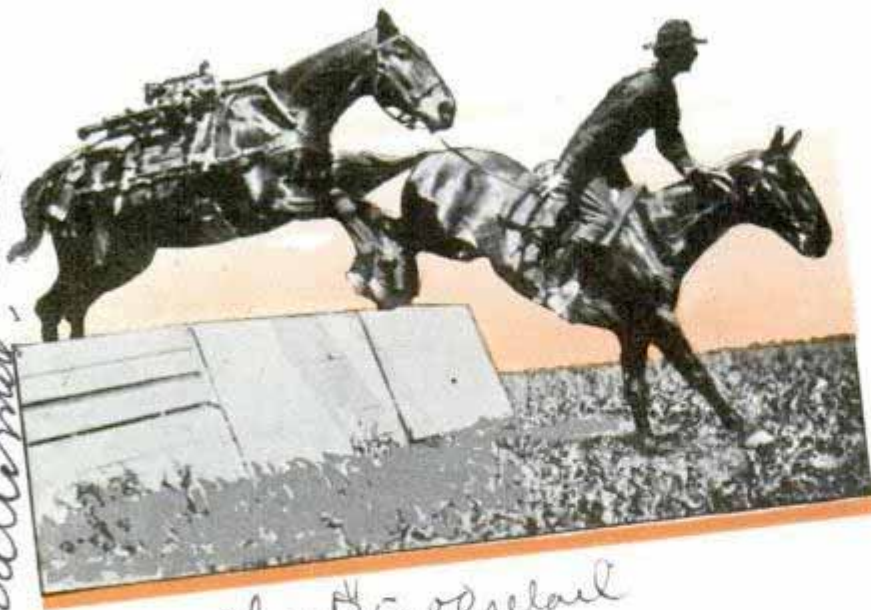


commonly known; only conditioning for strenuous work, and schooling.

The training starts by the riders leading them. And there is a technique for even this simple maneuver. The rider merely grasps the halter rope, turns his back, and walks off. The horse goes along. The inexperienced man would face his mount and



Before either horse or rider would dare a plunge down such a precipitous slope as that at top, the mount is gradually inured to rough terrain. Below, at left, cavalryman takes jump and then lunges saber at dummy; if the horse shies, he misses. Right, army gas mask for horses



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pull, and the horse would tend to pull back.

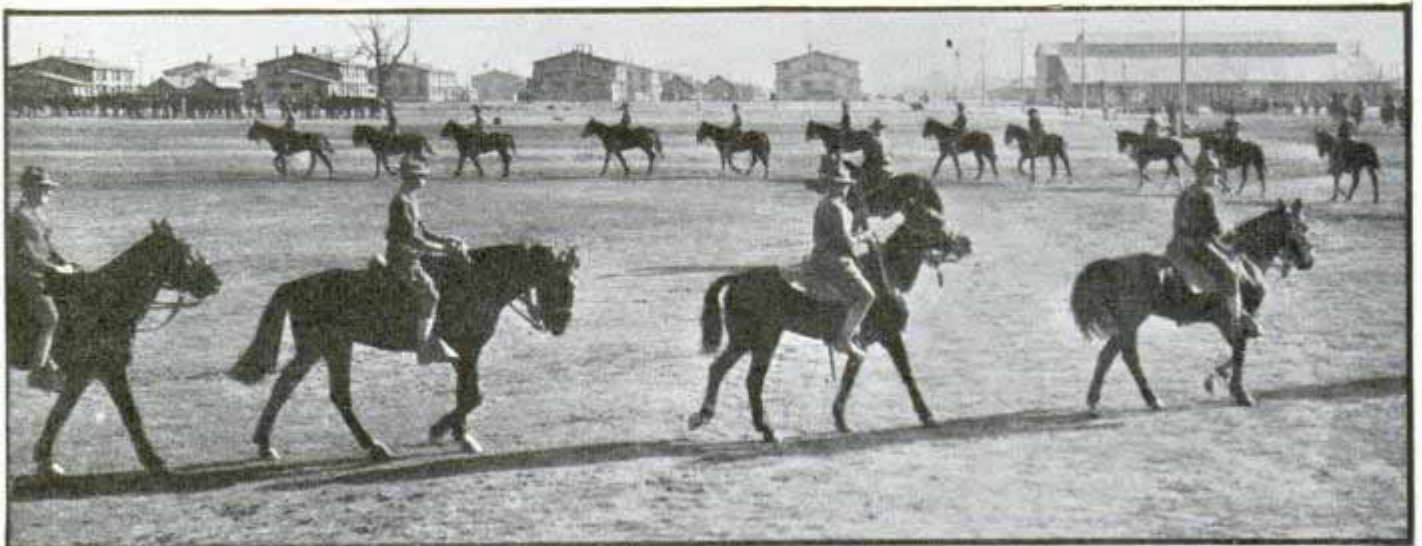
Each succeeding lesson will be a new experience for the horse, and he will tend to fight it. So he must first be exercised to tire him out. For this purpose the cavalry has perfected a sort of bitless bridle called a cavesson. This consists of two well-padded pieces of strap iron, hinged in the middle, curved to fit the horse's face. Normally, it is perfectly comfortable; but a pull on the ring, attached where the pieces are hinged, will draw the two sides together and press on the nerves running down each side of the mount's face. The harder the horse pulls back, the tighter becomes the pressure. To this ring a long web line called a longe is attached. The horse is started running in large circles at the end of the longe, and soon learns it is more comfortable not to fight the cavesson.

Soft from months in the pasture, he tires quickly and is willing to stand, while the rider caresses him, picks up his feet, places blanket and saddle gently on his back. But at any sign of rebellion he is given another trot on the longe. When he submits to the saddle, he is led about with it on his back, to accustom him to the feel of it, to the creak of leather, the rattle of rings and buckles. Then the stirrups are lowered, and in a short time he gets

used to having them swing at his flanks.

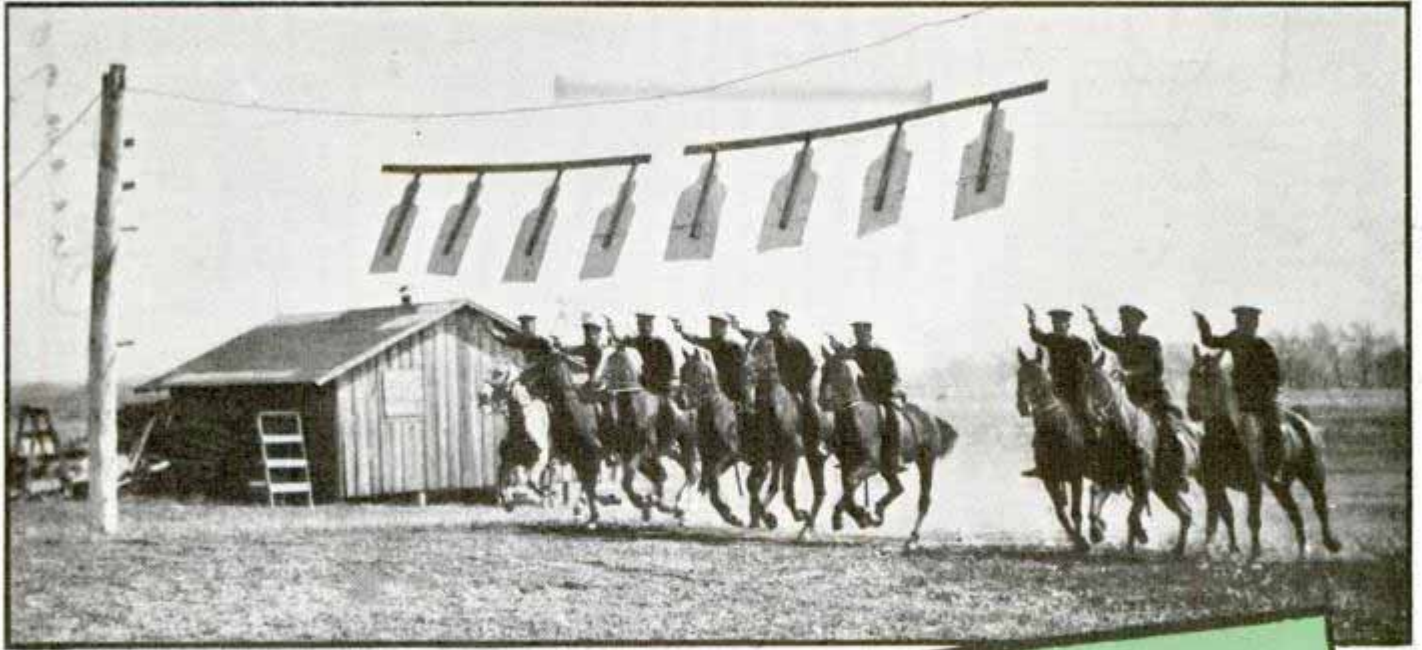
By the second or third day he is ready for mounting. This is done gradually at first, and only after a session with the cavesson and longe. First the rider strokes the horse's neck, places his arm around it, edges back to the saddle. Then he places a hand in the stirrup, leans some of his weight upon it. More leading; then the rider leans an arm across the saddle and hangs there a moment. He places a foot in the stirrup, lets the mount feel his full weight for a while. The horse becomes accustomed to this, ceases to sidle away; and on one of those sallies at the stirrup, the rider finally swings into the saddle.

It is seldom that a horse, well exercised then mounted so gently, bucks. If he does, he soon learns that the cavesson is still on his face, and pressing most uncomfortably.



Top, riderless horse carrying machine-gun pack is led over jump. Bottom, a troop plays "follow the leader"; this herd instinct of horses is used by the cavalry at every phase of training

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By the end of a week the average mount will be walking, trotting, galloping at command; and is never quite sure just which day the cavesson was left off.

The second week the rookie horses will be ridden in a group through simple maneuvers. All the time the regimental band is practicing nearby, bugles are blowing intermittently. Hearing them casually at first while training, the horse becomes so accustomed to them that when he takes part in his first parade, he hardly realizes the band is blaring almost in his ear.

Any tendency to shy at the music will be dispelled, in most cases, by the fact that these noise-making instruments are carried by other horses, who seem not to

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Top, a platoon charges while firing at targets. Jumping, center, is everyday event to cavalry horse but he began by walking over rail. Below, riding hard to tire horses before practice

Circular Window Revolves to Open for Ventilation

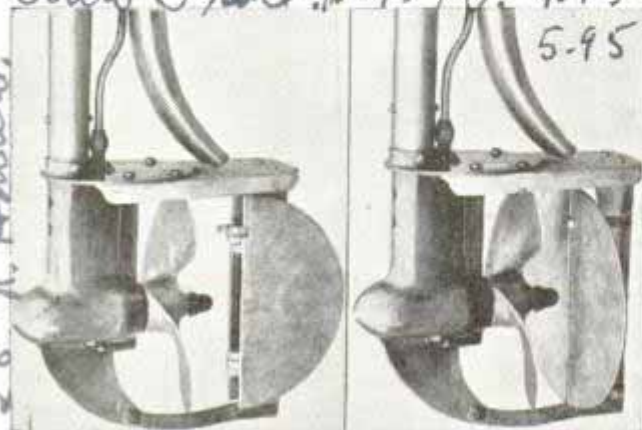


To open circular window, its lower half is rotated upward. Window frame and all are factory-built

Its lower half rotating on a center pivot for ventilation, a circular window that conforms with almost any architectural style can be locked in closed, half open or fully open position. It is furnished complete with frame, prefitted window, weatherstripping, screen and hardware.

Trolling Plate Controls Speed of Boat Automatically

Made of lightweight, rustproof metal, an automatic trolling plate controls boat speed to the slow pace desired by the an-

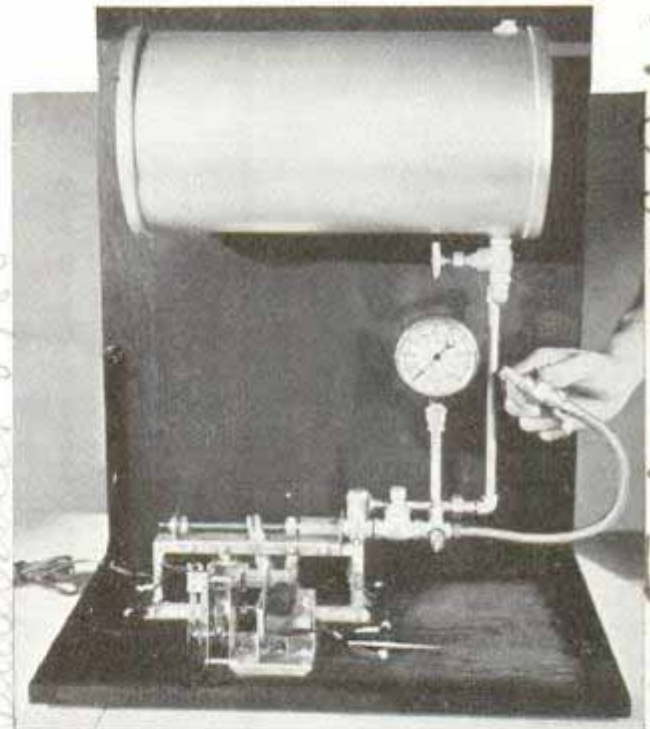


Trolling plate in two positions: left, full speed, and right, trolling speed

gler. It is attachable to all popular makes of outboard motors and is manufactured in sizes to fit any marine motor up to eight and one-half horsepower. The two halves of the plate close together at high speeds, doing away with the tendency of the boat to nose down in front—one of the problems encountered in the use of some other trolling plates.

Scale Is Removed from Boilers by Chemical Injector Pump

Shutting down boilers to clean out scale formation is eliminated by a pumping unit that injects chemical compounds into the hot-water and steam systems to dissolve and remove the scale. A tiny variable-



Injector pump at base of unit forces solution from tank into boilers to dissolve and remove scale

speed motor with current consumption of only two watts operates constantly and may be adjusted to control periodical injections, which can be varied to meet the need in each individual case. Solenoids supply the pulling power to operate the pump, which has sufficient force to send liquid into a boiler against a pressure of 250 pounds. After being reduced to a powder by the solvent, the scale passes out through the waste line. Special chemicals used are non-poisonous and will not injure gaskets or metal. The unit will also pump many other liquids, including oil or water.

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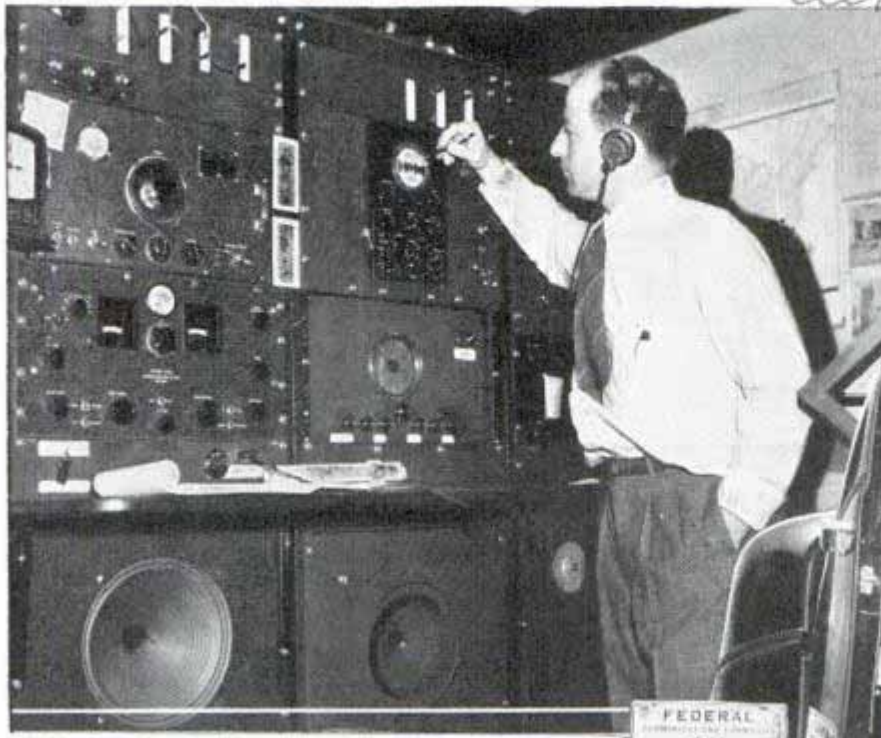
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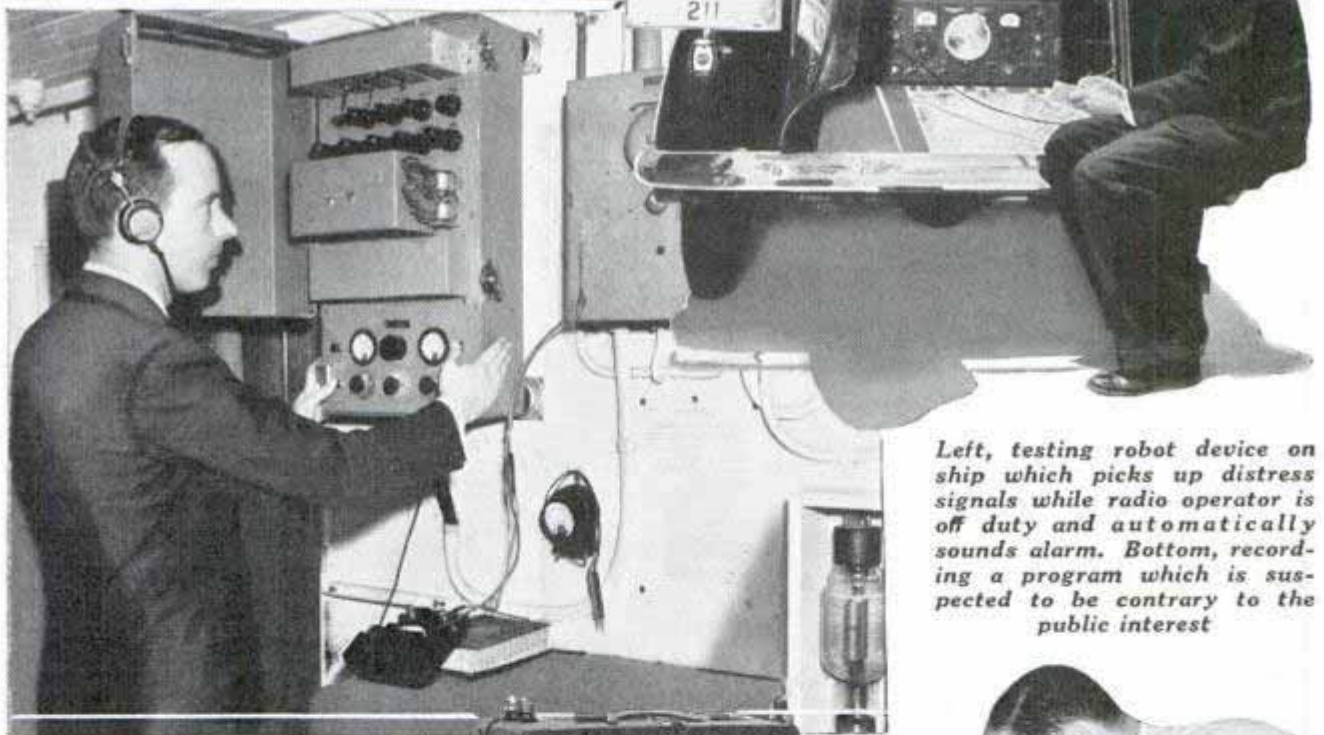
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Radio 'G-Men' Police Short and Long Waves



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Left, chief inspector at San Pedro monitoring station watches oscilloscope which gives continuous picture of radio waves, indicating whether studio technicians are controlling sound equipment properly. Below, a radio "G-man" attempts to obtain directional bearing on unlicensed station with portable instrument

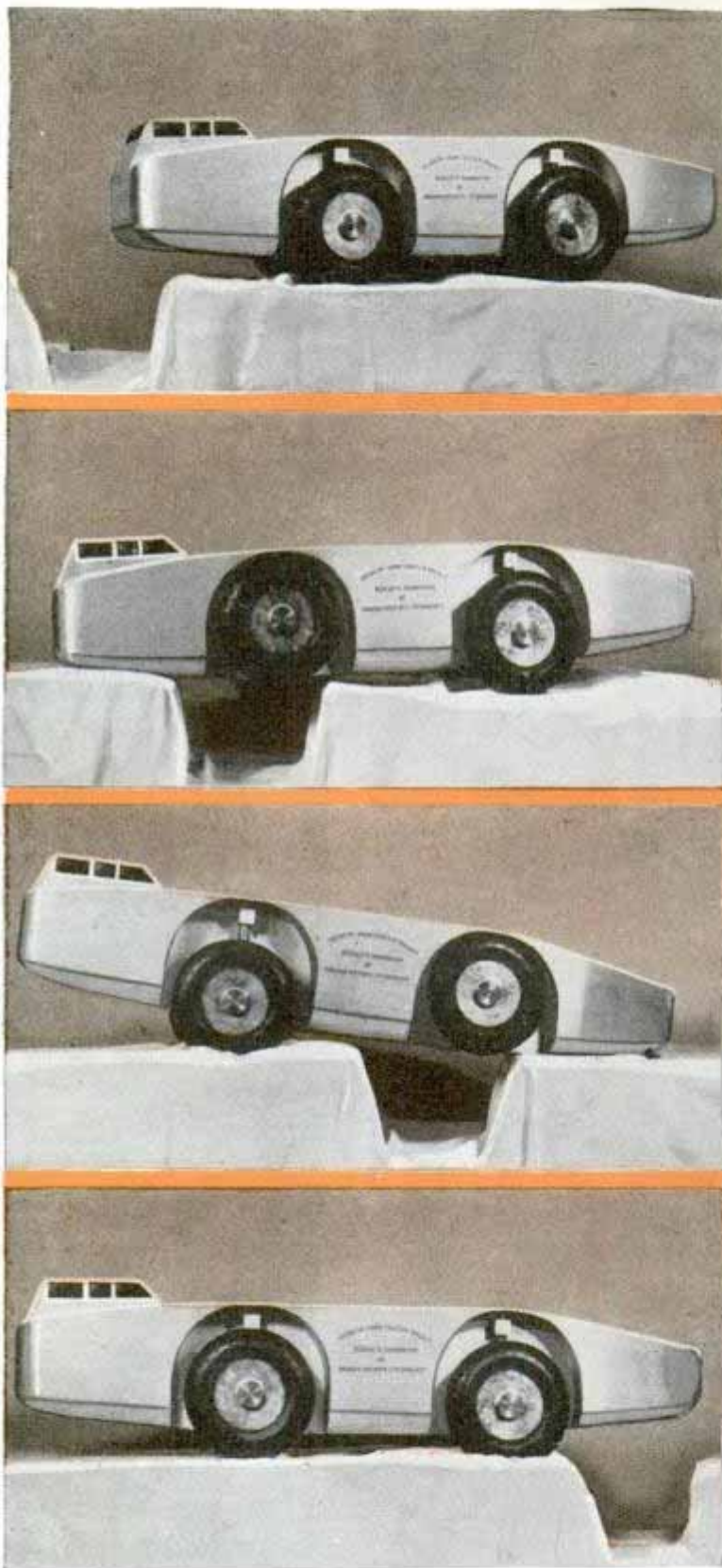


Left, testing robot device on ship which picks up distress signals while radio operator is off duty and automatically sounds alarm. Bottom, recording a program which is suspected to be contrary to the public interest

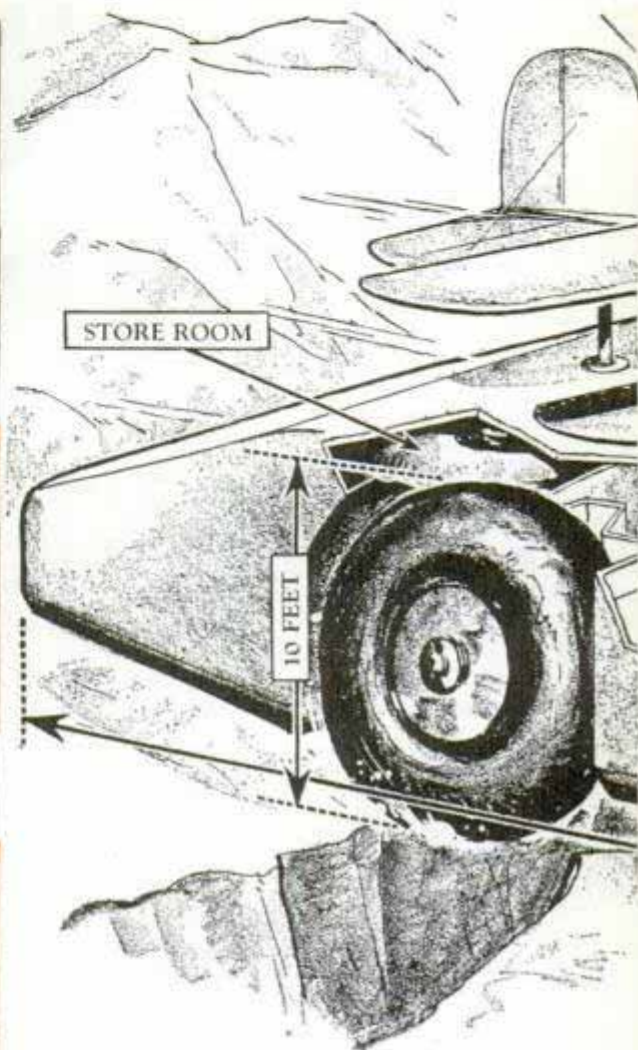
There are "G-men" riding the radio waves, tracking down "out-law" operators who trespass on forbidden frequencies or chatter without a license. The Federal Communications Commission maintains seven monitoring stations, whose duty it is to inspect radio equipment of ships, record and report broadcasts of objectionable nature, listen in on programs and see that sound technicians are keeping the music "sweet"—the radio waves under proper control. These pictures show the radio patrolmen at the San Pedro, Calif., station



SNOW CRUISER



Here's how the snow cruiser will cross a crevasse in polar ice fields. At top the model approaches the "abyss"; as front wheels drop into it, they are retracted and nose of cruiser slides on ice beyond while rear wheels furnish power. When front wheels reach opposite side they furnish traction and rear wheels are drawn up, cruiser sliding on tail. In bottom picture wheels are in normal position and the big bus proceeds on way

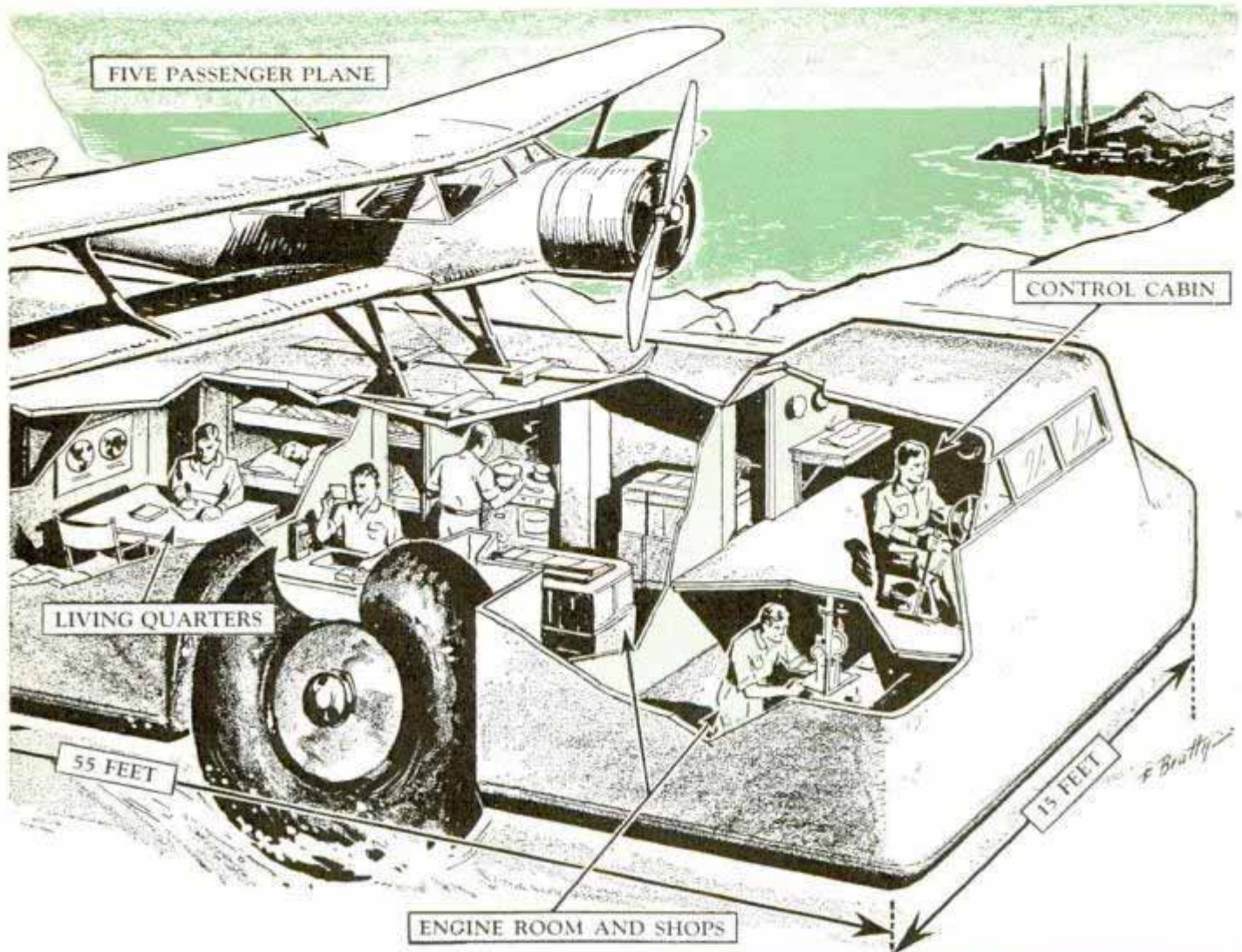


IN A Diesel monster that can climb the polar mountains and slither across giant crevasses, four American scientists will spend the coming Antarctic summer exploring the bottom of the world. Fueled and provisioned for a year "on its own," the Antarctic Snow Cruiser designed by the staff of the Research Foundation of Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, under direction of Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, will carry on its back a five-seat cabin biplane to be used for mapping and exploring a 600-mile strip across Antarctica, with the cruiser as its moving base. Scientific director of the Foundation, Dr. Poulter was second in command of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition II, when he conceived the idea of the snow

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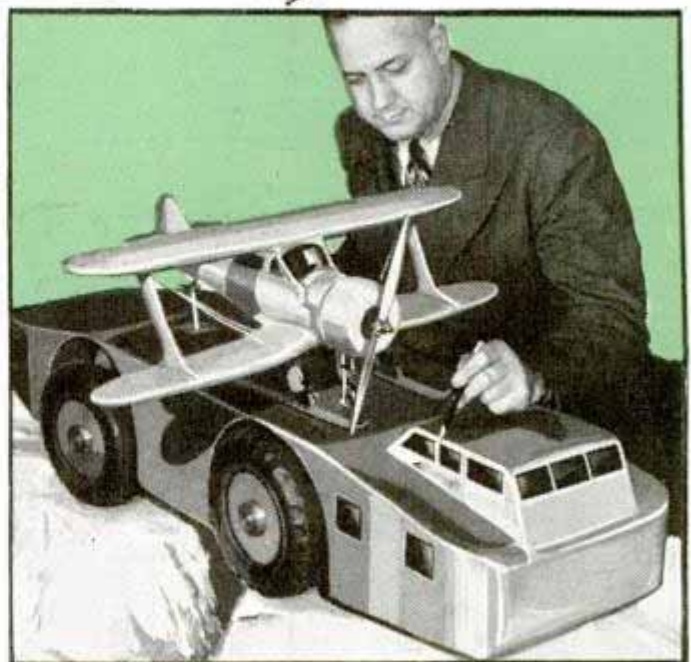
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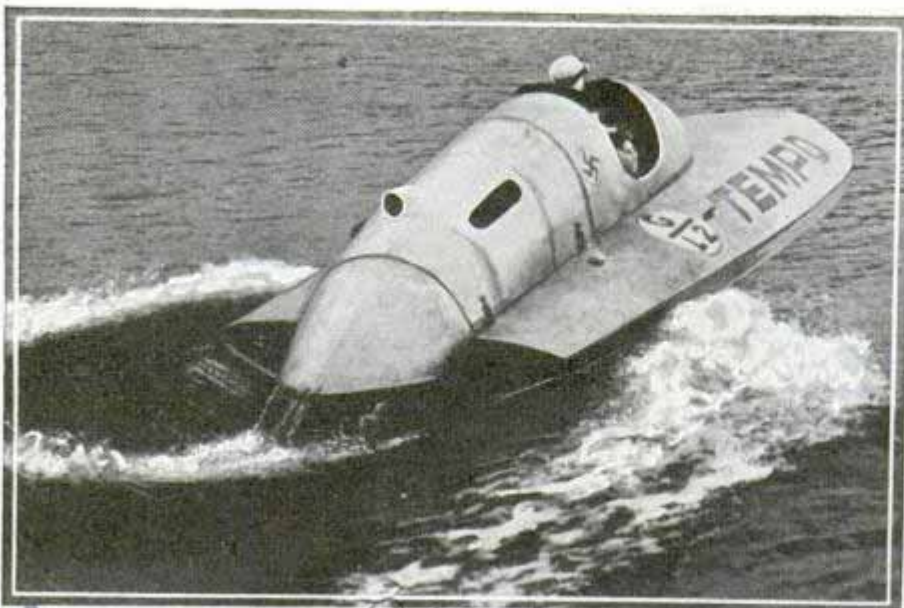
cruiser, and he will be in charge of it during the forthcoming government expedition. Fifty-five feet long and fifteen feet wide, the cruiser will have four wheels, each inclosing an electric motor, wearing pneumatic tires ten feet in diameter and a yard wide. Two 200-horsepower Diesel engines directly connected to generators furnish power for driving, for radio, electric stoves, heat and the machine shop. Flexible controls permit the operator to direct the power of one or both engines to any combination of one, two, three or four wheels. Each wheel is independently adjustable vertically four feet so that the huge "bus" can ride high above the snowdrifts or slide on its undersurface. Reaching a crevasse as wide as fifteen feet, the cruiser will push its nose across until the front wheels are on the brink

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Cutaway drawing at top shows arrangement of expedition's traveling base; notice that kitchen, just aft of engine room, doubles as photo darkroom. Below, Dr. Poulter with a model of the snow cruiser he conceived

Super-Streamline Boat Has 500 Horsepower

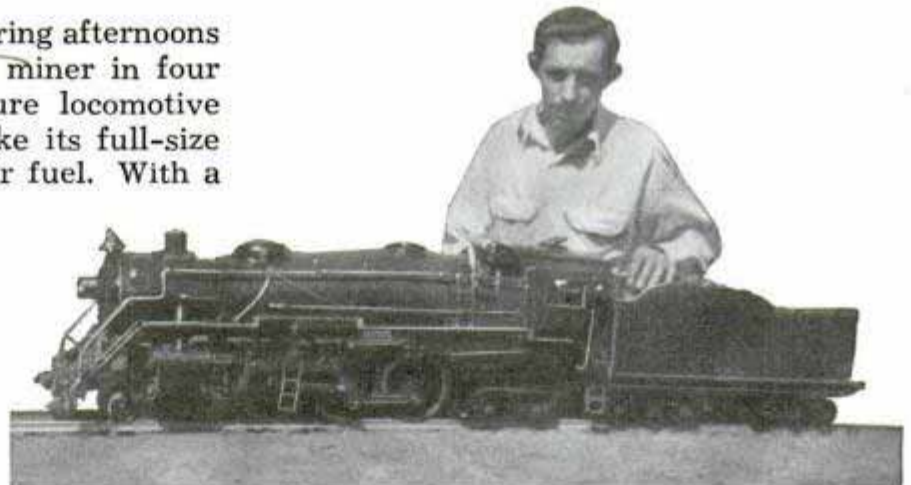


Hoping to set new speed records for motorboats, Hans Stuck, a famous German auto-racing driver, is making trial runs at the controls of a new streamline speeder called "Tempo." The boat is equipped with a sixteen-cylinder motor generating 500 horsepower, produced by the Auto Union.

German speedboat with 500-horsepower, sixteen-cylinder engine will be raced in an attempt to capture world's speed record on the water

Locomotive Model Run by Steam Pulls a Half-Ton Load

Working in spare time during afternoons and evenings, a Kentucky miner in four years completed a miniature locomotive that runs by steam just like its full-size brother, coal being used for fuel. With a steam capacity of ninety pounds, it hauls a load of 900 to 1,000 pounds on the three and one-half inch gauge track. Throttle and reverse control are located in the cab. Weighing 225 pounds, the engine is five feet eight inches long and fourteen inches high.



Powerful enough to haul 1,000 pounds this miniature locomotive develops ninety pounds of steam. It was built by a miner in spare time

Ten-Cent X-Ray Pictures Are Made on Thirty-Five Millimeter Film

By using an ordinary miniature camera and thirty-five millimeter film an Illinois

physician has developed a method of making X-ray photographs of patients at a cost of about ten cents a picture. This extremely low cost is achieved by eliminating the usual fourteen-by-seventeen inch X-ray films. The person being examined stands in a small booth and the miniature camera is focused on a fluoroscopic screen on which the X-ray tube throws the shadow of the patient.

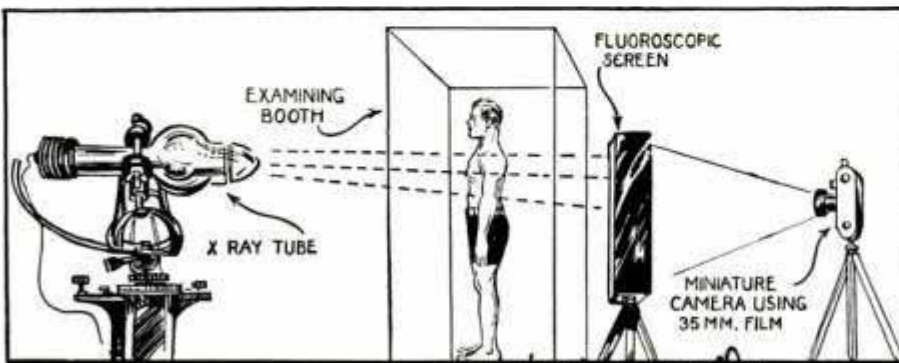


Diagram shows set-up for making X-ray picture of patient at extremely low cost, by focusing ordinary miniature camera on fluoroscopic screen

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Ride 'em, Cowboys!



RIDING FOR A FALL—and this cowboy is heading for a hard one. Note single rein leading to the halter, with no bit in horse's mouth. That's just to make it harder for the cowboy to stick on the bronc.



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A TICKLISH SPOT—but the rider's ready to jump as horse crouches just before falling backward in an attempt to crush the cowboy. Judge and pickup man stand by awaiting the climax of this dangerous moment.

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MODERNIZATION of the wild-west rodeo, the traditional sporting event of American cowboys, is creating a new kind of entertainment that has grown 500 per cent in the last five years. Half a million people watched the big show held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, last year and approximately 1,000 smaller rodeos are held in other parts of the country each year.

Smaller arenas that place the spectators closer to the performers, better staged shows, and the use of public-address systems for explaining fine points to the spectators, as well as the rough-riding horsemanship and the danger in the performances, help to explain why

the rodeo is growing in popularity.

One of the wildest rodeos of all, now becoming as well known as the shows held at Cheyenne, Pendleton, Calgary, Prescott, Salinas, and other round-up centers, is held every October in Victorville, a tiny cattle town on the Mojave desert in California. Victorville's reputation is based on its non-professional status. No cow hand who ever won an event before is allowed to compete. The result is plenty of action. Eighty per cent of the entrants are bucked off their horses, as against less than twenty per cent in rodeos in which professional stars compete. Thrills are practically guaranteed. The Victorville show draws upwards of 300 entries per year, some of



STAYING ABOARD a plunging horse (top) requires good balance, as well as real skill. Below, a bulldozer is shown leaping from his horse to the head of a steer that he will wrestle in an attempt to throw it. This is another dangerous stunt in the rodeo.

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 the cowboys traveling from as far away as Texas and Montana to compete.

At this show, motion-picture stars from Hollywood sit in the stands as spectators. On the advisory committee are men like William S. Hart, Buck Jones, Death Valley Scotty, Harold Bell Wright, Irvin Cobb, and William Farnum. Cal Godshall, a local cattle rancher, is in charge of the community event, and Art Manning, former champion cowboy, is arena director.

In spite of its modern dress the Victorville rodeo is practically the same performance that rodeos were nearly a century ago when cow hands and ranchers first started to compete to decide which were the best riders and ropers in their localities. New stunts have been added and others refined, but events such as bronco busting and calf roping are still expert performances

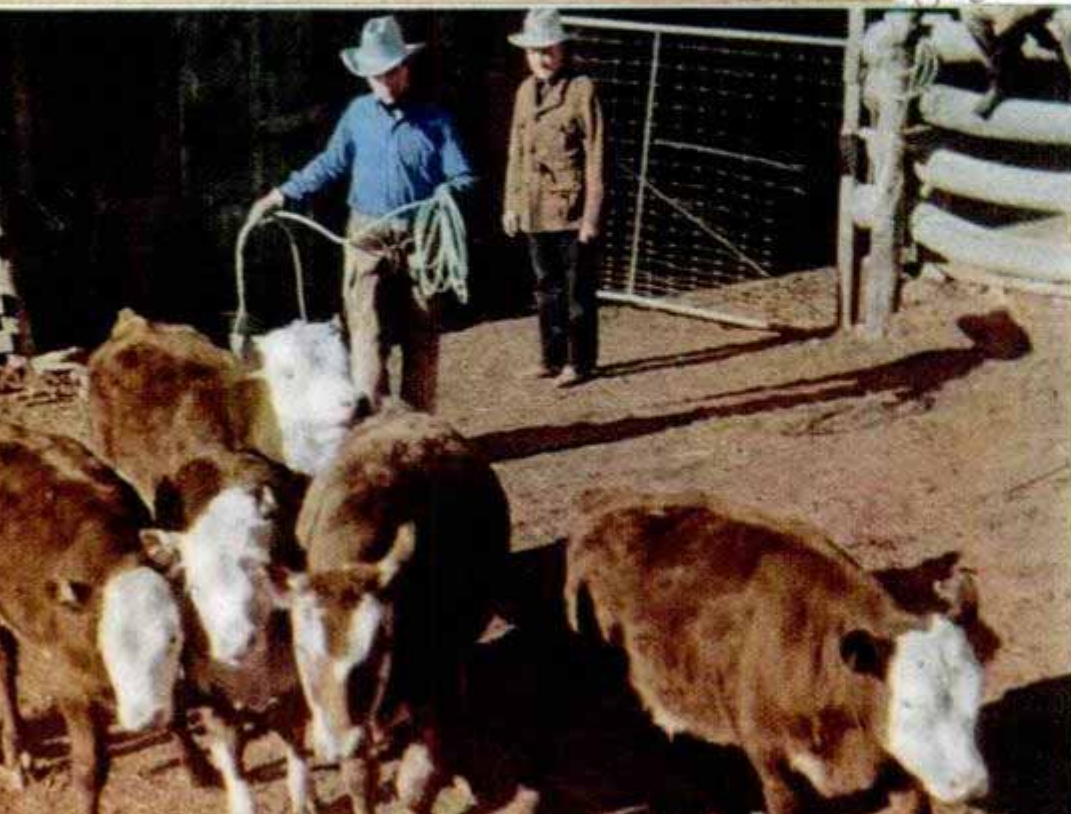


of routine chores on the range.

"When a man sticks on the saddle of a four-legged earthquake for the required time, he's had a boneshaking ride he never forgets," Art Manning remarks. "The odds are against him from the start. He has only one rein to the halter and there is no bit in the horse's mouth. The rules are that the rider must continuously rake the horse with dull spurs during the ride and as if that wasn't enough a flanking cinch, a loose rope around the stomach, is put on every bucking animal to furnish a source of annoyance that makes him automatically try to throw the rider.

"It's a rough, dangerous game and most cowboys stop competing by the time they are thirty years old. The chances are, during his career, that a performer will be bucked off many times and probably badly injured more than once. Few horses are vicious but if a man happens to be thrown forward over the head he lies right in the path of four powerful hooves at the end of the next jump. He's almost bound to be hurt and he may be killed."

Are there any wild broncs that have never been ridden? Most cow hands agree with the



RODEO QUEEN at least seventy-five times, Jean Godshall exhibits a bit of spectacular riding. Left, preparing to rope a calf for branding, one of the modern cowboy's less romantic tasks.

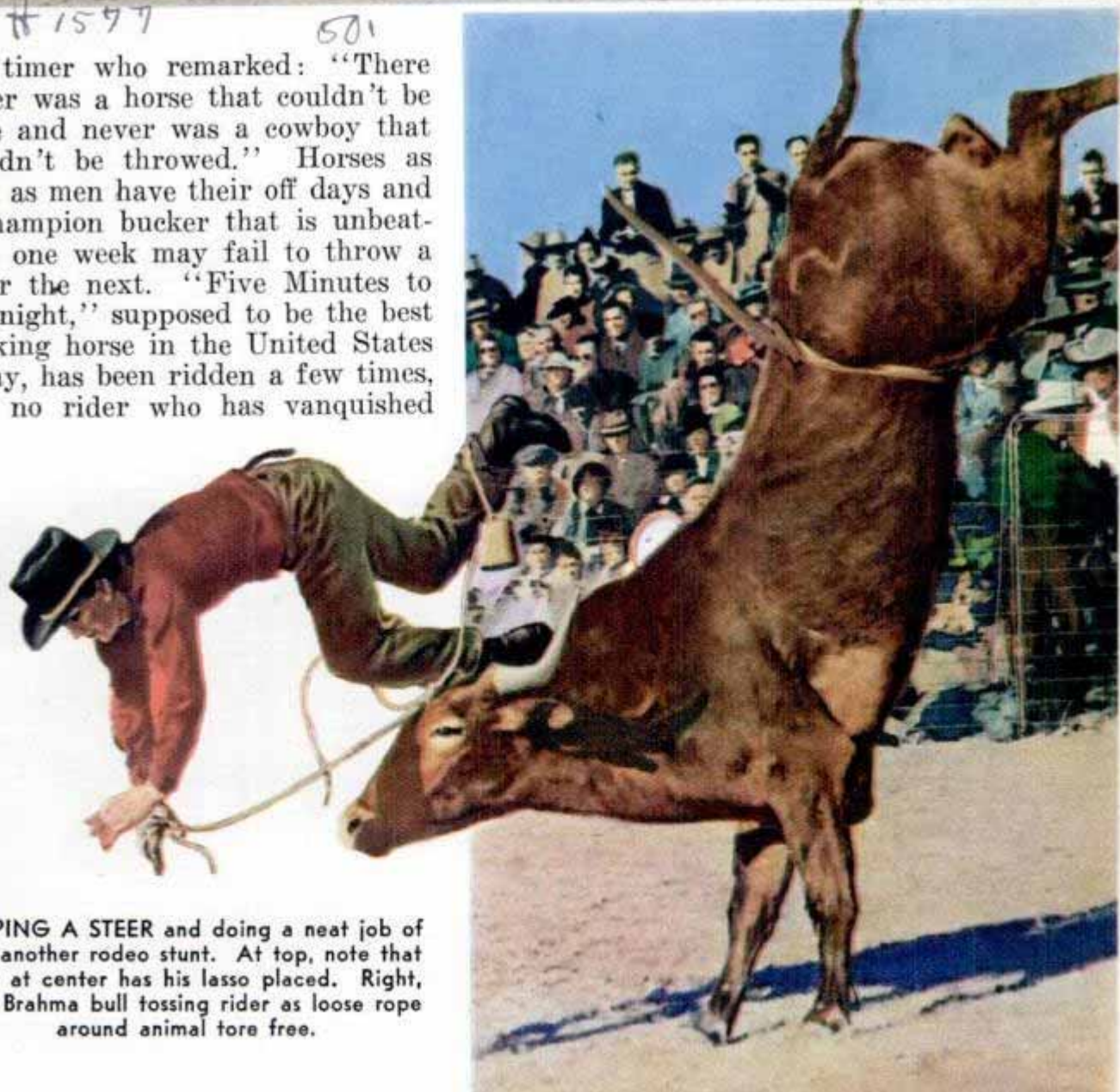




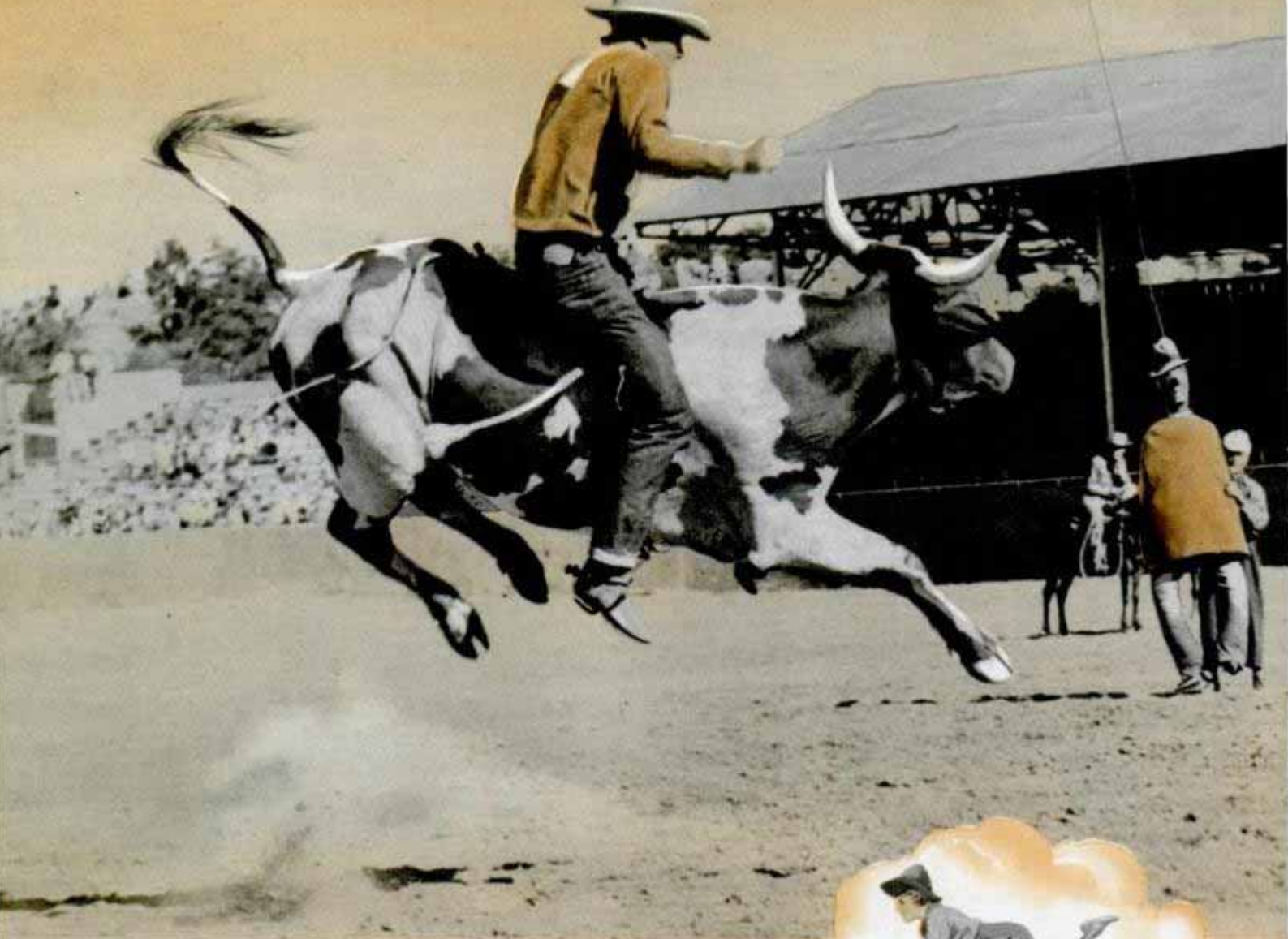
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old timer who remarked: "There never was a horse that couldn't be rode and never was a cowboy that couldn't be thrown." Horses as well as men have their off days and a champion buckler that is unbeatable one week may fail to throw a rider the next. "Five Minutes to Midnight," supposed to be the best bucking horse in the United States today, has been ridden a few times, but no rider who has vanquished



ROPING A STEER and doing a neat job of it is another rodeo stunt. At top, note that rider at center has his lasso placed. Right, wild Brahma bull tossing rider as loose rope around animal tore free.



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RIDING HIGH is this cowboy as the wild steer leaps into the air in an attempt to shake off the rider who clings to his perilous perch with only one hand.

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this wild animal once would guarantee to do it again.

The strenuous show that a bucking horse puts on is a natural one and the animals aren't trained to be that way. They are simply wild stock never broken to a saddle or rider. A good bronco is worth more than a mere saddle horse simply because of the show he puts on. Cowboys notice that the animals seem to enjoy their own performances and make a game out of it. Many a veteran bronco, if he hasn't been able to throw his rider, calms down as soon as the whistle blows, seemingly knowing that the show is over.

More dangerous than trying to ride a saddle bronc are the bareback Brahma steer rides in which the cowboy can hang on only to a surcingle or loose rope around the animal's body. The extreme peril lies in the fact that after the steer bucks a rider off it frequently tries to gore or jump on the fallen man.

When that happens the rodeo clown rushes to the defense of the stunned rider. Every rodeo





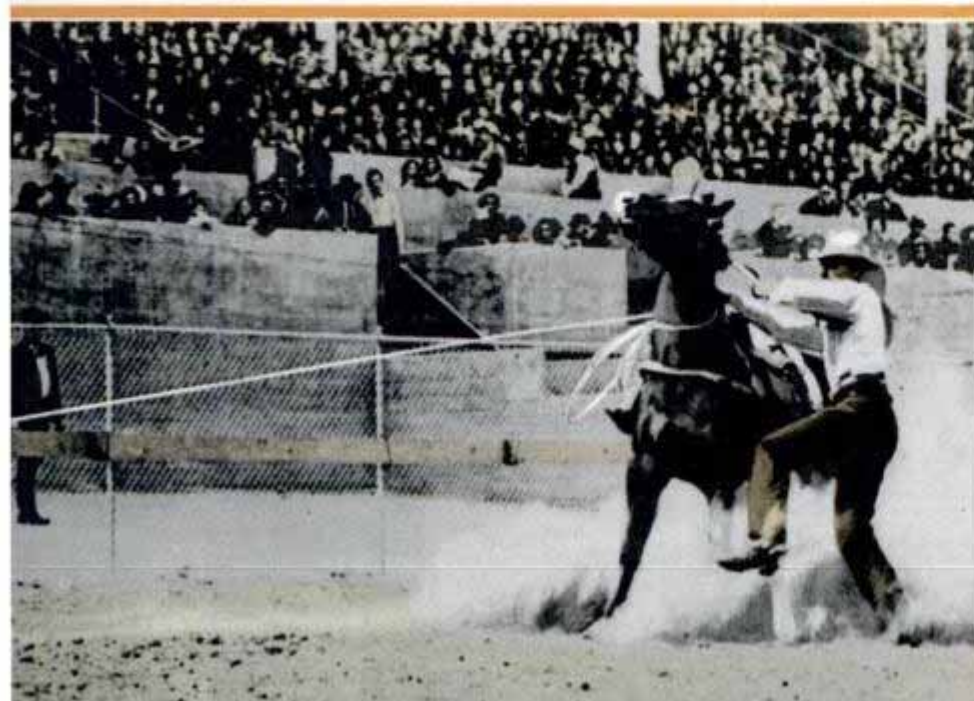
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has a clown who provides amusement during dull periods but his chief duty is to save lives. When a Brahma tosses a man from its back the clown goes into action at once, howling at the steer and waving a shawl to attract its attention. The clown's ungainly antics in dodging the enraged animal look funny to the spectators but the play is in deadly earnest. Clowns have saved the lives of many contestants.

Bulldogging, also called wild steer wrestling, is another dangerous act. The animal comes out of the chute at a fast run, with a hazer on horseback at one side to keep him running straight and the mounted cowboy on the other side. Watching his chance, the

CAREFUL, COWBOY! That horse is up to no good (top). The rider's trying hard to stay aboard. Bottom, calf-roping event. Trained horse is tightening on lariat, while rider is on the ground getting ready to tie the calf after it is thrown. Perfect timing is essential here. Cal Godshall Photo





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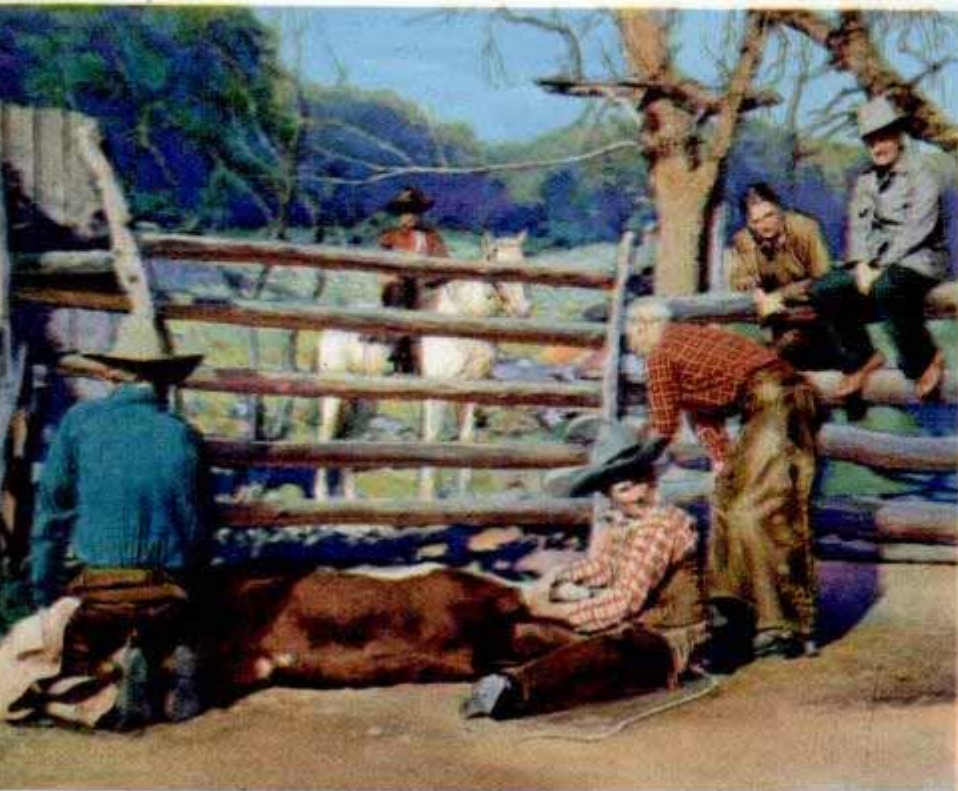
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OLD AND THE NEW in transportation on the western plains meet as two riders wave a greeting to the pilot of an American Airlines ship. Below, cowboys going about the unexciting task of branding a calf on a western ranch. Each ranch has its own peculiar mark by which any animal it owns may be distinguished.

cowboy dives off his horse to the animal's head, stopping the steer in its tracks and wrestling against the horns until the animal is thrown. The bull weighs six times or more the weight of the man, yet the man usually subdues the animal. But if he slips or fails to get the steer down in a few minutes the tables may be turned and the cowboy badly injured.

Roping events test a cowboy's skill at his ordinary work. On the range the cow hands have to rope, throw, and tie calves and mavericks so that they may be branded. In the rodeo, prizes are awarded according to the length of time required, various events being for one man to rope, throw, and tie a calf, to do the same with a steer, and for a two-man team to perform the work on a loose steer. A top roper may need only fifteen seconds to throw

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Plastic Auto Roof Is Called Trend in Design

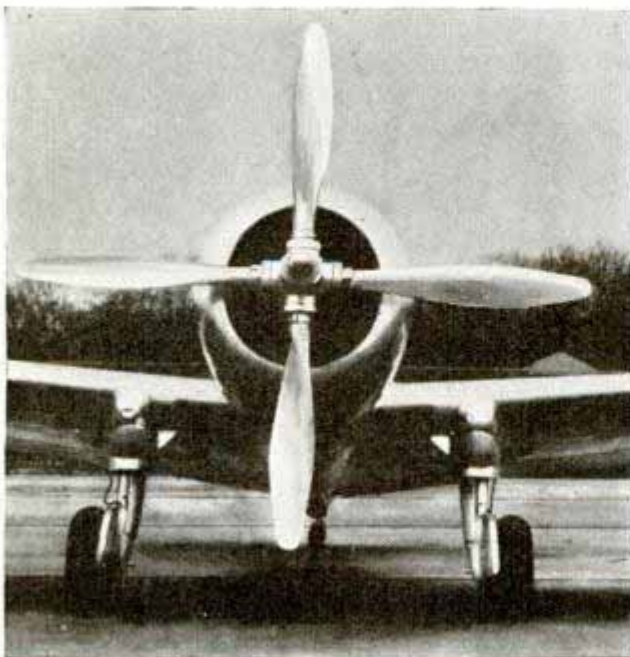
That the automobile of tomorrow may have body, roof and fenders made of plastics is the possibility held out by experts who have seen one late model fitted with a transparent plastic top. This car, prepared for demonstration purposes, permits full visibility to passengers and allows sunlight to reach the occupants, yet shields them from wind and rain. It is not beyond the realm of possibility, experts point out, that plastics strong enough to withstand severe impact, perhaps as strong as steel, may be available for the manufacture of auto tops in the not too distant future. These plastics might be produced in the color desired, eliminating the necessity of repainting. Hand in hand with the plastic roof may come the plastic body and fenders, also made of strong, lightweight material that would be easier to shape than metals, that would offer as much protection to the occupants as all-metal cars and that might be no more expensive. Automotive men have been cautious in commenting on



Two views of demonstration automobile fitted with a transparent top of plastic material. (Courtesy Briggs Body Co.)

the use of plastics, preferring to await the coming of a synthetic material that would meet rigid requirements of the industry.

Four-Blade Aircraft Propeller for Fast Pursuit Planes



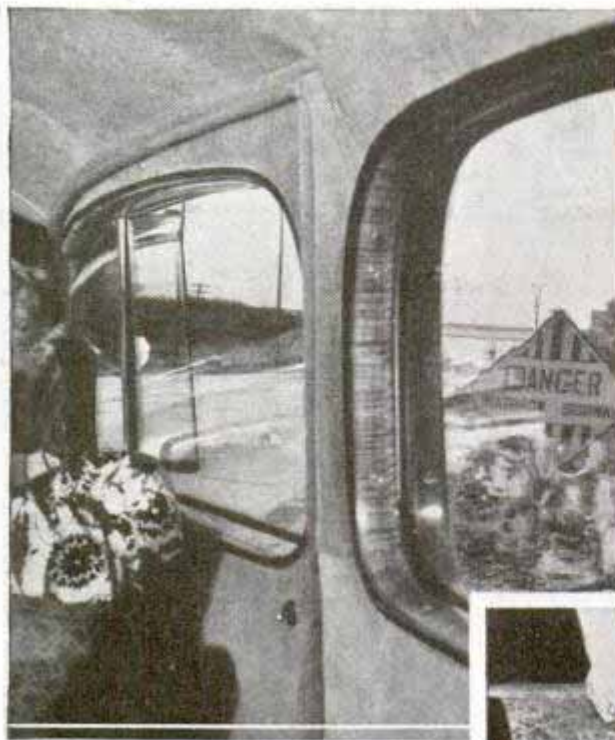
Four-blade propeller of smaller diameter undergoing test on high-speed army pursuit plane

To utilize the increasing power of aircraft engines without adding to the length of propeller blades, a four-bladed propeller has just been developed. Motors of constantly increasing horsepower and higher-altitude flights demanded a larger effective blade area, particularly for the high-speed pursuit planes of the army. Blades of larger diameter would mean heavier landing gear, so the four-blade type was designed by the Curtiss organization as the best answer. It will make possible closer spacing of engines on the multi-motored bombers and transport ships with resultant saving of weight in the wings. The aluminum alloy blades are electrically controlled for pitch.

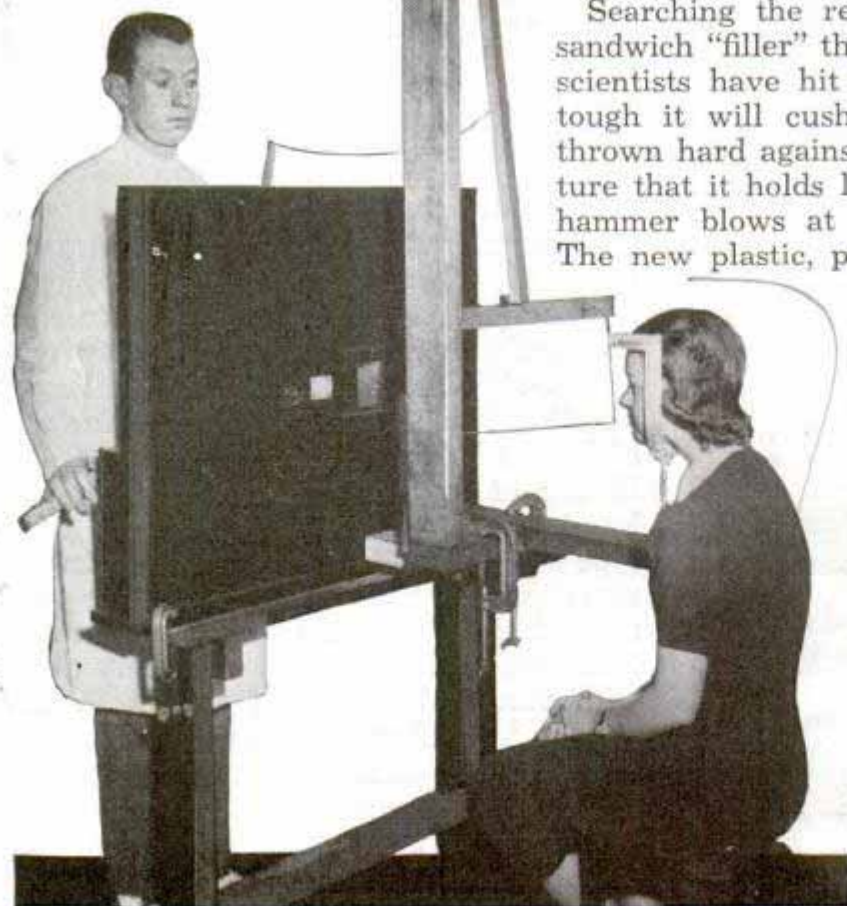
There were 2,326 airplane landing fields in the United States on July 1, 1939, 730 of them lighted for night use.

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Elastic 'Sandwich' Cushions New Safety Glass



Notice distortion of sign through sheet-glass window, above, and clarity through plate glass, right. New plastic clings so tightly shattered glass can be rolled like rug. Below, reading test through glass



Searching the realm of synthetic resins for a sandwich "filler" that will make safety glass safer, scientists have hit upon a rubbery substance so tough it will cushion and hold a bowling ball thrown hard against it, so indifferent to temperature that it holds laminated glass together under hammer blows at zero or tropical temperature. The new plastic, polyvinyl acetal resin, becomes

transparent when placed between two sheets of one-eighth-inch glass and subjected to high pressure in a hot-oil bath. First laminated glass to appear in automobiles was cemented with a cellulose-nitrate filler which turned brown and clouded in sun and moisture. Cellulose acetate, introduced about 1933, proved more satisfactory but the polyvinyl plastic is tougher, more resilient, and permits the use of thinner glass. Non-shatter glass made with the new plastic is called high-test safety glass, and high-test safety plate will make its de-

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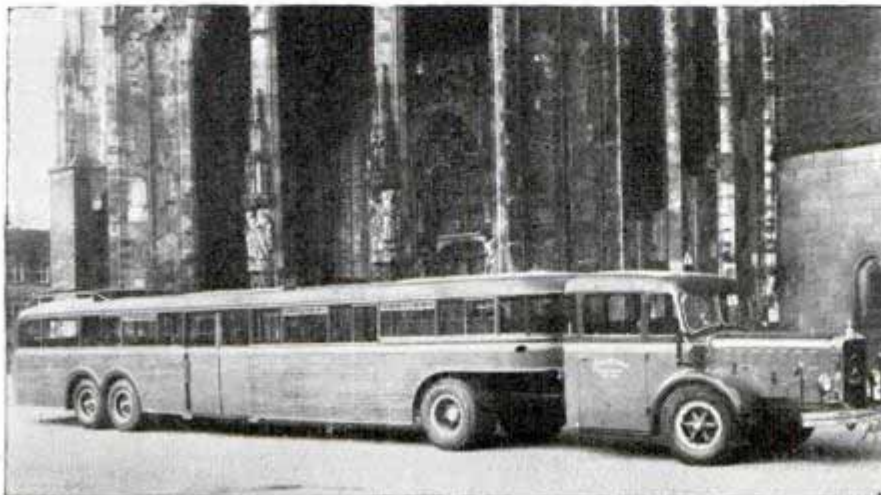
Sun Seat on a Circular Track Turns Its Back to the Wind



Canvas weather vane keeps glass sundeck facing away from wind, turning it on a circular track. Only the front is open.

For siestas in the sun with full protection from chilling winds, a sun deck that revolves on a circular track has been built on a Connecticut estate. Glass sidewalls, back and roof let in the maximum sunshine while the open front is kept always away from the wind by the canvas weather vane projecting overhead. Even a slight breeze will turn it.

Eight-Wheel "Dachshund" Bus Carries 120 Passengers



One-hundred-twenty passenger bus stretches nearly to width of cathedral.

Built like a "dachshund," a sightseeing bus of tremendous length and low center of gravity was manufactured to order by a German automobile company. Its trailer, with double doors at the center carries 120 passengers.

Living organisms asleep in the frozen soil of Siberia for 20,000 years are said to have been revived by Russian scientists.

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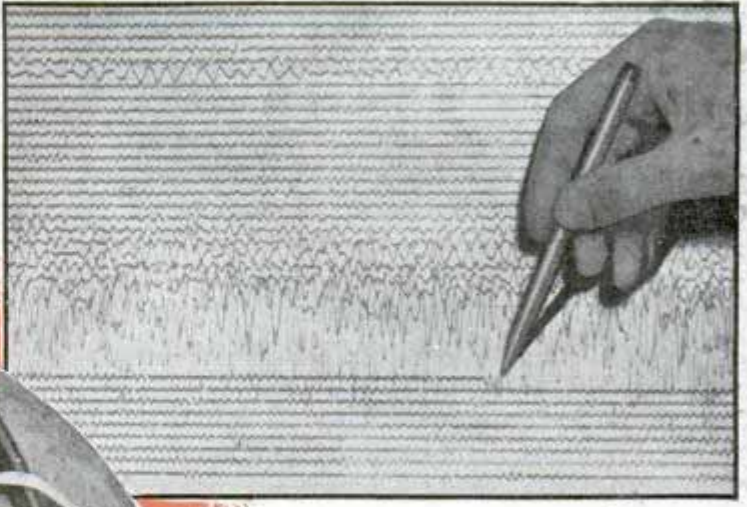
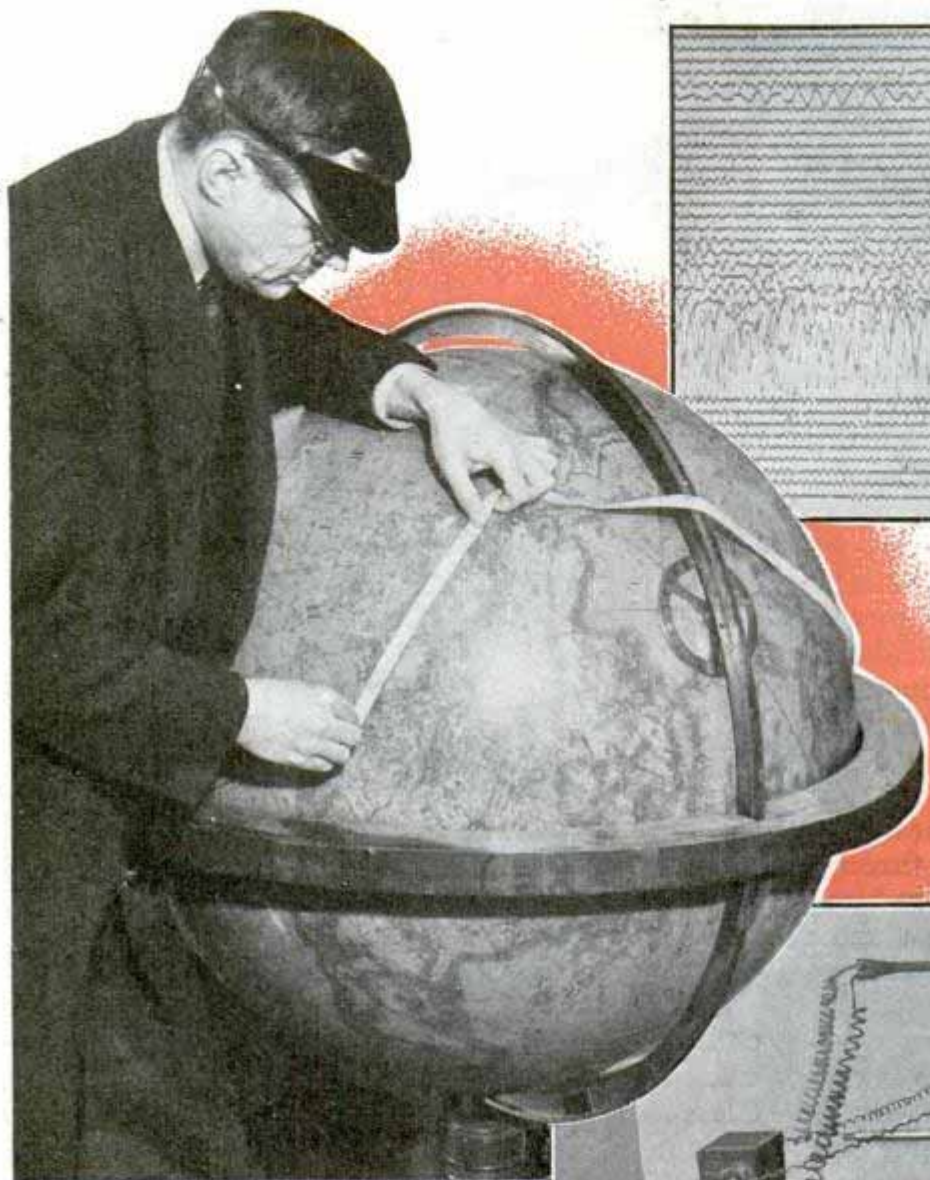
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WATCHING MOTHER



Left, finding epicenter of earthquake by plotting data from two seismological stations on globe. Pencil points to start of sharp quake on seismogram, above. Below, tilt meter testing Japanese theory that earth's surface tilts slightly before every temblor



AMONG the natural phenomena that terrorize and fascinate man, earthquakes are unique. Weather reports tell when a blizzard is brewing; a falling barometer forecasts a hurricane; subterranean rumblings indicate volcanic eruption. But a destructive earthquake strikes without warning.

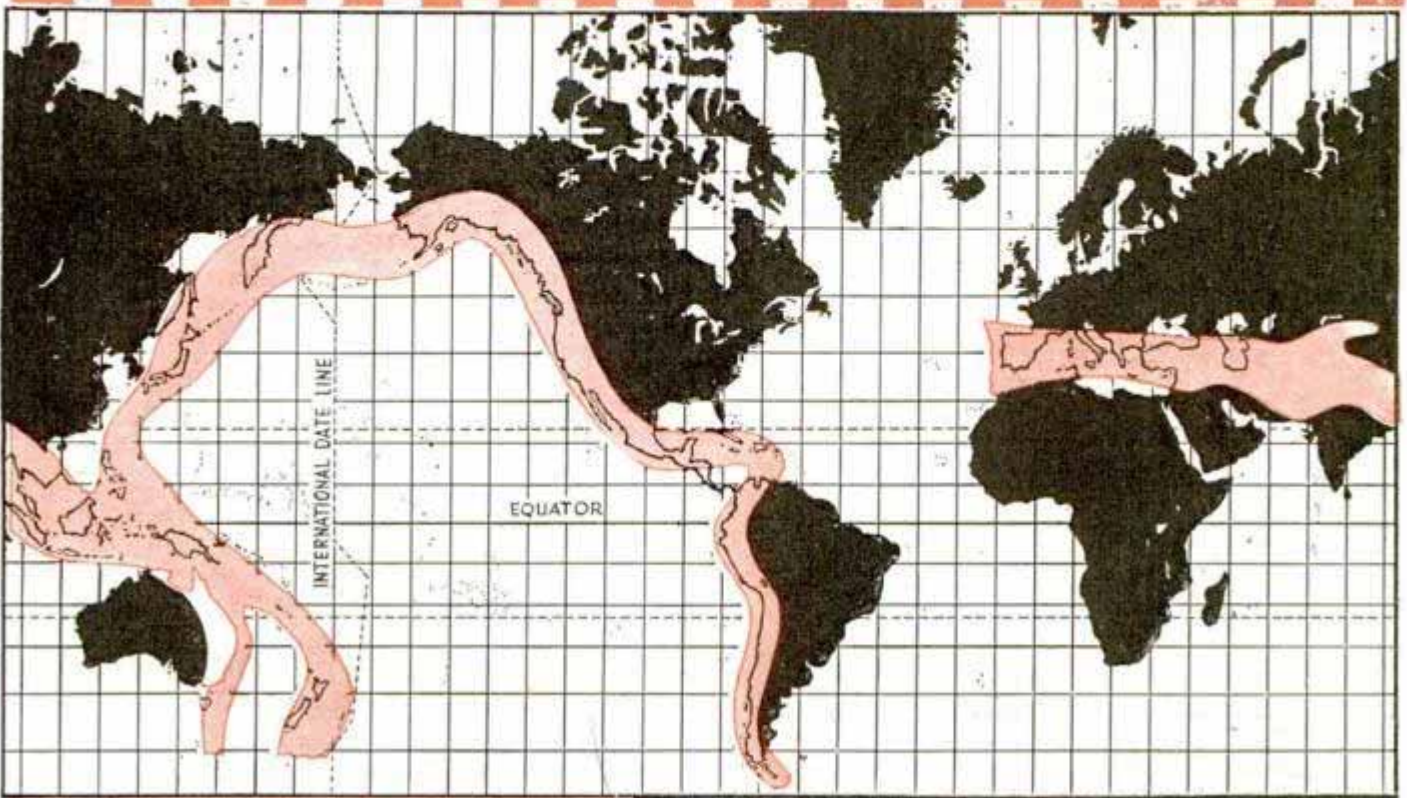
Old Mother Earth is never at rest. It is estimated that 30,000 temblors are felt each year, and delicate scientific instruments record thousands more. Major quakes rock the globe every six or seven days.

Because our great cities cover only a fraction of the land surface, major earthquake disasters occur only once or twice

a year. The majority of violent shocks occur in mountains, jungles, polar regions, or underseas where they do little damage. When a sharp quake jolts a metropolitan area, however, it may destroy millions of dollars worth of property and take hundreds of lives.

In a concerted effort to learn where

EARTH'S PULSE



earthquakes will strike and how to prepare for them, science has established more than 350 seismological stations around the world. About fifty are located in the United States, principally on the Pacific coast and in New England. Two of the best-equipped stations are in California; one on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, the other at Pasadena under the joint sponsorship of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and California Institute of Technology. At Berkeley there are thirteen seismographs under the watchful eye of Prof. Perry Byerly.

The Seismological Laboratory of California Institute of Technology is directed by Prof. Beno Gutenberg. A number of associated stations make daily records and send them to Berkeley or Pasadena. These centers then exchange records. Seismologists study the seismograms under the microscope, interpret their zigzag



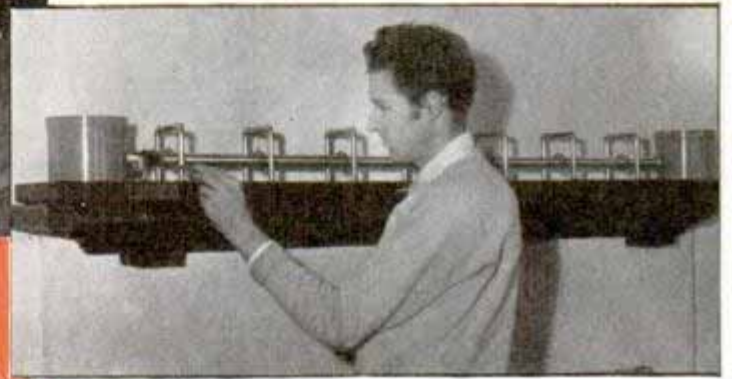
Areas in red on map at top of page indicate the earthquake belts of the world. Below, engineers test strength of a building with a vibrator. Scientific study has shown men how to make the largest buildings quakeproof



lines, and file the records. The University of California has a library of more than 80,000 seismograms.

Only during the past ten or twelve years have precision instruments been in general use. Seismographs record the time, direction, amplitude, duration, and other characteristics of the tiniest temblor. Some instruments are so delicate that they record traffic vibrations, and footsteps.

The principal feature of all seismographs is a suspended pendulum which tends to remain motionless even though the frame from which it hangs is severely jarred. Fastened to this pendulum is a delicate pencil, or a mirror which throws a needle-



like beam of light. The pen or beam traces the earth vibrations on paper or film, which may be on a revolving drum. When there are no temblors, the pen or beam of light traces a straight line; during an earthquake, the drum jiggles and a zigzag line results.

Most seismological stations are equipped with three instruments, one oriented to pick up east-west vibrations; another responds to north-south vibrations, and a third, vertical vibrations. These instruments are mounted on concrete piers anchored to bedrock. Most seismological stations also have strong-motion instruments for recording major quakes.

Surface shocks arrive at the incredible speed of 7,200 miles an hour and other vibrations may travel three times



Seismograph recording on film, top, housed in darkroom. Center, aerial photo of 275-mile San Andreas fault in California. Right, model of sixty-foot seismograph which measures earth's "stretch." Bottom, a quake

Motorcycle Radio Station Guides 'Blind' Pilot

Motorcycles with radio "feelers" thrust out several feet on each side are the mobile marker beacons of one blind-landing system for aircraft. These feelers are antennas that send up through fog or storm a vertical fan-shaped radio signal that is intercepted by the pilot as he flies overhead toward a landing. Several of these motorcycle beacons can be sent out quickly to take stations along the path of incoming planes, each sending up a different tone signal or showing a distinctive colored light to inform the pilot of his position. This motorcycle sig-



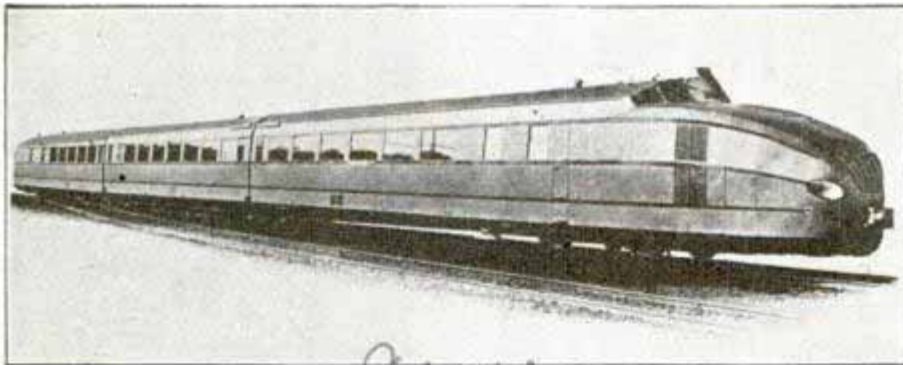
Radio station on motorcycle sends up fan-shaped signals which guide pilot to safe landing "on instruments." Horizontal pole is the antenna

nal is, of course, only a part of a landing system that includes a glide path, localizer and marker beacon, guiding the pilot to port as if through a funnel.

German Diesel Streamliner Travels 133 Miles an Hour

Streaking along at an average speed of about 124 miles per hour, the new stream-

line express train built for the run between Berlin and Hamburg, Germany, has

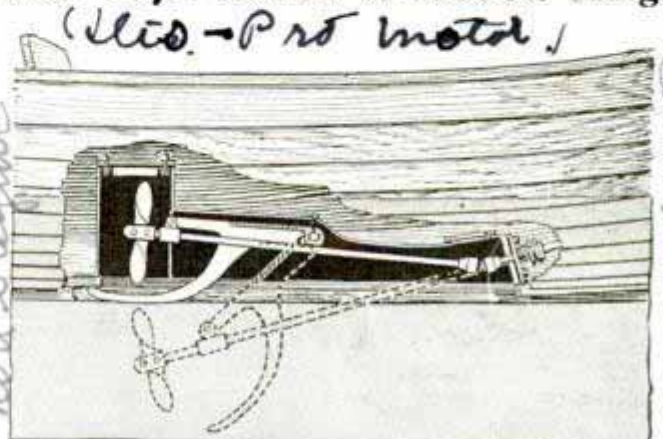


World's record of 133 miles an hour is claimed for this 1,200-horsepower Diesel streamliner train running between Berlin and Hamburg, Germany

made its first test. A top speed of more than 133 miles was reached. Two Maybach Diesel motors, developing 1,200 horsepower, drive the train, which is constructed in three sections. Besides accommodations for first-class passengers, the train has seats for 200 in the second-class compartment.

Propeller Disappears into Hull When Boat Strikes a Hidden Snag

Snags and weeds and under-surface rocks are no menace to the disappearing propeller of a non-sinkable motorboat now on the market. A curved guard in front of the propeller engages any hidden obstruction before the propeller can be injured, and the entire screw shaft pivots upward, the propeller itself rising into a well in the bottom of the boat.



Propeller is retracted when guard hits obstruction

In an average year the automobile industry uses 25,000,000 pounds of wool, the product of 3,000,000 sheep.

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Combined bands of Yale and Harvard
in formation before a football game

A SHORT time ago, a neglected step-child of modern music, today, a star—that's the latest chapter in the history of the band.

So swift has been the band's rise that musicians are at a loss for an explanation. A generation ago, every community boasted of a silver cornet band. Good musicians were scarce. Anyone who played an E-flat cornet could get a job in almost any town of his choice.

The march kings were big drawing cards. More than a million of their phonograph records were sold every year and crowds fought their way into the halls they visited on tours.

The war increased the number of band musicians but in the years following it the great marching bands began to fade from the national scene. The deathblow came

when people began staying home to tinker with crystal detectors and radio headphones, and later, when the screen found its voice. The radio and canned music began to loom as a two-headed monster that was going to throttle music. Players by the thousands were being thrown out of jobs. The musicians weren't the only ones who were hard hit, Frank C. Howard, band authority explains. Instrument sales were dropping off at an alarming rate. In desperation, manufacturers turned to schools. The Joliet, Ill., high school was one of the first big institutions to be sold on the idea of organizing a band to play at the school's football games. Others followed suit and, to pep things up, the manufacturers fostered a national band contest.

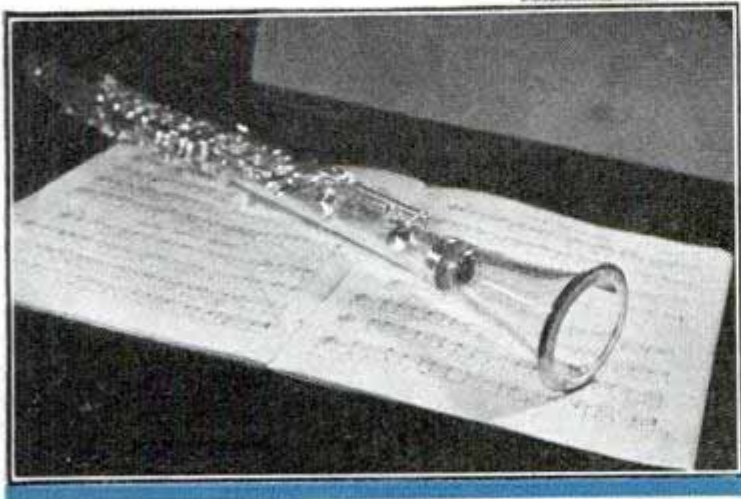
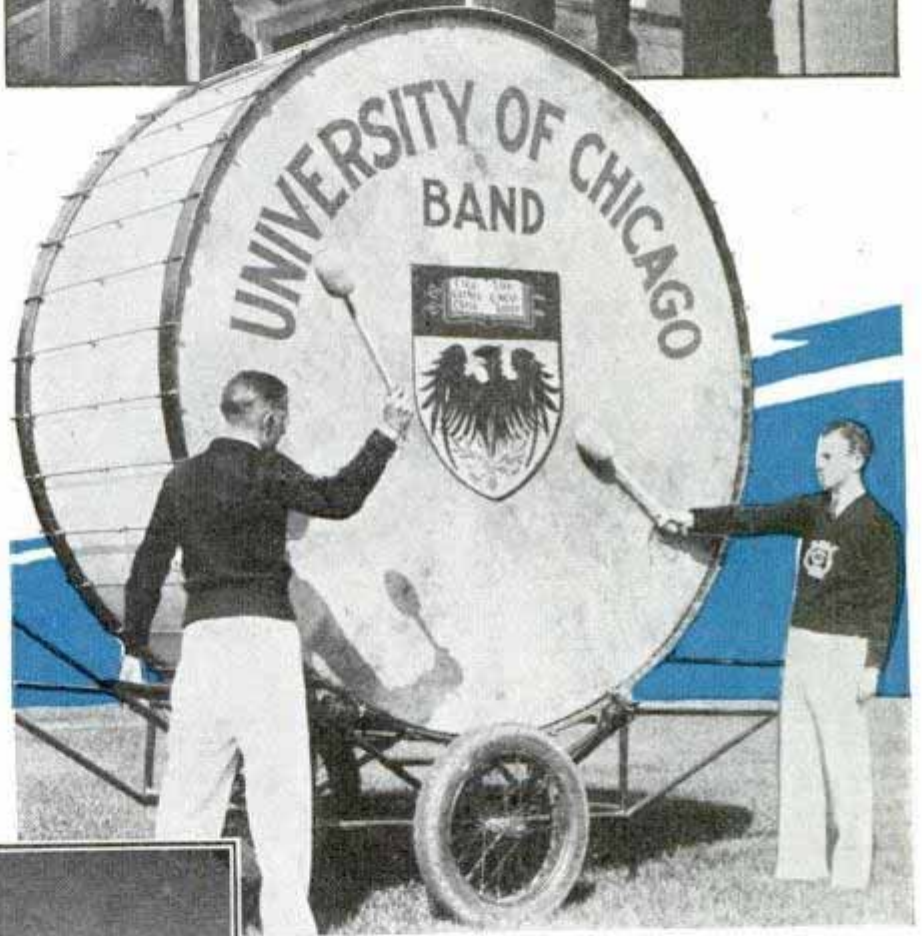
The 1923 event proved a success, twenty-five bands participating. Plans for the fol-

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lowing year were turned over to a musical education group which sought to broaden the movement at the base by shelving the national meeting for a couple of years and concentrating on building up regional contests. In some towns, students bought instruments with their own money, in other places, luncheon clubs and civic groups footed the bills on the theory that a band was a good advertisement for the town, particularly when it was away on a football trip or attending a livestock show.

Those who went into the band work did so not with an idea of any professional career in the future, but simply because they liked music. A number of school boards saw the cultural and educational aspects of the movement and made it part of the curriculum.

Competent directors and instructors were retained, special equipment to round out the reed and brass sections purchased



Top, testing instrument with cathode-ray oscillograph to determine if it is in proper pitch and if scale is correct. Center, giant drum of university band. Bottom, clarinet of transparent plastic

and rooms with good acoustics made available for practice. But more important than these was the decision to give academic credits to those who took part in band activities.

It was full steam ahead for school bands. Nineteen thirty-two saw 1,050 high schools from forty-four states vying for honors in the state contests. Three classes were set up in the national contest so smaller schools wouldn't be competing against the larger ones and, in addition, competitions for soloists and small ensembles were placed on the program. A highlight of one

Pedler Co. made a special order



contest was the welding of 5,000 musicians into one great orchestra for a program of six numbers, concluding with "Stars and Stripes Forever." So band music is now a part of the lives of 2,000,000 students.

Naturally, the band movement has spread into other channels. The Rotarians, American Legion, and metropolitan police departments have gone in for bands to keep boys off the streets. When school books are put away, many of the school players gravitate into industrial bands, town symphonies, and lodge aggregations. They've helped make America the most musical nation in the world, at least, as far as actual participation in the art is concerned.

Growth in numbers, however, is only half the story. The brass band of yesterday has been supplanted by the symphonic band with a full complement of woodwinds and brasses, capable of turning in a finished performance.

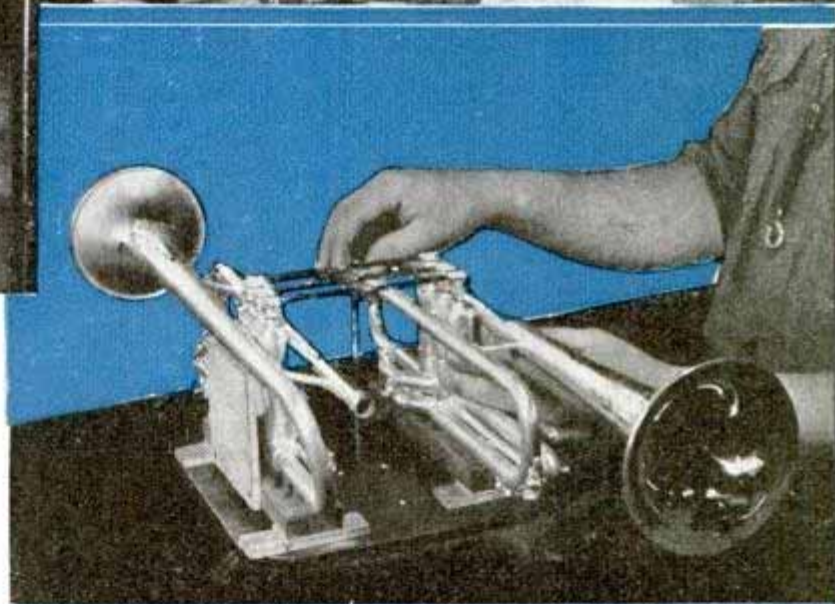
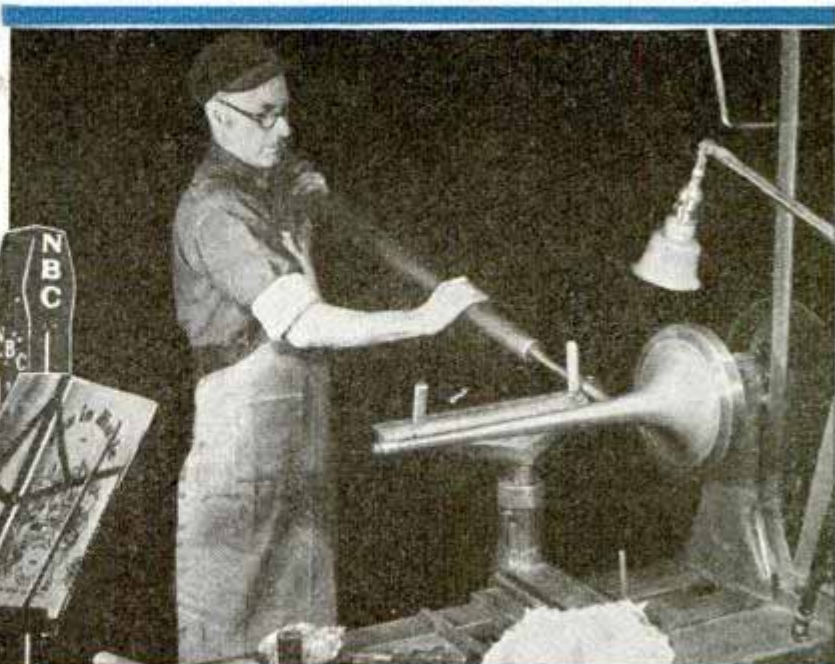


Top, typical test in Conn soundproof woodwind room. Center, delicate gauge which checks bore of clarinet to one-half-thousandth of an inch. Bottom shaping of a bell on a sousaphone as it is revolved at high speed. Applying pressure causes metal to flow in direction desired by operator

When the famous band leader, Edwin Franko Goldman began dipping into the classics, he set the style for hundreds of other bands, and the musical standards within the group were raised appreciably.

Bach's music, Goldman points out, originally was composed for the organ and since the band is more closely related to that instrument than is an orchestra, it is in a position to do a better job than the latter. Wagner, Saint-Saens, Verdi, Liszt—all sanctioned band arrangements of their works. Of the contemporary composers, Grainger and Ravel have written pieces expressly for Goldman's band.

Instead of destroying music as was expected, the radio has contributed to this renaissance in bands. For several years, the concerts conducted by Walter Damrosch and others have whetted the



musical appetites of youths, and Dr. Joseph Maddy's music lessons over the air have been responsible for the formation of countless bands. He gives a regular course weekly over a nation-wide hook-up with the aid of professionals who sound the correct tones, play simple tunes, and illustrate the solo work.

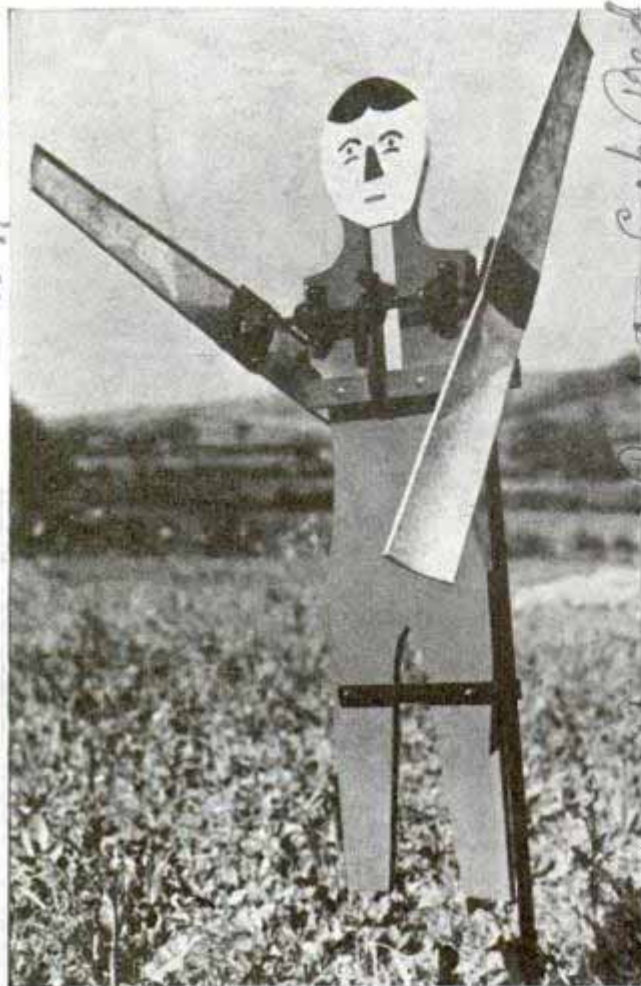
The widespread improvement in bands has created a demand for instruments which are lighter and faster in action, instruments easier to blow while at the same time offering greater smoothness and accuracy in intonation and richer tones. A piece of brass or nickel silver when bent gets wrinkles in it which distort the sound waves. Consequently, the tone of the horn isn't true and it's hard to blow. In doing away with these defects, engineers of



Top, left, giving music lessons by radio has aided advance of bands. Right, bell of instrument being shaped. Center, motor-driven fingers testing instrument in York factory. Bottom, molten pitch being poured into bells of instruments

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Scarecrow's Spinning Arms Operated by Wind



With windmills for arms, this waving scarecrow is on guard over a farm in England

Whenever the wind blows, the mechanical scarecrow on an English farm comes to life. Mounted on a steel post, it has twin blades for arms that spin in the breeze.

Half-Circle Convex File Has Safe Hand Grip

Made in the form of a half circle, a convex file is offered for shop workers, for



Convex file mounted on a half circle of hardwood is intended for filing protruding surfaces

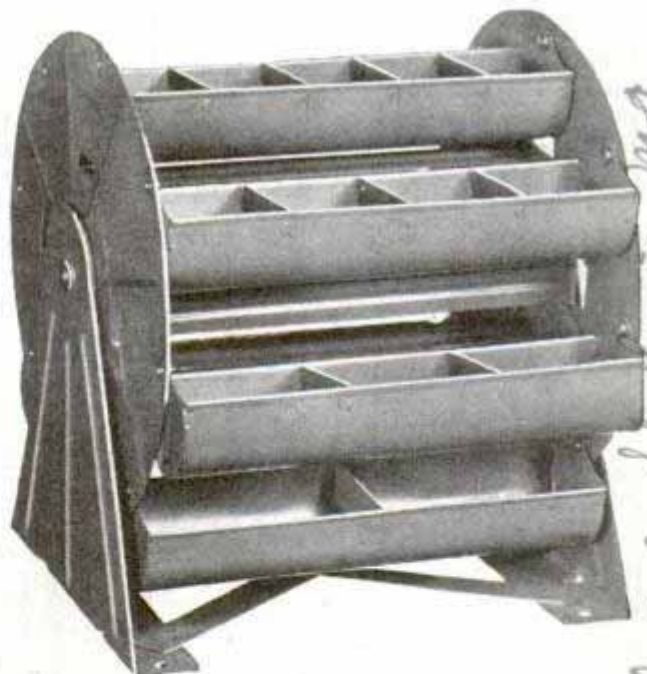
use in filing protruding parts rather than smoothing a flat surface. It has a hardwood handle shaped to fit the hand comfortably and provide a safe grasp.

Rubber "Barrel" for Ice Cubes Keeps Them for a Day

When ice cubes are needed on a picnic or an extra supply is to be stored for party use, they can be kept from twelve to twenty-four hours in a rubber container now available. This "barrel" is made of soft molded cellular rubber, with walls one-half inch thick. Eight inches high and six inches across, it holds twenty-four to thirty-six cubes.



Trays Rotate on "Ferris Wheel" for Easy Selection of Parts



Quick access to more than thirty bins is afforded by this "Ferris wheel" for the shop

Trays of many sizes, swinging cradlelike inside a wheel, provide a quick means for selecting small objects such as nails, clips, hooks, pins and pencils. Various types or sizes of tiny mechanical parts can be distributed in the eight troughs which contain more than thirty compartments.

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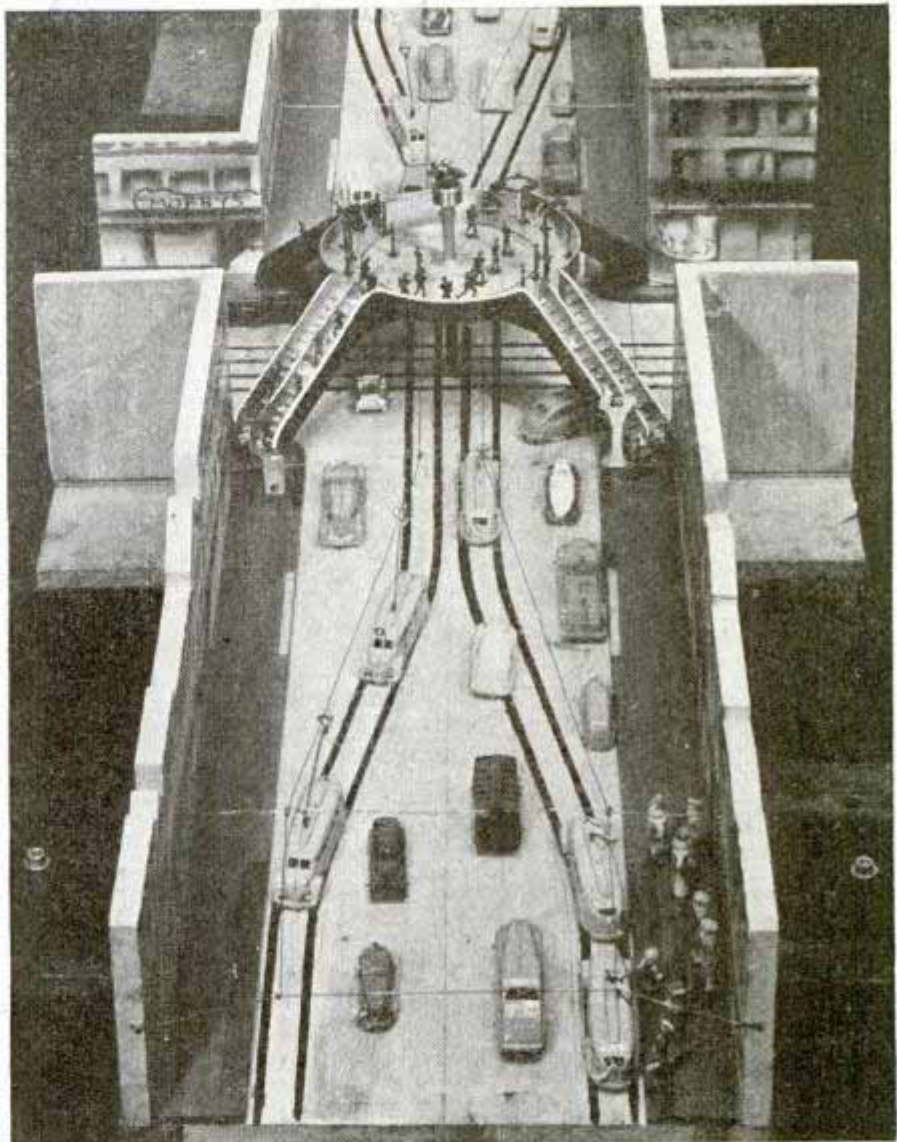
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'Turntable' Bridge Makes Street Corner Safer

Proposed as one solution to the congested traffic situations in big city shopping areas is a four-way escalator bridging street intersections. The moving stairways lead to a revolving platform which would swing the pedestrian quickly to the desired corner.



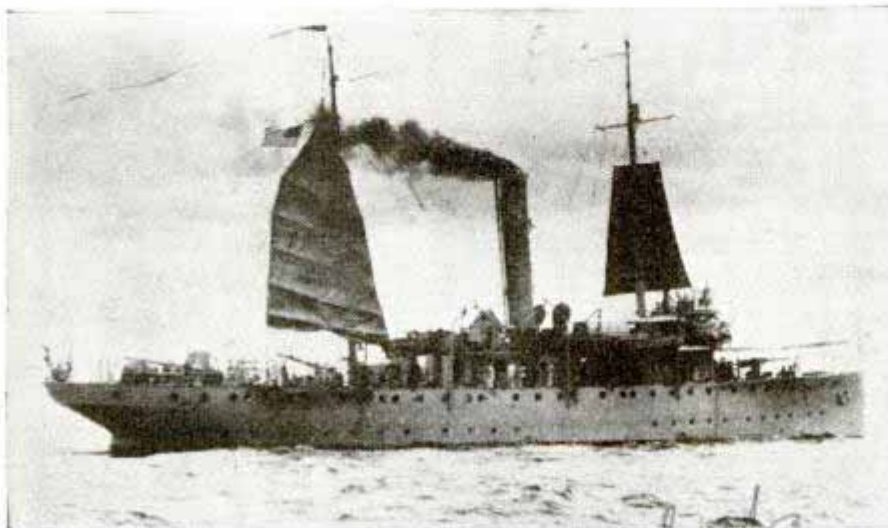
Escalators at all four corners and a perpetually moving turntable in the middle, as shown in this model, would speed traffic and save lives

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Way Found to Get Vitamin K from Tar

How to make vitamin K, which stops internal bleeding, has been discovered by chemists who sought to make available a larger supply than had been possible to produce heretofore. Coal tar is the new source and the chemists say that it holds the hope of giving to the world an unlimited supply, which means that thousands of lives will be saved each year. Previously the vitamin was extracted from alfalfa.

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U. S. Warship Hoists Canvas for an Extra 'Lift' of Speed



At the start of a journey half way around the world the U. S. gunboat "Sacramento" hoists sails to give its engines a lift from the wind.

It's an odd spectacle when a battleship wears sails. The U. S. gunboat "Sacramento" looked like a throwback to an earlier generation of warcraft as it left the Manila harbor recently with canvas hoisted to boost speed. The "Sacramento" was bound for New York by way of the Suez canal.

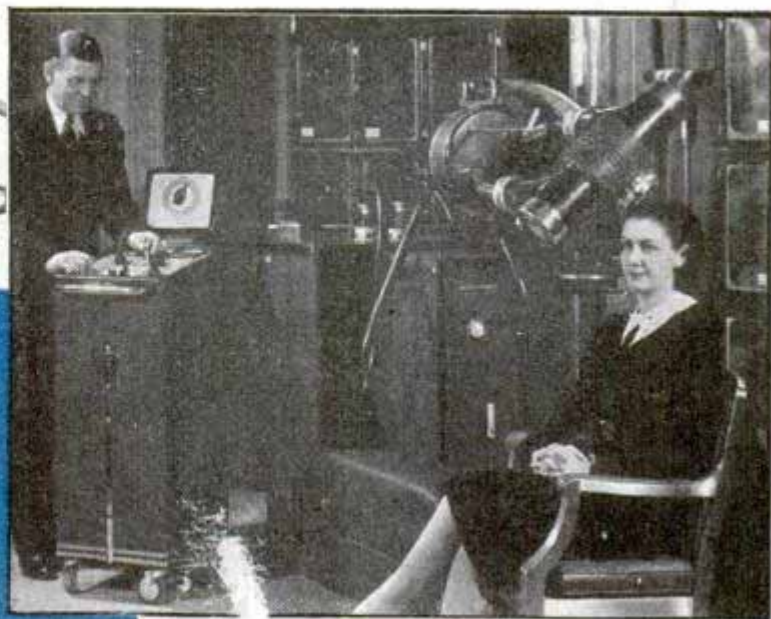
Eleven persons were killed every hour in 1938 by accidents in the United States.

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 Los Angeles, Calif.



Left, upper electrode of million-volt X-ray tube at California Institute of Technology. Right, new X-ray photography apparatus avoids slow time exposures and gives clearer pictures

lightweight gas that relieves the paroxysms of asthma and that robs deep-sea diving of much of its danger.

One of the most interesting developments of modern medicine is that for many kinds of ill health doses of pure energy are being prescribed. Nearly every part of the energy spectrum from short-wave radio through heat, light, and ultraviolet to X-rays appears to have therapeutic value. It would have sounded like sheer nonsense a few decades ago for a doctor to order a patient to take so many doses of energy per week, but that is precisely what a physician is apt to do today. The wave length of the treatment that he orders depends on the type of complaint.

IF YOU had lived 100 years ago your chance of attaining a ripe old age would have been only half of what it is today.

Life expectancy is increasing yearly because medical science is adapting many of the latest discoveries in physics and chemistry to the problem of keeping you in good health or restoring you to it.

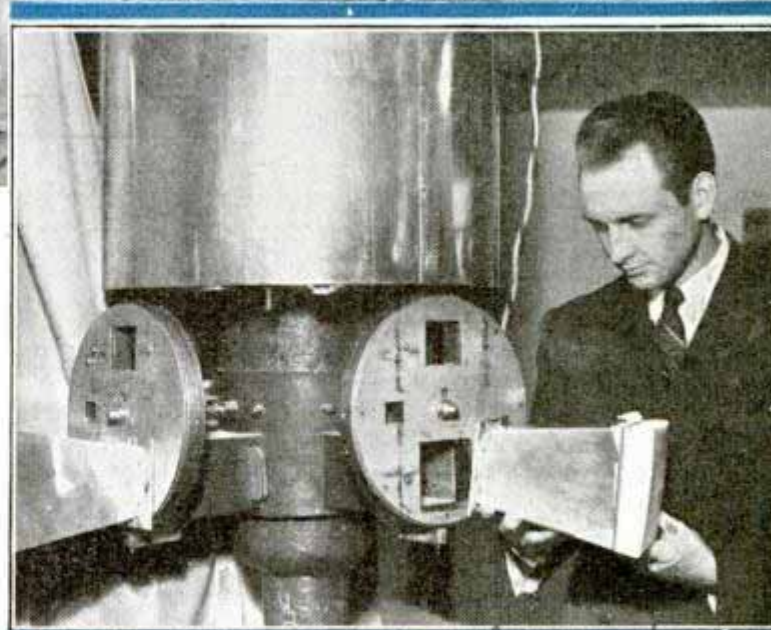
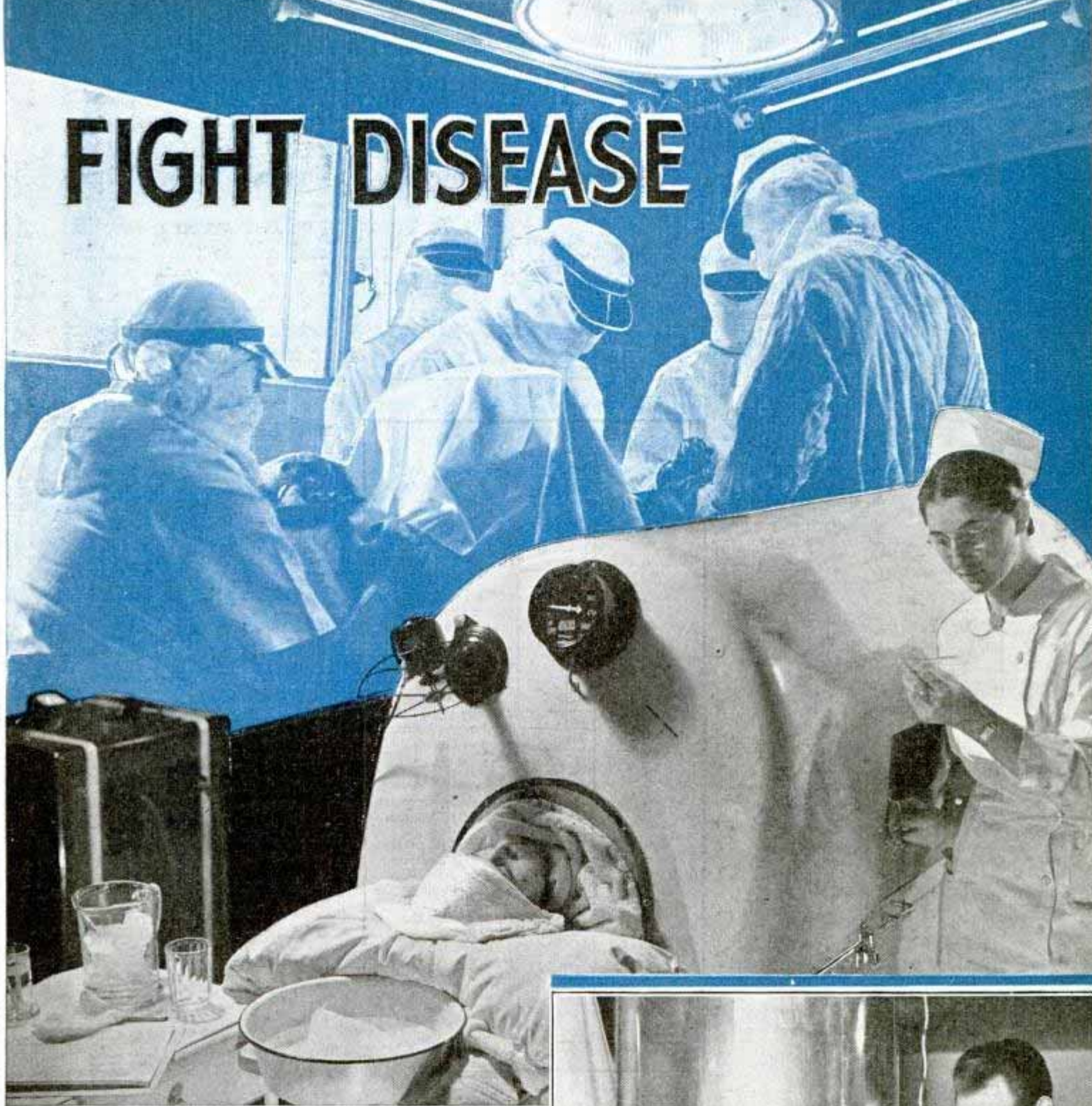
Even astronomy has been enrolled in the battle against disease, for it was an astronomer who first discovered helium, the

Cancer is one of the deadliest afflictions in the United States and at the beginning of the century nine out of every ten people attacked by cancer succumbed to it. Now nearly half recover. Doctors have learned to recognize it in its earliest stages and with surgery, X-rays, and radium they can often remove or destroy the growth. Today in dozens of clinics and hospitals super-voltage X-ray tubes that are a story or more in height are being employed to

Heat waves, X-rays & ultra violet

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 destroy malignant cancer cells without harm to the patients.

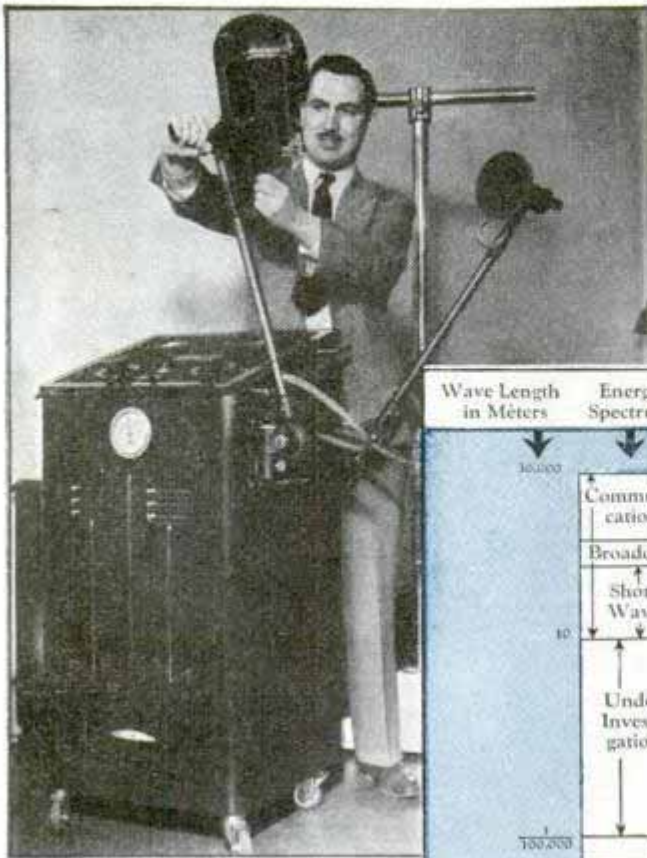
Physicists hope that they will be able to offer new kinds of treatment that will be even more destructive to cancer in the near future. At the University of California, Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence's powerful atom-smashing cyclotron is delivering streams of neutron particles that have greater penetrative powers than X-rays, and the chances seem good that neutron bombardment will become an important way of treating cancer.

Another possibility is the various elements that are temporarily radioactive. Physicists are learning to create or collect

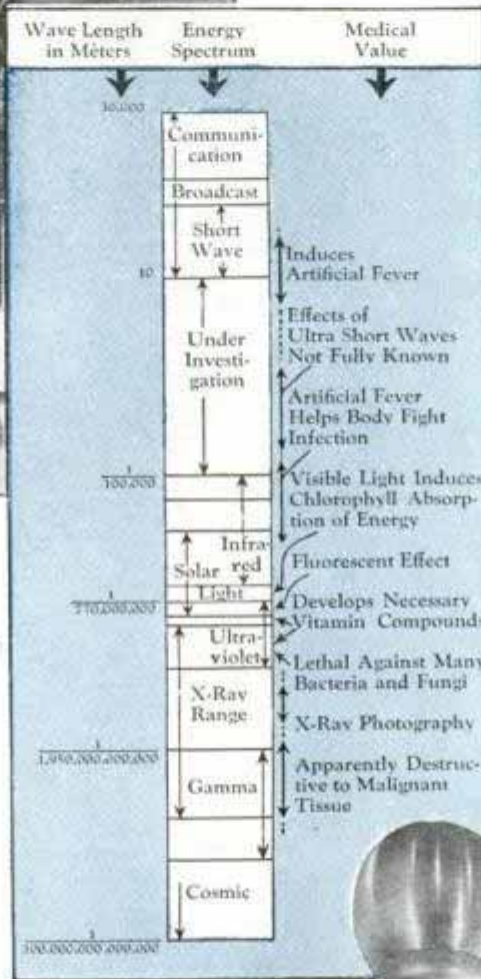
Berch Light
 Performing operation under a battery of Sterilamps forming a square around the center light (top); fever machine in use (center), and X-ray tube's outlet portal being adjusted to help guide beam of radiation toward patient (bottom) *Hoff*

Mesa Hospital, Pillsbury

Los Angeles Institute of Radiology



Top, adjusting electrodes of fever machine. Center, energy spectrum showing wave lengths useful to science in combating disease. Bottom, X-ray tube and transformer in giant new weapon designed to aid in war on cancer. By contrast, the nurse is holding a small photographic X-ray tube



pictures that are often hard to decipher, due to movements of the heart and lungs. Recently Westinghouse engineers introduced a "candid" X-ray camera that gives off a vast amount of X-rays in a fraction of a second, something like the instantaneous light that is generated by a photographer's flash bulb. The result is that a radiograph may be taken so fast that heart action is "stopped" and a clear picture is obtained.

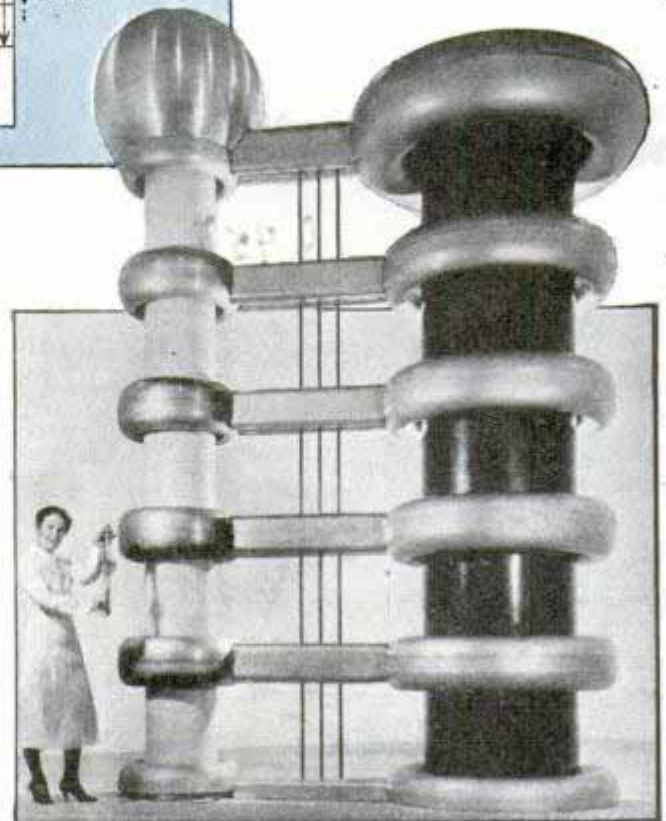
Heat is the infrared wave length of energy and fever is simply a rise in temperature that the body develops to fight off some kinds of infection. It is known that the heat causes an increase of white blood cells, allowing the body to put up a stiffer battle against germs. Some physicians used to inoculate patients with malaria germs in order to start a fever that would destroy other disease germs within the body, but now science has created fever machines that induce an artificial fever in the patient.

Fever therapy is still

these substances, termed radioactive because they radiate gamma rays just as radium does. Radio sodium, radio potassium, and other unstable elements lose their radioactivity within a few hours or days. Theoretically they are first-line weapons against cancer because of the hope that they can be injected directly into a patient's body where the gamma radiations can attack cancer at close quarters.

This same temporary radioactivity may soon supply the answers to a number of biological puzzles. The exact way in which the body makes use of food is not completely understood. By following the course of "tagged" atoms that are radioactive, biologists expect to obtain new knowledge of human chemistry.

The trouble with X-ray photography has been the long exposures that were required. Such exposures result in hazy



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Tiny Plane Rides 'Pickaback' on Seven-Foot Model Biplane

brand new but its results are already encouraging. Dry heat from infrared lamps or the moist effects of a combination hot-water circulating system and a water spray inside the fever cabinet bring a patient's temperature up to the exact temperature desired. In some cases medicinal drugs are administered while the patient is experiencing the artificial fever. Encouraging improvements in St. Vitus dance, some kinds of arthritis, syphilis, meningitis, and miscellaneous infections have been found.

Dr. Lee De Forest and others are studying the effects of a different kind of artificial fever, in this case created by a high-frequency circuit similar to a short-wave radio transmitter. Radio therapy got its start when short-wave experimenters noticed that they rarely caught cold and that they usually had high temperatures while operating their high-frequency sets. In radio fever machines six meters is used for "deep" heat and eighteen meters and twenty-four meters are used for inducing general high temperatures. Encouraging results are being obtained in treating high blood pressure, arthritis, for building up the circulation of limbs restrained by casts, and for other purposes. Some investigators think that occasionally the results are much better than could be expected from heat alone, suggesting that short radio waves may be found to have a special therapeutic value.

Electromagnetic energy in another wave length, ultraviolet light, is best known as the ingredient in sunshine that causes sunburn and tanning. Ultraviolet radiation is used to increase the vitamin content of milk and to sterilize the waters of swimming pools. Dentists use its fluorescent band to study the condition of teeth. Ultraviolet of the middle

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Launching "pickaback" composite plane at model aircraft meet in England. The carrier ship has a seven-foot wing spread

One miniature airplane rode "pickaback" on another in a recent model plane meet at Bourne-mouth, England. The "parent" ship had a wing spread of seven feet and was driven by a gasoline engine. The composite model was copied after the pickaback plane that passed its tests in a flight across the Atlantic ocean last year.

Nested Cans Freeze Ice Cream C.F. and Cool Beverages

Nested aluminum cans form a heat-exchange unit for the kitchen, capable of freezing ice cream, cooling beverages and performing various other heating and cooling tasks. The inner can is fluted to provide the maximum cooling surface. To cool a drink, this fluted can is filled with ice or other refrigerant and placed inside a large can and the space between is filled with the beverage. Similarly, an ice-cream mixture can be placed in the larger can and the fluted one, filled with Dry Ice or salt and ice, used as a plunger to freeze the mixture.



Seamless, flexible metal tubing made by a Connecticut firm for handling steam, liquids and gases has been flexed 3,000,000 times without breaking.

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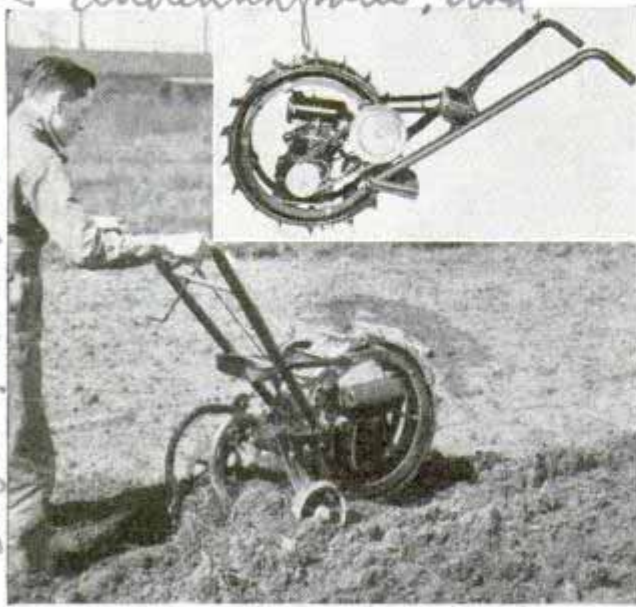
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Bourne-mouth Model Airplane Club

Single-Wheel Farm Tractor Has Its Motor Inside

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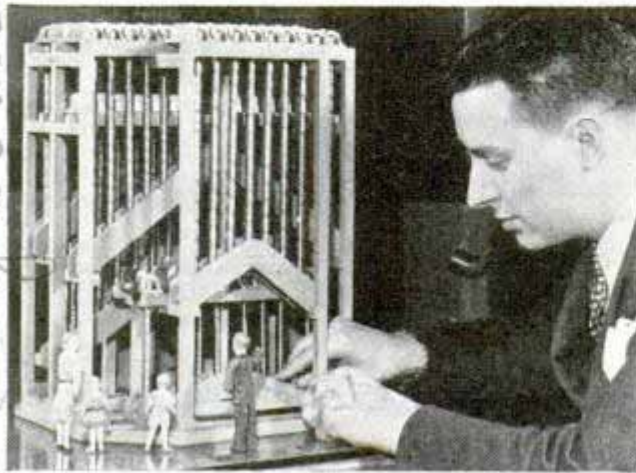


Inset shows how one and one-half horsepower engine is mounted in wheel of this many-purpose tractor

Having only one wheel with a one and one-half horsepower engine mounted at its center, a lightweight tractor eases much of the field work on a farm. By interchanging many small attachments, the 105-pound unit is made ready to plow, cultivate, mulch, dust crops, mow or sweep the lawn. It develops 3,600 revolutions per minute and a hand throttle permits variable speed control.

Scale Model of "Singing Tower" Has Seventy-Five Bells

Miniature copy of the great carillon installed in the campanile of the memorial to Stephen Foster, famed song writer, a

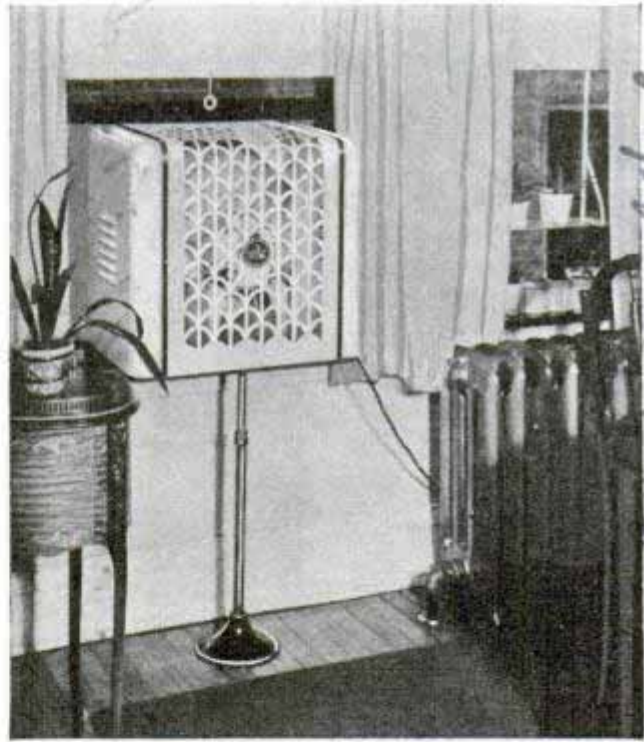


This tiny model of carillon in Stephen Foster "singing tower" will be placed in the memorial campanile

scale model has seventy-five bells of tubular construction. The model is on a scale of one inch to a foot. The original carillon in the "singing tower" is twenty-two feet high and weighs twenty-five tons. Its tubular bells are more than 600 feet in total length, required more than sixty miles of electrical wiring and can be played by manual or by an automatic player with rolls like those of the player piano. Eventually the model will be placed in the campanile of the Foster Memorial overlooking the Suwannee river.

Fan on Window Sill Ventilates House with Outside Air

Inclosed in an attractive case to guard the blades, an electric fan is made for mounting on the window sill to ventilate



Window fan mounted in ornamental housing draws 4,000 cubic feet of fresh air per minute into house

a small home. It performs the same service as an attic fan, delivering 4,000 cubic feet of air per minute which is sufficient for a five-room house. Panels at the sides can be extended to fill window openings twenty-six to thirty-six inches wide. If the sill is too narrow to hold the fan, an adjustable floor support is available.

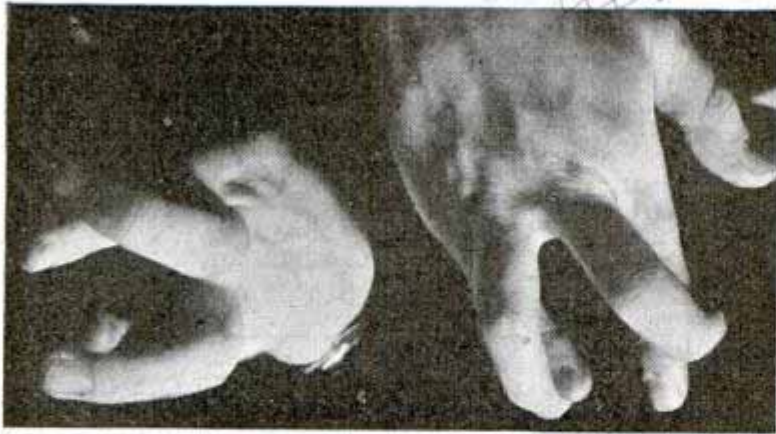
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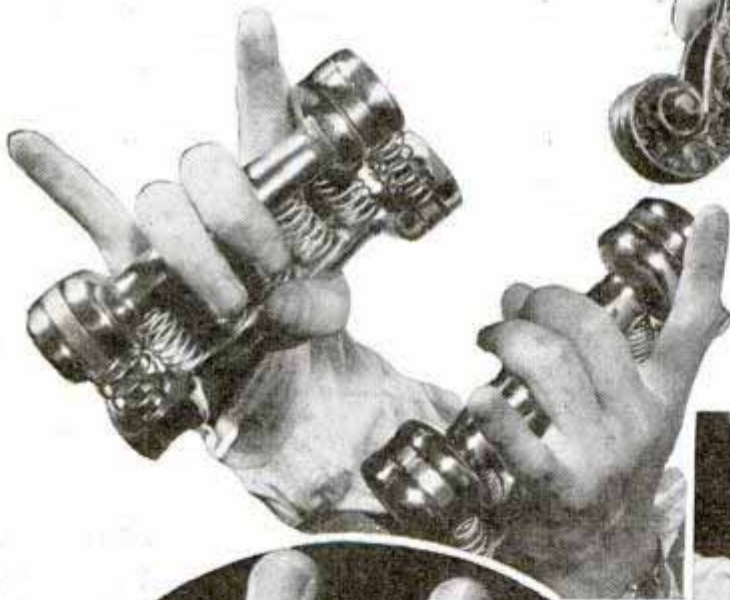
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Master Violinist Trains with Finger Twisters



The great violinist needs more than knowledge of music and mastery of strings. Iso Briselli, concert artist, considers flexible wrists and fingers, muscular strength and control equally important. You may see him on a streetcar endlessly twisting his fingers as shown above, one of his "setting-up" exercises



Above, Briselli with Stradivarius violin, which he values at \$50,000. He gives his finger and wrist muscles a strenuous workout with spring-grip iron dumbbells, left, which offer resistance as he exercises each finger in turn. Hours of this training equip him for the rigors of a performance



Simple "gymnastics" that can be performed anywhere comprise Briselli's methods. For example, he uses four ordinary corks to tone up the muscles all the way down to the wrist, working the corks up and down between the fingers. Above, another simple device—a rubber band twisted around fingers limbers and toughens muscles

Radio Compass Keeps Point Toward Station Tuned



Arrow of automatic radio compass, shown at top in cockpit, points unerringly to station tuned in

Direction finding by radio compass is brought nearer perfection by a completely automatic compass just developed by the Sperry Gyroscope company and R. C. A. manufacturing company. Early types would line up the needle in the direction of a radio station but would not distinguish that direction from the exact opposite, and a confused pilot might make a 180-degree mistake and fly directly away from his destination. The new compass has an arrow which points unerringly to any station or radio marker beacon tuned in, and points constantly just as the magnetic compass

points to its pole. The indicator panel is seven inches square, mounted horizontally in the cockpit. It can distinguish between stations only three kilocycles apart in frequency, and is accurate within one degree in direction. The compass gives a definite indication when a plane passes over a marker beacon to whose signals the instrument is tuned, pointing straight ahead until directly above the beacon, then making a 180-degree swing to point directly back.

4,000 Makes of Cars on Sale Since First in 1868

More than 4,000 makes of automobiles have appeared since the first car propelled by an internal combustion engine was turned out in France in 1868. This estimate, by the Smithsonian Institution, is based on a list compiled by Frank Walker, a collector of auto name plates. This list shows approximately 3,200 different makes had been introduced up to 1909. During the great boom of 1905-1906, the purchaser had the choice of 700 varieties. Makers of bicycles, guns, sewing machines, telephones and typewriters began turning out cars and one manufacturer changed a bird-cage factory into an auto plant.

Carbon Dioxide Covers Fire with Harmless Blanket

Too often the damage done by fire is exceeded by the damage wrought by water and chemicals poured on the blaze. In the hunt for a harmless fire-extinguishing



Smothering oil fire with carbon dioxide. This method proved most effective on indoor fires where wind was not a factor. The gas is harmless

Sperry Gyroscope Co. Inc. Manhattan Bridge Plaza N.Y. Brooklyn

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Wild World

Tests conducted by
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agent, the Bureau of Standards recently tried carbon-dioxide gas with encouraging results. They wanted particularly to find an extinguisher which would not damage papers and furnishings in a room. Gasoline was set afire in a building slated for demolition, and carbon dioxide effectively snuffed out the blaze by depriving it of oxygen. Papers stacked on shelves in the room were unharmed by the gas. Carbon dioxide, however, did not prove so effective in outdoor tests. Because the gas was blown away by the wind, it failed to put out a gasoline blaze on a pool of water.

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Dial Tells Inside Diameters to Ten-Thousandth Inch

Accurate within less than one ten-thousandth of an inch, a gauge just introduced measures the inside or outside diameters of small objects or holes. The measurement, appearing on a needle dial, shows out-of-roundness, size, taper and bell mouth. Three basic methods of measurement are possible by means of control knobs on the front.



Needle dial gives instantly the inside or outside diameter of small objects within 1/10,000 inch

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Blower of Giant Soap Bubbles Builds Puppets to Mimic Him



One of Mr. Warham's biggest bubbles and his troupe of twelve marionettes which dip pipes and blow bubbles mechanically

Himself a renowned blower of bubbles, Robert F. Warham of Piedmont, Calif., has passed on his art to a troupe of tiny puppets. Operated mechanically, the twelve marionettes periodically dip their pipes into cups of soapsuds and then blow. Mr. Warham has made a hobby of bubbles for twenty years and under favorable atmospheric conditions has blown one nine feet in circumference.

Oil Burner with Whirling Flame Burns Clean and Saves Fuel

Burning with a continuous, whirling flame that induces thorough combustion, an oil burner just developed provides an even heat and economical use of fuel. The oil is accurately metered by a carburetion principle. The flame is constant except for emergency shutoffs, and is controlled by a room thermostat, burning high or low as demanded but always with a rapidly spinning vaporized flame. A tangential air inlet produces this rotary flame. The only moving part is the blower wheel.

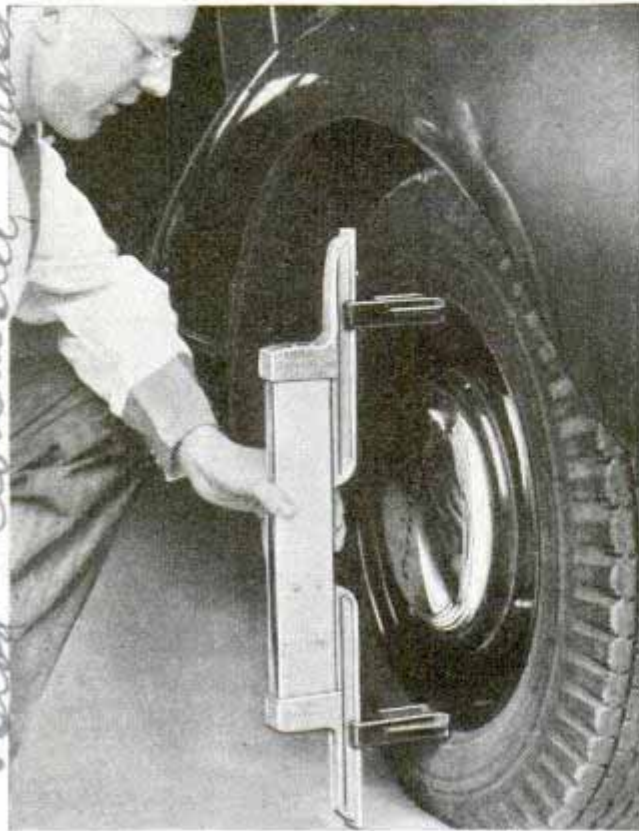
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Twin Gauge for Car Wheel Shows if Repair Is Needed



Checking wheel with gauge which helps show cause of uneven tire wear, shimmy and similar troubles

To check both the camber and caster of front automobile wheels—that is, the slant of the kingpins and wheels from the vertical—a single tool recently placed on the market shows the measurements on an easily read scale. This helps the repairman to determine the cause of uneven tire wear, shimmy, bad steering and other troubles at the front end of the car. The twin gauge is made of aluminum.

"Safest" Office Has Traffic Lanes and Fireproof Glass Pitchers

Divided lanes on the floor and "fireproof" water pitchers are features of the safety program in the office of the National Safety Council at Chicago. It is one of the safest places to work, for an organization devoted to accident prevention must practice what it preaches. A yellow center line was painted on the floor around a "blind" corner of the corridor to separate "traffic" and prevent head-on collisions of employes. To promote good health, each desk has its own glass and water pitcher, re-

filled several times a day by an employe who does nothing else. Oddly enough, the ordinary glass pitchers originally used were the cause of several small fires. The sun's rays focused through the pitchers set fire to papers and blotters on desks, and after two or three such occurrences frosted-glass pitchers were substituted. A medical examiner and full-time nurse watch over employes' health. On hot days employes are given three or four tablets, seventy per cent salt and thirty per cent dextrose, to avoid heat exhaustion. Each room has a portable humidifier for use in winter months, and the nurse reported all complaints of nasal irritations and dry-air discomfort ended when these were installed. Posture chairs are specially adjusted to fit the back of each employe. Short-wave diathermy machines, first-aid services, medical examinations and sun lamp are available at all times, and as a result of the general safety and health program the office, with 131 employes, had the low employe absence record of one and nine-tenths days per person for the year 1938.

Color Film Placed in Lamp Shade Shown by Diffused Light

Photographs, both the color transparencies and black-and-white variety, take on a more lifelike appearance and add a decorative note to the room when framed in a lamp shade manufactured for that purpose. Diffused light from the lamp effectively brings out all the details, particularly of color pictures.



Photographic transparency, either colored or black-and-white, enhances attractiveness of lamp shade

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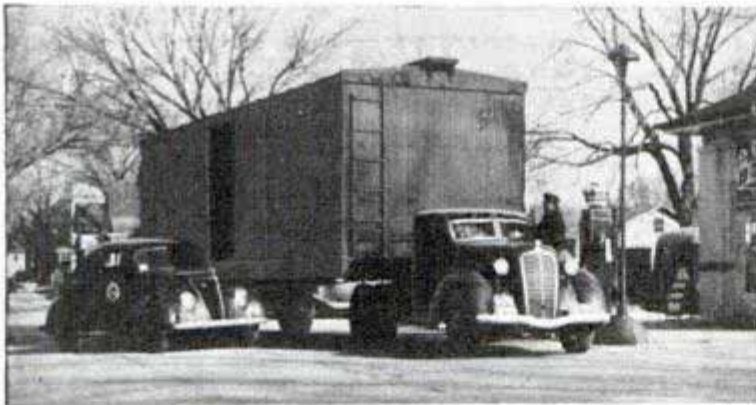
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Arc-Welding 'Surgeons' Save Mill Shutdown

Six arc welders, working side by side like a group of surgeons, performed a major operation on a steel-mill casting, restoring the mill to service in eight hours. Without electric arc welding, the mill would have been closed several weeks awaiting a new piece. The trouble was caused by breakage of the pusher head of a scale breaker used to remove slag. Four hundred pounds of arc-welding electrodes were melted into the casting to repair the fracture.



Working like a team of surgeons over a hospital operating table, six electric-arc welders melt 400 pounds of electrodes in repairing a casting

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Old Boxcar Rides as a Trailer to New Job on the Farm



Fitted with temporary wheels, a freight car becomes a trailer on its way to retirement as grain shed on a Kansas farm

When a boxcar is retired from railroad service in Kansas, there is a chance it will make its last trip as a trailer to some farm where it will continue its useful life as a granary. This means of hauling the cumbersome vehicle was adopted by a mover who equips the freight car temporarily with large rubber-tired wheels, which he has designed and built especially for the purpose, and hitches it to the back of his truck-tractor for its last ride.

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Powerful Vacuum Cup Pulls Out Soft Dents in Body of Automobile

Soft dents in automobile bodies can be pulled out with a vacuum cup equipped with a powerful grip. Rather than take the time and expense of tearing out upholstery to pound the dent straight from inside, the rubber cup is moistened and applied to the "dimple" with pressure; then the locking lever is snapped down, increasing the grip. The tool is useful for removing hub caps and for similar garage jobs.



Straightening out a dimple in side of car by applying vacuum cup and pulling it out

More people are killed in farm work than in any one industry, the farm accident toll reaching 4,300 in 1938 out of a total of 16,500 industrial deaths.

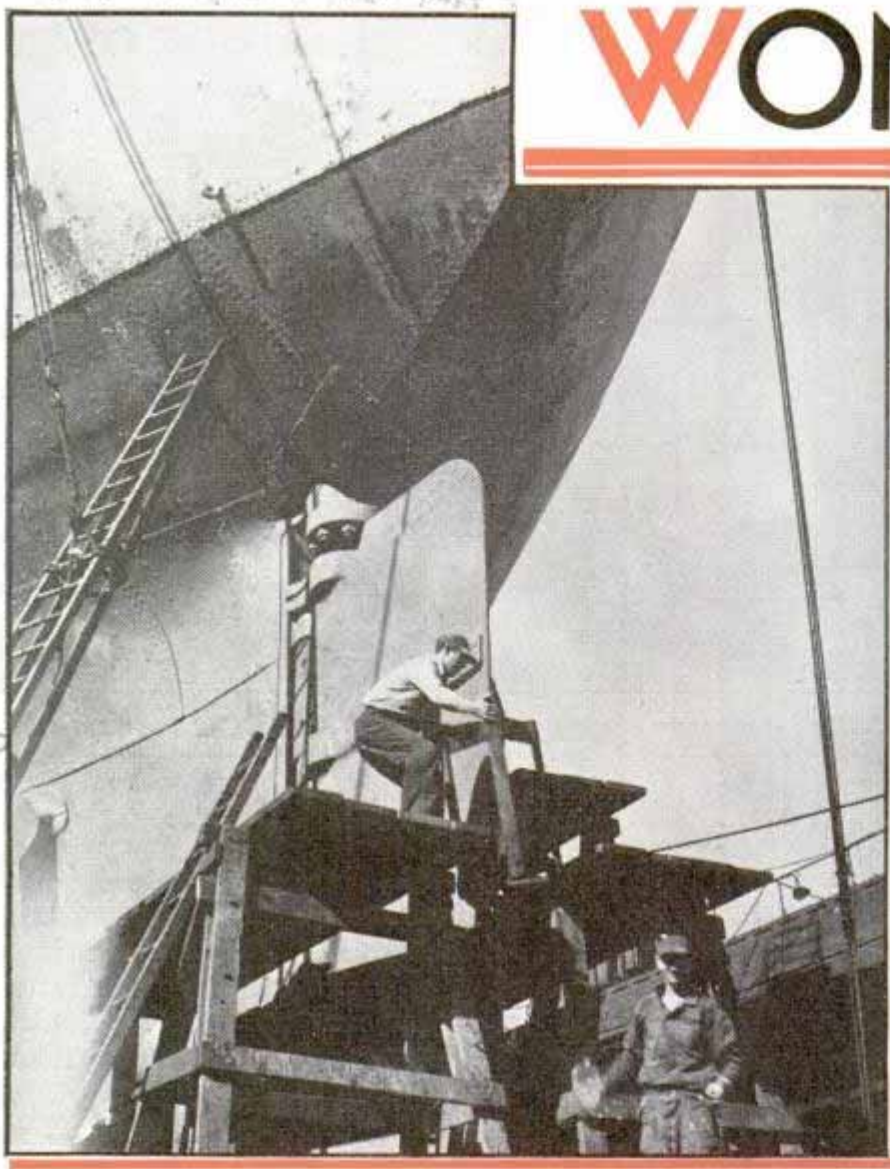
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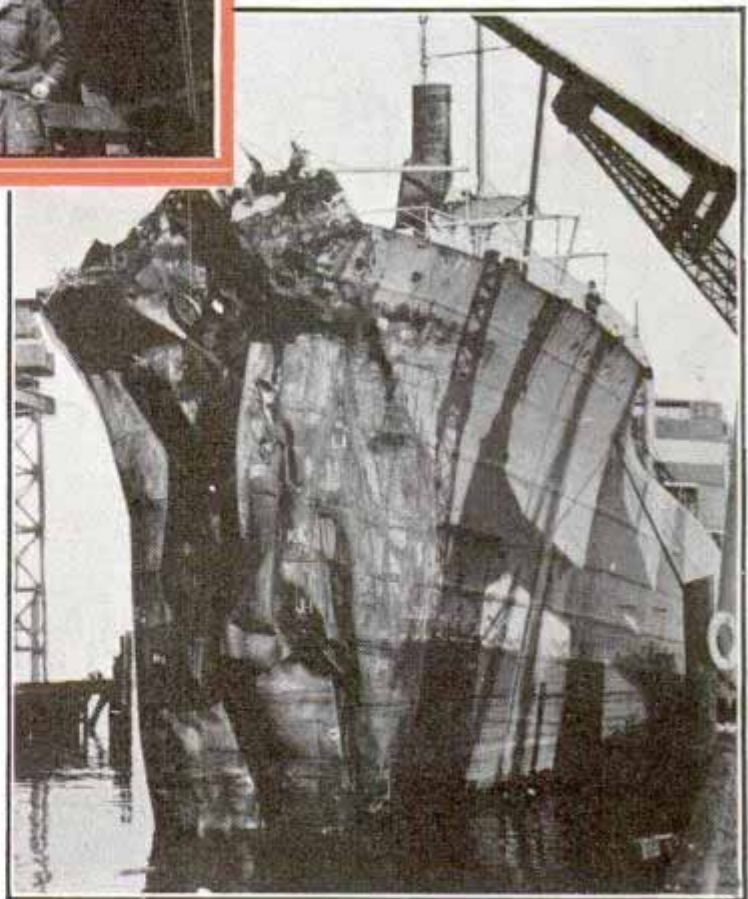
comes next. Steam is forced into the double bottom to kill any petroleum gas that remains, fires under the boilers are shut down, and the ship becomes inert.

When a big ship is due in for repairs or even for routine cleaning and inspection at the San Pedro, Calif., yard of the Bethlehem Steel company, the floating dry dock is sunk into place, the ship is floated into position above it, and the docking master begins raising the dock and ship on an even keel. Keeping an eye on a plumb line suspended

RESULT of a collision at sea the night before, the big freighter had a gash in her side extending from the shelter deck down to the turn of the bilge. Her sturdy steel plates were crumpled like cardboard and waves swirled in and out of the open wound. Strong watertight bulkheads were keeping her afloat until she could get to the hospital.

Along the water front of every large port you will find a hospital for ships. On its staff are diagnosticians, skin and bone specialists and surgeons. Its operating room is the dry dock and its surgical tools are giant cranes and riveting hammers.

Ships are delicate, complex structures and if the lower part of a hull has been damaged in a wreck the first step in the hospital is to "bleed" the patient by pumping out the oil stored in the double bottom. Otherwise it would drain away as the ship is raised. Administering the "ether"



Top, erecting scaffolding around rudder so welders may make minor repairs. Bottom, ship severely damaged in collision reaches the "hospital"

Bethlehem Steel Co
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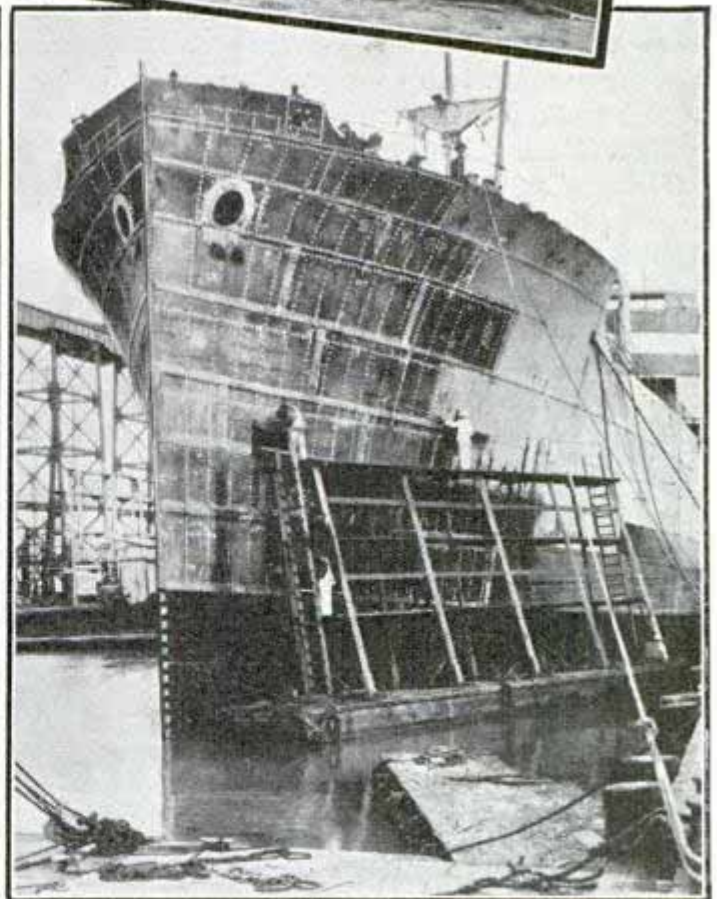
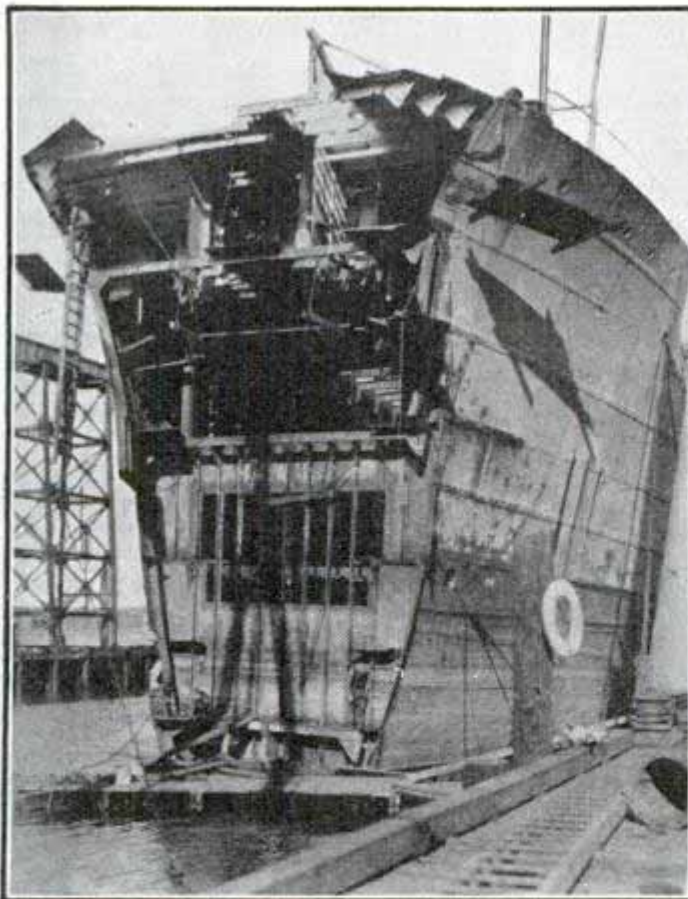
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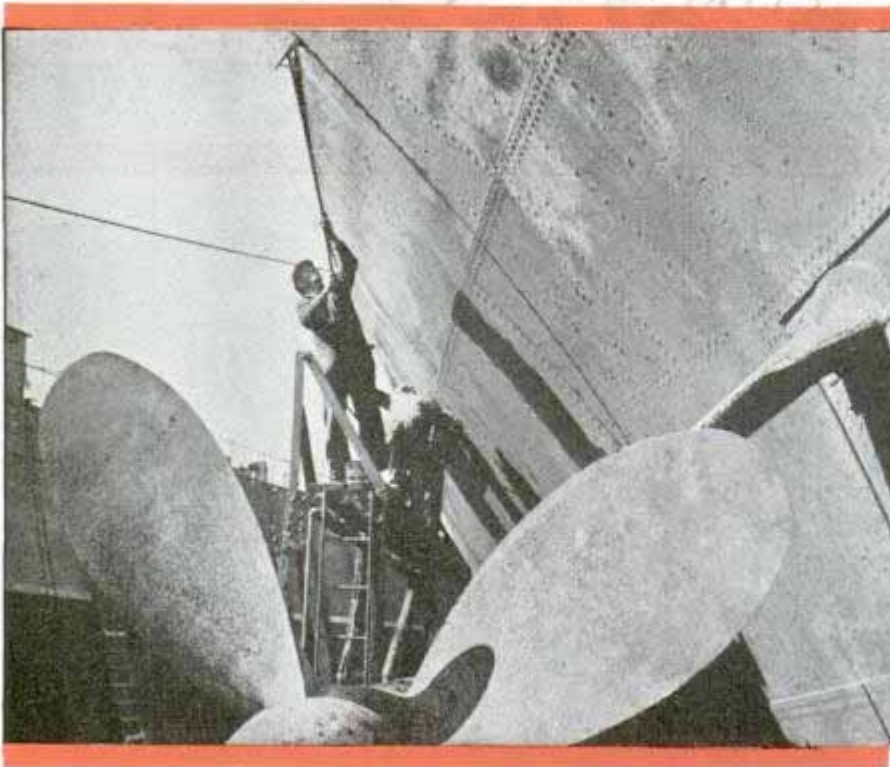
SHIP SURGERY

from the ship's bow, he uses a megaphone, whistle, and signal boards to notify pumpmen along each side of the dock of the speed at which each is to discharge water from the buoyancy compartments. Previously he had superintended the fastening of keel and bilge blocks to the dock's deck, laying them in a pattern that would safely cradle the ship. As the dock rises from the water it lifts the ship with it, raising it slowly so that the hull may be scrubbed clean by gangs working from punts moored alongside.

A ship that has been salvaged from the rocks or damaged in collision gets a scrupulous examination. Steamboat inspectors, insurance underwriters, and owners'



Bottom, left, thirty-five feet of damaged bow removed from ship shown on page opposite. Bottom, right, repair completed in Bethlehem Steel company's yard. Top, docking master signaling pumpmen as dock rises with ship



grass and barnacles may attach themselves to a hull between inspection periods. Such growths slow down the ship's speed and it is cheaper to trim them off than it is to drag them through the water. Marine parasites grow fastest on ships traveling in the tropics and they flourish when ships are laid up for long periods in still water. Occasionally shipyard men find that an oyster bed has started to grow on a hull. Now and then live fish that have been feeding on the growths refuse to leave and are found as water in the dry dock recedes.

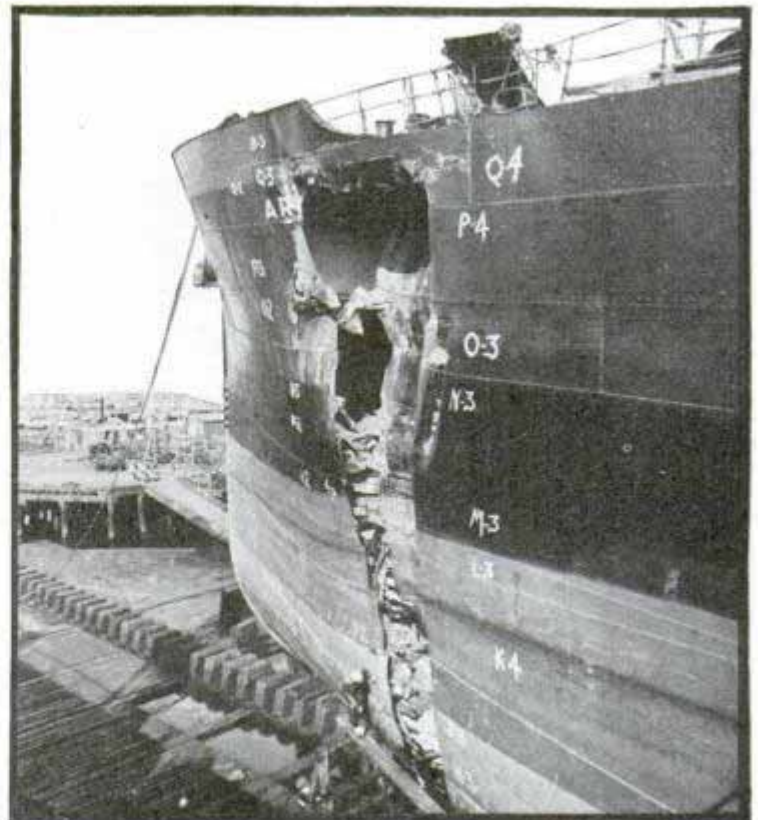
representatives diagnose the damage and recommend treatment. Damaged plates and rivets are burned off with acetylene torches. Bulkheads not too badly bent may be heated up and strongbacked into place. Stanchions and frames are removed for repairs or replacement. New shell plates that may weigh two tons each and require 1,000 rivets for fastening into place are molded to the ship's contours, and installed.

Ordinarily internal injuries, such as damage to engines or leakage or stoppage of pipe lines, can be repaired while the ship lies alongside a wharf. When a sea valve has to be repaired or the propeller shaft needs treatment the ship goes into dry dock. Grave injuries to a ship are rare and much of the work of the marine hospitals consists of keeping healthy ships in good condition. Vessels are lifted out of the water every six months or so to make certain no trouble is developing. The condition of the plates, the condition of the propeller and rudder fittings are all studied. Sea valves are cleaned out and the wearing of the shafts and stern tubes is measured. Often a vessel that has been at sea for a long time has a few loose rivets that must be tightened or replaced.

When a ship is docked merely for inspection and cleaning the shipyard workers call the job a "haircut and shave" and that's exactly what it amounts to, on a vast scale. As much as seventy or eighty tons of sea

cedes. Most marine paints contain large amounts of poison that slow down such growths. A trip through the Panama Canal, into the Great Lakes or up any freshwater stream kills the salt-water growths.

Electrolytic corrosion is a queer disease that attacks metal ships and the metal fit-

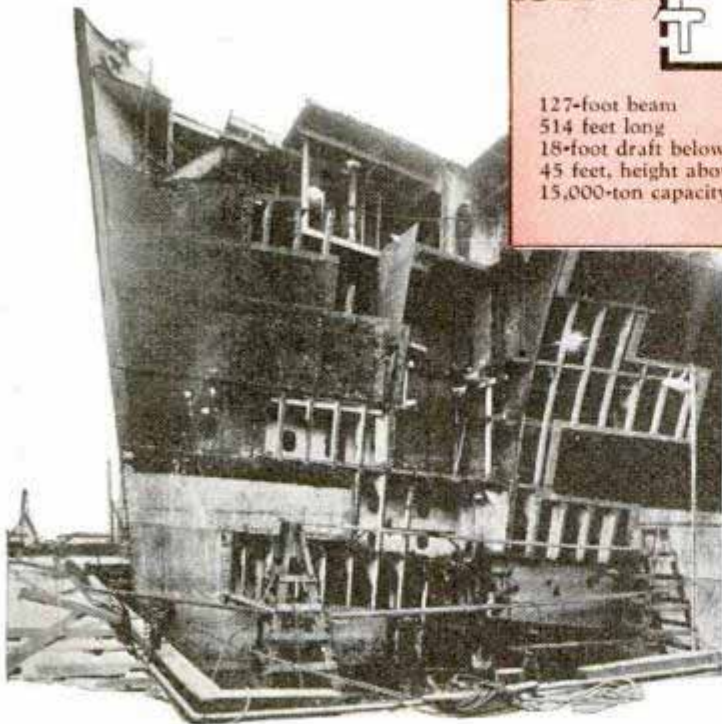
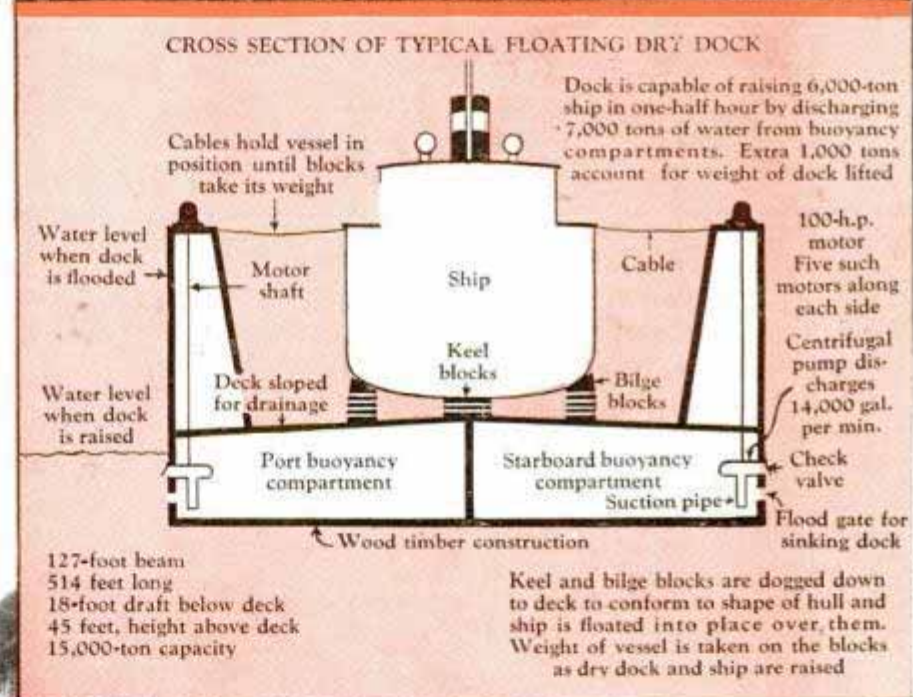
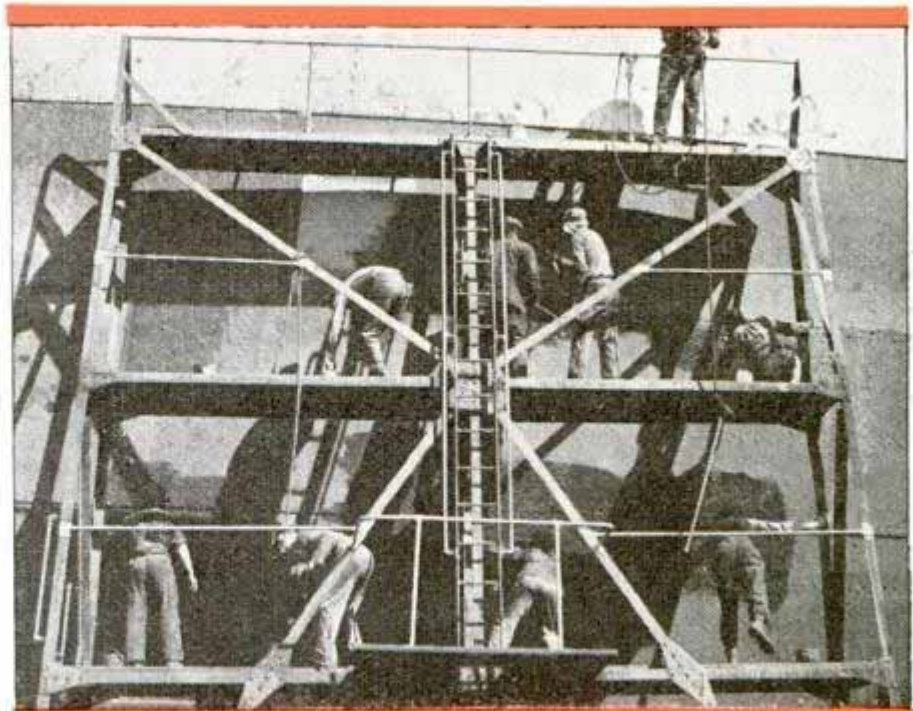


Top, painters with long-handled brushes apply new paint at water line of vessel. Bottom, numbers on damaged ship indicate plates that must be replaced

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tings of wooden ones. Even in fresh water the ship acts as a battery and rapid corrosion and pitting occur in the underwater metallic parts that serve as the negative pole in the circuit. Grounding of electric cables to the hull increases the action, and in some cases the electrolysis is strongly localized to small areas, threatening the strength of the hull at such points.

One way of fighting the disease is to fasten small zinc plates to the hull, zinc being such a perfect cathode material that the plates are eaten away and the rest of the hull is not attacked. The plates are renewed when the ship is docked for cleaning. A special metallic paint is sometimes used for the same purpose, and another way to combat the action is to install an electrolysis eliminator that reverses the normal po-



Top, at work on side of ship. Center, cross-section of dry dock. Bottom, vessel in the process of being restored to seaworthy condition

larity of the structure for periods of time.

One interesting job in a shipyard is rejuvenation of an obsolete vessel that has been lying in dead storage. Many ships that have grown old and out of date in service are operated upon to restore them to useful lives. Large freighters are sometimes converted into passenger ships when the need arises. A more frequent face-lifting operation is the work done on a passenger vessel built for service in cold latitudes when it is shifted to a permanent tropical run. Roomier quarters and better ventilation are needed in warm waters. Three large American liners recently shift-

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Rolling Garden "Dustpan" Tilts to Pick up Refuse

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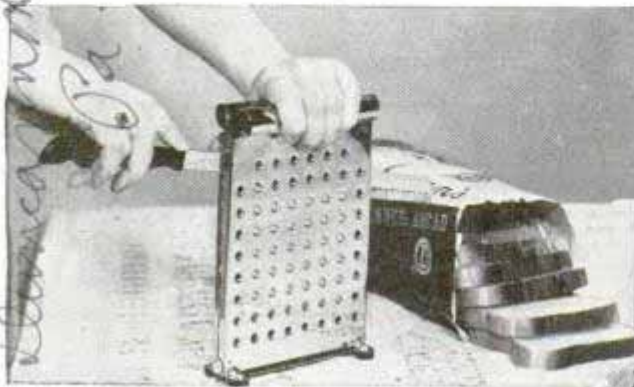


Rubber-tired metal cart for lawn work tilts forward to pick up a load from the rake.

Grass cuttings and refuse are raked from the lawn or garden into a V-shaped cart, like dirt is picked up by a dustpan. Pushed or pulled like a wagon, the two-wheel vehicle is filled by tilting it forward so the front edge lies flat on the ground, and it is emptied as easily.

Ready-Sliced Bread Cut Thinner by Using Safety Holder

Soft bakery-sliced bread can be re-sliced without tearing or crushing if you have a metal holder that grips the slice firmly and also protects the hands. Ordinarily bread

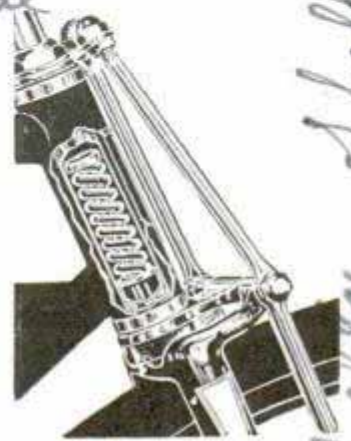


To cut bread thinner for melba toast or sandwiches, put slice in this metal holder and slice it again

comes from the bakery in half-inch slices, but these are too thick for party sandwiches, melba toast and canapes. The slicer holds the bread between two hinged plates which are perforated and have sharp protruding prongs on the inside. The knife is guided in a slot between the plates.

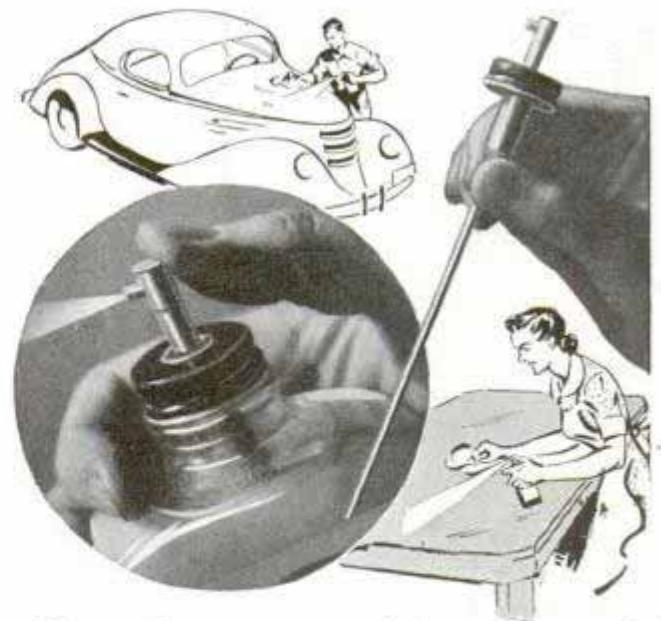
Bicycle Fork with Built-In Spring Cushions Front Wheel Shocks

Spring suspension for the front fork of bicycles, inclosed in the frame head, absorbs road shocks without permitting side play or wobbling of the wheel and without weakening the fork. Out of sight



where it is protected from the weather and safe from juvenile tampering, the combination spring and rubber mounting is simple and rugged in construction and requires no servicing.

Auto Wax Applied by Spray Gun Used as Cap of Container



Closeup of spray gun as applied to furniture and automobile cleaner and wax container

Applying a cleaner-and-wax liquid on automobiles by means of a small spray gun results in faster work and in a saving of the liquid, as compared to the standard

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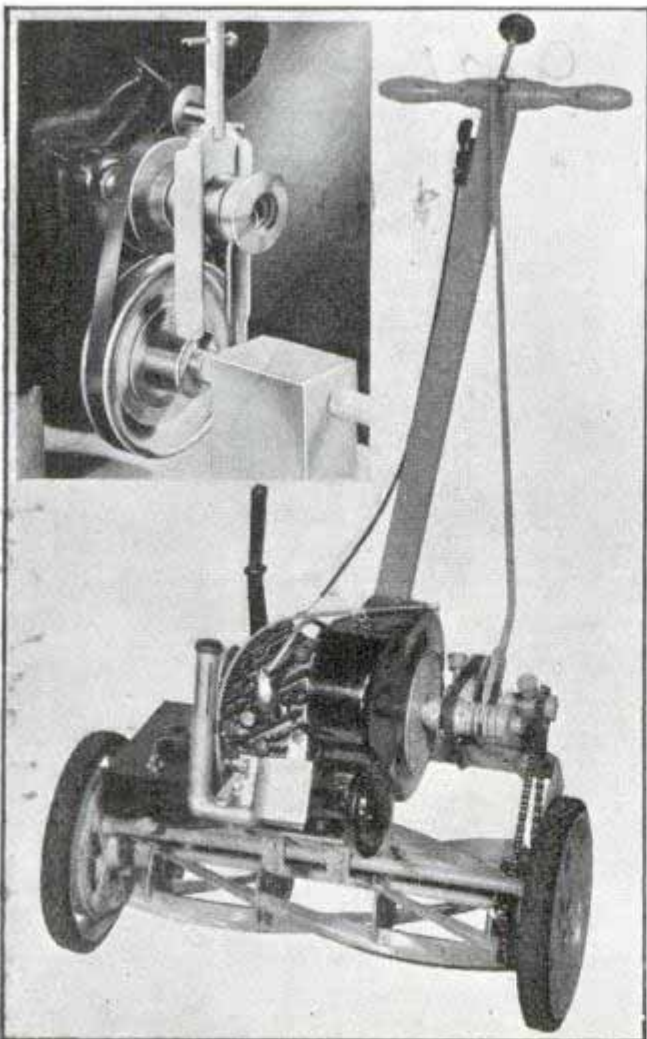
Shelby Cycle Co., Chicago

Kota Kolor Wax

application with a cloth. This method is being introduced by a manufacturer of colored auto waxes and furniture cleaning fluid. The spray gun, which is operated by hand, screws on the liquid container, replacing the standard top. Pressing the spray-gun plunger with the thumb several times starts the fluid to begin spraying over either auto or furniture surface.

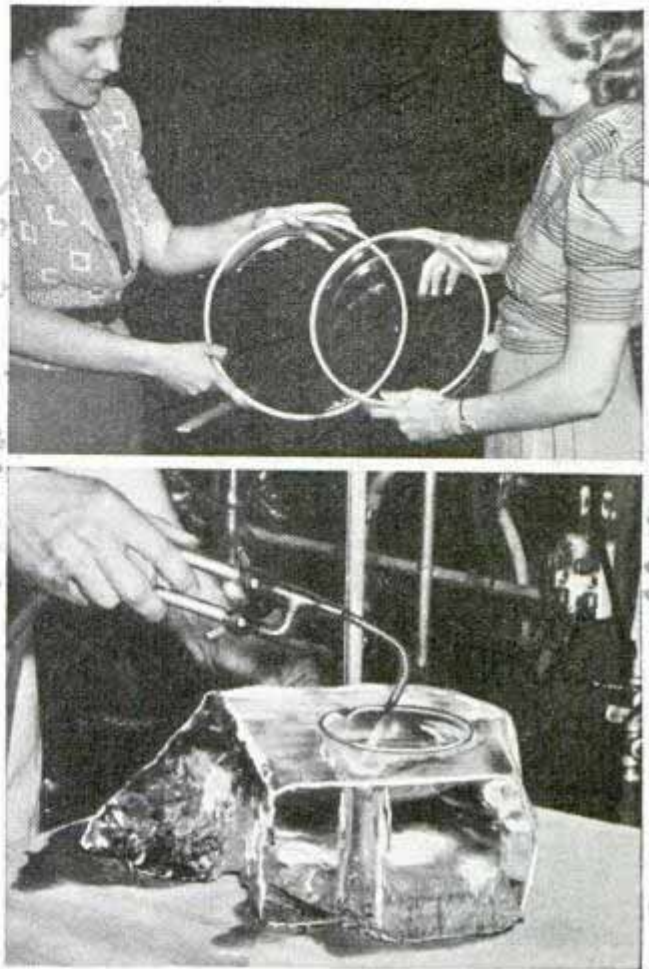
Simple Clutch with V-Belt Drive Idles without Friction

Smooth transmission of driving power, frictionless idling and finger-tip control are offered by a V-belt clutch designed for use with the smaller type engines on in-board motorboats, power lawn mowers, farm implements, light industrial machinery, midget racing cars and scooters. It provides a means of delivering power to the driven shaft at any desired speed or ratio, eliminating the need for transmissions or extra pulleys and gears.



Power lawn mower with V-belt clutch installed, the inset showing installation on small inboard motor

Red-Hot Glass Survives Dip in Bowl of Ice Water



Top, note shrinkage of heat-resistant glass; below, torch fails to crack glass resting on ice cake

Glass made by a new process resists cracking or breaking under sudden temperature changes because of its low coefficient of expansion. You can heat it to cherry red and plunge it into ice water without fear of breakage. It will be two years before products of the new glass can be offered to the public. At one point in the process articles shrink weirdly to less than two-thirds their original volume, but without changing form or becoming distorted. In making a dish, it is molded in the usual way with a special kind of glass. Then, through a series of treatments involving a final step of leaching with dilute nitric acid, part of the structure of the glass is removed. At this stage it is full of sub-microscopic air spaces and feels rough to the touch. A final heat treatment to release this air reduces the body to a clear, solid mass, about ninety-six per cent pure silica. It is here the shrinkage occurs.

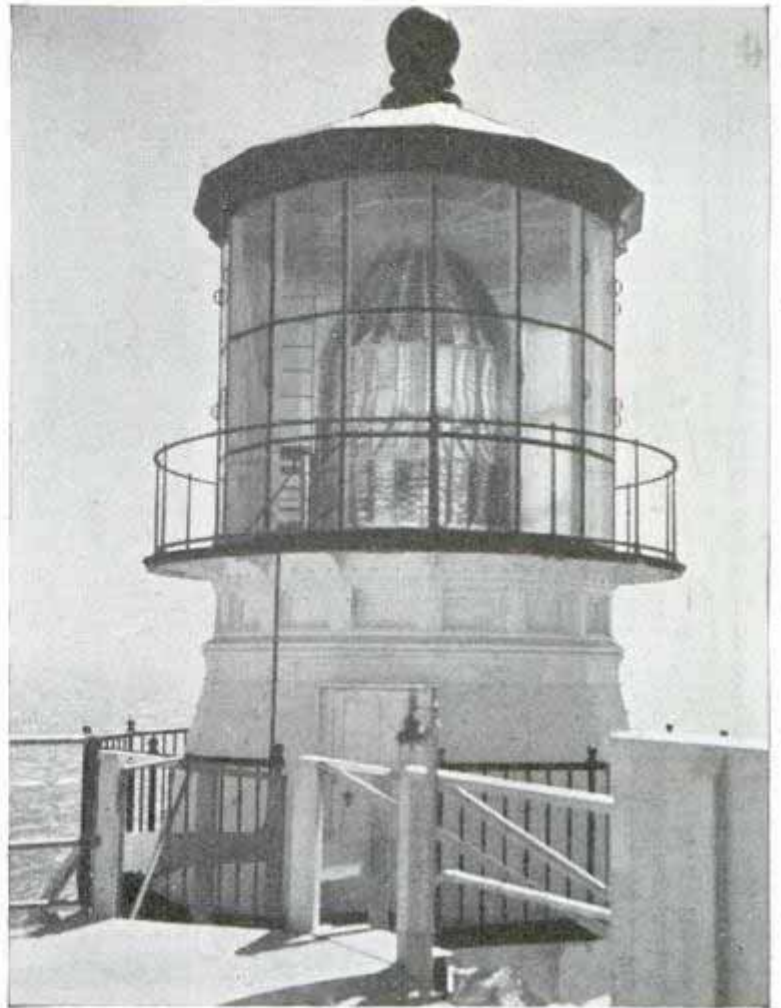
Corning Products Co.

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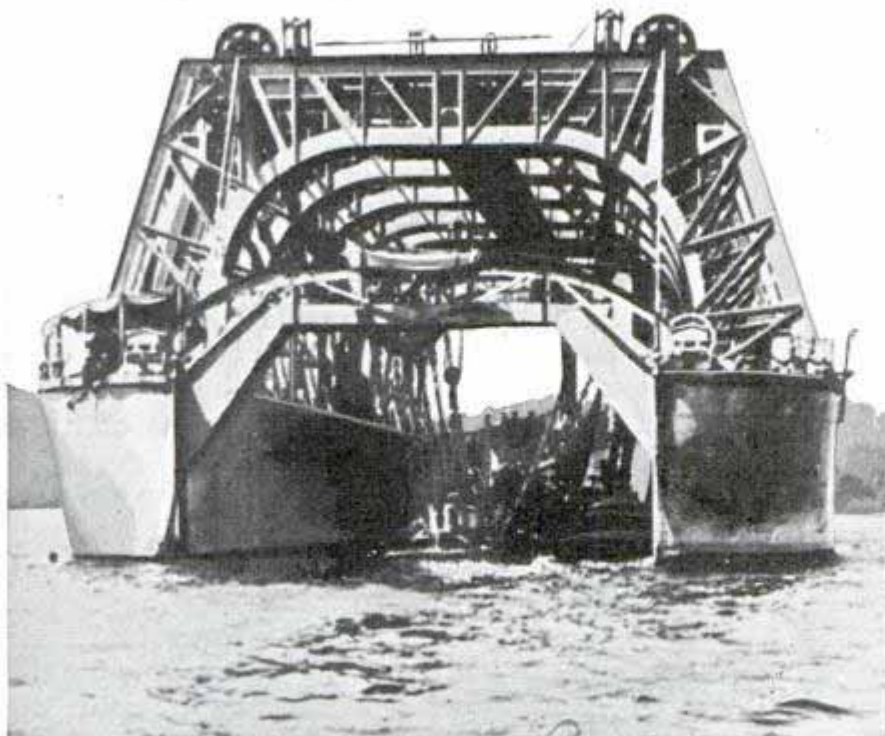
Four-Ton Lens Casts Light Beam 24 Miles

Electricity has taken the place of oil in the lamp of the lighthouse at Point Reyes, Calif., and as a result a beam is now thrown twenty-four miles out to sea. This was made possible by completion of a ten and one-half mile power line, supplying current for a 1,500-watt lamp having a candlepower of 500,000, nearly five times that of the old lamp. The latter, consisting of an oil-vapor mantle, gave off smoke that caused clouding and necessitated constant polishing. The Point Reyes lighthouse lens, installed sixty-nine years ago, weighs about four tons and contains more than 1,000 prisms of special glass. Set in the center of this rotating lens, the light is greatly intensified, and the prism arrangement spreads out a fan-shaped beam over one of the most dangerous headlands known to mariners.



Fifteen-hundred watt electric lamp has just supplanted oil in the old lighthouse at Point Reyes, Calif.

Floating Bridge Goes to Rescue of Sunken Submarines



France has built a huge floating bridge as a rescue ship for sunken submarines, and, although never tested in actual disaster service, it has proved its worth in practice. The two vast pontoons support a steel superstructure carrying the chains and rigging for lifting a submarine from the bottom. A submarine was deliberately sunk, and after chains were attached the bridge raised the ship.

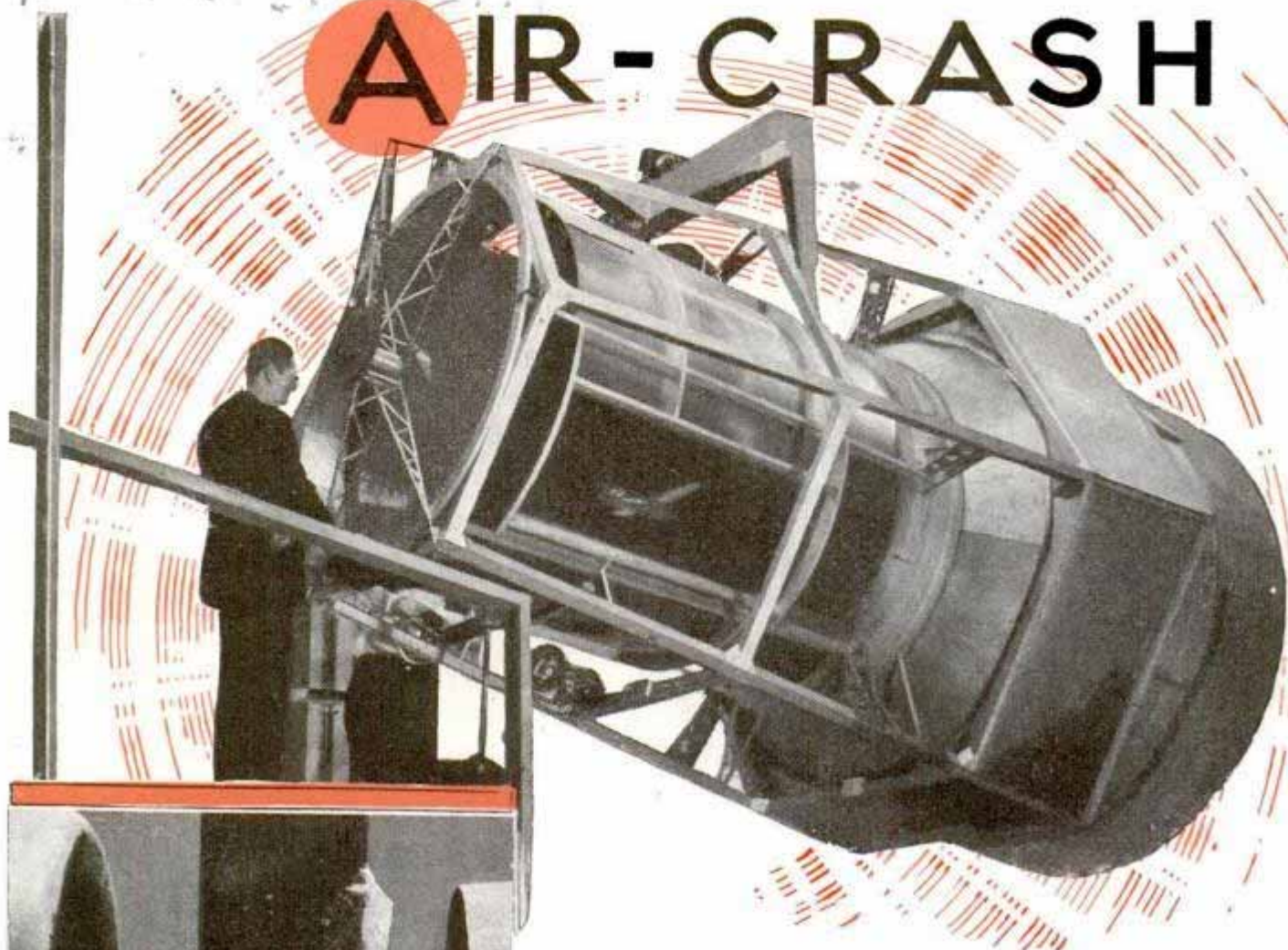
This French rescue ship met its first practice test by lifting to the surface a submarine deliberately sunk in ocean near Toulon

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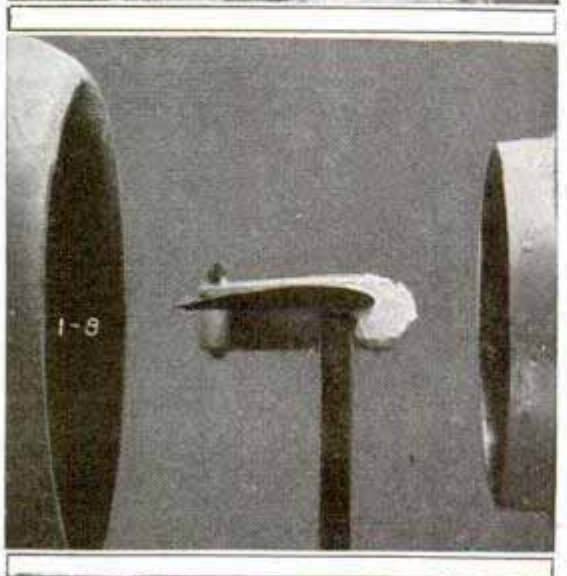
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AIR-CRASH



Above, N. A. C. A. tunnel in which model plane flies freely, permitting new method of studying stability and control characteristics. Left and bottom, making tests with glucose coating to find its effect on delaying ice formation



WITH only two passengers aboard, Trip 1 taxis to the end of the runway in the darkness of a wintry night. Twin motors roar, and the air liner thunders across the field, then slowly rises.

Five hundred feet up, and the pilot turns. Routine stuff, this is, to a man with 12,000 hours of flying time, years on this route.

Then something happens. A whiff of smoke, a sudden blast of heat on his leg. He glances down. Around the edges of the emergency control box cover forming part of the flooring between him and the co-pilot, tongues of flame are licking.

Snatching the fire extinguisher, the co-pilot rips up the cover. Instantly the cockpit is a roaring inferno of blazing gasoline; gasoline from a leaking cross-feed valve.

Both pilots throw up hands to protect their faces from the heat; and the plane dives for the ground. Clothing on fire, writhing in agony, the pilot grabs at the control column, pulls it back just in time to prevent a crash, climbs sharply.

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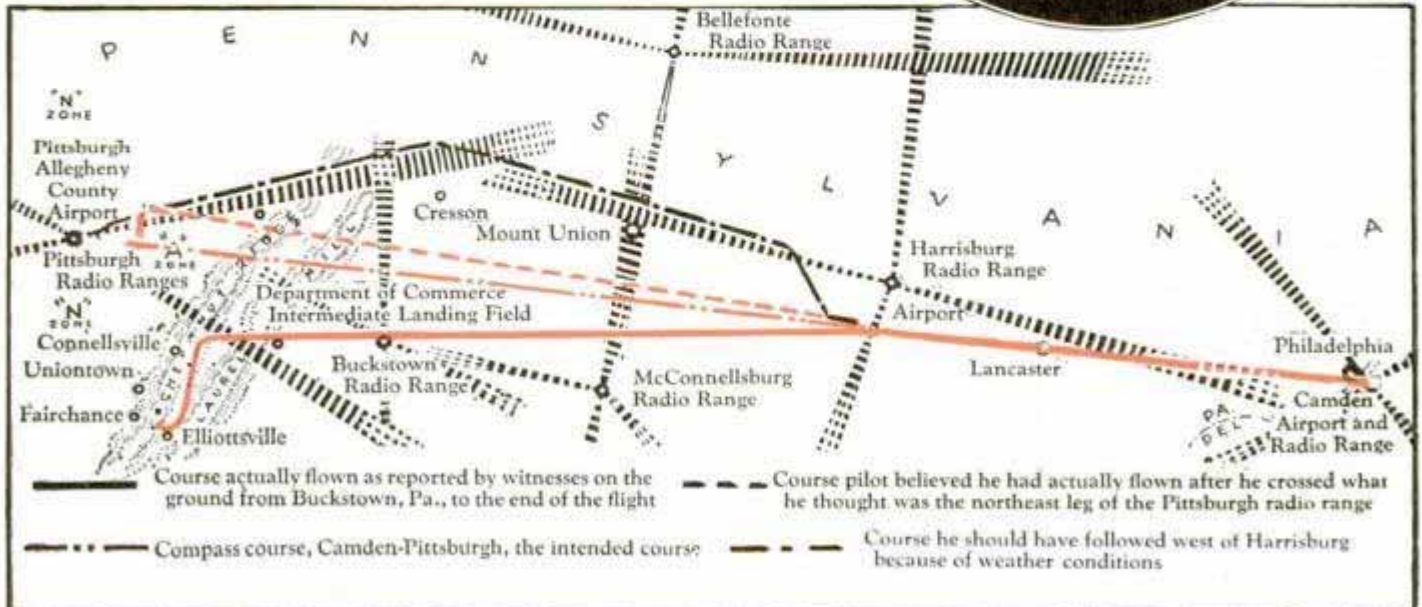
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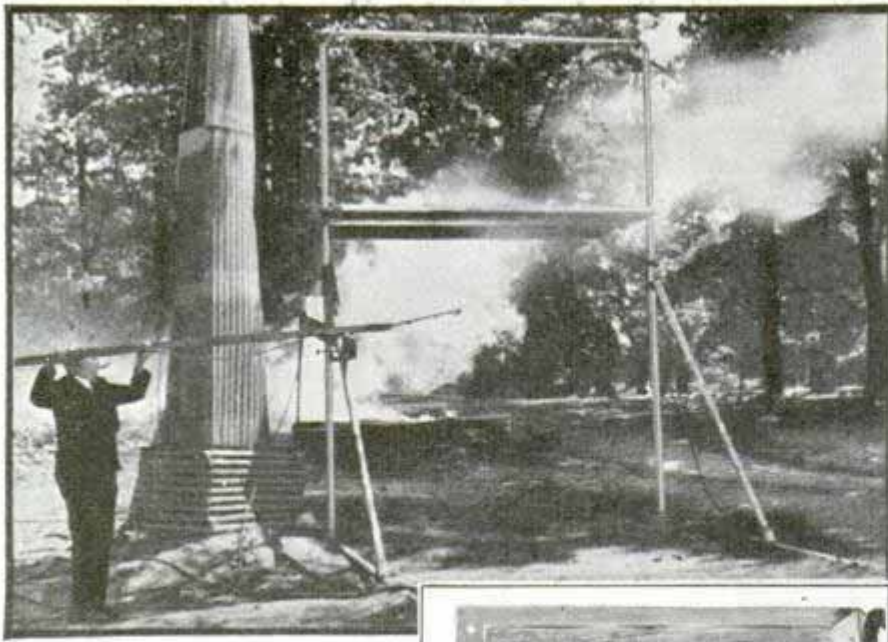


Above, "eyebrows" on wing edge give better control of plane. Circle, Thiokol-lined fuel tank after twenty-foot drop. The lining did not fail. Bottom, drawing is government's explanation of how pilot mistook southeast leg for the northeast leg of radio range, descended to land and crashed into mountain



Then a whiff of that flame and a dead man sits at the controls. A wing drops, and the air liner plunges into a ravine, scatters its fragments along a hundred yards, only half a mile from the airport. The wreckage is destroyed by fire, and all aboard are killed. A few years ago this would have been another mystery crash. Today, although we have no survivors to tell what went on





during those few desperate seconds, we know exactly what happened.

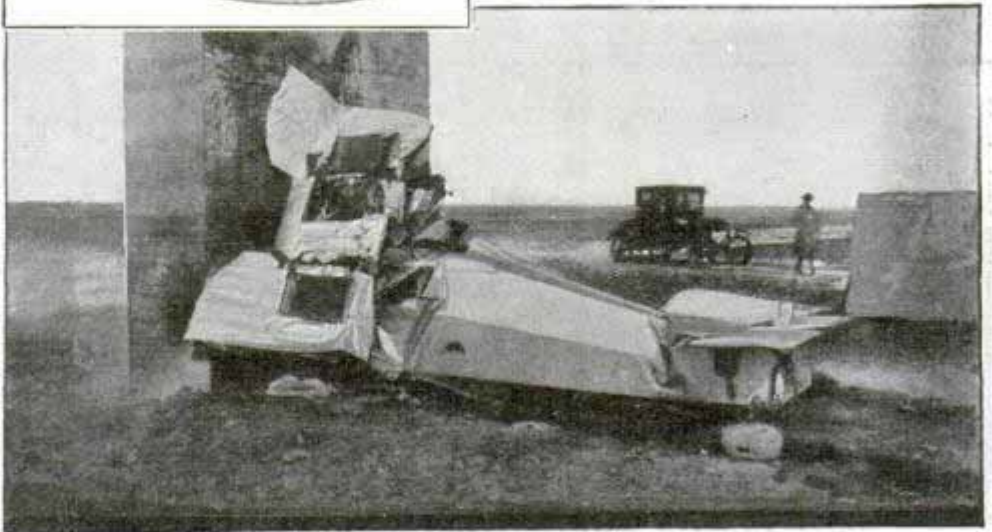
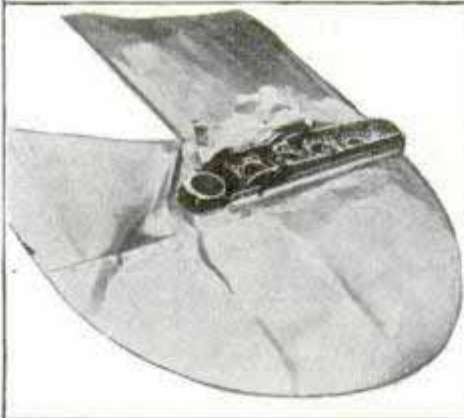
Today we have the crash detective. Officially he's an investigator for the Air Safety Board of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. His job is to run down clues, solve mysteries, save lives.

There weren't many clues when the investigators arrived at the crash scene. Delayed nearly two days by a severe storm, they found the ravine trampled by sightseers and souvenir hunters. But buried in dry grass and brush, not far from the first point of impact, the investigators found a little wooden box lid, aluminum bound and covered with rubber matting. It was the cover of the emergency control box which contained the cross-feed valve, dump-valve controls, flare releases, a key for turning the valves, and an electric light to illuminate the box. The cover was hinged on the rear, and contact of a metal strip

switched on the light when the lid was raised.

This meager clue, hurled clear of the fire area and miraculously concealed from souvenir hunters, told the whole story. A concentrated burn, directly over the cross-feed valve, showed that the fire had started here, had played upon the spot with blowtorch intensity for nearly two minutes before the cover was opened. That it was opened before impact was evident from the direction of the charring on the under side of the cover, by soot on the contact strip, and by the manner in which the hinged edge had been ripped loose. Testimony of an airport attendant as to the sudden dive and climb preceding the crash, revealed the story of the pilot's dying efforts to avert the tragedy.

Thanks to the Air Safety Board, exactly that kind of an accident can never happen again. For that type of plane was



Top, test to determine fire hazard from dumping gasoline. Next, cover of emergency control box. Note deep burn in corner, which was directly over cross-feed valve where fire started in plane. Third from top, remains of tail assembly helped tell story of another crash. Bottom, 200 DH-4s were crashed before fire hazard was eliminated



immediately grounded until the cross-feed system had been relocated; and regulations were passed making it mandatory that all planes flown in the United States must be provided with drainage outside the fuselage for any gasoline leak that might occur.

All aviation accidents, no matter how trivial, are



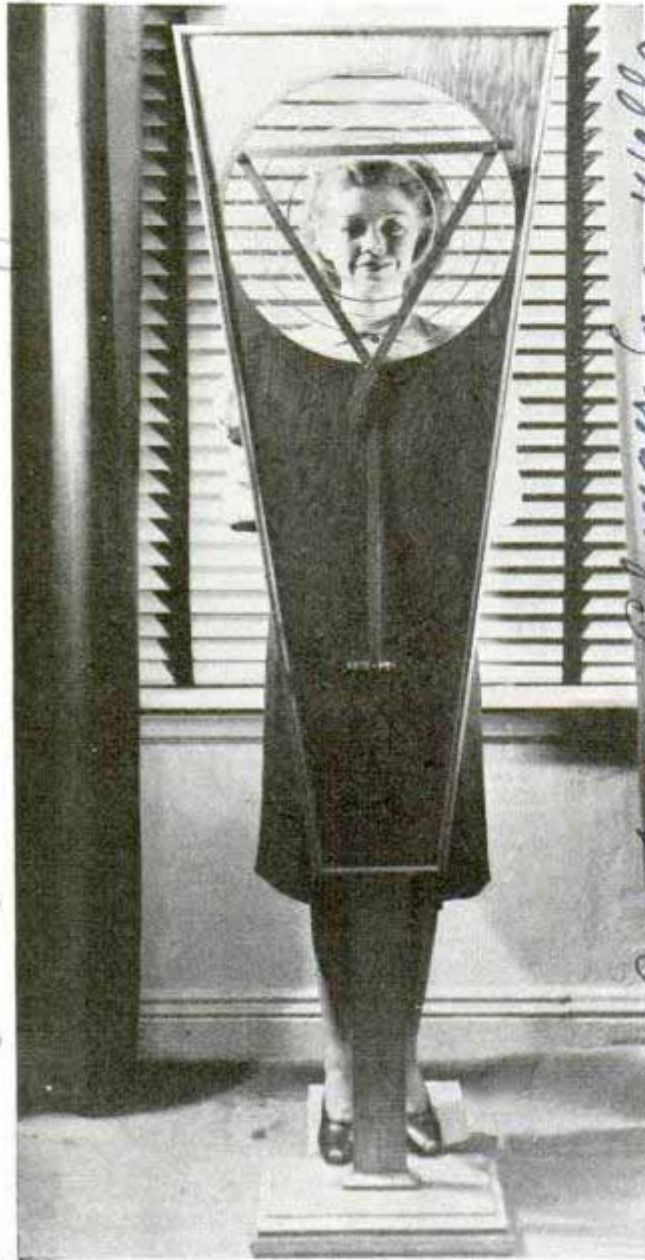
Navy's new trainer (top) compared to vicious-spinning ship (center) on which stabilizer flush with top of fuselage blanketed rudder action in a spin. Bottom, Air Safety Board investigators searching for clues in plane wreckage

immediately investigated by the Air Safety Board, or by military and naval boards in the case of service planes. The object is not merely to place the blame, but to eliminate the causes of accidents. Accident causes are analyzed by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as a basis for the research it continually conducts. Practically every safety improvement in American aviation has been the direct result of accident investigation.

The old DH-4, "flaming coffin" of the World War and the years immediately following,

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Contour Meter for the Head Helps in Styling Hairdress



Studying contours of face behind triangle and circles, hairdresser determines most becoming "hairdo"

One New York hair stylist uses a "contour meter" to help in planning the best hairdress for his patrons. Its concentric circles and superimposed triangle enable the hairdresser to study the shape of the head and determine how the contour should be built up or narrowed by adjustment of the hair.

Cubic Inch of Newly Found Star Weighs 18,000,000 Pounds

So heavy is the newly discovered star "Wolf 457" that one cubic inch of its mat-

ter weighs nearly 18,000,000 pounds. It is one of the two "white dwarf" stars discovered by Dr. G. P. Kuiper through the new eighty-two-inch telescope of McDonald Observatory in Texas. Half a billion times as dense as water, this star's matter is too heavy to be supported by any substance on our earth and would drop through it like lead through water.

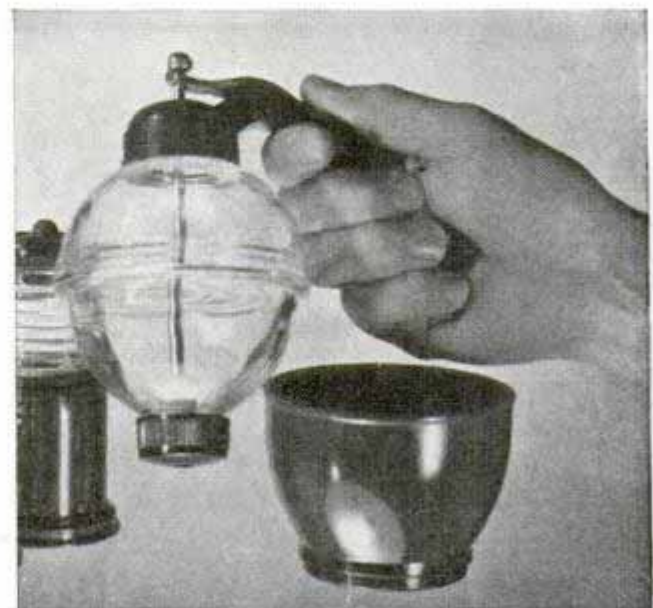
Drain Cleaner Given More Power by Enlarging Ball

Ten times the usual power is claimed for a drain force pump designed with a larger bulb to give additional pressure. By creating greater air compression against the water, and alternating with a more forceful suction, the most firmly lodged obstructions are removed easily.



Upside-Down Dripless Server Pours Sirup from Bottom

Honey and sirups are poured through a spout at the bottom of a server that seals



Sirup pours out base when thumb lever is pressed; dripless server rests in base when not in use

G. P. Zerbst, 507. 5th Ave. New York

Dr. G. P. Kuiper, 609 N. Wolfe

Super-Force Drain Pump Co. 620 N. Michigan, Chicago

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itself and prevents dripping on the table. A spring-tensioned thumb lever on the handle is pressed to lift the plunger that seals the opening in the bottom, and at the same time an air vent at the top opens to permit a free flow. When the lever is released a strong spring forces the plunger downward into the aperture, stopping the flow without the customary dripping. The unit consists of two parts, the server itself and a bowl-like base in which it rests when not in use. It is made of glass, chrome-plated metal, and molded plastic.

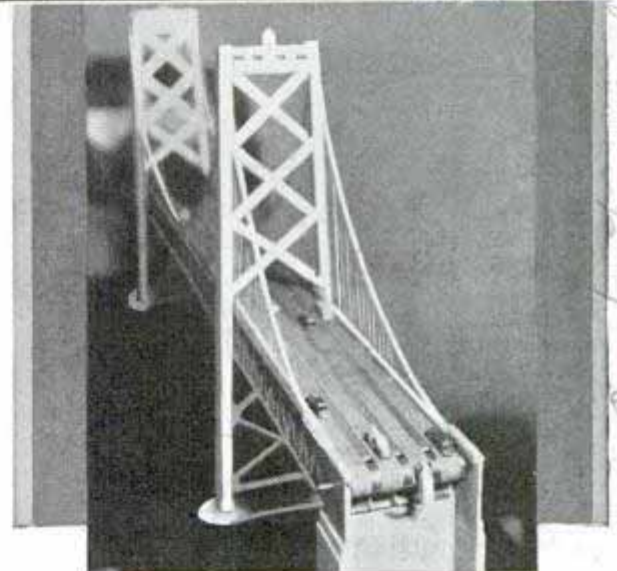
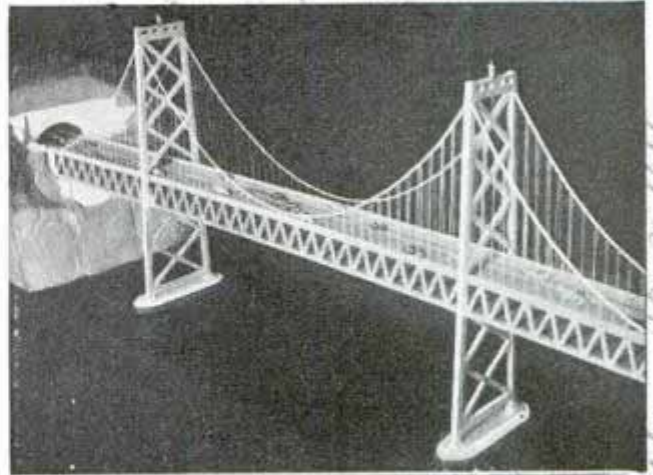
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Welded Steel Bench for Lathe Provides a Rigid Support

Streamlining is put to a practical use in a steel bench for lathe work, for its curved supports and rounded corners are designed for vibrationless, scientific bracing and elimination of sharp corners that are a hazard to the workman and form a pocket for dirt and chips. The bench is entirely metal and has welded joints, lacking any bolts or other fastenings that could come loose with vibration. Around the top is a deep rolled rim serving as chip pan and oil pan. The front is open like a desk to permit a comfortable position for the operator whether standing or sitting.



Vibrationless bench is achieved by curved supports and scientific bracing. All joints are welded

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Tiny Cars on Bridge Model Moved by Endless Belt



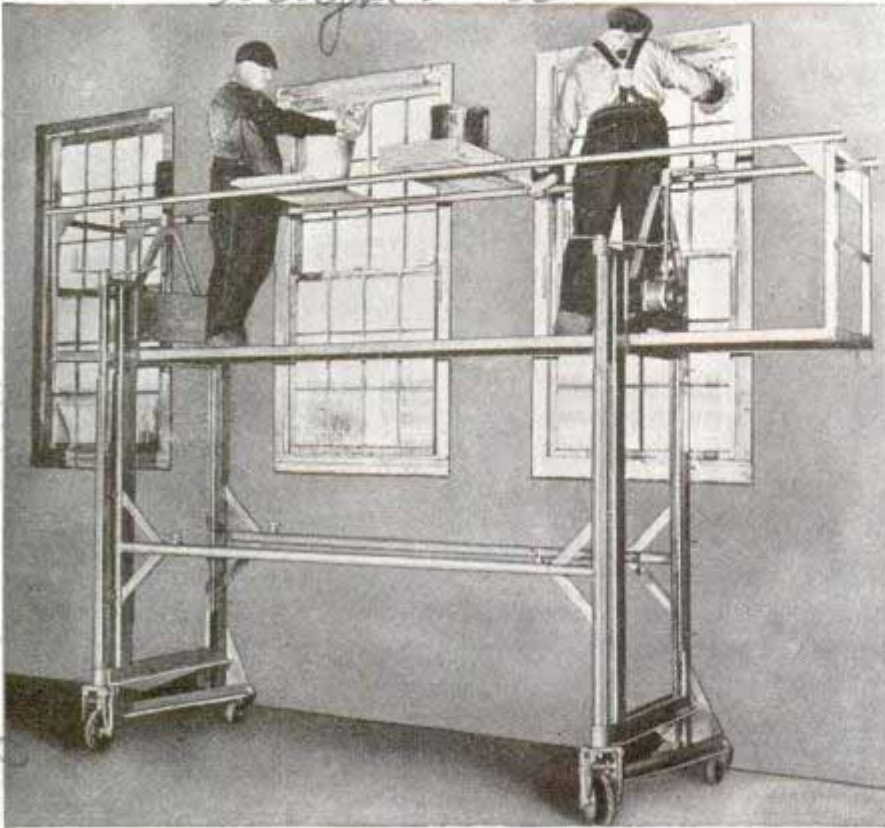
Four lanes of traffic keep in motion on five-foot model of bridge, cars being fastened to moving belts

Miniature automobiles traveling in a continuous stream along the traffic lanes add a bit of life and reality to a five-foot model of the suspension span section of the San Francisco Bay bridge recently completed by Peter Bodholt of Oakland, Calif. There are four lines of traffic, two moving one way and two the other, and to imitate actual conditions the inner high-speed lanes move faster than those on the outside. Four endless conveyor belts, each three-fourths of an inch wide, to which the midget cars are attached, cross the bridge and pass over the driving pulleys, where they are turned under and travel back between the upper and lower decks. A one-thirtieth horsepower motor from an electric adding machine furnishes the power. Round leather belts turn the pulleys which are of different diameters to give two speeds to the traffic lanes.

South Bend Lathe Works
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Self-Elevating Rolling Scaffold Maneuvered by Hand Cranks

Scaffold Car



Window washers or painters can not only adjust height of scaffold and move it along floor by turning cranks, but its length is also adjustable

Operated by workmen standing on the platform, a scaffold on wheels can be raised, lowered or moved about the floor simply by turning cranks. The standard model may be lifted from eighteen and one-half inches, its lowest level, to nine and one-third feet. In addition the length is adjustable and may be varied from five to ten feet. Railing on the sides guards the workers. The apparatus will carry 1,500 pounds. It may be used for overhead work of all kinds, and occupies only sixteen square feet when collapsed.

nects with a plug on a ten-foot cord, convenient for a variety of uses on the farm, in the home and shop. A safety control disengages the plug when the water boils low, preventing damage from boiling dry. On the farm the pail is used for preparing heated foods for stock and poultry, for disinfecting jobs and for washing garments too soiled to be mixed with the family wash.

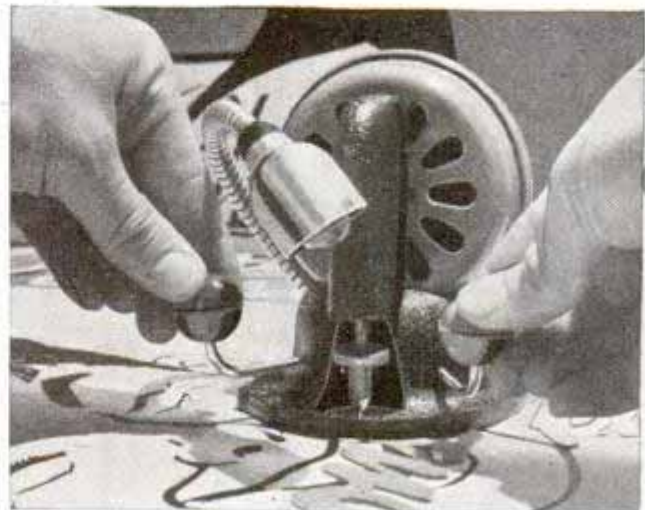
Small Electric Cutter Has a Built-In Floodlight

Easily guided by hand, a portable electric cutting tool is equipped with a light to help follow the outlines on cardboard, stencil board, paper, celluloid or cork in making designs, stencils and lettering for signs and advertisements. The small machine is operated forward, backward or side-wise over the lines which have been traced, drawn or pasted on the material. Figures from three-eighths inch to two feet in height can be cut out.

Immersion Heater in a Bucket Plugs in to Warm Water



The familiar galvanized iron pail now is making its debut as an electric water heater. At the bottom of the standard fourteen-quart pail is a 1,250-watt immersion heating element which con-



Spotlight mounted on flexible arm illuminates work while cutter is guided along pattern

Economy Pails Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Electromaster Co.
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1803 G. Almond St.

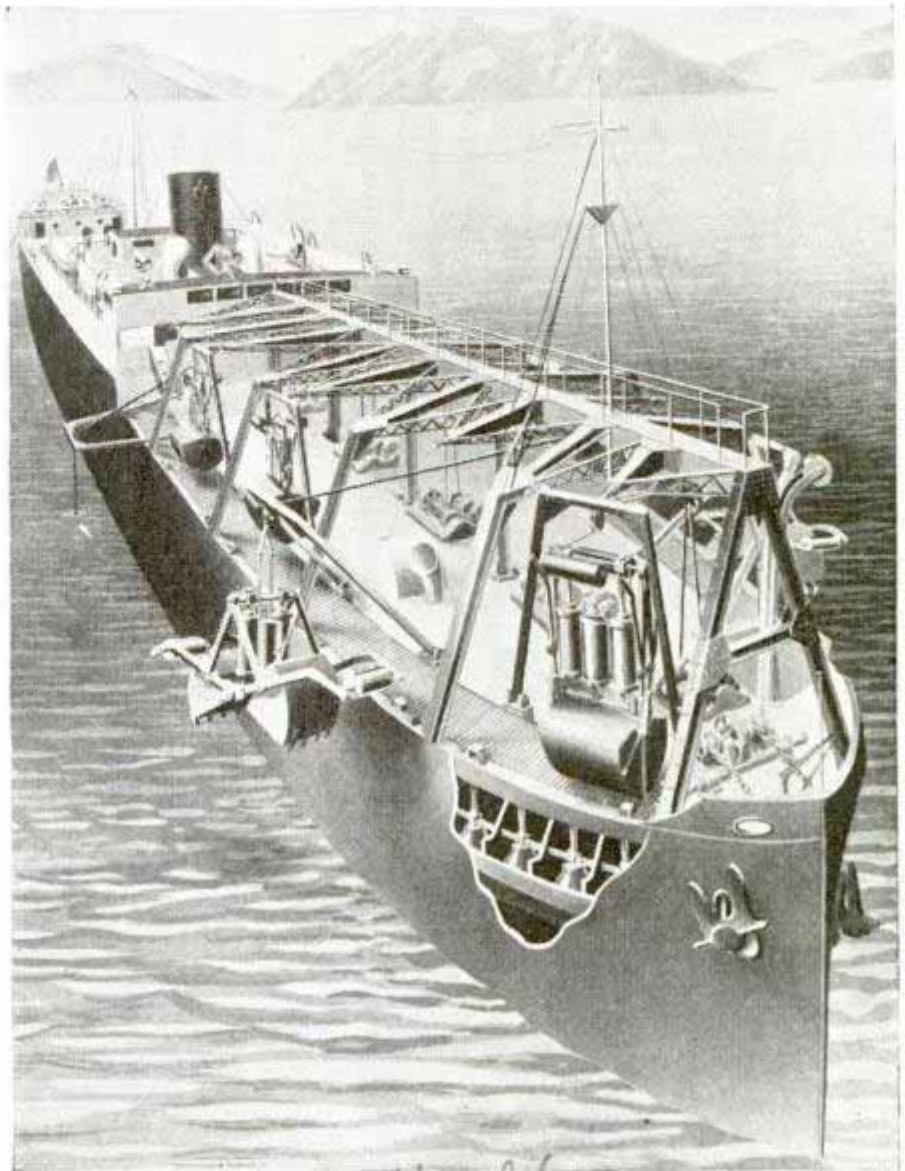
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C. K. Ruth Co., Peoria, Ill.

Electric

*A. W. John G. Williams
Cap street address
San Francisco, Calif*

Giant Dredge to Dig for Gold 3,000 Feet Deep

Capable of bringing up gold-bearing mud from 3,000 feet below the surface of the ocean, a 9,000-ton self-propelled dredging unit is being constructed. Devices to be used in the digger have, in recent tests, reached depths of 1,000 feet under water, hitherto unattainable. The scene of operations for gold mining as now scheduled is in the vicinity of Stephens Passage, between the mainland of Alaska and Admiralty island in the heart of the Juneau gold belt, and in the area covered by the notation "gold dust" on charts of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.



Being built for a treasure hunt in the ocean floor, the 9,000-ton dredge at right is to dig for gold 3,000 feet under the sea near Alaska. Its equipment has proven practical in tests at 1,000-foot depth

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Wide World

Field Gun Fires 100-Pound Shell over Fifteen-Mile Range

Most formidable field weapon of the United States army is the new mobile gun

that hurls a 100-pound shell fifteen miles. It is a 155-millimeter giant weighing fifteen tons, yet despite its size it can



Ramming home a charge for test shot that traveled 25,000 yards. This gun is the biggest field weapon of the U. S. army

developed by Army Ordnance

be moved to the strategic point of action on its ten-wheel pneumatic-tired carriage at twelve miles an hour. In a test at Ft. Bragg, N. C., the gun fired a shell about 25,000 yards and blasted a sixteen-foot hole in the ground. This was the longest shot ever fired by an American army field piece. The function of the gun is to bombard enemy ammunition dumps, communication lines and reserve forces behind the battle lines. Only the stationary coast-defense guns are larger than the field piece.

TOUCHDOWNS

was on weight and strength; today it is on speed and brains. Only the fastest, brainiest, and best-conditioned men make the California Golden Bear teams."

Football in the United States earns some \$10,000,000 a year while \$20,000,000 is invested in stadiums, gymnasiums, and equipment. Each fall about 8,000,000 spectators watch 100,000 youths play the game. A



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FROM the hammer-and-tongs affair of yesterday, football has developed into a scientific sport—one that requires long and weary hours of practice. Saturday's gridiron stars are as carefully trained and conditioned as Kentucky Derby entries.

"Stub" Allison, head football coach at the University of California, sums it up this way: "Twenty-five years ago the development or selection of varsity football material was largely a survival of the fittest—the toughest, the biggest and strongest men. The emphasis

Top, training kicker to get more height into punts. Bottom, target used to train the passer is a tire mounted on upright standard

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Right, player making flying tackle on a blocking bag. Below, interference knocking blocking bags out of the way so that the ball carriers may get through the "opposition line"



football player spends approximately 150 hours in practice during the fall months, but actually plays, on the average, only about 150 minutes.

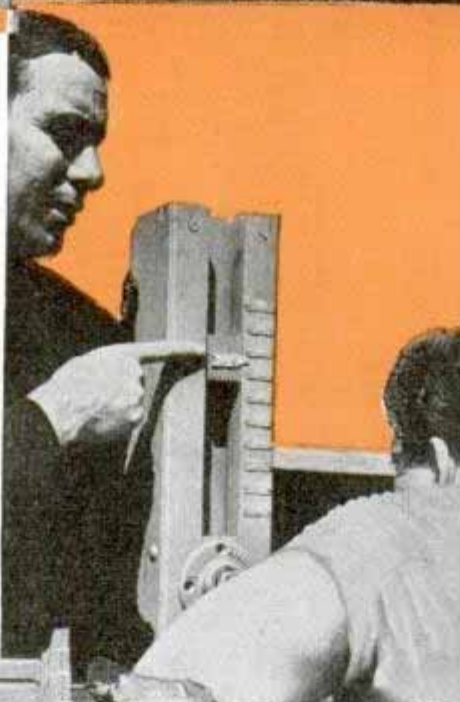
Before football became one of the country's most popular sports, science had little part in the training of a team. Today, however, charging machines, pushing sleds,

tackling dummies, blocking bags, passing hoops, centering targets, motion pictures, arm and leg exercisers, and electric and water therapy treatments all aid in helping a player reach and maintain perfect physical condition.

Coach "Babe" Horrell of the University of California at Los Angeles says: "Some

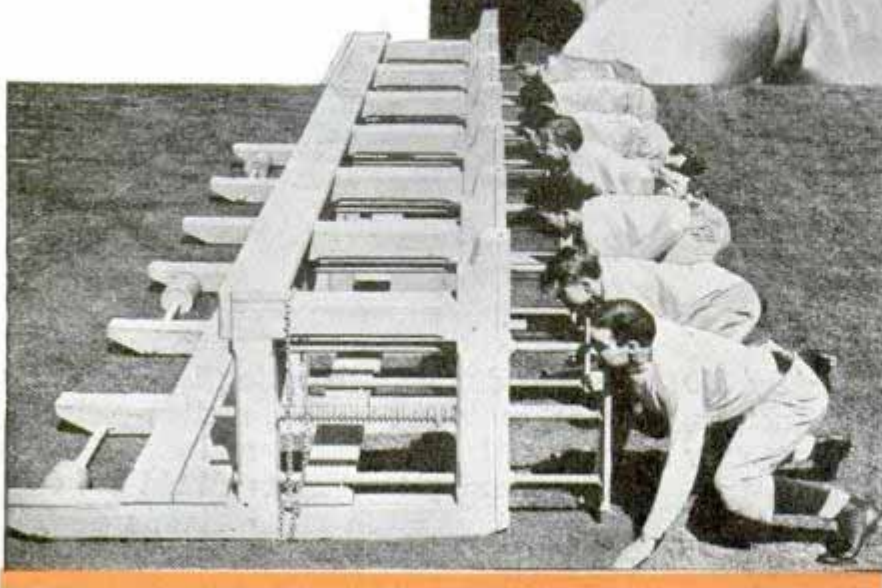


coaches condition and train their players on 'live bait.' I prefer to save my men, even third and fourth stringers, from rough scrimmage. I would rather let them expend their energy against charging machines and tackling dummies where there is less chance of injury. Such mechanical devices have undeniable advantages over live bait. On a charging machine, for ex-

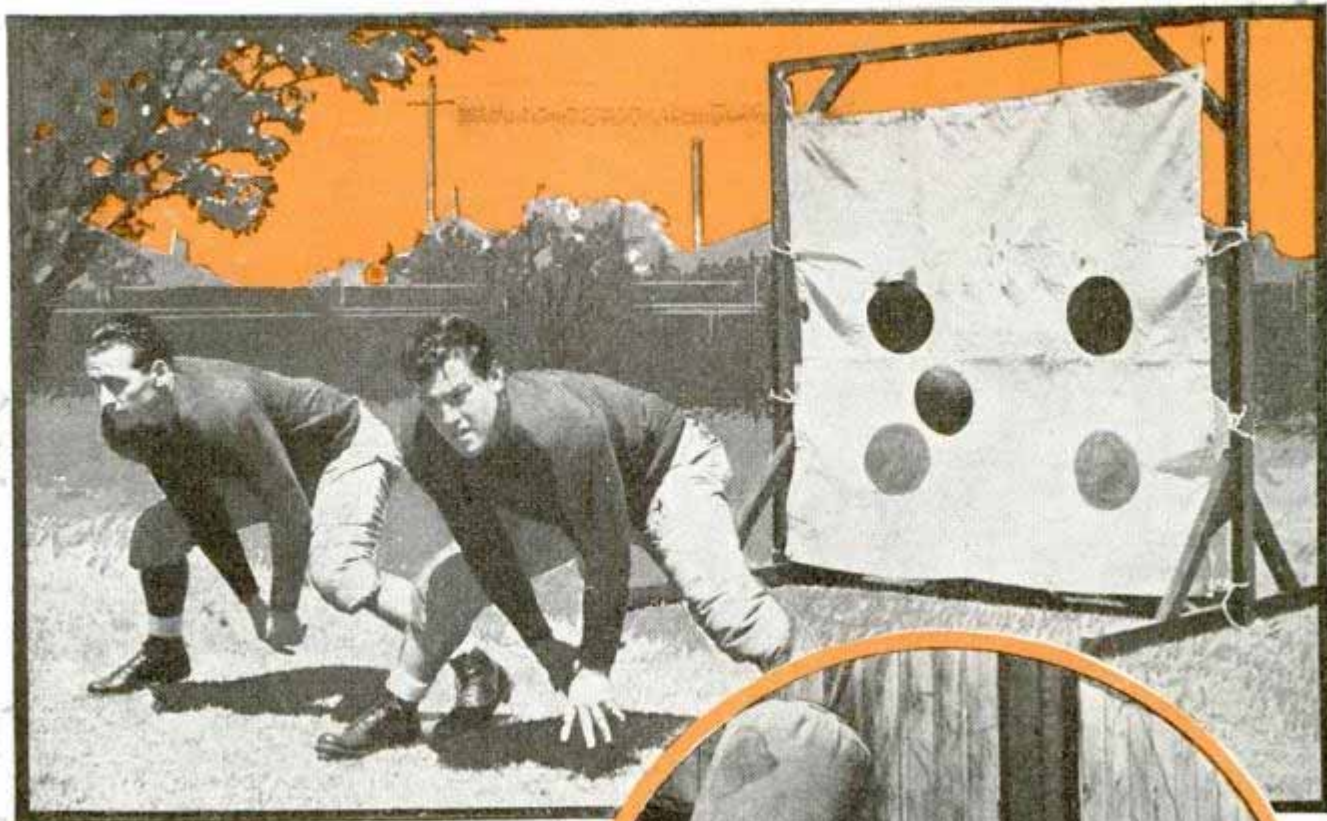


ample, a player learns to get a sustained drive that he cannot learn while charging against another player. Muscular coordination, timing and distance are better taught with mechanical aids."

Coaches are almost unanimous in voting the charging machine their most valuable piece of equipment. This is a huge device, on runners or rollers, against which seven men charge at the same time. At U. C. L. A. one of the latest models is equipped with padded arms and powerful coil springs. The number of pounds that a charging player exerts against the machine is recorded on a sliding scale. Such a machine allows a coach to observe all seven linesmen at the same time. If one end of the line is loafing on the job the machine pivots in that direction. Coaches standing on the charging machine can pick out defects and teach



Top, charging sled reveals flaws in linesmen's play. Center, sliding scale of charging machine. Bottom, linesmen drilling with charging machine



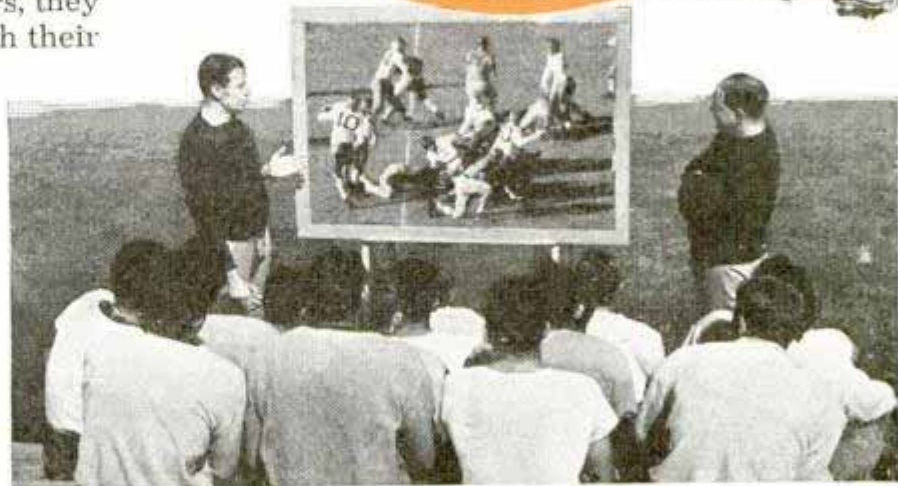
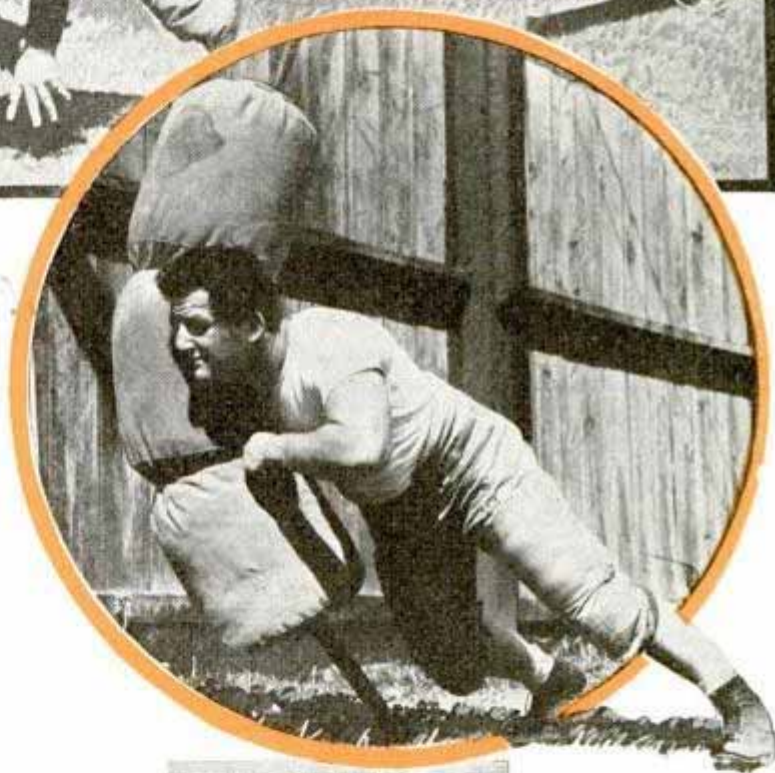
linesmen the correct charging position—back straight, eyes up, and legs under the body for greater traction.

Some universities have adopted a smaller, two-man charging machine. It is made of steel with two padded arms. Such a machine is helpful to the coach in showing up the flaws of individual players.

The charging sled is a large frame arrangement somewhat like the charging machine, but instead of players battering against a padded arm with their shoulders, they push on a high crossbar with their hands. The sled develops arm, shoulder, and back muscles and teaches the correct use of the hands on defense.

Blocking and tackling are the fundamentals of any first-rate football team. Such national-ranking outfits as Minnesota, Southern Methodist, Fordham, Pittsburgh, California, and Washington are noted for clean tackling and crisp block-

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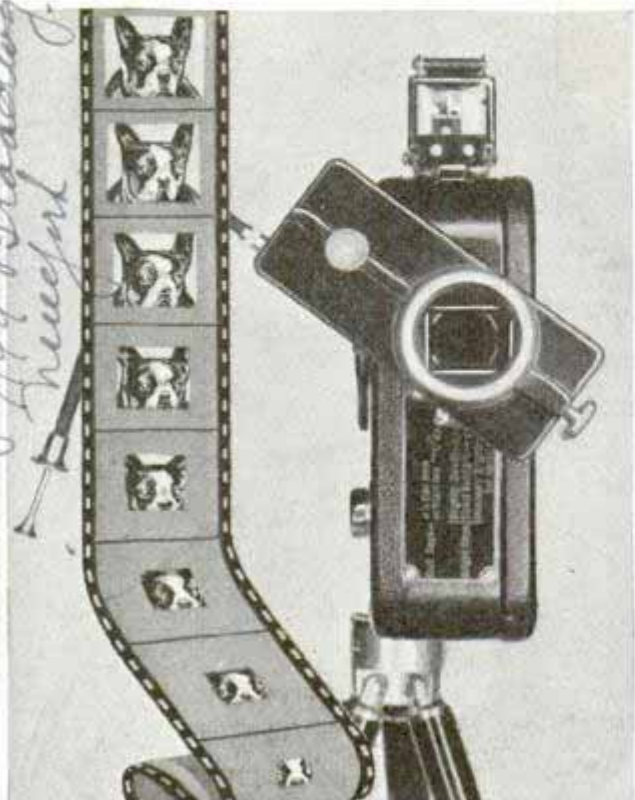
Top, centers learning accuracy by striving to pass the ball through holes in canvas. Circle, rubber-supported dummy gives "live" opposition to charging player. Bottom, motion pictures of previous games show players their mistakes

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Movie Fadeout Attachment Worked by Cable Release

Camera Specialty Co. Inc. 449 Broadway New York



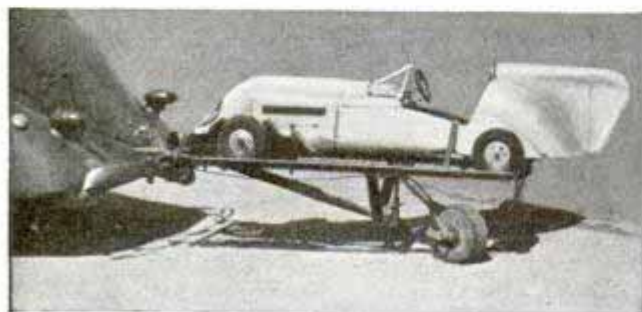
Fadeout attachment is mounted on movie camera so that it does not interfere with view finder

Amateur movie makers can produce "fadeout" effects by means of a camera attachment just made available. Made of Bakelite, it is offered in various sizes and can be mounted in several positions to avoid interfering with the view finder. By pressing the cable-release plunger a rectangular fadein or fadeout is produced.

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Midget Racing Car Is Carried on a Monowheel Trailer

When the "Baby Bluebird" is not racing under its own power it can ride on its own monowheel trailer. Both the midget car



Looking like a toy, the baby racing car powered by motorcycle engine rides single-wheeled trailer

and its special trailer were built by J. H. Collier, Jr., of Oakland, Calif. The little racer is powered by a thirty-five cubic-inch motorcycle engine of 1913, and has topped thirty-two miles an hour.

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"Leak" Meter Detects Auto Valve in Need of Grinding

Leakage of compression through valves of an automobile engine, indicating that they need to be ground or replaced, is shown quickly by a sensitive electric meter, without removing anything except the spark plugs. Six volts from the car battery will operate the instrument, and fifty or more pounds of air pressure, which also is needed, can be obtained from the regular service-station compressor. In making a test the piston must be on compression stroke so the valves are closed. Then, with the air line attached to the instrument, air is forced into the cylinder through a rubber nozzle that is inserted in the spark-plug port. Any leakage of air through



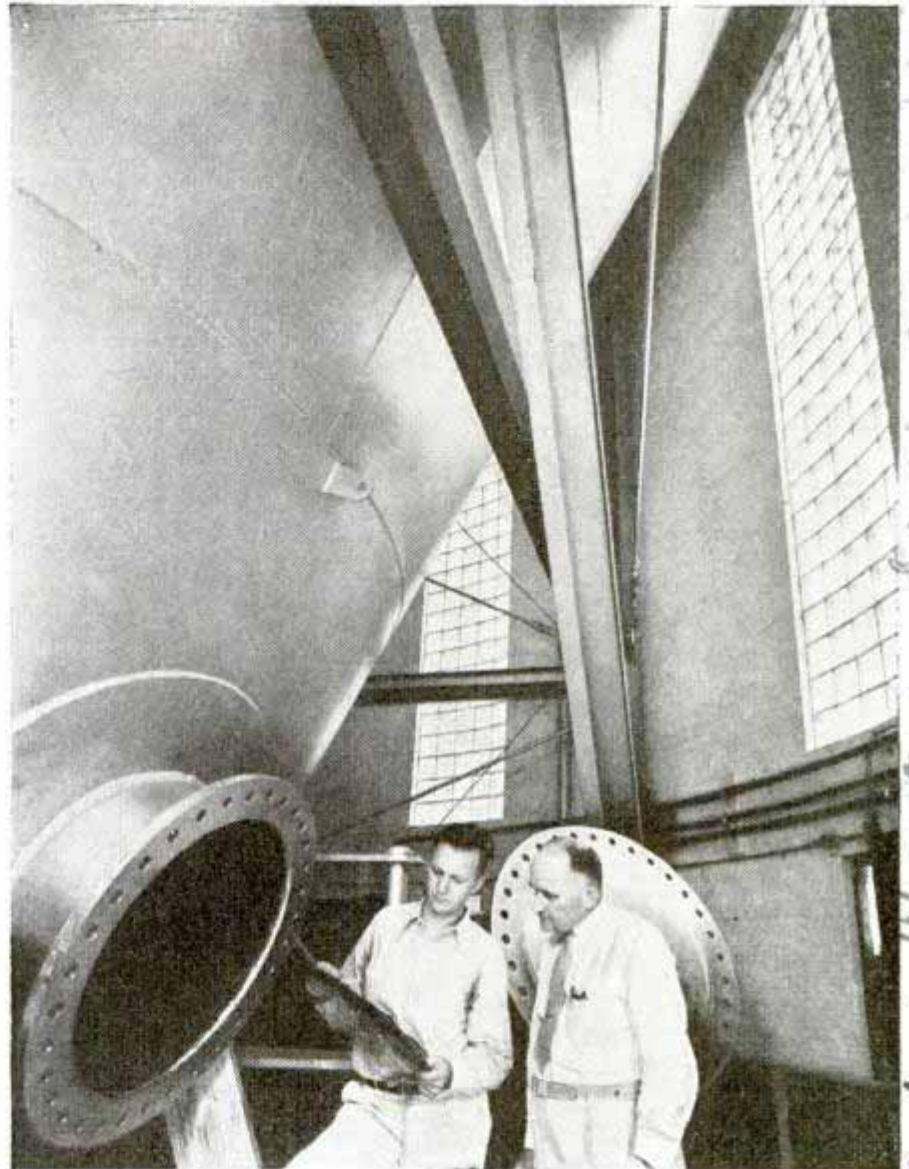
Testing valves of automobile engine for leakage with electric meter and compressed-air line

valves, no matter how slight, is instantly picked up by the meter. To tell when a piston is on compression stroke, the spark plug is removed and a whistling signal, supplied with the meter, is put in its place. The engine is turned over until the whistle sounds under pressure of air in the cylinder. At that point the piston is entering on the compression stroke.

Black and Decker Mfg. Co. Torrington, Conn.

Five Million Volts Bombard Secrets of Atom

Ready to crack wide open the mysteries of the atom is a 5,000,000-volt machine in the observatory of Carnegie Institution of Washington. The atom smasher itself is enclosed in a steel tank resembling an inverted pear, fifty-five feet high, the lower part of the tank surrounded by a brick structure. In earlier experiments with a 1,200,000-volt generator the Institution scientists were able to measure directly in grams or ounces the attractive force between component parts of atomic nuclei which results in two atomic particles joining, under high-voltage bombardment, to form an atom of a heavier element. The new equipment will permit experiments at potentials as high as five million volts.



Steel tank resembling inverted pear, surrounded by brick wall, encloses Carnegie Institution's atom smasher

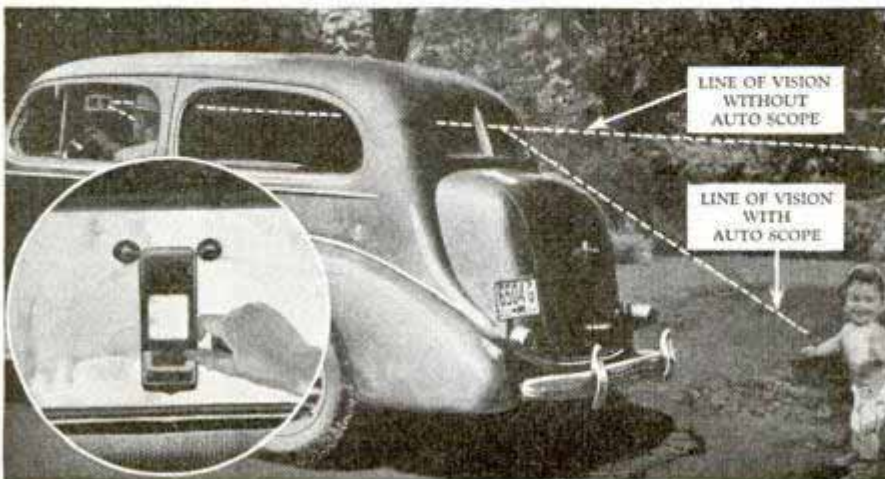
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Periscope on Rear Window Makes It Safer to Back Car

To lessen the accident hazard in backing an automobile, a "periscope" just devel-

oped gives the driver a close-up view of the immediate rear of the car. It is attached by suction cups to the inside of the rear window, and picks up a view of the ground just back of the car on a convex mirror which reflects it to a flat mirror and thence to the rear-view mirror mounted on the windshield. Thus a glance at the rear-view mirror would prevent the motorist from backing into a pedestrian or child or locking bumpers with another car.



Inset shows periscope attached to rear window by suction cups. Driver watching rear-view mirror can see ground in immediate rear of car

The Autoscope Mfg. Co. Delta, Ohio

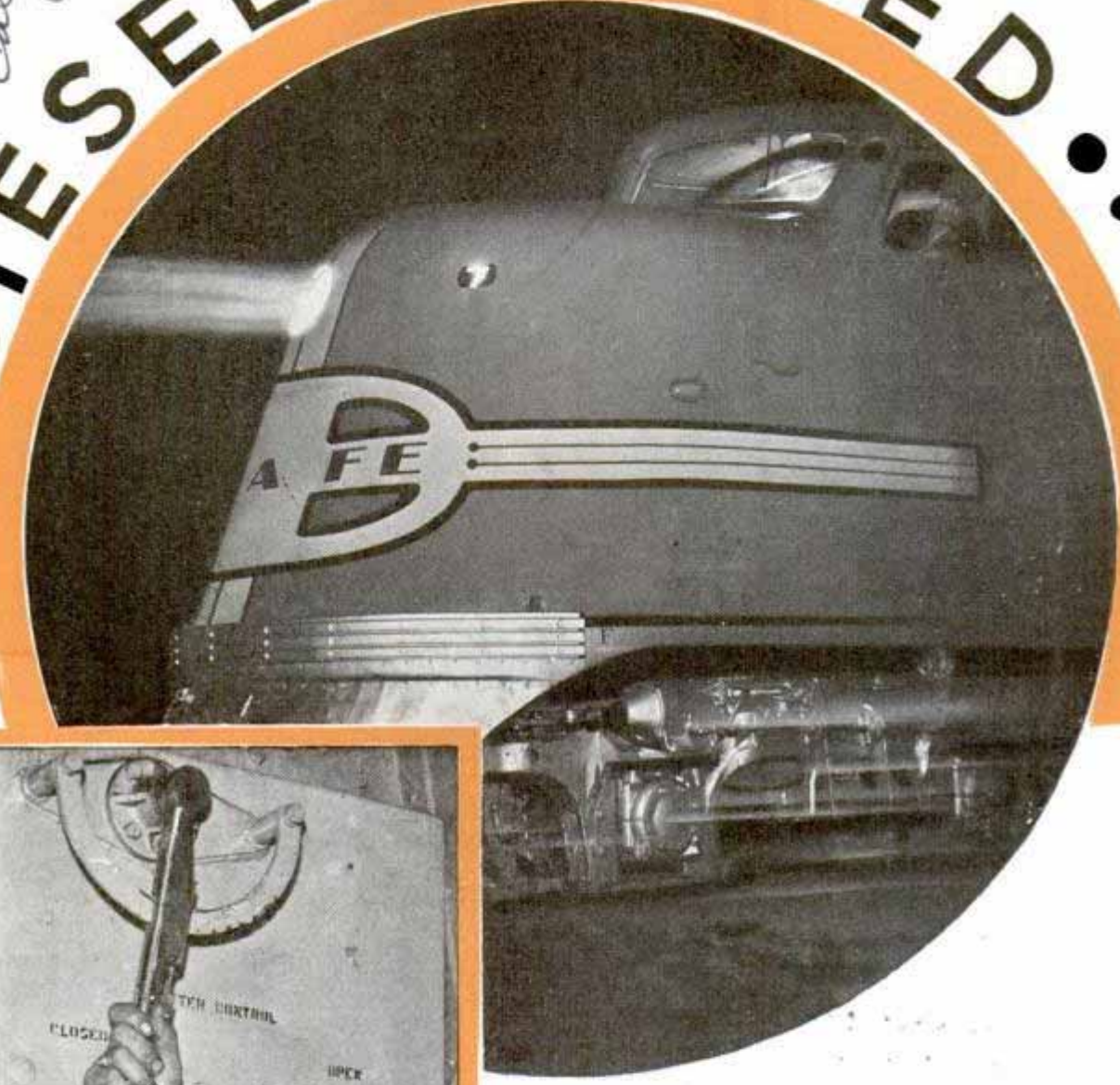
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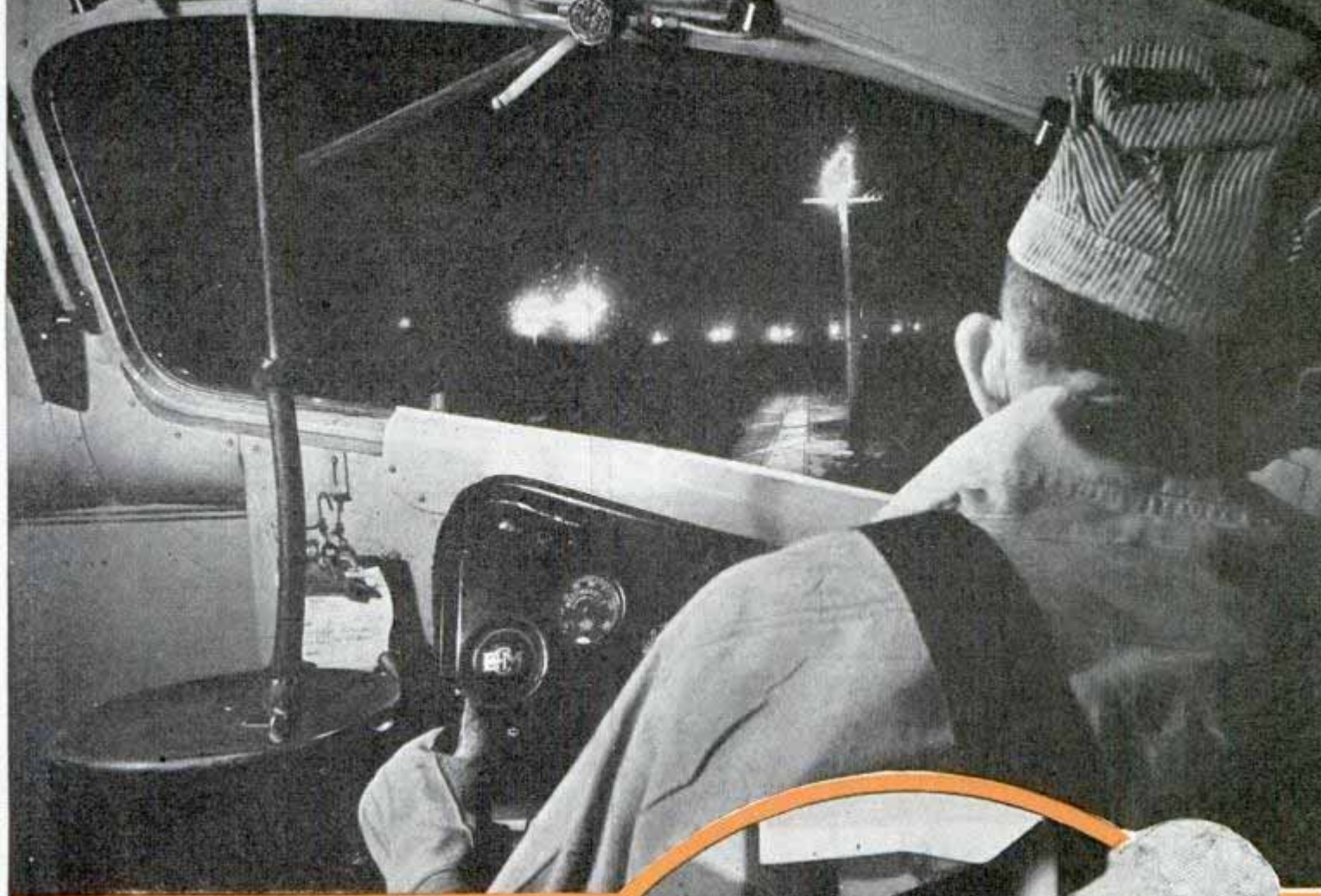


FOR a close-up look at modern high-speed railroading let's ride the cab of the "Super Chief" on part of its regular run between Los Angeles and Chicago.

It's two o'clock in the morning and the train is racing east across the California desert. In the bright light of the headlight beam the ties blur from the speed. The speedometer needle hovers steadily at just over 100 miles, yet Engineman Earl Gilbert sits relaxed at the controls.

The track ahead curves to the left and the engine swoops into the turn like a banked airplane. A steam locomotive fights a curve but the Diesel has horizontal shock absorbers that take up the pull of the rails. With its low center of gravity the streamliner can hit curves much faster.

Top, "Super Chief" races through night. Below, opening shutters that send air to Diesel radiators

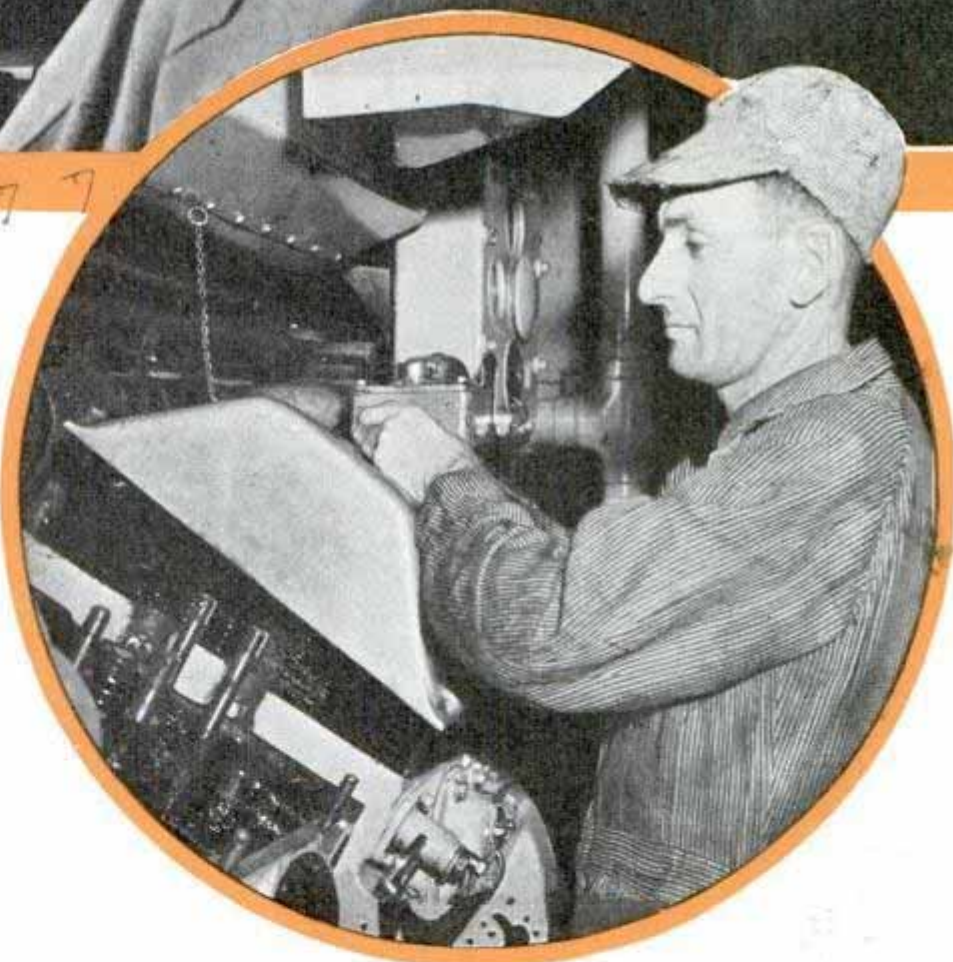


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Above, engineer throttles down as streamliner approaches town. Right, lifting aluminum valve covers from Diesel engine for overhaul

From the cab, full speed is merely a reading on the speedometer and a louder hum from the engines. Not until the engineman throttles down and the engine seems to crawl along at sixty miles per hour do you realize how much faster you had been going.

To an automobile driver full power means top speed, but from your seat in the cab you notice the train usually slows down when the engineman turns on more power. Paradoxically, speed picks up again when he reduces the throttle. That's because he anticipates every change of grade and speeds up the engines just as he hits a climb that may be too gradual for you to see. At the top he shuts off power and the engine coasts along; now it is going downhill and its speed increases.

There are a score or more of instruments within reach of the engineman's hands, but



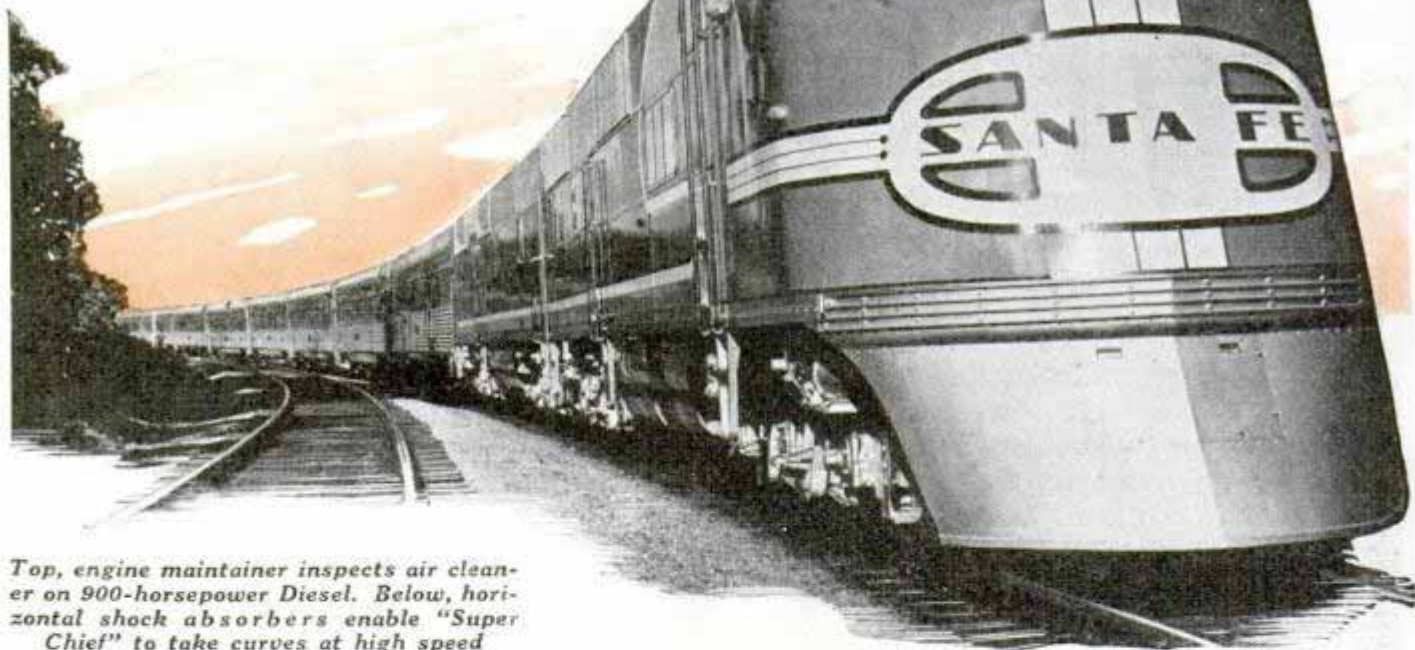
throttle and brakes are all he needs to run the train. The rest are safety devices. There is a cord to a second powerful air horn in case the standard horn fails. Colored lights wink in front of him when an engine heats up or other mechanical trouble occurs and an alarm gong rings as an additional warning. The wide windshield

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world. The grey-walled engine room resembles the interior of a submarine and the narrow passageways and hot oil-soaked atmosphere complete the illusion. As a matter of fact the heavy Diesels are identical, except for a few auxiliary fixtures, with those used in the navy's submersibles. You can hardly yell loud enough to make yourself heard above the roar of the power plants. Eighteen hundred horsepower is being manufactured under the gleaming valve covers and in a second power car behind us two additional twelve-cylinder engines are producing the same amount of power.

Engine speeds are held within narrow limits and have no relation to the speed of the train because the



Top, engine maintainer inspects air cleaner on 900-horsepower Diesel. Below, horizontal shock absorbers enable "Super Chief" to take curves at high speed

is of safety glass, has electric windshield wipers, metal sunshades, and is equipped with hot-air defrosters. Under foot is the "deadman's control" that automatically throttles down the engines and applies brakes if the engineman removes his foot from it.

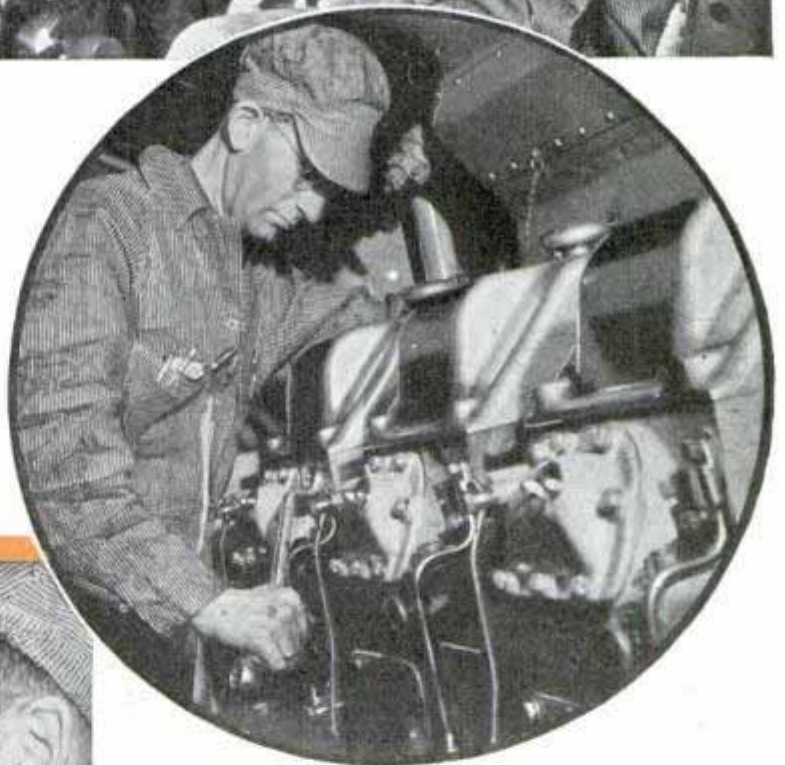
For a look at the power plant you move back through a soundproofed door and step down into a completely different

engines create more torque instead of more revolutions per minute when the engineman opens his control throttle. The throttle controls the speed of the traction motors on the wheels and these motors in turn demand more current from the dynamos when the throttle is opened. Relays operated by the dynamos then supply more fuel to the Diesels, allowing them to pull better against the heavier load, thus main-

taining dynamo speeds to keep the wheel motors pulling.

Usually the engine maintainer who keeps watch over the power plants has little to do except watch his instruments and make routine adjustments. He can repair almost any minor failure. Electrical shorts, a broken fuel line, sticking valves, and repairs to the steam boilers that furnish heat for the air-conditioning system of the train are easily attended to. Even such a major breakdown as a burned-out connecting rod rarely delays the train because the maintainer can cut the engine out, remove the faulty assembly, block off the cylinder ports, and put the engine back to work again.

The "Super Chief" is the pride of the Santa Fe system and is one of the world's fastest long-distance trains. Each trip is a race against time. It has to be, to get you



Top, engineer with hand on brake lever in sound-proofed cab. Center, making minor adjustments on one bank of twelve-cylinder Diesel. Bottom, checking engine conditions by exhaust temperatures

three-quarters of the way across the continent in a little more than a day and a half. Twelve relays of enginemen handle the controls and each is an expert at gaining part of a second on a curve, picking up additional seconds in fast acceleration when the board gives him a clear track, and in saving whole minutes at a time in the wide-open stretches. With Diesel equipment the engineman can get his train started and up to top speed in one-third the time and space that he can with steam. He can hold high speed right up to the beginning of a curve and be running wide

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Motorboat Like an Auto Attains 35-Mile Speeds

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Two views of police patrol boat show how closely it resembles an auto

Closely resembling an automobile, a new type of motorboat was tested recently for use as a police patrol on the Thames. Powered with a nine-horsepower motor, the craft is capable of a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. In addition to looking like an auto without wheels, the craft provides motorcar comfort and protection from the weather for its occupants.

dioxide from the air and delivering it to the chlorophyll, green coloring matter of the plant. While making very delicate measurements of the carbon dioxide used by wheat seedlings, Dr. McAlister found the plants continued to breathe the gas even a short time after plunged into darkness, which was contrary to beliefs of scientists hitherto. He concluded that an intermediate chemical was playing a part, but because of its fleeting existence he doubts whether the chemical will ever be isolated. Chlorophyll enables the plant to absorb the sun's energy to manufacture from water and carbon dioxide the various hydrocarbons—cellulose, starch, etc.—used by men and animals for food and fuel and manufacturing.

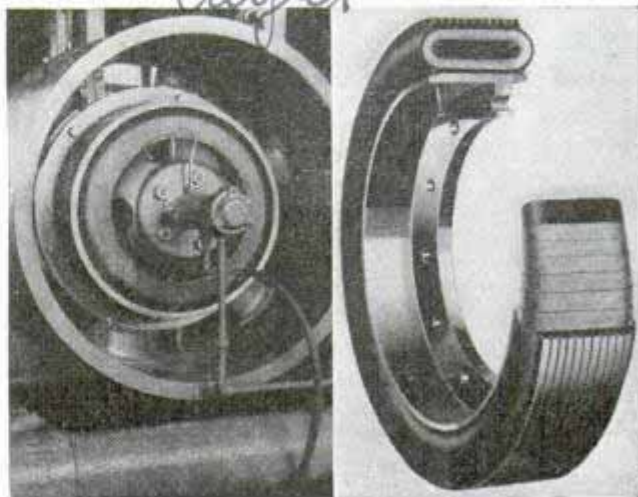
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Self-Adjusting Rubber Clutch for Industry

Constructed with a multi-vented surface that is said to cling to steel more tightly than do con-

Mystery Chemical Holds Secret of How Plants Breathe

Discovery that it is some mysterious chemical that allows green plants to breathe carbon dioxide was made recently by Dr. E. D. McAlister, of the Smithsonian Institution. This chemical acts as a go-between, capturing a molecule of carbon



Rubber clutch (right) developed by General engineers is shown on industrial machine (left)

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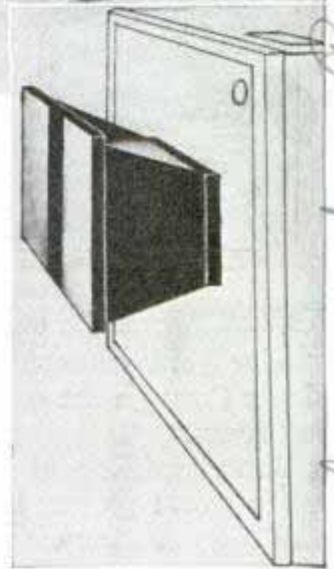
General Electric

ventional linings, a mechanical rubber clutch has been introduced. In many industrial installations where the conventional clutch was replaced by the rubber clutch several months ago, tests indicate that the rubber clutch will last longer, as it adjusts itself to the conditions under which it must operate and suffers little wear from misalignment. The new clutch is light weight and simple, having only three or four parts, compared to seventy-five to 100 pieces in the clutches in common use. The rubber clutch is self-adjusting. It provides uniform pressure on the entire surface, because of the flexibility in application of its pressure. Given special treatment to prevent disintegration by oil fumes, the rubber clutches have been operated successfully for several months in marine engines and oil-well rigs.

Trick "Eye" on Box Camera Takes Five Shots on One Film

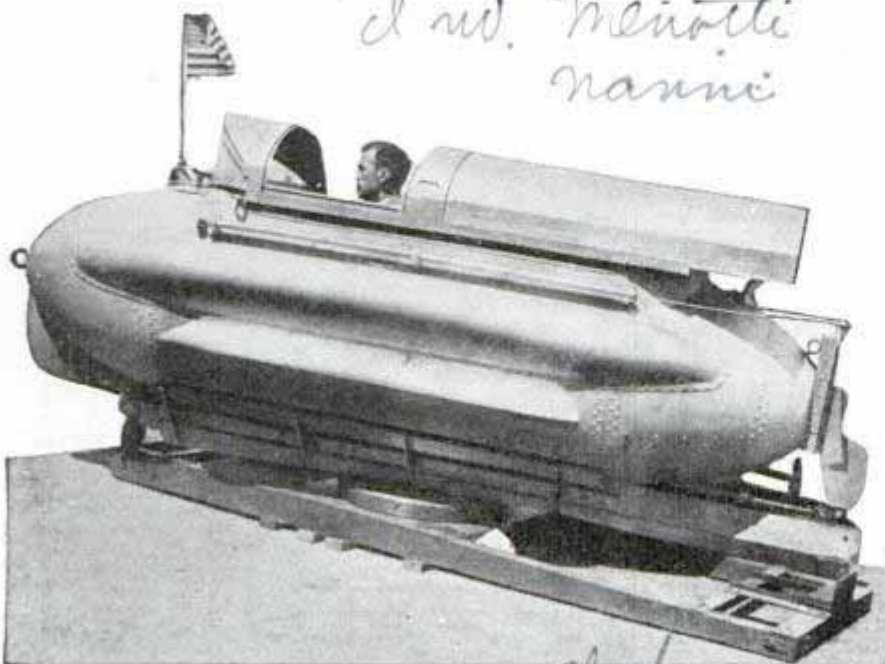


Trick pictures in which the same person appears five times can be made with a "magic" attachment. This consists of a set of slides which fit over a pyramidal cone placed in front of the lens. If a "quintuplet" shot is desired, the slides are moved so one-fifth of the negative is exposed while the shutter is snapped five times. The finder is marked in five sections and the subject is posed carefully in each section.



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Self-Launching Safety Lifeboat Cannot Capsize or Sink



Unsinkable lifeboat with enclosed cockpit, easily launched from deck

More nearly resembling a one-man submarine or racing automobile than the conventional lifeboat, a safety lifeboat demonstrated recently is designed so any inexperienced person could launch it from the deck of a ship in distress. The "cockpit" has a sliding hood. Unsinkable and noncapsizing, the new lifeboat can be built to accommodate any number of persons.

Ⓢ Synthetic gasoline made in Japan costs three times the market price of imported gasoline.

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Automobile headlights furnished the illumination for that theatrical rainy-night scene at left. The dog is a toy. A short time exposure produced the desired effect. Sunbeams slanting through window, at bottom, spotlight toys on the floor; indoor pictures like this require enough exposure to bring out shadow detail

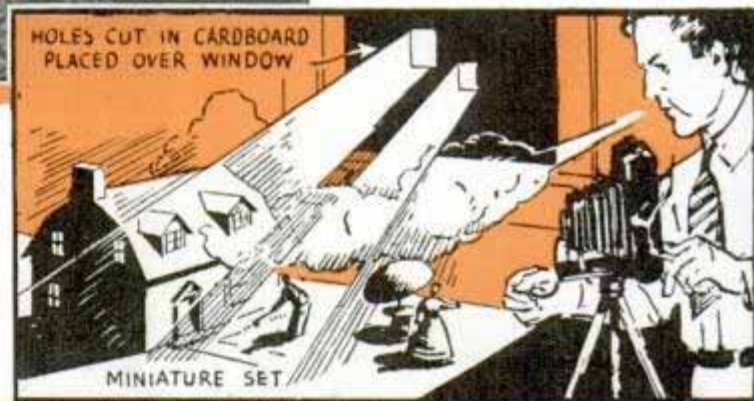
PICK yourself a sunbeam. Set the stage for your camera in the spotlight that slants through the dancing dust of the living room.

The simplest and homeliest of subjects make great pictures if the light is right, and the amateur cameraman need not array a vast battery of artificial lights and reflectors to capture a prize. Just shoot the sun.

You can trap sunbeams in any sort of camera. All you need is the right film and the right exposure time. Sunbeams are merely light falling on tiny particles of dust or mist or smoke in the air, and when that light escapes through a small window or a break in the clouds, forming a narrow, slanting shaft, it's time for the cameraman to go to work. The darker the surroundings, the more brilliant is the sunbeam by contrast.

So hunt your picture in dark rooms and in deep woods; in railroad stations and roundhouses, in factories and narrow alleys where smoke and steam and dust cooperate with you.

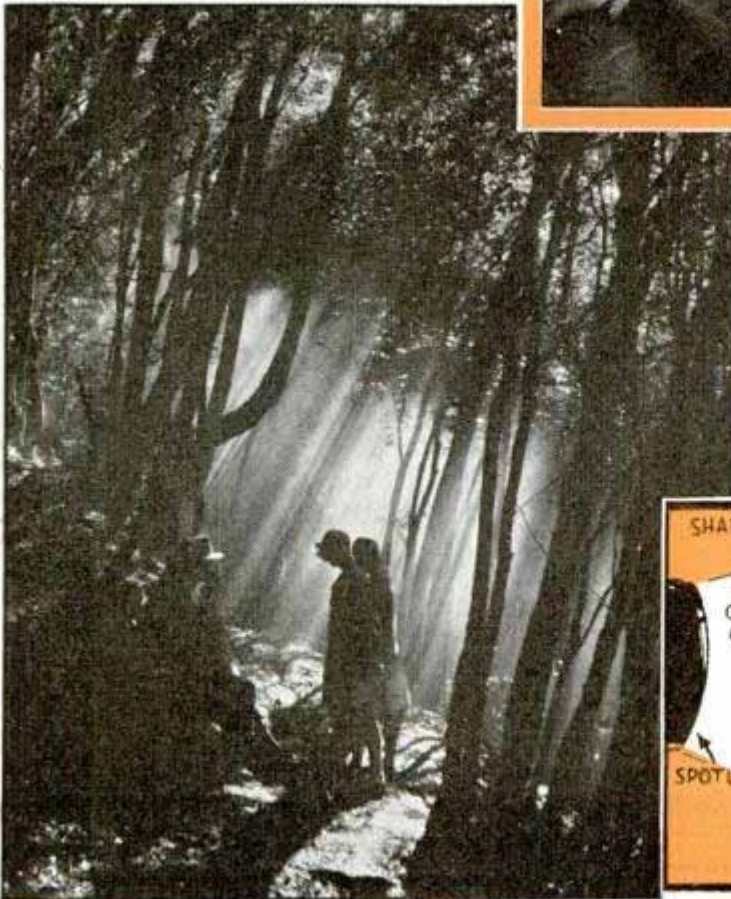
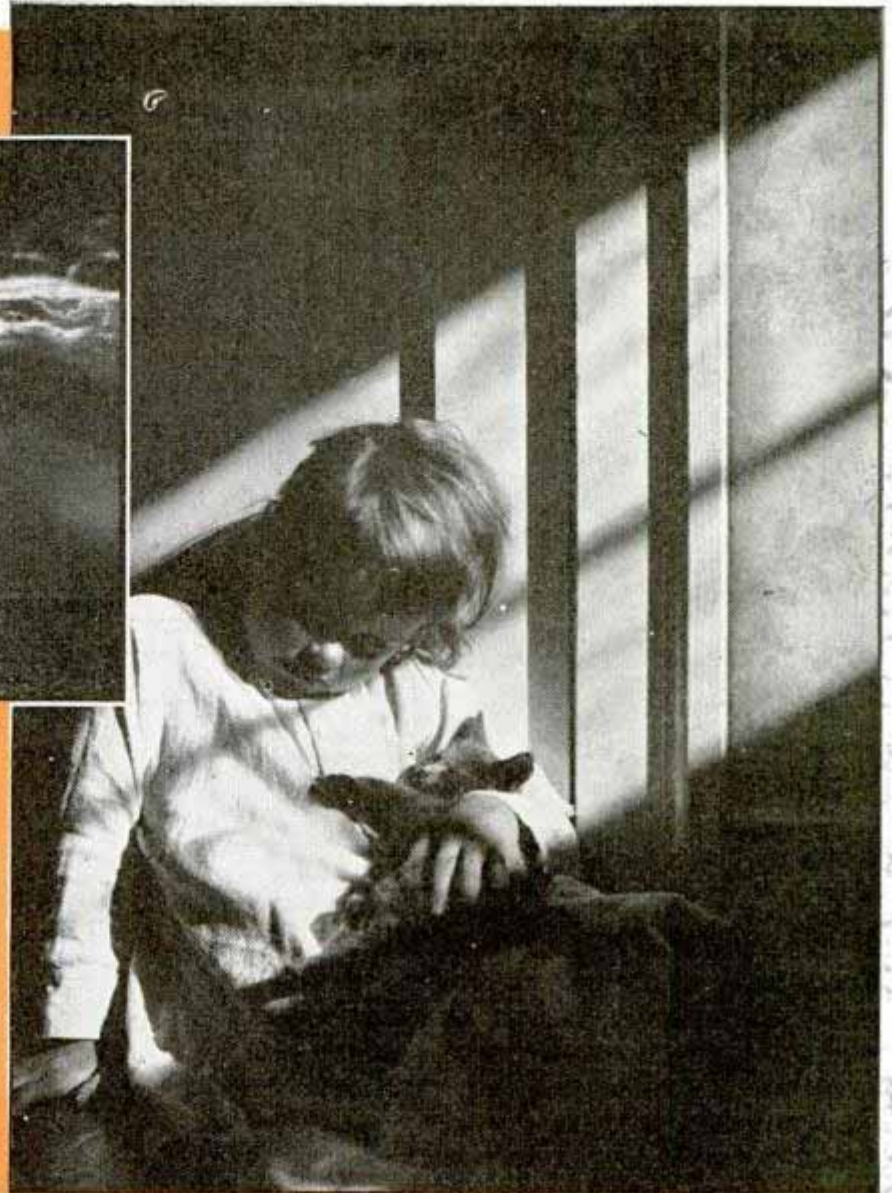
Oftentimes, sunbeam pictures at home are intensified by suffusing the beam with tobacco smoke. This stratagem can be utilized in making table-top pictures. Make your own miniature artificial sun-



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Sunburst, above, called for minimum exposure and a yellow filter to deepen blue sky tone. Proper control in developing and printing can make it appear a moonlight scene. Right, sunlight and shadow on wall make pleasing setting for child picture. Below, short exposure keeps trees dark and emphasizes sunbeams filtering down



beams by shining light through a small aperture in a sheet of cardboard, and blow a puff of smoke just before you snap the shutter.

When your sunbeam scene has high contrast, as in a dark interior or deep woods, give a reasonably full exposure—not too long—but enough to record some shadow

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Dr. William Reimbloom,
1392 36th
New York

Sight Restored to Semiblind by Five-Lens Magnifiers



Fitting the cone-like magnifier spectacles on a patient. The lenses have extremely high power

People partly blinded by eye-nerve disease are able to see clearly with the aid of the teloptic-magnifier, a new type of spectacle lens. With a magnification of 300 per cent for distance vision, the glasses already have returned children from blind institutions to the public schools. Made up of a combination of from three to five lenses for each eye, the magnifier looks like a glass cone, but it is light enough to be fitted into an ordinary eyeglass frame. It is estimated that fifteen per cent of the 200,000 persons now classed as blind in the United States can be aided by the magnifier.

Emery Wheel on Hand Sharpener Gives a Keen Edge



Long blades like those used in paper cutters, scythes and tin-smiths' knives can be given a keen edge and a uniform bevel with a hand-operated sharpener equipped with an

emery wheel. As the tool is drawn along the blade, the grinder rotates automatically to speed the sharpening action. Being adjustable, the unit will fit most blades, and two handles provide a firm grip.

Home Plate Dusted by Air Blast to Relieve Baseball Umpire

Baseball umpires will be relieved of the duty of sweeping off the home plate periodically during a game if an automatic duster, operated by compressed air, is put into general use. At a ball park in Wichita, Kan., the idea is being tried out. A small cylinder installed in the plate is raised by an air pressure of 150 pounds, and air forced out through holes in the cylinder blows off the dust, leaving the home plate clean and visible. When pressure is released the cylinder drops back out of sight.



Compressed-air cylinder installed in home plate blows dust away and then sinks out of sight in the base

Introduced by American Academy of Optometry, held at 100 A. S. Co. St. N. Y.

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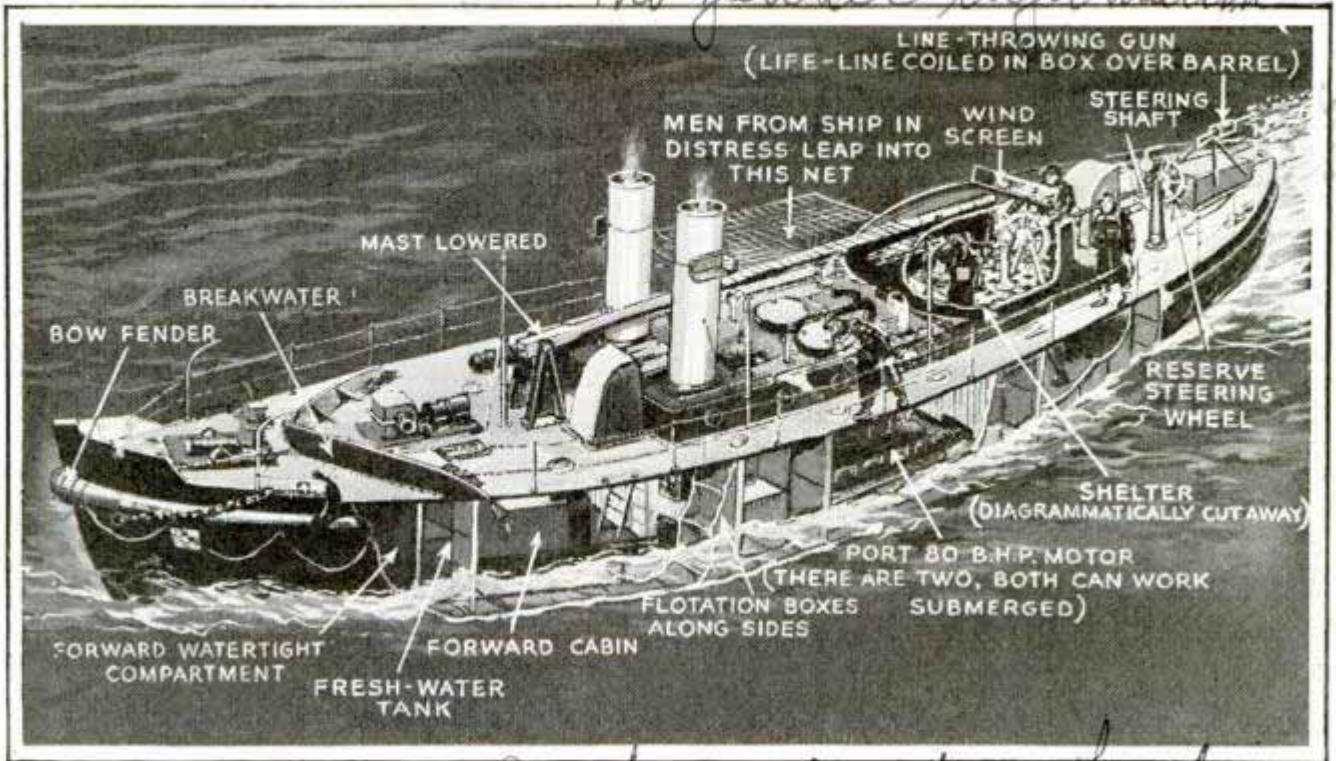
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Lifesaving Craft Empties Itself of Water

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Diagrammatic sketch of latest British lifesaving craft shows such features as watertight compartments, life net, line-throwing gun and mast which can be raised or lowered when necessary

modern wonder, London

Powered by two eighty-horsepower engines arranged so they continue to operate even when the compartment becomes partly filled with water, a British lifesaving boat has a self-emptying system. The floor of the boat, which is above the water line, has a number of large holes, at the upper end of which are fitted valves that allow the

water to drain out, but not to enter. The boat is manned by a crew of eight. Its lifesaving equipment includes a net, stretched above deck, into which persons may leap from distressed ships. There is also a line-throwing gun and a mast that can be raised or lowered. Air chambers in the sixty-one foot craft give it more buoyancy.

Wooden Hay Rake on Farmer's Sedan Gathers the Crop

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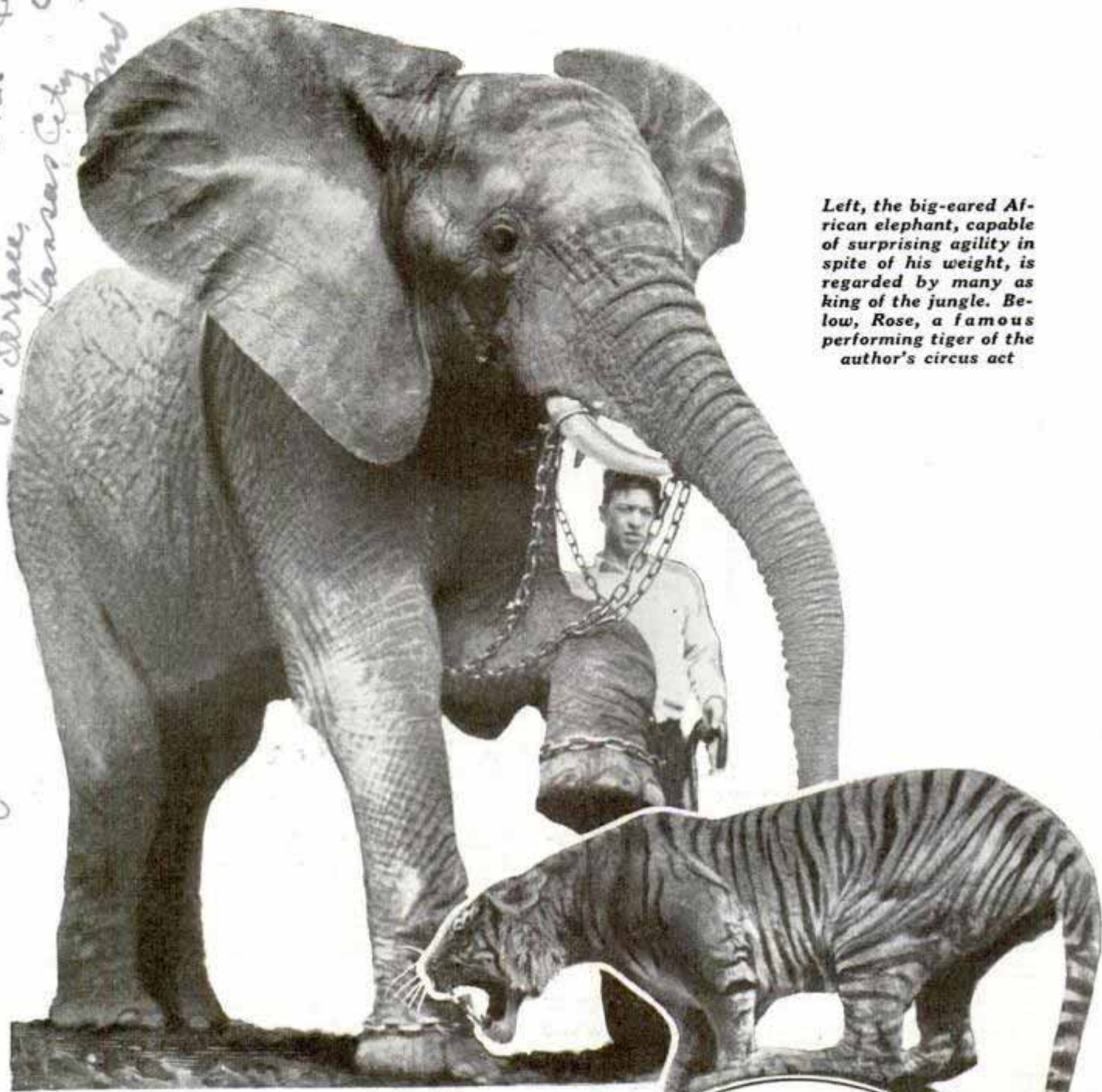
When it's threshing time in Kentucky, a farmer near Franklin puts the "cowcatcher" rake on the front bumper of his automobile and gathers his crop in comfort. The improvised wooden rake slides easily along, holding as much as a wagon-load as the farmer drives up and down the windrows. A quick shift into reverse dumps the load.



Kentucky farmer gathers hay on wooden "cowcatcher" rake and dumps it by backing the car quickly. It is attached to the front bumper

Paul's Photo

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New York, Kansas City, Mo 64111



Left, the big-eared African elephant, capable of surprising agility in spite of his weight, is regarded by many as king of the jungle. Below, Rose, a famous performing tiger of the author's circus act

Which IS *the* KING of BEASTS ?

By Clyde Beatty

NATURAL history books call the lion King of Beasts—but is he? Or does the title rightfully belong to the tiger, the elephant, the African buffalo, the gorilla, or some other jungle terror?

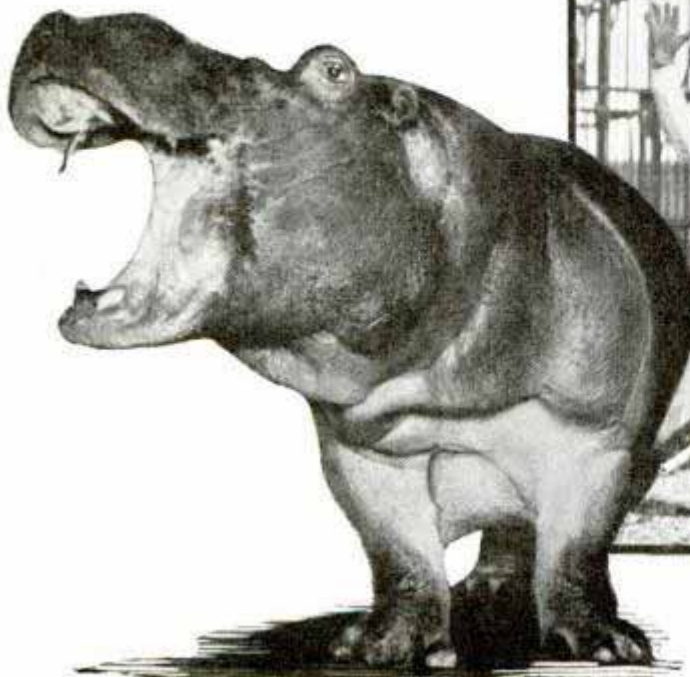
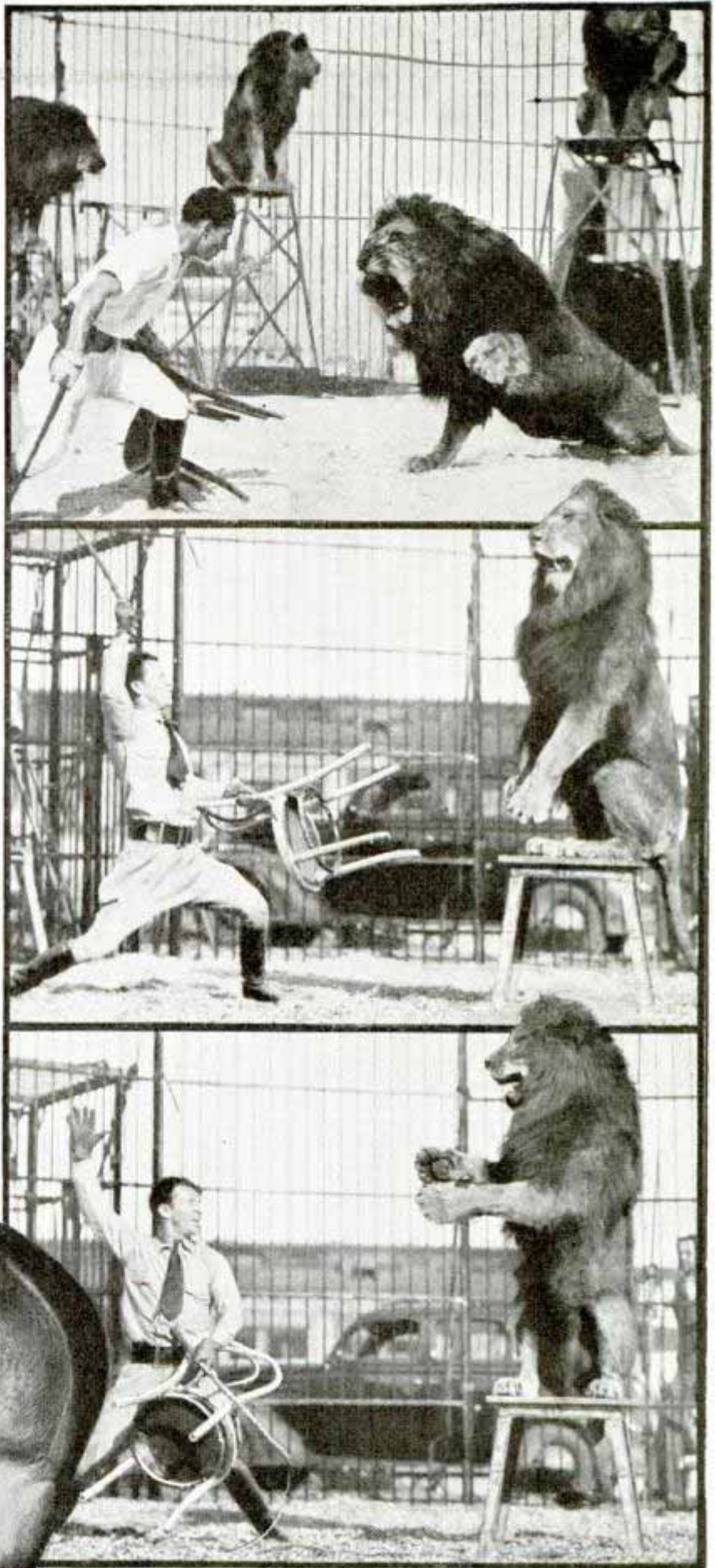
In my attempt to answer the question I'm going to draw on my own experience, covering sixteen years in the big cage, and the ideas gathered from other animal men, zoologists, and authorities who have stalked the jungle with rifle and camera.

A logical starting point is the question that's been asked me ever since I first set foot in the steel arena: Can a tiger lick a lion? No, in nine cases out of ten, I think a full-grown lion could whip a full-grown tiger. Study the fighting equipment of the two and you'll be inclined to agree.

A tiger is razzle-dazzle, hopping in with teeth and all four feet. He'll bite and lash at an opponent with blue-flame fury, but unless he happens to strike a vulnerable spot, no great damage is likely to be done. His handicap in weight is offset by his speed, but once checkmated, he's apt to assume a defensive style.

Not so with the lion who fights like a dog with only his front paws and teeth. He carries the fight to his opponent, centering the attack on the tiger's throat while his heavy mane protects his own throat. And with his extra weight in the forequarters, he can "take it" better than a tiger.

When it comes to a brawl, lions are no gentlemen.



Left, the hippo can throw his 8,000 pounds around with amazing speed when he's aroused. Above, top to bottom, the author putting a lion through a performance. The photo at top shows the lion apparently in a state of rebellion

Menelick



Above, the gorilla whose fighting ability is not as great as his ugly appearance would indicate. Right, Beatty believes a lion can conquer a tiger under most conditions. Below, the author putting Mene-lick through his famous praying act



They have no compunctions about gang-
ing up on an enemy and I have seen as
many as six or seven doing battle with a
single tiger. If a striped cat, on the other
hand, gets himself involved in a squabble,

the others rarely, if ever, raise a paw
in his behalf.

Since I first began mixing the two
species, twenty-five tigers have been
killed in the circus arena wars but
there hasn't been a single lion casual-
ty. However, only two victims were
Siberian tigers, the others Bengals.
The tiger toll might not be so great
had Siberians, which are bigger, and,
I think, stronger, figured in all fights.

In my opinion, the big-eared Afri-
can elephant is the lord of the jungle.
For all his bulk—a museum in Cape
Town has a specimen measuring twelve
feet two inches, which weighs
between seven and eight tons—the
pachyderm has the odd gift of being

light on his feet. A dog cannot lie
down and regain his feet with less
trouble than an elephant. He can
stand on his back feet, on his front
ones—and on his head.

Being unpredictable, the African
elephant has been virtually exiled
from circuses but a joust an escaped
tiger had with one a few years ago is
worthy of mention. No sooner had
the tiger gained his freedom than he
espied the elephant. There is a mutual
hate between the two so the tiger made
a flying leap for the other's trunk.
The elephant shook the cat off only to
have the latter circle around and bite
him in the hind leg. Finally, with a
terrific kick, the tiger was sent sprawling.
While picking himself up he saw a baby
camel standing beside its mother and he
lost interest in the elephant. Without de-
lay, he killed both camels.

Barney, a dwarf elephant, scored several victories over lions when matched with them in the feature attraction of a Mexican circus.

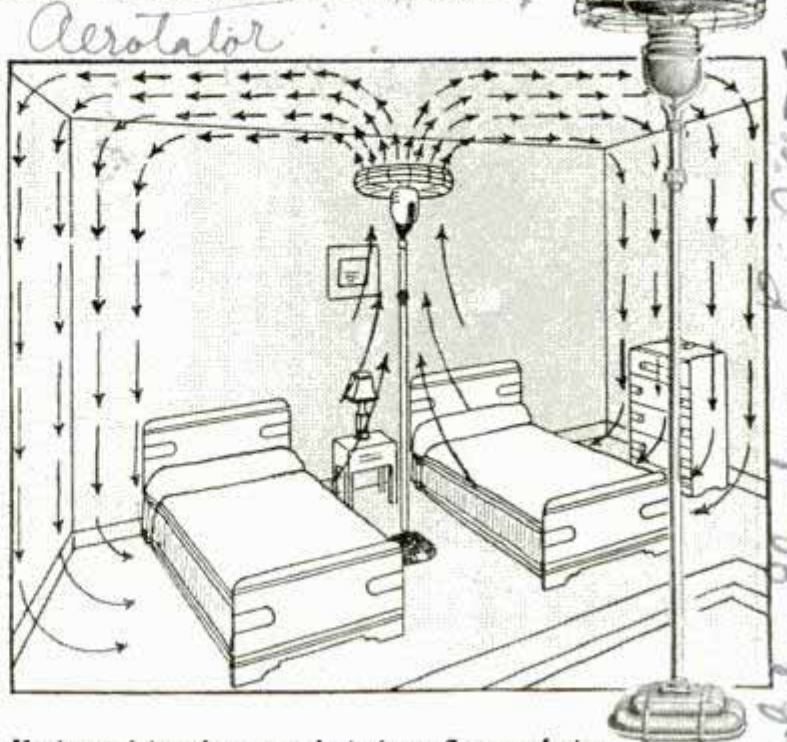
In ranking jungle fighters, the African buffalo should not be overlooked. A cruel temperament, a set of wicked horns, a concrete forehead, and four sharp hoofs comprise his tools of torture. Big game hunters have told me how a lion, after lying in ambush until a buffalo comes to his watering hole, will catch him unawares by jumping him from behind. Buffalos discourage this practice by shaking the cats from their backs and killing them with their horns.

With his double-horned snout, the rhinoceros has dealt out plenty of misery to the jungle trouble-makers, but his faulty eyesight keeps him out of the championship class. A gorilla has plenty of heft in the chest and arms and a high degree of intelligence—great assets for any scrapper—but the late Martin Johnson, who spent considerable time in Africa studying their habits, was of the opinion, that as a fighter, the gorilla was greatly over-rated.

The hippopotamus is a better battler than his sloppy, good na-

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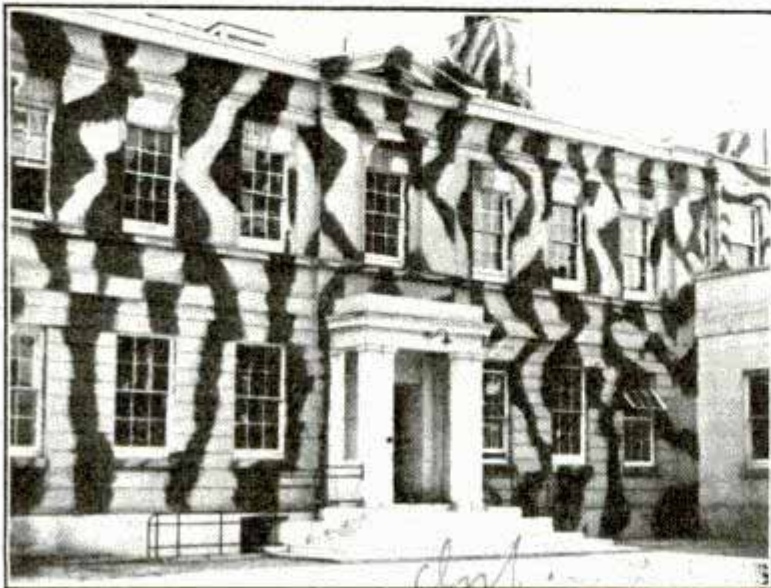
Ceiling Fan Blows Air Upward for Good Circulation



Horizontal fan draws cool air from floor and circulates it through room without perceptible draft

Air circulation without uncomfortable drafts is provided by a horizontal fan that drives the air toward the ceiling. A pedestal fan or ceiling fixture accomplishes the same object, creating a gentle and uniform airflow upward to the ceiling, outward to the walls and then down to the floor. The moving air is cooling in the summer, and in winter it helps eliminate cold floors and keeps the ceiling heat circulating through the room.

Hospital Hides from Raiding Planes under Camouflage



English hospital camouflaged to evade eyes of enemy planes

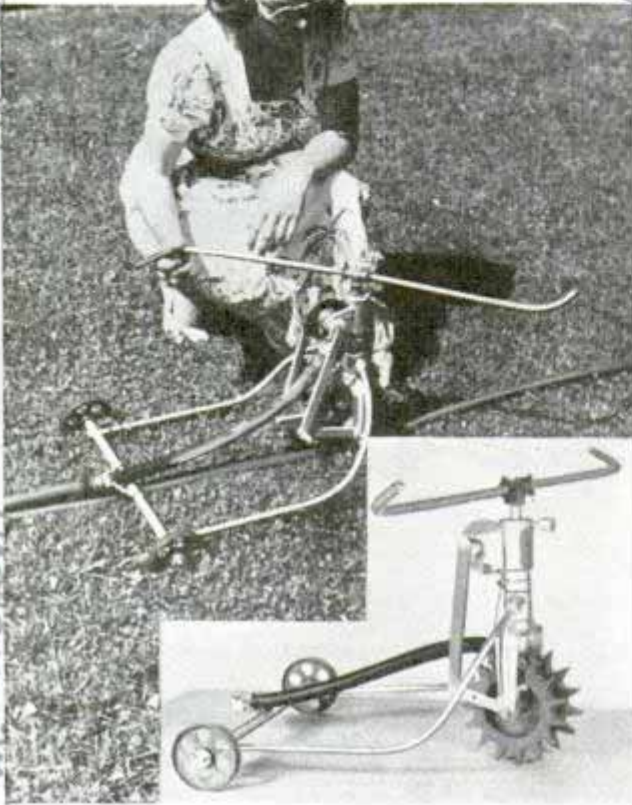
Formerly a conspicuous landmark and an excellent target for enemy bombing planes, a hospital at Barnet, England, has been repainted in wavy stripes of buff and green to blend with the surrounding countryside, making the building almost invisible from the air. This is part of England's defense preparations in the event of war.

Names and addresses of manufacturers and dealers in articles described in this magazine will be furnished by our Bureau of Information upon request accompanied by stamped envelope.

Day's... Electric Co. 2650 W. Congress - Chicago

Sprinkler 'Walks' on Lawn Using Hose as Track

\$29.50 \$49.50 \$69.50



Lawn sprinkler travels about using hose as track. Note spiked wheel, in inset, that grips ground

Literally walking by itself, a sprinkler mounted on spiked wheels moves over any course outlined by the garden hose. You simply lay out the hose, place the sprinkler properly, turn on the water, and let it run until the route is covered. The machine will crawl around trees and shrubs, and pull fifty to 100 feet of hose behind it. A pair of spiked wheels in front form a groove to slide over the hose and serve as a guide. Rotation of the sprinkler is so geared with the walking wheel that the speed of advancement may be varied.

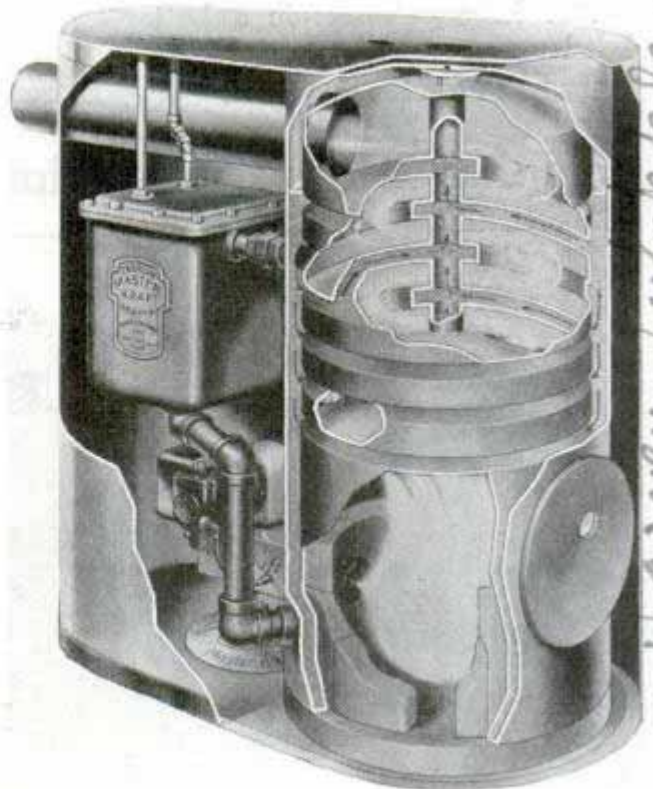
Cure for "Rail Cancer" Found in Slower Cooling of Steel

Science has found a cure for "rail cancer," those hidden fissures in steel that have caused many a broken rail and consequent train wreck in the past. The problem had baffled railroad men for years. In 1937 there were 18,000 bad rails replaced on American lines. Deep in the rail, never

noticeable on the surface, could be found tiny "shatter cracks" that under certain conditions would spread until the rail was nearly severed. In a test laboratory at the University of Illinois a loaded car was run millions of times over rails until it was discovered that only loads of 40,000 pounds or more, frequently repeated, would cause rail "cancer." However, this was a greater load than encountered in actual traffic, and further tests showed that the 40,000-pound blow could be struck if the wheel was off balance or flat, or the track was not uniform. Then a Canadian metallurgist found that by slowing down the cooling rate of steel rail, cancer could be prevented. Rails cooled in the new way were tested at the university and not one developed a fissure under laboratory pounding. The increase in manufacturing cost is only two per cent.

Boiler Built Like a Percolator Generates Steam Quickly

Steam has been generated in less than ten minutes from a cold start by a "percolator" boiler just put on the market. Oil-fired, it works like a coffee percolator; a hollow central tube runs from bottom to top of the boiler. As the hot combustion gases weave back and forth on their way



Cutaway drawing shows how water rises in central tube as it heats, bursting into steam as it hits top

Automotive Sprinkler Co. "Rorch Platte" Frank W. Owen

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to the chimney they heat several thin layers of water in "crowned" sections, and as the water heats it rises, enters the central tube and shoots upward. Emerging from the top of the tube the water strikes a baffle like the glass dome of the percolator; this forces the water out sideways and it turns almost instantly into steam as it encounters the surrounding dry, hot steel surface.

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**Swinging Wrench Handle
 Loosens Tightest Bolts**

Tight bolts difficult to remove without injuring them, can be loosened with a wrench that delivers a sharp blow without the

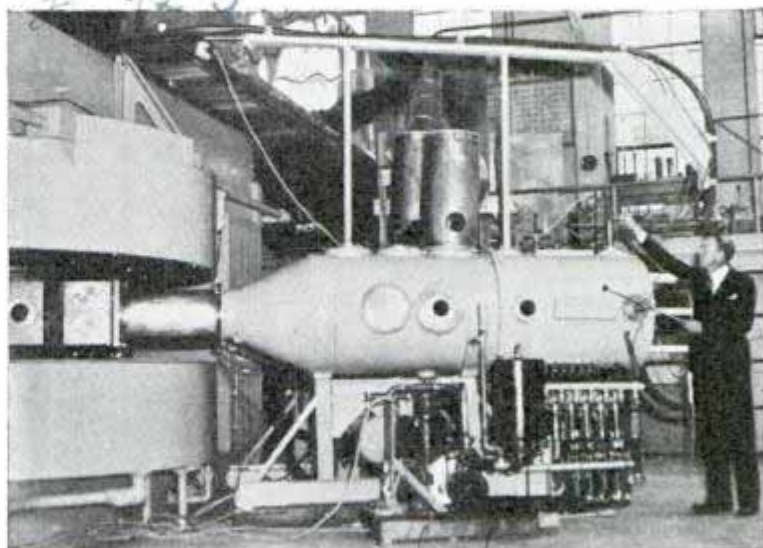


Dotted line shows how handle of wrench is swung to deliver blow to stubborn nut

use of a hammer. In operation the center of the wrench shaft locks over the nut, and a pounding action is obtained by swinging the handle half way until it strikes raised lugs, thus carrying the force of the impact through the tool. Weighing about seventeen pounds, it is claimed the wrench makes it possible to unscrew even the tight bolts on dual wheels.

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 Inc. 2948 Pleasant

Director, Radiation Laboratory
**Atom Smashers Aim Big Gun
 with a Ten-Million-Volt Beam**



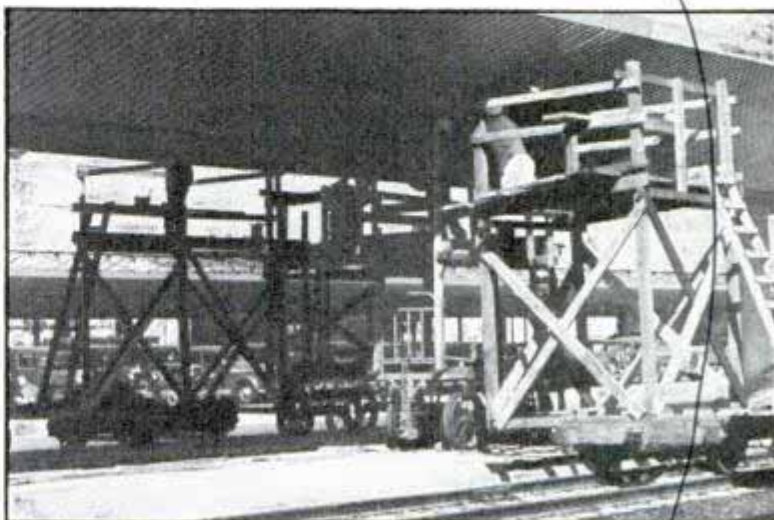
Alchemist's dream come true is this powerful cyclotron whose 10,000,000-volt beam can change one metal into another

Scientists are bringing bigger and bigger guns into play in their efforts to break down the atom and transmute old metals into new. At the University of California a 225-ton cyclotron is near completion, and in preliminary tests a 10,000,000-volt beam of deuterons—"atomic bullets"—has been developed.

2718 Berkeley

**Scaffolds Are Mounted on Flat Cars
 to Aid in Painting Train Sheds**

To speed up the work of painting the train sheds at the new Union Passenger Terminal in Los Angeles, the station superintendent rigged scaffolds which he mounted on flat cars running on adjoining railroad tracks. This saved moving the scaffolding, paint and equipment by hand.



Scaffolds riding on flat cars move along tracks, saving time and extra labor of handling material as work progresses

d.w. J. & Hodgson

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WINNING *the* WAR *on*



Congestion such as that in street at left can be eliminated by education, enforcement and engineering. Above, ten-foot sign has letters and arrows clearly read by day or night

In other words, we must go on saving lives and, in building America back to normal prosperity, we will actually expose more lives to the danger of highway accidents.

In 1935 the accident rate was approximately eighteen per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles. In 1936 it was reduced to sixteen and four-tenths, in 1937 it was fifteen and eight-tenths and in 1938 it reached the remarkable low level of twelve per 100,000,000 miles. There were 8,000 fewer fatalities last year and, assuming a proportionate reduction in injuries and property damage, a saving of approximately 200,000 injuries and \$250,000,000 in cash loss.

This work was accomplished by a careful and well-administered program of Education, Enforcement and Engineering, the now famous three E's of safety. Engineering concerns the work of providing better mechanics for automobiles and better me-

By Paul G. Hoffman

President The Automotive Safety Foundation

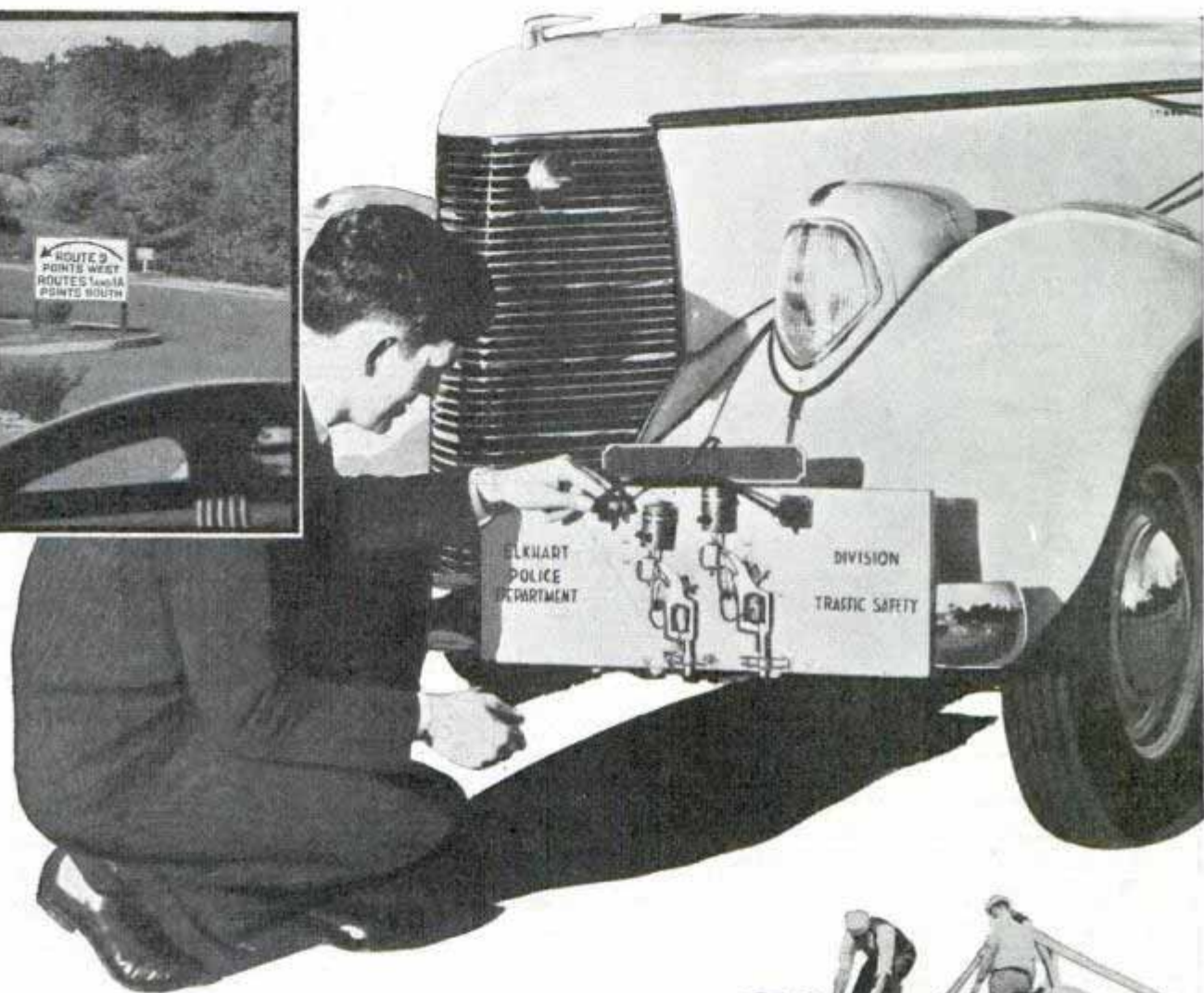
366 Madison Ave

WHILE vast strides have been made toward reducing the rate of highway accidents, this lowered rate must be even further reduced, while more people ride more miles each year. Here is a paradox challenging the automotive industry today.

*The Swabaker Corp
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New York City

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



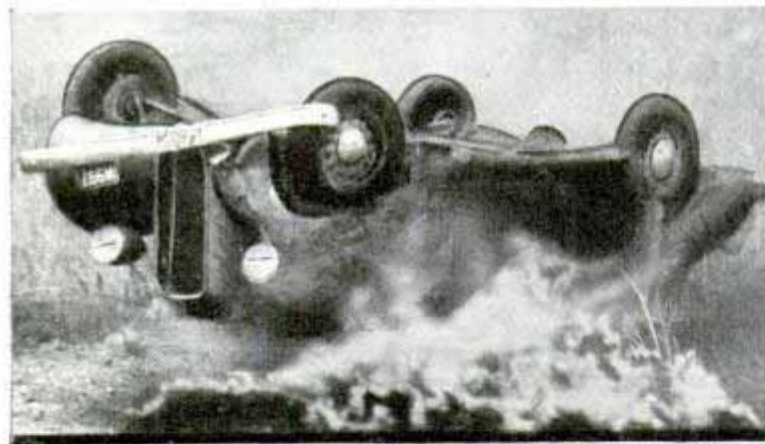
chanics for the roads on which these automobiles operate.

Many learned American minds are deep in the work of improving our highway system. From the national capitol to the most obscure prairie county, highway directors are devising broader, safer, more useful roads and streets and these roads are being built as swiftly as money and machinery will allow. It will take scores of years to achieve the perfect national highway system, but it's on the way.

In 1908 there were registered in the United States approximately 140,000 motor vehicles. During that year they accounted for approxi-



Top, left, eight-foot sign seen from 100 feet; right, to test brakes, one revolver fires when brakes are applied, the other when car stops. Bottom, 24,000 pounds of sandbags were piled on before steel roof gave way

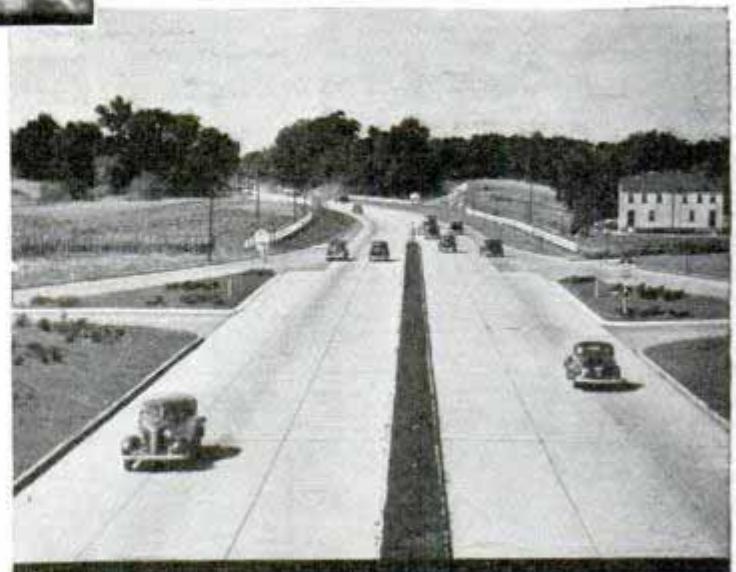


mately 700,000,000 adventurous miles. Thirty years later, registrations of motor vehicles mounted to almost 30,000,000. These cars piled up the unbelievable total of more than 250,000,000,000 miles last year—ten times the combined travel of all other forms of transport, making automotive transportation America's biggest business, a business that is still growing. Best informed forecasters predict 500,000,000,000 miles of annual travel by 1960. Before that volume is attainable, highway builders have much work to do in expanding our highway system to make travel both more facile and safer.

One of the most noteworthy contributions to highway safety has been made by the men who build our automobiles—the

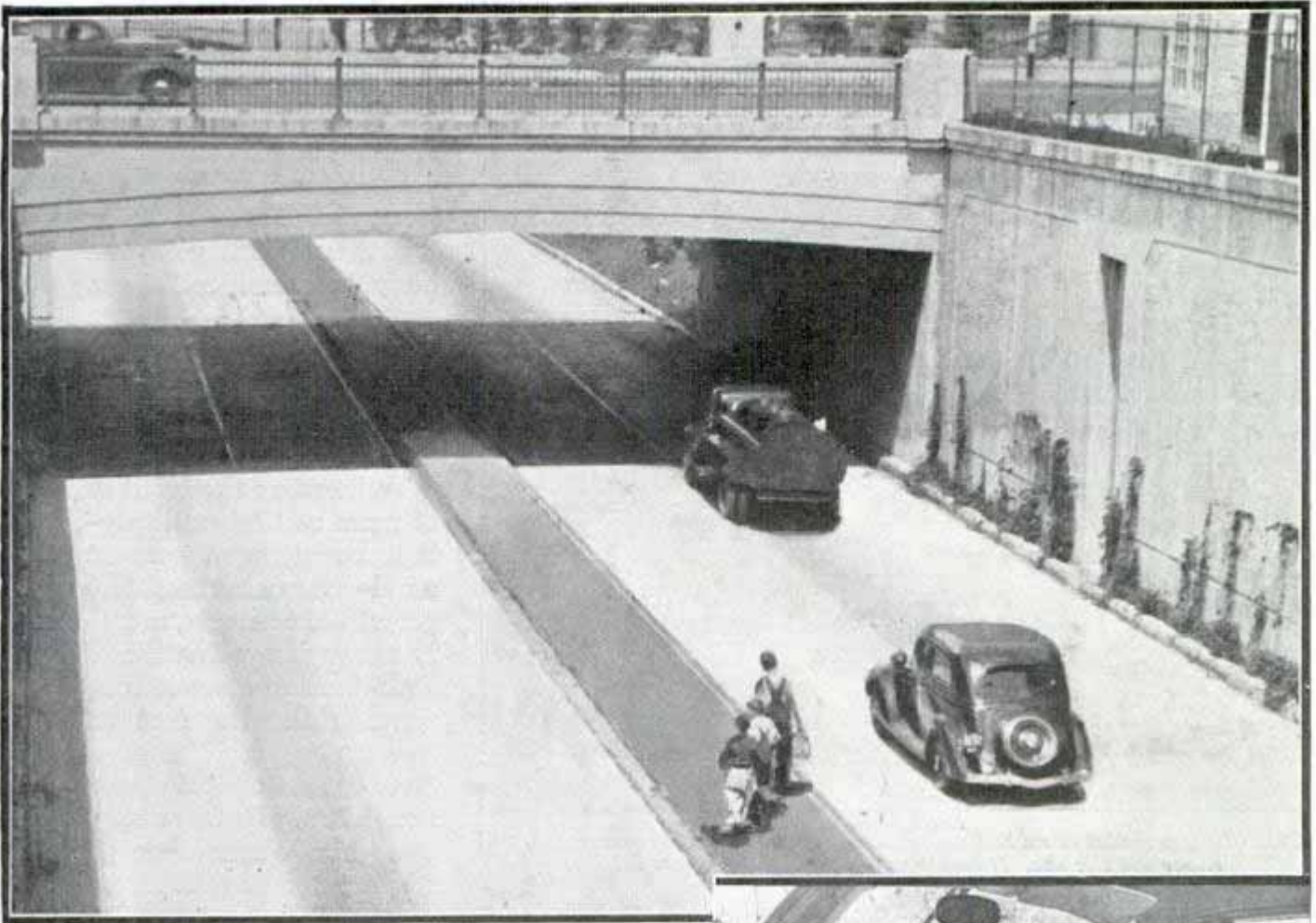
safest, strongest, most useful motor cars in the world. From the very beginning the pioneer builders and designers of motor vehicles have had the importance of safety drilled into them by grim necessity. The first vehicles built were dangerous. Mechanical failures were frequent. Fire and explosion hazard had to be reckoned with. Steering was poor. Performance consisted in merely getting the vehicle to go somehow, but to go. The passengers had little comfort or protection from the weather. A journey of 100 miles was an adventure, hazardous, fatiguing, but having all the thrills of a voyage of discovery. Today, so perfect is the control of alloy steel manufacture, so high the quality of the steel and accurate the treatment, that failures due to defective material are a minute percentage of the few mechanical failures that occur.

Perhaps in no one item has more progress been made toward safe motor cars than in body design and construction. Those who remember the motor car of, say, 1904, recall an open car with the passengers perched on top, back to back, or in a tonneau with a rear door. The windshield, when



To show punishment modern cars can take, those at left were dumped from cliff and rolled over three times, driving off under own power. Below, dividing lane prevents crossings at dangerous intersection

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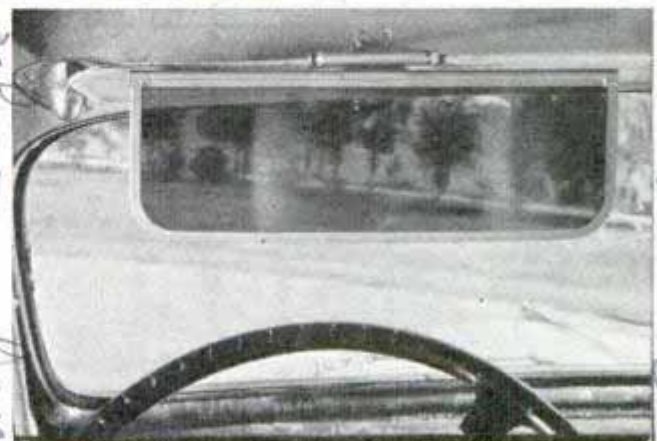


there was one, was flimsily attached to the dash, the wooden structure glued and screwed together. The sedan body, perched high in the air, unstable and with no inherent structural strength, broke open like a strawberry box in a crash. Heavy hinge and door pillars, as well as thick windshield pillars, resulted in bad visibility and blind spots.

Today, the all-steel automobile is to safe highway travel what the steel Pullman is to safety in railway travel. Its ability to resist impact, to bend, or yield without breaking up is a real safeguard. Steel permits narrower door posts and hinge pillars, as well as windshield pillars, and hence gives better vision. Ventilation has been improved and the body sealed against gas fumes. Central heating and air conditioning are available.

If we could obtain a car of the vintage of 1904 or even 1915 and compare its steering with that of today, I believe most of us would allege that someone had purposely "rigged" the older model. The columns whipped about, the steering gears them-

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Top photo illustrates two features of up-to-date "safety mechanics"—elevated crossover and dividing strip. Below, dual controls for teaching beginners and transparent sunshade to eliminate glare

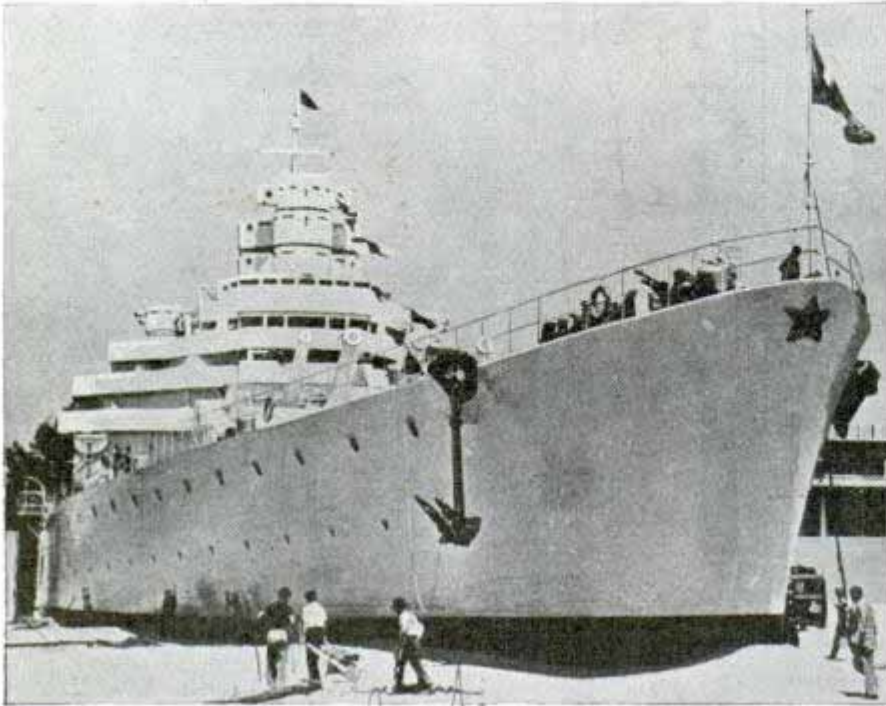
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Dummy of Modern Warship Is Erected for Naval Festival



This life-size model of an Italian battleship, complete with armament, will never see the sea. It forms part of an inland naval festival

When the navy comes inland to conduct its festival, the most colorful feature of her array—the fleet—must be left behind. In order to add a realistic touch to such an event at a military camp in Italy, a full-size dummy battleship which never will wet her nose in the sea was built. On dry land the model serves its purpose as a faithful replica of a modern Italian warship, even to the armament.

Bumpers Along Sides of Auto Reduce Accident Damage

To protect the sides of his new car from scratches and dents caused by sideswiping



Auto completely encircled by bumpers is guarded from sideswipes as well as clashes at front and rear

other vehicles and scraping against high curbs, one owner mounted a bumper all around the running boards and fenders. Extending from the front to the rear bumper, it prevents damage to the body in minor collisions.

Electric Fertilizer Boosts Supply of Nitrates

To increase the fertility of farm soil by multiplying the nitrogen content and stimulating the growth of bacteria, merely through application of high-tension electric current, is the hope of an inventor who has constructed an experimental machine. Laboratory tests with water having a slight trace of nitrate re-

sulted in an increase of 800 per cent. The machine consists of a storage battery, an electric generator and a transformer mounted on a small garden tractor. The generator produces an alternating current



Electric fertilizer boosts content of nitrate in soil by passing high voltage between two electrodes

of 110 volts which is stepped up to 15,000 volts by the transformer and conducted into the soil through a pair of metal-core insulators, where it is passed between two electrodes. Cultivator blades cut parallel furrows for the electrodes.

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Ridgely, Md.

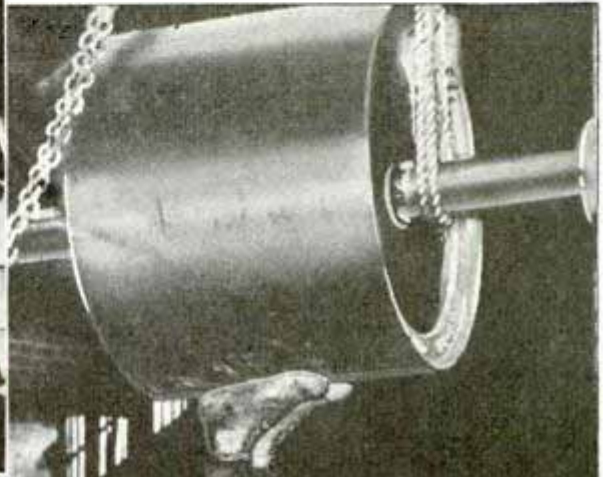
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MODERN PRECIOUS METALS



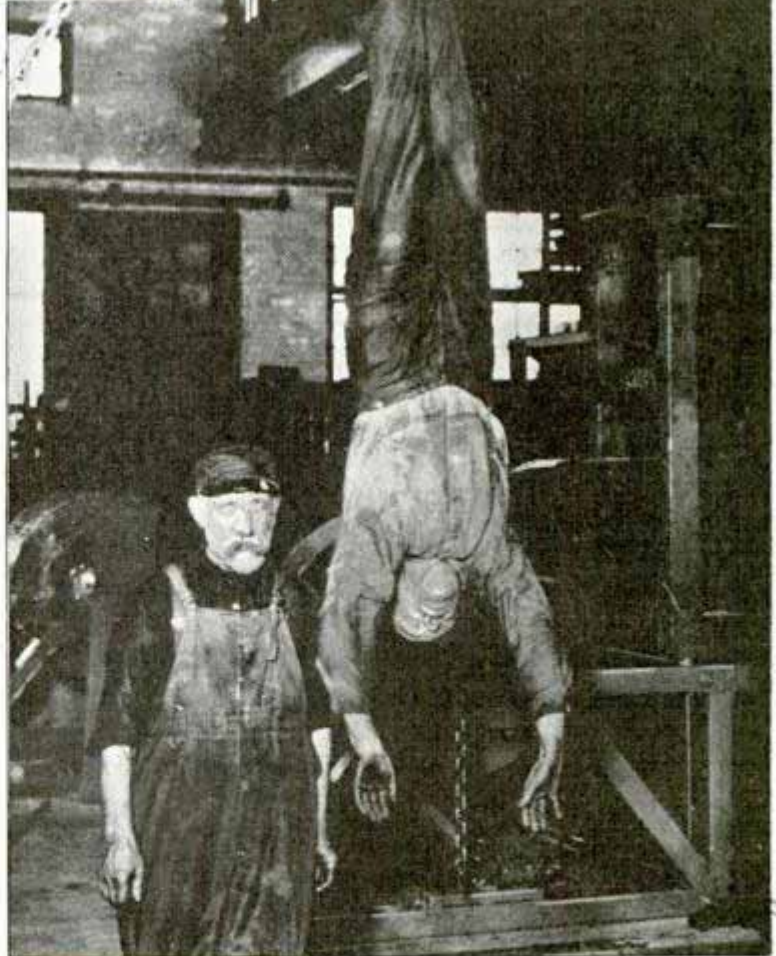
By Dr. P. G. Worcester
Head of the Department of Geology
University of Colorado

Boulder, Colo

FOR many years, gold, silver and platinum have been regarded as the precious metals, but the picture is changing.

Gold, which commands a mint price of thirty-five dollars an ounce, is being buried in Kentucky as fast as it is mined in this country. The United States has in its vaults more than \$14,000,000,000 in idle gold. It can, therefore, hardly be called a precious metal.

Silver on the date this was written was a drug on the market at forty-four cents an ounce. The price of newly mined silver has been set, quite artificially, at sixty-six and one-half cents an ounce. Platinum, which sold a few years ago for seventy-five dollars an ounce, is down to thirty-five dollars, and is in little demand. A few essential industries require a little, but of the 200,000 ounces consumed each year by the United States, the largest user, more than



Courtesy International Nickel Co.

Testing a metal sample in a bending machine, top; tiny cracks in metal appear as large canyons under microscope. Below, nickel steel pulley used in ore separator. Attraction of magnetized pulley is enough to suspend man by hobnails of shoes

Strong magnetic

Smith D. Milwaukee, Wis



The Beryllium Corp., Reading Pa.

A watch made of the two alloys was once dropped 3,000 feet from an airplane. When found, it was still running; only the crystal had been broken.

Springs made of phosphor bronze break from fatigue after being flexed 300,000 times in a testing machine. Stainless-steel springs can stand 2,000,000 flexes. The engineers finally stopped the machine when a beryllium nickel spring had been flexed 15,000,000,000 times. It was still good.

Airplanes and engines, other means of transport, machine tools, electrical equipment and dozens of other fields will feel the effects of the feathery light metal. In the form of an alloy of about three parts of beryllium to one of aluminum, its resistance to wear and unusually high melting point are putting it into experimental airplane engine pistons. Not only are tremendous amounts of weight saved—and every pound saved is worth forty dollars to the owner of the plane—but it gives better

half goes into jewelry. In contrast with these metals, there are many others without which modern industrial development could not have been attained. Among them are aluminum, beryllium, chromium, nickel, molybdenum, tungsten and vanadium. These, and a few more, are really our precious metals.

service and enables more power to be taken out of the engine.

Only a decade and a half ago beryllium's price was way over \$100 a pound. At one time it cost \$5,000 a pound—ample reason

Beryllium, third of the trio of light metals given to the world by science in the last fifty years—the other two being aluminum and magnesium—is one-third lighter than aluminum. In alloyed form, it has properties so remarkable as to make experienced metallurgists gasp.

Two per cent of beryllium and ninety-eight per cent of nickel form an alloy three times as strong as stainless steel. Mixed in the same proportions with copper, beryllium produces an alloy nearly twice as strong as stainless steel.

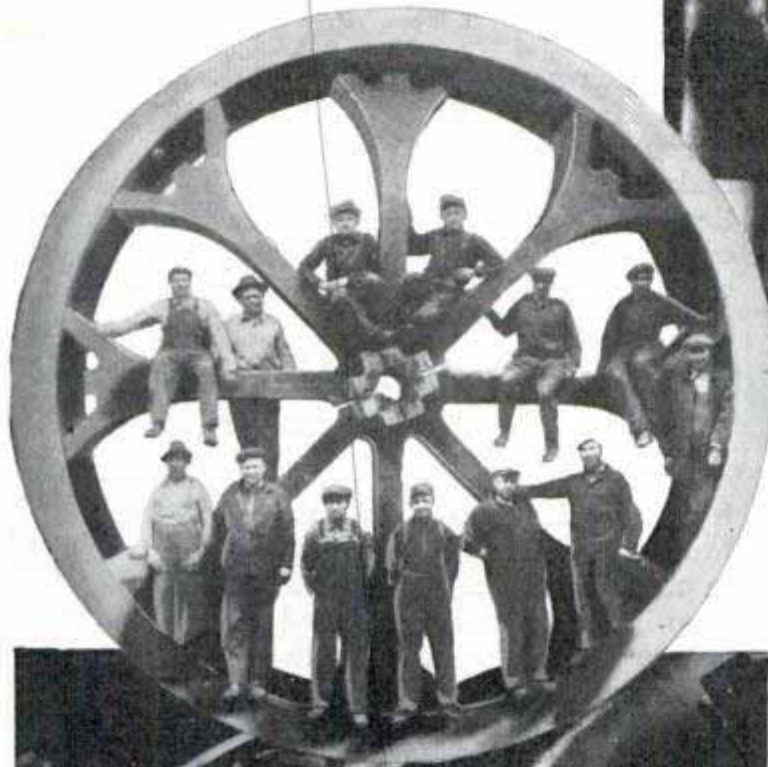
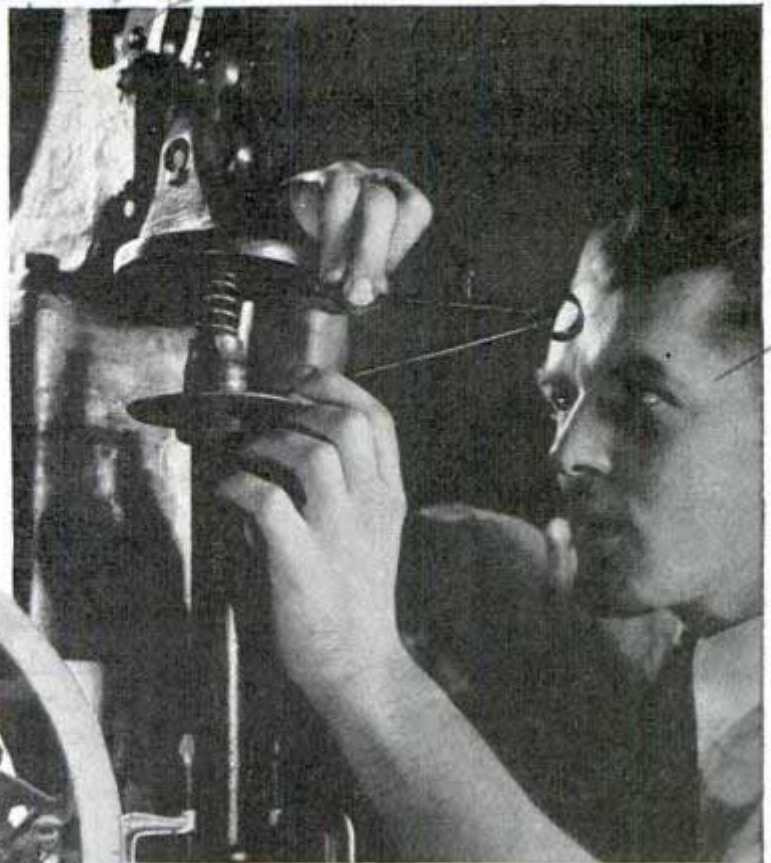
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Photoelectric cell keeps electric furnace, top, within ten points of 1,000 degrees while Westinghouse engineers measure "creep" of metals. Below, aluminum tractor in Florida swamp

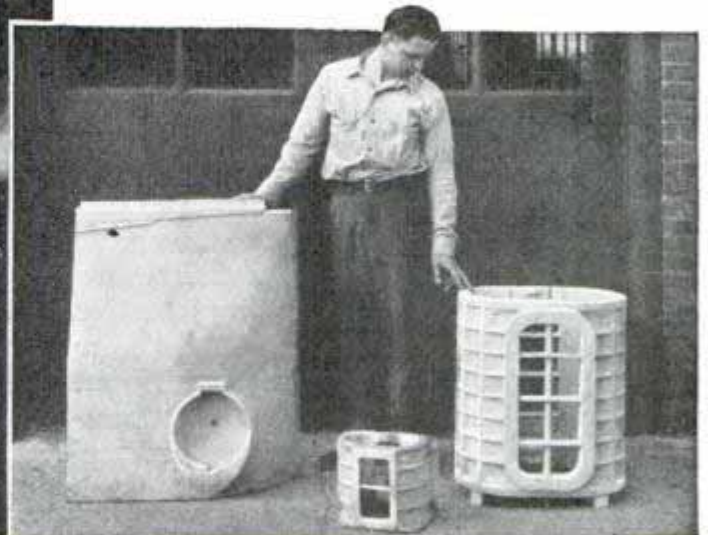
draw: Elmer Graebing

why industry has neglected it all but a few of the hundred years it has been known. There is no large supply of beryllium known anywhere. It occurs chiefly as crystals in pegmatite dikes associated with quartz, orthoclase feldspar and mica. One crystal found recently in Colorado was four feet in diameter, twelve feet long and weighed eight tons. Usually it is blue or green, and when clear is in demand for costume jewelry.



Chromium is another precious metal, and most of its uses are relatively new. About 1,000,000 tons of ore containing forty-five per cent chromium were produced in the world in 1937. About fifty per cent of the chromium mined goes into metallurgy. Forty per cent is used in refractories, chiefly heat-resisting brick for open-hearth steel furnaces, and the other ten per cent is used for plating, dyes, pigments, etc. Chromium

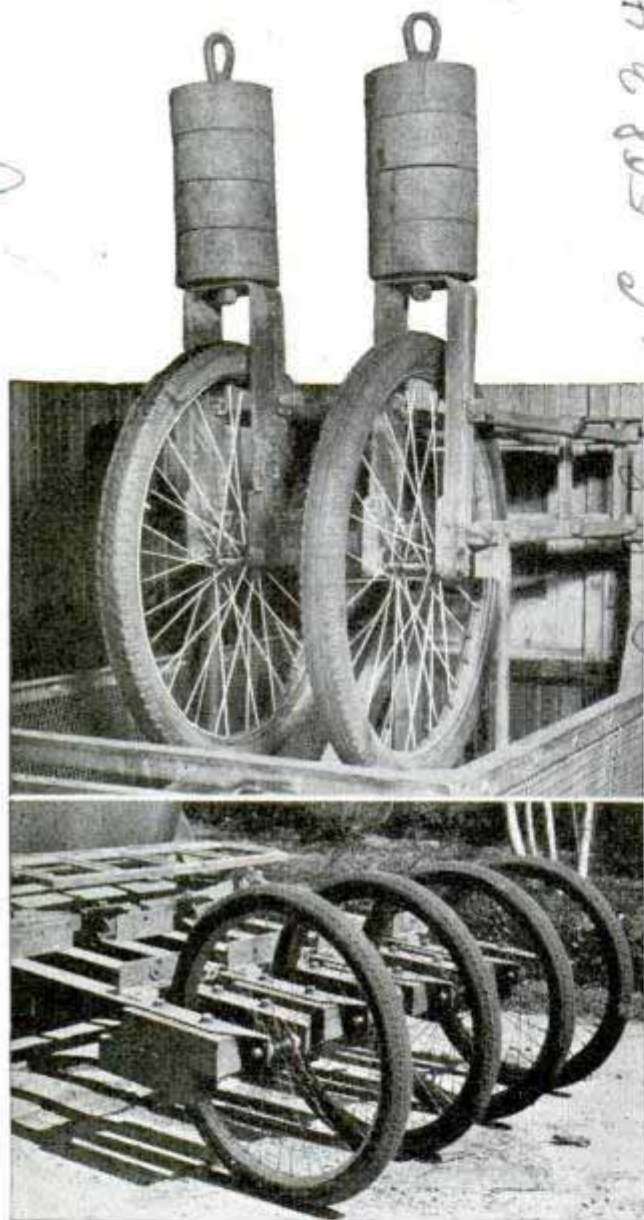
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Top, starting a small spring on a "fatigue" test to determine its life span at work. Left, huge nickel cast-iron wheel with tensile strength of more than 55,000 pounds per square inch. Bottom, left, research engineer assembling thermocouples to measure the heat applied to metal test bars in "relaxation" machine. Right, typical castings of light magnesium alloy

Westinghouse

Bike Tires Ride Treadmill in a Test of Strength



Top, stationary wheels on treadmill test; below, tires mounted on trailer for road tests behind auto

Bicycle tires, like the bigger ones used on automobiles, undergo both indoor and outdoor tests and pass through a normal life span within a few weeks' time to provide engineers with quick information about their efficiency. One manufacturer conducts road tests by mounting four tires on a trailer and placing over each tire an individual load of 125 pounds, equivalent to the weight of a large boy. An automobile then pulls the unit at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. In order to obtain a double check, tests also are made in the laboratory on a stationary machine composed of two mounted bike tires running twenty-four hours a day against revolving

wheels with flat faces. These likewise carry 125 pounds, and spin at about twenty miles per hour. The room temperature is held at 100 degrees.

Lawn Edger Cuts Depth Desired with Aid of Guide Wheel

Ragged edges of the lawn alongside walks or paths are trimmed neatly by a cutting tool that has a guide wheel to follow the sidewalk and also regulate the depth of the cut. The edger makes a sharp, uniform line in half the time required by older methods on straight or curved lanes. Flower beds, too, can be outlined by using a board as a guide.



Rubber Mitt for Holding Soap Is on Flexible Standard

Housewives irked by the task of cleaning soap dishes may find an end to this problem in a holder that suspends the bar in midair where it dries out after use. The soap is placed in a perforated rubber envelope which hangs by a chain on a spring-wire standard. A rubber suction cup at the base can be attached to the smooth surface of a sink, bathtub or washbasin.



Soap holder mounted on flexible post eliminates untidy dish and conserves soap

Duck Tire Co. 152 W 42nd New York

Laral Mfg Co 508 N 46 St Seattle Wash

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Laral Mfg Co 1711 10th Brooklyn



Built-in VANITIES *open over bath*

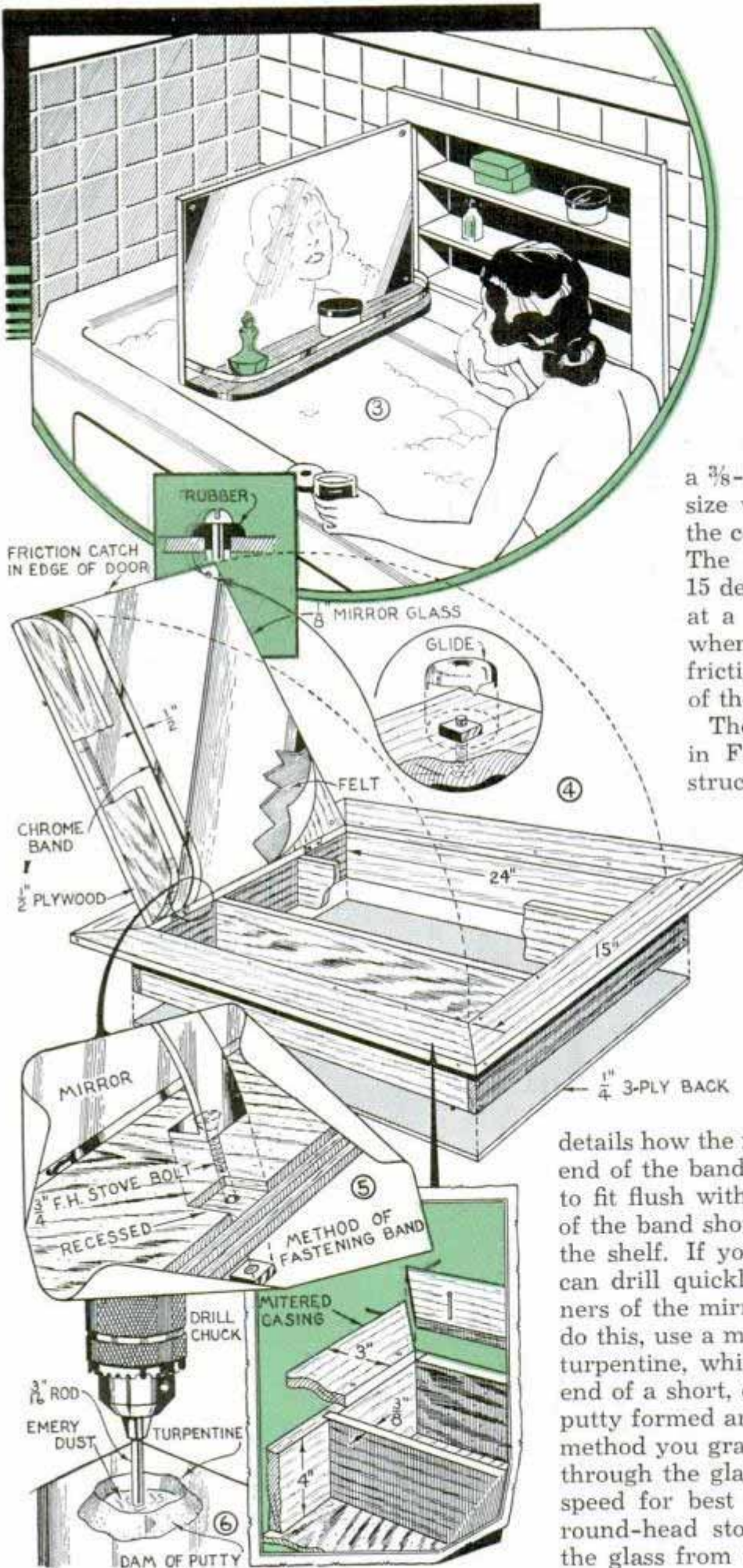
Two pleasing designs having mirrors inside of doors and shelf space in wall—all out of the way when not in use

By Wayne C. Leckey

BUILT right into the wall alongside the bathtub, either one of these mirror-fitted cases provides a convenient vanity with plenty of shelf space for bath salts, soaps and other toilet articles, neatly arranged within easy reach. Essentially, the job consists of fitting a boxlike frame into an opening cut between two studs in the wall.

As the cases will be finished in enamel to match the bathroom fixtures, they can be made from inexpensive plywood. The door of the case shown in Fig. 1 forms a tray when let down across the tub. When the case is closed, the hinged mirror folds compactly between the inner shelves. Begin by making the frame of the case first, Fig. 2. The $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. shelves are nailed in grooves although you can simply use plain, butt joints. To the back of the assembled frame, a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood panel is nailed. If a jig saw is available, you can form both the casing and the door for the frame from a single piece of plywood by carefully cutting out the center of

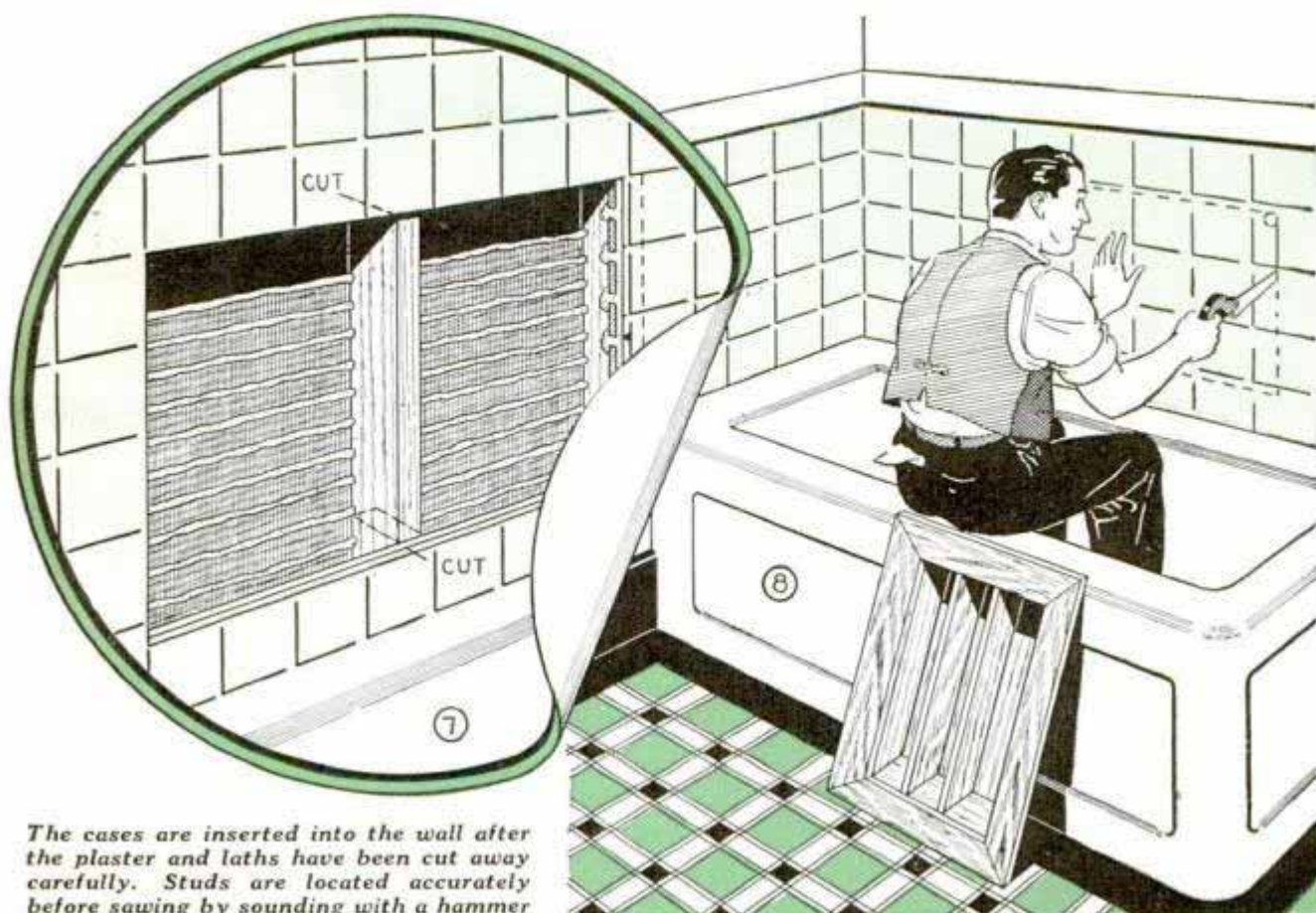




the work and using this waste piece for the door. A tiny hole in one corner of the outline permits the insertion of the blade. The edge of the door is planed a little to provide clearance for paint and hinging. A $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood panel, nailed to the front of the door, forms a recessed tray on the inside. The mirror is framed with strips of narrow, rabbeted molding, nailed to a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. plywood backing of a size which will fold between the center shelves of the case. The hinged edge is beveled 15 degrees so that it will lean at a slight backward angle when in use. A bullet-type friction catch in the top edge of the door keeps it closed.

The frame of the case shown in Fig. 3 is of similar construction except that the casing is mitered. Looking over the details in Fig. 4, you will see that the inside of the hinged plywood door is covered with mirror glass over a felt base. Prior to this, however, a narrow shelf is screwed to the lower edge as well as a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wide metal retaining band. Fig. 5

details how the right-angle bends at each end of the band are drilled and recessed to fit flush with the surface. The curve of the band should follow the contour of the shelf. If you have a drill press you can drill quickly through the four corners of the mirror glass as in Fig. 6. To do this, use a mixture of emery dust and turpentine, which is retained under the end of a short, chucked rod by a dam of putty formed around the hole. With this method you gradually grind a clean hole through the glass. Run the drill at slow speed for best results. Nicked $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. round-head stove bolts passed through the glass from the inside are capped on



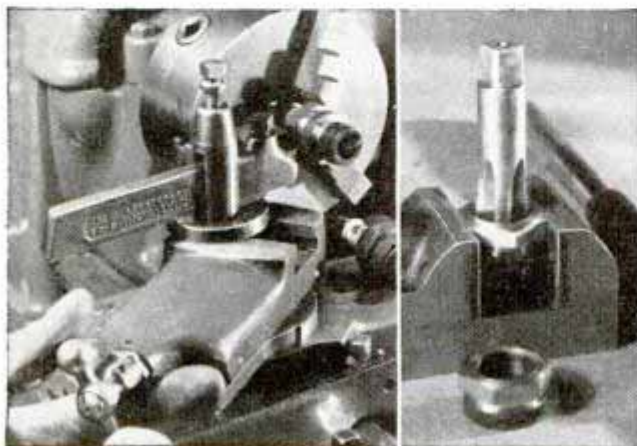
The cases are inserted into the wall after the plaster and laths have been cut away carefully. Studs are located accurately before sawing by sounding with a hammer

the face side with furniture glides pressed into the wood over the nuts. Sharpening the prongs of the glide will help. See the insert detail in Fig. 4.

The cases should be located a little toward the faucet end of the tub. No set distance can be given for the case shown in Fig. 1, as it is narrow enough to fit between two studs and consequently cannot be shifted to a given point like the alternate case, which requires a wall opening cut over a center stud because its width is greater than the usual 16-in. distance

between centers of studs. See Fig. 7. To determine the location of the studs, tap lightly on the wall with a hammer. A hollow sound will be heard everywhere except over a stud. After the stud has been located, mark the outline of the opening on the wall, taking the exact dimensions from the case itself, and drill a hole in one corner. Starting from this hole, insert a keyhole saw as shown in Fig. 8 and carefully cut out the lath and plaster. The case is fastened in the opening with nails driven through the casing.

Odd-Size Nuts Made from Bodies of Old Spark Plugs



Large, thin or odd-shaped nuts frequently can be made from the bodies of old spark plugs. To do this, cut off the threaded portion of the plug along with the rolled flange that holds the porcelain core in place. Smooth the hexagon portion left and tap its inner surface.

—C. W. Woodson, East Aurora, N. Y.

☞ Ladies' metal or mesh bags may be cleaned by rubbing baking soda into them with a woolen cloth. The soda is removed with a brush or by shaking.

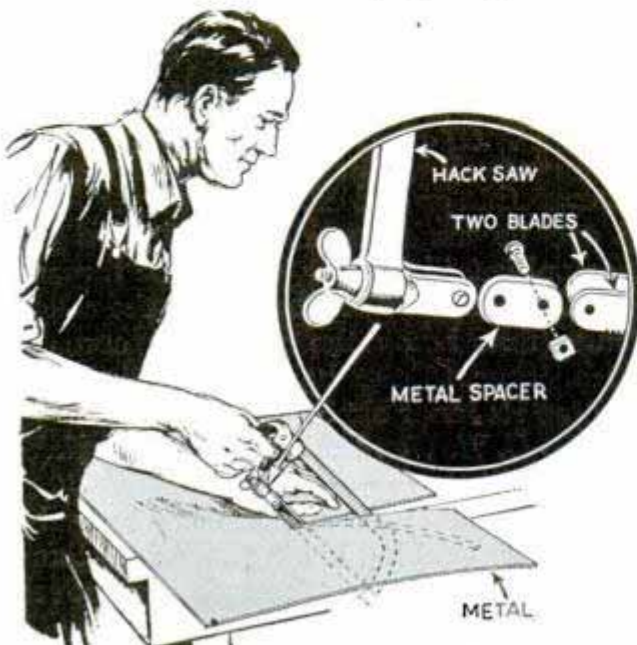
Chicken-Roost Poles Removed to Clean Building



Amateur poultry raisers will find these chicken-roost holders a timesaver because they permit the roost poles to be removed quickly for cleaning the floor underneath them. The holders are screwed to the walls of the chicken house or to vertical support members. If round roosting poles are used, they should be flattened at the ends.

Hack Saw Cuts Wide Sheet Metal

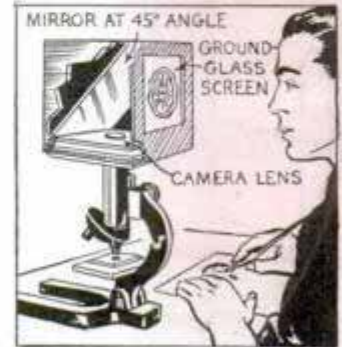
When you have a wide piece of sheet metal to cut with a hack saw, put two blades in the saw frame, spacing them so



that a cut is made wide enough to take the frame. The narrow strip of metal left by the two saw cuts is bent down out of the way as the work progresses.

Micro-Reflector Aids in Sketching Specimens under Microscope

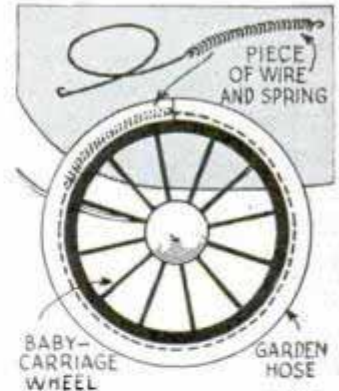
Biology students and microscope fans will find that this reflector eases eyestrain while sketching a magnified specimen, as the image of the latter is reflected on a ground glass,



making it unnecessary to look into the eyepiece of the microscope. The reflector is a light-tight box, about 3 by 4 in., containing a mirror on the inside as shown. An opening in the bottom of the box fits snugly over the microscope eyepiece, and has a camera lens at the upper end to direct the image on the mirror.

Garden Hose Used as Tires on Baby Carriage

If the tires on a baby carriage or child's wagon are worn badly, you can replace them with tires made of lengths of garden hose. To do this, first cut a piece of hose to fit snugly around the wheel rim, then thread a piece of wire with a small coil spring attached to one end through the hose. The total length of the wire and spring should be slightly less than that of the hose so that when the tire is assembled on the wheel the wire will be under tension to hold it in place.



—S. Jarrott, Calgary, Alta., Can.

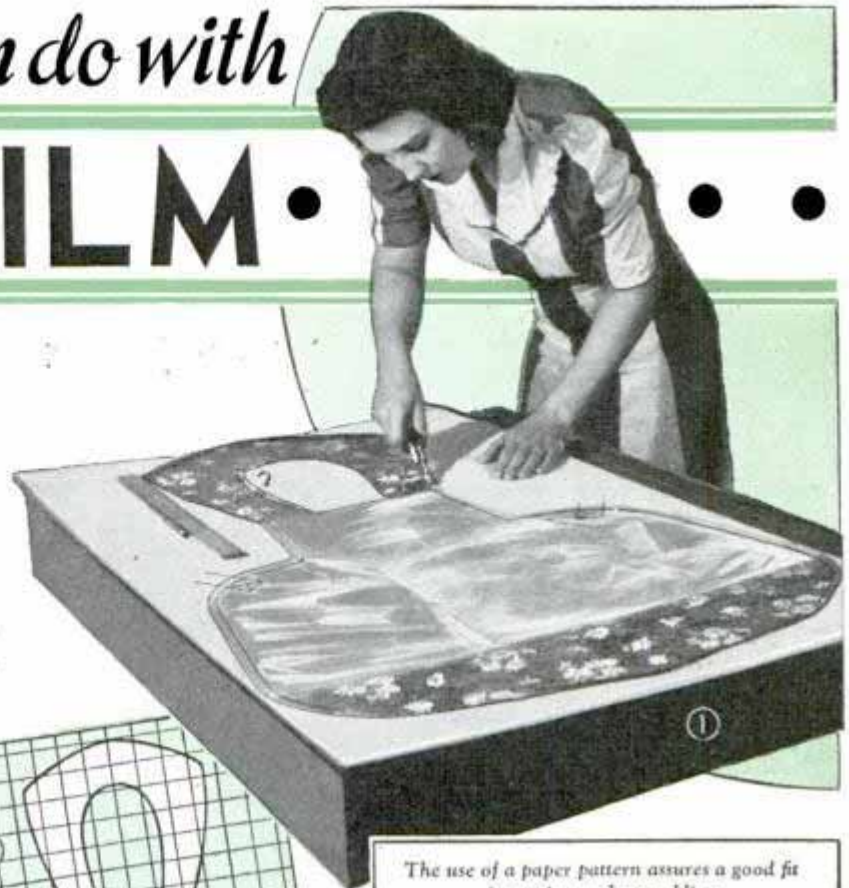
☐ You can fill scratches on furniture by dissolving beeswax in turpentine until the mixture is the consistency of molasses, then applying it with a woolen cloth.

What you can do with PLIOFILM

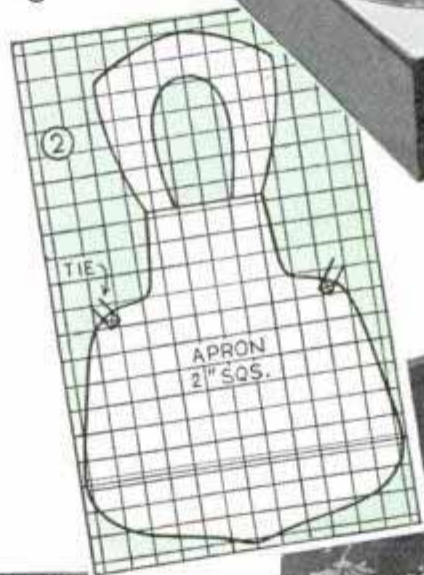
"Welding" with a sealing iron eliminates sewing and cementing. Ideal to make Christmas gifts

LOW in cost and easy to work, Pliofilm is a rubber-base sheet material available in many colors. It can be had in transparent, opaque and figured styles and comes in rolls so that you can purchase it by the yard. Most of the large department stores handle it. No sewing or cementing is necessary as joints are made by means of an electric sealing iron which can be purchased at a slight cost.

In working with this material, best results can be obtained by using a full-size paper pattern as a guide for cutting and



The use of a paper pattern assures a good fit in cutting and assembling

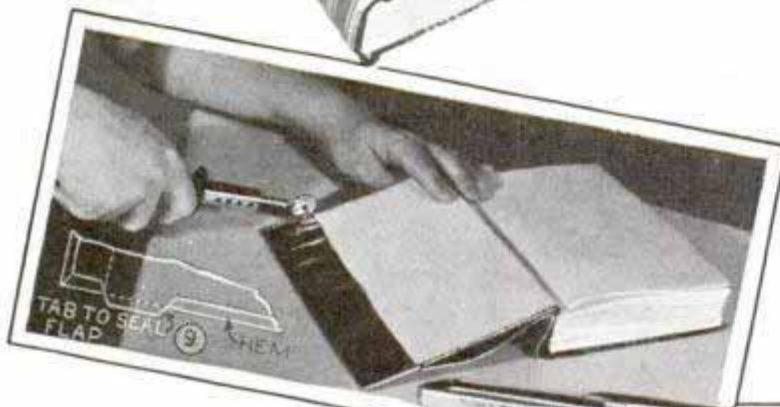
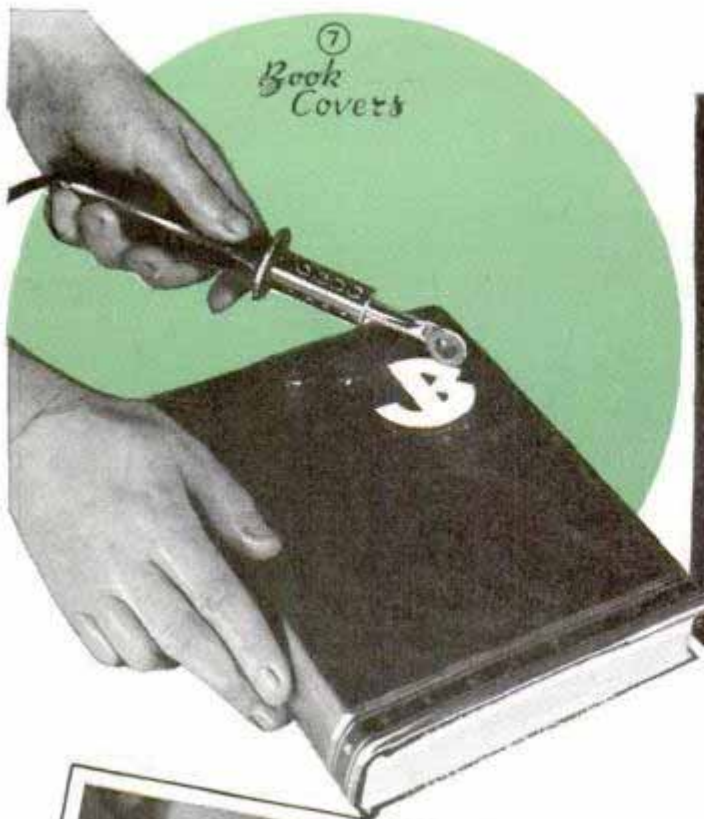


Bowl Covers



assembling. As an example Figs. 1 and 2 show how a pattern is used in making a tea apron. Place the Pliofilm on the pattern and cut $\frac{3}{8}$ in. outside the line to allow for hemming. Next, take the sealing

iron and run it over the material, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. in from the edge, Fig. 4, to form a crease which permits ready folding. Then, a second operation with the iron permanently seals the hem. A straightedge should be used on straight seams, but on curved edges the iron can be used freehand, as in Fig. 3. When working around sharp corners wrinkling is prevented by cutting the material as required.

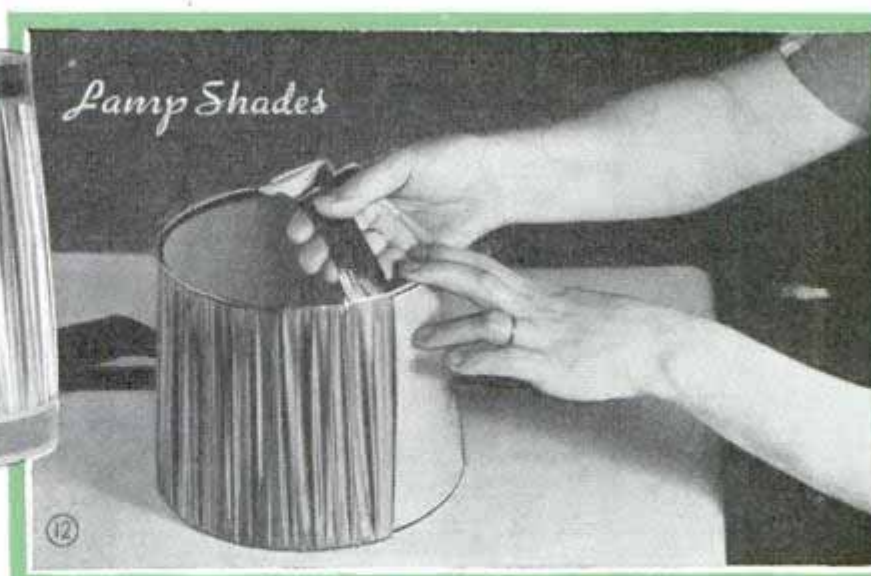


is hemmed all around except those portions which are hemmed later to hold the flap in place. Rain coats and umbrella coverings, Fig. 11, are among the practical things made from Pliofilm. Suitable designs can be had at any dress-pattern service. Strips of Pliofilm wrapped around a lamp shade or bare wire frame give the novel effect seen in Fig. 12. Pulling the film lightly produces the ap-

Pliofilm makes excellent coverings, such as garment bags, bowl covers, make-up capes, vegetable bags, etc. These are formed by sealing two or more pieces together to form a bag or box to fit the article. For bowl covers, cut a circle of Pliofilm 3 in. larger than the diameter of the bowl. Fit the material over the bowl and fasten with a rubber band as in Fig. 5, then seal the Pliofilm over the rubber, Fig. 6. Let the seam cool for a minute or two before using the article.

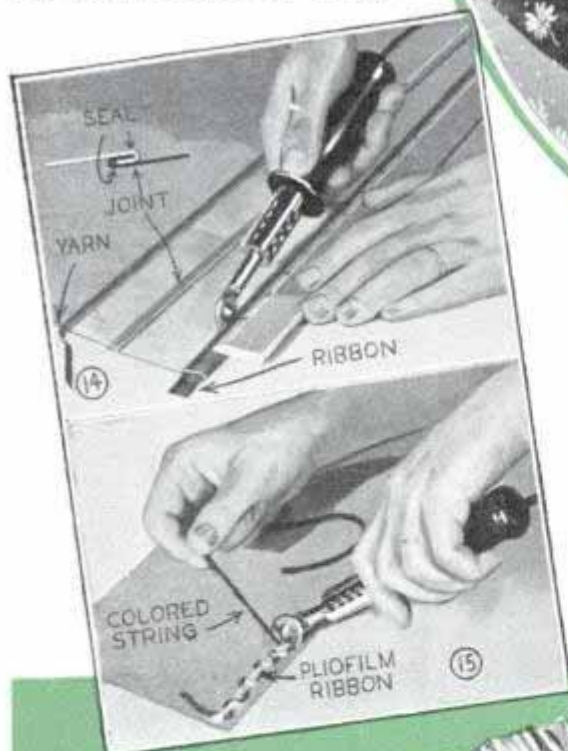
Pliofilm is serviceable also for gift wrappings, Fig. 8, and book jackets, Figs. 7, 9 and 10. Touches of contrasting color can be obtained by adding silhouettes or initials. In making book jackets, the material





pearance of stretched silk.

Simple edge styles also improve the appearance of Pliofilm articles: Fig. 14 shows how a ribbon of the material in contrasting color can be creased in the center and sealed in place on the material. Another effect is to use colored yarn sealed inside a hem, also shown in Fig. 14. A novel border effect



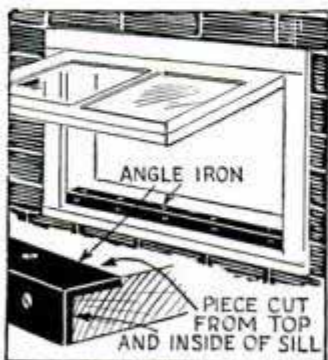
is obtained by crisscrossing a ribbon of Pliofilm with a length of colored string, as in Fig. 15. Ruffles for aprons and curtains are made by cutting a strip of Pliofilm to the desired width, gathering this in the hand and sealing in place as in Fig. 16. It is sometimes desirable to use a double thickness of the material, either for strength or to secure a two-tone effect. This is done by tacking the edges together with the sealing iron, or, the sheets can be laminated by pressing with a very mild iron, as in Fig. 13. A sheet of glazed paper should be used to prevent the iron from sticking. After you become accustomed to handling the iron it will take much less time than sewing, which is an important consideration when you wish to fabricate a number of personal Christmas gifts and the time for doing this is rather limited.

Protecting Watch Main Spring on Cool Surfaces



Does the main spring of your watch sometimes break for no apparent reason? Perhaps the trouble is caused by removing the instrument from your pocket where it is at body temperature, and laying it on the cool surface of a dresser or table. According to a Swiss watch repairman the sudden contraction of the spring due to change in temperature is likely to break it. To avoid this trouble, insulate the watch from the surface with a tobacco pouch, thick cloth pad, piece of blotting paper or corrugated cardboard.

Basement-Window Frame Faced with Iron to Avoid Wear



Noticing that the lower frame member of one of my basement windows was being worn by coal and other materials that were taken through it, I faced it with a length of angle iron as shown. The front edge and a portion of the top surface of the frame member were cut down so that the iron would set flush. The iron was screwed in place and the

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screw heads were countersunk to avoid interfering with movement of the window sash.—John Nichols, Jr., Claymont, Del.

Hymn Books Stored in Box under Chair

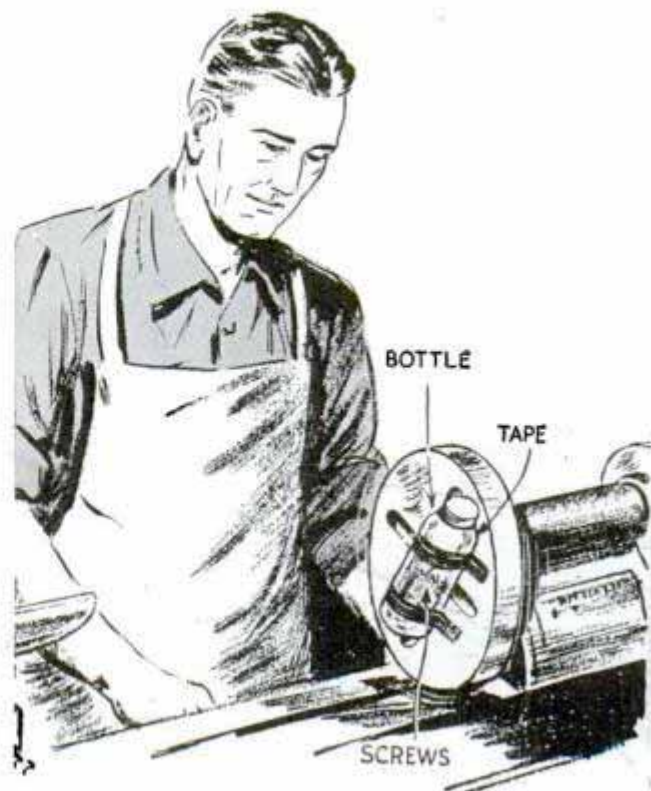
To save unnecessary handling of hymn books and to keep them collected at hand as much as possible in a Sunday School, wooden boxes large enough to hold four or five books were attached to the undersides of the teachers' chairs.



After the classes assembled each Sunday, the books were passed to the various members, who returned them to the teachers as they left.

Bottle 'Tumbling Barrel' on Lathe Cleans Small Parts

Small parts such as screws, nails, etc., can be cleaned quickly in a small bottle taped to a lathe faceplate which is rotated at the slowest speed possible. In the absence of a lathe, good results can be ob-

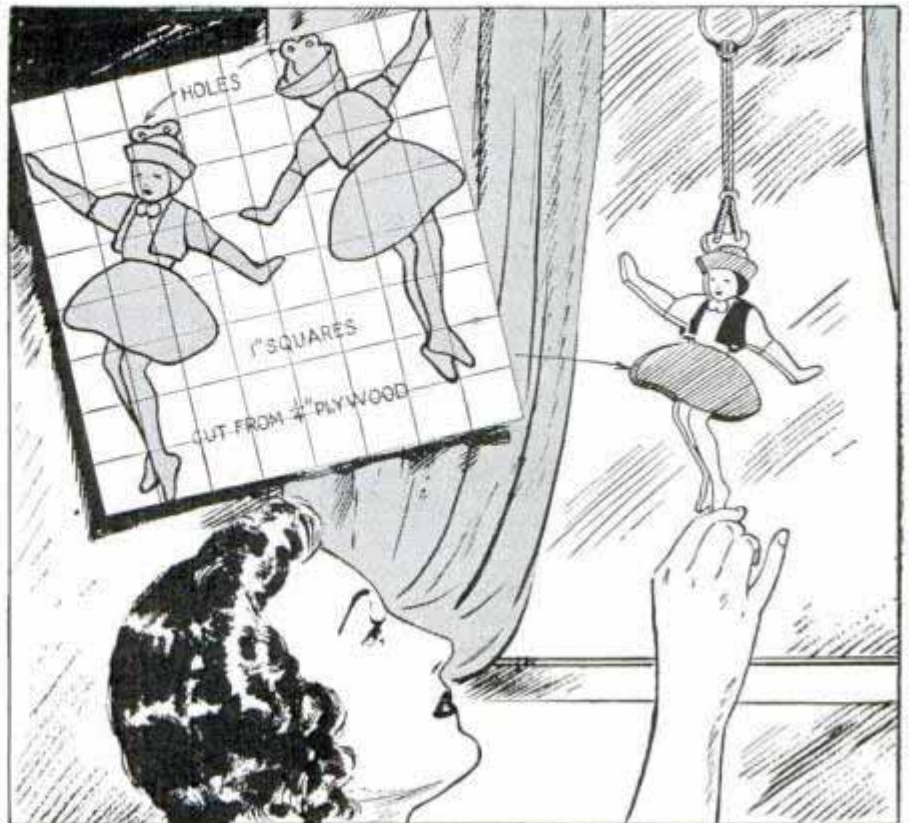


tained by taping the bottle to a shaft, or, as a last resort, shaking it in your hands. Put a spoonful of emery powder in the bottle with the work, and do not rotate it faster than 200 r.p.m. so that the small parts slide from end to end of the bottle as it turns.

Concealed Knots in Child's Shoe Laces Keep Them Even

If you have trouble in keeping the shoe laces of a small child the same length at the ends, try the following: Remove the lace and thread it through the two lower eyes, pull the ends even and then knot the lace directly under each eye. Now lace it up in the regular way and the knots will keep it from slipping. If this is done carefully the knots will be concealed.

Gay Figures Cut from Plywood Dress Up Window-Shade Pulls

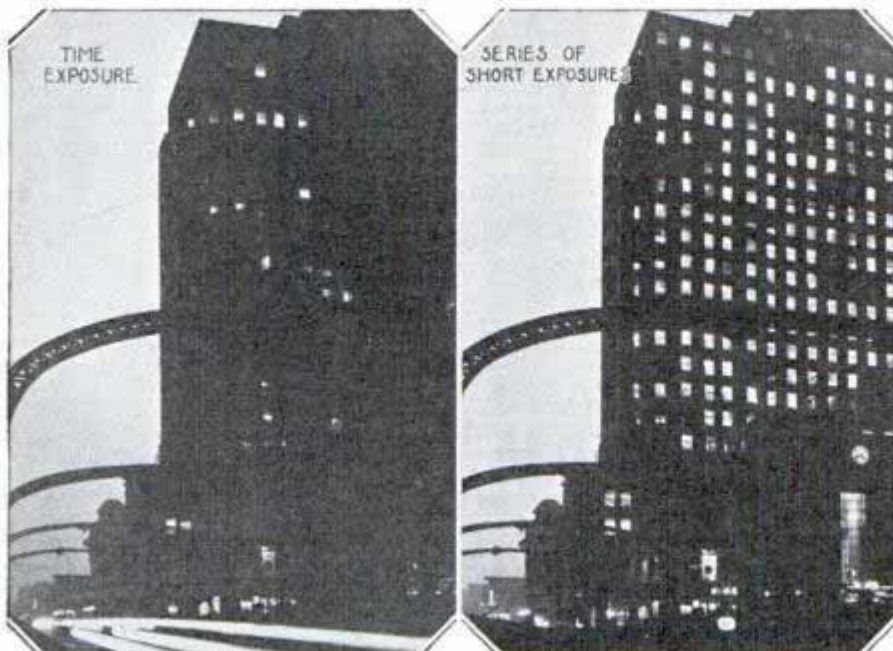


Poised in midair, these little figures provide novel shade pulls, especially for a nursery. Use gay colors harmonizing with the color scheme of the surroundings. The cords that support the pulls are also selected to match.

Make Your Night Shots Dynamic with Multiple Exposure

Night photography is often disappointing because the lights are spotty and the

shadows too dark. Instead of making one long exposure, try setting your camera on



a rigid tripod and taking a series of short exposures at convenient intervals. Time your shots so the headlights of passing automobiles are not picked up, and the ugly light streaks will be eliminated from the streets.

—J. G. Roberts, Chicago.

Ⓛ When dyeing an old garment remember that it must be cleaned thoroughly so the dye will penetrate through the cloth, otherwise it will have a streaked or spotted appearance.

SMOKING STANDS

$\frac{1}{8}$ " X 35" CHROMIUM OR BRASS ROD

BUTT JOINT INSIDE HOLE

12"

120°

120°

120°

POSITION OF LEGS

GUARD RING

TOP

2"

GUARD RING

TOP

$\frac{1}{4}$ " - 6 SCREW

SET AT 35°

DETAILS OF TOP & LEG

LEG & PIN DETAIL

LEG

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METHOD OF ATTACHING LEGS

LEG & TOP DETAIL

24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

X

Y

$\frac{1}{8}$ " HOLE

$\frac{1}{2}$ " R

1"

$\frac{1}{2}$ "

SCREW HOLE

26"

1" SQUARES

WRAP STRIP OF PAPER AROUND PIN (A) CUT TO EXACT LENGTH (B) FOLD IN THREE PARTS (C) MARK IN THREE PARTS (C) MARK CENTER LINES ON PIN & LOCATE LEG SCREWS ABOVE & BELOW LINE X-Y

1ST	1" ABOVE	1" BELOW
2ND	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
3RD	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	$\frac{3}{4}$ "

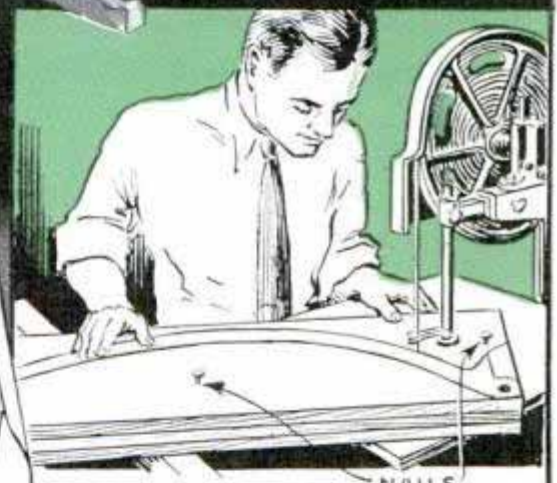
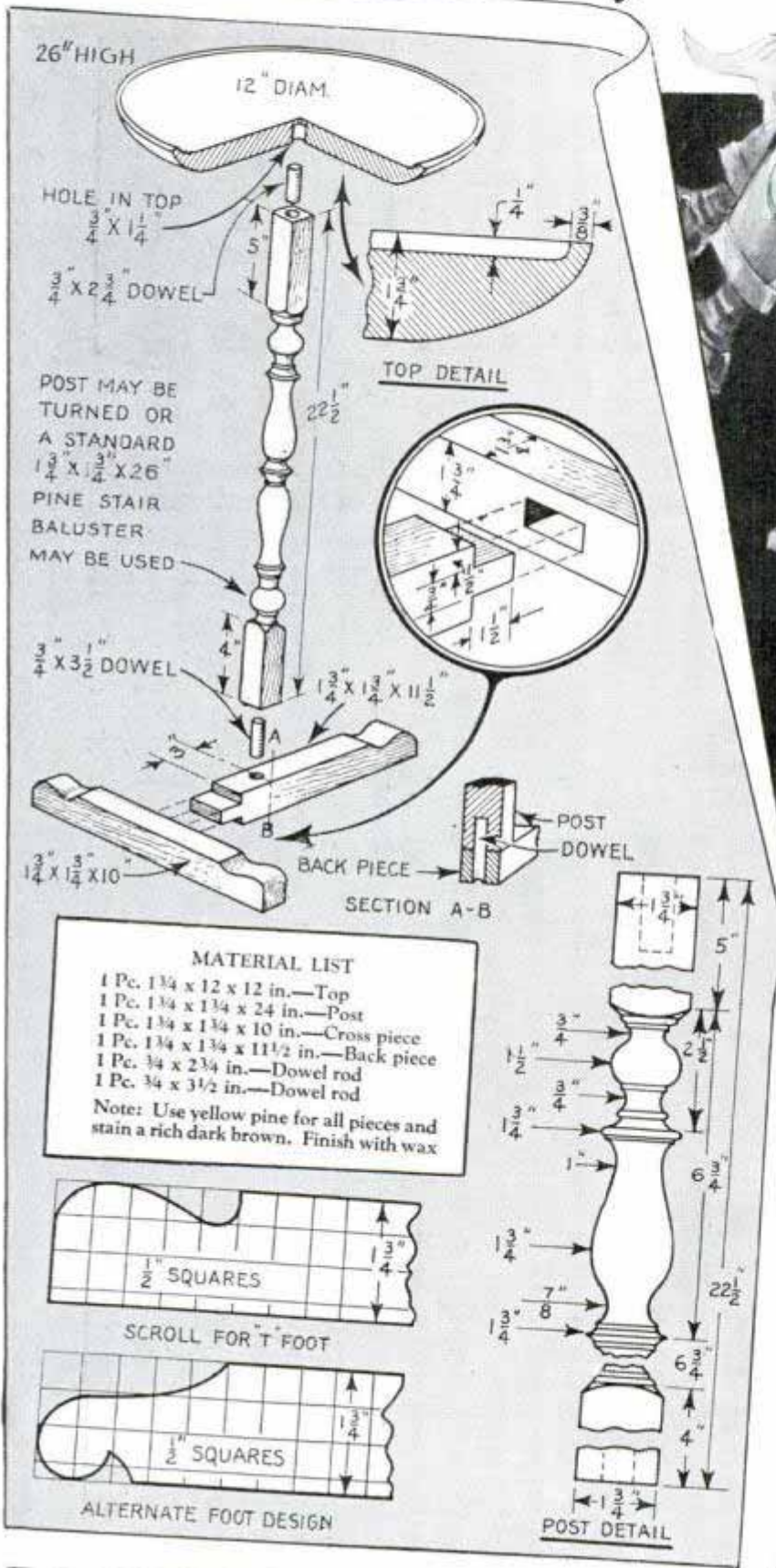
MATERIAL LIST

- 3 Pcs. $\frac{5}{8}$ x 6 x 26 in.—Legs
- 1 Pc. $\frac{3}{4}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.—Pin
- 6 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - No. 6 R. H. Screws
- 1 Pc. $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 12 in.—Top
- 1 Pc. $\frac{1}{8}$ x 35 in.—Ring
- 3 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " - No. 6 R. H. Screws

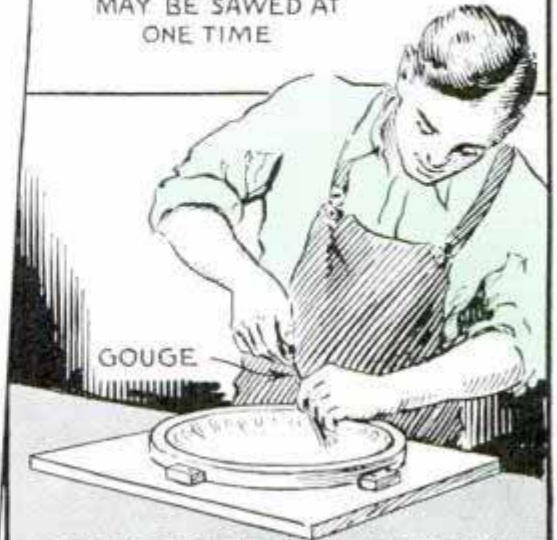
Note: Some close grained hardwood should be used for legs and pin. Top may be made of walnut, mahogany or maple

Both these trim stands have dual uses. The one of your choice will serve you well as a smoking stand, or, either one makes a truly distinctive base for a large potted plant. If you're particular about constructional details you'll want to steam and bend the "bow" legs of the first stand to the curve indicated. However, if a close-grained wood is used, the legs should be reasonably strong if simply sawed to shape from a wide piece of stock. The "T-base" design is a colonial type and, with exception of the base members, is a simple lathe job

in "bow-leg" and "T-base" designs



THE THREE LEGS MAY BE SAWED AT ONE TIME



THE RECESSED TOP MAY BE FORMED WITH A GOUGE AND SANDPAPER

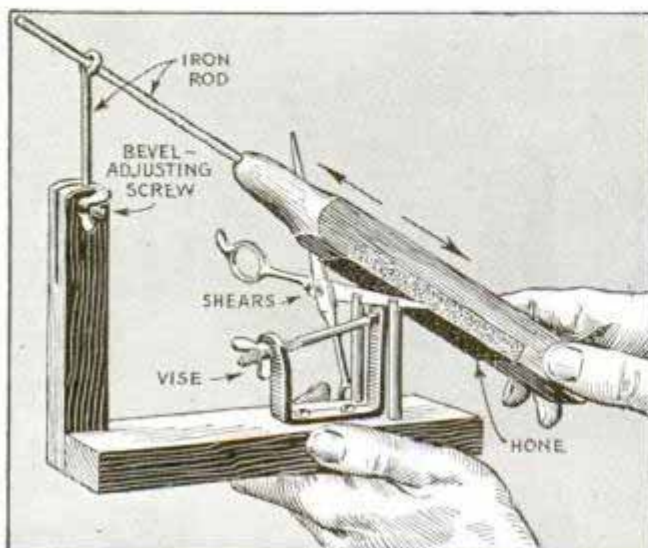
Doorknob Serves as Paperweight and Pencil Holder



Because it holds a pencil within easy reach, a glass or China doorknob makes an especially useful paperweight. The polished knob permits easy removal of papers without marking them, and the pencil is always in a handy position to pick up.

Scissor Sharpener Holds Hone at Correct Angle

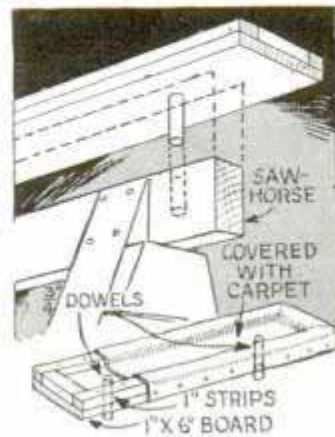
Anyone who has difficulty in honing a pair of scissors will find that this sharpener removes the guesswork. The blade of



the scissors is held rigidly at the correct angle in an improvised vise, and the angle can be adjusted as desired.

Padded Tops Convert Sawhorses to Support Upholstering Work

The home craftsman who has an occasional job of upholstering can convert a pair of ordinary sawhorses for the work by fitting them with removable tray tops which have been padded. Large dowels projecting from the bottoms of the trays are spaced to fit in holes in the tops of the sawhorses.



Pipe Spaced from Wall by Leather under Clamping Straps

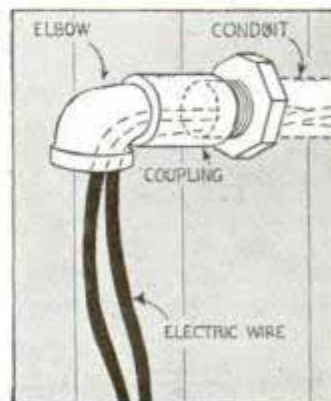


When fastening a water pipe to a wall or ceiling, it is a good idea to put strips of thick leather under the clamping straps as indicated. This spaces the pipe from the wall so

that the latter cannot be damaged by moisture condensing on the pipes, and it also makes them easier to paint.

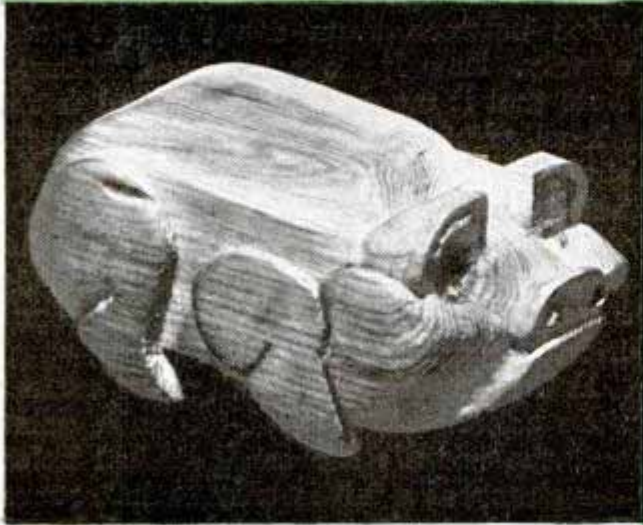
Elbow Guides Electric Wires into Conduit End

Before you pull electric wires into rigid conduit, screw a coupling and street elbow onto the end of the conduit. This will reduce friction where the wires enter by making them follow the turn of the elbow.





PORKY *the* PIG



Carved in Wood

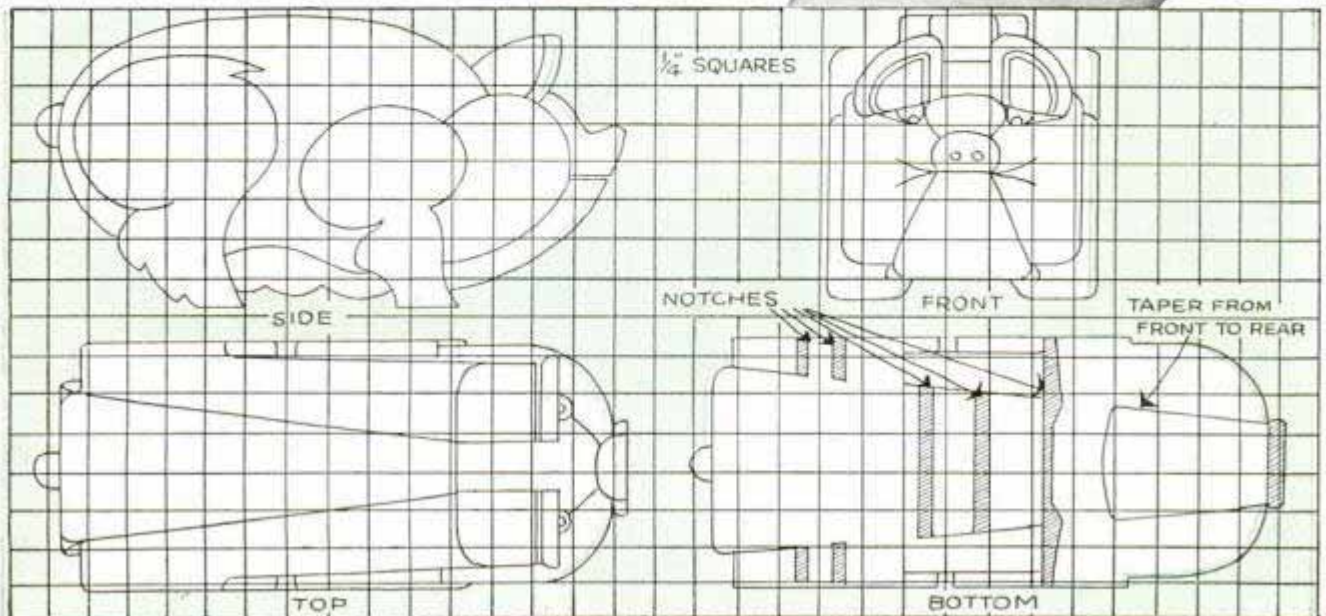
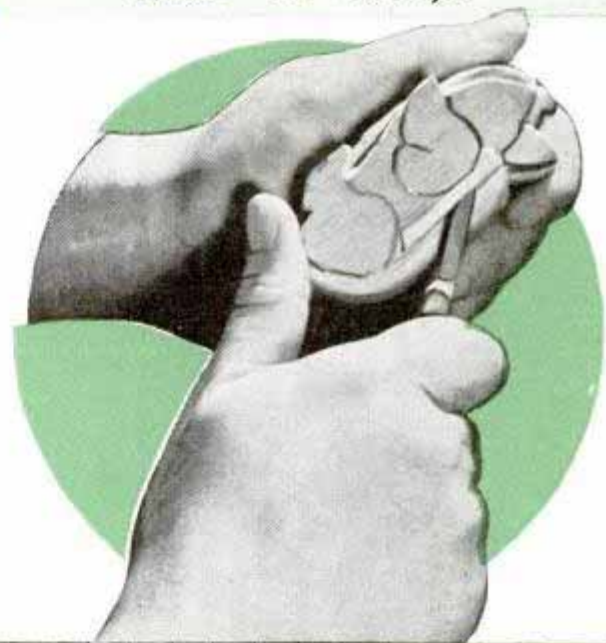


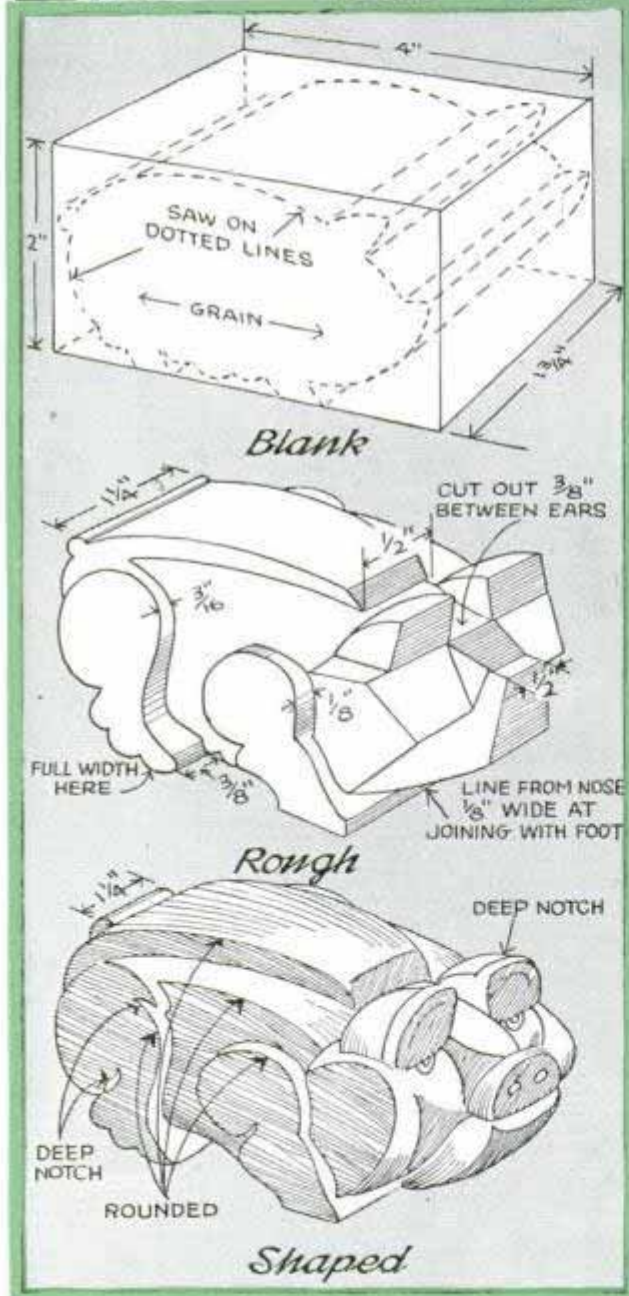
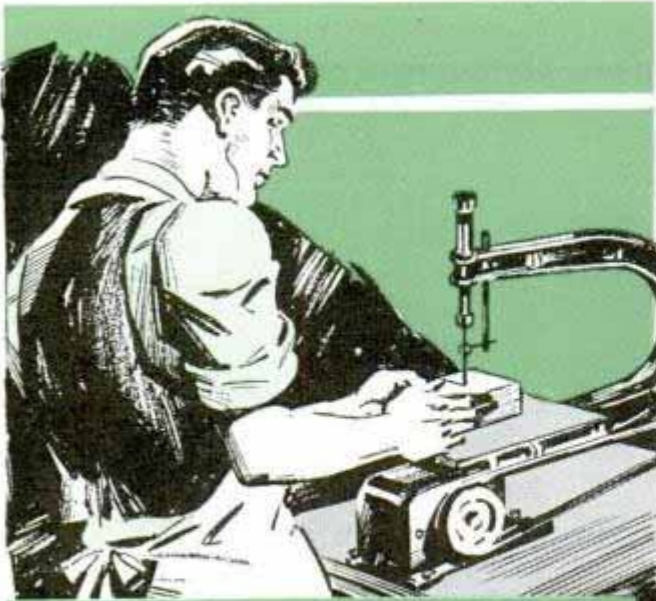
and in Soap

By E. J. TANGERMAN

CARVING Porky in wood or soap is an interesting pastime diversion. When done in wood, it is an easy job for those unskilled at carving because most of the work can be done on a jig saw as indicated by the dotted lines in the detail marked "blank." You will need a block $1\frac{3}{4}$ by 2 by 4 in. with the grain running the long way. White pine or basswood is easiest to carve, but mahogany or walnut will polish up better in finishing.

Lay out $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. squares on one side of the block and transfer the side outline to





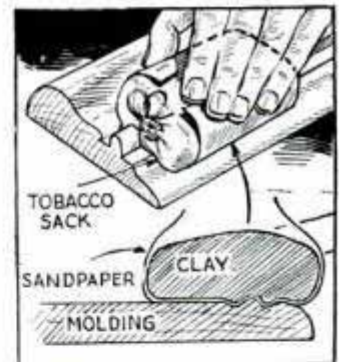
Porky in three stages from a rough-sawed blank to the finished form. Simple relieving cuts first, then a slight rounding to give the right characteristics

it. Saw Porky out, outline his legs with the tip of a knife blade and whittle the wood away around them $\frac{3}{16}$ in. deep, except for the cheek, which is cut back only $\frac{1}{8}$ in. If the legs are properly outlined, the wood between them can be split away cleanly. Now lay out the back "hump." Note that it tapers both above and under his belly from the tail to nose. Then rough-shape the face and ears and deepen the notches at Porky's joints, rounding all the sharp lines. Note particularly the notches in the bottom view of the squared details. Ears are accented by a notch cut all around in front, and another on the side.

Porky's eyes are like half cones set in a little hollow carved with the knife point, and the nostrils are small drilled holes. His stump of a tail is only $\frac{1}{4}$ in. square. But he looks fat enough, and happy enough to grunt, particularly if you finish him just by oiling and waxing.

Modeling-Clay Sanding Block Smooths Moldings

One carpenter uses a piece of modeling clay as a sanding block when finishing moldings around doors and windows on the interior of a home. The clay is put inside a tobacco sack around which the sandpaper is wrapped, and easily conforms to the contours.

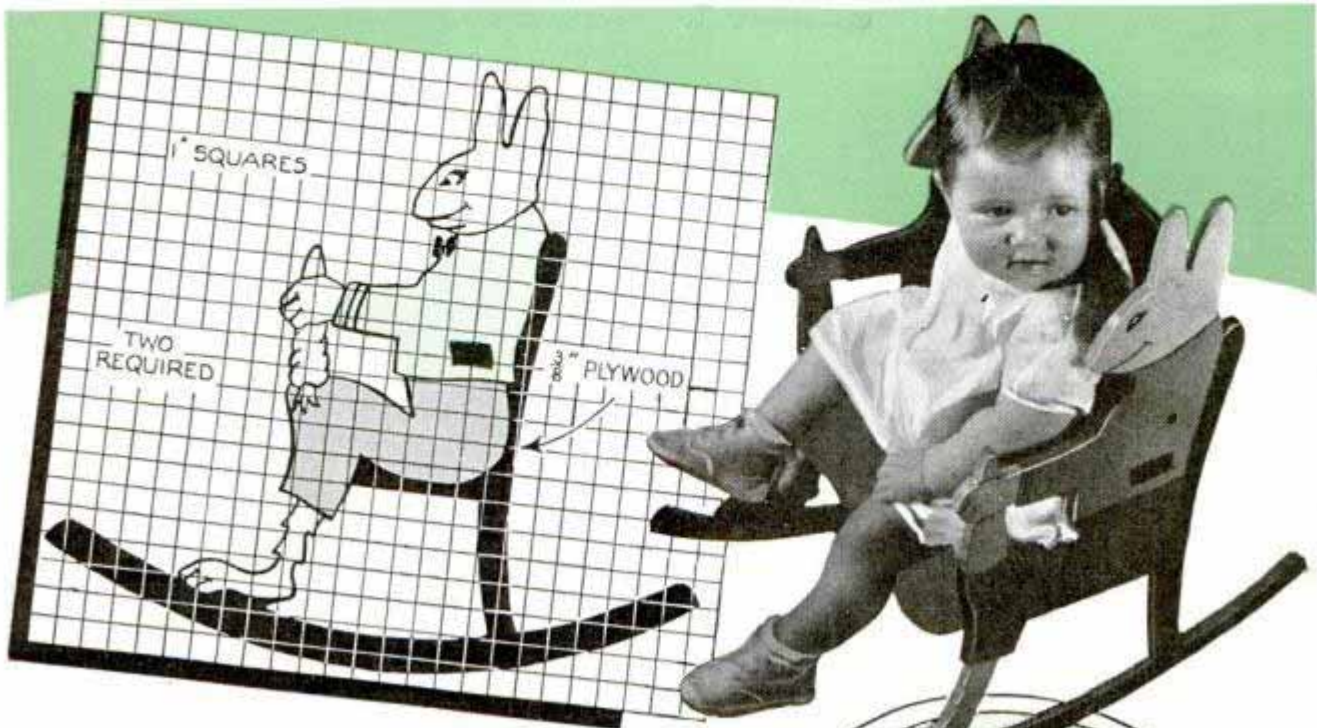


Gaskets for Model Gas Engine

After experimenting with several materials in making a cylinder-head gasket for a model gas engine, I found that a piece of old auto cylinder-head gasket was just the thing. I cut an opening the size of the cylinder through one copper side and the asbestos center. The opening through the other copper side was made $\frac{1}{4}$ in. smaller in diameter, after which the projecting metal was annealed and folded over the edges of the opening. Flattening and truing the gasket was done by pressing it between two hardwood blocks in a vise.

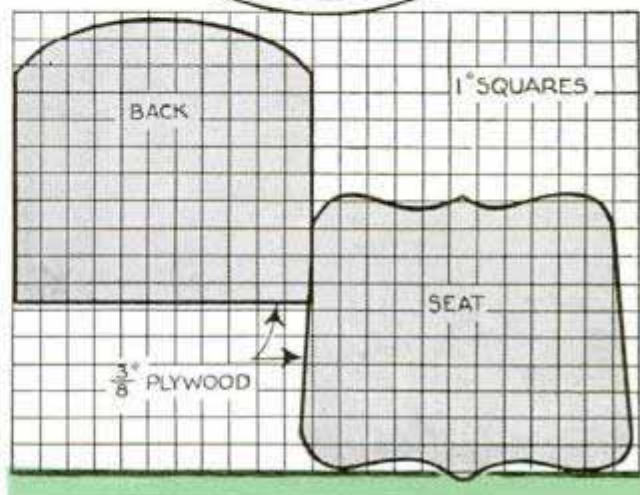
—C. L. McConnell, Alhambra, Calif.

It's Fun to Rock Between These Two Bunnies



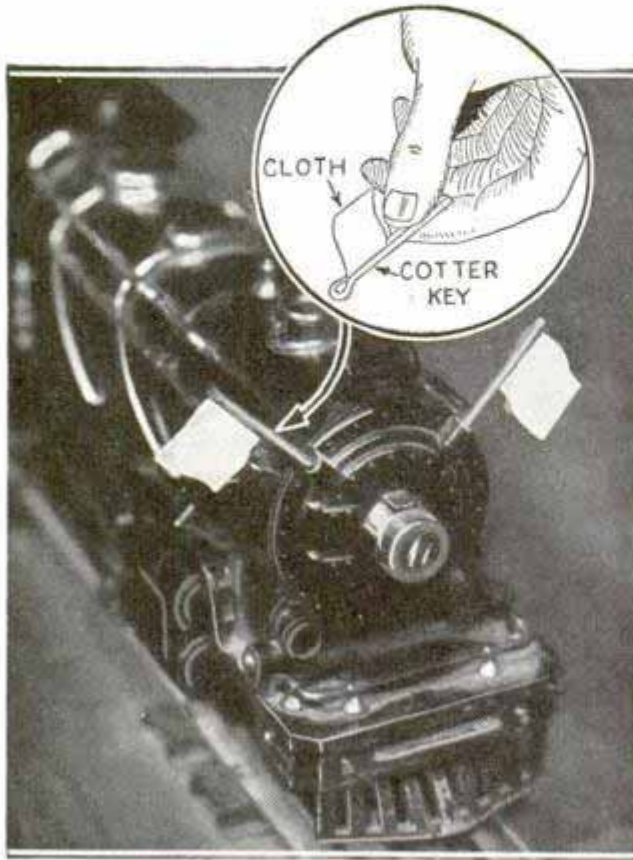
Guarded on both sides by colorful cut-outs of Peter Rabbit, this little girl enjoys sitting in her bunny rocker. The chair is sawed from $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. plywood and consists of four parts—a seat, back and two sides. The rockers are integral with the sides. In assembling the chair, the edges of the seat and back are butted against the sides and fastened with glue and screws spaced about 3 in. apart. Or, you can use cleats under the seat and behind the back for additional rigidity. The cleats are first screwed to the sides, then the seat and back are screwed to the cleats. Painting in bright colors enhances the appearance. First give the wood a coat of shellac and sand lightly when dry. Then finish as desired, painting the cut-outs in identical colors on both sides. The original chair had dark-blue rockers, seat and back, and the bunny cut-outs wore brown trousers and green jackets. Their faces, feet and hands were pale pink. Black neckties, jacket pockets and trouser stripes offer just the right contrast. The carrots in their hands are orange and the eyes are black with yellow pupils.

—Floyd Mix, Chicago.



☞ If your light-colored stove is badly in need of cleaning, dip a soft cloth in bleach water, then into powdered cleaner, and rub over the soiled parts. Wash with soap and water. The stove should be cold when you clean it, or the enamel may check.

Cotter Keys Serve as Flagstaffs on Model Locomotive



If you have to replace the tiny flagstaffs on a model locomotive, cotter keys will serve the purpose nicely. Select some about the same length and diameter of the original staffs, and insert the flags between the legs of the keys, which can be slipped into the flag sockets on the model.

Ink Bottle in Rubber-Ball Holder Does Not Tip

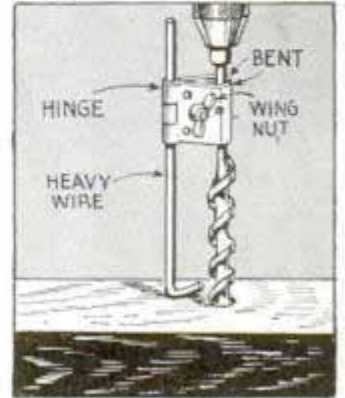
A small, hollow rubber ball cut in half and an opening made in the end to take



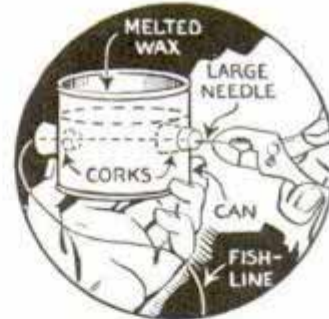
the neck of an ink bottle, provides a good holder to keep the latter from being tipped over. Besides supporting the bottle, the holder also tends to catch ink dripping, which can be wiped off easily.

Hinge Clamped to Auger Bit Provides Depth Gauge

Made from a butt hinge, this depth gauge can be clamped quickly to the shank of almost any auger bit. The ends of the hinge leaves are bent slightly inward and a piece of heavy wire replaces the original hinge pin, as shown. Tightening a wing nut, which is fitted to a bolt passing through the hinge, locks the adjustment and clamps the gauge securely to the bit.



Fish Line Waxed Easily

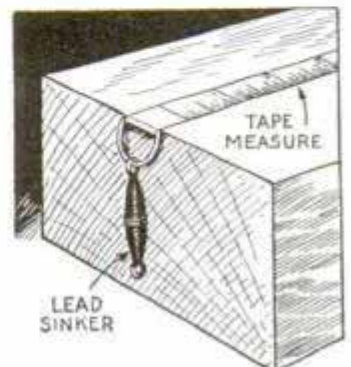


The next time your fish line needs waxing, get a small tin can and punch holes in the opposite sides of it for two corks as shown. Melt enough wax to come up over the

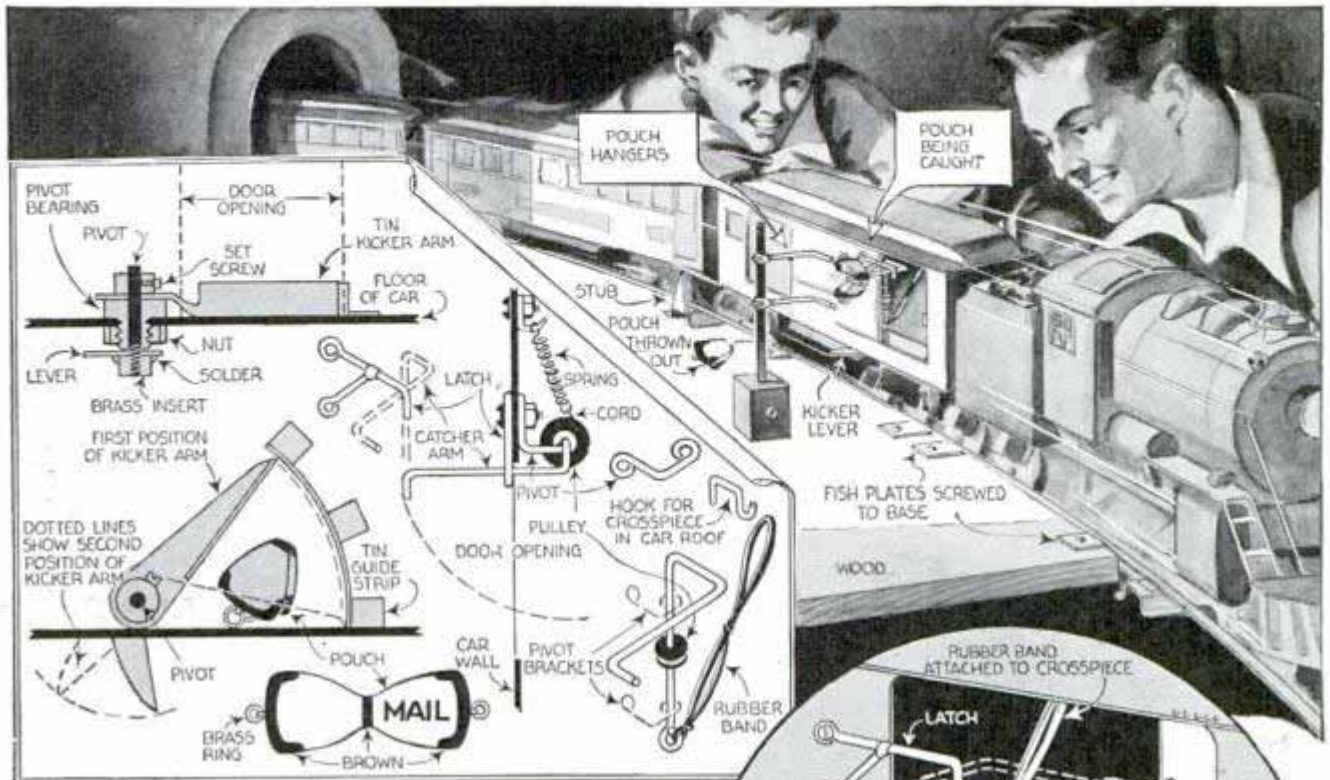
corks and then thread the line on a darning needle and push it through the corks. Pulling the line through the melted wax slowly will impregnate every fiber and the second cork squeezes out all surplus wax.

Sinker Anchors Tape Measure

Instead of using a knife or nail to hold one end of a tape line when measuring logs, boards and other long work, a lumberman attaches a lead fish-line sinker as shown.



Mail-Pouch Catcher Gives Realistic Action



THIS midget catcher kicks one mail pouch from the car door onto the station platform, then catches the second pouch from the hanger and swings it inside the car in the same fashion as its full-size counterpart. A close look at the details gives you the idea of how it works. First is the installation of the kicker arm which throws the pouch out the car door. This is a tin angle swinging on a pivot installed just inside the door in the manner shown. A curved guide strip is soldered to the floor of the car to hold the pouch in the proper position. A stub or lug soldered to the track engages a lever attached to the kicker pivot to actuate the arm. No dimensions are given on these parts because you have to make them to fit the car in hand. The catcher is really a separate unit supported on two pivot brackets of bent wire attached to the side of the car. The arm and latch are also bent from wire to the shape indicated. A tiny sheave, made from two sheet-metal disks and a small housing, is soldered to the arm. One end of a light cord wound around the sheave several turns is attached to a return spring as you see it in the details. Now, when you have the arrangement assembled as shown in the circle above, make sure that it works freely without binding at any point.

The mail pouch is loaded with small lead shot and when caught by the arm its weight is sufficient to pull the arm down slightly, releasing it from the latch. Then the coil spring, attached to the sheave and the car wall, pulls the arm inside the door as indicated by the dotted lines. When the pouch is removed and the arm swung back to position, the tension of the rubber band shown holds the arm under the latch. Some experiment will be necessary to get the hanger located in the proper position on the platform. Of course, the latter must be attached to the track so that it does not shift and throw the hanger out of line.

Stair carpet will last longer and wear more evenly if you purchase it half a yard too long, and fold it in at the top and bottom of the stairs; as the carpet wears on the edges of the treads, move it a trifle.

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LIQUID



Here the rubber mold formed over model is removed

Fun and profit in casting colored jewelry, buttons, statuary and novelties of all sorts that are practically unbreakable and noninflammable. You reproduce objects by a simple process of forming a flexible rubber mold which is poured full of liquid plastic and is heated in an oven at about 165° F. No expert knowledge is required to do this work—anyone becomes adept with very little practice. Liquid rubber, plaster of paris, some modeling clay, liquid plastic and a dollar oven are all you need to start with this fascinating craftwork

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Some of the articles you can form in rubber molds with a kit costing a dollar

ANYONE can make innumerable small objects of tough, resilient plastic, which is available in liquid state and hardens quickly when heated. The user merely pours the liquid into a mold, which he can also form by a simplified process. While metal and plaster molds can be used, the simplicity of making and using rubber molds favors the latter. All you need to start in this fascinating work is some special liquid rubber and the plastic. The latter consists of two separate liquids, nine

parts synthetic resin and one part catalyst. Colors can be had by adding ordinary plastic dyes to the resin before mixing it. If desired to experiment on a small scale, a small amount of the material will provide lots of fun and will give you first-hand information on using it before purchasing larger quantities for more extensive work.

The preparation of the mold is the biggest part of the job. Step-by-step information on doing this starts with Fig. 2. After selecting the model to reproduce,

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PLASTICS

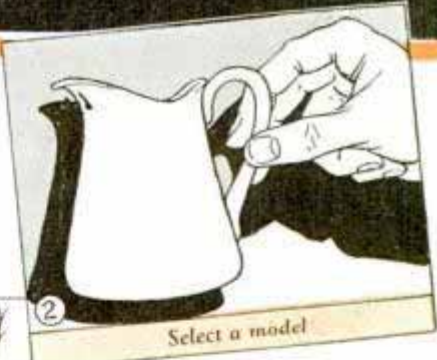
Open New Field in Craftwork



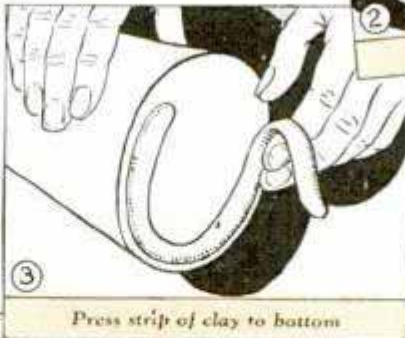
After experimenting with the simpler articles, more ambitious novelties like these can be made

such as the creamer for example, you take a wad of ordinary modeling clay, roll it in the hands or on a piece of glass to form a strip, which is pressed to the bottom, near the edge, Fig. 3, so that the creamer can be stuck firmly onto a sheet of glass as shown in Fig. 4. After pressing the creamer down firmly, some of the clay may ooze from under the bottom and this is trimmed off close to the creamer edge with a sharp knife as in Fig. 5. Now, throughout the process of forming the mold, creamer and piece of glass are not to be separated.

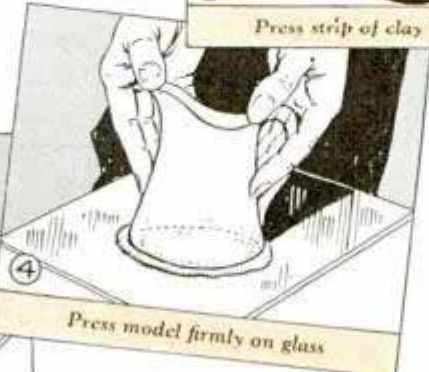
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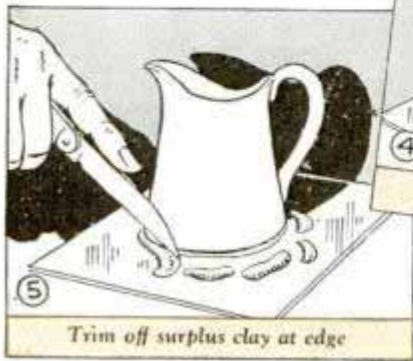
2 Select a model



3 Press strip of clay to bottom



4 Press model firmly on glass

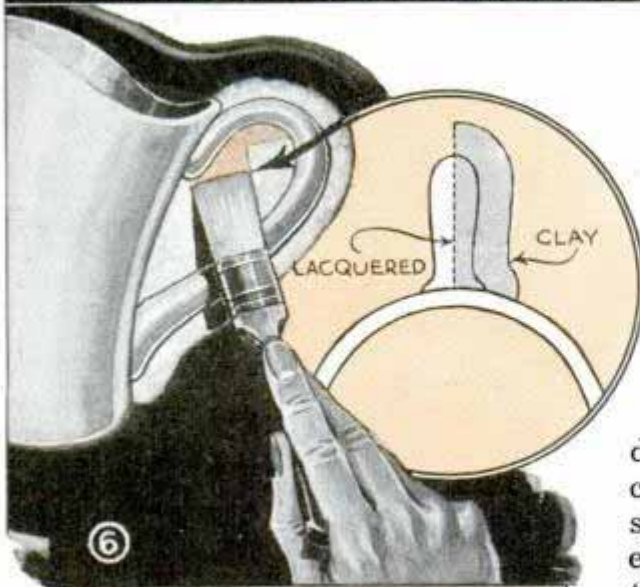


5 Trim off surplus clay at edge

duced, in this case the opening of the handle, a separator must be provided so that the completed rubber mold will be split at this point, permitting removal of the model.

To form the separator, press a wad of modeling clay on one side of the handle, letting it extend halfway inside of the handle as indicated in the detail of Fig. 6. Then ordinary brushing lacquer is applied against the clay dam to contact the inside edge of the handle. Several coats of the brushing lacquer are needed in order to build up the thickness of the separator to assure its being sufficiently strong.

LIQUID RUBBER BRUSHED ON MODEL FORMS MOLD



⑥ Openings filled with lacquer separators



⑦ Apply several coats of liquid rubber

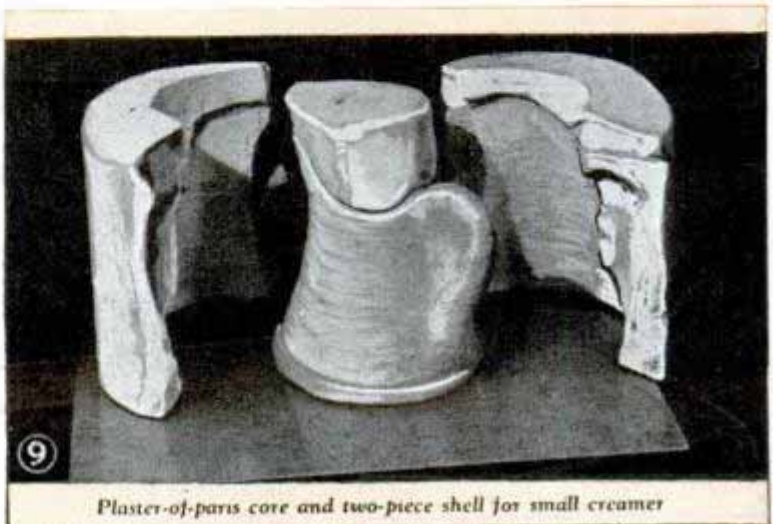
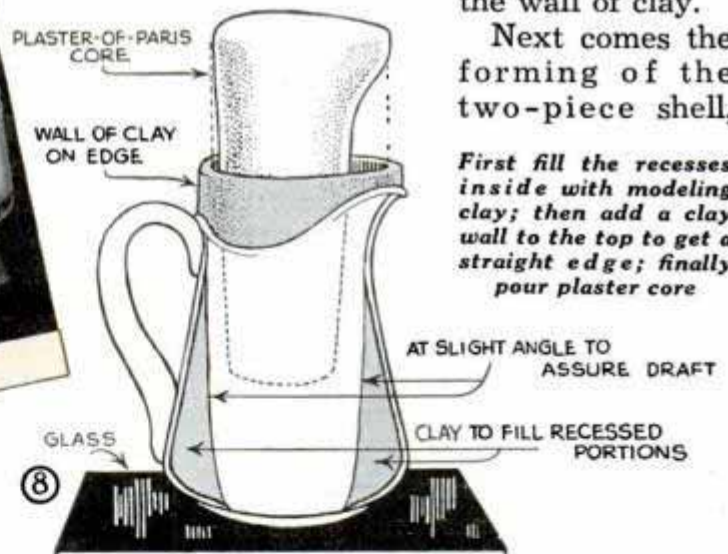
Next comes the actual formation of the rubber mold. Liquid rubber is brushed over the entire surface of the model, inside and out, as in Fig. 7. After the first coat has dried, apply another and continue with still more coatings, allowing each coat to dry before the next is added, until a thickness of $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. has been built up. Now set the whole thing away for several days to permit the rubber to cure.

When you come back to the job after this intermission, you are ready to make a plaster-of-paris

shell, which is used to hold the flexible rubber mold while pouring the plastic, after the original model has been removed. However, the model is still kept in the mold throughout the entire process of forming the shell. On flat models without undercuts a one-piece shell can be made, but in case of the creamer it is necessary to provide a core and a two-piece shell as shown in Fig. 9. Fig. 8 illustrates how the core or the inside shell of the mold is produced. First apply modeling clay to fill recessed portions so that the diameter of the space at the bottom will be less than the diameter at the top. This assures easy withdrawal of the plaster core. On the irregular top edge of the creamer a thin wall of clay is also added to produce a horizontal edge as indicated in Fig. 8. After this has been done, you grease the rubber surface with olive oil and then fill with plaster of paris up to the edge of the wall of clay. When the plaster has hardened, remove the wall of clay.

Next comes the forming of the two-piece shell,

First fill the recesses inside with modeling clay; then add a clay wall to the top to get a straight edge; finally pour plaster core

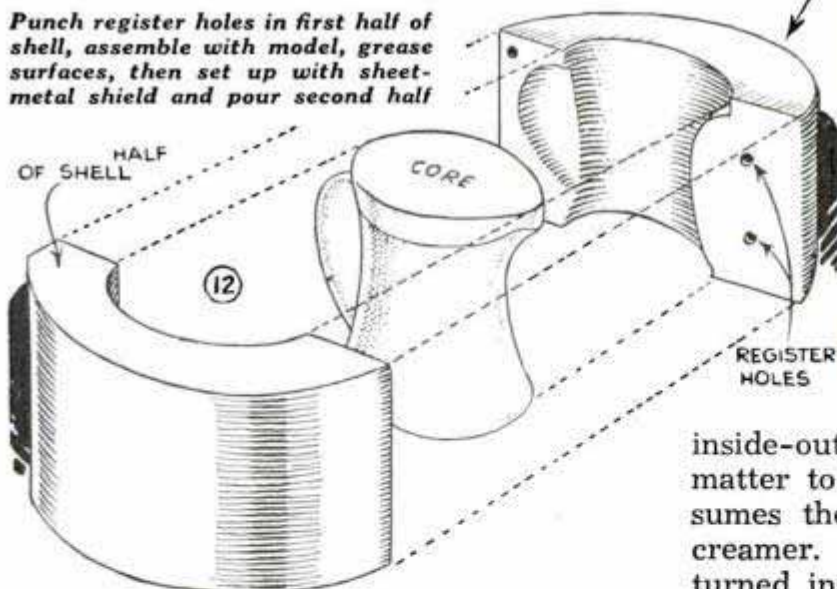


⑨ Plaster-of-paris core and two-piece shell for small creamer

PLASTER CORE AND SHELL HOLD MOLD WHILE POURING

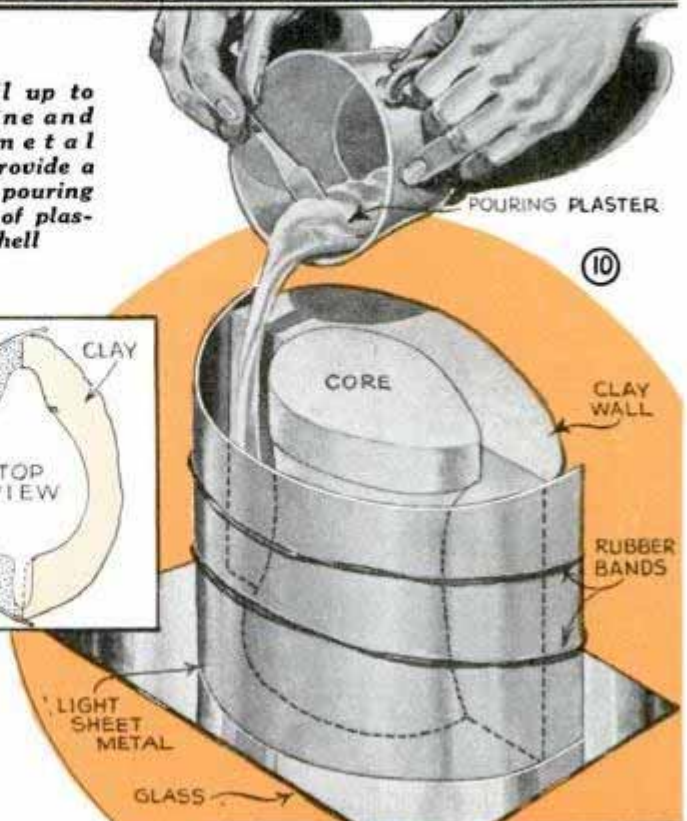
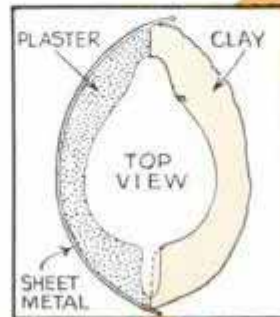
illustrated in Figs. 10 and 12. Remember that the model is still being held on the glass while you are forming the shell. A piece of light sheet metal is bent to a curve around the exposed part of the mold, with clearance of about an inch for pouring plaster. Note that the ends of the sheet metal fit against the clay dam and that rubber bands slipped over the whole assembly hold it together while pouring. Before pouring, both the rubber which is exposed and the exposed portion of the core are greased thoroughly with olive oil and four small register holes are pressed into the clay dam. Then the plaster is poured. When hard, the clay dam is removed and the tin transferred to the other side to repeat the operation, not neglecting to grease again all rubber and plaster surfaces against which plaster is to be poured, in order to permit easy separation.

Punch register holes in first half of shell, assemble with model, grease surfaces, then set up with sheet-metal shield and pour second half



With the job of making the mold and the stiffening shell completed you are now ready for pouring the plastic. All that is necessary is to remove the glass from the bottom of the creamer, and pull off the flexible rubber mold from the creamer as shown in Fig. 1. The rubber will be tough and you can stretch it as required in order to remove the model. The mold may turn

Clay wall up to parting line and sheet-metal shield provide a form for pouring first half of plaster shell



HALF OF SHELL

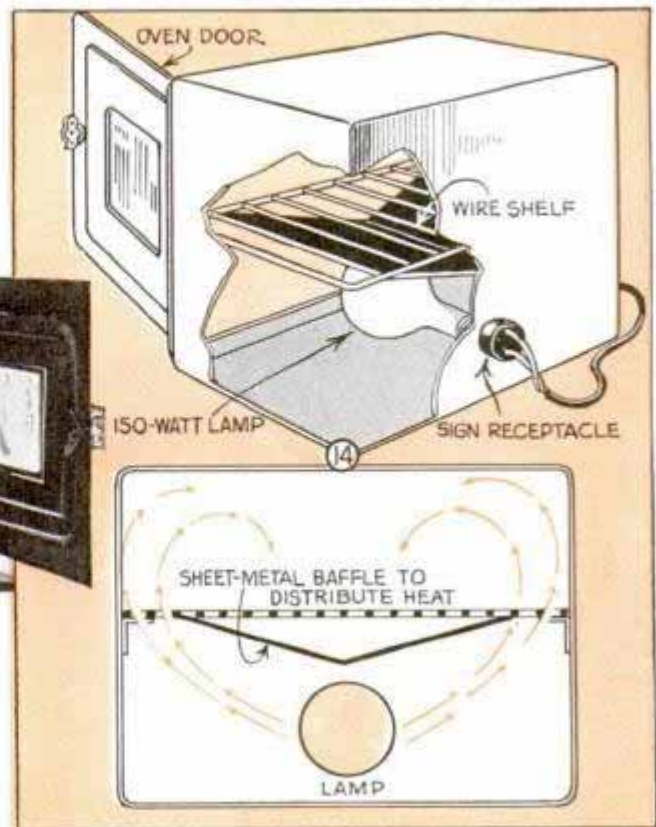


inside-out when doing this, but it's an easy matter to reverse it again so that it assumes the same position it had on the creamer. In fact, the mold should be turned inside-out so that you can apply fine talcum powder to its inner surface, which assures easy parting of the plastic. Then the mold is placed in the shell, which it fits exactly, the core is inserted and the whole assembly is set upside-down for pouring, as shown in Fig. 11.

After the mold has been filled with liquid plastic, the assembly is placed in an oven for 20 to 30 min., where the temperature is kept from 160 to 175° F. The liquid



After pouring the plastic, it is slowly hardened by heating at 160 to 175° F., in a small oven, heated by a 150-watt electric lamp



will change to a milky white solid plastic. An inexpensive oven like the one shown in Fig. 13 can be constructed by mounting a 150-watt lamp inside a small gas-burner oven, which sells for a dollar, or in a small box provided with a door. In order to distribute the heat from the lamp uniformly, you can provide a sheet-metal baffle wired under the oven shelf, as in Fig. 14.

Rubber molds once made can be used over and over again to make duplicate articles of plastic. Often the plastic repro-

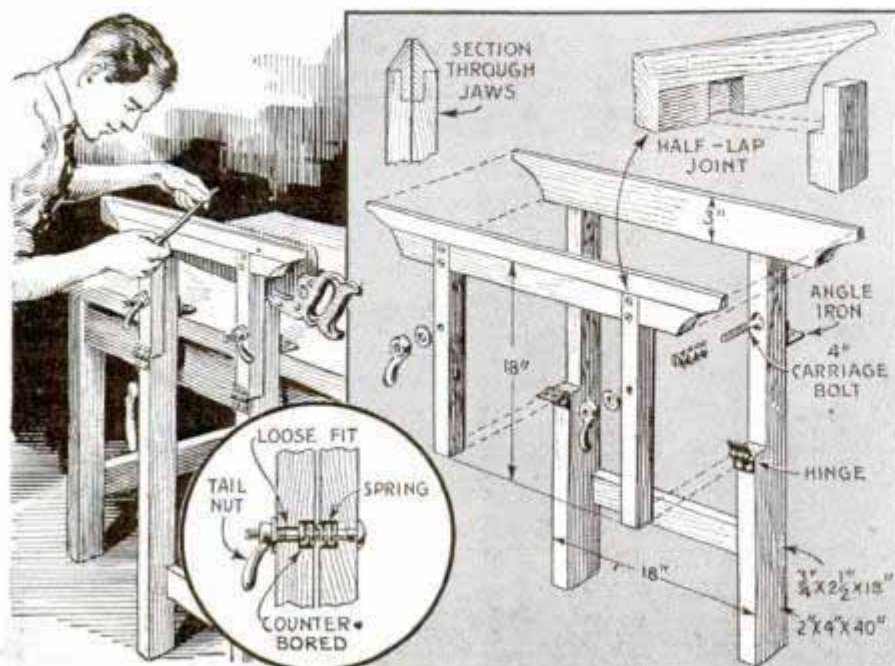
duction requires no finishing whatever, especially those produced from glass or porcelain models. However, the material can be polished on a buffing wheel or in a tumbling barrel. It can be cut and sawed but is almost unbreakable in daily use.

Saw Vise Has Long Jaws Opened by Pressure Springs

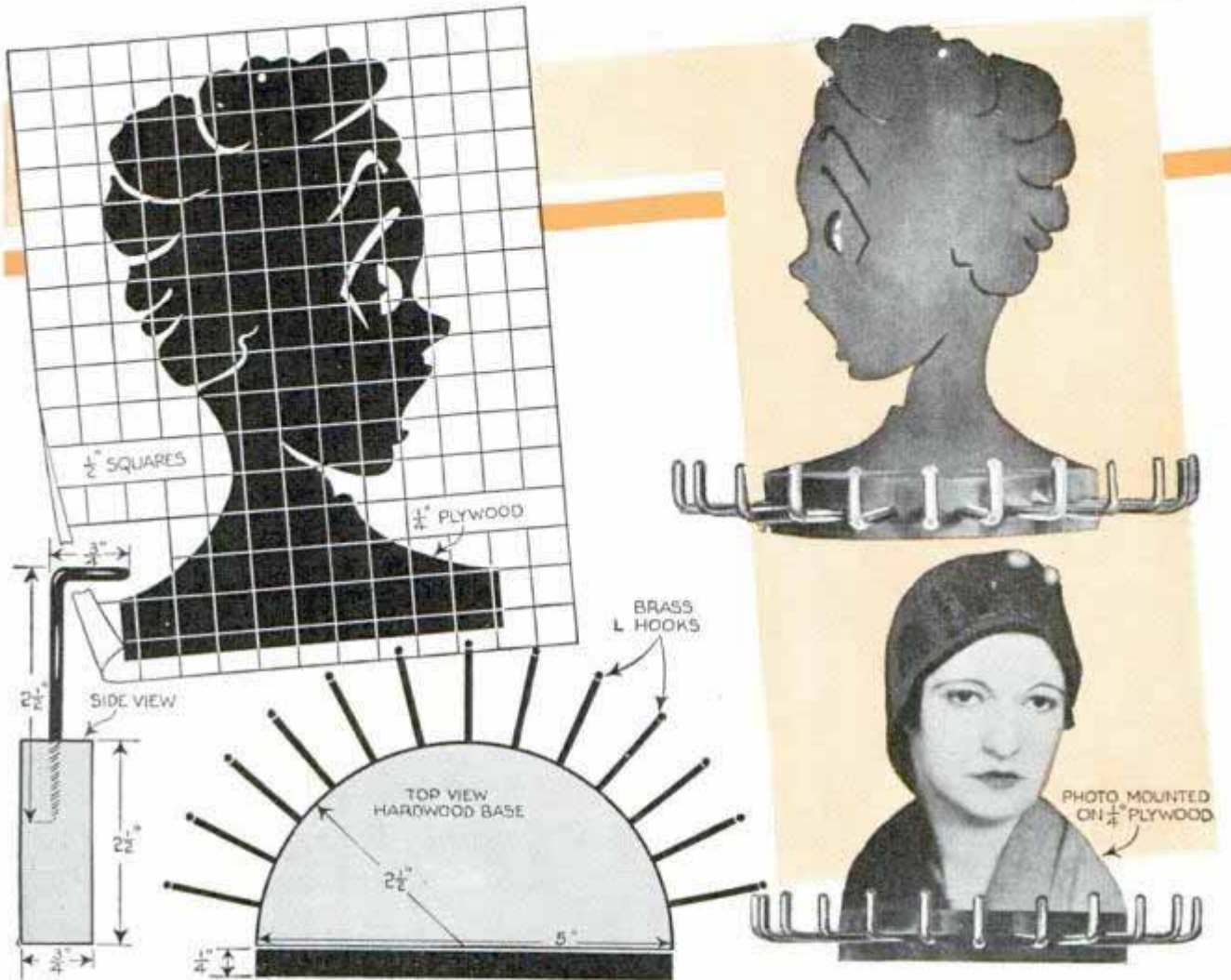
Once you have clamped a hand saw between the long jaws of this sturdy vise, you can complete a job of filing the teeth

without stopping to shift the blade. The vertical members of the vise are 2 by 4-in. stock ripped in half 20 in. down the center and joined together at the bottom with a stretcher

notched flush in the edges. The jaws, shaped and beveled as shown, are notched on the face side to take the half-lap upper ends of the vertical members. After boring and counterboring each cut-out piece to take a short coil spring and bolt, they are hinged in place as indicated. When the tail nuts, fitted to the $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. carriage bolts, are loosened the springs force the jaws apart, making it convenient to insert or remove the work.



Personalize Your Tie Rack with a Photograph



Using enlargements of favorite photos, you can make these tie racks for yourself, and they will be appreciated as gifts by your friends. A photo of the head and shoulders is glued to $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood and then cut out with a jig saw. When finished, the photo should be about 7 in. high. If desired, silhouettes can be substituted for

photos. In this case, the outline of a photo is traced directly on the wood, which is then sawed to shape and painted black. The rack for the ties is a block of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. hardwood cut as shown and screwed to the plywood back near the lower edge. L-hooks to hold the ties are then driven into the edge of the hardwood piece.

Pedestal Bird Bath of Concrete Resembles a Tree Trunk

The home owner who wants to try his hand at making novel articles of concrete will find this bird bath a useful as well as a decorative article. Simulating a hollowed ring cut from a tree trunk and nested between four stub branches, the bath is a single concrete unit formed by applying cement to a framework of metal lath. The serrated lines imitating bark were scratched in the surface of the concrete before it hardened. The water receptacle was formed over a sheet-metal disk with metal lath bound around the edges, the disk being set on top of the main framework so that the entire assembly was formed into a single unit as the cement was applied. The bath was built on a concrete platform large enough to keep it from tipping.

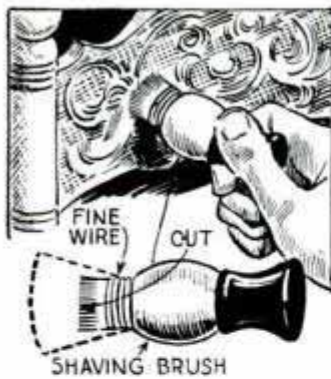


Toy Balloon Coated with Rosin Is Halloween Noise Maker



Safe and effective, this noise maker is simply an inflated rubber balloon sprinkled with powdered rosin. When this is rubbed against a windowpane it will produce noise without danger of breaking the glass.

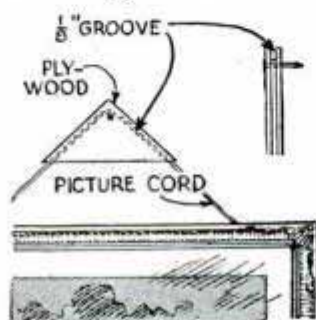
Shaving Brush Helps in Rubbing Intricately Carved Work



You will find a cheap shaving brush with the bristles cut off, as shown, a timesaver when rubbing carved work with pumice or rottenstone. Bind the bristles with wire before cutting.

Pictures Suspended from Block to Avoid Breaking Cord

Cords supporting heavy pictures are less likely to chafe against the nail or hook and break, if triangular blocks are pivoted to the nails and the cords



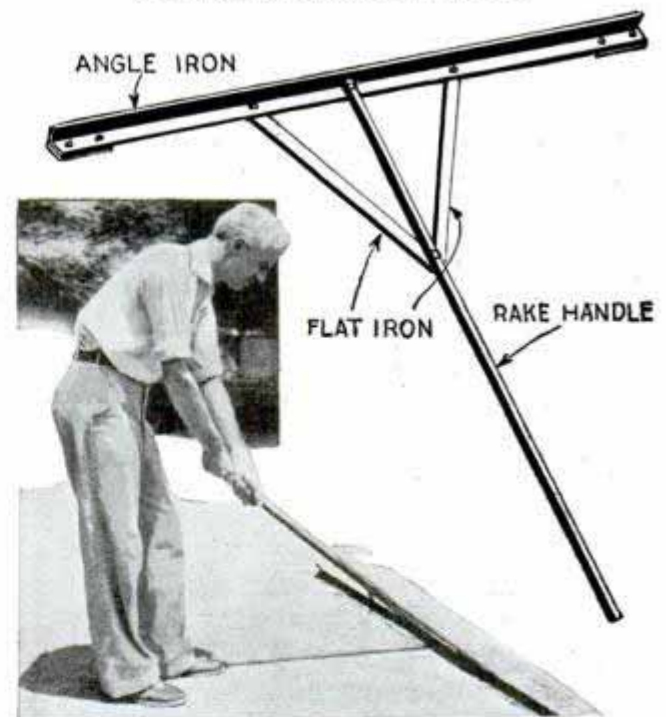
placed in grooves cut in two edges of the blocks. Also, greater friction between the cords and blocks helps to prevent the pictures from tipping toward one side if the pivot holes in the blocks are located at the balanced center.

Developing Tray Partitioned to Save Fluid

You can economize on developing fluid when finishing small negatives and prints if you partition the developing tray so that one-half of it can be used. This is done with a strip of thin wood coated with asphaltum varnish. It is fastened in place with rubber cement, flowing it liberally along the joint.



Scraper for Croquet Court Made from Bed Rail



The side rail of an old iron bed or any piece of heavy angle iron makes a handy scraper for dirt croquet courts, when fitted with a wooden handle braced as shown. The weight of the bar makes a smooth surface without bearing down on the handle.

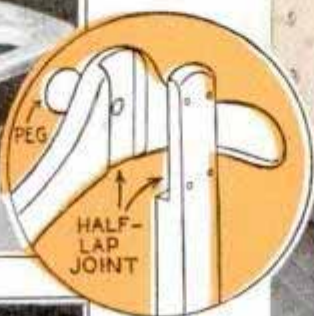
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A Man's Clothes Rack

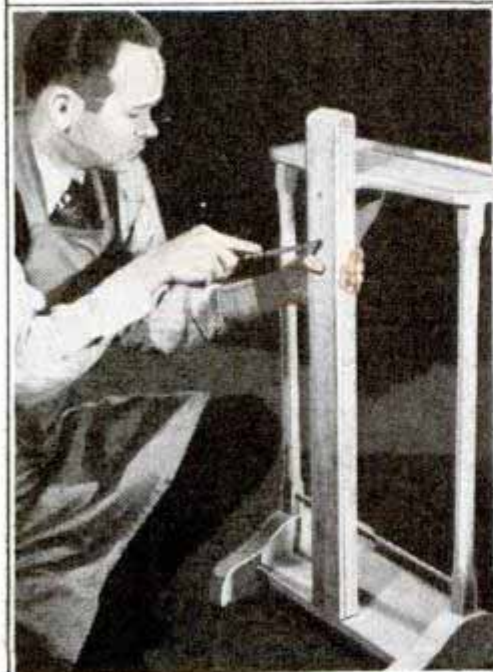
Besides accommodating daytime wearing apparel neatly, this rack holds a bathrobe full length, as the hanger support is adjustable. A handy shelf for watch, alarm clock, keys and other small items is also included. While the rounded edges can be formed by hand tools and sanding, a uniformly accurate job in this respect is preferably done on a shaper. The heavier piece of the main upright is grooved to take the sliding post and the half-lap joint on the hanger should be cut before the lower edge of the hanger is sawed to shape



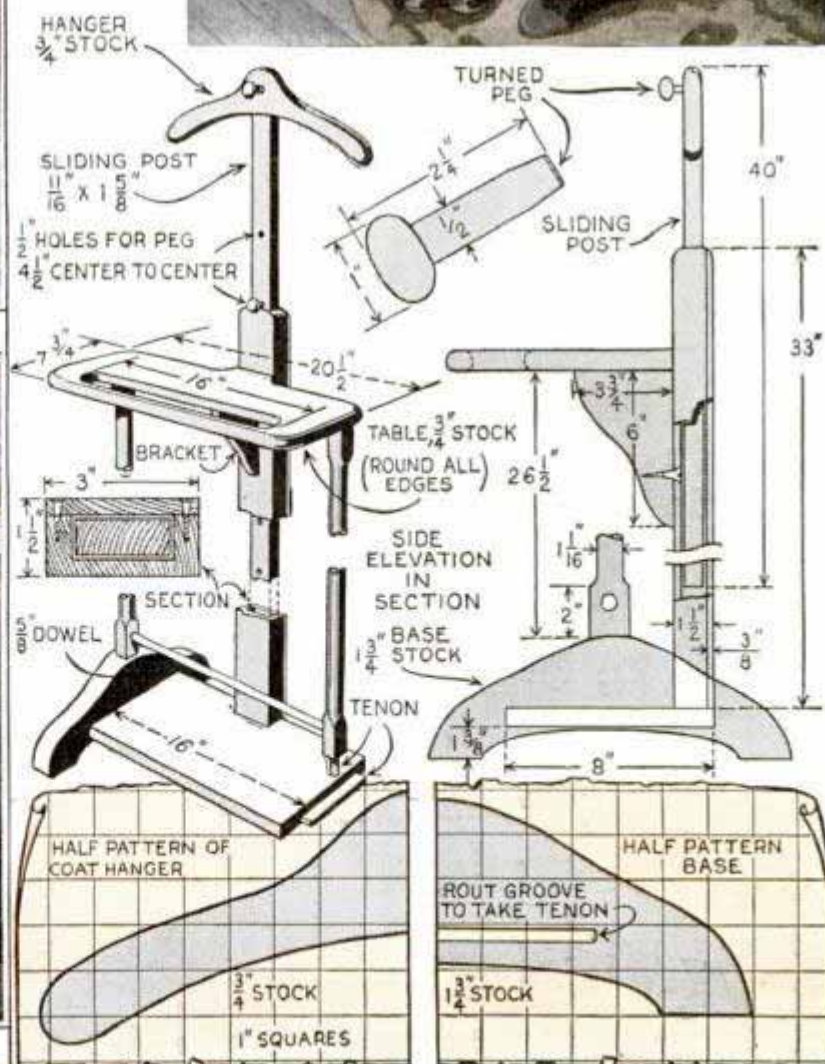
Rounding edges of table



Cutting half-lap joint (coat hanger)



The bracket is screwed in place



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From SPRINGS to



SIMPLE and inexpensive, the loose spring cushion is often the only upholstery necessary to complete an attractive chair. For inner-spring construction, purchase a spring mat of the required size. The equipment necessary to make a cushion is shown in the material list, and in Fig. 1. Arrange the cardboard box as shown in Fig. 2, bradding it lightly to the workbench and driving nails at either end to hold the sides vertical.

MATERIALS

INNER SPRING—Small springs sewed in muslin pockets and assembled into mats. Sizes are multiples of 3. Regular cushion size, 21 by 21 in., costs slightly over one dollar.

CONSTRUCTION SPRING—Heavy springs mounted in wire frame.

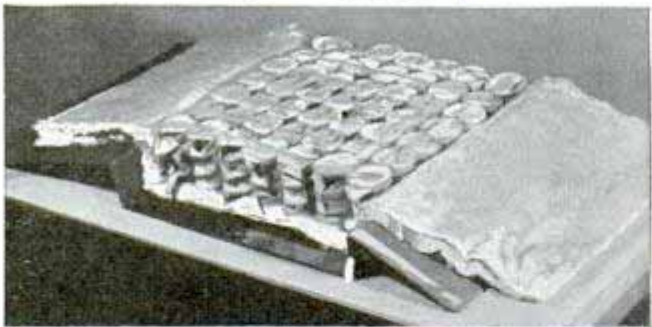
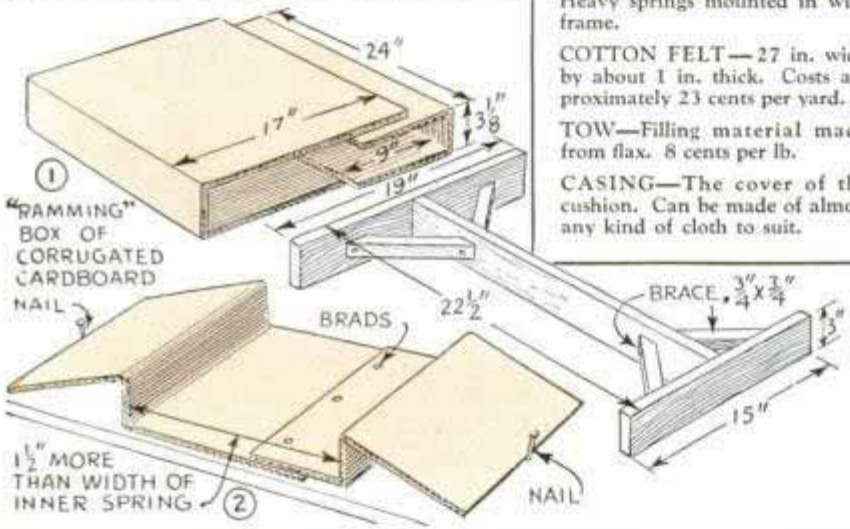
COTTON FELT—27 in. wide by about 1 in. thick. Costs approximately 23 cents per yard.

TOW—Filling material made from flax. 8 cents per lb.

CASING—The cover of the cushion. Can be made of almost any kind of cloth to suit.

Fig. 1. Arrange the cardboard box as shown in Fig. 2, bradding it lightly to the workbench and driving nails at either end to hold the sides vertical.

Place a layer of cotton in the box and lay the spring mat over it as in Fig. 3. Fold the cotton over the spring and add a second layer, Fig. 4. Then close the box and tape it shut, Fig. 5. Strip the casing over the box, as in Fig. 6, and use the wooden plunger in Fig. 1 to ram the filling into the casing, at the same time withdrawing the cardboard box, as shown in



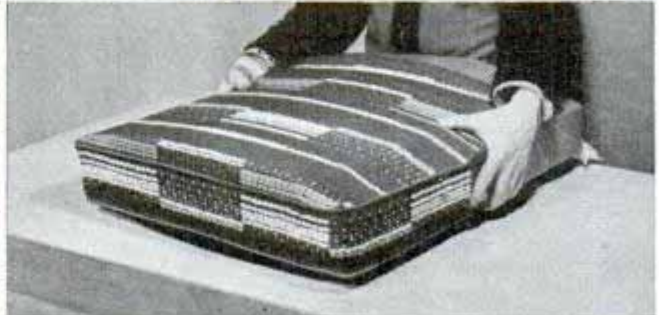
③ SPRING AND FIRST LAYER OF COTTON IN BOX



④ COTTON FOLDED IN AND SECOND LAYER ADDED



⑤ BOX CLOSED AND FASTENED WITH GUMMED TAPE

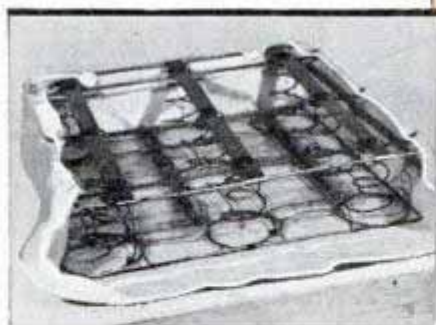
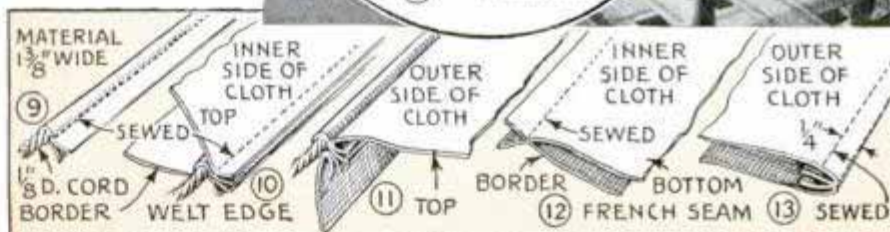
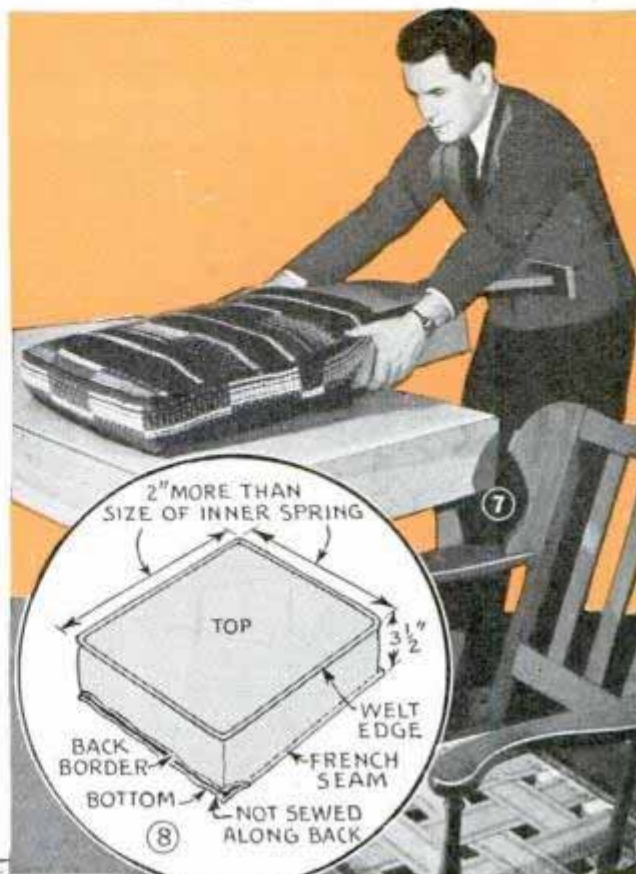


⑥ CASING STRIPPED IN PLACE OVER BOX

TAILORED CUSHIONS

Fig. 7. The casing should be sewed complete except the bottom edge of the back and a short distance along the sides, Fig. 8. The seam used between the top and the border is a "welt edge," made as shown in Figs. 9, 10 and 11. The seam at the bottom is a French seam, made by joining the cloth inside out, Fig. 12, then folding it back and sewing again about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in from the fold, as shown in Fig. 13.

Where a construction spring is used, the filling is best done by hand. Start by sewing a piece of burlap over the top and sides, as in Fig. 14. Next, pad the top with excelsior or tow, Fig. 15. Cover the spring with two layers of cotton felt, and then strip the casing in place, Fig. 16. The casing for this method is sewed all around the top and the front edge of the bottom on the sewing machine, leaving the other three sides to be sewed by hand after filling. Fig. 17 shows cotton felt being added to the sides, this partly covering the bottom, while in Fig. 18 the cushion is shown partly fastened together with pins in preparation for hand sewing.



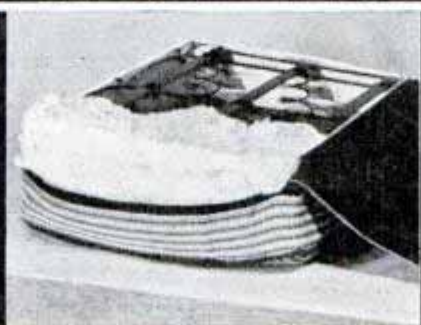
14 SPRING COVERED WITH BURLAP



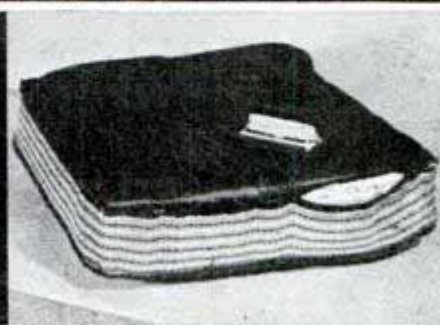
16 OPEN BOTTOM CASING FITTED IN PLACE OVER SPRING



15 FILLING PLACED OVER TOP



17 PADDING ADDED ALONG SIDES



18 BOTTOM PINNED TO BORDER

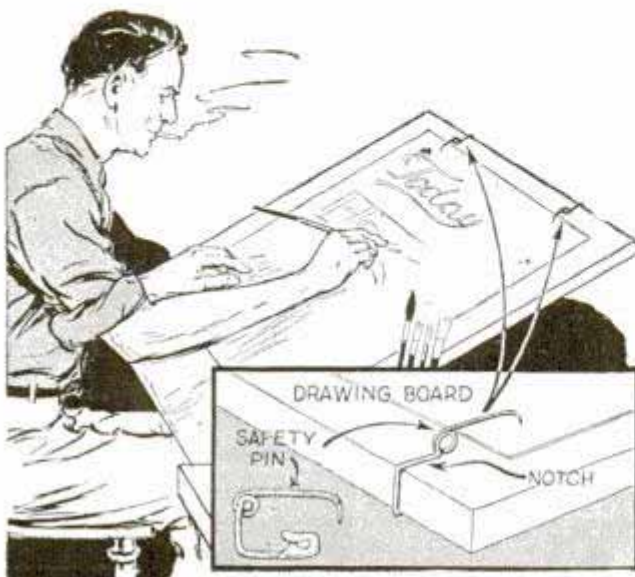
Spaced Hooks on Trotline Engage to Avoid Entangling



To keep hooks of a trotline from entangling when winding or unwinding it on a reel, one fisherman uses the following method: Space the staging lines so that the hooks at the end of each can be engaged as indicated.

Bent Safety Pins Hold Work on Drawing Board

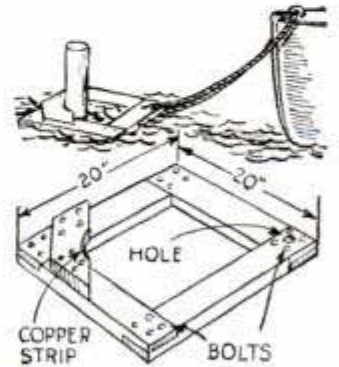
To hold showcards and price tags on a drawing board for rapid lettering without the annoyance of inserting and removing thumbtacks, I used safety pins. These were bent to the shape shown, and were



inserted in slots sawed in the edges of the drawing board. The pointed ends of the pins hold the work securely, and placing or removing it is just a matter of lifting the portions of the pins that project over the work.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Small Boat Fastened to Post Safely with Wood Float

Having experienced considerable trouble with my boat because the chain would wind around the stake to which it was fastened, I built this simple float which is slipped over the stake and rotates as the boat drifts around, rising and lowering with the tide or high waves. Assembled from 1 1/4 by 4-in. oak, the float is held together with 1/4-in. brass bolts.—Linwood Webb, Greenport, N. Y.



Soap Dish Makes Bird Bath in Canary's Cage

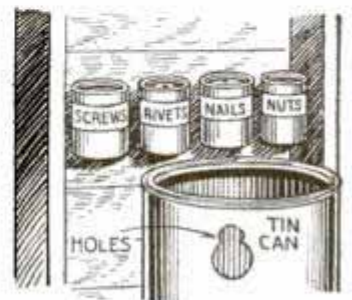


RUBBER SOAP DISH

A rubber soap dish makes an excellent bath receptacle for canaries. It will not slip on the bottom of the cage and the sides provide an easy grip for the bird's feet.

Cans Containing Small Parts Easily Hung on Wall

If you use empty tin cans to hold your supply of nails, screws, bolts and other small parts, cut small openings, of the shape shown, in the sides. Then you can hang them easily on nails or screws that project slightly from a wall.



SMALL PELTS TANNED

at home by simplified process

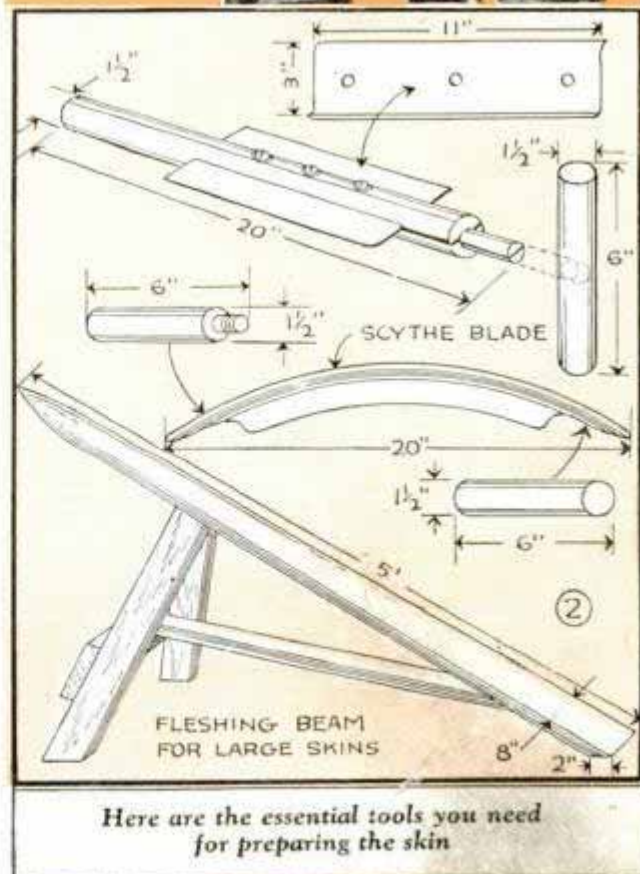
By John William Moyer

Staff Taxidermist
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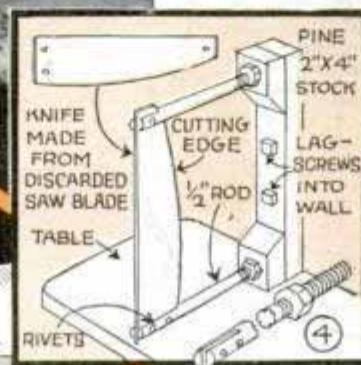
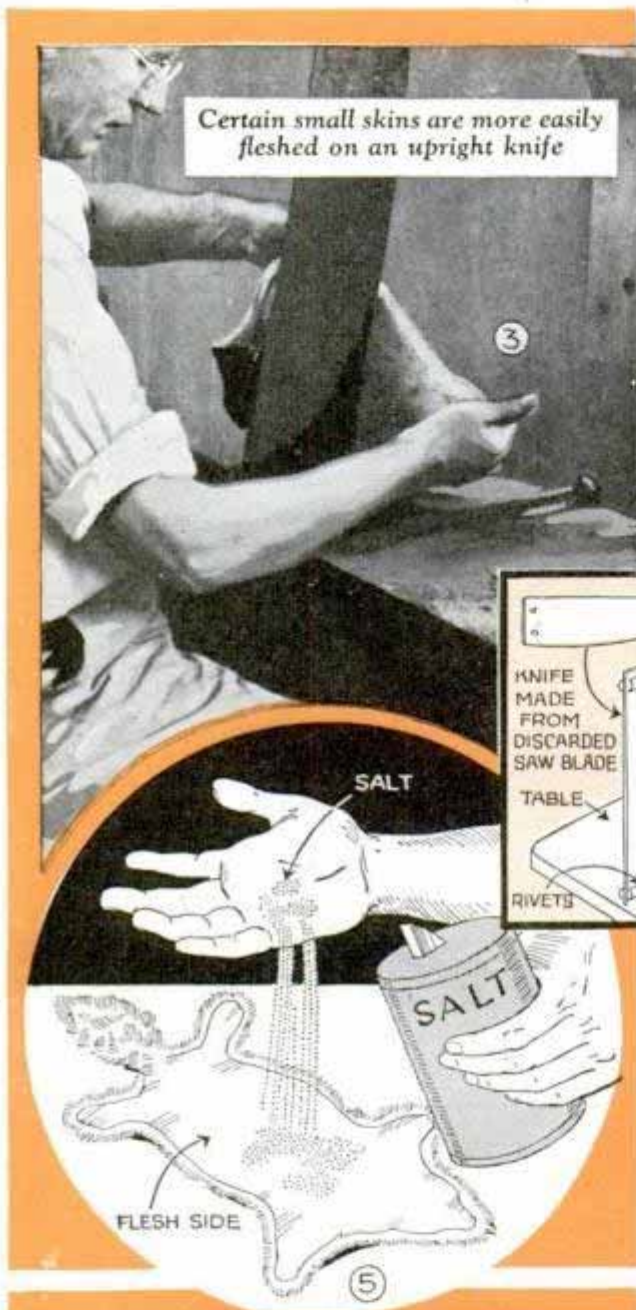
ALTHOUGH there are no tricky formulas or involved processes to bother with when tanning a skin by hand methods, the procedure takes work. What you're after is soft, pliable leather and, once the pelt is put through the tanning solution, it is the plain labor of "beaming" and "tubbing" that produces the softness and pliability characteristic of a first-class job of tanning. The tools one will require are not many and can be made, or bought very cheaply from taxidermy supply houses. Fig. 2 shows the essential tools. They are the currier's knife, a fleshing knife and a fleshing beam for the medium and larger skins. In addition you will likely need two skinning knives and a small shaving beam.

A currier's knife can be made from an old saw blade as in the upper details in Fig. 2. Have it ground down until rectangular in shape with two cutting edges. These should be ground razor-sharp and with wide bevels. Drill three holes along the centerline of the blade. Then round a 20-in. length of hardwood to about 1½-in. diameter, and another piece to the same diameter and 9 in. in length. Bore a ¾-in. hole transversely through the center of the shorter piece. Form a ¾ by 1½-in. dowel on one end of the longer piece and then slit the latter with a hand saw, from one end straight through the center to a point within about 6 in. of the opposite end. Drive the handle over the dowel and pin or rivet it in place. Slip the blade in the slot, bore holes and fasten with small stove bolts. Then wind the slotted end of the handle with cord to make a comfortable handhold. Finally, turn both cutting edges with a large knife steel in the same way that you would turn the edge of a floor or cabinet scraper.

Skins are first shaved down on a fleshing beam to prepare them for the tanning solution



Here are the essential tools you need for preparing the skin



After fleshing, the skin is salted and rolled up flesh side in; after two days, or longer, the salt is washed out in clear, soft water

A suitable fleshing knife can be made from an old scythe blade cut down to about 20 in. in length. Have the blacksmith shape a shank at each end so that the blade can be fitted with wooden handles. Bind the latter at the ferrules with fine wire to prevent splitting. The two knives just described are for the shaving of fairly large skins but for the smaller ones such as muskrat, mink, weasel or skunk an upright fleshing knife such as that shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is more suitable. This knife can be purchased or can be made from an old saw blade by filing off the teeth and grinding and honing the edge. The knife should be supported on a bench in the manner shown in Fig. 4, or it can be bolted to a wall.

Before the actual tanning of skins can be started, one will have to make two fleshing beams to rest the skins on while shaving down the flesh side. A small shaving beam can be whittled from a length of hardwood 12 in. long and about 3 in. wide. Shape the end to a blunt point and round over the top side so that the skin will slide easily while being worked. The larger skins are shaved down on the large fleshing beam as in Fig. 1. The upper end of this beam should be rounded over and smoothed and the edges rounded over the full length.

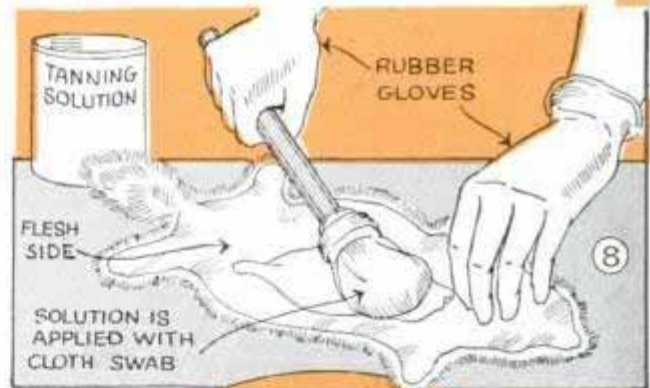
The purpose of shaving or fleshing, as it is called, is to remove cartilage, fat and flesh from the skin so that the tanning solution can take full effect. As soon as the skin is removed from the carcass the ears, nose and lips must be opened up. This is very important, as the solution will not act on these parts unless they are carefully skinned out. This done the skin is immediately salted down with common salt, and rolled up, flesh side in, Fig. 5. Leave it rolled up for at least a couple days. Then it is washed out in clear, soft water and hung up to drain, Fig. 6. Skins that become dry after salting should be soaked until pliable by immersing them in soft water to which a few drops of carbolic acid have been added, about $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful to the gallon of water. Smaller skins can be shaved down with a small skinning knife, or the upright knife can be used as in Fig.

3. In working the larger skins the carrier's knife is used. Notice in Fig. 1 the proper way to hold the knife. This is important, for if the knife is not held correctly, one is likely to cut holes in the skins. It is also necessary to be very careful not to shave the skin down too thin as this will cut off the hair roots, causing the hair to fall out during the process later. While fleshing or shaving, the knife will become dull and must be sharpened quite often, and the edge turned each time with the steel.

After the skin has been shaved to the proper thickness, it should be beamed lightly as in Fig. 7, then stretched flat on the floor, flesh side up, and swabbed over with a solution of tanning liquor, Fig. 8. To make the liquor, bring water, 1 gal., to the boiling point. Then add salt, 1 quart, and stir until thoroughly dissolved. Finally add sulphuric acid, 1½ oz. by measure, slowly to the salt solution. Allow the liquor to cool before applying it to the skin. Keep it in a wood or glass container. Give the skin one application of the liquor, making sure that all parts are covered. Leave it flat over night, swab it again and then roll it up, flesh side in. Large skins should have a third application the following day and then be hung up to dry. Do not allow the skin to dry hard at any time during the process. It should be noted just here that skins may be kept in the tanning liquor from two days to one year and the longer they stay in the liquor the better they will tan. After draining, the skin should be beamed, Fig. 7, until it is soft and pliable. This will take time and plenty of "elbow grease." Following this, several hours of it on the average skin, you coat the flesh side with pure neat's-foot oil and then you're in for the "tubbing," Fig. 9. In the commercial tanneries this is accomplished with special equipment unsuited to the needs of the individual tanner. However, the same result can be obtained by simply tramping the skin, or skins, in a large wooden tub filled about one-half full of hardwood sawdust. If the skins are small, work several of them at a time in the tub. During the tramping process stop now and then to shift the skins and turn them first one side up and then the other. Tramp them until all traces of stiffness has been worked out. Finally, shake out the sawdust and lay the hair with a fine comb.



First work the skin over a fleshing beam to soften it; then apply the tanning solution to the flesh side



Finally coat the skins with pure neat's foot oil and place in a wooden tub one-half full of hardwood sawdust

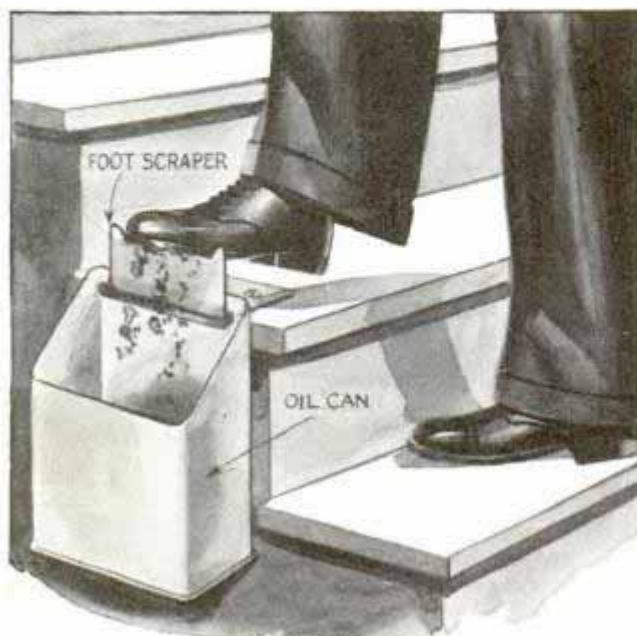
Aggregate Heater on Small Jobs of Concrete Work



Two lengths of stovepipe and an elbow assembled as shown provide a simple heater for sand and stone on small concrete jobs. The heater is set in the aggregate pile in the position indicated and is fired with a piece of cotton waste soaked in fuel oil or old crankcase oil.

Shoe Scraper Has Dirt Catcher Made from an Oil Can

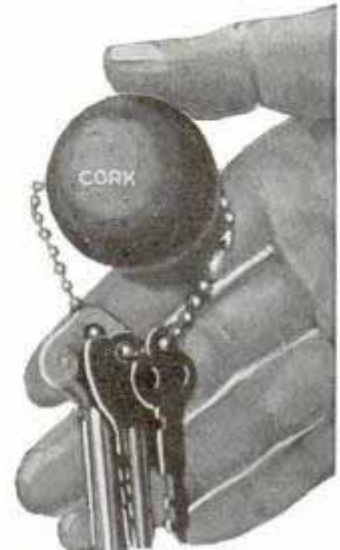
Disliking the accumulation of dirt beneath a shoe scraper, a housewife had a discarded oil can cut to hang below it. At-



tached with a single nail, the can is quickly and easily removed when it becomes full enough to empty.

"Life-Belt" for Boat Keys

When working around a boat or dock where you might accidentally drop your keys into the water, it is a good idea to slip an ordinary round fish-line bobber on the key ring. The cork will keep a number of keys afloat in the water and is plainly visible.



Grip on Hand Wheel Improved by Driving Tacks in Edge



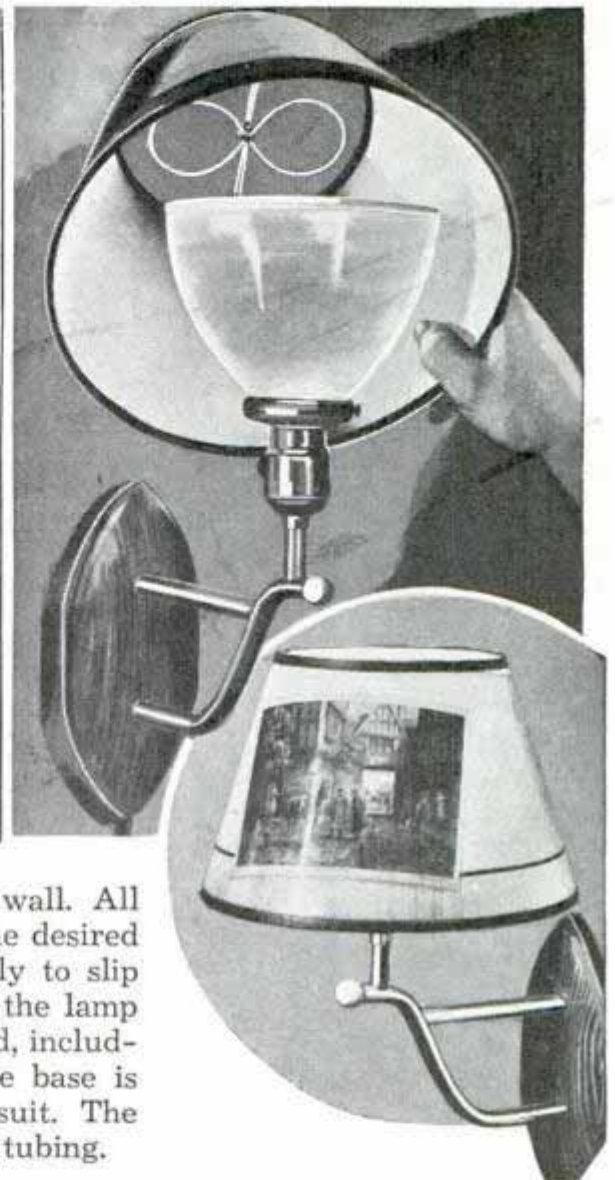
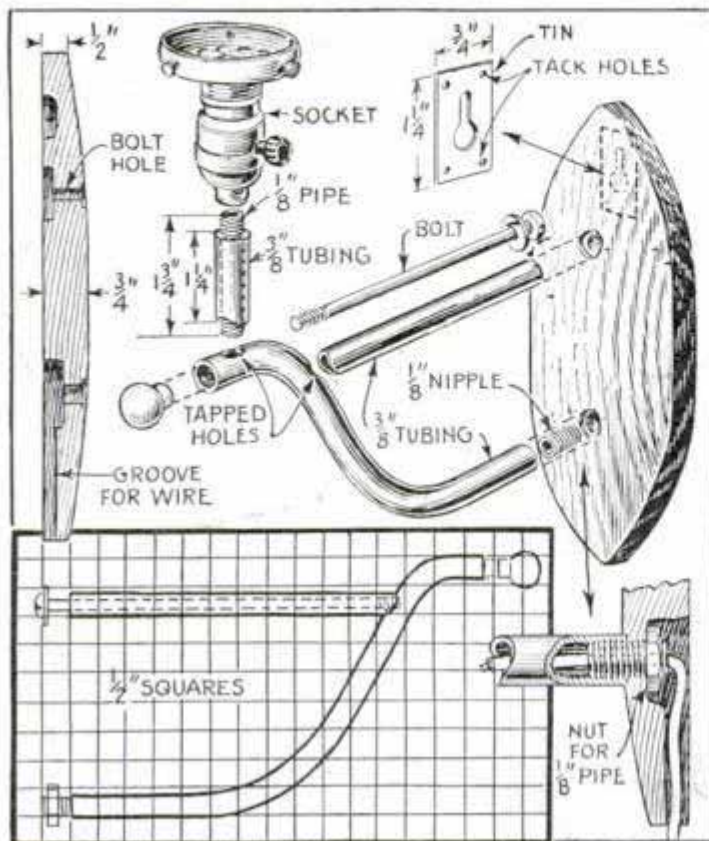
When a wood hand wheel was substituted for a broken one of iron in an emergency, upholstery tacks were driven into the edge of the wood to afford a good grip for the fingers when turning it. The tacks should be spaced a distance equal to about the width of one finger.

Repairing Lawnmower Pinion

When the shoulders of a lawnmower pinion, against which the pawls catch, become so worn that the cutting blades do not rotate, the pinion often can be repaired by cutting a slot across the shoulder as indicated to restore it to the correct angle. The slot can be cut with a hack saw, which should be held at a 45° angle to avoid cutting the opposite side of the pinion.

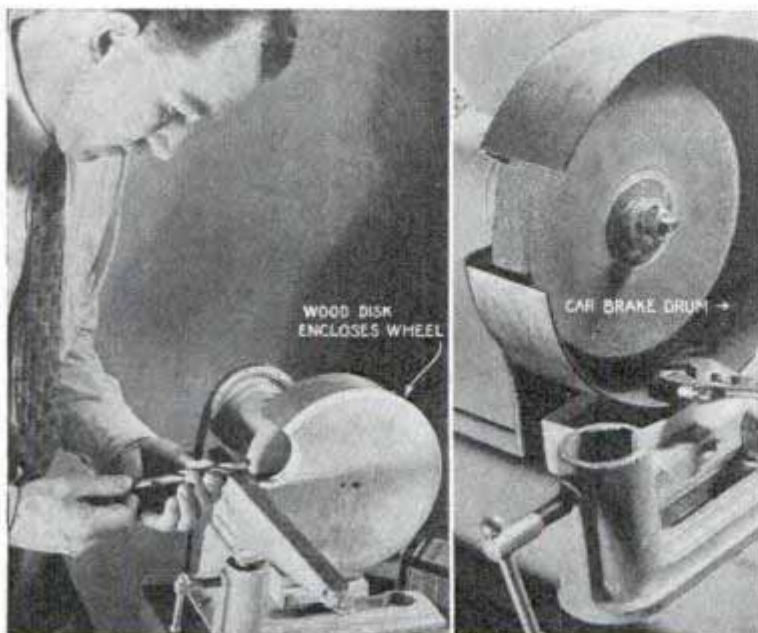


Chromium Tubing Enhances Pin-Up Lamp



Here is a lamp you can hang any place on a wall. All you need do is drive screws into the wall at the desired locations, allowing the heads to project slightly to slip into the "keyhole" hanger on the rear side of the lamp base. Exposed metal parts are chromium-plated, including the lamp socket and reflector holder. The base is made of wood, finished natural or painted to suit. The holes in the base are counterbored to take the tubing.

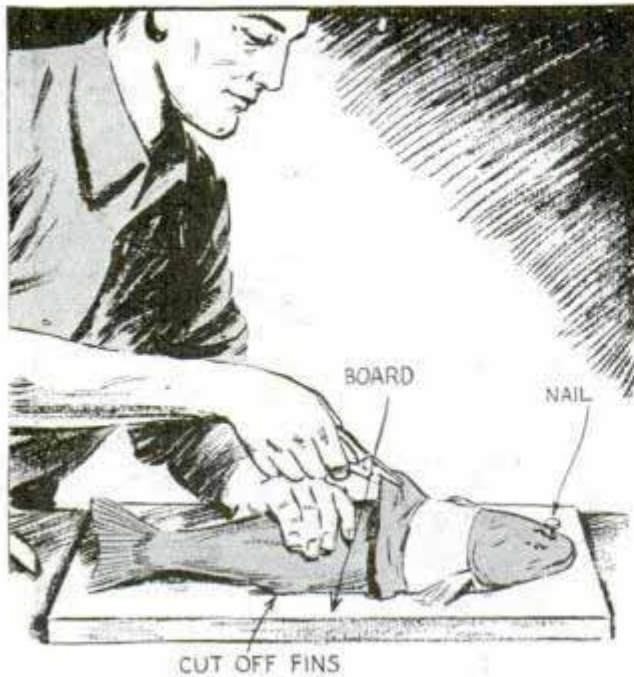
Discarded Brake Drum Shields Grinding Wheel on Lathe



Owners of home workshops who use grinding wheels mounted in their woodturning lathes can have brake drums as shields. This one was taken from a car having an emergency brake drum on the drive shaft. This type has the advantage of a small diameter and a deep flange. The drum is notched for clearance around the wheel by cutting out a segment as shown, after which it is bolted into position. A wood disk $\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick is fastened into the open side of the drum to enclose the wheel.

☛ When spraying the foliage of house plants use tepid water.

Skin Pulled Off Catfish Easily with a Pair of Pliers



You can skin a catfish easily with a pair of pliers. First kill it with a sharp blow on the head. Then cut off the fins and drive a nail through the head and into a board. With a sharp knife, cut through the skin around the fish just back of the head. Now grasp the edge of the skin with a pair of pliers and pull back toward the tail.

Fountain Pen Provides Holder for Toothpicks in Your Pocket

If you are in the habit of carrying toothpicks in your pocket, a holder to keep them is made easily from an old fountain pen. Just remove the rubber ink bag along with



the pen point, wash out the inside of the barrel thoroughly, and your holder is ready for use.

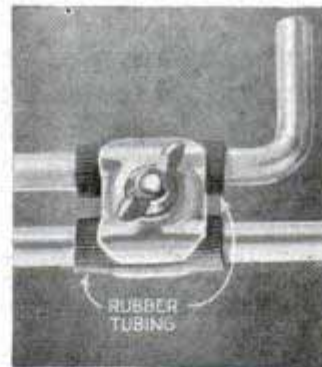
Combined Bird Bath and Feeder

Birds can feed and bathe at this unit, which also serves as a neat garden decoration. It consists of a pipe standard topped by a feeder about 8 in. square, under which is a disk-harrow blade to serve as a water



tray. The roof of the feeder, which is supported by four corner posts, is covered with strips of wood overlapped slightly.

Stop Rods on Miter Gauge of Saw Improved by Rubber Tubing



Two short lengths of rubber tubing slipped over the miter-gauge stop rods of a circular saw, as shown, will permit the clamp to grip the rods more securely with less pressure. This

makes the wing nut that operates the clamp easy to tighten or loosen.

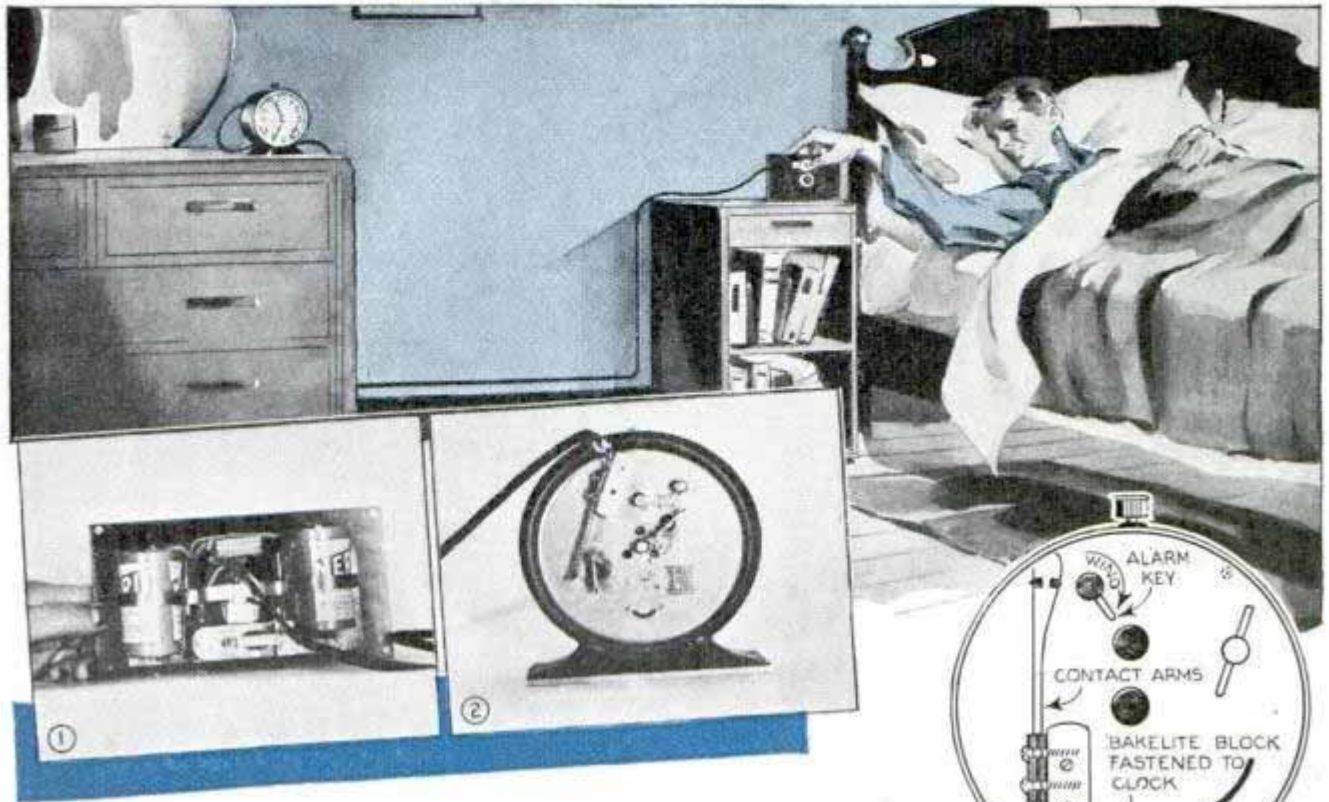
—Howard R. Heydorf, Missoula, Mont.

Small Drills Stored in Block

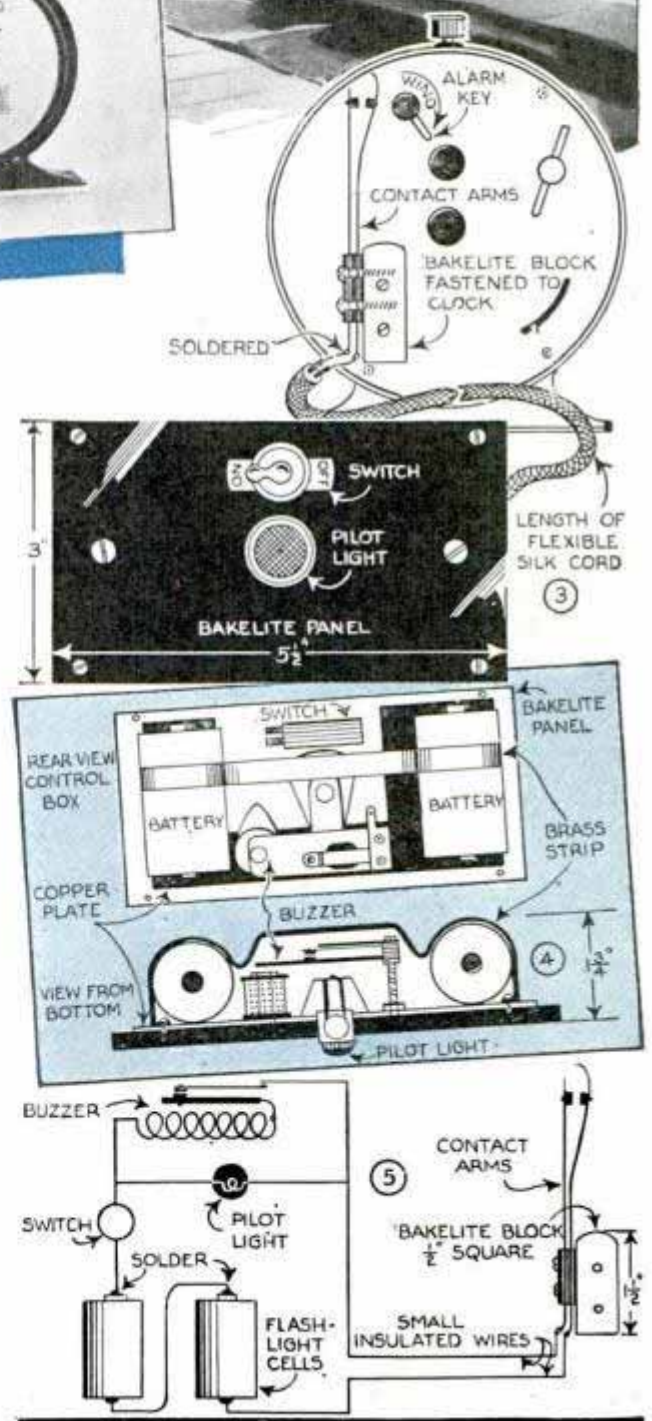
One craftsman uses a wood block of the shape shown to hold his drills and small tools so that he can carry them about easily as required. The block is stable, of large capacity and the handle, which is patterned after the handle of a hair-brush, is gripped with the fingers.



Remote Alarm Clock Starts Buzzer Near Bed



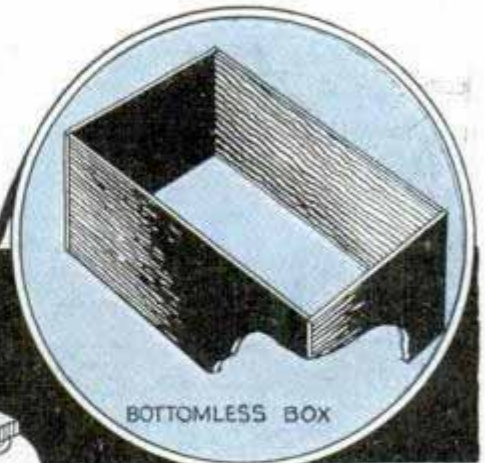
If the ticking of your trusted alarm clock prevents sleep at times, this remote-control unit, built chiefly of old radio parts, will enable you to place the clock at a distance from the bed, or in a clothes closet, so that the ticking will not annoy you. At the time set, a buzzer alarm rings softly at intervals close beside the bed. Simultaneously a dim light illuminates the switch on the control unit so that the alarm may be turned off when you awaken. The control unit, Figs. 1, 3 and 4, consists of a Bakelite panel covering a small metal or wood box which contains two flashlight cells and a door buzzer or one constructed from a radio relay. A brass band holds the dry cells in place and connections are made by soldering the wires directly to the cells as indicated in Fig. 5. Switch and pilot light are mounted on the panel as in Fig. 3. Two contact arms, taken from an old radio relay or phone jack, are fastened to a small Bakelite block which is mounted on the back of the clock, Figs. 2 and 3. The arms must be located in such a position that the projections of the alarm key will strike one of the arms, thus closing and opening the circuit at intervals. The bell-ringing mechanism of the clock is, of course, removed.—Herman R. Wallin, New York.



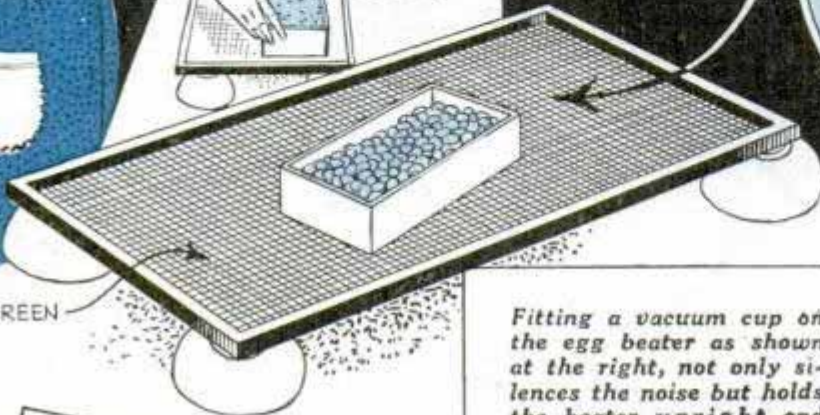
Solving HOME



Here's a way to remove the stems in a hurry from gooseberries and other small fruits. Set a small bottomless box over a window screen, fill with berries and slide the box back and forth



SCREEN



Fitting a vacuum cup on the egg beater as shown at the right, not only silences the noise but holds the beater upright and prevents it from sliding in the bowl



CLOTHESLINE

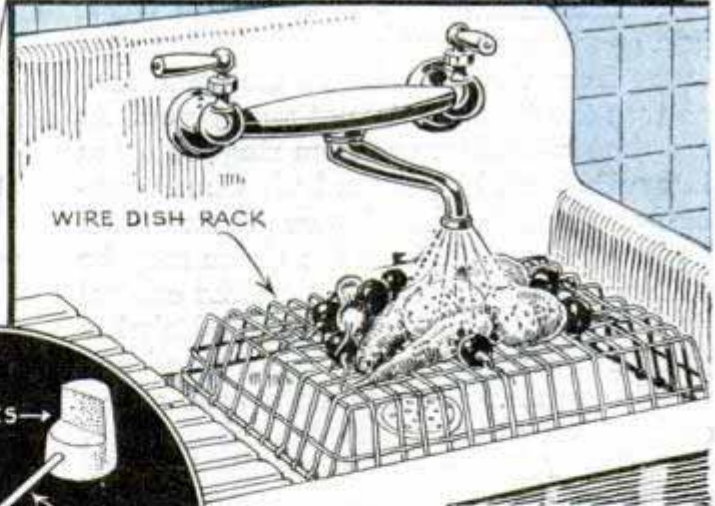


SLOTTED EARS

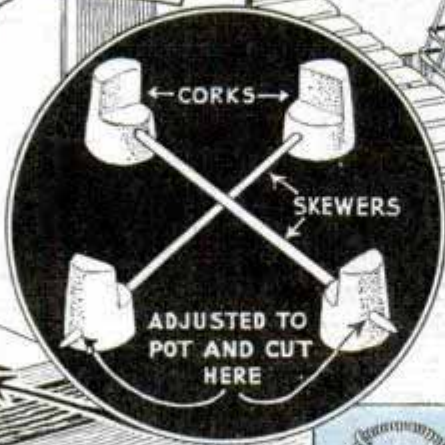


A handy clothespin container can be made from a small water pail. Simply remove the bail and slot the "ears" as shown

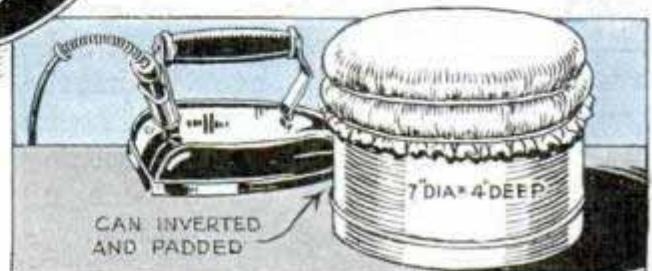
WIRE DISH RACK



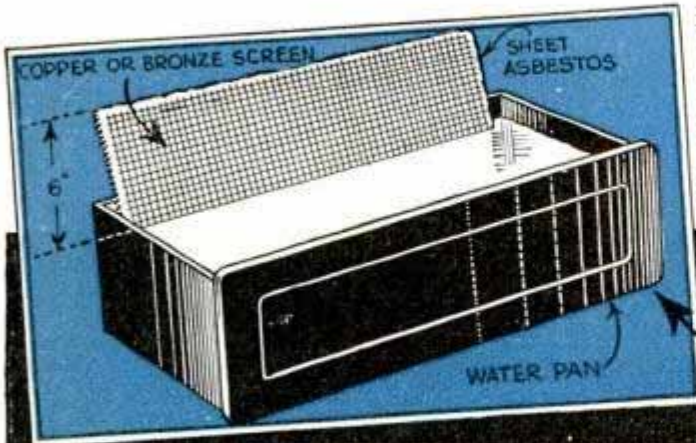
To wash vegetables in the sink most conveniently, invert a wire dish rack in the sink and spread the vegetables on it so that water from the faucet can flow over and around them



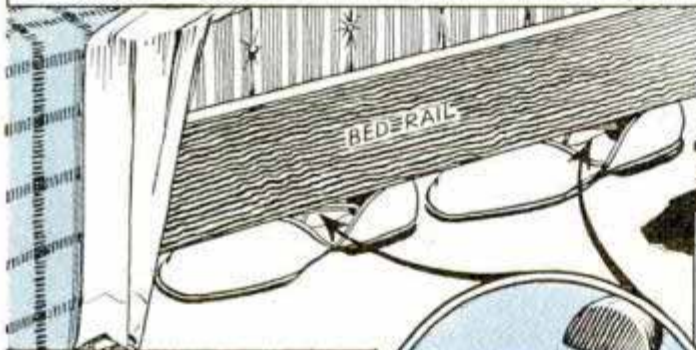
Meat skewers and corks combined make a neat base for potted plants requiring little moisture, which are set on a window sill. Notch the corks and force the skewers through them as shown. Right, padding the top of a large can makes an ideal surface for ironing pockets, shoulders and seams in shirts



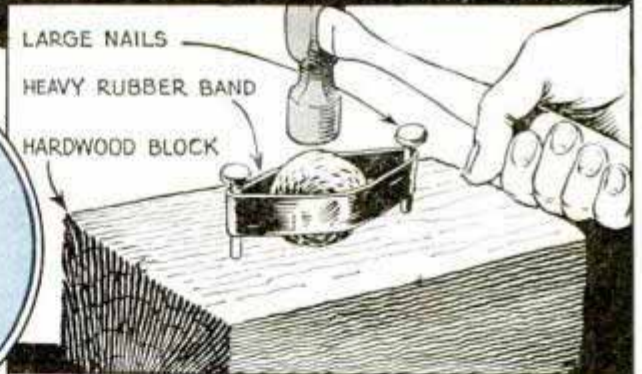
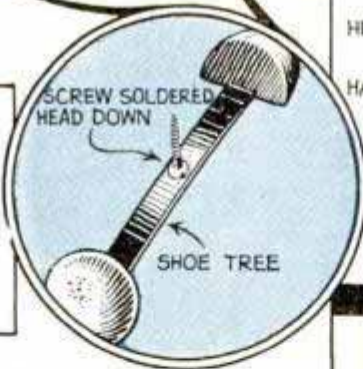
PROBLEMS



A "wick" of asbestos board encased in copper screen and placed in the furnace water pan will practically double the normal evaporation. A small weight, such as a piece of brick, will prevent it from sliding down into the pan when water is poured in

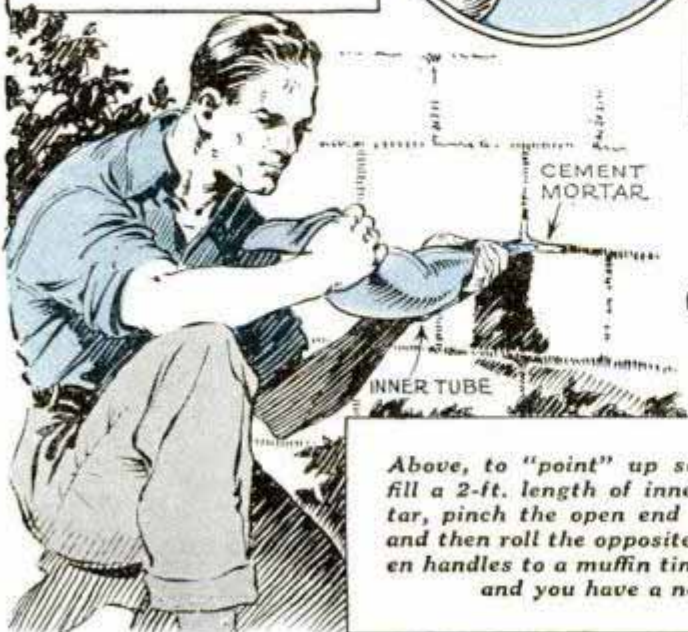


Shoe trees screwed to the lower edge of the bed rail, as shown above, keep your bedroom slippers handy, out of sight and always in shape

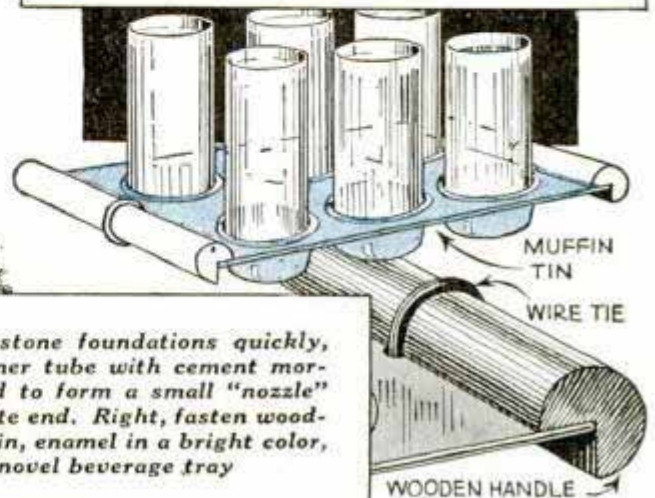


LARGE NAILS
HEAVY RUBBER BAND
HARDWOOD BLOCK

To crack walnuts without bruised fingers and flying shells, drive two nails in a hardwood block and snap a rubber band around them



Above, to "point" up stone foundations quickly, fill a 2-ft. length of inner tube with cement mortar, pinch the open end to form a small "nozzle" and then roll the opposite end. Right, fasten wooden handles to a muffin tin, enamel in a bright color, and you have a novel beverage tray



Small Photos Framed in Rims of Round Tags

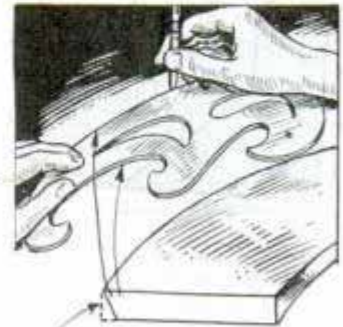


If you have a few miniature photos that you want protected against tearing, yet have them so that they can be viewed easily, frame them in metal-rimmed tags. Just

remove the cardboard from the center of the tag, spread one side of the rim with a sharp knife blade and insert the photo, which has been trimmed to a snug fit. Then press the side of the rim down against the photo with a round-nosed tool.

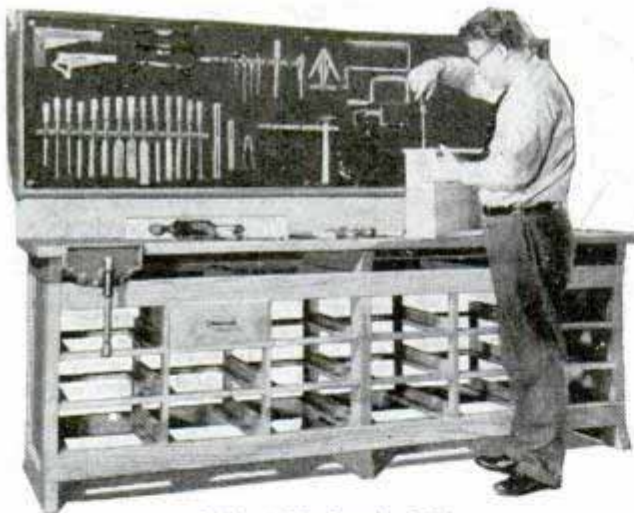
Edges of French Curve Beveled to Avoid Smearing Ink

When running a ruling pen along the edges of a French curve, ink is less likely to get on the work and smear it if the edges are beveled. This can be done with a small file.



EDGE FILED AT ANGLE

Why Not Start a Home Workshop?



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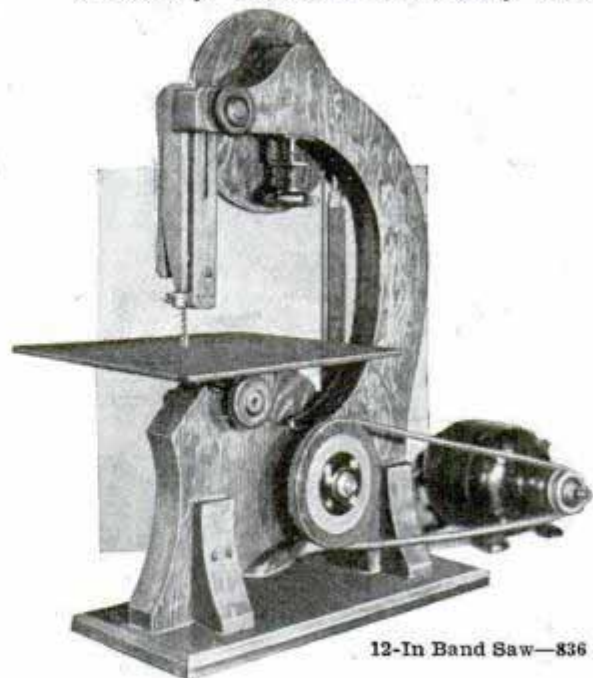
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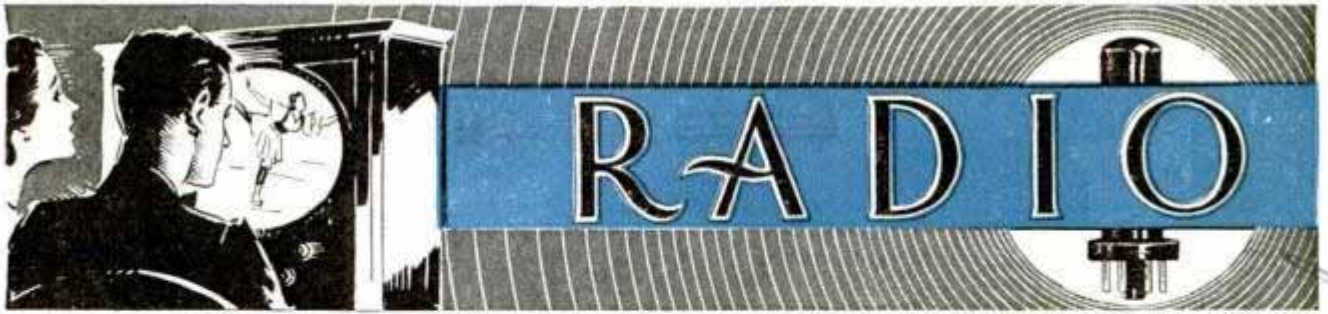
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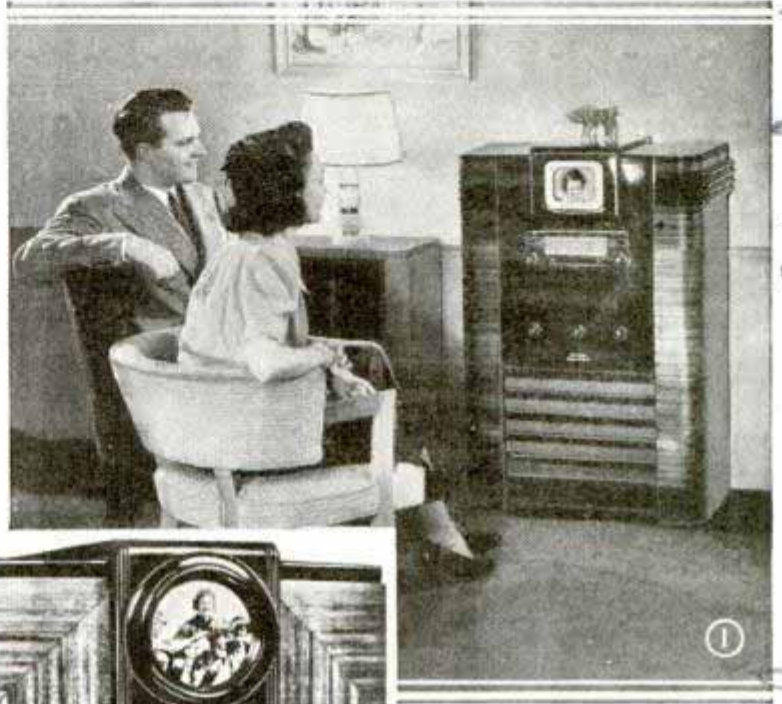
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TELEVISION

Three Varieties

IF TELEVISION programs are available in your locality, and you are in the market for a receiver, there are three different types to choose from. No. 1 is the "direct viewing" variety where the picture appears at the front of the cabinet. The console instrument shown provides both sight and sound reception. No. 2 is a small direct-viewing table-type picture receiver with sound converter; it can be used to receive "video" tel-



evision pictures without sound, or, it may be employed in conjunction with several special types of regular broadcast receivers

in video-sound combination. Photo No. 3 shows a console instrument for sight and sound in which the picture is viewed in a mirror on the under side of the raised lid.

Set No. 1 employs a 5-inch "kinescope" tube which provides a 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch picture. There are 24 other tubes, plus the picture tube, and an 8-tube all-wave receiver. The table-type set No. 2 uses a 5-inch television tube in the complement of 17 tubes. This set stands 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and is approximately 20 inches wide and 19 inches deep. Set No. 3 is a de luxe console instrument in which a 12-inch kinescope tube produces a picture 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. There are a total of 36 tubes in this set, 12 of which are included in a 3-band high-fidelity radio chassis; the cabinet is 40 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches high, 34 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches wide and 19 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches deep with hinged mirror lid.

General Electric Co. 570 Lexington Ave. New York

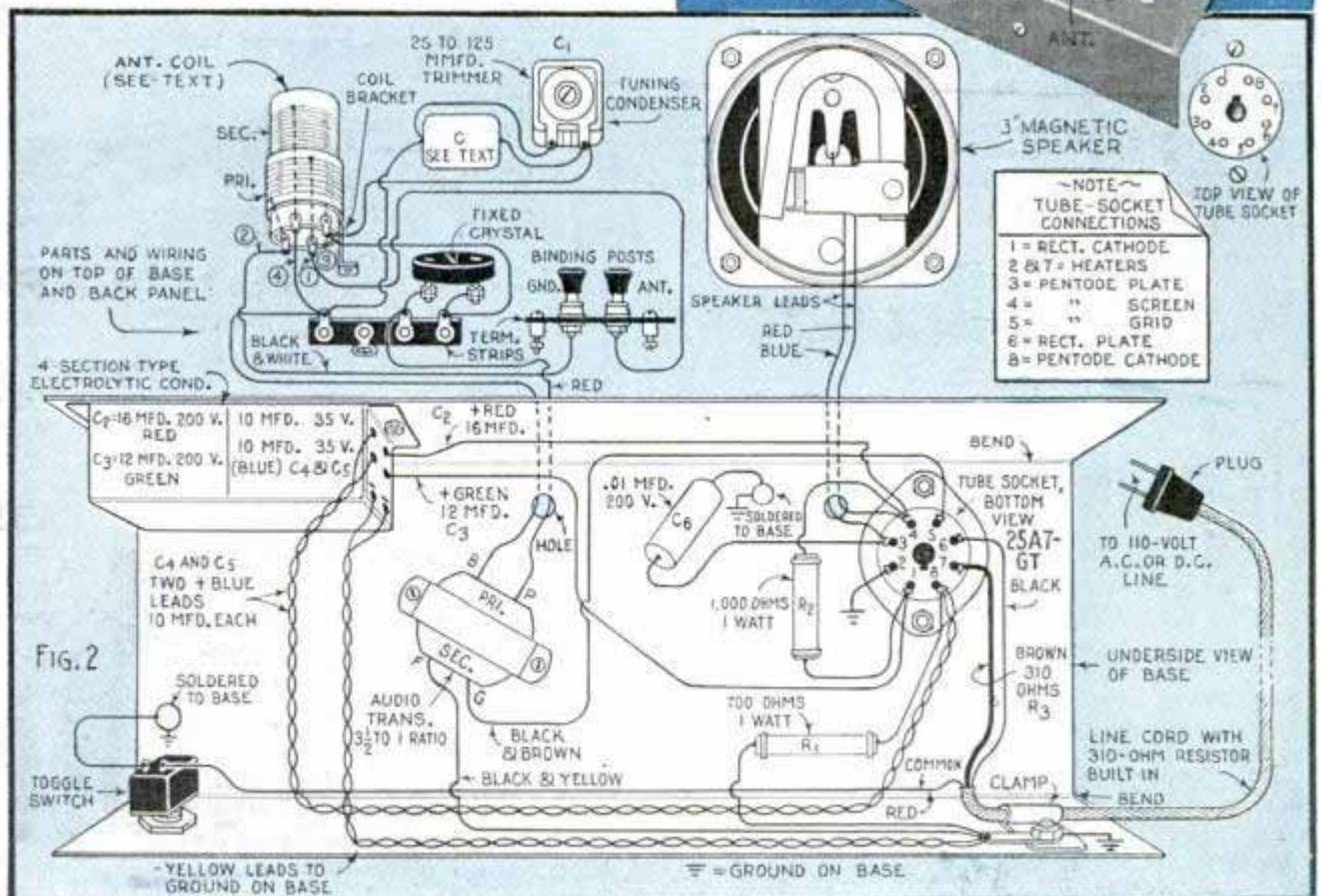
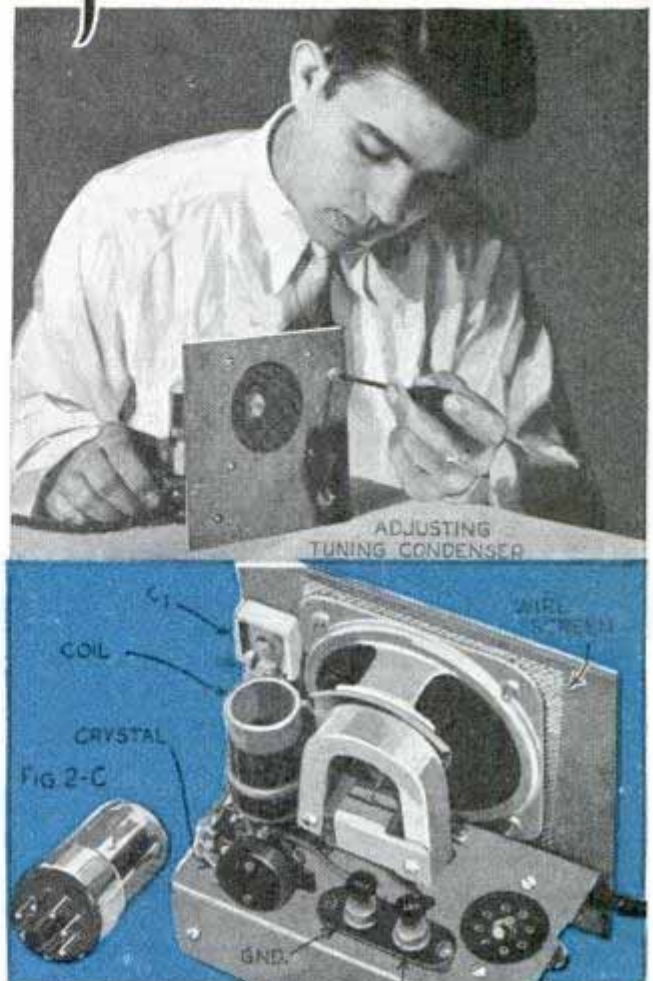
RCA Victor, Camden, N.J.

A.C.-D.C. Loudspeaker Set

critical, and the trimmer condenser (C_1) provides adjustment for "tuning on the nose." If the station you wish to hear has a frequency between 550 and 800 kilocycles, fixed condenser (C) should be .00025 mfd. For reception between 800 and 1,200 kilocycles use .0001 mfd. For a station between 1,200 and 1,600 kilocycles the fixed condenser (C) is omitted entirely.

Complete chassis and panel details are shown in Fig. 1 and a simplified wiring diagram is given in Fig. 2. This wiring diagram shows all parts and wiring under the chassis base and every lead running up to the parts mounted on top of the base and on the panel. The 3-in. magnetic speaker is protected by a small piece of copper screen and is mounted on the panel in the position shown in photos Figs. 2-A, 2-B and 2-C. These photos also show the arrangement of each part on top of the chassis base. A schematic diagram is given in Fig. 3. The antenna coil is an r.f. midget solenoid type used instead of a regular

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How to Build a Push-Button Radio-Set Tester

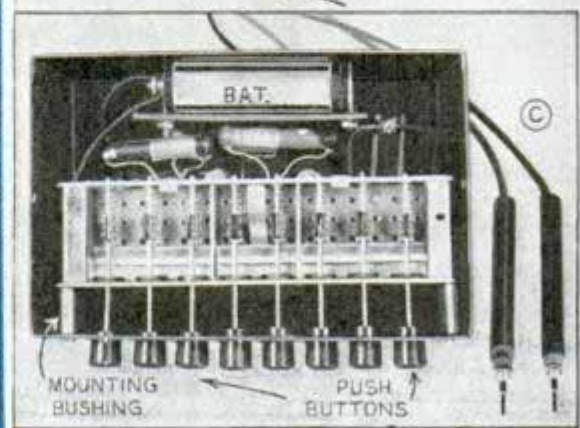
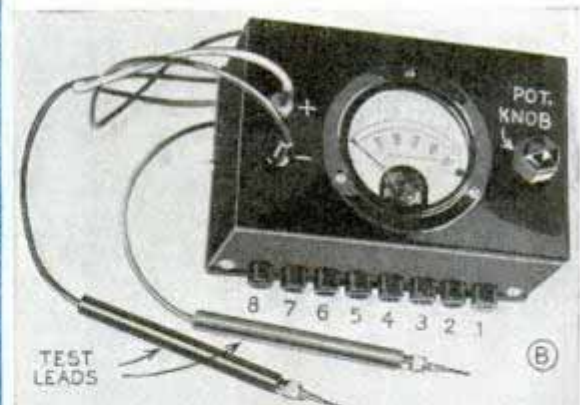
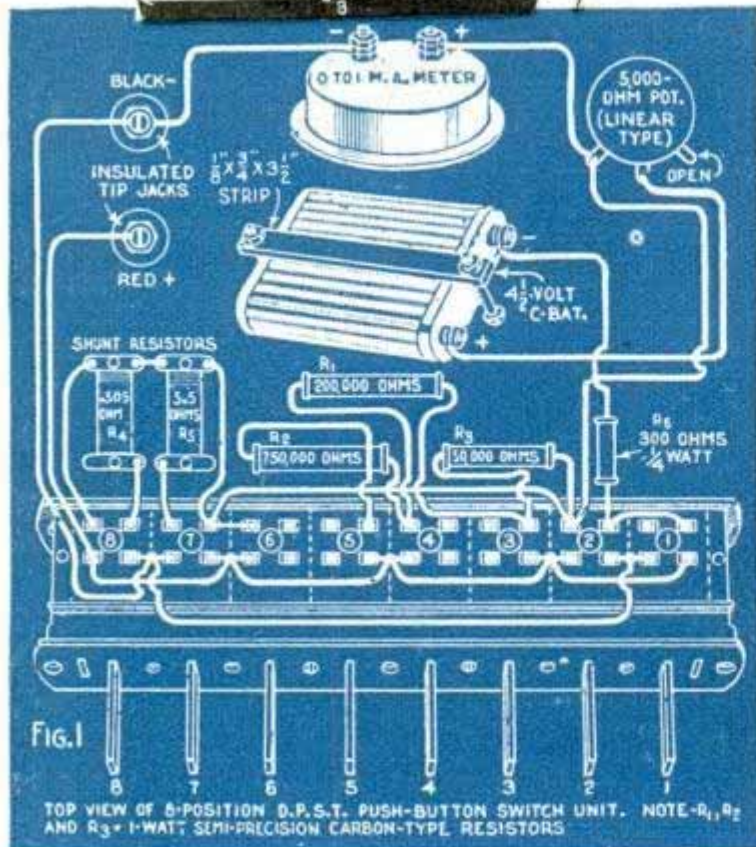
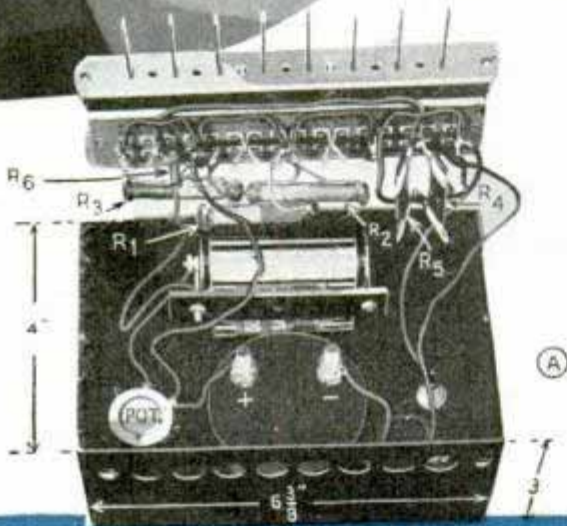


AVOID incorrect connections and possible meter burn-outs with this push-a-button set tester. You can check any radio circuit quickly and without a chance of confusion; merely plug the testing prods into the tip jacks and select the correct scale, by means of a push button, for voltage, resistance and current readings.

Any good 3-in. meter with an 0 to 1 m.a. movement may be used in this compact homemade unit, which is housed in a sheet-metal case 6¼ in. long, 4 in. wide and 2⅞ in. deep with bottom cover. The meter is provided with a new scale of the "Ham Crystals" type which is available from radio parts houses for nineteen cents. This scale provides volt-ohm-milliammeter readings as follows: d.c. volts 0-50, 0-250, 0-1,000; current of 0-1, 0-10 and 0-100 milliamperes; a high-ohm scale reading in reverse up to 100,000 and a "back-up" low-ohm scale for resistance measurements.

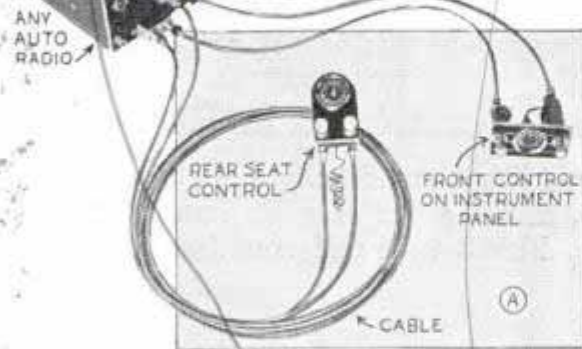
A 5,000-ohm linear-type potentiometer is used for adjusting the zero position as the 4½-volt flat-type "Eveready" "C" battery ages. The push-button unit is a "Muter" type designed to serve as an 8-position, double-pole single-throw switch.

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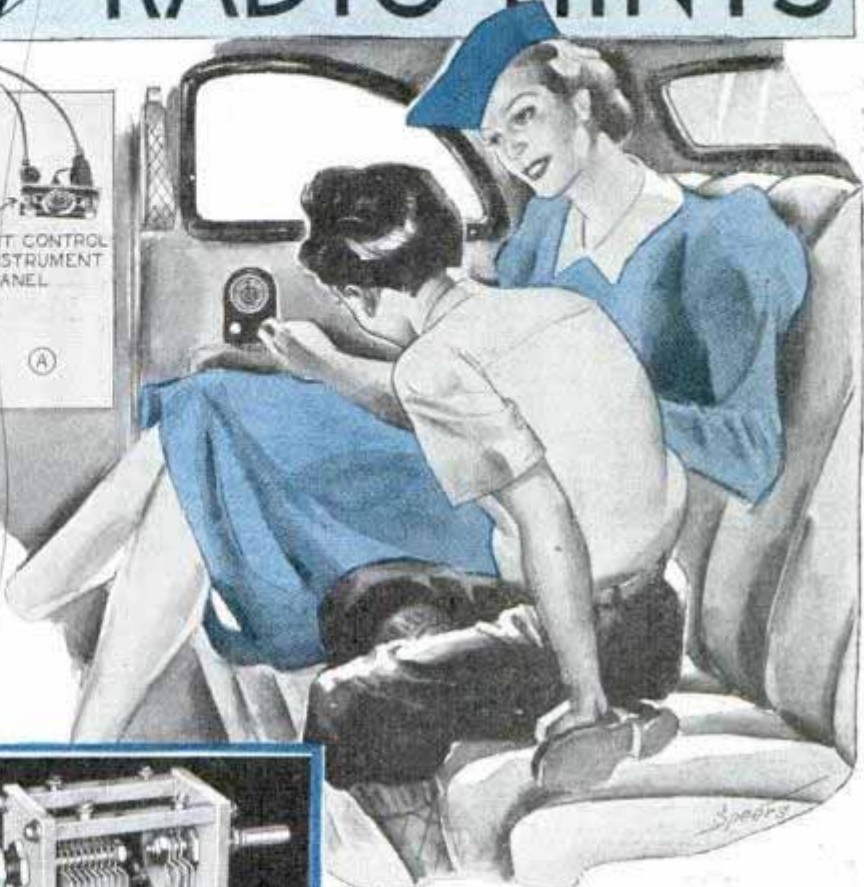
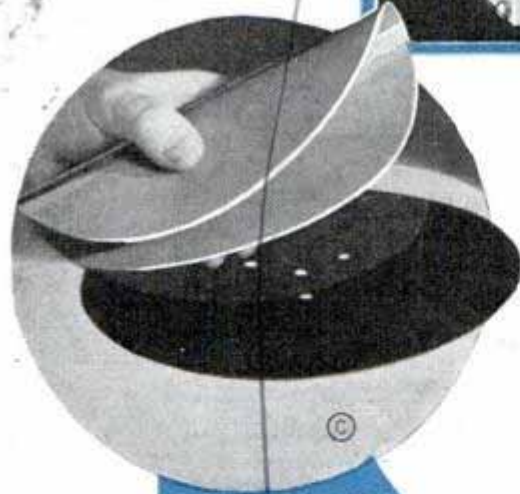
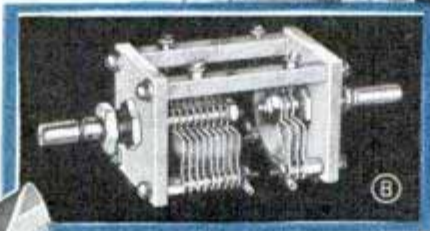
Helpful RADIO HINTS



(A) Improved dual control permits rear-seat tuning of any car radio without disturbing the regular dashboard control; both dials show same station reading when either is turned

(B) Short-wave band-spread condenser combines a low-capacity section for "band-spread" with a high-capacity for "band-set"; both units in one compact midget frame

(C) Low-cost non-inflammable flexible blank disks for amateur sound recording in homes and schools; uniform surface is claimed to reduce "wows"; easily mailed and stored

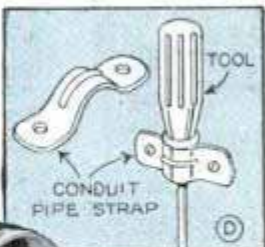


(D) Conduit pipe straps make good tool-holders for your radio workbench or portable service kit

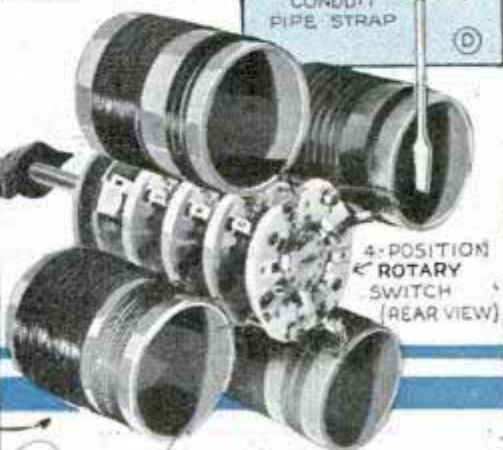
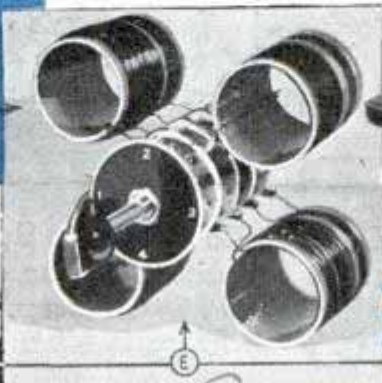
(E) 4-gang 4-position rotary switch used to change coils, for short-wave bands, from front panel. You can either mount your regular plug-in coils in the manner shown, or, make new coils following the data given below. Coils are mounted with stiff wires close to switch; the common terminals are wired to the parts which previously were connected to the coil socket

Term.	Band	Pri. Turns	Wire	Sec. Turns	Wire
1	20	3X	20 PE	8X	20 PE
2	40	5X	20 PE	16X	20 PE
3	80	9	30 DSC	36	20 PE
4	160	15	30 DSC	72	30 DSC

For .00014 mfd. condenser.
 PE—plain enameled.
 DSC—double silk covered.
 X—coil turns spaced one diameter, all others close wound.



SHORT-WAVE COILS WOUND ON 2" LENGTHS OF TUBING 1/2" IN DIAMETER



4-POSITION ROTARY SWITCH (REAR VIEW)

Compact Mobile Sound System in Standard Coupe

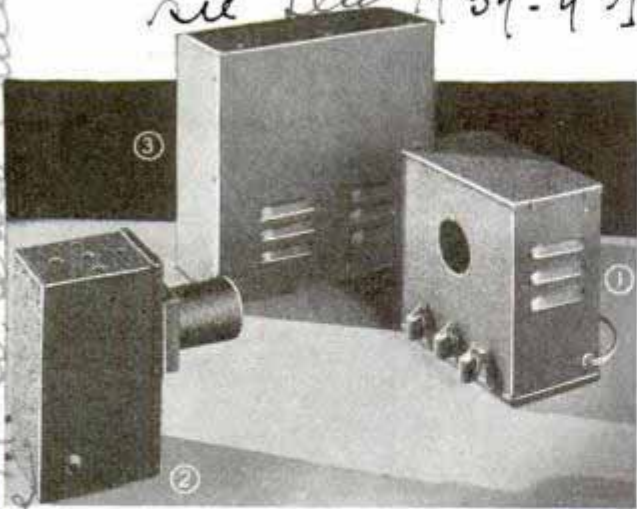


With only two speakers as external evidence of its sound system, this compact mobile installation includes a 30-watt amplifier on the shelf behind the seat, with all controls accessible to the driver, and a 300-watt gas-driven generator concealed in the rear compartment. Air ducts provide ventilation and the car body muffles the noise of the motor.

"Invisible" Burglar Protection

A source of invisible infrared light and a sensitive photoelectric cell are employed

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in this burglar-alarm system. In operation the infrared light (2) is focused upon photocell relay (1); any interruption of this invisible light beam operates the relay that rings a bell in unit (1). Unit (3) is an external remote alarm that may be used in conjunction with the same relay.

Tiny Portable Radio Receiver

Now you can actually hold a portable radio in the palm of your hand while it plays. This 3-tube self-contained battery-



operated receiver weighs slightly more than 3 pounds complete with batteries and built-in antenna. The set measures only 6¾ in. high, 5½ in. wide and 3½ in. deep. It is housed in an embossed leatherette cabinet and provided with a handle.

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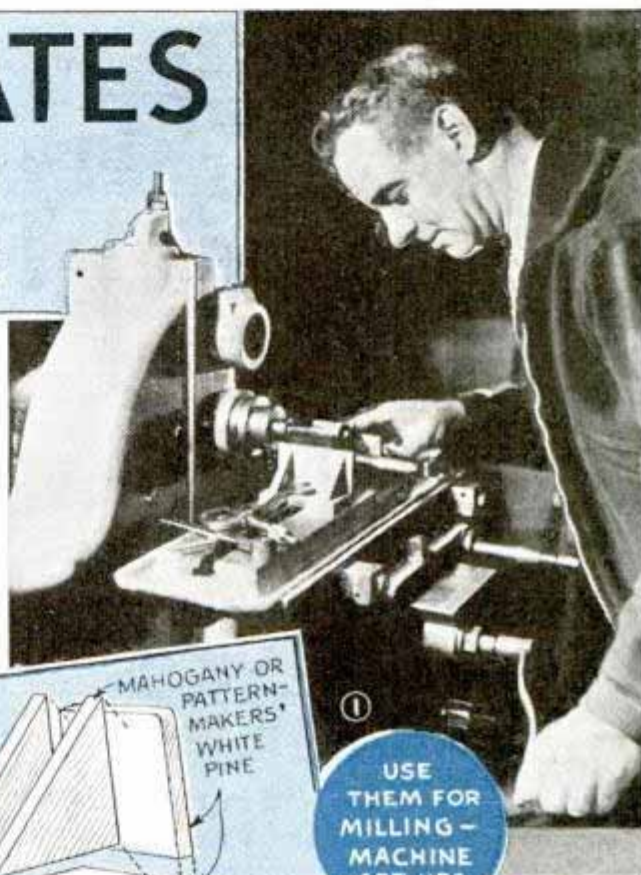
ANGLE PLATES

Make them on your own lathe, for difficult set-ups and exacting layout work

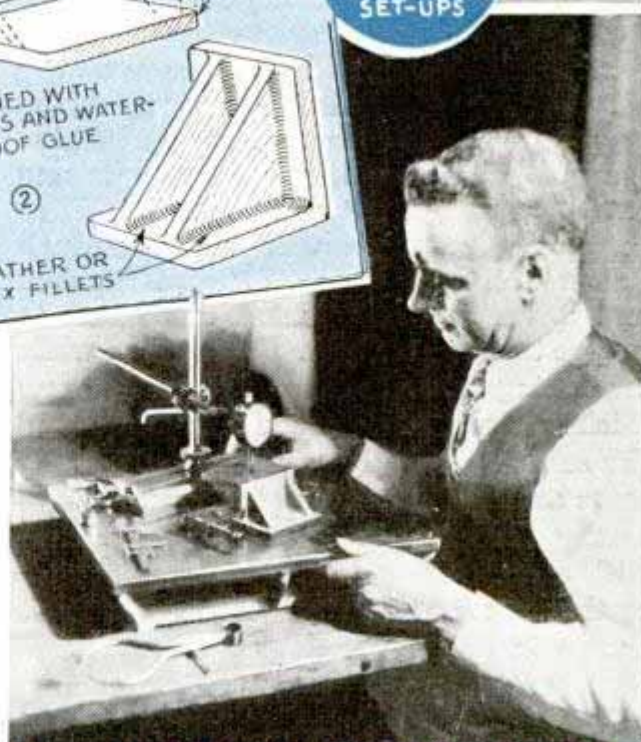
By C. W. WOODSON

NOW and then the run of machine work in the small shop turns up a lathe job that is impossible to chuck in the regular way. Or, it may be necessary to set up work on the milling machine where the ordinary centers, arbors and clamping devices are not at all suitable. Angle plates of several sizes is the answer to these two problems in particular, and besides they have many other practical uses in the shop, in fact, when laying out and machining certain type of work angle plates are almost indispensable. They are easily cast from simple wood patterns, and all the machine work necessary to finish them can be done on any lathe.

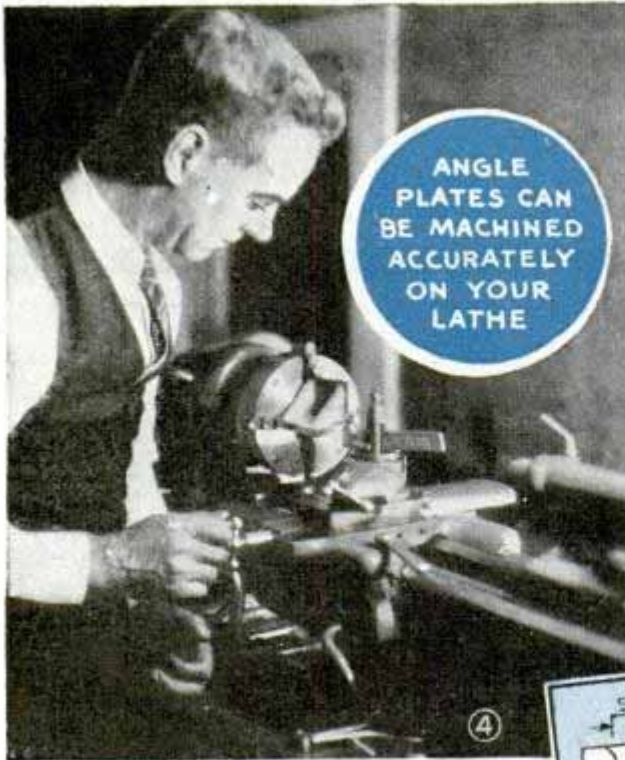
The details in Figs. 2 and 5 show dimensions for an angle plate suitable for machining on a 9-in. lathe. Of course, the plates can be made any size to suit your requirements. Being made of cast iron a pattern will be needed. This is a simple job in any close-grained wood such as pine or maple. Fig. 2 gives the details but no sizes are given on the pattern stock. When making up the pattern you have to make an allowance of approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ in. for shrinkage of the iron casting. To have the gray-iron castings made will be very inexpensive, but be sure you have the work done at a foundry



①
USE THEM FOR MILLING-MACHINE SET-UPS



③ CHECKING ACCURACY ON A SURFACE PLATE

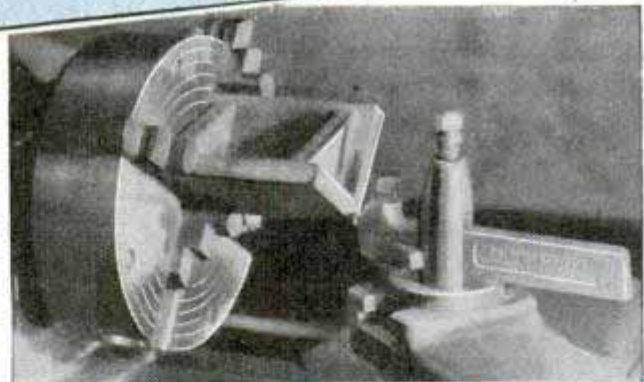
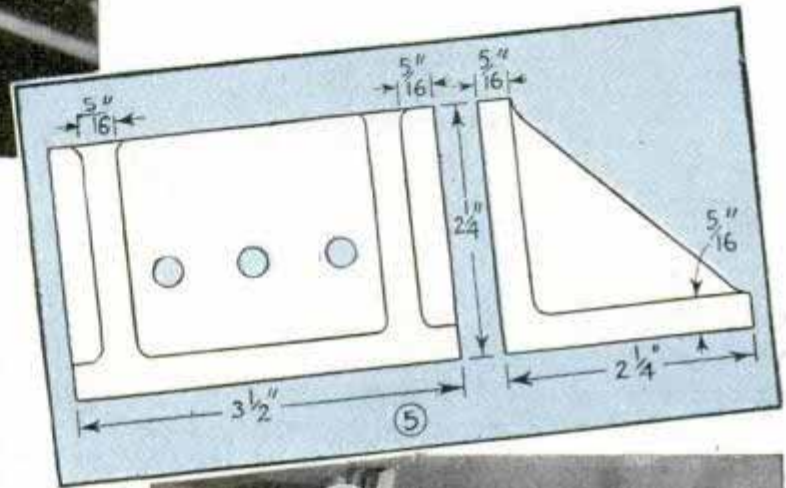


ANGLE
PLATES CAN
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angle plates. In laying out dimensions, for example, the plates add much to the convenience and accuracy of surface-plate work. An irregular-shaped casting can be held rigidly in place on a surface plate while being marked for machining. Suppose you have rough castings of two model locomotive cylinders which are to be bored exactly the same distance apart and accurately in line with each other. The bolting surface where the cylinders join is machined flat and each cylinder casting in its turn is mounted on an angle plate. The cylinder-hole center is located from this plate and a toolmakers' button adjusted accurately in place. The angle plate with

accustomed to handling small castings or the latter may have a hard scale on the surface which is difficult to machine. Of course, if you do have a milling machine similar to the one shown in Fig. 1, machining the castings will be a quick job. But lacking this, you can handle the work nicely on the lathe. The rough casting is mounted in the four-jaw chuck as in Figs. 4, 6 and 7 and both ends are squared by light facing cuts. Then the two edges are machined by chucking alternately as in Fig. 7. The face of one angle plate can be machined while being supported by the other by simply chucking the two plates together, one facing in and the other facing out as in Fig. 11. When the face and edges of both plates are rough finished all over they can be re-chucked and a very light finishing cut taken to square them accurately. Use a gauge while machining the faces to keep them the same thickness, and a toolmaker's square to hold the surfaces exactly at right angles. The faces are finally checked for flatness with a straightedge, Fig. 9, and for squareness with a dial indicator in a manner similar to that shown in Fig. 3. The body holes shown in Fig. 5 are drilled as in Fig. 8. Two coats of light-gray machine enamel will finish the plates ready for use.

Now for some of the jobs you can do with



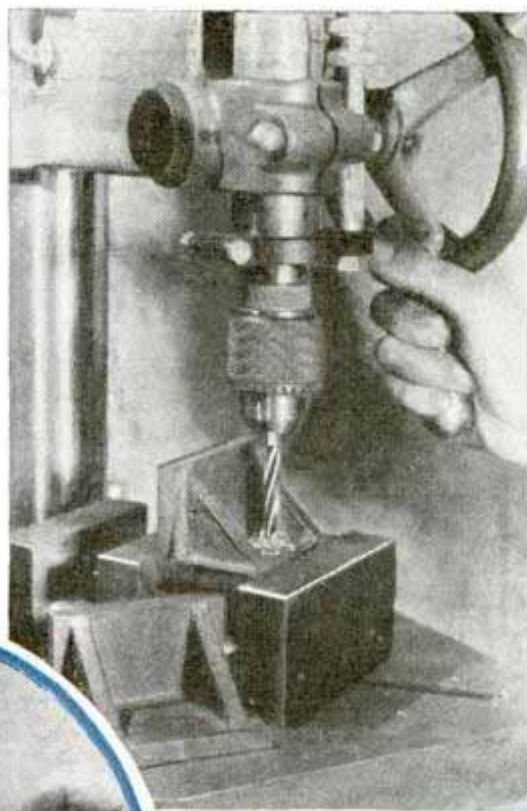
⑥ FINISH CUT ON THE ENDS



⑦ ON THE EDGES

the work attached and a counterbalance are mounted on the lathe faceplate at the bench, then the whole job is screwed on the lathe spindle. The work is adjusted until the button runs dead true as shown by a dial indicator. This determined, the button is removed and the cylinder hole bored clear through and lapped smooth all in the one setting. The procedure assures definite accuracy both in bore and distance apart, as you do not have to reset the work at any time during the whole operation.

Fig. 10 shows a similar job, a turnbuckle forging being turned down to size for threading. Fig. 1 shows a pair of angle plates acting as a vise for a bit of special work on the milling machine. They are especially handy for this particular ap-



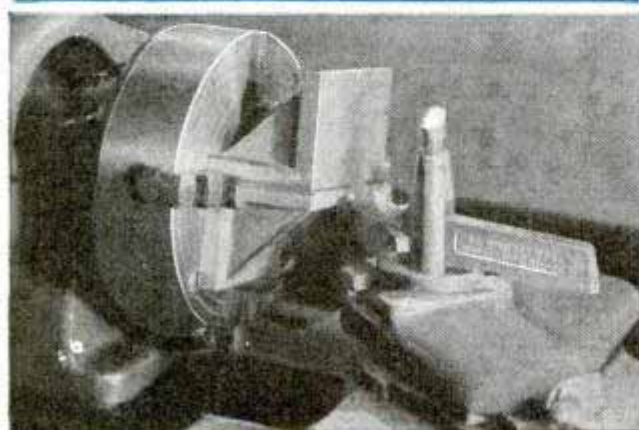
HOLES ARE DRILLED IN THE PLATES FOR BOLTING TO THE LATHE FACEPLATE ⑧



⑩ ANGLE PLATE IN USE ON LATHE



⑨ CHECKING THE JOB WITH A STRAIGHT-EDGE



⑪ FINISH CUT ON THE FACE

plication. One thing to keep in mind about angle plates and their many uses is that it is the accuracy of the faces and edges with

one another that counts. Without this precision the plates are useless for any set-up where you must depend on the accuracy of the tools as well as on the layout of the job. For these reasons the plates should be used and handled as you would any other precision tool. Care should be taken not to drop the plates on a concrete floor or knock them against any hard surface which might batter the edges. And, of course, they should be kept oiled when not in use.

"Pincushion" Shields Pitchfork

Instead of standing a pitchfork in the corner of a feedway in the barn, or leaning it against a manger, stick it in a sack filled with chaff tightly packed. With the tines shielded in this way, there is little danger of injuring your leg or foot on them if the fork should be knocked over unnoticed.

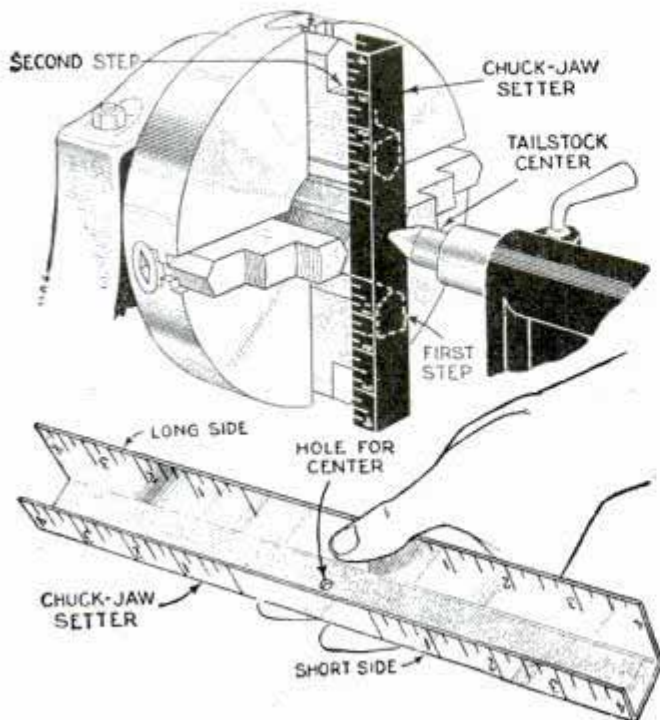
Movable Shelf on Edge of Barrel Supports Sacks While Filling



To support paper sacks conveniently while filling from a barrel, one grocer uses this shelf, which hooks over the edge of the barrel. The shelf is a small packing box having slots cut in the sides so that it can be inverted to fit over the barrel edge.

Guide Aids in Setting Chucks Having Four Jaws

While the circular grooves on the faces of four-jaw chucks serve as a guide in set-

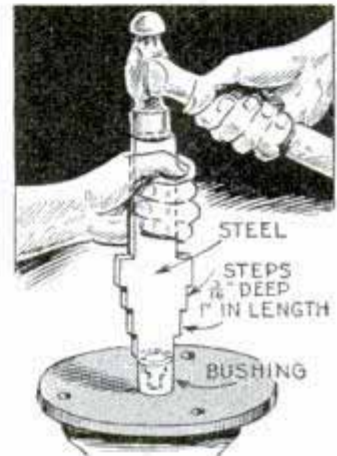


ting the jaws uniformly in most cases, there are times when they are of little use on certain work. For this type of work, I use the guide or setter shown. Made of sheet metal, it is bent over on two sides with one side wider than the other. Lines $\frac{1}{4}$ in. apart are scored on the outer surface of the short side and on the inner surface of the long one. In use, the diameter of the work to be held in the chuck is measured and the guide is put in place and held with the tailstock center. When two of the jaws have been set, the guide is moved to the other two jaws to set them.

—H. Moore, Leeds, Eng.

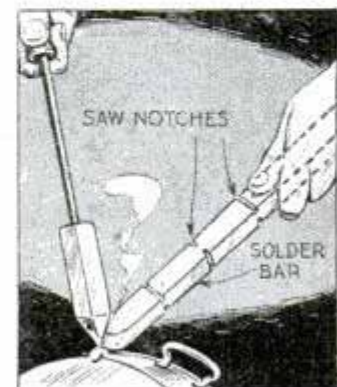
Stepped Bushing Driver Handy for Various Sizes

Sawed from a piece of flat steel, this simple bushing driver is made easily in any size desired. One end is shaped to provide a handle and the other end is sawed in steps, progressively smaller in size. These should be uniform on both sides, and each succeeding step should be about $\frac{3}{16}$ in. smaller than the preceding one. The spacing can be varied, of course, to suit work that occurs most frequently.

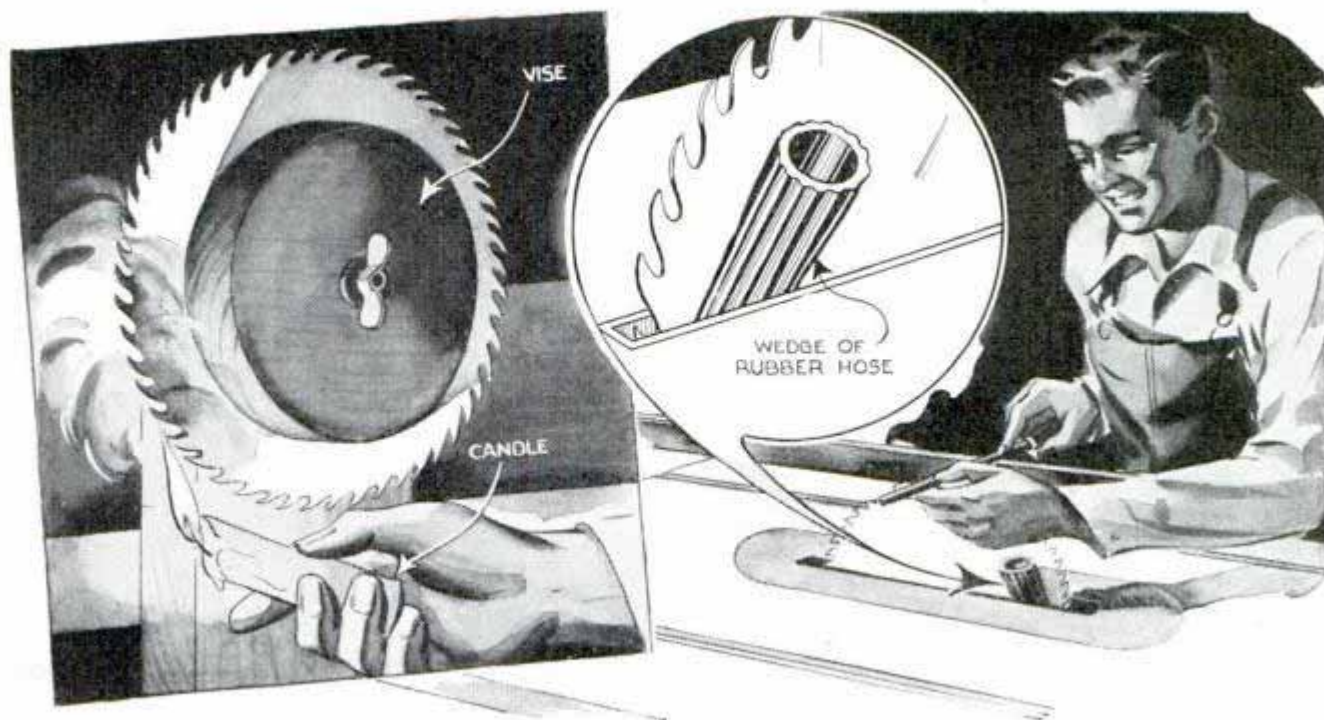


Cross Slots in Solder Bar Slow Heat Travel

To avoid burning the hand by heat which travels up a bar of solder while holding it on a job that takes some time, one tinsmith cuts slots in the metal as shown. These reduce the heat conveying properties of the metal to a minimum so that the bar can be held longer without being uncomfortable to the hand.



Shortcuts That Help in Filing Circular Saws



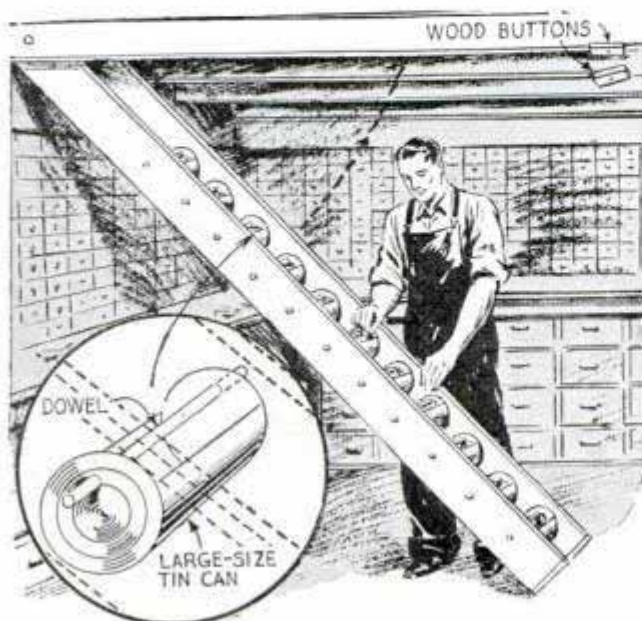
To keep a large circular saw blade from turning while filing it on an arbor, one woodworker employs a wedge made from a short length of discarded hose. The latter is pressed between the blade and the edge of the table insert. Used in this way, the wedge not only holds the blade firmly,

it also deadens the disagreeable screech of the file. Another way that helps immeasurably when filing smaller blades on an improvised vise is to smoke the teeth uniformly with a tallow candle. The blackened surfaces enable one to see the bevels left by filing with far less eyestrain.

This Small-Parts "Cabinet" Pivots between Floor Joists

One jobbing firm handling thousands of small items solved the storage problem by building a novel cabinet between the ceiling joists in the storeroom. The cabinet is simply a long wooden box closed at both

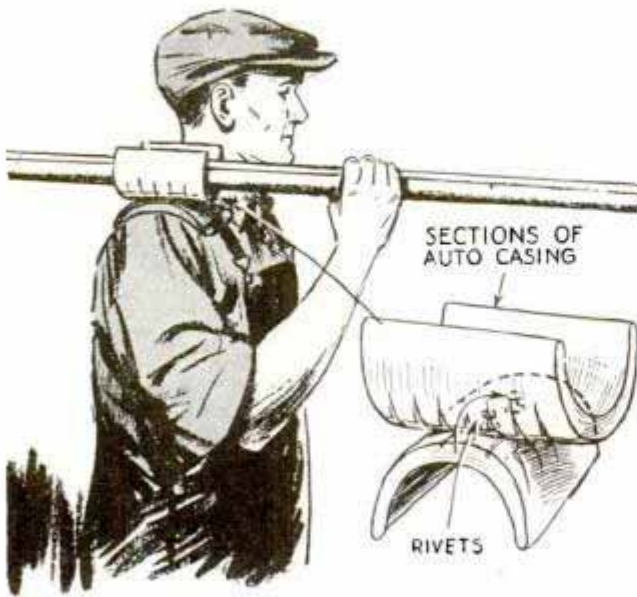
ends and fitting between the adjacent joists as indicated. One end is pivoted on a 1-in. dowel while the other end is held flush with the ceiling when the cabinet is closed by means of wood turn buttons. Swinging holders or trays made from large-size tin cans are pivoted on dowels between the sides. Each can has a part of the curved side cut away to form a tray with a round bottom. Swinging freely as they do, the trays are always level whether the cabinet is in the closed or open position.



Protecting Idle Farm Implements

Farm implements that are not housed, especially during hot summer weather, should be given protective coatings. The wooden parts can be covered with creosote, and the metal parts should be coated with oil several times each year. A cloth fastened to the end of a stick is handy for applying the oil or creosote.

Shoulder Saddle to Carry Pipe Is Made from Auto Casing



Plumbers and others who have occasion to carry lengths of heavy pipe will find that this saddle provides a comfortable shoulder pad. It is made by riveting two sections of auto casing together.

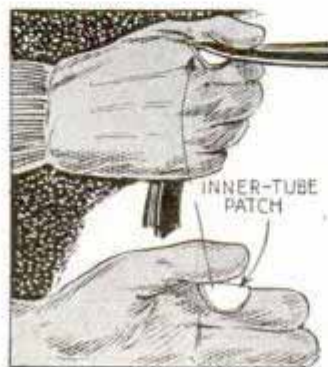
Non-Slip Top for Paper Trimmer



As the surface of a paper trimmer is often so smooth that work is difficult to hold without it moving, one workman made the table skidproof by applying a light coat of rubber cement. This provides a pliable coating on which it is very easy to hold paper.

Rubber Patches on Cotton Gloves Grip Driving Lines

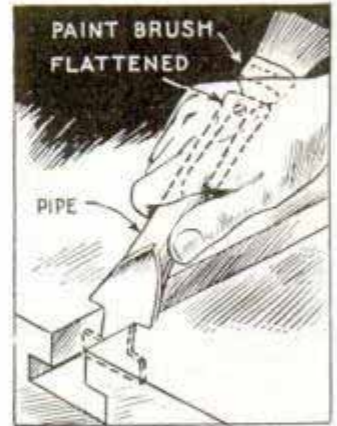
Farmers and others who drive horses while wearing cotton gloves will find that they can grip the lines firmly if an inner-tube patch is placed over the forefinger of each glove as



indicated. This tends to reduce muscle strain as the rubber permits holding the lines without gripping them tightly.

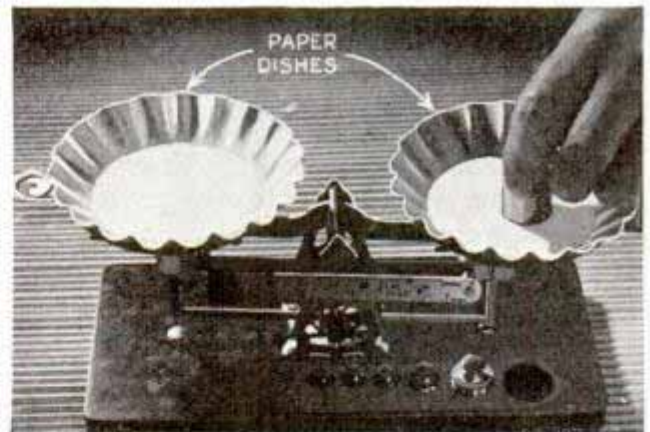
Cleaning T-Slots in Machines

Operators of lathes, planers, milling machines, etc., will find this T-slot cleaner a timesaver. It is a piece of pipe or tubing flattened at one end and then cut to fit in the slot as indicated. The other end is flattened slightly to take the handle of a small paint brush, which is screwed into place.



Paper Dishes Hold Chemicals on Balance Scales

When weighing small quantities of chemicals on your balance scales, paper plates will serve very nicely as containers.



These are available in several sizes and may be thrown away when the weighing is finished, eliminating the possibility of small children or animals coming in contact with any poisonous chemicals.

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SIMPLE EQUIPMENT PRODUCES DISTINCTIVE SUEDE FINISH IN BRILLIANT COLORS ON NOVELTIES, STATUARY, TOYS, LAMPS, FURNITURE, PILLOWS AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES

"FLOCK"

New finish is soft, pliable and waterproof

FLOCK is made from silk, wool, cotton and rayon fibers, and is applied by spraying or sifting onto a varnished surface to which the cloth fibers adhere, producing a beautiful velvety-soft surface which is pliable, waterproof and colorful. The flock fibers range in length from $\frac{1}{64}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ -in., the short fibers being best suited for homecraft use. Products which can be finished attractively with flock include toys, and furniture as in Figs. 1 and 2, also statuary, boxes, shoes, card tables, pillows, radio cabinets, lamp bases, and others.

Apply a priming coat first. This can be brushed or sprayed and is in no way special, but simply a priming coat. Fig. 3 shows a priming coat of white lacquer being sprayed. The second coat is the binder. This can be paint or colored varnish. For a first-quality job, the regular manufactured binder made especially for this work should be used. The binder should be the same color as the flock. Fig. 4 shows the binder being applied. The flock is applied immediately after the binder coat, as shown in Fig. 5. An inex-

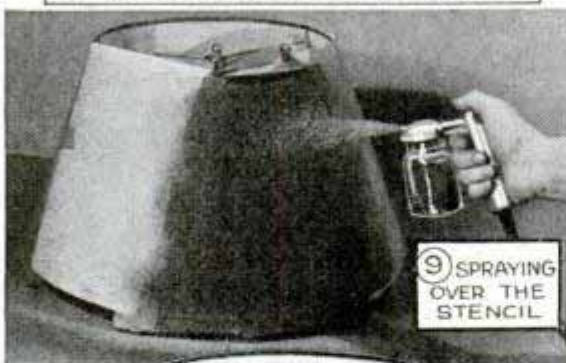




⑦ ADJUSTING AGITATOR TUBE



⑧ LIGHT-PAPER STENCIL IS RUBBER-CEMENTED TO SHADE



⑨ SPRAYING OVER THE STENCIL



pensive flock gun can be used, or, the work can be coated by sifting, as shown in Fig. 11. No special skill is required—the flock is simply sprayed or sifted onto the work until the binder catches a full coating. The work should be done on a clean surface so that flock not actually deposited on the work can be swept up and used again.

The simple mechanics of the flock gun are shown in Fig. 6. Air from a small compressor or from a rubber hand bulb enters the gun at the inlet tube. Part of the air current is diverted into the agitator tube, and the air current from the agitator tube blows the fluffy flock to the top of the jar where the main air current expels it. The air current at the end of the agitator tube should be reduced to the smallest amount required to agitate the flock, reserving the greater part of the air to expel the flock. On production-type flock guns, air pressure is controlled by a valve. On light-duty equipment, adjustment is made by fit-and-try methods, using a pair of pliers to close the end of the agitator tube, as shown in Fig. 7.

Application of flock in two or more tones of color, stencils, borders, etc., follows the same general practice used in ordinary painting. A simple example is the lamp shade shown in Figs. 8, 9 and 10, which is decorated with a silhouette in bright red flock. The design was first drawn on tracing or "frisket" paper, after which the paper was rubber-cemented to the lamp shade, as can be seen in Fig. 8. A stencil knife was used to cut away the areas to be flocked. Fig. 9 shows the flock being applied after the design was coated with binder. In this particular case the stencil was not lifted but remained in place until

or apply it by sifting

flocking was completed. It can be seen, however, that after spraying the binder through any metal or oiled-paper stencil, the stencil could be lifted immediately for the application of flock. Fig. 10 shows the finished silhouette.

Instead of using a stencil, designs and color work can be done by brushing the areas as required and then flocking, working the colors one after the other. Fig. 12 was flocked in this manner. The



main body color (light brown) was worked first, applying brown binder and then brown flock. The black areas were next painted with black binder and flocked, followed by the red coating on the tongue. As

in painting, the preceding coat must be given time to dry before another coat can be worked.

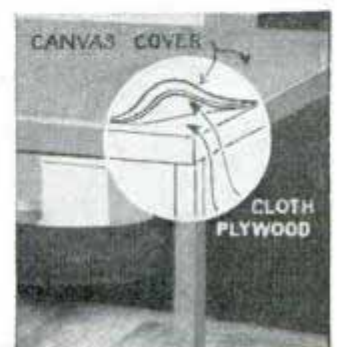
Shading can be done by spraying a base coat of flock, touching this up when dry with a suitable color of aniline dye, sprayed on. Flock of one color also can be sprayed over flock of another color. The binder in this case should be clear lacquer, thinned with a retarder thinner, with about a half-teaspoonful of castor oil per pint added to further retard drying. Both silhouette and color work on flat surfaces can be done by using the silk screen process to apply the binder.

After the finish has dried 24 hours, it should be brushed down with a stiff brush, Fig. 12. This will set the nap and remove any loose flock that may be clinging to the surface.

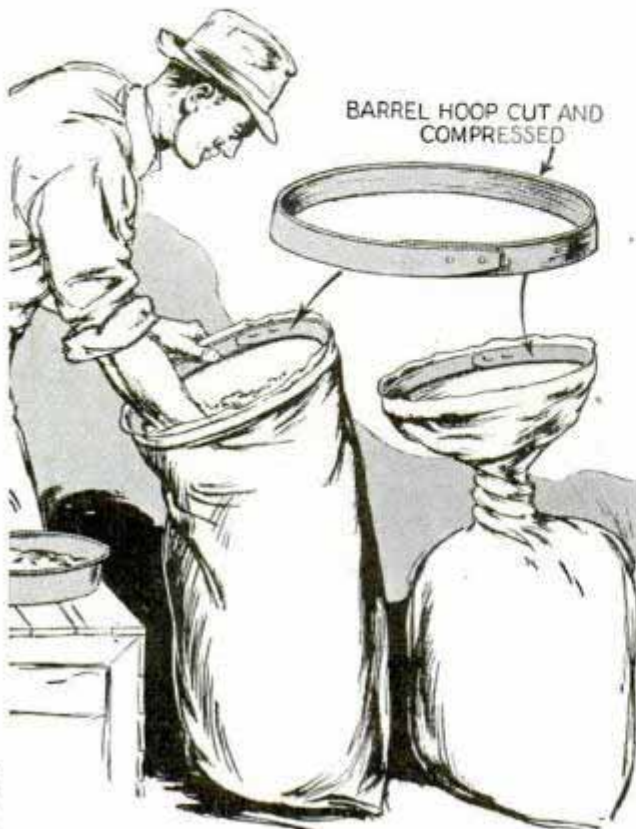
New Top for Old Bridge Table Is Made from Plywood and Canvas

Why discard a bridge table that has become rickety when it can be repaired with a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood and a square of canvas? First remove the old top and tighten the legs and braces. Then cut the plywood to replace the top, and round the edges to a neat fit. If this is done carefully, the top will help brace the table. Cover the plywood with two thicknesses of an old blanket or similar heavy cloth, and over this stretch the canvas. Fold it carefully over the edges and tack it on the underside. Replace the metal corner pieces taken from the old top.

—Chas. H. Deerwester, Middletown, Pa.



Sack Opened or Closed by Hoop Avoids Waste of Feed



If you dispense feed to live stock or poultry from sacks, waste of the feed by spilling can be avoided with a small barrel hoop in the mouth of the sack. This keeps the sack open for easy removal of the contents, and permits it to be closed instantly by twisting the hoop.

Artist's Ruler Has Handle on End to Outline Showcards Quickly

To manipulate a ruler rapidly while laying out showcard designs, one artist at-

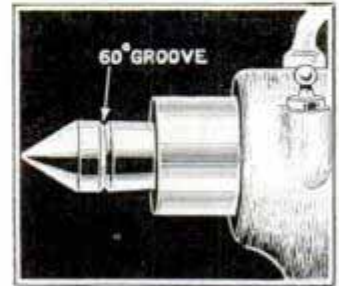


tached a tablespoon handle to it. A slight forward pressure on the handle holds the ruler firmly against the work, and the handle being at the extreme end allows full length of the edge for marking.

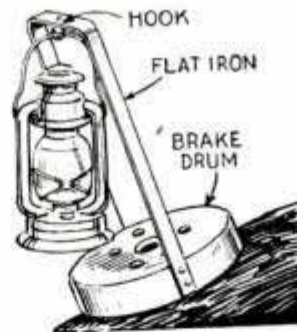
Gauge Cut in Tailstock Center Sets Threading Tool

I find that a 60° groove cut in the tailstock center in the position indicated saves time when setting up a threading tool on a lathe. After mounting the work to be threaded between the centers, the tool is set quickly by adjusting it to fit in the groove correctly.

—D. D. Guthrie, Alamosa, Colo.



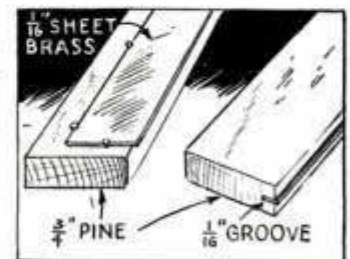
Supports Hold Warning Lanterns on Sloping Surfaces



When warning lanterns have to be placed on sloping surfaces, one contractor uses supports like the one shown which hold the lanterns in vertical positions. Each support consists of a discarded auto brake drum to which a U-shaped length of flat iron is bolted or riveted to take the lantern bail.

Squaring Edges of Sheet Metal When Cutting Narrow Strips

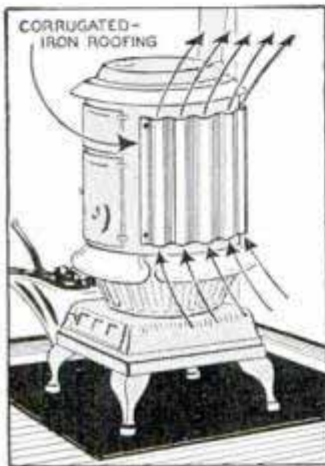
On a job that required a number of narrow strips of sheet metal that had to be perfectly flat with the edges square, the metal was cut on



a power hack saw with these jigs. First a piece of the metal was fastened to a wood straightedge with nails at the ends and one side so that the other side extended beyond

the straightedge a little more than the width of the strip to be cut. Then an emery-faced disk was put on a circular saw and the projecting edge of the metal was squared, using the saw fence as a guide. Next, the required strip was cut from the metal, making it slightly oversize to allow for squaring up the edge on the emery disk. To hold the strip for this job, a shallow groove was cut in a straightedge to take it, the straightedge being held against the fence as the edge of the strip was fed into the emery wheel.

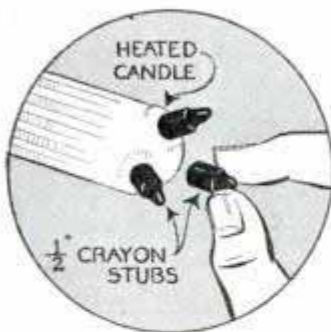
Shop Stove Improved by Casing of Corrugated Sheet Iron



Owners of small shops and garages who heat their buildings with stoves can improve the efficiency of the latter by encasing them with corrugated sheet iron as indicated. Air will circulate rapidly between the surface of the metal and

stove, and the casing will also tend to reduce fire hazard if the stove must be placed near a wall.

Candle Holds Stubs of Crayon



An artist who had to turn out a number of duplicate crayon sketches in a hurry, used a candle to hold the three crayons required, so that to change from one color to

the other all he had to do was turn the candle slightly in his hand. Stubs of the crayon were used and they were stuck to the ends of the candle by heating it.

Two adjustable metal window ventilators, one covering the other, make an inexpensive light-trap ventilator for the photo darkroom.

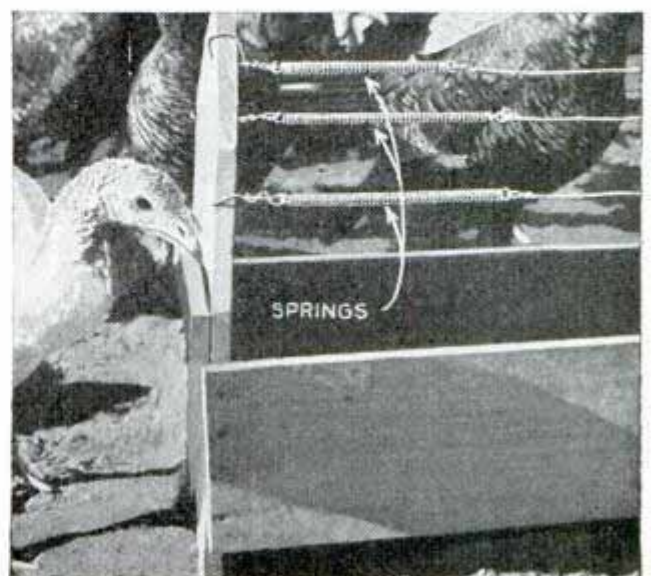
Steel Barrel Rolled Over Flames Smothers Fire



A Wisconsin farmer who has occasion to burn certain areas of wild grass from his pastures each year, keeps the fire under control by rolling a barrel over the flames to smother them where desired. A length of wood pivoted to each end of the barrel at the center permits it to be manipulated.

Turkey Feed Boxes Kept Clean with Wires Between Ends

To prevent turkeys from getting on the edges of feed boxes, one poultryman stretches wires above the boxes and fastens them to supports as indicated. As the birds are likely to fly up on the wires causing them to sag, he inserts small coil springs, which keep the wires taut.

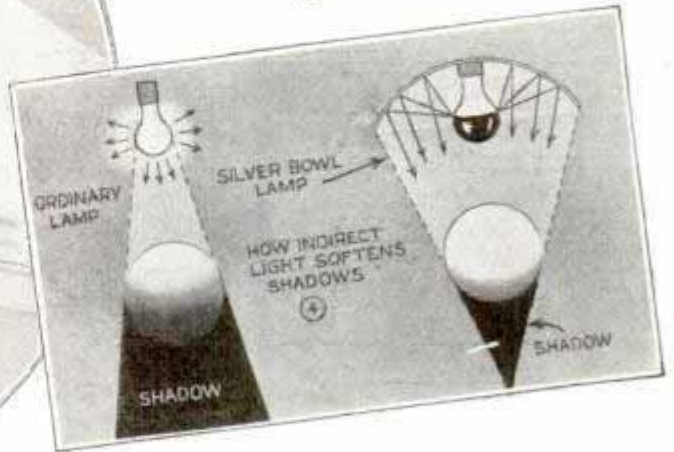


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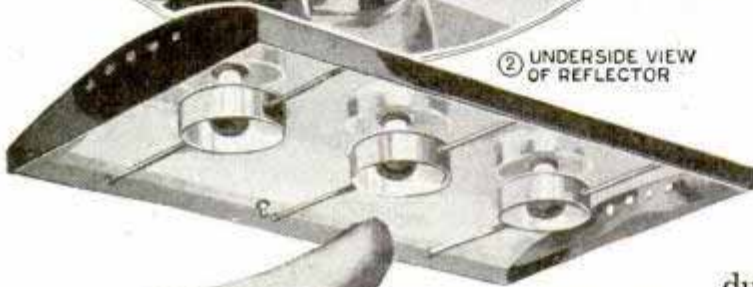
stops needless



① A BOON TO HOME DRAFTSMEN



② UNDERSIDE VIEW OF REFLECTOR



③ A LIGHT METER IS USED TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF ILLUMINATION



By ALEXANDER MAXWELL

SHADOWLESS illumination of an intensity that can be varied to suit the requirements of the work is of utmost importance in any shop. Illumination of ten foot-candles is barely enough for reading newsprint and light of 25 foot-candles is needed to read the average mail-order catalogue. Exacting work like tool-grinding and engraving should not be attempted with a light less than 30 foot-candles while a light of 50 foot-candles is much better.

Metal-turning requires almost six times as much light as cabinetmaking and the high reflection of polished steel must be subdued. Light from an exposed filament-type lamp is just about as hard on your eyes as glaring sunlight and it produces dazzling high lights and black shadows. If that light is first directed against a white surface and then reflected back on the work, the glare disappears and, strangest of all, the shadows also shrink in size and become almost imperceptible. Why the shadows shrink is clearly illustrated in Fig. 4. Fig. 7 shows what illumination you get from 60, 100 and 150-watt lamps of the usual filament type. These figures are average, for individual lamps vary, depending on age, line voltage and make. Note particularly how much light intensity drops as the distance from the lamp increases. While your eyes may

not notice this, the nervous system soon will give evidence of it, if you work in a twilight zone for any length of time.

Light intensity is measured with a photoelectric cell, Fig. 3. This little device is very sensitive, and also expensive. There is no need to purchase one, for if you obtain your power from a utility company, the chances are that they have one, which may be borrowed for the asking. Lighting by guesswork has gone completely out of fashion. It is now the policy of all power and light companies to actually measure

LIGHT..

eye strain

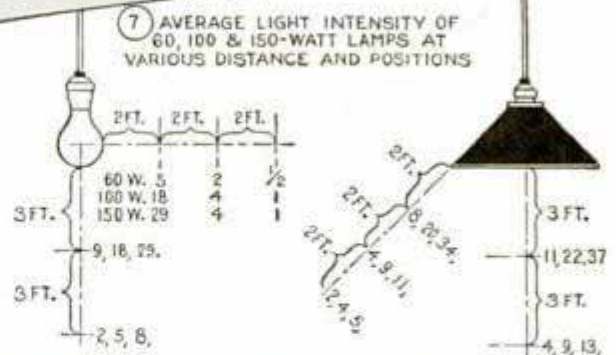
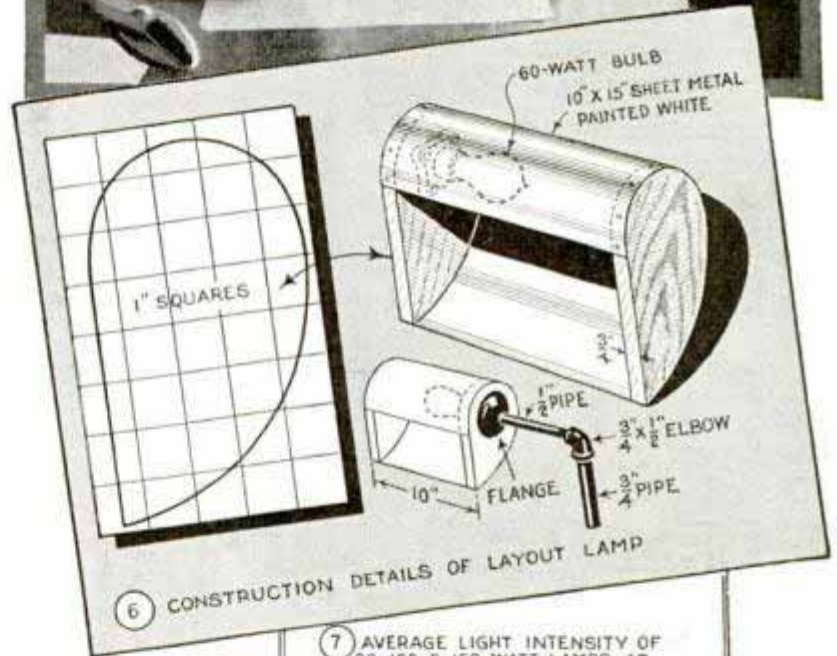
lighting requirements in the rooms of office buildings, schools, factories and even private homes. The result is a more intelligent use of light at a great saving in jangled nerves, eye strain and reduction of industrial accidents.

Lighting requirements for any workshop are almost like those for industrial plants, only on a less elaborate scale. Cost is not prohibitive. The very best factory-made fixture costs no more than a set of good carving chisels. Even that may be cut down considerably by making your own, for the beautiful part of present methods of lighting is simplicity. The most important single item is a can of white paint. A white surface does not absorb light and is therefore an excellent reflector. Flat white, casein-base, cold-water paint is preferred. It sticks to plaster, wood and metal and may be mixed as needed. When soiled it may be sponged lightly without danger of lifting.

The simplest indirect lighting unit consists of a white ceiling and one or more silver-bowl lamps, Fig. 8. These have a built-in reflector, and are ideal for indirect lighting. If your workshop ceiling is of open-joint construction, you can nail sheet tin in an arc between the joists, as shown in the lower detail of Fig. 15, but for high-ceiling rooms, a canopy fixture like the one shown in Figs. 1, 2, 11 and upper details of Fig. 15, may be necessary. A canopy of this type can be made of sheet metal although hard-pressed board is satisfactory. The length of the canopy and number of lights to use in it depend upon your individual requirements. Always keep in mind the limited carrying power of the average light bulb. Instead of fila-



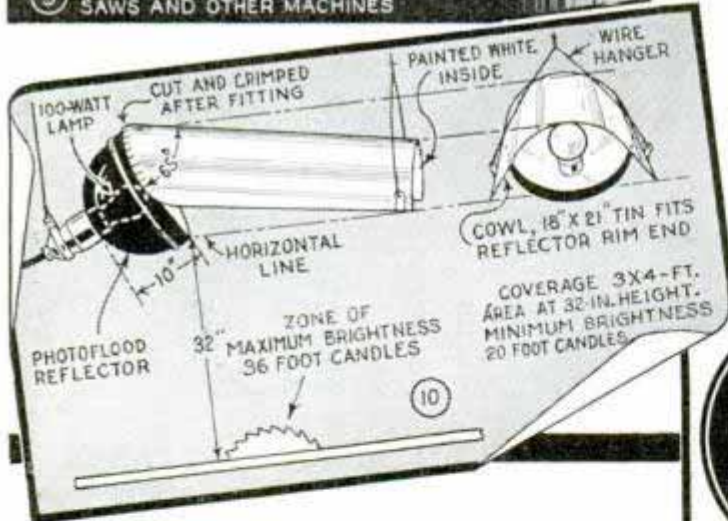
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GLARELESS SHEET-METAL
LAYOUT LAMP



SUFFICIENT LIGHT WITHOUT GLARE OR SHARP SHADOWS



9 SHADOWLESS LIGHT FOR WORKSHOP SAWS AND OTHER MACHINES

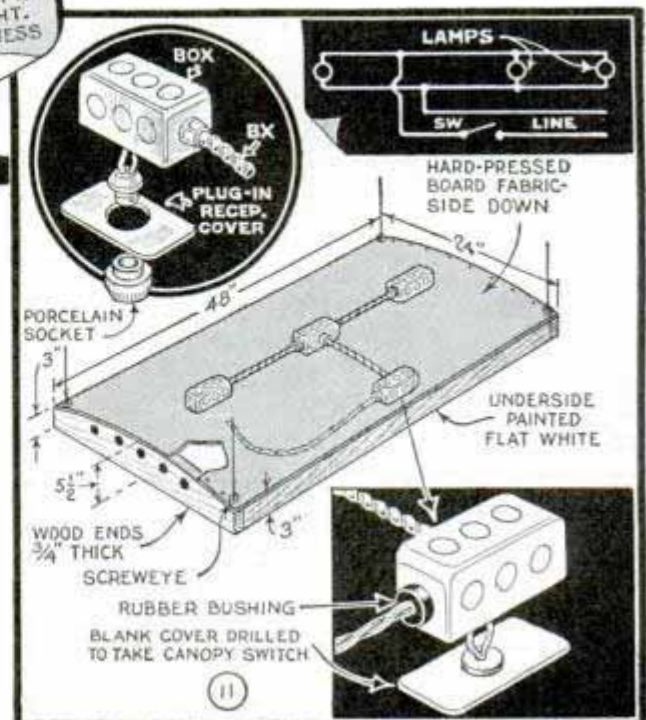


around each lamp. Dimensions of the shield and the method of attachment are shown in the upper detail of Fig. 15. At both ends of the canopy, holes are drilled to permit adequate ventilation.

More power-machine accidents are traceable to poor lighting than to any other cause according to insurance reports. Therefore a good light for your circular saw is important. Figs. 9 and 10 show a fixture which quickly and inexpensively solves the problem. There is no glare and the entire saw table is evenly illuminated and the whirling blade is highly visible. The fixture is made of a photographic reflector and a sheet of tin. Although simple to make, it must be adjusted carefully to get the maximum benefit of the reflected light. This particular fixture is especially helpful where the saw table is polished smooth and bright, as most of them now are, and where fine work is being done which requires that measurements on the stock and adjustments of the machine be made a number of times as the work goes along. If the direct rays of a bright light reflect from such a table surface into your eyes it is virtually impossible to set the saw accurately when doing close work.

A layout lamp for metal work is

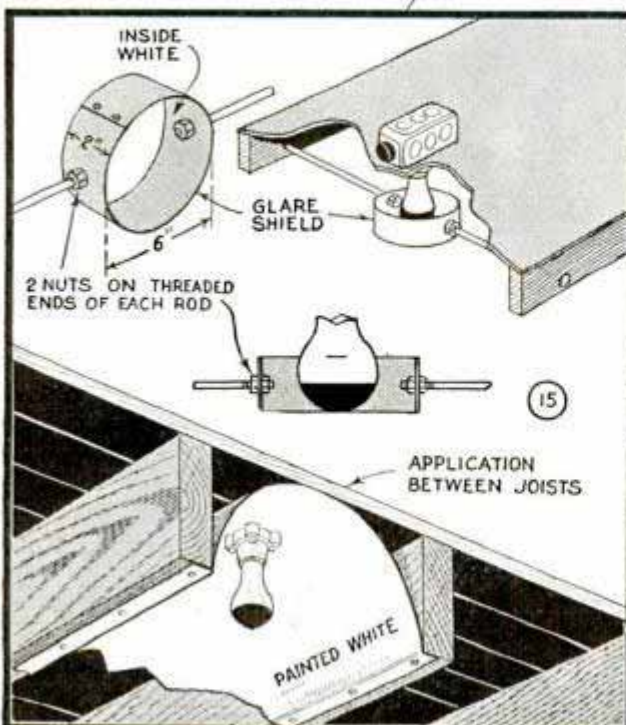
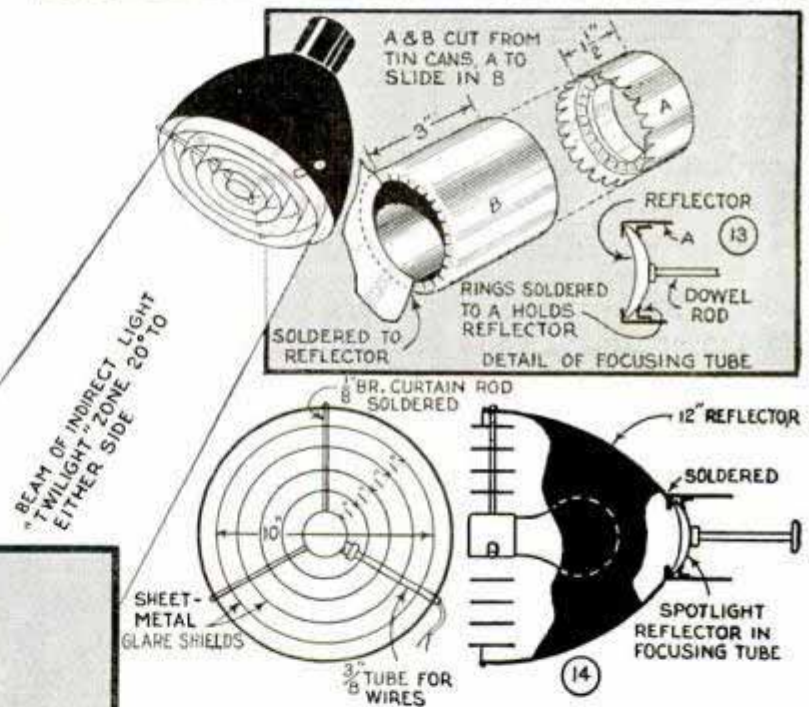
ment lamps you can use the new type of fluorescent lamps if desired. The width of the canopy varies: If it is suspended 3 ft. over the workbench, the width should be 24 in. The best method of suspension is to use wires from the ceiling to the four corners of the canopy. Make it any length to cover the workbench from end to end, spacing the lamps equidistantly. You should use outlet boxes and flexible conduit for wiring, fitting the boxes on the top of the canopy as shown. Silver-bowl lamps are installed and a glare shield is provided



ESSENTIAL IN EXACTING WORK WITH TOOLS AND MACHINES

shown in Figs. 5 and 6. A horizontal beam of reflected light throws the scribe line into relief and at the same time subdues the natural tendency of the metal to flash and sparkle. This light is also very good for checking surface irregularities. It makes the scraping and sanding of table tops and work of similar nature a simple job. The unit should be mounted rigidly on a pipe stand so it can be raised and lowered and thrust well toward the middle of the cutting bench.

For close, accurate work, such as metal-turning and modelmaking, a condensed floodlight, as shown in Figs. 12 to 14 inclusive, is useful. With it a strong beam of light can be cast on the hands and the work while the eyes are in twilight. The reflector shell is cut from a 12-in. photo lamp and the tiny concave mirror may be the reflector from an automobile spotlight, magic lantern, or maybe an aluminum bowl. It should be adjustable for different size bulbs. Note that the ad-



justable feature is obtained by using two tin cans, one sliding in the other. A ring is soldered inside the smaller one and the edge of the can is serrated and bent back so that the reflector is retained snugly between ring and bent edge as in Fig. 13. A number of concentric bands of sheet metal, arranged as shown, provide non-glare shields, causing the light to be directed in a comparatively straight beam that has a "twilight" zone 20° to either side.

When you need a piece of fiber for an electrical or similar project you can cut it from a ten-cent fiber chair seat.

Puddling Shovels Assembled from Disk-Harrow Blades



Needing a number of shovels to loosen sand and gravel for a mud-pumping barge, a contractor made good ones from the blades of an old disk harrow by fitting them with pipe handles. The pipe was split back about 5 in. from one end, the halves curved to the contour of the blade, after which they were heated and flattened. Then holes were drilled and the handle was riveted to the blade.

Mailbox Like Prairie Schooner

Can lids for wheels, and four cut-outs of horses hitched to one end give this rural mailbox the novel appearance of a prairie schooner. The box is mounted on two wood blocks, which are supported by a 1 by 6-in. board nailed to the top of a post, the wheels being pivoted on nails driven into the bottom of the box. Horses, tongue



and doubletrees are cut from 1/4-in. wood, while the harness is small strips of leather. Painting the assembly in appropriate colors adds to the realistic appearance.

Extension Light Held in Spring on Workbench

To support the bulb of an extension light in a convenient position for working on a bench, a mechanic uses a coil spring obtained from a discarded auto cushion. The spring is also handy to keep the lamp out of grease and oil when used under a car or on the workshop floor.



Work Centered on Faceplate with Aid of Microscope

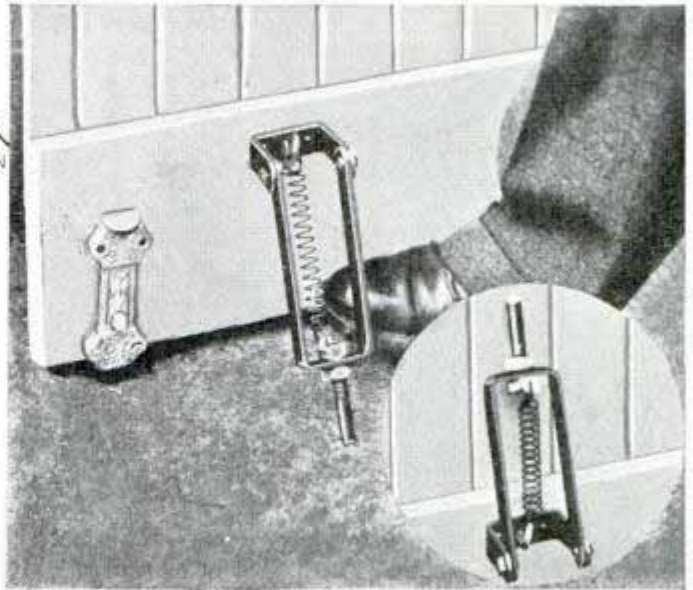
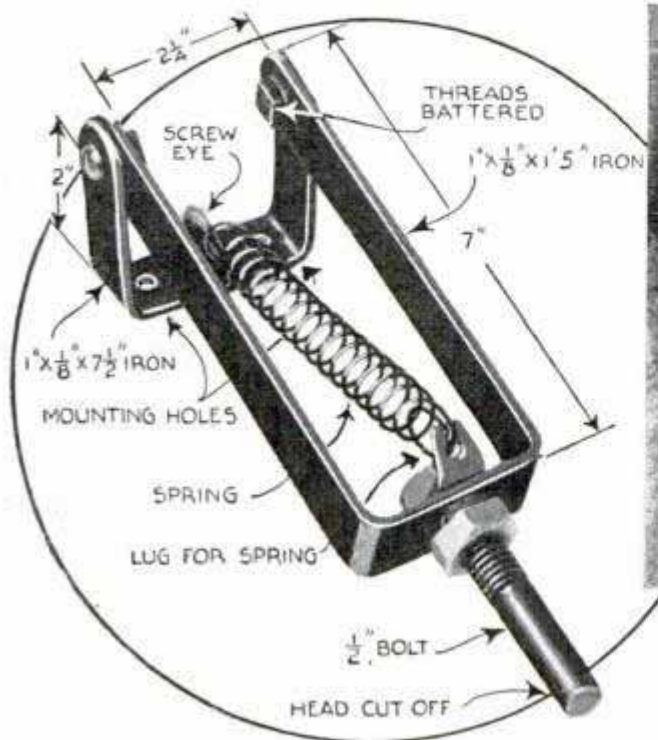
A simple and accurate method of locating and centering work on a lathe faceplate is to use an inexpensive low-power microscope. With it, you can lay out work



with a scale, scribe, and magnifying glass, set it up and drill and bore it without any further operations such as are often necessary when using a dial indicator. The microscope is clamped on a rod, which is held in the tool post, and can be set up at any convenient angle.

—J. D. Brubaker, Evanston, Ill.

Foot-Controlled Toggle Stop on Garage Door



Stooping is unnecessary when you raise or lower this doorstop. It is snapped up

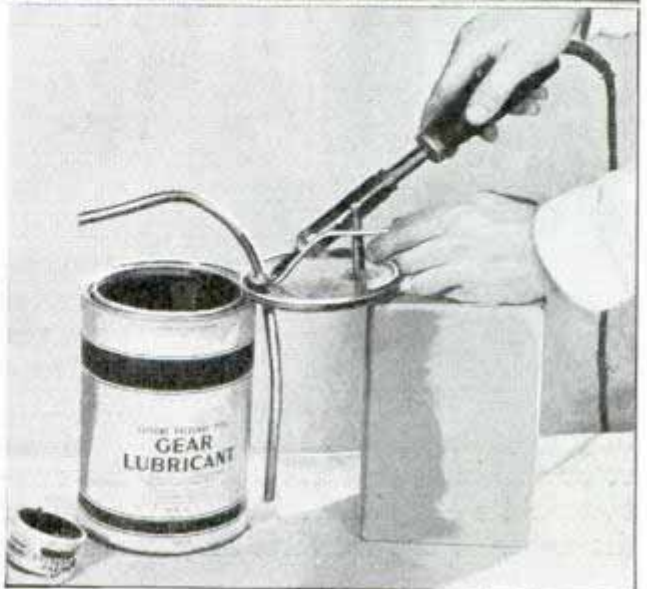
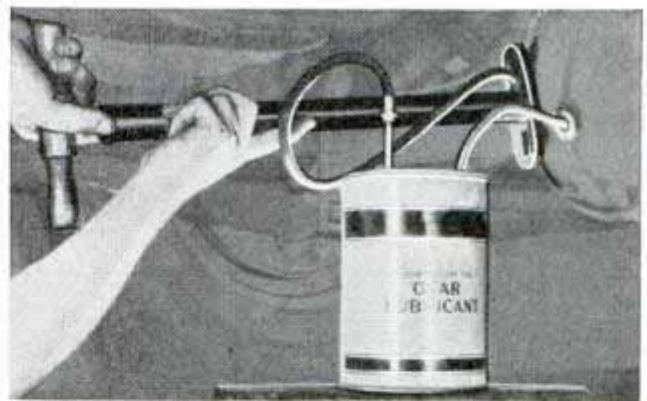
or down with your foot, and there is no chance of wind closing the door, as the harder the door is pushed against the stop the more firmly it bites into the ground. It is made of flat iron bent and assembled as shown in the detail.

Gear-Lubricant Can "Pumped Up" to Fill Transmission

Motorists who would like to change their own gear lubricant but hesitate to because of the difficulty in filling the differential and transmission, can do the job easily by using a tire pump to build up a low air pressure inside the grease can. The can must have a compression lid so that a pressure of 2 or 3 lbs. will not loosen it. Punch two holes in the lid of the can. Solder a tire-valve stem in one hole and a 15-in. length of 1/2-in. copper tubing in the other so that the lower end projects within 1/4 in. of the bottom. The end of the tubing that extends from the lid is bent to form a spout. After the old lubricant has been drained from the differential or transmission, the spout is inserted in the refill hole and the pump is used to force the grease into the housing. It may be necessary to heat summer grades of lubricant to make them flow easily.

—Robert J. Williams, Chicago.

☐ If a windshield-wiper blade scratches the glass, the tiny grooves can be removed by rubbing them with a piece of felt and polishing rouge. Most hardware and paint stores have the rouge in paste form.



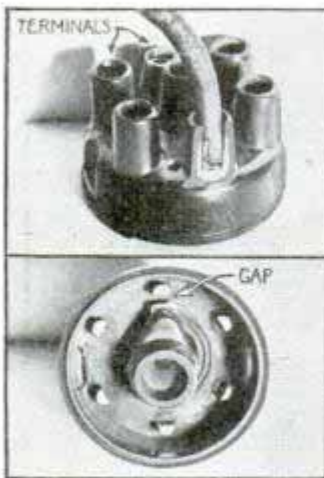
Section of Auto Tire Shapes Inner Tube When Buffing



To hold an inner tube safely against a wheel while buffing it before applying a patch, one mechanic uses a section of tire shaped as indicated as a holder. The portion of the tube to be repaired is stretched tightly over the holder.

Causes of Weak Spark at Plugs

Often the ignition coil is blamed for a weak spark at the plugs when in reality the trouble is in the distributor. The terminals where the spark-plug cables enter the distributor often corrode and set up a high resistance against the passage of current. This trouble can be overcome by pulling out the wires and cleaning the terminals and the copper caps on the ends of the wires. Another place where trouble

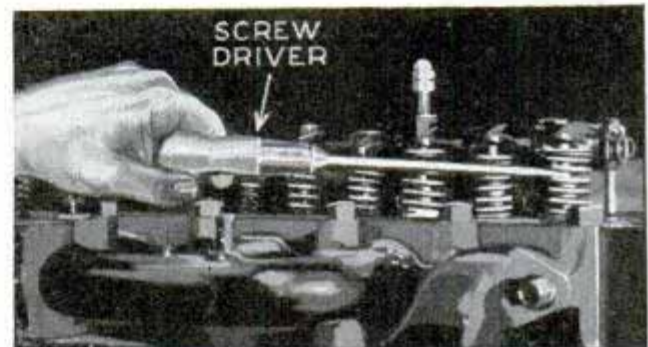


may originate is the spacing between the rotor inside the distributor and the contact points of the cap. In time the end of the rotor or the contacts may corrode or

burn so that the gap between them is increased considerably. This tends to set up a resistance to the current. While the best remedy for this trouble is to install a new rotor and cap, a repair can be made by building up the end of the rotor with solder. After doing this the rotor is turned over slowly to shear off the excess solder and give the proper clearance.

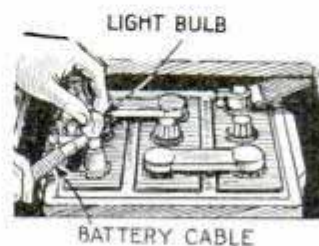
Locating Stuck Valves

Weak valve springs and sticking valves account for a lot of motor trouble, and can be located with nothing more than an ordinary screwdriver. To do this, remove the valve cover plate, and with the motor running, increase the spring tension of each valve in succession by spreading the coils with a screwdriver. While this test is being made, it is well to have a vacuum



gauge connected to the motor. A higher or steadier reading when the screwdriver is inserted into the spring indicates that the latter is weak or that the valve is sticking. In serious cases the improvement can be noted by merely listening to the difference in operation of the motor as the springs are tested.

Checking Car for Short Circuits Before Installing Battery



When a battery is removed from a car for charging, I always make a check for short circuits before installing the rental battery. This is done easily by tightening one terminal to the battery post and then holding the other terminal against the metal stem of a

single contact bulb, which is held on top of the other post. If the bulb glows after all switches on the car have been opened, there is a short circuit in the wiring, which should be repaired. I find that most customers appreciate this service because it prevents their own battery from being discharged when it is returned to the car, and it often gives me extra business in locating and repairing the short circuit.

—Milton Mitz, Milwaukee, Wis.

Easy Way to Change Valve Spring



It is an easy matter to change valve springs without removing the cylinder head if you use compressed air to hold down the valve while removing and replacing the

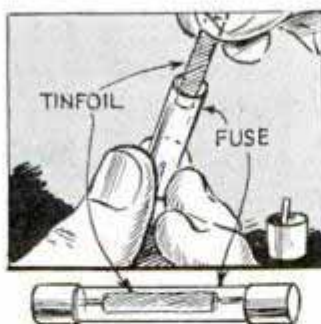
keepers. A fitting for the air-hose nozzle is made from an old spark plug by removing the porcelain core and soldering a valve stem to the spark-plug shell. In use, the regular spark plug is removed and the fitting screwed into place.

—C. E. Packer, Chicago.

Emergency Fuse Has Foil Core

If it is necessary to substitute a piece of metal foil for a burned-out auto fuse in an emergency, pull a cap off the end of the latter and insert the twisted foil. When the cap is replaced, the short pieces of fuse wire remaining will contact the foil and make a better repair than the usual method of wrapping the foil around the entire fuse.

—Wesley McDonnell, Silverton, Ore.



☛ If battery acid is accidentally spilled on the upholstering cloth of a car, a solution of baking soda and water or household ammonia immediately sponged over the spots will neutralize the acid and keep it from eating holes in the material.

Damp Sandpaper Removes Hair from Auto Seats



Dog hair and fine lint can be removed from auto seats easily with dampened sandpaper. This tends to mat and roll the hair, as the paper is moved over the upholstery, so that it can be picked up.

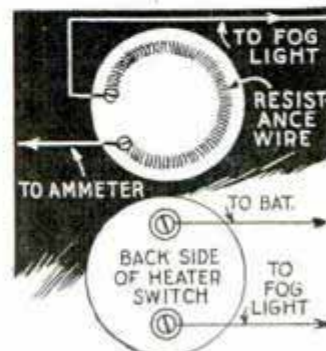
Grease Retainers Need Care

Felt washers used to retain grease on universals and in dozens of other places may be damaged easily by careless use of high-pressure greasing. On many universal joints two openings are provided, one to serve as a grease connection and the other to act as a vent for relieving the pressure. If this is not the case, great care should be taken to control the pressure so the gasket will not be blown.

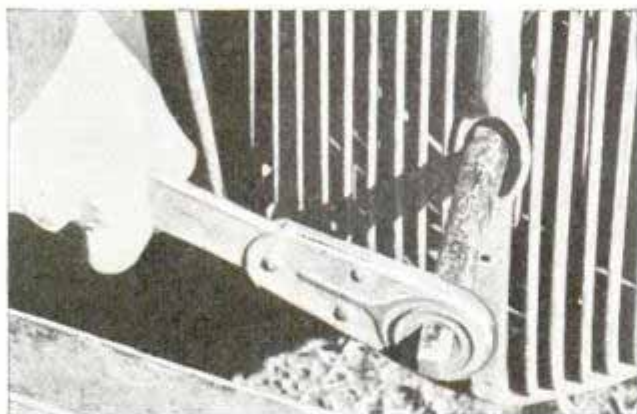
Heater Switch Dims Fog Lights

Noticing that fog lights on some cars that I met were too bright for comfort to the eyes, I installed a dimmer switch on my lights to use when meeting another motorist.

The switch was one of the rheostat type used to control a car heater.—F. J. Kirby, Boise, Idaho.



Ratchet Handle Good Substitute for Ford Crank



If you have to start a Ford motor with the two-piece crank and should lose the handle part of the crank, the ratchet handle of a socket wrench set will serve the purpose. This will slip over the squared end of the extension part of the crank as

shown. The ratchet handle is sometimes preferable to the original handle as it permits backing the crank without removing the extension rod.

Repairing Windshield Wiper

A permanent repair for a vacuum-type windshield wiper that acts erratically because of a leak around the shaft, can be made in the following way: Take the wiper apart and file the bottom or lower half of the housing evenly to allow less clearance for the wiper shaft when the two parts of the housing are reassembled. Then clean out the wiper, oil the moving parts, and reassemble it. If the wiper jams, it means you have filed off too much. When this happens the use of two paper gaskets, instead of the usual one, between the two parts of the housing will overcome the trouble.—E. J. Novak, Omaha, Nebr.

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Modern Precious Metals

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Although the United States used more than 550,000 tons of chromium ore in 1937, domestic production was less than 5,000 tons.

We have all admired a shiny Buffalo five-cent piece, and some of us have seen the Jefferson nickel. It is doubtful that, for most of us, our knowledge of nickel has extended much farther. Yet in our fast-moving lives, nickel is indispensable. Before and during the World War nickel was the danger metal, used almost entirely in instruments of destruction, such as battleship armor and steel-pointed projectiles. Since the war nickel has become one of our greatest safety metals.

When you are stalled in your car on a sharp curve and a ten-ton truck approaches at fifty miles an hour, you wonder if the driver can stop. Well, if the truck is equipped with nickel-chromium iron brake drums, he can. Manufacturers

have found these drums resist scoring and frictional heat well and have a long life.

In the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge, several thousand tons of nickel steel were used for cantilever tie pins, anchor plates, parts that "must not" fail from corrosion, weight or earthquake shocks. Nickel cast iron, too, is coming along fast. Fly-wheels, cylinder linings, brake drums and a host of other cast-iron products are benefited by small amounts of nickel.

Magnesium, frequently called the wonder metal, has been used for years in chemical industries and fireworks manufacture. Recently it has entered metallurgical fields. One finds alloys of magnesium and aluminum varying all the way from two per cent aluminum and ninety-eight per cent magnesium to three and five-tenths per cent magnesium and ninety-six and five tenths per cent aluminum. One standard alloy—six per cent aluminum, three per cent zinc, two-tenths per cent manganese and the balance magnesium—is widely used for castings where strength and very light weight are required. Only two-thirds as heavy as aluminum and one-fourth as heavy as cast iron, this alloy rivals both in strength and durability. For buses, airplanes, portable electric drills and castings of many varieties, magnesium alloys are particularly valuable. Through use of such alloys, the weight of a bus was reduced four tons from that of steel construction without, it is claimed, sacrificing safety or durability.

Molybdenum, the tough metal, when added in small amounts to steel or cast iron, results in products that resist abrasion to a remarkable degree. Everything from hand shovels to steam shovels and bucket dredges benefits from its use. Armaments, high-speed tool steel and structural steels requiring high-tensile strength all demand large quantities of molybdenum. It alloys easily with chromium, nickel, tungsten, and manganese to make tough, hard steels. A little molybdenum added to steel aids greatly in resisting corrosion.

In 1919 only 376 short tons of the metal were produced in the world. In 1938 production was more than 14,000 tons. Molybdenum is one of the few "precious metals"

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of which the United States has an ample supply. In 1937 this country produced ninety-two per cent of all mined, and seventy-one per cent of the world production came from a single mine at Climax, Colo., which now mines and mills 12,000 tons of ore a day. This mine has more than 100,000,000 tons of ore blocked out, with unknown further reserves.

Tungsten's earliest uses were for dyes, pigments and tanning leather. Later it was used for electric-light and radio-tube filaments. These uses continue, but the bulk of all tungsten mined now goes into steel. It makes a tough steel suitable for battleship plates and similar purposes. Steel alloys containing ten to fourteen per cent tungsten make metal-cutting tools that retain their edge at red heat. Compounds of tungsten and carbon under the trade names Firthite and Carboloy are only a trifle less hard than diamond, the hardest natural substance known. A mixture of tungsten, chromium and cobalt is sold under the trade name Stellite. This alloy, like Firthite and Carboloy, is used to replace black diamonds for core-drilling operations in prospecting for ores, and in-

vestigation of dam sites, bridge foundations, etc. Tungsten deposits, mostly small, are scattered over the western states. China has the largest known deposits.

Like tungsten and molybdenum, vanadium formerly was extremely limited in uses. Then it was discovered that a little vanadium made steel very elastic, increasing greatly its tensile strength. Now we find vanadium used in automobile and railroad springs. Twenty years ago broken automobile springs were of common occurrence. Today, unless the car is wrecked, one seldom hears of one breaking. Vanadium also is used in high-speed tool steels, pinions, axles, and other places where great tensile strength is required.

Peru long has been the chief producer of vanadium. Now, due to increased development in the carnotite fields of Colorado and Utah, there is reason to believe the United States can meet its own requirements. Carnotite is a mixture of vanadium, uranium and radium. From 1912 to 1921 it was mined chiefly for its radium content; now it will be mined for the vanadium, with the other metals as by-products.

Winning the War on Traffic Accidents

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selves were in many cases reversible and the geometry of the steering connections so bad that "wheel fight" was terrific. Today, large steering wheels are made so that they will bend, not break, with comfortable gripping sections and structures that absorb vibrations. Correct geometry, reductions in steering ratio of eighteen or twenty to one with high-efficiency steering gears makes steering well-nigh effortless. Self-righting gives the car "steering sense." Mechanical failures are comparatively unknown.

Riding comfort has a bearing on safety. Softer springs, independent wheel suspension, stabilators, larger tie sections, better shock absorbers, better weight distribution, and a steadily growing knowledge of the engineering factors involved have made riding comfort progress very rapidly.

Noise and vibration were both serious problems in early cars. High-frequency vibrations and droning noises have a distinct numbing and fatiguing effect on the

human nervous system. The last two years have seen great progress in subduing both noise and vibration.

In 1906, brakes can only be described as "awful." Today a car with four-wheel brakes in good condition can stop in thirty-five feet from thirty miles an hour, in forty-one feet if in fair condition, and in sixty feet if in poor condition. It has better brake drums and linings, greater area of braking surface, protection of the brake shoe and drum surface from dirt and water, dependable brake hook-ups, more scientific distribution of braking effort among the four wheels, lighter pedal pressures and the use of power auxiliaries in conjunction with human effort. Highly developed air and vacuum brake systems for trucks and trailers closely follow railway equipment design.

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Which Is the King of Beasts?

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tured manner might suggest—and I know because I served as keeper and trainer to one early in my career. Though his shape resembles a barrel, the hippo can throw his 8,000 pounds of weight around with surprising agility. In the water he's at his best and has been known to upset a native boat with the flip of his head.

In parts of India, I'm told, natives fear the sloth bear as much as they do man-eating tigers. Though small in stature, he's savage by nature and virtually untamable. The same is true of other bears. There are a half dozen animal men of my acquaintance who rate the polar bear as the most dangerous beast of all. A Himalayan bear ruled the roost in one of my earlier acts that included hyenas, polar bears, Russian bears, lions, tigers, a black leopard, and two pumas.

What we've found to be the case in the big cage may not be true of the veldt. There's a great difference between animals living in a six-by-ten-foot cage and one exercising and fighting for his supper in the forest. For all I know, the tiger might be able to uncork a few surprises he cannot use within the confines of the arena bars.

One day in my act, as he was making his way to the top pedestal, Rogue, a Bengal tiger, was caught unawares by Prince, an ugly-dispositioned lion, and dragged to the ground. Almost before the sawdust of the ring started flying, another lion joined in the melee. Rogue began retreating, a smart move under the circumstances because by edging nearer the cage bars, he minimized the chance of an attack from the rear. Desperately, the two lions strove to get their teeth in Rogue's neck but he repulsed them. Then a third lion joined forces with the other two.

Trying to break up the fight before the twenty-one other lions were drawn into it, I directed the lions' attention to me by means of a pole. Prince, rearing up like a stallion, charged, with the other two at his heels, but shots from my blank gun shocked them out of their murderous intentions and back to their pedestals the animals trotted, seemingly relieved the battle was over after the stubborn resistance put up by Rogue.

Once at Collinsville, Pa., twenty-one of my lions staged a knock-down-and-drag-out with nine tigers. The blow-off happened when Snip, a tigress, jumped the signal to start for the door leading from the arena through the wooden chute to the cage wagons. I cued her to remount her pedestal but she refused, taking refuge behind some of the metal pedestal frames. A lioness jumped on her back and then Duke, a lion, seized the first tiger he could reach.

All the other tigers except the three top mounters jumped down to the floor of the ring, not so much to fight as to get out of the ring. Arising as one man, the lions swooped down on them. Even though the whole place was in an uproar, I could not help but watch Chester, a tiger. Fighting, kicking, clawing, he was standing off seven or eight lions all by himself! All the while, the three tigers in the "grandstand" remained perfectly calm. It just wasn't their night to fight!

I was getting ready to leave the bedlam when Chester started for me. Fortunately, two lions waylaid him so I made a fresh start for the door leading to the safety chamber. The goal was but a few steps away when a tiger, retiring from the war, sat down beside the safety cage door. Then a lioness quit the fray and took a seat on the other side. Stymied. Breaking loose from the cats around him, Chester was on my trail again so I streaked through the space that separated the two self-appointed sentries. A torn shirt and a scratched arm were my only mementos of the riot that eventually was quelled by pumping ammonia into the arena. When the smoke cleared, one tiger was dead, a second so badly wounded that he died.

Chester, who had been in the thick of the fight every second, came through with only a few minor superficial cuts.

For a brief few minutes, a king of beasts with stripes.

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Shooting the Sun

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detail. With too short an exposure, the shadows appear excessively black and the desired atmospheric effect is lost.

When you are picturing a sunburst, however, with beams breaking through a rift in the clouds, the subject has little contrast. The darkest parts of the clouds are only a few tones darker than the sunbeams. Overexposure will tend to flatten out what little contrast there is. Therefore, exposure should be as short as possible; with film of average speed, $\frac{1}{500}$ second at f.16 will suffice.

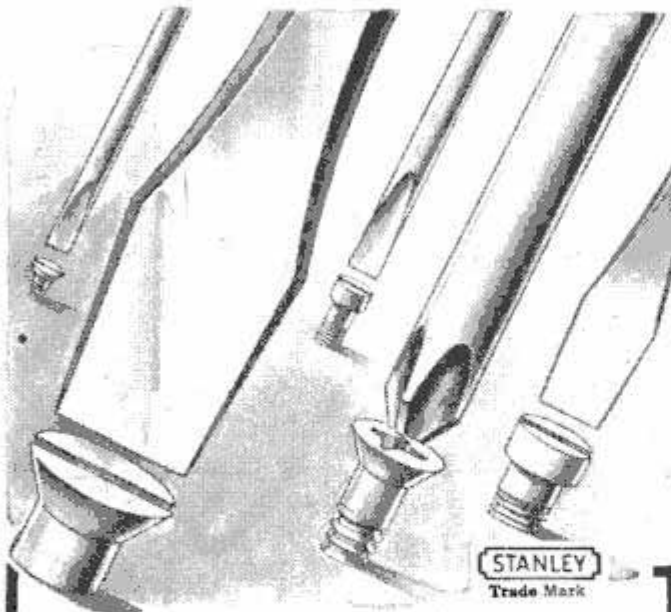
In a sunbeam picture you wish to reproduce the beams as brilliantly as possible while keeping other objects subdued. Suppose you are taking a sunbeam picture in deep woods, with a great deal of green foliage about. "Chrome" or "pan" film, being sensitive to green, might allow too much detail in the foliage, so give relatively shorter exposures or use a "regular" film less sensitive to green and yellows.

If you were picturing a distant sunburst, the chrome or pan film would be preferable; and you might use a yellow filter, the K-1 or K-2, particularly if the cloud shadows appeared at all bluish. If blue sky appears behind the sunburst, always use a yellow filter, the K-2 or G, to darken the sky and make the sun shafts stand out more brilliantly. And if you do your own developing, it is wise to develop "sunburst" negatives longer than usual, to build up stronger contrast.

"Smoke" pictures are sometimes improved by "backlighting." Light shining through smoke makes it much more brilliant—sometimes it actually seems to glow. Flash bulbs provide excellent illumination for smoke pictures, since the flash can "freeze" a slowly moving smoke curl.

Suggestions for smoke pictures might include a man blowing smoke rings . . . a table-top of toy firemen fighting a dollhouse blaze . . . a tall, graceful curve of smoke rippling up from a cigarette in an ashtray. Ideas will come in droves once you start playing with light effects.

Just keep your eyes open for sunbeams and sunbursts, dust and mist, smoke and steam—watch your exposure time—and you'll have an album full of sunshine in less time than it takes to tell.



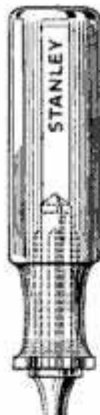
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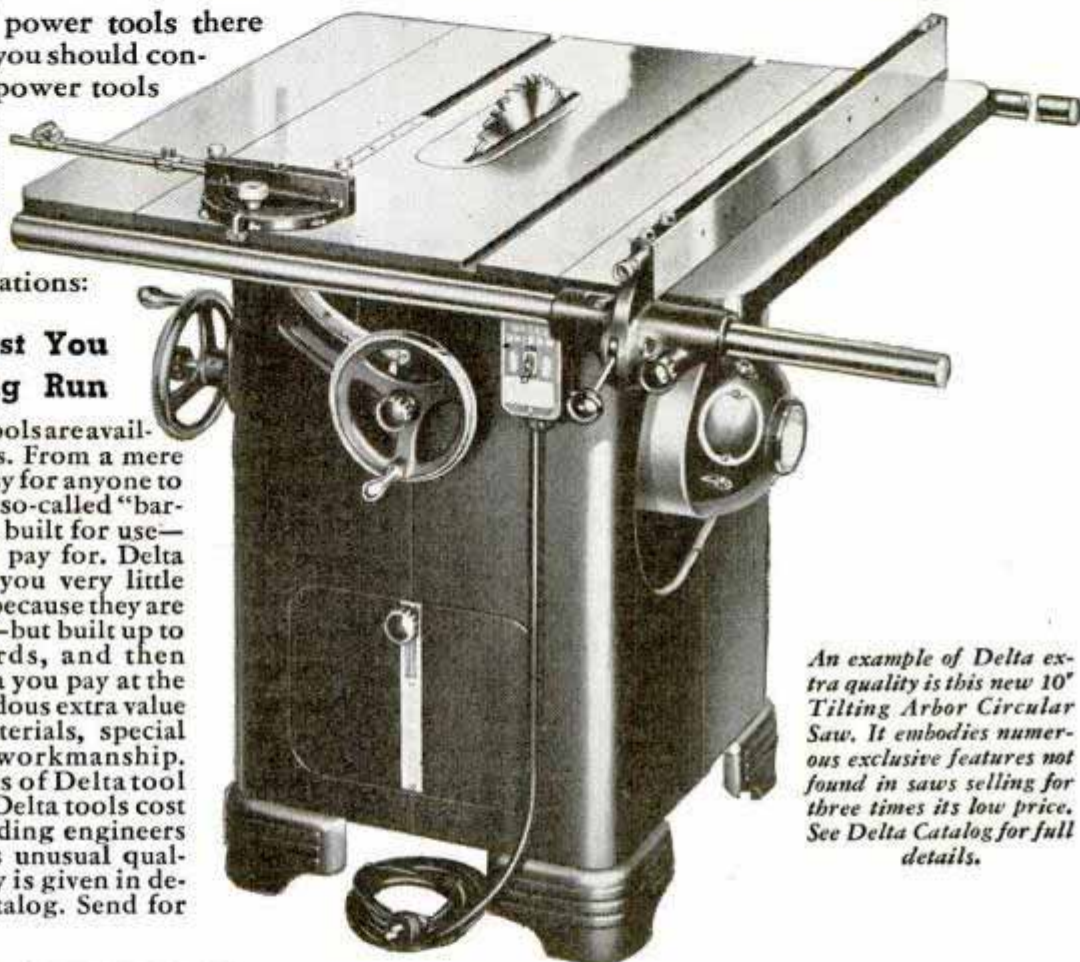
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Wonders of Ship Surgery

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ed to routes serving South America were reconditioned for their new service at a cost of \$1,000,000, the changes including a beach deck, air conditioning, and sliding roofs over the theater and dining rooms.

A few years ago four old Hamburg-American ships were modernized by cutting off their bows and attaching longer and more efficient bows to them. Each new bow, twenty-eight feet longer than the old one, was built as a unit. The old bow was torn off the ship in dry dock and the new one welded on. Modernized, each ship was longer and heavier than it had been but the change increased its efficiency so much that much less power was necessary for maintaining its normal speed.

Getting a ship that has been badly wrecked at sea to the marine hospital is often a heroic job. If the salvage men find it impossible to save a vessel that has foundered on the rocks they may be able to cut the undamaged portion away, make it seaworthy with a temporary bulkhead, pump it out, and tow it to dry dock. If the stern half of a ship can be retrieved that way a new bow and forward sections can be built up and attached to it.

Every shipwreck is different and a wreck that may appear to be a total loss to an untrained observer is sometimes easily refloated and repaired. Others that go aground in bad weather may have to be abandoned, even though they may not appear badly damaged. Ships are rusting on the rocks of every coast although often such wrecks are torn apart piecemeal in good weather for the value of their metal. When one tanker went ashore on the west coast two attempts to salvage her failed but finally in a period of quiet weather temporary patches were made to the hull and the ship's cargo tanks were pumped full of compressed air. That gave her buoyancy

and permitted the salvage crew to drag her back to deep water and tow her to dry dock 300 miles away.

One of the most miraculous operations that ship surgeons ever performed was completed last year when the giant "Asama Maru," a \$7,000,000 passenger liner, was refloated at Hong Kong after having been driven ashore in the typhoon of 1937. A wind of 167 miles per hour tore the ship loose from its moorings and with the aid of an abnormally high tide beached the vessel almost ninety feet from the channel. The "Asama Maru" was drawing twenty-three and one-half feet of water when blown ashore and the salvors knew that there would be a tide of almost sixteen feet the following spring. Somehow they would have to make up the seven-foot difference. First step was to cut a hole in the ship's side, tear down two of the four main engines, and pass the parts piece by piece through the hole. Anchors, cables, davits, and machinery to the extent of 1,000 tons were removed and 2,200 tons of oil and fresh water were pumped from her tanks. Ten buoyancy tanks having a total lift value of 500 tons were secured to the hull.

The ship was still 2,500 tons too heavy to be floated by the spring tide so the salvage men next blasted and dug four feet of rock from under her, tipping the vessel from side to side by means of its ballast tanks to facilitate the work. Two and a half tons of dynamite were used without injuring the vessel and nearly 8,000 tons of rock were removed. The 548-foot ship floated off without a hitch at the hour of high tide, underwent temporary repairs at Hong Kong, and then sailed to Nagasaki on her two remaining engines for complete overhaul and replacement of damaged bottom plates. Today she is back in service on the transpacific run.

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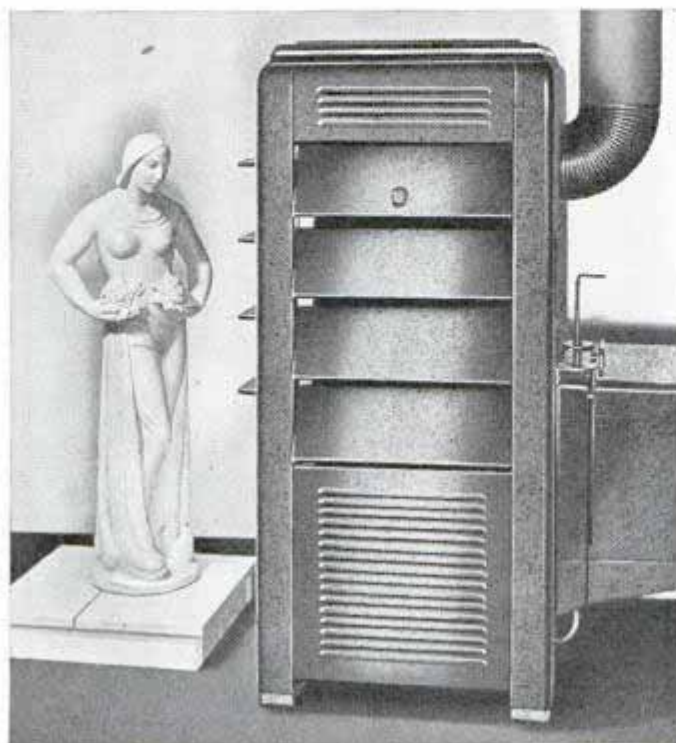
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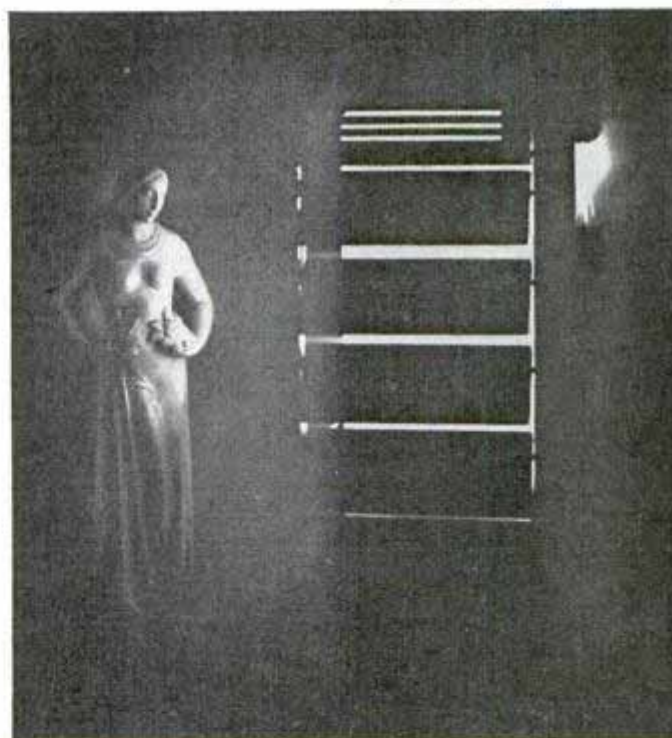
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ing. Bernie Bierman, head coach at Minnesota, says:

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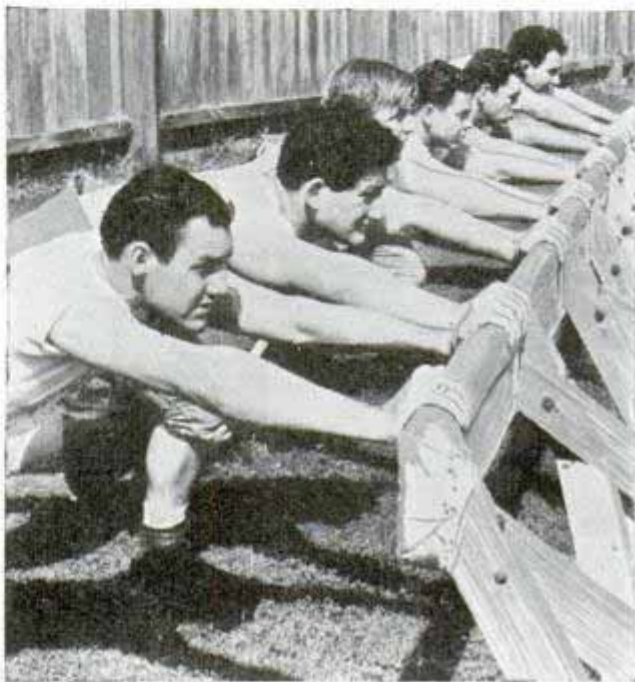
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The tackling dummy is standard equipment for teaching correct form in blocking and tackling. In recent years, however, a number of new and improved variations of the old canvas bag that hung from a cross-arm have been devised. One of these is the blocking bag. It is usually constructed of canvas or leather and filled with sawdust or padding. On the field it simulates an opposing player. The players line up opposite the blocking bags, the ball is snapped back and the linesmen and interference must knock the heavy bags out of the way so that the ball carrier may get through.

Otto Klum, head coach at the University of Hawaii, has invented a tackling dummy that is a vast improvement over the kind in common use. A three-inch rubber rope,

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fastened to a crossbar at top and to the ground below, supports a canvas-covered bag. Coaches declare that this rubber-controlled bag is more like an opposing player than anything yet devised. It may be used by one or two men at a time for charging, blocking, and tackling.

One of the latest developments is the blocking apron, huge, padded overalls worn by scrub players. Designed especially to protect the chest, stomach and legs of those players who wear it, the apron permits the use of "live bait" as tackling and blocking dummies without fear of injuring either the varsity men or the third stringers. The University of Pennsylvania has found this type of equipment helpful on the practice field.

Some coaches have discovered that automobile tires suspended from the goal posts provide good early season targets for passing backs. Later on, pass receivers in motion provide better targets. After accuracy is attained, the passer must learn to judge distance and speed of the receiver. Northwestern University uses automobile tires for passing targets. At U. C. L. A. a new variation is a single tire mounted on an upright standard.

Coach Howard Jones at the University of Southern California has rigged up a unique device to teach his centers greater accuracy in passing the ball. A huge canvas sheet, with two holes waist high, is



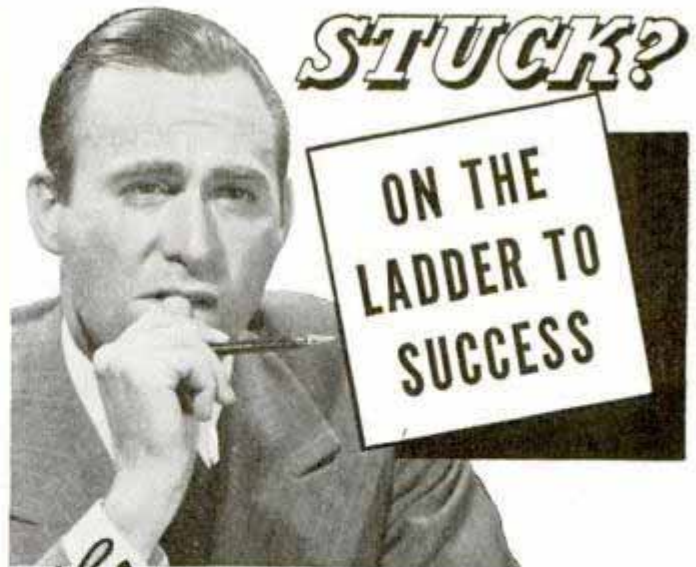
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Aprons absorb the shock of players practicing blocking at University of Pennsylvania

strung between the goal posts. Two centers stand over the ball about twenty feet from the target and try to pass the pigskin through the holes.

Punters are sometimes shown how they

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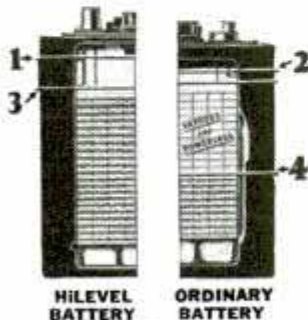
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can get height into their kicks by a simple device. A rope is tied to their kicking foot and strung over a crossbar. With another player pulling on the rope, the punter can determine just how high he can force his foot.

The use of motion pictures in training a football team is becoming increasingly widespread. Each Saturday's game is photographed from start to finish, and on the following Monday coaches and players study the films to discover their mistakes. In slow motion, the camera tells a graphic story of why touchdowns are made or not made.

Most college gymnasiums have extensive outlays of the latest scientific equipment for treating gridiron injuries. Aching and bruised muscles are exposed to treatment of water baths or violet-ray lamps. When muscles are allowed to become inactive for a time because of injury, team doctors have a number of devices for exercising through the use of weight-lifting or mechanical exercisers. One physician makes football players with "Charley horses" and other leg ailments pedal around on a bicycle while convalescing.

The Band Comes Marching Back

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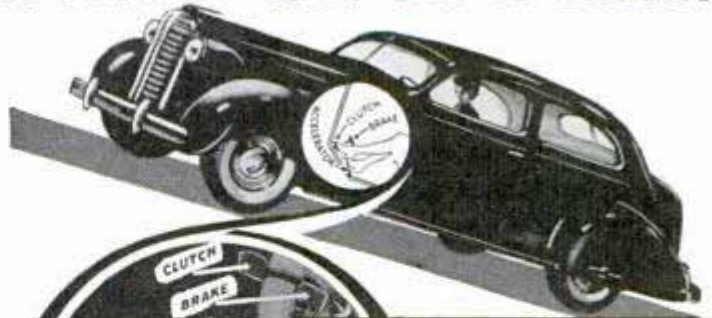
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the waves and wrinkles are pushed down into the inside of the tubing. Lead balls were used for a time to get them out but they weren't entirely satisfactory so hydraulic expansion was developed. When the horn is ready to have the wrinkles removed, it's placed in a tool steel die and the ends plugged shut, one being utilized as a nozzle. The tubing is then filled with cold water and the water is subjected to terrific pressure, as much as 4,000 pounds per square inch. This pressure irons out the tubing against the walls of the die, giving the part absolutely accurate dimensions and making the inside surface as smooth as glass for carrying the delicate tone waves without distortion.

The average trumpet or trombone has a seam running through the complete length of the bell stem and bell bottom; a few with two-piece bells have one through the stem and the other where the bell bottom joins the stem. A seamless bell is the latest development. By means of an electro-mechanical process the structure of the metal is built up from pure copper ions in regular conformation with the bell forming in a solid piece.

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A scientific, foolproof way of measuring pitch and intonation of instruments is with the chromatic stroboscope. The frequency of any sound in the scale is registered visually so it can be measured easily and quickly for correctness to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a semi-tone. If a note is in tune with the tempered scale based on a 440, a pattern on the revolving disk appears to stand still. If the note is sharp, the pattern appears to revolve to the right. If the note is flat, the pattern seems to turn to the left. By adjusting a knob the pattern can be made to stand still. A dial is then read to determine how many $\frac{1}{1000}$ ths of a semi-tone the note is sharp or flat.

Ride 'Em Cowboy!

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his rope at a calf, drop it in its tracks, and tie its feet with a piggin string. Three-quarters of the speed and skill in this event are contributed by the cowboy's horse, and a good roping horse may bring from \$1,500 to \$3,000 on the rare occasions when such stock is placed on the market. A good horse learns instinctively to dig its feet into the ground the instant its rider's lariat circles the neck of the roped animal. The shock of the abrupt stop throws the maverick to the ground and from that time on the horse keeps backing away to hold the rope taut and prevent the animal from rising again. A trained roping horse always balances itself against the shock of the throw, otherwise the horse and rider themselves are apt to be thrown.

Cattlemen in different parts of the country have slightly different roping habits when simply throwing a lasso to capture an animal. Men from the north are known as tie-hard ropers and they use a short thirty-foot rope, one end of which is tied securely to the saddle horn. Men from the south are called dally-ropers and they use a lariat nearly twice as long, paying it out through a couple of turns around the saddle horn to ease the pull when a heavy animal is roped. The ropes themselves are much thinner today than they were twenty years ago, due to improved materials and methods of weaving.

Cowboys don't wear their picturesque clothes for looks but because such clothes are suited for their work. High-heeled shoes prevent the feet from sliding through or catching in the stirrups and also help a dismounted cowboy to dig in against the pull of an animal when he is roping from the ground. His spurs are always blunt and are used to stir up his horse when a burst of speed is necessary in capturing strays. The jeans that he wears are narrow-legged so that they will fit snugly inside the heavy leather chaps that protect his legs from brush and thorns. He often carries a revolver, even today, and uses it on the range to kill injured animals and to shoot rattlesnakes. His wide-brimmed hat is the best protection against the sun and the rain and his neckerchief may be wound around his face to protect his nose and mouth from clouds of dust at the drag end of a herd. The neckerchief is also a protection against frostbite in cold weather.

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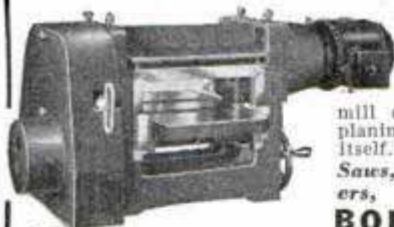


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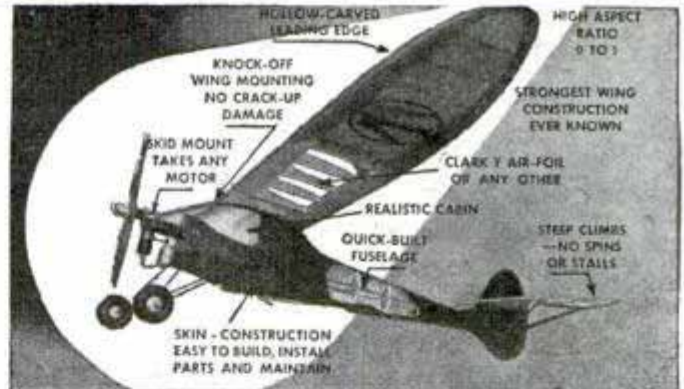


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open again by the time the rear of the train has cleared the curve.

Just like an air liner, the streamliner is affected by weather conditions. Headwinds slow down its speed and tail winds help boost it along. The worst wind of all is a quartering headwind that blows back against the entire length of the train.

One way the streamliner saves time is by rarely stopping. A stop of one minute adds five minutes to the running time of a train because of the delay in slowing down and getting up to speed again. The stops that an ordinary train makes on a transcontinental trip may total several hours. The average stop of the Diesel is for only two minutes, just long enough to change crews and make routine inspection of wheels and brakes. There is always a clear track ahead, for other fast trains are sidetracked until the streamliner rockets past. A Diesel stops for fuel twice and for water one other time on its long run, while between the same terminals a steam locomotive would need to refuel five times and replenish its water every 200 miles.

Enginemen on the streamliner literally turn it loose across the long level stretches of the middle west to make up for the slow climbs across parts of Arizona and New Mexico where four 7,000-foot summits are crossed. On two of the steepest grades a helper engine is attached to the train to boost it along faster than it could climb by itself.

In those parts of the west you aren't apt to see many wild animals from an automobile because the noise of your approach scares them away. The streamliner moves so much faster that the engine crew gets good looks at herds of antelope and deer, occasional coyotes, and numerous small animals before they slip away into the brush. Sometimes at night a deer standing on the tracks is confused by the glare of the headlight but it bounds away when the engineman sounds a warning whistle.

Sitting at the controls of a record-breaking train carries heavy responsibilities. The engineman's job is to deliver his train on time but he is first concerned with the safety of his passengers. The queer part of it is that the faster he goes the safer he feels. He sits relaxed in his seat at ninety

and 100 miles per hour and tenses up ready for instant action at thirty miles per hour. That's because top speeds are made in open country and the slow speed limits are observed in congested areas where he has to be prepared for a fast stop any second. He rides with one hand on the air-brake lever and in districts that have numerous grade crossings he uses two pairs of eyes instead of one to watch the road.

When the engineman moved from the steam locomotive to the streamliner he took his fireman with him even though there are no fires to feed on the Diesel. The wide-awake engineman misses nothing in front of him but simply for safety's sake the fireman rides beside him, calling the track signals aloud with the engineman repeating them after him. In congested districts the fireman calls out the cars he sees approaching grade crossings.

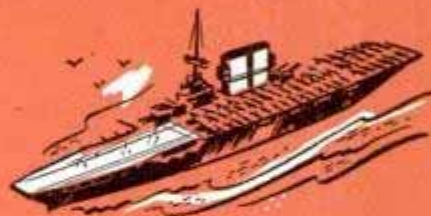
Semaphores along the right of way are electrically operated and if something happens to a circuit the semaphore automatically moves to the stop position. A blank board with no lights visible is the same as a "red board" to the engineman and he stops the train, then moves along slowly until he reaches a clear signal.

Now that the streamliners have been on the rails for several years and have proved that they can maintain fast schedules, plans are being made for more improvements. In one early demonstration the "Super Chief" ran from Los Angeles to Chicago in thirty-six hours and forty-nine minutes, three hours under its regular schedule. One idea research men are tinkering with is a hydraulic drive. Hydraulic transmission might be smoother still and probably would require a minimum of maintenance. The streamline trains have tight-lock coupling between the coaches that allows the whole train to move off as a unit from a standing start without taking up slack between the coaches.

The coming of the streamliner has helped increase the speed of all trains because many of the sharpest curves have been modified to allow the streamliners to drive at full speed. Each curve reduction means that steam engines can also move faster than in the past. Track condition is the real speed limit in fast railroading.

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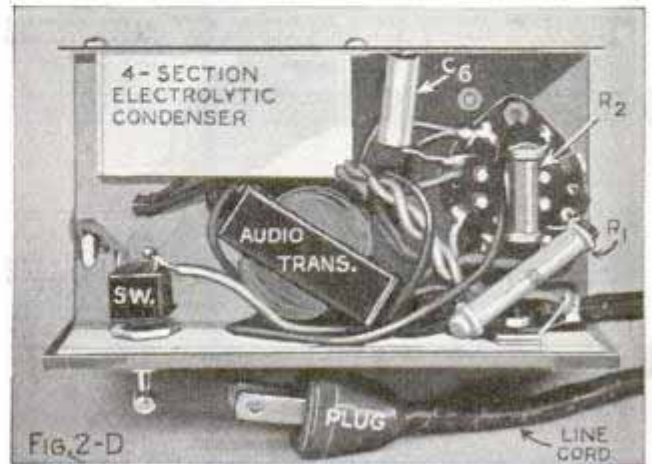
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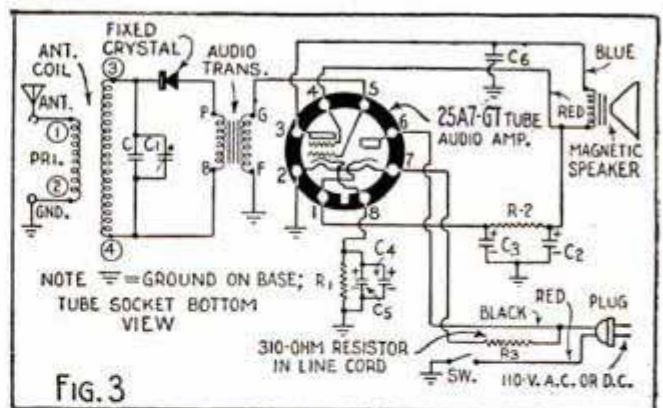
midget-type antenna coil in order to obtain the advantage of more turns on the primary winding.

Those who wish to experiment can try a Litz-wound r.f. coil in the antenna coil position, if desired. However, the ordinary coil employed in the model gave good re-



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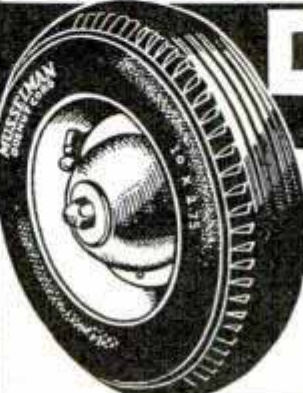
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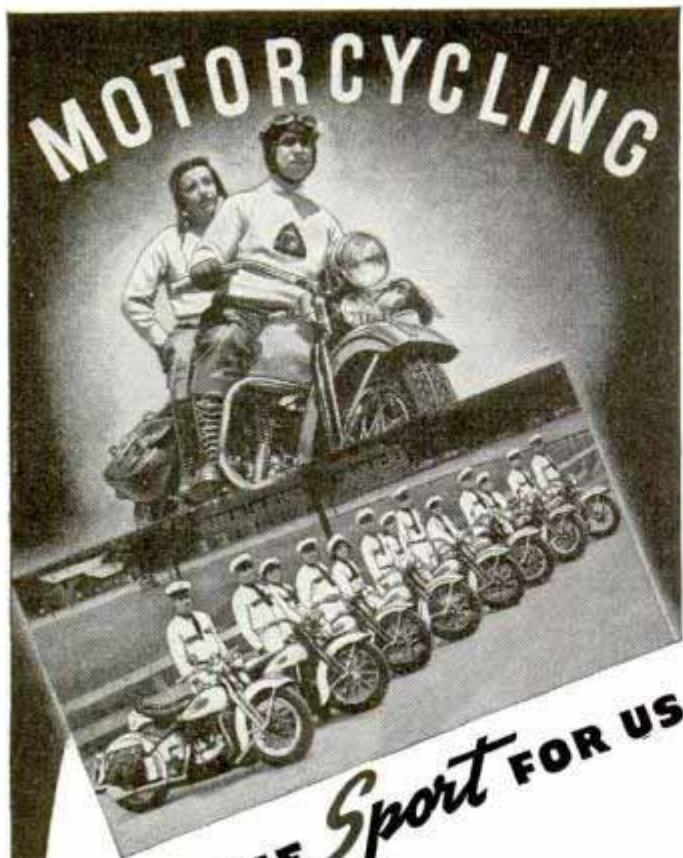
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But Badders must be decompressed with exact schedule, if the dreaded "bends" are to be avoided. His voice comes out of the loud speaker again, distorted by compressed air from its normal baritone to a pitch close to soprano.

"I'm near the descending line, now," Badders reports. "I can see it . . . two stanchions to go . . . one stanchion . . . standing by to come up."

"Okay," replies Momsen, "the stage will meet you at ninety feet."

Now Badders is aboard the diving stage, waiting for the timer to say when he will move to the next decompression stop.

"I got a little groggy down there," Badders telephones up to Momsen. "I tried to move across the deck and I came up short. I thought there wasn't enough slack in my lines. Then I forget what happened. The CO₂ was building up pretty bad, I guess. Anyway, I snapped out of it enough to shove my jaw against the button and vent my 'hat.' I'm okay now."

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"We're bringing you up to eighty feet," Momsen telephones, "You had two minutes decompression at ninety feet; you'll get two minutes at eighty, three at seventy, five at sixty and ten at fifty."

"How long was I on the bottom?" asks Badders.

Momsen tells him seventeen minutes.

"It seemed like a year," returns Badders. "Say, you know when I snapped out of it I traced my lines back and found they were fouled. I guess I better go back to diving school."

The fantail laughs. Badders holds the

Navy Cross for risking his life "beyond the normal call of duty" when one of the pontoons got out of control on the "S-51" job in 1925. Badders and MacDonald share honors for the world's deepest dive, 500 feet in a tank, using helium-oxygen. Badders went down with diver John Mihalowski in that historic fifth trip of the rescue chamber to the after deck of the "Squalus," risking life and all hope of rescue for themselves on the difference of a few ounces between the pressure equalization chamber and the after torpedo compartment. Rear Admiral Cyrus W. Cole, commandant of the Portsmouth navy yard and commanding officer of the "Squalus" salvage unit, called this final chamber trip, which revealed all twenty-six men were dead, "the most dangerous task undertaken by the divers, for if they had become incapacitated there was no way in which they could be rescued as the chamber could not be entered from the outside."

Badders go back to diving school! No wonder the fantail laughs.

"Time," reports the tender with the stop watch.

"Coming up," warns Momsen at the batteryless telephone.

"Okay," says the voice under the sea.

The winches groan as the cable of the diving platform rolls about the drum.

The hands of the stop watch fly around. Badders has had sufficient underwater decompression and now the nitrogen has been reduced enough to allow him to be surfaced. Out of the water he rises on the platform, chortling weird sputterings from the exhaust of his helmet, swaying under the burden of 200 pounds of lead.

As soon as the platform touches the deck, tenders leap to his side, carefully clear the helmet from his shoulders and pull off the leaden belt. Every move is made rapidly, for Badders must get under pressure again as definite insurance against the bends. His face is flushed and he is dog tired, but there is no outward sign of the stream of nitrogen gas that still surges in his system. If he doesn't get under pressure in, say, five minutes, the naval medical corps may have on its hands a patient screaming with agony.

MacDonald leads the diver to the "Falcon's" huge recompression tank amidships. Badders' clumsy diving dress throws a

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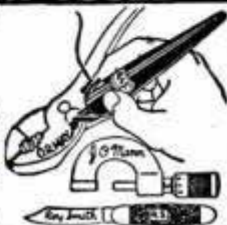
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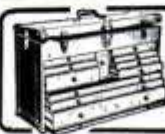


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trail of salt spray over the deck as he shambles wearily toward the "iron doctor." The tenders help Badders into the chamber, dog down the door behind him, and start pulling off the breastplate and the one-piece diving dress. Already, the pressure inside the recompression chamber has been stepped up to the same amount that Badders felt at his final decompression stop underwater—the twenty-two pounds of the fifty-foot level.

An oxygen mask goes over Badders' face. For one hour, in the warmth and comfort of the chamber, he will breathe oxygen and undergo twenty-two pounds of pressure. The navy has discovered that by surfacing a diver at fifty feet and recompressing him under oxygen at the same pressure it can reduce the total decompression time, insure the health of the diver and clear the water for another descent.

Lieut. A. R. Behnke of the navy medical corps, authority on submarine medicine and diving, sits in the chamber with Badders to make sure he suffers no ill effects. Stimulated by a bowl of warm soup, Badders stretches out on a cot, relaxing. In an hour, oxygen will remove seventy-five per cent of the rampant nitrogen. The diver will be able to assimilate the remaining twenty-five per cent in the normal surface pressure of fourteen and seven-tenths pounds a square inch.

Outside on the starboard deck, Lieut. F. W. Laing, prospective skipper of the "Falcon's" sister diving ship, "Mallard," peers through a porthole. He speaks to Badders over a telephone hook-up.

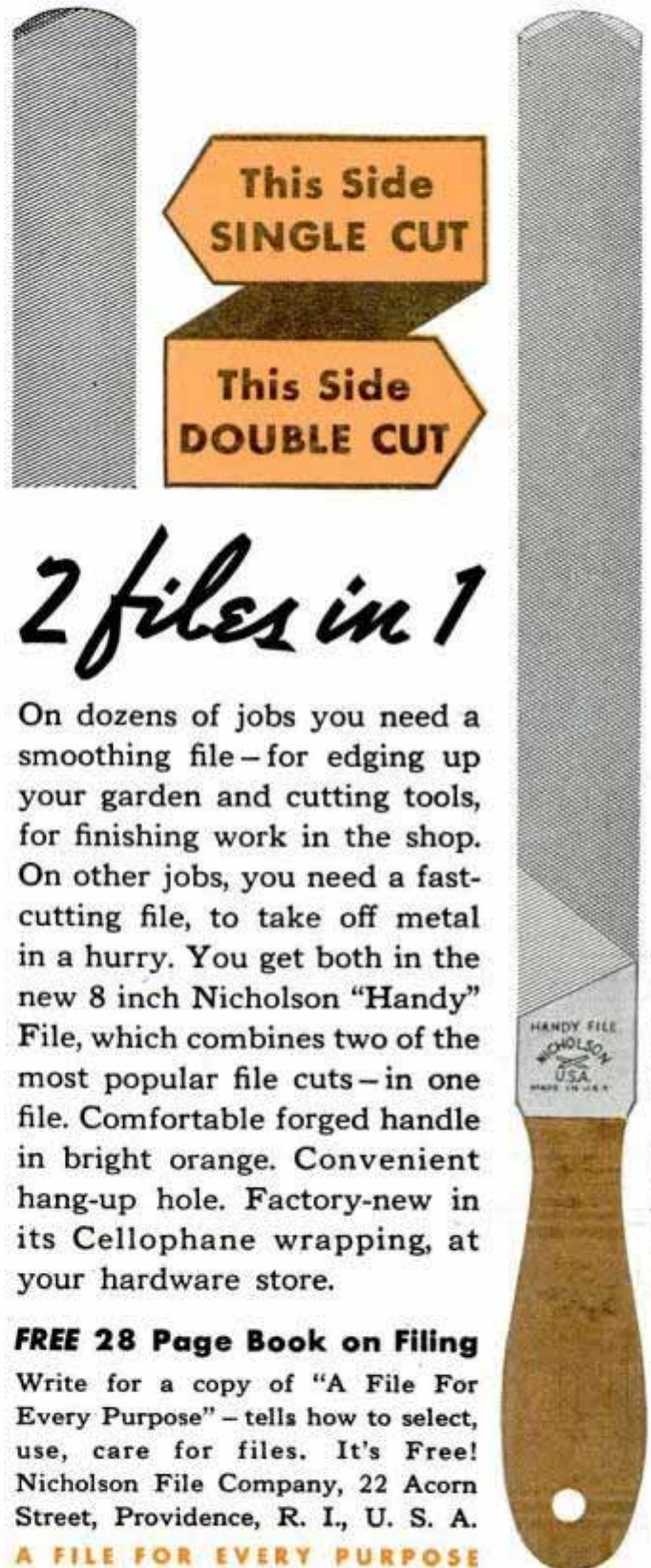
"Swell job you did in pulling out of that jam down there," he says. "That's the trouble with compressed air; it makes you so drowsy."

"Yeah," replies Badders, now speaking in normal voice through the open mouth of his mask. "I like the helium dives better. They leave your head clear, even if your voice does sound like Donald Duck. No more compressed air for me as soon as the boys can get to mixing and settling helium and oxygen fast enough to catch up with the demand here."

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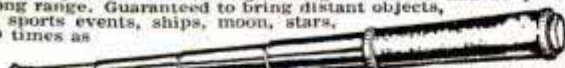
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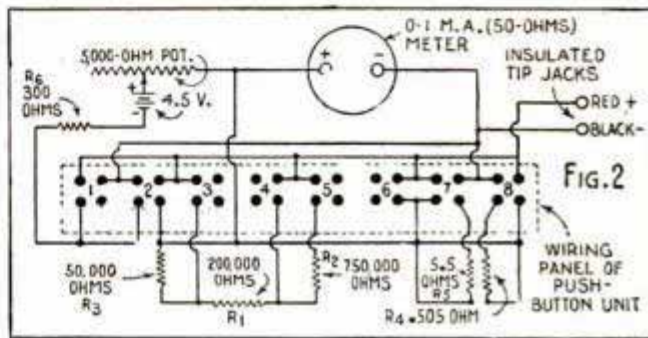
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Simplified wiring diagram Fig. 1 shows all connections clearly, and the schematic circuit diagram appears in Fig. 2. All resistor values are given in these diagrams; shunt resistor R_4 is for 100 m.a. measurements, and R_5 for 10 m.a. readings.

Photos A, B and C offer various views of the completed unit. Looking at the unit in operating position as shown in photo B, it will be noted that the first button at the right is No. 1. This button is for the high-ohm scale for testing resistors from 100 to 100,000 ohms; also for shorts and continuity checking. Button No. 2 is for the low-ohm scale for resistance from zero to 500 ohms; this may be used also for testing tube filaments, r.f. coil windings and



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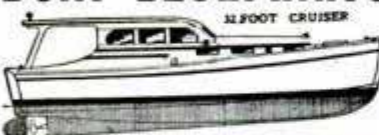
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A hope of the medical world is that other drugs, possibly related to sulfanilamide, may be discovered that will be effective against filterable viruses. Viruses are of submicroscopic dimensions and are responsible for diseases such as the common cold, sleeping sickness, yellow fever, and infantile paralysis. Related sicknesses in animals have already been slowed down by new chemicals and doctors cautiously express the hope that some of the compounds will be effective in treating humans.

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A few years ago the navy's NB-1 trainer and the army's P-12 pursuit planes were showing vicious spinning tendencies that cost several lives. To solve these problems the N. A. C. A. developed the free spinning tunnel. Today no airplane is ever constructed until a model of the type has been tested in this tunnel, and its spinning tendencies brought under control.

There are certain dependable clues that are always looked for in reconstructing an accident. Was the plane flying at full speed when it hit, or attempting a dead-stick landing? Did it spin in, dive in, or contact the ground in normal flight? In case of fire, did it originate in the air, or was it an aftermath of the crash?

If structural failure occurred in the air, the part that gave way in flight usually is missing from the wreck and may be found some distance away. The direction of the breakage is a sure clue. Anything that gives way in the air will break upward and back, if the plane is flying normally, for gravity and air resistance furnish the stress. Breakage on impact will be forward and down.

A recent crash proved this point. Inspectors noticed that the air liner's vertical fin and rudder were missing. Examination of the remaining tail structure disclosed that there had been severe vibration and bending of the fin to right and left before the parts pulled away to the rear. Flutter was immediately apparent

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 as the cause of structural failure in the air, and within three hours all planes of that type were grounded until the tail structure could be re-designed. This accident resulted in a new type of machine for measuring vibration periods, and all planes now constructed are subject to tests by these machines.

Loss of a flying boat led to experiments to eliminate fire and explosion hazards while dumping gasoline. That such was the cause of this accident was determined from meager clues, for the plane sank completely with all on board. Among the bits of floating wreckage was the navigator's drift target tray, through which a piece of plywood flooring had been driven edgewise. This tray appeared to have been wetted on its exterior with gasoline, which then burned. This single clue would have been sufficient to prove fire and explosion. This accident resulted in relocating and redesigning of the fuel dumping valves.

A baffling accident occurred when an air liner, circling over water in normal descent for a landing, failed to come out of the glide and dived into a bay. When the wreck was raised, the wheels of both control columns were found bent backward, showing that both pilots had made tremendous, if unsuccessful, efforts to level off. Low on one control column the paint was scarred, showing that something had jammed between it and the base of the pilot's seat. The controls, together with all loose objects in the cockpit, were forwarded to the Crime Detection Laboratories at Northwestern University, where the scar was quickly matched with the radio microphone, which had lodged behind the control column when one of the pilots dropped it.

But weather, rather than fire, freak, or structural failure, causes most accidents today. Too many are the result of becoming lost, through the pilot's inability to identify properly the radio range leg on which he is flying. Experts are battling with this problem, but the field is still wide open to the independent inventor.

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The War Horse Goes to College

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mind them. Horses are social animals, with a strong tendency to follow the leader. The cavalry takes advantage of this trait; the rookie horse usually finds himself in the company of older horses, who nonchalantly do the things he is learning.

He is early accustomed to the sound of small-arms fire. There are usually rookie troopers learning to shoot, and the range is close enough that the horses hear the sound of firing. One morning the firing comes closer, while he is milling about in the corral with his fellow remounts and a leavening of older horses. A trooper fifty



Troopers recover machine-gun ammunition dropped by parachute from plane during recent maneuvers

yards away is firing blanks from a pistol. Other troopers are circulating among the horses, feeding them oats when they approach quietly. Finally the horse gets the idea that the noise, growing ever closer, is doing him no harm; and that he gets no oats as long as he kicks up a fuss.

After a session of this, the remounts are saddled, ridden along at a trot, then a gallop, while riders click strange black things called pistols close to their ears. And all the time that fellow in the distance, coming ever nearer, is shooting off blanks. The remount shies a bit at all this confusion, then remembers the association of noise with oats, gets his mind back on the business of obeying his rider. One morning the pistol near his ear roars instead of clicks, but by this time he pays no attention to the noise, even though the acrid fumes of smoke do tickle his nostrils.

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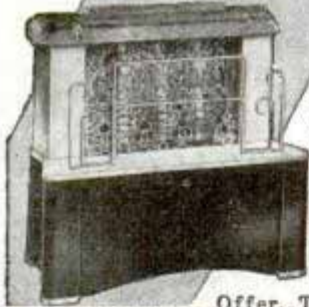
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the scabbard, slapping it back. Finally he draws the weapon, waves it about, thrusts it slowly. Then the mount is ridden past dummies on the saber course, while the rider makes slow, quiet thrusts. Next day this will be repeated at a walk, then a trot, finally at a gallop; until the horse gets into the spirit of the thing, charges the dummy madly while the rider yells, carves the air close to his ears with the shining blade.

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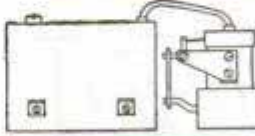
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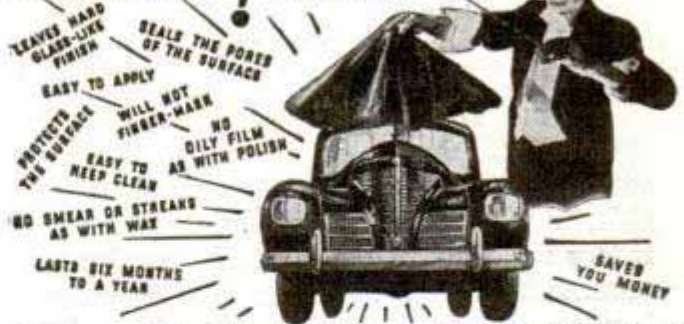
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The earthquake vibrations felt by man last from a fraction of a second to as much as forty seconds, as in the great San Francisco quake. Quakes in India have been said to last five minutes. Seismological instruments, however, record temblors long after man ceases to feel them—sometimes for hours.

The west coast of the United States lies within one of the two great earthquake belts that girdle the globe. One rims the Pacific Ocean from Chile, up through Mexico and California, across Alaska and the Bering Strait, down into Japan, the East Indies, New Zealand and the South Seas. The second great belt extends in a general line from Spain, through the Mediterranean, across the Himalayas to China.

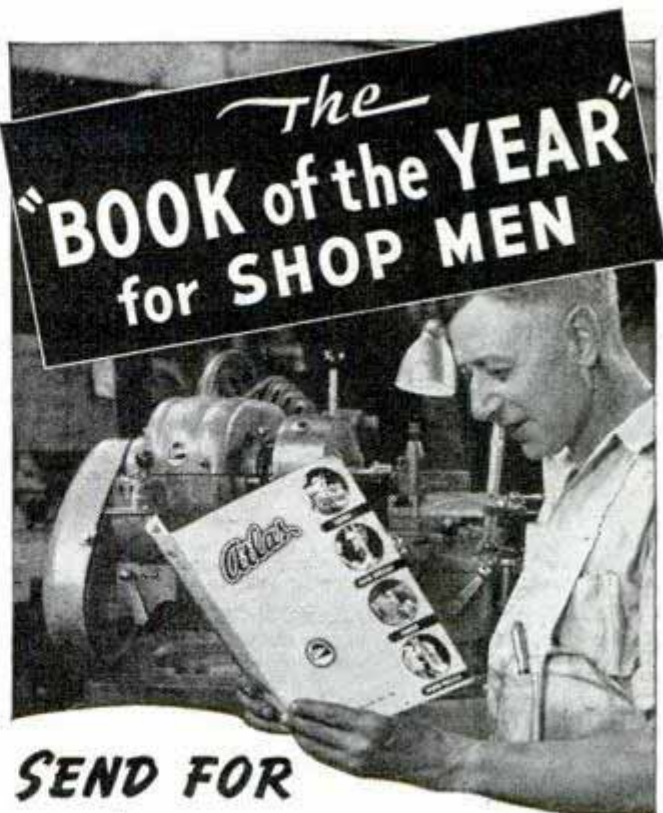
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Even though earthquakes cannot be predicted, science feels that it is not wasting its time by watching the pulse of old Mother Earth. Fault lines may be located and avoided by builders. The effect of quakes on different types of soil has been discovered. Field observations and laboratory tests determine the best way to fortify skyscrapers and apartment houses against the sudden attack of temblors.



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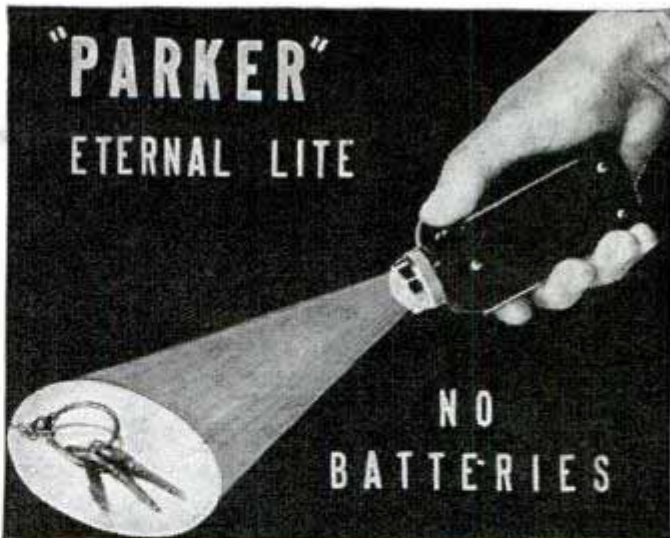


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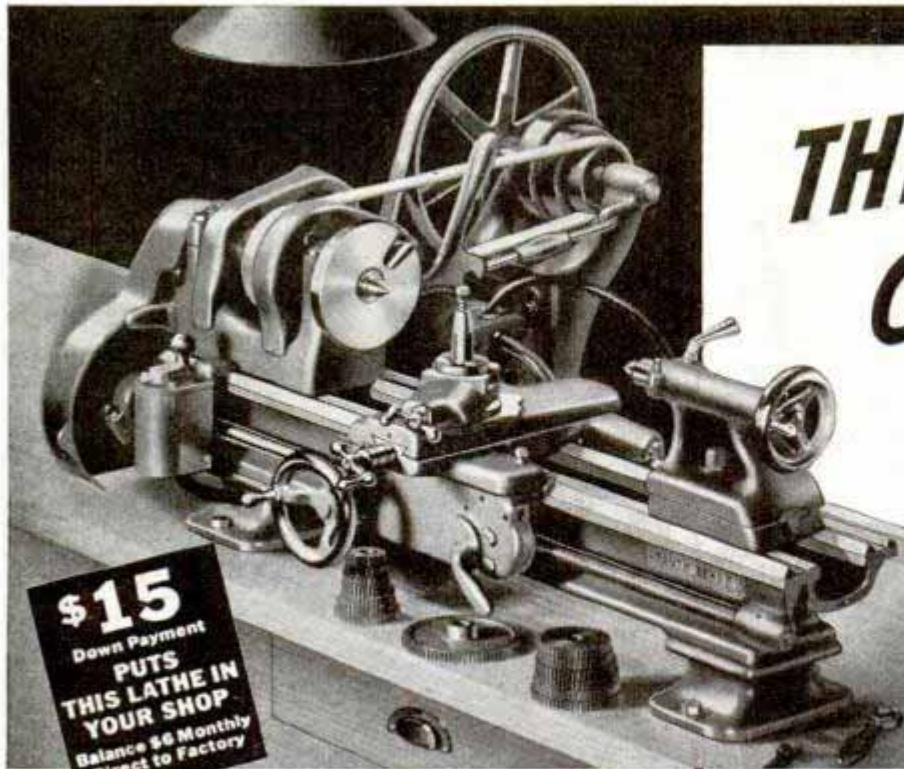
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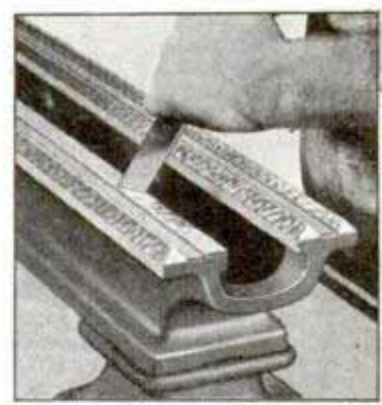
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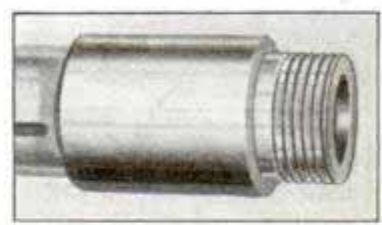
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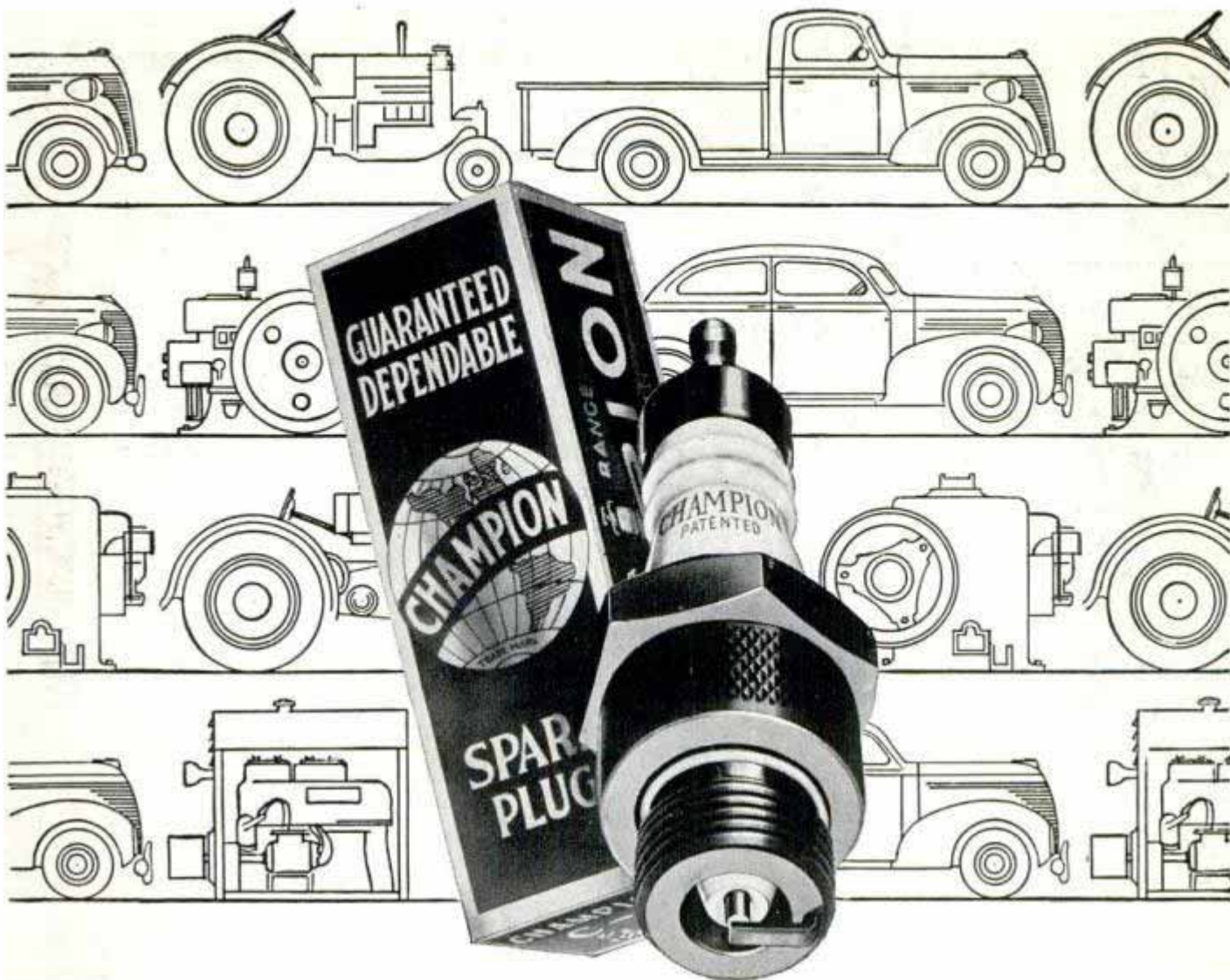
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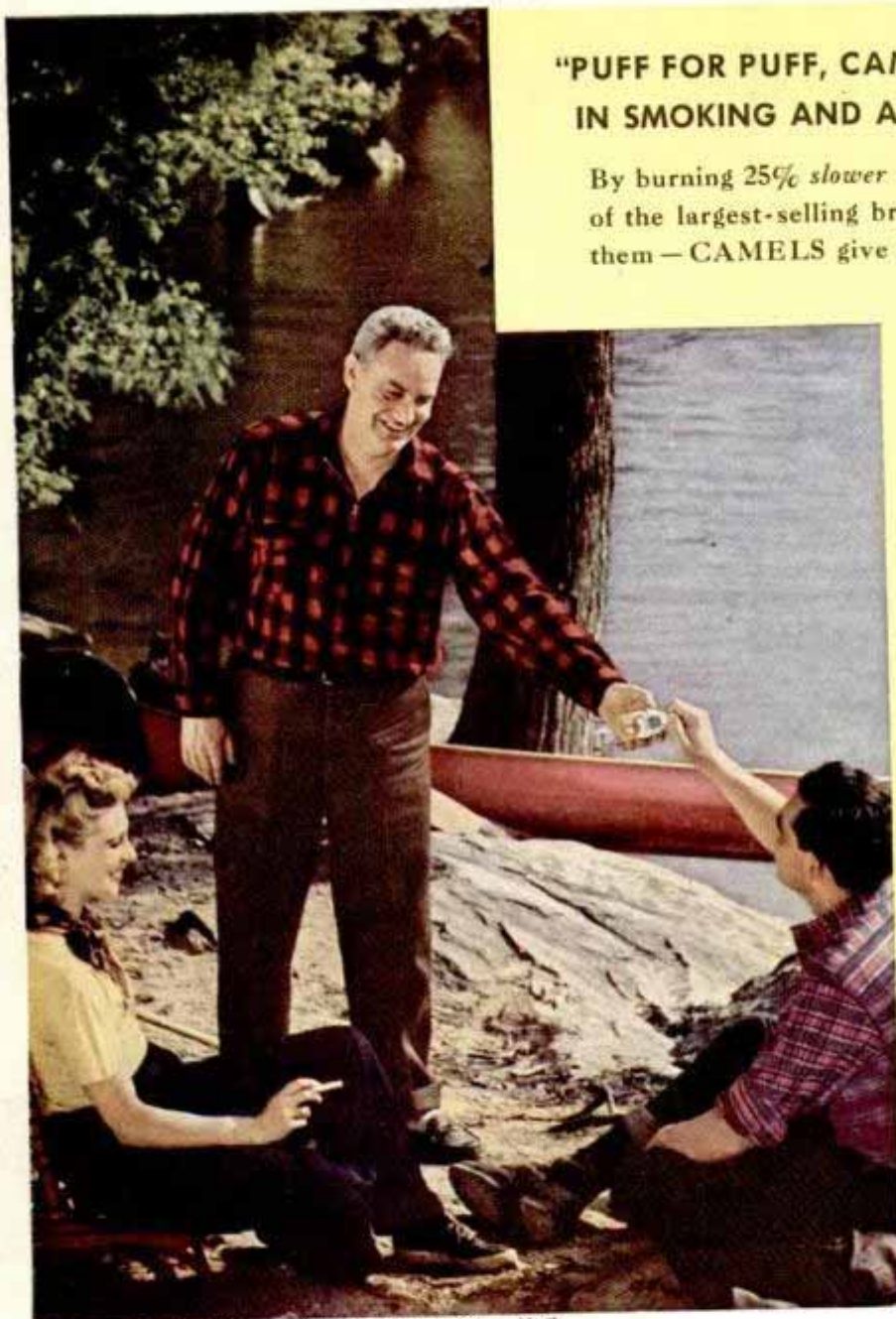
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