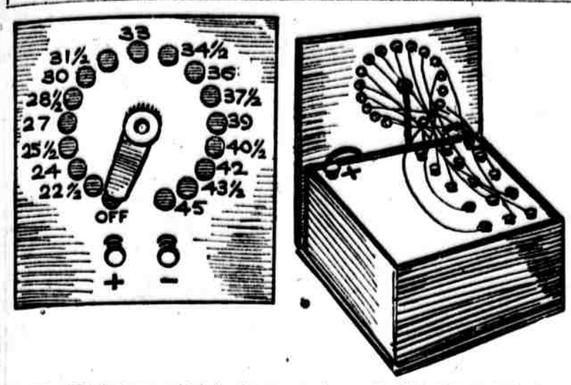
# RADIO IN THE HOME

By HENRY M NEELY




The "B" battery, which is the one made up of a lot of flash-light dry cells, should be mounted on a panel and each step of voltage should be wired to a switch contact point on the panel as shown. This enables you to make rapid and easy experiments with the amount of voltage you use and this often results in much stronger and clearer signals

## *The Best Way to Handle a "B" Battery*

Visit ten amateurs and "sit in" at their receiving sets and it is a safe bet that nine of them will have their "B" batteries chucked on the table any old place. They will have loose wires lying about them or will have one wire connected to the set and the other with a loose end with which they experimentally touch the various posts of the battery while they listen in and will then screw the wire to that post.

"It's good enough," they will tell you. And it undoubtedly does work all right, but it is a lot of trouble, compared to the way they might have it arranged, and it looks "sloppy" on a table.

It is well worth while to include your "B" battery in the "unit" system of construction we have been advocating in these articles. It saves a heap of trouble in operating and it gives that neat and workmanlike appearance to the set that brings added joy to its possessor.

It is as well at the very start of your career as a radio enthusiast to buy a 45-volt "B" battery. Then you are ready to face any kind of audion bulb that you buy or that your friends bring around for you to try on your set.

The handiest kind of battery of this strength has a wire permanently fixed to the "plus" side. Half the block is solid and the other half has binding posts coming up through the insulating substance, and these posts have milled-headed nuts on them to screw down over the wires and hold them tight.

There are fifteen of these binding posts on the minus side and another permanent wire imbedded in the insulating substance. These two permanent wires, the plus and the minus, give the full 45-volt strength of the battery. The fifteen binding posts give various strengths, in steps of 1½ volts each, from 22½ volts to 45.

For this panel, as for the rest of this unit system, you want a 6-by-6-inch board for the base and a 6-by-6-inch piece of formica or bakelite or a good piece of dogwood for the panel.

Two binding posts are set about an inch apart low down in the center of the panel. These are the plus and minus posts and the strength of current that comes from them to your bulb will depend entirely upon where the switch blade above them is set.

There are seventeen contact points in the circle around which this switch blade revolves. The battery has fifteen minus binding posts and the last permanent wire on the minus side, which makes sixteen "taps" that you can take off your battery. But you want one more contact point in the circle to cut out the current entirely. This contact point, of course, is not connected to anything. It "opens" the circuit and stops the flow of electricity.

The "plus" wire or binding post on the battery block is connected directly to the plus binding post on the panel. The minus binding post on the panel is connected directly to the shaft of the switch blade.

Then each binding post on the battery block is wired to one of the switch contact points on the panel. The point against which the switch blade is resting in the illustration is the "out" point; the battery is "open circuited" and no current can be taken from it.

The next point connects at once to the 22½-volt post on the battery. It isn't necessary to have anything less than 22½ volts because all tubes need this much at least. Then, in turn, each succeeding post on the battery block is connected by wire to the next contact point on the circle and the final wire, embedded in the block on the minus side, goes to the last contact point.

With this connected up, you have a unit that is complete, readily adjustable, easily handled, and that looks neat and workmanlike. It is well worth the trouble to make because it saves a lot of trouble in operating the set.

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## *Today's Programs*

**Philadelphia Station (WFI)**
**Strawbridge & Clothier**

1:16 P. M.—Late news items from PUBLIC LEDGER.
3:30 to 4:30 P. M.—Recital by Strawbridge & Clothier Male Quartet (John Owens, Zdnyfed Lewis, Harold Simonds, John Vanderslcot) assisted by Loretto Kerl, pianist, and Prof. Herbert S. Lloyd, baritone.
5:30 to 6—Baseball scores.
6:30—Piano solo, Robert M. Haley; soprano solos, Grace D. Middleton; baritone solos, Prof. Herbert S. Lloyd.
8:00—Brief address on Americanization by Dr. J. M. Lloyd.
9—Savoy Opera Company, presenting excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe." Cast: Iolanthe, Elizabeth Thaw Millington, mezzo-soprano; Phyllis, Marie C. Zara, soprano; Fairy Queen, Annie Guyer, contralto; Strephon, Nelson Eddy, baritone; Lord Mt. Ararat, Leslie W. Joy, baritone; Private Willis, John Clark Sims, bass; A. Gordon Mitchell, musical director and accompanist.

**Philadelphia Station (WIP)**
**(Gimbel Brothers)**

1:50 P. M.—Selections by the Gimbel Orchestra.
2:30 P. M.—Recital by Charles D. Long, basso.
3 P. M.—Recital by Miss Jean Calder, soprano.
7:05 P. M.—Final baseball scores, via radio.
7:15 P. M.—"Uncle Wip's" bedtime stories for the kiddies.
7:20—Uncle Wip will read the names of the children writing to him.
7:30 P. M.—Musical recital of vocal and instrumental numbers.

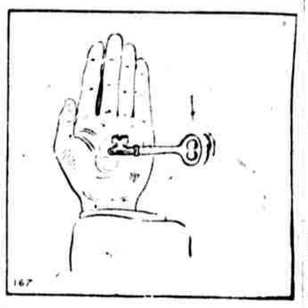
**PITTSBURGH STATION (KDKA)**
**(Westinghouse)**

7:15—Concert by the Evanson Orchestra, of Pittsburgh.
7:45—Humorous readings, by Miss Oma Button, Sioux City, Ia.
8—Baseball scores. "Social Work," by Mrs. M. C. Burnett, head of department of social work, Carnegie Institute of Technology; "Chemistry of Bread," by Dr. H. A. Kohman, in charge of breadmaking, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh.
8:30—"Three Pigs," a bedtime story for the children—Uncle Wiggily's bedtime story.
9—Musical program.

**Newark, N. J., Station (WJZ)**
**(Westinghouse)**

7 P. M.—"Uncle Wiggily's Bedtime Stories," by Howard R. Garis, their author.
7:30—Children's stories, by E. Leater Pearson.
7:45—"Fashion Talks," by an editor of Harper's Bazaar.
8—"Broadcasting Broadway," by Bertha Brainard.
8:15—Popular dance music, by the Wells Harmony Orchestra of Newark; Jack Allen, director.
9—Literary evening, conducted by the editorial staffs of the Outlook and Scientific American.

## *After-Dinner Tricks*



**No. 167—The Magnetized Key**

An ordinary key is laid on the left hand. By making magnetic passes with the right hand the key turns over.

A little experience is necessary to make this trick a success, but, with proper attention to detail, the effect is marvelous. The key should have a rounded tip. It is laid on the left hand exactly as shown in the diagram. The left hand is then tilted upward until the key is just "on balance"—that is, so its position appears quite normal, but the slightest further upward tilt of the hand will cause it to turn over. After a little experience the performer will be able to place the key in position at the first trial. While the right hand makes magnetic passes the left is tilted upward very slowly. The movement is imperceptible, but when it reaches a certain point the key will suddenly turn over.

# *Mrs. Wilson Says Use Lots of Fruit*

## *It's Not Only Seasonable but More Appetizing Now in Salads and Desserts*

By MRS. M. A. WILSON

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THE family sweet tooth must ever be appeased, and the wise housewife will, as far as it is possible, feature at this season all the seasonable fruits. Heavy, rich desserts are taboo, and must be relegated to the winter menu.

So often the housewife is really anxious to vary the menu, but is unable to find ideas for the serving of summer desserts that are easy to make and yet suitable for the season. Then she falls back on serving fruits au naturel, or plain.

Once a week serve a fruit salad, following this with a fruit cobbler, then a parfait; it will then be quite easy to find a few other dishes that will complete the menu for the entire week.

Fruit salad is a popular favorite, and I feel sure that many more folks would enjoy the delicious dish if it were not for the dressing used. Mayonnaise is a delicious salad dressing, but it has no place on the fruit salad.

**South Sea Island Fruit Salad**

Place in large bowl
*One cup of strawberries cut in bits.*
*One-half cup of coconut.*
*One-half cup of diced bananas.*
*One-half cup of seedless raisins.*
*Two oranges:* peal oranges and divide the segments, then with sharp scissors, cut the orange in small pieces.
*One-quarter cup of maraschino cherries cut in bits.*
*One medium-size grapefruit.*
Cut out the fruit pulp and add to the salad. Place the juice in glass. Toss the fruit in bowl to mix and turn in individual nests of crisp lettuce and serve with Saloma fruit dressing.

**Saloma Fruit Salad Dressing**

Place in saucepan
*One cup of water.*
*One-half cup of sugar.*
*Two tablespoons of cornstarch.*
Stir to dissolve the starch and sugar and bring to a boil. Now cook for five minutes slowly; then add
*Juice from the grapefruit.*
*Juice of one large lemon.*
*Yolks of two eggs.*
*Four tablespoons of sirup from the maraschino cherry bottle.*
Cook for two minutes; now take from stove and fold in a portion of Caledonian cream made with the whites of two eggs and one-half glass of apple jelly. Beat white of eggs and jelly until the mixture will hold its shape. Then fold into the salad dressing.

**Spanish Fruit Salad**

Stone and cut in pieces one-half pound of prunes. Add
*Three apples pared and cut in dice.*
*Two bananas cut in dice.*
*One cup of raisins.*
Toss to blend and serve with honey salad dressing.

**Honey Salad Dressing**

Place in saucepan
*One-half cup of honey.*
*Three-quarters cup of water.*
*One tablespoon of cornstarch.*
Stir to dissolve the starch and then bring to a boil. Cook for five minutes, then add
*One well-beaten egg.*
*Juice of one lemon.*
*Juice of one-half grapefruit.*
Beat hard for a few minutes, then cook for two minutes after the dressing reaches boiling point.

**Fruit Cobbler**

This delicious dessert should be served frequently during the summer. Line an oblong pan with plain pastry, and then brush the bottom of the pastry with melted butter. Now place in bowl
*Two and one-half cups of crushed fruit.*
*One cup of coarse bread crumbs.*
*One cup of brown sugar.*
*One-half teaspoon of nutmeg.*
*One cup of raisins cut in tiny bits.*
*Three tablespoons of melted butter.*
Turn in the prepared pastry, spreading smoothly on the top. Now place in small bowl
*Six tablespoons of flour.*
*Four tablespoons of brown sugar.*
*Two tablespoons of shortening.*
*One teaspoon of cinnamon.*
Rub through the finger tips until the mixture resembles brown sugar. Then spread over the top of the cobbler. Now cover all the top of the cobbler with inch-wide strips of pastry, put on in criss-cross fashion. Bake in slow oven for forty-five minutes. When cold, serve with whipped cream, or serve hot with vanilla sauce.

Almost every fruit that grows can be made into cobbler; a pear cobbler is really delicious. The hard fruits and the dried fruits are first cooked until tender before using.

Baked fruit dumplings are favorite with most of the men and are quite easy to prepare. Roll pastry very thin, and then use to line the small custard cup. Fill with the fruit, sweeten and place cover of the pastry on top. Brush with beaten yolk of egg and milk and bake in slow oven for thirty minutes. Serve with either the Caledonian cream or sweet cream sauce.


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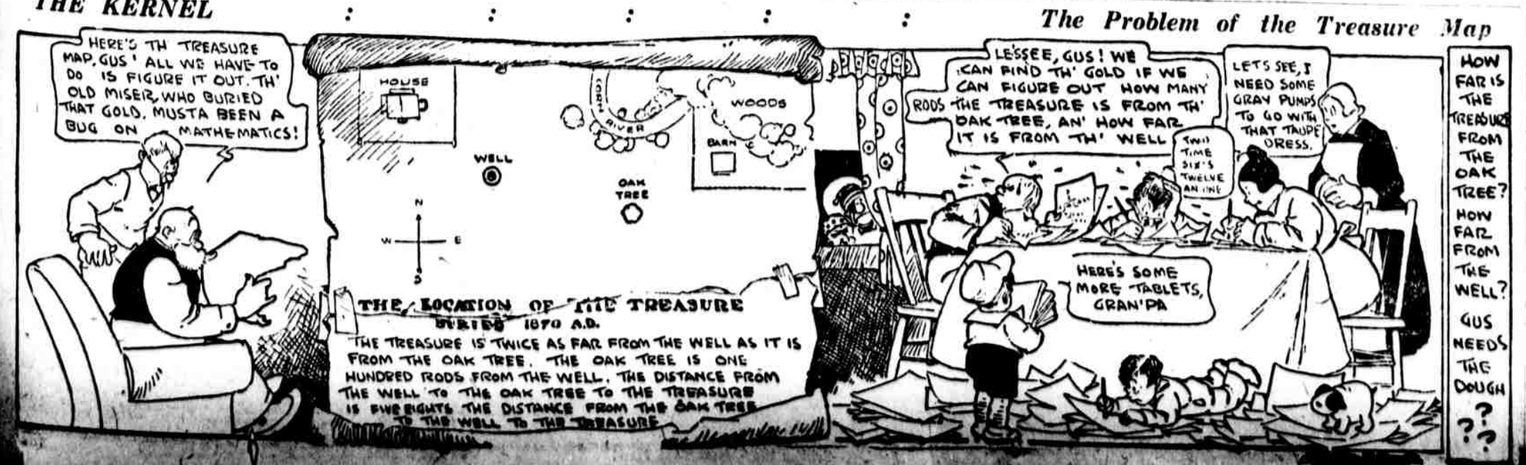
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