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The operating table is in front of the transmitters and on it is a small box through which the operators may throw in either of the powerful transmitters and listen to the outgoing program at various stages of its progress. On this table also, is a microphone that the operator on duty may cut-in and talk to the "unseen audience" himself, should this be necessary at any time. By means of an inter-communicating phone he may talk to office, studio and reception room or may be called by them. Because the law requires that a transmitting station must

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modulator tubes and 1,000 volts for the amplifier tubes, while the other furnishes the 125 volts used to operate the automatic relays and the 88 volts which heat the filaments of the large vacuum tubes.

A unique feature of this station, and one which further assures perfect transmission of programs, is a device known as the oscillograph, by which the operators have before them "a working picture of the voice." The delicate instrument may be switched into any one of the many circuits and shows, by means of an undulating, ever-varying beam of light, exactly how the artist's voice or music is affecting the electrical and radio currents. By watching this little tell-tale beam, as reflected from revolving mirrors, one knows instantly whether the sound waves are too weak, too great in volume or blurred.

Book Review

DER RADIO-AMATEUR "BROAD-CASTING," By Dr. Eugene Nesper. 6½" x 9½", cloth cover, 368 pages, fully illustrated. Published by Julius Springer, Berlin.

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If one but looks at the nine pages of fine type devoted to the contents table of this book, one will see that this very eminent author has covered a large field with wonderful detail and minuteness. There are 15 sections, devoted to all phases of broadcasting, and addressed to the amateur. But of course, the amateur of today, especially in the United States making his own apparatus in many cases, has to be handled with care and precision, and no indifferent work will plo for him. This book cannot possibly be reviewed within the limits of our space. It is enough to say that it is liberally illustrated with reproductions of photographs of apparatus and parts thereof of all descriptions and with any number of diagrams of hook-ups. The diagrams, like the text, are of the clearest style and reproduction. Without any exaggeration, we may say that the illustrations and diagrams alone are such as to make it really interesting to one not knowing the language of the text. It is rather interesting to see how the author starts off in his first sentence. He says that the first American amateur movement in radio, so called broadcasting, started in the spring of 1921 and the author seems certainly to have an appreciation of all that America has done. The very first picture in the book is a reproduction which appeared originally in "Judge" and then was reproduced in the September, 1922, issue of Radio News, entitled "In Tune with the Infinite."

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We certainly recommend this book to our readers, for with its many circuits and details and sections of parts and apparatus as well as the photographs already alluded to, it tells a very complete story of the art. Among the illustrations, as we happen to turn over the leaves, we find one of the prints refers to Sleeper, a well known American authority. A very interesting list of radio books and publications in English, Dutch and German literature is given, which, however, might be very much enlarged. The book ends with an adequate index of subjects. The subdivisions of subjects and the sectional index so common in German books Dr. Eugene Nesper has not adopted. The single index is more to the taste of the American and English reader.

THE OUTLINE OF RADIO. By John V. L. Hogan. Published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass. 5" x 7½", cloth cover, 256 pages, fully illustrated.

It is usually said of the radio engineer, or in fact of anyone whose knowledge of radio runs into the highly technical phases, that he is a poor subject for either writing or attempting to explain even the most simple operations of a radio set, since it is impossible for him to come down to the same plane of conception as the novice. If this be true as a rule, Mr. Hogan is an exception. In his book "The Outline of Radio," he not only completely covers the subject of radio, but shows an extraordinary knack in making his material comprehensive to the mere layman. Further than this, Mr. Hogan has introduced a bit of originality in his writing, so as to make his book of unusual interest. He says "Imagine that you are spending a week-end at my home, that



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