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### MULTIPLEX TELEPHONY AND TELEGRAPHY BY MEANS OF ELECTRIC WAVES GUIDED BY WIRES.

### I. INTRODUCTION.

Electrical transmission of intelligence, so vital to the progress of civilization, has taken a development at present into telephony and telegraphy over metallic wires; and telegraphy and, to a limited extent, telephony, through the medium of the ether by means of electric waves.

During the past 12 years the achievements of wireless telegraphy have been truly marvelous. From an engineering viewpoint, the wonder of it all is that, with the transmitting energy being radiated out over the surface of the earth in all directions, enough of this energy is delivered at a single point on the circumference of a circle, of which the transmitting antenna is approximately the center, to operate successfully suitable receiving devices by which the electromagnetic waves are translated into intelligence.

The "plant efficiency" for electrical energy in the best types of wireless stations yet produced is so low that there can be no comparison between it and that of the least efficient transmission of energy by conducting wires.

The limits of audibility, being a physiological function, are well known to vary considerably, but they may be taken to be in the neighborhood of 16 complete cycles per second as the lower limit and 15,000 to 20,000 cycles per second as the upper limit. If, therefore, we could impress upon a wire circuit for transmitting intelligence harmonic electromotive forces of frequencies between 0 and 16 cycles per second, or, again, above 15,000 to 20,000 cycles per second, we would be assured that whatever effects such electric-wave frequencies produced upon metallic lines, the present apparatus employed in operating them could not translate this effect into audible signals.