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infinite patience is required if success is to be achieved.

Some birds do not seem to be able to count, so it is a good plan to take a companion with you to your hide, and then when you are comfortably fixed, get your companion to walk away and the birds will soon return to their nests. One well-known bird photographer always took his wife with him and when he was settled in his hide she walked away holding his coat and hat at arm's length as if he was with her. This made the deception of the birds certain.

For some birds, especially those which build in open places like moors or on beaches a more elaborate shelter is necessary, so that the cameraman is completely hidden. Cut four stout



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"Success requires patience"

sticks and drive them into the ground about four feet apart to form a square. Then tie four shorter sticks at the tops at each corner, thereby providing a frame over which to place a large canvas either dark green or dark khaki in colour. Peg it to the ground so that it will not flap about if there is any wind, and cover as naturally as possible, with branches, heather or bracken, but taking care that the hole for the lens of the camera is not obscured. Then leave the shelter in position for a few days so that the "victims" get accustomed to it.

If you are going to do much of this kind of photography, it is a good plan to make at home a collapsible frame and cover which you can quickly erect whenever you want it. And as you may have to spend some hours at a time in your hide it is necessary that you make yourself as comfortable as possible. A light folding stool with a back is invaluable, for you must be quite steady when about to make the exposure.

Use fast panchromatic films and for correct colour rendering it is well to use a filter. Never forget your skyshade. And finally, do not leave traces of your visit, otherwise someone with less consideration may come along and destroy the creatures you were photographing.

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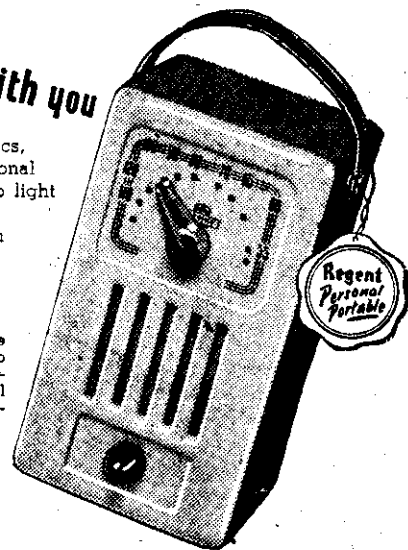
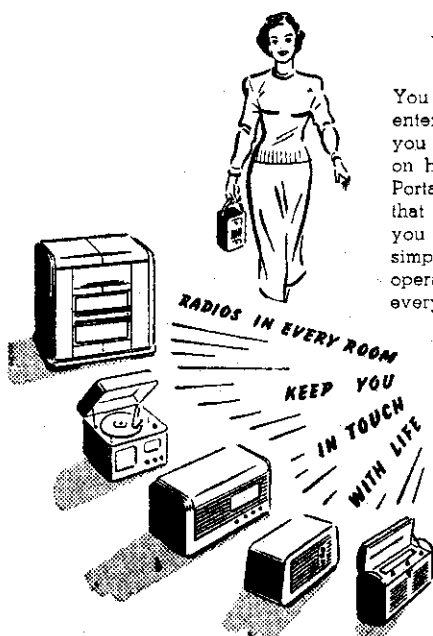
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