

AUSTRALIA AND TELEVISION

THE research department of the Postmaster-General's Department has been engaged in Melbourne for some months in intensive experimental work in short-wave wireless transmission, using wave-lengths of between five and seven metres. For technical reasons it is necessary to use wave-lengths of about that length for television transmission. The experiments have yielded much information which will be of great value in any review of the possibility of establishing television services in Australia.

The British Broadcasting Corporation is to be entrusted with the inauguration of a regular public television service in London this year. There have been informal departmental discussions about the institution of television services in Australia, but the matter has not been discussed by the Federal Cabinet.

The official view is that the time is not opportune for such a service in Australia, and a preliminary review has disclosed that several problems would be encountered.

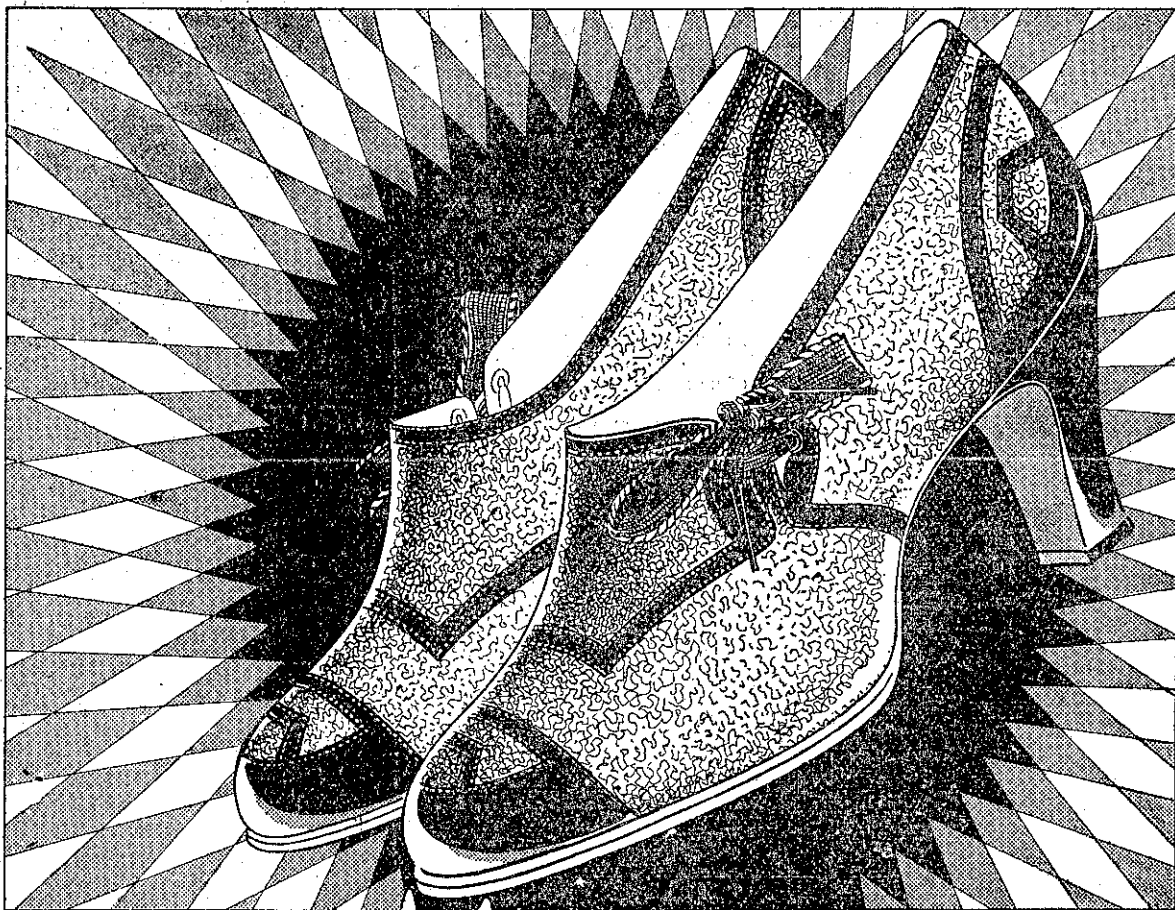
One of the first practical results of the ultra-short wave wireless experiments in Melbourne has been the production of a remarkable new portable wireless telephone transmitter, which is being employed for outside trans-

missions from the broadcasting stations. Working on a wave-length of about five metres, the transmitter enables an announcer to give descriptions from ships or moving vehicles to which it would be impossible to provide telephone line connections.

THE modern publishers would reject the Sherlock Holmes stories. They would say they were too simple.—*Mr. A. J. A. Symons.*

THE non-Nordic man is a transition stage between Nordic man and the animal kingdom as represented by the anthropoid apes.—*Dr. Hermann Gauch.*
IS there any evidence that Mr. A. P. Herbert would shrink from anything?—*The Lord Chief Justice.*

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