Dr. Elsasser, of Berlin, states that a new kind of telephone wire, having a low electrical resistance and of great tensile strength, is being experimented with in Germany. It consists of an aluminum bronze core in a copperbronze envelope.

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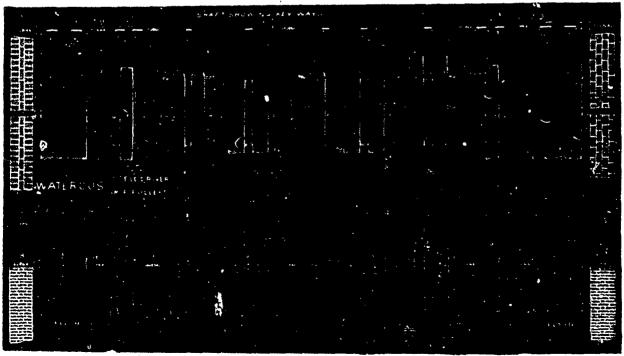
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