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the transmitter by two vertical wires, one connected to earth and the other rising directly into the air. By means of similarly arranged collecting wires on the receiver signals for hundreds of miles have been accomplished with the greatest ease.

It is at once apparent that on account of the spreading out of the spherical waves from the transmitter any receiver within range of the waves will respond to the signal. Secrecy is by this impossible. To render any one receiver or set of receivers sensitive to a message while all the others remain silent it becomes necessary to arrange a form of tuned telegraphy, by which the transmitter may be arranged to give out waves of one particular period. A familiar form of tuning is given when a musical note is sounded near a piano. The string of the piano, which vibrates in the same period as the note will immediately sound in sympathy, while all the others not so tuned remain silent. Before wireless telegraphy becomes a commercial success a similar result must be accomplished. Experiments along this line are being rapidly continued with no small measure of success, and already many important results have been accomplished.

Recently Marconi astonished the world by stating that he had received signals across the Atlantic, a distance of over 2,000 miles. It has been demonstrated in Europe that messages can be flashed 1,000 miles with ease across highlands and lowlands as well as across water. In the U.S. wireless telegraphy is being carefully tested by the army and navy. Stations are to be installed at Fort