

imperfect eyesight and imperfect hearing is not apparent. It is nevertheless the case that, while but few people object to the use of spectacles, no one seems ready to wear a hearing device of any description, particularly while on the street or when otherwise subjecting themselves to public view.

Many hard-of-hearing actually try to hide the fact of their deafness, a most illogical procedure, for a person's inability to hear the ordinary tone of voice is readily discernable.

Fortunately the widespread use of radio headsets is accustoming people to the use of hearing instruments, and during recent years there has been a noticeable change towards a more common-sense attitude on the part of the hard of hearing. There is still, however, much room for improvement, and, in this particular, persons of normal hearing can do a great deal to assist, partly by not appearing to notice that head pieces are being worn, and still more by impressing upon their shy deafened friends the desirability of using hearing aids. Apart from the personal advantages thus gained it is certainly the duty of those whose hearing is subnormal to render it possible for others to speak to them without raising their voices unduly.

Another feature is that there does not appear to be any one instrument that will relieve all cases of deafness, and the only safe way in making a selection is to keep on testing until a satisfactory instrument has been found.

THE HARD OF HEARING AND THE TELEPHONE

The telephone has become so universal a medium of communication that to be deprived of its use is a serious handicap. To overcome this difficulty in the case of the hard of hearing the Bell Telephone Company has introduced an instrument called "the amplifier", by the use of which in many cases it can truly be said that "the deaf are made to hear". At a small additional cost the