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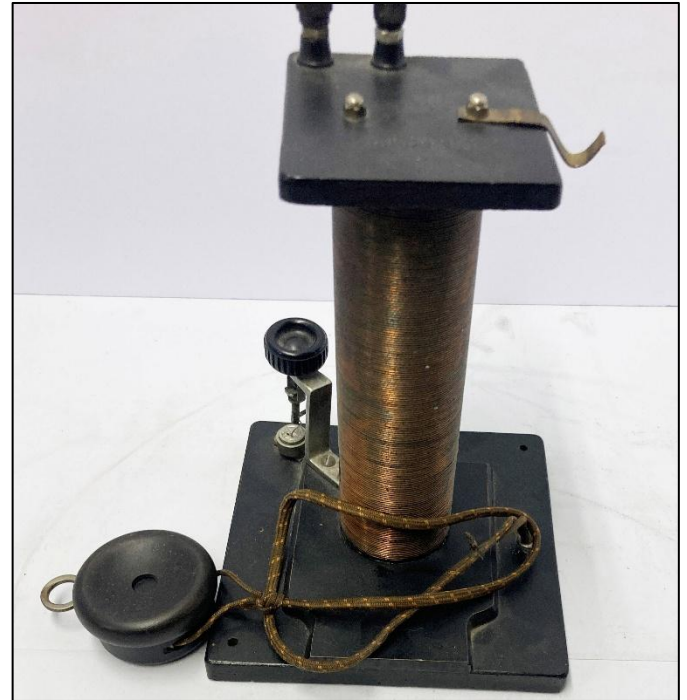
Electro Importing Co.

Crystal Radio

Hugo Gernsback immigrated to the United States from Luxembourg early in the 20th century and founded the Electro Importing Company in New York City. He began selling wireless equipment imported from Europe, and later, apparatus manufactured here in the U.S. His mail order catalogs went out to technophiles all over North America. Unfortunately, Gernsback developed a reputation for sleazy business practices.

This crystal radio with single earphone was offered around 1916. Today Electro Importing apparatus is rare and highly sought after.

During his lifetime Gernsback founded numerous magazines, ranging from the early *Modern Electrics* to publications such as *Radio News*, *Radio Craft*, and even *Sexology*. He has been called the Father of Science Fiction for being one of the first authors to write articles in that genre.



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