

nary limit. A. You should speak of a "110 volt circuit," there is no such thing as a "110 volt current." The resistance must exceed the quotient obtained by dividing the resistance of a single lamp by the number of lamps on the leads in question. Otherwise the safety fuses will melt or the house wire become too hot. A 20 ohm resistance will pass 55 amperes, and hence should be placed upon at least a ten-lamp lead, or the safety fuses may melt. A German silver wire No. 7 will be of sufficient size for this current, and 3,000 feet will give the desired resistance. The "Arithmetic of Electricity" is now ready for delivery by us, \$1 by mail.

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