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Many more wires can be crowded into a cable sheath when the wires are fine. But normally, wires don't transmit as well when they are fine and closely packed.

Bell engineers long ago learned to make wires do better work by loading them with inductance coils at regular intervals. The coils improve transmission and let messages travel farther. But originally the coils themselves were large, heavy and expensive. The cases to hold them were cumbersome and costly too.

So year after year Bell scientists squeezed the size out of coils. To make magnetic cores of high permeability they developed Permalloy. Tough but extra-thin insulation permitted more turns to a core.

New winding machines were developed by the Western Electric Company. Coil size shrunk to one-fiftieth. Some—like the one shown above—can be mounted right in cables themselves.

The 15,000,000 coils in the Bell System today mean thinner wires, more wires in a cable—more economical service for you. They demonstrate once more how Bell Telephone Laboratories work continually to add to your telephone's value.

