

greatest curative and is a powerful germicidal agent. A critical review of the literature, however, discloses that artificial ultra-violet radiation has little importance in air conditioning, at least for the time being, because it is not known which of the solar rays brings about the cure, and what physiologic processes are involved in their action. With the exception of rickets and certain skin diseases, artificial radiation was found to have no effect on susceptibility, incidence, and resistance to respiratory infections³³, no permanent effects on blood and no effect on the general metabolism of human beings.

Ionization, on the other hand, seems to offer a fruitful field for research.

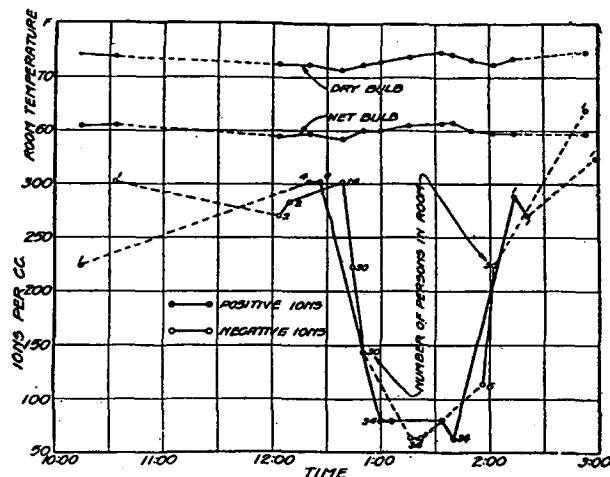


FIG. 3. INFLUENCE OF ROOM OCCUPANCY ON IONIC CONTENT³⁴

(Cubical Contents of Room, 10,000 Cu Ft; Number of Occupants, 34)

Recent experiments³⁴ show that in occupied rooms there is a marked decrease in both positive and negative small ions. As shown in Fig. 3, soon after the occupants assembled the ionic content fell abruptly to a very low level which was maintained until the occupants left the room. Both positive and negative ions began to rise again as soon as the occupants departed. The problem now is to determine whether such alterations in the electrical quality of air have any significant bearing on comfort and health. If this proves to be the case, some artificial source of ionization may be desirable in occupied rooms.

³³Light—Its Photodynamic Activity and Use as a Therapeutic Agent, by F. W. Schultz, K. W. Stenstrom and E. M. Clausen (Report of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, Washington, February, 1931).

³⁴A.S.H.V.E. research paper entitled, Changes in Ionic Content in Occupied Rooms, Ventilated by Natural and Mechanical Methods, by C. P. Yaglou, L. C. Benjamin and S. P. Choate (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 37, 1931). Physiologic Changes During Exposure to Ionized Air, by C. P. Yaglou, A. D. Brandt and L. C. Benjamin (A.S.H.V.E. Journal Section, *Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning*, August, 1933). Diurnal and Seasonal Variations in the Small Ion Content of Outdoor and Indoor Air, by C. P. Yaglou and L. C. Benjamin, (A.S.H.V.E. Journal Section, *Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning*, January, 1934).

HEAT AND MOISTURE LOSSES

In order to solve air conditioning problems involving the human body it is necessary to know the rate at which sensible and latent heat are given up by the body under various conditions of temperature and activity. Research at the A.S.H.V.E. Laboratory³⁵ has resulted in the data given in Figs. 4, 5, 6 and 7. Table 3 gives the metabolic rates for various degrees of activity.

The experimental data from which the curves were drawn indicate that

TABLE 3. RELATION BETWEEN METABOLIC RATE AND ACTIVITY³⁵

ACTIVITY	METABOLIC RATE BTU PER HOUR FOR AVERAGE MAN (19.5 Sq Ft Surface Area)	AUTHORITY
Seated at rest.....	384	Research Laboratory, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.
Standing at rest.....	431	Research Laboratory, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.
Walking 2 mph.....	761	Average values from Douglas, Haldane, Henderson and Schneider; and Henderson and Haggard.
Walking 3 mph.....	1049	Douglas, Haldane, Henderson and Schneider
Walking 4 mph.....	1388	Average values from Douglas, Haldane, Henderson and Schneider; and Henderson and Haggard.
Walking 5 mph.....	2530	Douglas, Haldane, Henderson and Schneider
Slow run.....	2285	Henderson and Haggard
Very severe exercise.....	2555	Benedict and Carpenter
Maximum exertion.....	3333 to 4762 +	Henderson and Haggard
Tailor.....	482	Becker and Hamalainen
Bookbinder.....	626	Becker and Hamalainen
Shoemaker.....	661	Becker and Hamalainen
Carpenter.....	762 to 963	Becker and Hamalainen
Metal Worker.....	862	Becker and Hamalainen
Painter (of furniture).....	876	Becker and Hamalainen
Stonemason.....	1488	Becker and Hamalainen
Man sawing wood.....	1797	Becker and Hamalainen

total heat loss does not vary appreciably within the comfort zone range (see Fig. 4). Above or below this range the variation seems to be approximately a function of effective temperature. Sensible and latent heat losses (Figs. 5 and 7) on the other hand, vary greatly within the comfort zone range, the variation following more closely the dry-bulb temperature than any other factor.

Although total heat loss and sensible and latent heat losses are not exact functions of effective and dry-bulb temperature, respectively, for all conditions of humidity and air motion, they are plotted as such in the curves. This is accomplished by approximations which are sufficiently accurate for application to practical problems.

An atmospheric condition resulting in sensible perspiration is to be

³⁵See A.S.H.V.E. research paper entitled Heat and Moisture Losses from Men at Work and Application to Air Conditioning Problems, by F. C. Houghten, W. W. Teague, W. E. Miller and W. P. Yant (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 37, 1931).