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Swiss Electronic Fire Detectors On The High Seas

The new British helicopter-carrier, HMS Invincible, will be equipped with electronic fire detectors from Mannedorf (Zurich—Switzerland). These appliances will offer protection against fires by detecting them even before the first appearance of any smoke. At sea, a fire is much more dangerous than on land, because it is only possible to fight it from one side. That is why the early detection of fire is of even greater importance at sea than on terra firma. (SODT)

Electronics to the Rescue of the Physically Handicapped

Thanks to the "Linguaduc" range of appliances produced by a Swiss firm in Berne, specialising in the manufacture of medical articles, the seriously handicapped, and even the totally paralysed, can now—without any outside help—put on the light, telephone, turn the pages of a book and even type a letter. The "Linguaduc", in fact, enables people deprived of the use of their limbs to control various appliances with their tongue. It consists of a sensor placed near the patient's mouth, a mounting attachment and a housing containing the electronic and electrical control parts. Orders are transmitted by the tongue, or rather its moisture. All the disabled person has to do is touch the contacts



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