

# AIO

## Online Technical Resource

### Fluttering Pitmans

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For years I have noticed noisy fluttering pittmans in certain organs. Recently, I was servicing a Pilcher which had this problem on almost every stop. I posted the problem on the internet and received several suggestions. The prize, however, went to Blaine Rickets, who suggested restricting the exhaust at the stop action valves. I then tried moving the valves slowly by hand, and noticed that the fluttering did not start. Adjusting these stop action valves for less travel provided the solution. Blaine reported that he had resorted to papering the outlet with a smaller outlet hole in some instances, but it was not necessary on the Pilcher. Others have suggested that one should watch for dead notes which would be caused by pittmans not moving all the way. I did not have this problem on this organ.