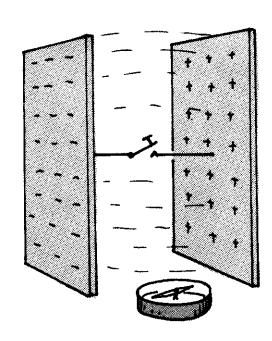
DISPLACEMENT CURRENT

A wire connects two oppositely charged plates, as illustrated (such an arrangement is a capacitor). A magnetic compass is located just outside the plates as

shown. When the switch is closed, allowing the plates to discharge through the wire, there will be a momentary current in the wire. You might therefore expect that the magnetic compass would be somehow affected. Will it be affected?

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- a) Yes, it will be affected
- b) No, it will not be affected