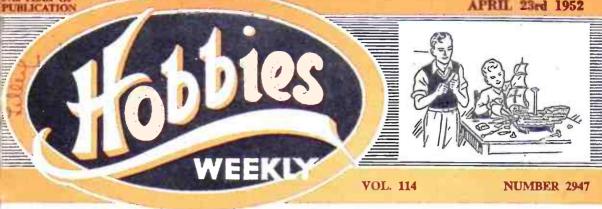
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Start now building this **GRAND CLASS 'A' TEAM** 

RACER

HE official Class 'A' for control line team racers calls for a minimum wing area of 70 sq. in. and a maximum motor size of 2.5 c.c. A maximum fuel tank capacity of 15 c.c. is also specified, and the official line length is 42ft. There are also minor regulations governing the size of the fuselage and 'pilot'. All team racers have to carry a dummy 'pilot'.

High Speed

Our Class 'A' team racer has been designed to meet all these requirements and also to be capable of taking any suitable motor of between 1 c.c. and 2.5 c.c. Fastest times will, of course, be recorded with the 2.5 c.c. motors, but the smaller motors will have a longer flight duration on the 15 c.c. fuel tank. With a good 2.5 c.c. motor, top speed should be in the region of 70 m.p.h.

Study the plan and the constructional sketches carefully before commencing construction. The plan is reproduced one third full size, and so full size drawings of the wing and tail unit must be prepared by scaling up, or you can purchase a full size plan separately. Build the wings first as these are probably the easiest component and also the one in which the control system is housed.

The wings are built by pinning out the leading and trailing edges directly Another superb control-line model specially designed for Hobbies Weekly by R. H. Warring

over the plan and then cementing in the tips and rib stock. The ribs are simply lengths of 1 in. by 1 in. balsa cemented in notches in the spars. The tip is a piece of lin. by in. balsa cemented in place. Note that you will have to block up the trailing edge in. above the plan to get correct alignment of the ribs.

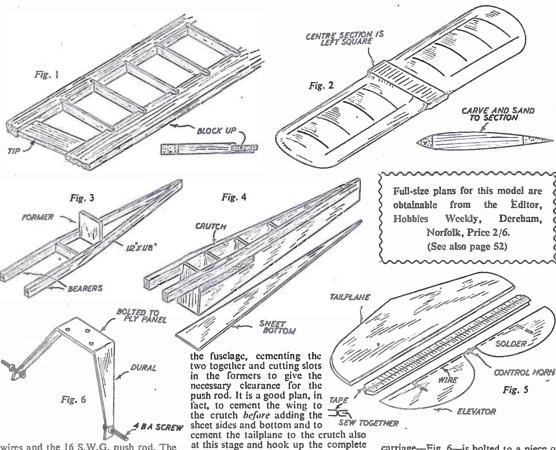
When the wing has set you can form it to a symmetrical aerofoil section entirely by glasspapering-Fig. 2. Note, however, that the centre section which fits through the fuselage is left square. At this stage you can fit the control assembly.

The belierank is cut from 18 S.W.G. aluminium, or similar material. Mount on a small piece of ply which is cemented between the two centre ribs. The position of this is given on the plan. The pivot point should actually come 21ins, back from the leading edge of the

Couple up the 20 S.W.G. lead out

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The tailplane and elevators are cut

from medium hard &in. sheet balsa.

The elevators are mounted on 18 S.W.G.

wire, as shown in Fig. 5-and then

hinged to the tailplane with a double-

tape hinge. This is made by sewing two

strips of tape together down the centre.

The 20 S.W.G. control horn is soldered

to the 18 S.W.G. wire before this

Check the complete control system

hook-up for accurate alignment and

easy working. The elevators must be

neutral with the control plate central

and the required elevator movement-

about 25 degrees up and down-must be

obtained without binding. The tank and

undercarriage are then added before

just under the wing position. The feed

pipe should project through former (A)

when it can be coupled up to the motor

The tank is fixed between the bearers

completing the fuselage sheeting.

control system.

assembly is completed.

Checking the Control System

wires and the 16 S.W.G. push rod. The lead out wires pass through holes punched or cut in the port wing ribs and emerge through aluminium tubes set in the tip. Make off the ends, as shown on the plan. Sheet cover the centre section, top and bottom, cutting a slot for the pushrod to emerge. Check for free movement. The wings can then be covered with stout tissue, watersprayed and doped.

The fuselage is built on the crutch principle. The crutch is comprised of \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. by \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. hardwood bearers in front scarf-jointed to \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. balsa at the rear. Two cross spacers of \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. by \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. balsa are cemented in place, and also the formers, cut from \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. sheet. The fuselage is actually assembled inverted over the plan (Fig. 3).

over the plan (1 ig. 5)

# The Sides

The sides are cut from 1/2 in sheet, to the dimensions given, and also cemented in place. Trim up as necessary but do not yet add the 1/2 in sheet fuselage bottom (Fig. 4).

You can then assemble the wing to

carriage—Fig. 6—is bolted to a piece of  $s_2^3$  in. ply and then cemented in the fuselage immediately under the tank. Pack with scrap balsa, if necessary.

The upper decking of the fuselage is formed from a block of balsa 12½ins. by 1½ins. by 1in. Cement in place and then carve and glasspaper down to shape. Cut away the cockpit and fit the 'pilot'—either carved from block, or purchased. Complete the cockpit assembly with a plastic bubble canopy cemented in place, or a simple celluloid windshield and balsa headrest fairing. Cement the ½in\_sheet fin securely in place.

The beam-mounted motor is bolted on to the bearers in the inverted position, lining up the thrust line as on the plan. The cowling for this motor is carved from solid balsa, hollowed out. The cowling is held in place with rubber bands passing from suitable slips around the top of the fuselage. The front of the fuselage is finished to circular section to conform to the lines of the l½in. diameter spinner fitted over the propeller.

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# Fully detailed instructions for

# Making a Sure-shot Catapult

CATAPULT in the wrong hands can be a dangerous weapon, but catapulting is an art not confined solely to small boys. In America they have taken this hobby quite seriously and there are many adult clubs of 'slingshot' enthusiasts which hold regular contests and target-shooting tournaments. One of the requirements of a particular club is that no member can be less than fifty years old!

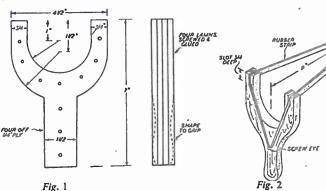
The type of catapult the American

at their upper ends (Fig. 2) and the rubber strip passes through these slots, down over a screw eye and back to the sling itself. This enables the rubbers to be replaced readily, or alternative rubbers of different power to be slipped in place at a moment's notice. The screw eye used must be a stout one and properly screwed in place. It should be located far enough down the hundle so that the stretched rubbers do not interfere with the clearance between the

CATAPULT in the wrong hands can be a dangerous weapon, but rubber strip passes through these slots, catapulting is an art not confined down over a screw eye and back to the

#### Amminition

For accurate shooting, steel balls are best. Irregular objects like stones never fly true. With practice you should be able to achieve similar accuracy with a catapult firing steel balls as with an air pistol—with probably greater penetrative power.



arms of the fork.

The sling is made of leather, preferably of the softer variety. This is folded over and sewn (Fig. 3), and the catapult rubbers then pass through the centre of the sling (Fig. 4).

#### The Rubber

Normally ‡in. square rubber is used for catapults. This can be accommodated quite well on this particular design, made up into a single loop of rubber giving a distance of 9 ins. between the form and the sling in the unstretched position. The square section rubber will pull down into the slots quite

readily when stretched.

A longer lasting rubber can be made from a number of strands of \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. strip rubber. Strip rubber is generally about \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. thick, so that six strands would be equivalent to one strand of \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. square rubber. Actually six strands of \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. strip rubber will give more power than one strand of \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. square. Having decided the cross section of

having decided the cross section of the rubber to use, make up one large loop of strip rubber so that when folded up into the required number of strands it is the right length to fit the catapult. Thread through the sling—

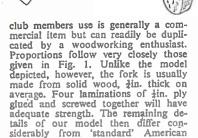
The correct way to hold a catapult when firing is inclined at an angle of 45 degrees, as shown in Fig. 5. Sight over the top arm of the fork and pull the sling back just to one side of the head. Never get the head directly in line with the sling and rubber, in case of breakage.

#### Simple Sight

A simple metal sight can be fitted to one arm of the fork, as shown. This sight is bent at 45 degrees (Fig. 6) and screwed to the side of the fork. When the sight is vertical the catapult is at the right angle and the two notches in the sight can be used to line up the target.

# Getting a Weather-beaten Effect

Here is a tip if you are making a model fort or anything that needs to look weather-beaten. Before painting, coat the model with glue and throw on cork bits such as grapes are packed in. When the glue is hard, paint over in the usual way. The same tip can be used with good effect to represent a shrubbery.



practice.
Slotted Arms

The two arms of the fork are slotted

with plastic tubing. The dural under-



Shove Ha'penny Board WOULD appreciate your advice on I how to prepare the surface of a new shove-ha'penny board. I have made one out of dry Honduras mahogany and am at a loss as to how to get the right

surface. (G.T.—Eastbourne).

WITH hardwood like Spanish mahogany and beech, the only finish necessary is glasspapering. Honduras mahogany, however, is of coarser grain and we consider the best finish would be to rub over after glasspapering, with Johnson's furniture wax. Several applications may be necessary, but a good surface should result. Alternatively you could fill up the grain with a good woodfiller and go over the surface with a french polish rubber until a shine results. This would be quicker, of course.

Removing Plating HAVE two ornaments and find that L beneath the plating which is beginning to wear off through cleaning, they are of solid copper. I would much prefer the copper to the plating, and would be obliged if you will tell me how I can remove the latter. (C.M .- I.O.M.)

THE silver plated surface could be removed from the ornaments by boiling in caustic solution, but this is rather a dangerous operation, and if the articles are not very large we suggest you remove the remains of the plating by rubbing briskly with pumice powder applied by a moistened rag. Finish off by cleaning up the copper surface by polishing with rottenstone and oil, and finally with rouge powder (polishing rouge). To prevent subsequent oxidising, the polished copper could be clear lacquered.

Stopping Condensation We have purchased a double-deck bus converted into living ac-commodation and shall be glad if you could suggest a way to stop condensation

on the roof. We have tried putting a layer of hardwood on the roof, which has helped, but on very cold nights it drips just as badly. (R.C .- Nantwich).

BOUT the simplest and certainly Athe cheapest remedy would be to cover the roof with a layer of straw about 3ins. or more in thickness. You may be able to work this in underneath the board already installed. The straw should be packed down tightly to be really effective. It would also be of advantage to improve if possible the ventilation within. There is now a special paint on the market, which aids greatly in condensation problems, and it would be rather valuable we think, if you used it to coat the inside of the roof.

# Ventrilognism

COULD you tell me of a book on the art of ventriloquism? (J.T.—Pudsey). VERY good book is The Whole AArt of Ventriloquism, by the late Arthur Prince. Ellisdons of High Holborn, or Gamages or Hamleys (sports and games department) could probably offer a book on the practical side of the subject. The Arthur Prince book was sold by Will Goldston, Leicester Square, London.

# Completing the Class 'A' Team Racer

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# Painting

A good paint job will considerably improve the appearance of your team racer. Glasspaper the fuselage down perfectly smooth and then cover with tissue. This will provide an excellent base for applying cellulose dope, in any colour. Spray the dope on for best results. At least six coats will be re-

quired for a good finish.

If a glow plug motor is used it is necessary to fuel proof the whole model. This should be applied according to the instructions issued with the proofer. Leave ample time to dry. .

# Handling the Model

In flying, the model should handle like a normal 'sports' control-liner with smooth response to handle movement. The balance point will vary according to the weight of the motor used. The best position is on the front line, although it does not matter much if it comes forward of this. Try not to get the balance point aft of the front line, however.

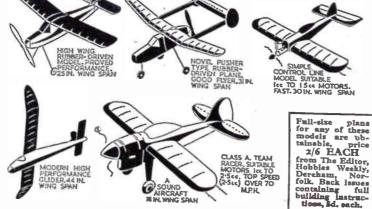
# Smaller Motors

Using smaller motors it may be

necessary to screw small blocks to the hardwood bearers to reduce their width. With low power, too, it is recommended that the motor be

mounted with slight sidethrust pulling against the direction of the flight circle. No rudder offset should be needed. (340)

# HOBBIES FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT PLANS



ERE, indeed, is a standard lamp with a difference, and although it may appear at first to be difficult in construction, this is not the case. The standard itself is a square tube, built up from lin. thick material in Full instructions for

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However, get at least two, and preferably three joints in the first 2st. length of the final tube. These joints will then be hidden in the completed assembly. The other joint can be glasspapered down so that it will barely show, provided it is well made.

#### The Formers

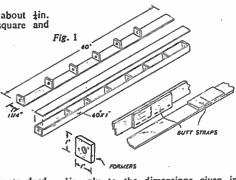
The formers should be about 1 in. thick. They are all lin. square and

should be drilled out with a in. diameter hole through the centre. It is a good plan to fit a length of flex through the tube before adding the final side, as it will be much more difficult to thread the flex through the tube once completed. Former spacing is not critical. Locating these 6ins. apart will be quite adequate. Make sure, however, that one comes exactly 24ins. from what

will be the bottom end of the standard. The standard is fitted with a circular 'table', arranged at a convenient height.

are glued around the square tube, as indicated. These dowels terminate flush with the bottom of the circular table and, being 21ins. long, leave 3ins. of plain standard length at the extreme bottom end. It is around this part that the legs are assembled.

Four leg pieces are required, cut from

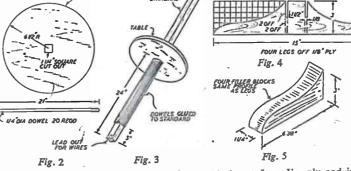


lin, ply to the dimensions given in Fig. 4. These are slotted as pairs, so that they can be assembled, one pair slotting into the other, to leave a 12in. square channel in the centre. Into this channel is glued the standard.

#### Completing Assembly

Assembly is completed by gluing the standard in place and then adding filler blocks, cut to the same profile as the legs - Fig. 5. Use a cut-out leg to trace the pattern of the filler blocks. The whole assembly

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the form of a long thin box, with internal formers for stiffening.

For the standard you will require two strips 60ins. by 11ins. by 1in., and two strips 60ins. by lin. by lin. If you cannot obtain material long enough, then it is a simple enough matter to . join two shorter strips by means of a butt-strap—Fig. 1. These straps should be staggered along the length of the tube and not all occur at one point.

This table is cut from in. ply and is 13ins. in diameter-Fig. 2. A square is cut out of the centre so that the table can be slid over the standard. Its actual position is shown in Fig. 3.

# Dowels Needed

To complete the lower part of the standard in a decorative manner-and also provide additional support for the table, a number of lin. diameter dowels

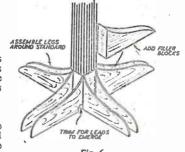


Fig. 6

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Like experimenting with radio?

MAKE A SHORT

WAVE 1-VALVER

HORT wave signals travel great distances, and European stations can be picked up with ease, with the simplest 1-valve set. Except when reception conditions are poor, American and more distant transmissions can also be received at good volume. When conditions are good, it is quite possible to receive transmissions from as far away as Australia, still using the single valve set. In addition to commercial stations. amateur transmitters will be heard on 20, 40 and 80 metre bands. (These are usually most active during the weekends). It will, therefore, be seen that quite a lot of interest may be obtained with even a small S.W. receiver.

The set described here uses one valve

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also be purchased from various sources, and there is no reason why these should not be used. Many of these coils employ a base of different type to that shown, and no standard base exists. Because of this, the coil-wiring instructions provided by the manufacturer must be followed, if such coils

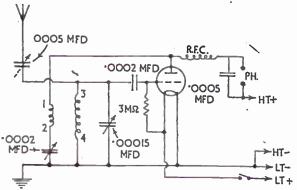


Fig. 1-The theoretical circuit

only, but additional valves can always be used, at a later date, if desired, without any of the components already employed being wasted. The set is only suitable for operating headphones, but in many cases this is no great disadvantage, for S.W. reception.

### Plug-in Colls

In order that the user is not confined to one waveband, plug-in coils are employed. One such coil will cover the most useful wavelengths from about 19 to 40 metres. A smaller coil enables lower wavelengths to be tuned, while one with more turns can be inserted when higher wavelengths are required. This is a simple and efficient system, and suitable coils may be made as will be described.

Ready-made coils of this type can

are purchased. All other wiring in the set can remain unchanged.

# Circuit and Wiring Plan

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1, and the components which are required may be seen from this, and from Fig. 2. Both valve and coil holders are of the chassis type, with sockets projecting below. They are mounted about lin. above the small wooden baseboard-this can be done by using long bolts and ebonite spacing sleeves, or by cutting out suitable small strips of wood.

The aerial is taken to a small stand-off insulator, and the .00005 mfd. pre-set condenser shown is wired in series with it. This condenser is essential.

The reaction condenser may be either air-spaced or of the solid dielectric type; the former is better for

very low wavelengths. It should be smooth in operation and have a fairly large control knob.

The tuning condenser must be airspaced, and can have a capacity of from ·0001 mfd. to ·0002 mfd., though .00015 mfd. is preferable, if to hand. If it is not the type fitted with an internal reduction drive, then such a drive must be added, or tuning will be extremely difficult. A great variety of such dials and drives are obtainable, and that selected will not influence efficiency. though accurate tuning will be more easy with a drive of good quality.

The small radio-frequency choke can be of any kind intended for S.W. use, or can be wound by putting 200 turns of 36 S.W.G. or similar wire on a indiameter former. The on-off switch, 0002 mfd. grid condenser, and megohm grid leak are standard parts of the usual type. If the .005 mfd. condenser has terminals, these will provide a convenient method of connecting the phones.

## Short Wiring

All the connections are shown in Fig. 2, and those between the holders and condensers should be as direct and short as possible, if very low wavelengths are to be tuned. Fairly stout wire should be used-20 S.W.G. or so. Flex is used for the battery connections, and the length of these is immaterial.

The joints may readily be soldered if the tags are clean, and cored solder and a really hot iron used. The iron should not be kept in contact longer than necessary to make the joint.

# Making the Coils

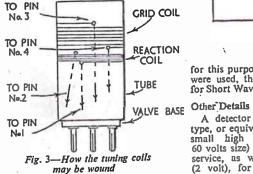
As mentioned, ready-made coils can be purchased; also ribbed formers with pins, which can be wound at home. Coils can also be made as in Fig. 3 by pressing into service the bases of old, damaged valves. (If no such bases are to

hand, it will be necessary to purchase them). Ebonite or paxolin tubes which are a tight fit over the valve bases are also required. These are pushed in position and made secure by drilling completely through both tube and valve base, and adding a short 6 B.A. or similar bolt, with the nut inside. The ends of the windings are taken down inside the former, and soldered to the pins, following the numbering given in Figs, 2 and 3. As the pins are hollow the wires are threaded down through them and soldered at the tip, excess projecting wire then being snipped off.

# Turns to Use

The formers mentioned will be approximately 11 ins. in diameter. Using 20 S.W.G. wire, ten turns for the grid coil (Fig. 3) will tune from approximately 19 to 40 metres. The wire may be bare, as each turn is separated from its . neighbour by about the diameter of the wire. A lin. space is left, and seven turns of 28 S.W.G. (or similar) insulated wire put on, for reaction, with turns closely side by side. Both windings are in the same direction, as illustrated.

A second coil, covering approxi-mately 13 to 25 metres, can be made by having four turns on the grid winding, with three turns for reaction. Other details as already given, except that only lin. space is left between windings.



A coil for about 35 to 80 metres will require twenty-two turns of 24 S.W.G. wire for the grid winding, with fifteen turns for reaction. If a Medium Wave coil is needed, this will require eightyfour turns of 32 S.W.G. enamelled wire, turns side by side, with forty turns for reaction. This will enable a useful section of the band to be tuned, though the higher Medium Wave frequencies will not be reached, due to the tuning condenser being of insufficient capacity

possible to use a 1.5 V. dry battery for L.T., or, for preference, a 3 V. battery with series resistor to reduce the voltage to two. Upon no account should more than 2 volts be applied to the valve filament.

A good outside aerial will, naturally, give best results, though an indoor one is reasonably satisfactory. An earth is not essential, but will improve results. Ordinary medium or high impedance phones are used.

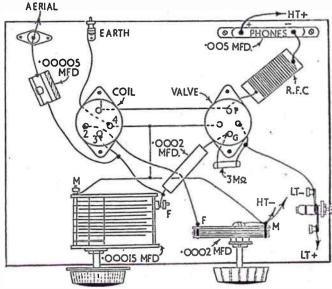


Fig. 2-The complete wiring plan

for this purpose. (If a larger condenser were used, this would be less suitable for Short Waves).

A detector valve such as the HL2 type, or equivalent, is recommended. A small high tension battery (about 60 volts size) will give a long period of service, as will a small accumulator (2 volt), for low tension. It is also

The completed set may be enclosed in a metal cabinet, a hinged lid being required so that coils may be changed. This, and a good earth, will help to prevent tuning of weak signals being affected by movements of the user's

When searching for distant stations the set should be retained in a sensitive condition by closing the reaction condenser until a faint hiss is heard. (303)

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can be cleaned up and smoothed down flush by glasspapering once completed-Fig. 6. A small channel is cut to let the leads emerge.

#### Normal Bulb Fitting

A normal type bulb fitting is screwed to the top of the standard. This should be of the type incorporating a switch, for preference. The actual lamp shade

used is then purely a matter of personal taste, though it should be larger in diameter than the table, for best effect. The finish of the wooden parts is also a matter of individual preference. Quite excellent results can be obtained quickly by using wood dye, after smoothing down thoroughly, and then clear lacquering.

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# FRETMACHINE HINTS

When using a treadle fretmachine, you will find that if put against a wall the driving wheel catches. A good thing to stop this is to get a block of wood 1 him. by In. and In. thick and put it behind the back leg of the machine. Press it against the wall and the wheel will not

against the wall have the wheel wheels catch any more.

If the belt on your machine slips, wind a piece of insulation tape round the pulley. This enables the belt to grip it properly with the result that the machine stops and starts at the slightest pressure

# GETTING INCREASED PLEASURE OUT OF YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY

EVERAL of the photographic articles which have appeared in Hobbies Weekly during the winter months were expressly written for those readers who have never realised that the camera can be used with considerable advantage throughout the whole of the year. Your interest was drawn to such items as indoor portraiture, street scenes and tree subjects in March.

If the advice and hints given in those articles have been the means of increasing your enthusiasm and have resulted in a number of new negatives being added to your collection, then you have profited by your efforts and are ready to learn something more that will put you on the road to becoming a real amateur photographer. That is

get the impression that you have got to spend hours studying some branch of science and reading numerous books on art. A lot of that work has already been done for you in the production of the camera and its parts, and in the manufacture of films and chemicals, and it is up to you to make full use of the results in the pursuit of the hobby.

#### Do it Yourself

Why should you pass that spool of exposures to someone else to develop and print? You can do this processing, and it will add a tremendous lot of pleasure and interest to your hobby. Further, it will assuredly help you to produce a greater number of successes and fewer failures and so become more expert.

An excellent cloudscape

what this particular chapter is specifically intended to do.

The fact that you have a camera and use it for making a few exposures from time to time does not entitle you to be recognised as a real amateur, any more than going to see a football match gives you the right to call yourself a footballer.

#### Art and Science

Photography is a combination of art and science and an acquaintance with both is essential if you desire to become really expert in the hobby. But do not Today, doing your own developing is almost as easy as pressing the trigger to make an exposure, because, by following certain directions that have been worked out by scientists, it is practically impossible to make a mistake. And the work can be done without the use of a fully equipped darkroom. Any corner of the bathroom or kitchen is perfectly suitable and at the end of the time specified for correctly developing, your particular make of film you have the thrill of seeing a number of really first-class negatives.

Some of you will have guessed from

these remarks that the reference is to tank development by the time and temperature method. The writer was one of the first to make use of this and has been an exponent of it ever since the first trial. What is meant by time and temperature? Several years ago it was scientifically proved that the emulsion of any plate or film required a definite time in the developing solution to reach the correct stage of development, and that this time varied only when the strength of the solution was altered or when the temperature of it was made higher or lower. It was also found that the time differed with various makes of films or plates. Eventually these different brands were allocated to different groups and these groups in turn were given their time at stated temperatures for different developers in normal, weak or strong solutions.

Having these groups and tables of the three main factors, namely: grade of film, strength of solution, and temperature, it became quite a simple matter to ascertain the exact time to leave the film in the solution to be perfectly developed, and it is interesting to note that this is the method employed by the firms who specialise in the development of amateurs' films and also by many dealing in the processing of cinematograph film.

Recognising the accuracy of the method and its very great value to all branches of photographic workers, both professional and amateur, the manufacturers of developers and developing solutions include in their direction leaflets and booklets very complete groups of the various makes of films, columns of temperatures ranging from 55 to 75 degrees Fahr., and different tables for the strengths of solutions. Those who use a Johnson's developing tank, find a calculator disc is fitted to the lid. By using either the disc or tables a glance will show the exact time to leave the film in the solution.

All readers will, therefore, recognise that the one great difficulty which amateurs in the past have had to contend with, i.e. how to judge when development was complete, is satisfactorily overcome.

Having explained at some length the system of time and temperature developments, some of you may be wondering what apparatus is required to put it into practice. First those who have not got a tank but have the means of turning the bathroom or other odd corner into a darkroom can develop a film by the 'see-saw' method, using a

deep developing dish or even a pudding basin. Mix the solution to the required strength and take the temperature with a thermometer. Turn out all white light and remove the spool from the camera and carefully unroll it until the end of the film appears. Take this end between the thumb and index finger and complete the unrolling, taking hold of the other end with the free hand.

#### Soak Film

It is always advisable to soak a film in clean water before developing to prevent airbells forming on the surface during the process of developing. This is best done by keeping a hold of each end and drawing the film through the water three or four times by dropping one hand to the water, then raising it and dropping the other hand to reach the surface—thus using the 'see-saw' action.

Now take a note of the time and pass the film into the developer, keeping strictly to the see-saw movement. When the time is up, remove the film to the fixing bath, for the first three minutes, employing the up and down movement to ensure that the whole of the film is under the influence of the fixing solution. Leave it there for about fifteen minutes and then give it at least half an hour in running water to wash it free from the fixing salt. After this, it should be suspended in a dust free place to dry.

It is time now to give a few details concerning tanks, and as it is fairly safe to assume that many of you have one or two spools ready for processing, the result of the Easter holiday, I would most strongly advise you to call at your nearest photographic dealer and ask to see a tank and have it explained. And do this before passing the spools on to be developed by someone else.

A tank consists of three main parts—
the body for holding the solution, the
spiral for receiving the film, and the
light-tight lid and spindle for rotating
the film. The spiral is so grooved that
the film is quite easily threaded into
position, and after one or two trials this
can be done in the dark, the spiral with
the film is then passed into the body and
the lid placed in position. From now on
all work can be done in daylight or
artificial light.

The preliminary soaking to prevent airbells is done by allowing clean water from a tap to run into the tank through the hole in the centre of the lid, and out again by means of a lip outlet at the edge. The developer is then carefully but quickly poured in and the spindle inserted and used frequently during the



Odd Corner-an old wharf on the Thames Estuary

operation to rotate both film and solution. At the end of the required time the developer is poured into a bottle for use again and the fixing solution takes its place. After fifteen minutes this is poured into another bottle for another film and running water from the tap is allowed to run into the tank for about half-an-hour.

#### Great Thrill

Examination of the finished spool should then give you one of the greatest thrills possible because you will have the joy of seeing a strip of perfect negatives of your own making. If there happen to be one or two failures then they must be regarded as mistakes in the exposing, certainly not in the developing, and in any case you have the satisfaction of knowing that your method of processing has really got the best result possible out of that exposure, whether it was under or over.

No better or more valuable advice can be given to any amateur, whether he has just taken up this hobby or is a fairly advanced user of the camera than that he should become the possessor of a tank at the earliest opportunity. It inevitably leads to better photography, and it overcomes the lack of the necessary accommodation at home. This is an advantage that cannot be overboosted. And you can take a tank with you on your holidays and develop your exposures on the spot without making

any mess or worrying anyone in the same house or hotel; the writer never fails to include a tank, a small bottle or packet of developer and a small tin of acid-fixing in the holiday kit. They come in very handy on a wet day, and if any mistakes have been made, well, I am on the spot for a second shot.

For those who use only a No. 20 size spool, there is a Johnson's J.20 made specially for this size, and it is the smallest. For other sizes there is the universal adjustable which can be set to take No. 16, No. 20 or No. 17, No. 27 or V.P.K., and also 35 mm.

There are so many first class developers on the market that it would be seeking trouble, to make any sort of comparison or to give an opinion as to which is the best for this work. Some work excellently for certain brands of films, but, just as I have always advocated keeping to one brand of film, so my advice is to use the developer that is known to give results that satisfy you. In my work sometimes Azol gives me the type of negative I like while others are made with a newer solution known as Unitol. A third developer used is Universal. You will possibly recognise that these are in concentrated solution form, saving me time in weighing and mixing, because they are ready for use when diluted with water, and, where accommodation is limited, one should reduce his requirements to a minimum.

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# Preparing for the camping season

# WITH BICYCLE AND

THAT about that cycle-camping holiday? If you are an 'old hand', perhaps you will already have got your kit in order ready for the great day, when you may set forth on a grand open-air holiday or for a jolly week-end. Or, have you been neglectful and allowed that equipment to lie in the attic or some corner of outhouse or loft, all dusty and mildewed and uncaredfor? The position must now be reviewed. for the weeks slip by all too quickly, and the time for camping will soon be here.

The camper-cyclist will make a thorough inspection of his tent and accessories. All can do with a look-over. Some things will probably need repairing or replacing with new stuff, and as all sorts of things this year will be more expensive, it is advisable to be as economically-minded as possible. You have had that old tent some few seasons-can it be renovated to last a bit longer? Spread it out on the lawn or yard and inspect it.

Perhaps there are gashes or tears in the canvas? These will need patching up. with suitable pieces of canvas. Cut each patch a trifle larger than the hole or gash it has to cover. Lay it over the torn place, and hem round neatly, crossstitching the edges of the hole to be patched with waxed thread. Then press it all over with a flat-iron heated over the gas ring or on the fire; this action will drive the wax into the thread stitches and fill them up to render the patch perfectly waterproof. Small gashes and rents can be dealt with by darning them carefully with herringbone stitch. pressing them afterwards with the flat

If the tent roof and sides need renovation, and last year allowed rain to seep through, get busy reproofing the whole tent. Get a tin of waterproofing solution from your camp outfitters and treat the canvas with it according to directions on the tin. There are various ready-to-use solutions on the market, such as Granger's Solution, Mesowax, and Nev. Or you can make up a useful formula yourself: Boil loz. isinglass in 1 pint of soft water till dissolved, strain through clean linen into a second saucepan. Dissolve toz. white Castille soap in I pint of water. strain, add to above. Dissolve loz. alum in 2 pints of water, strain, add. Stir and heat combined solution until it simmers.

Spread the tent on a flat surface and work the mixture into the fabric. especially seams, with a soft brush. However, we would like to say that any of the standard preparations now on

the market, and to be obtained from a camp shop or sports outlitters, are equally effective and reproof a tent satisfactorily, and with much less trouble than home-made recipes.

#### Accessories

It is also necessary to run your eye over all the various accessories. All lines, guys, and similar should be given a thin dressing of boiled linseed oil, applying it with a small brush and afterwards hanging them up to dry thoroughly before packing away ready for camp. Wood runners and pegs will be no worse for a coat of good waterproof paint.

Rust plays havoc with essentials such as stoves if they are long neglected. Clean them well. If you use a Primus stove—and this to my mind is one of the best types—renew any spare parts that may be required when in camp. But if you renovate the stove now it will probably need little attention save for pricking out, all the coming season. See that the burner nipple is all right; if corroded up, replace with a new one. Also see that all washers on pump and filler cap are in good condition, and renew if necessary. It is advisable to carry along with you a spare nipple and a pricker. Useful tool for use with primus stove is a nipple key-if you 

should want to change the nipple. Keep a Primus perfectly clean to get satisfaction. Endeavour always to get a correct blue flame after lighting the stove. And do not omit to pack a supply of meth., either liquid or solid, and paraffin.

There is much fun in this sorting out of the camping kit, after a winter of indoor hobbies. The task recalls old memories of great days under summer skies revelling in the sunshine and fresh air; and it leads to anticipations of further joys in the days ahead.

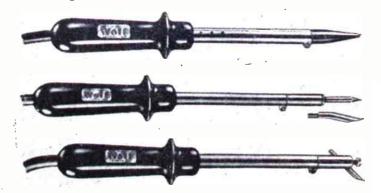
Beginners who have yet to taste of the care-free joys insenarable from such a holiday with bike and tent have a treat in store—the fun of sleeping under canvas, the alfresco meals, the freedom of wearing 'easy old clothes', the spirit of adventure and good companionship, make it a wonderful holiday. All you require are tent, bicycle, the necessary camping requisites, and plenty of good spirits and humour, coupled with the determination to get the most and the best out of it all.

Pal up with a well-tried friend or two and success is assured. Two friends camping together (a 'two-man' bivouac tent will house them comfortably) can share expenses and thus enjoy not only a delightful, but an economical vacation.

# NEW SOLDERING IRONS

NEW additions to the range of Wolf Electric Soldering Irons have recently been announced and all these are the straight handle type. They comprise three models-Types 22, 32, and 42, which, whilst retaining all the general features so popular in the original range, have been designed to meet the demand for conventional straight handle types of Wolf design and manufacture.

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# There may be money in it—so

# Why Not Try Typewriter Pictures?

WILL take the obvious retort to the directors allowed him to increase the enough to limit your order taking. title of this article right on the point of the jaw. Indeed, had I not just typed those words I also would have asked: 'Why should I'? But I think, and without being boastful, that I am in a position to offer many a new hobby, one which has not so far been done to death, either in this country or abroad.

I write articles in the American magazines, and the editors are most polite, and send me copies of each issue concerning myself. In one such issue I was astounded to find that there is a hobby in the United States and Canada,



An example from an American Magazine

and in the South American countries, too, which does not, like Jazz and South American dances and music, appear to have spread, as yet, to this country.

## Wonderful Pictures

I admit I have been amazed at the truly wonderful pictures which are possible if you have a few moments to spare at the office, or at commercial school, or if, like myself, you possess a typewriter of your own.

It started, like so many other ideas which have captured mankind, in a small and unobtrusive way. In a well known American newspaper, which issues a weekly week-end supplement, the editor suggested offering prizes for these typewriter pictures. To his amazement he was snowed under. He had no intention at first of publishing the efforts, but some of them were so fine that his artistic soul could not keep them to himself. Photographs were prepared, and as many as half a dozen were reproduced weekly.

It was such a good idea that his

prize money. Circulation increased. Entries started coming in from many parts of America, showing the enthusiasm for the art. Soon, the idea became the talk of the land, and other magazines began to copy. Now, just as with our crosswords, this typewriting picture art is part of life.

Not that it has remained an art pure and simple. Some of the greeting card houses, and there are many there. as with us, have started asking for typewriter picture artists, and taking the finished products to illustrate their many greeting cards. Keenly interested, I wrote for samples and examples, and I was delighted, and more than a little inspired. Correspondence with a gentleman in Michigan has put me, to use an Americanism, 'on the inside'-or 'on the ground floor' as far as Britain is concerned-hence my haste to pass on to you this new, and money making hobby.

Money making! I heard you. But I mean it. First of all, you will have to think out ideas for pictures. I have seen some grand examples. One was a handbell, made slantwise, on the front of a Christmas Card, with an appropriate caption underneath. These captions are culled from any popular classic—Shakespeare, The Bible, Dickens, etc.

Another picture was in the form of a lamp of the old fashioned type, complete with candle, and ribbon. Yes, it was all done on the typewriter, and was an amazingiy ingenious piece of work; far better as a Christmas Card, New Year Card or Birthday Card, than many for which we have to pay up to 3/6 each.

A variety of ideas suggest themselves. A ship. A picture frame with text. A table lamp. A vase of flowers.

And remember how easy it is to prepare these cards. Once you have the idea done on paper, you can reproduce the same picture on a stencil skin, which all typists know about and which are only about 6d. each in these expensive days. Then, on the duplicatorthe one I have cost me only about £3. By buying coloured tinted cards from the printers, along with tubes of different mk, you can run off 100, 200, maybe 500 Christmas, New Year, Birthday, Valentine, or Anniversary Cards which will sell at anything from 6d. each. From mid-summer onwards, you will find you can take orders for Christmas Cards as fast as you care to do so. Once you have mastered the art of designing the cards, you will soon be on overtime if you are not careful

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Naturally, you must offer good workmanship, as they are now doing in America and Canada. But you will see the possibilities of the idea from a profit point of view. Not that this exhausts the theme. In America they are holding regular 'typewriter picture exhibitions' by taking a room or shop and charging admission in the same way as with oil paintings and water colours. And they are getting the public, which should be a spur for a similar venture on this side of the ocean.

How absorbing this hobby could become! A quantity of paper to experiment on. Stencilling skins. Various inks. Access to a duplicating machine. And time combined with thought. Get in while the going is good. Prepare for taking orders by mid-summer. Think out some bright ideas for your pictures, and combinations of tinted paper and

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A first attempt by the author

inks. It is not too much to say that millions of pounds are made each year by the sale of cards of doubtful quality. Gain a little of that cash for yourself.

Churches will take them for bazaars, or give orders to sell again, if you offer the right work. So, before it becomes too common, become one of the first rank of typewriter picture card producers. There is money in it. At least there is in America. And big money, too. And, even if we do not like to make a boast about our ability, what the Americans can do, we can do. I cannot see us being far behind them in a truly artistic idea such as this.



PEOPLE all over the world were profoundly shocked when they learned of the death of H.M. King George VI in his 56th year. Readers of Hobbies Weekly heard over the wireless or read in the daily Press accounts of his devotion to duty, and many will recall the famous photograph of their majesties viewing bomb damage during the war when they remained in London instead of going to a place of safety.

# Splendid Collection

Philatelists will know of his love of the hobby. He took over the collection of H.M. King George V, which was then



The Coronation issue designed by Edmund Dulac

no less than 325 volumes, and he maintained his own collection in continuation, and so added another twenty or more volumes. Her Majesty Ouen Elizabeth is also a collector.

#### **Number of Portraits**

Since the date of his accession on the 11th December, 1936, a very great number of different portraits of His Majesty were issued, and opinions are bound to differ as to the most pleasing by which to remember him. The writer rather likes the first and the last issued by this country. The Coronation issue showing both King George and Queen Elizabeth has additional interest, as it has the date of the Coronation thereon. The 4d. of the British Exhibition stamps seems the better of the two.

Most of the Colonial stamp issues have had a small medallion portrait, together with a picture, and the latter has frequently rather taken interest from the former. If you look through the stamps issued during the reign you will see how true this is. Two Colonies may be said to be exceptions to this—be acceptable and to be exceptions to the Australia and Canada. Most of the Australian portraits of the late King were of him in admiral's uniform, starting with the 2d. and 3d. of the 1937 issue. The first printing of the

# 1937 3d. is now the most valuable of the King George VI stamps. The latest of the Australian issues showed His Majesty in civilian dress. The 10/stamp of the 1938 issue showed a full length portrait in Coronation robes,

and Queen Elizabeth.

Canada had a nice portrait in civilian dress for the 1937 issue, and then in the 1942 we had the 'Service' portraits, the 1c. and 5c. in Naval uniform, the 2c. and 4c. in Army and the 3c. (two

and the £1 of the same issue gave a head

and shoulders picture of the late King



One of the finest stamps of the reign

colours) Air Force. In 1947 came the set of five stamps, 1c. to 5c., showing



The last stamp to be issued with the new Oueen as Princess

different portraits of His Majesty in civilian dress. This set had the words 'Postes Postage' just below the name

# BRITAIN LOSES A ROYAL COLLECTOR

Canada, and in 1950 came the set with these words omitted. Readers should look out to see that they have both sets.

Southern Rhodesia produced a pleasing portrait in the 1937 November issue. Again the late King was in admiral's uniform. Basutoland produced a similar stamp—the penny value—for the Royal Visit of 1947.

# Newfoundiand's Honour

To Newfoundland belongs the honour of producing the first portrait. That was in 1911—the Coronation issue of King George V. In that set the 4c. stamp showed a portrait of Prince Albert, who was destined on December 11th, 1936, to become H.M. King George VI. Canada, in 1935, for the Silver Jubilee set, showed on the 2c. stamp the Duke of York as the late King was at that time.

The stamps of H.M. King George VI

The stamps of H.M. King George VI have been very popular with collectors. In fact, there are some people who have not collected any others. But readers should try to get some of these unused, so that they may have clear portraits of this great monarch. (363)



A New Zealand stamp showing the Queen and Heir, Prince Charles

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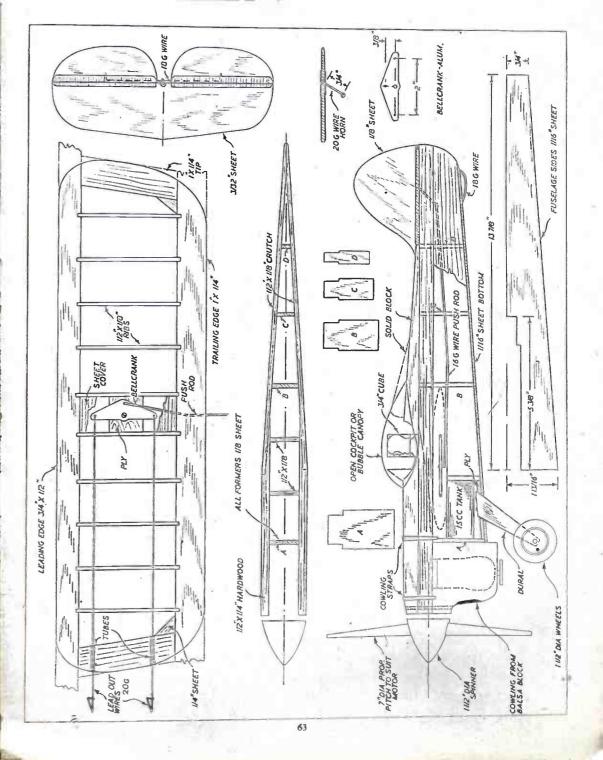
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