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This week's FREE Design Sheet

HIS attractive 'landscape' design will 'appeal to lovers of the art of fretwork, and when made up as a pipe rack or as a bracket on which to place vases of flowers it will be an admirable companion to the 'Ploughman' bracket, which has proved to be a popular Hobbies design.

Following the same 'out-of-doors' theme, the 'Gamekeeper' bracket will bring a permanent breath of fresh air into the home of the owner. With care taken in cutting out, the silhouettes are enhanced by a colourful background to form a pleasing scene.

As will be seen by reference to the design sheet, the whole of the bracket is cut from one panel of wood. Those purchasing a kit will receive this panel, plus two No. 121 eye brackets for fixing



A WALL BRACKET OR PIPE RACK

the finished article to the wall, and a piece of coloured imitation-linen paper to back the picture, as shown on the design sheet.

Keep the Saw Upright

First decide whether you intend to make a plain bracket or a pipe rack, and select the appropriate shelf pieces accordingly. Then lay out the various parts on the panel as shown on the design sheet. Cut them out carefully, paying particular attention to the fretted parts and mortises of the main piece (A), and the tenons of pieces (B). Cut the interior frets of piece (A) before cutting round the outline. At all times remember to keep the saw up-

★ Published in response to many requests for a companion to our Ploughman Bracket ★

right. This is very essential in work of this nature.

Clean up the pieces, using fine glasspaper, and make a test assembly to see that all the parts fit correctly. Then glue the parts together, using sufficient glue to make a firm job, but not so much that an excess is squeezed out on to the face of the bracket. Set aside to harden.

Paint or Stain

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For Modellers, Fretworkers and Home Craftsmen



A Folding-Flap Emergency Table

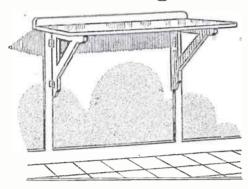


Fig. 1

THE form of table shown in Fig. 1 might almost be called an emergency table as it can be raised at will and when lowered folds flat against the wall. Two sturdy brackets on hinges which are brought forward and serve as adequate support for the top, also fold flat against the wall and are out of sight when not in use.

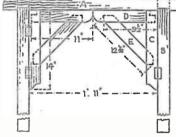


Fig. 2

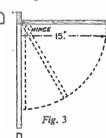
It will be seen at once how handy such a table would be for occasional use, and where space is limited. Such a table, too, would be admirable in the kitchen fixed just below the serving-

If the table is intended for use in the kitchen, then it could be made from ordinary deal and painted to match other fittings. If, on the other hand, it is required for the dining-room, then mahogany or oak would be more appropriate, with a finish to suit the other furniture. A suitable size for the table top would be 32ins, long by 15ins. wide, but, of course, these measurements can be varied to suit the position in which the table is to be fixed. The height of the table above the floor should be about 30ins,, or more, percertain height of kitchen serving-hatch.

The whole fitting consists of the wall frame, the two bracket supports and the table top. Simple mortise and tenon joints, which need only careful setting out and cutting, are used throughout. In Fig. 2 a clear idea of the back frame and the brackets is given, with all necessary measurements. In Fig. 3 a cross-section of the table shows how the top is hinged to the frame rail, etc. The joints in Figs. 4 to

7 are explained as each item is dealt with. The first part to construct will be the wall frame, consisting of rails A and B. The former is 32ins. long by 2ins. wide by in. thick, and the two rails B are also 2ins. wide by 1in. thick, with a length to suit. If there is a skirting in the room, then these two uprights can be made to rest on it in the manner shown

in Fig. 1.

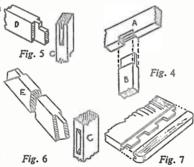


The joints between A and B will be as in 4. Note Fig. how the uprights are recessed into the top rail. The two bracket supports are made to the measurements shown in Fig. 2, and are

haps, if it is to suit a attached to the uprights of the wall frame by brass hinges placed as seen in the detail. The upright rail (C) and the top rail (D) are tenoned together as in Fig. 5, while the sloping rail (E) has tenons each end running into rails C and D as in Fig. 6.

There are two ways of making the table top. It can be made up in two or three widths of wood grooved and tongued together and cross-battened at the ends on the underside, or the pieces can be framed together with mortise and tenon joints to a cross-batten, as seen in Fig. 7. The latter joint will take some careful working, but it makes by far the neater job. The wall frame is held securely by screws driven through the rails into wood plugs let into the wall and cemented.

It should be noted that in Figs. 4, 5, 6, and 7 the thicknesses of wood are exaggerated to better illustrate the (S.W.C.) formation of the joints.



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The Gamekeeper Bracket

glued in place, the bracket should be painted or stained and polished according to choice. Much will depend upon the existing fitments in the room in which the bracket is to hang. If paint is used, make sure it is good, quality enamel, and do not be afraid to glasspaper down lightly, when dry, between

If the wood used is oak or other fairly light stock, one of the nicest finishes for such work is clear wax polish. This will give a richness to the wood, yet leave it materially its natural colour.

Finally, glue the linen paper to the back of the article and fix the eye brackets. These operations are shown in detail on the design sheet. The bracket can then be fixed in position on the wall, and will prove a useful and eye-catching

COMPLETE KIT FOR 2/9

For making this attractive bracket, you can obtain Kit No. 3100 from any Hobbies branch, or post free from Hobbies Ltd., Dereham, Norfolk, price 2/9.

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ROCKING DUCK TOY

ROCKING duck is a most useful toy and requires no great amount of labour to construct. It will give endless hours of pleasure to the very young and can be handed down to following members of the family. The sides are made from plywood, which is easy to work with a fretsaw and has the added advantage of being light.
Two pieces of \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. plywood (25\)ins. by

19ins.), three 13in. lengths of 6ins. by in. flooring-plain boarding will doa piece of hardwood 4ft. 6ins. by 2ins. by 11 ins., a piece of rexine 20 ins. by 13ins., or other seat covering material, and 16 lin. No. 10 screws comprise all the materials needed. The rexine can be made up of two pieces 10ins. by 13ins.

Ash would be the best hardwood to use. A 4ft. 6in. length is sufficient for both rockers. A coach or caravan builder might supply cheaply two lengths of 27ins, and as so much of their timber is shaped, it might be possible to get two pieces near to rocker shape. Failing that, each of the two rockers can be built up in three pieces.

area 25ins. long by 19ins. high, which is divided into lin. squares.

Cut out this shape and tack it lightly on to the plywood or draw round with a pencil. Have both pieces of plywood tacked together when cutting out the body shape, and when finished, smooth off with glasspaper.

position. The other method is to screw the piece 2ins. by 11ins. on first and then cut away excess timber. For those without a bench or vice, the second method would be preferable. Remember, though, if the piece 2ins. by 11ins. is completely straight it will have to be cut and jointed to follow round the bottom

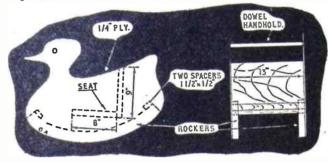
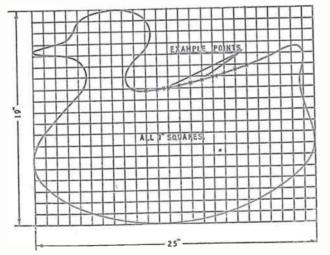


Fig. 2

line. This means two cuts, giving three

A suitable size for the seat (Fig. 2) would be of 8ins. in depth with a width of 13ins, and a back height of 9ins. Strip the groove from one 13ins. by 6ins. by Jin. floorboard and smooth with a plane. From the groove of another 13in, length, measure a strip 21 ins. wide and saw down this line. Nail this strip to one 6in. width, punch back the nails slightly and smooth the edge. Remove the feather from the third 13ins. by 6ins. piece and smooth the edge. Mark a 3ins. strip from the back edge of the length already ripped and nail it to the third piece with the feather removed. The 3ins. does not include the feather. This engages in the groove of the 6ins. pieces and strengthens the joint. Nail this 9ins. by 13ins. combined board to the back edge of the 8ins. width, plane off the edges top and front and the seat is completed. To support and carry it when in position. nail a 1½ins. by ¼in. piece along the scat bottom at both sides and two more on the back height.



WHERE OUTLINE OF SHAPE INTERSECTS ALL HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL LINES POINTS ARE MARKED THUS -X. THESE POINTS ARE COPIED FROM ABOVE DIAGRAM ON TO I" SQUARED PAPER.

Fig. 1

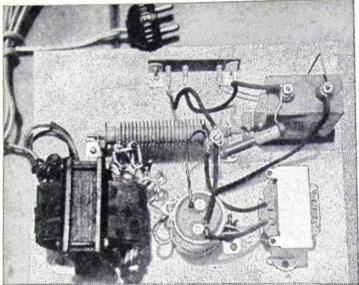
To avoid any chance of a mishap to plywood, ordinary wrapping paper will do for setting out the body outline. It is simply a matter of drawing the outline of a duck by plotting the approximate points (as shown in Fig. 1) inside an

The next step is fixing on the rockers. These are screwed on from the face of the plywood. There are two ways of shaping the rockers. One is to cut two lengths of 2ft. 3ins. to fit round the plywood at bottom and then screw in

Now place the seat between the body sides, keeping the top edge level with the body height at a distance back of 18ins, from the beak and tilt from level for comfortable sitting. A tilt back of hin, should be sufficient. Screw into the 11ins. by 7in. supports through the sides. Two screws, bottom and back

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How to Construct an Eliminator



N eliminator of this type is in running costs, a battery being used intended to replace or 'eliminate' only during the summer, or when the the high tension battery which is required with a battery-operated receiver, so that H.T. current can be obtained from the mains.

Among the advantages of such a unit may be mentioned very low running costs compared with H.T. battery replacements, and the convenience of dispensing with the battery. The total cost of the parts for such an eliminator is greater than the cost of an H.T. battery, but as the eliminator will give many years of service, a large saving finally results.

Transformer Used

Though H.T. eliminators can be made without a transformer, this component is employed because it allows the H.T. circuit to be isolated from the mains, which would not otherwise be so. The unit can be operated from 200/250 V A.C. mains. The output can be adjusted between wide limits, as will be explained. It is suitable for any 1, 2, 3 or 4 valve set, either of the 'all dry' type, or of the accumulator type normally using a 120 V H.T. battery.

Such a unit is particularly useful with portables which use small dry batteries, the life of which is short. For general listening during the winter, the eliminator may be used, with a big reduction

It is difficult to make an average estimation of the cost of H.T. current

receiver is used elsewhere.

By F. G. Rayer

off, the current consumed by the eliminator will usually be insufficient to turn the meter!

Components Required

Little difficulty need arise in wiring up. but some guidance on the components is necessary. The transformer may be for the actual house supply voltage, or have tappings for 200/250 V. Alternatively, a 250 V transformer can be used on any voltage up to this figure. Assuming up to 120 V H.T. output will be required, the transformer can have a 125 V H.T. secondary. (And desired lower H.T. voltages can be obtained by using a resistance.) The winding may be rated at 25 milliamps. Any current up to

this maximum figure can then be drawn.

The rectifier is a half-wave 125 V type. It also can be rated at about 25 ma. Alternatively, the 40 or 60 ma rectifiers sold for mains sets can be used equally well, though much smaller currents will be drawn by battery sets.

The smoothing choke can be of any usual mains-receiver type. As the current is small, even the smallest type of choke designed for mains sets can be used. These are usually rated at 40 ma. With small 1 or 2 valve sets, a 5000 ohm

CHOKE 60,000 CLIP **RECTIFIER**

The wiring plan of the eliminator

from batteries, but this will usually range from about £1 to £3 a year. The cost of current consumed by an eliminator of this type will not normally exceed 2/6 a year. In actual fact, if other equipment in the house is switched

resistor can be used instead of the choke.

For smoothing, a double condenser is shown, but single condensers are equally suitable. The capacity may be 8μF each, and this is not critical. The

condensers may be of 250 V to 350 V working rating. The $2\,\mu\mathrm{F}$ condenser can be of the smaller 125 V paper type. This, again, is not critical. Where voltage dropping resistors are necessary, these can be of the usual carbon type, which cost only a few pence each.

Points on Construction

Wiring will be apparent from the plan. Special care is required with the transformer primary and mains leads, which should be fully insulated and of good flex. No bare joints or con-nections should be left, or shocks may be experienced from these.

Some types of condenser may require a fixing clip. With electrolytic condensers the polarity will be marked, and this must be observed, positive leads or tags going to the H.T. positive and choke side of the circuit.

Where a dropper resistor is to be included, loops and small bolts permit the valve to be changed readily. The H.T. output leads should terminate in a suitable socket strip. With all-dry sets, the socket strip from an exhausted H.T. battery is suitable, and will allow the H.T. plug of the receiver to be inserted. With larger sets using separate H.T. plugs, sockets large enough to take these are required.

The completed eliminator may be enclosed in a wooden box for protection. If leads are attached to the eliminator to take to the receiver these should not be allowed to short-circuit to each other, or rectifier, choke or transformer may be damaged. An H.T. fuse may be included in the H.T. circuit if

there is much possibility of such shorts arising.

Output Adjustments

Wired as described, the H.T.2 point will give a voltage suitable for the type of receiver which normally uses a battery of about 120 V. Some sets employ a 90 V battery; others a 67½ V battery. In such cases the H.T.2 socket voltage must be dropped to these figures, as some types of valves employed in portables must not receive higher voltages. The voltage is dropped by wiring a resistor in at the point marked 'X' in the plan. If the value of this resistor is to be higher than about 3000 ohms, then the smoothing choke can be omitted altogether.

With the value shown, the H.T.1 socket will deliver 60 V at 1 ma. This is

suitable for most detector stages where a separate H.T. plug is inserted in a 48 to 72 V socket on the battery. If a different voltage is required, this can be obtained by using a resistor of a different value.

The required resistance value can easily be found from Ohm's Law. First decide on the voltage to be dropped in the resistor. This will be found by taking the required H.T. voltage from 120. For example, if a 90 V H.T.

supply is wanted, 30 V will have to be dropped. Similarly, if 67½ V is required, about 53 V need to be dropped.

The H.T. current consumption of the set should then be found. This can be done by measurement, or by looking up

the valves in a valve book and adding together the H.T. currents of them all. Or the following figures can be used as a guide:-

1-valver, consumption about 1 ma. Detector/L.F. 2-valver, about 4 to

Detector/Output 2-valver, about 8 to

'All-dry' 4 valve portables, about 8 to

10 ma. Average 3 and 4 valve table set, 10 to

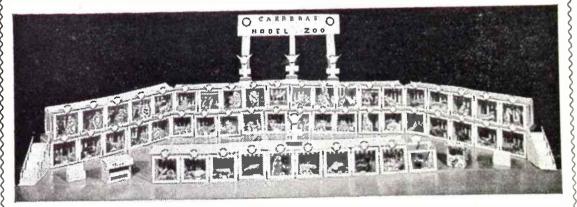
12 ma. To find the resistance required,

divide the voltage to be dropped by the current flowing, the latter being expressed as a fraction of an amp. As 1000 ma equal I amp., 10 ma would be 01 amp., and so on. To check any possible error, the following table can be consulted:-

Current Flowing	Resistance Required
5 ma	6000 ohms
5 ma	10000 ohms approx.
10 ma	3000 ohms
10 ma	5000 ohms approx.
1 ma	60000 ohms
2 ma	30000 ohms
l ma	120000 ohms
	5 ma 10 ma 10 ma 1 ma 2 ma

The rectifier must also be connected in the polarity shown on the diagram. The usual positive and negative signs may be present, or red and black markings to indicate positive and negative respectively.

A Miniature Zoo from Cigarette Packets



This photograph shows a complete miniature zoo of 50 animals, made from pictures printed on the backs of inside slides of packets of Turf cigarettes-a very good example of applied ingenuity.

How to Avoid 'Fuzzy Troubles'



Rhythmic motion of ship correctly judged

TUZZY negatives due to incorrect focusing are not the subject of this article - they are readily recognisable because of general 'woolliness of the image, though some planes may be sharply defined. And differential focusing-focusing so that your main object is sharp, while foreground or background is out of focus-is a wellknown device to attract attention to your main object.

No, we're looking at negatives 'fuzzed' through movement-and this can come through movement of subject matter or movement of the camera at the moment of exposure. These two are clearly differentiated.

Take the first. You snap a train or car or a child who just won't stay stillresult, the main object is blurred, though other details are sharp. In this case, of course, you need a higher shutter speed to off-set subject movement. And this brings in other problems: your correct exposure is regulated by shutter speed and the amount of light reaching the negative through the lens aperture, its f No. or stop. Increasing your shutter speed means that with a given amount of light falling on your subject, you have to open the lens aperture, to use more light. And you know that depth of focus alters as you increase or decrease the lens aperture. With your lens open wider you may not be able to get sufficient depth of focus—

but you're not beaten! For these difficult cases you can have a faster film, use a developer that will make the most of your film's speed rating.

Now take the second type of fuzziness-camera movement or shake at the very moment of exposure. This is deadly, it can cancel out all your care in focusing, selecting a suitable aperture and high shutter speed!

Make Test Exposures

'But I 'never get camera shake', you say! I wonder? Recent investigation of this seems to suggest that at speeds slower than 1/50 sec.—even, maybe, slower than 1/100 sec.—camera shake is a bogey. Remember, the shake that doesn't show itself on a contact print can be readily detectable on big enlargements. Make some test exposures around 1/25 to 1/100 sec. with the camera hand-held, then do the same with the camera on a tripod. And examine the negatives critically through a magnifier, or make large scale enlargements of portions of each set of negatives. The results may well surprise

But who wants to luga tripod around? It's inconvenient, takes time to set up. gets in the way, and generally gets left at home! So what can we do to minimise this bogey-and leave the tripod at home?

The first thing is, obviously, to hold

By E. G. Gaze

your camera so that it is as rock-steady as possible during exposure. The eyelevel camera, with both hands gripping its body and only a finger tip poised to press the shutter release, can gain additional anchorage by being pressed firmly against your face or forehead. The waist-level reflex type with a focusing screen can be steadied by shortening the neck or shoulder straps. so that the camera is supported against your chest, with the strap firmly pressing against the back of your neck. In either case you aid your hand-grip for steadying purposes.

Constant Practice

Both of these hints are common-place in photographic manuals and camera instruction leaflets. But they need practice-practise your hold on the camera before you use it, just as you familiarise yourself with the shutter and focusing settings. And find your own most comfortably held position. A hold that is uncomfortable for you is wrong for you-whatever anyone else does.

Remember, you're trying to turn yourself into a human tripod-but a hold that is uncomfortable becomes a strain, and a strain causes nervous reaction. It must be a cultivated hold that becomes part of your 'snapping' technique almost without conscious effortstrain and too much conscious effort is like trying to hold a rifle's sights on the target bull for too long. You defeat your own ends.

So practise until you do it un-

consciously—that rock-steady hold.
But 'hold' by itself isn't enough. Your pressure on the shutter release must be sweet and smooth, no jerk. Think of squeezing a rifle trigger-a first pressure, and then the final squeeze. A smooth first pressure—then the final follow through, so that the shutter trips almost of its own accord. Again-it's practice! And how important this shutter technique can be is emphasised by the very fact that special balanced releases can be obtained for some cameras—so that the shutter is held almost on a hair line for pressure.

The cable release, if one is used, must be smooth in all its travel. Some folks being its travel. find it a great help towards smooth release, and get over the common fault of having to take one hand from the camera—hence breaking up their first

rule of rock-steady hold-by fixing the cable to the camera body by a clip, so that only one, or two, fingers operate the release. If your camera is complete with a delayed action you can set this to a short delay, hold rock steady-and let the shutter trip by pure internal mechanism; but this has a drawback-when you must expose at a moment under your own control, as when taking a moving object.

Wait for the Lull

Another snag to watch for, and often overlooked, is the wind. Outdoors on a windy day you are buffeted-so is a tripod unless it is of really solid construction and reasonably heavy-no use doing your rock-steady hold and soft release if you're swaying like a shaken reed! But wind usually has a rhythm, a series of steady blasts and lulls-watch for the luli, or the steady pressure that you can brace against—then expose.

Sensing the rhythm of any movement acting upon you is also necessary if you are on a moving object and photographing from it. The motion of a train, a car, even of a ship in a normal 'sea' has a rhythmic quality—a regularity, an even spacing of the motion, often rising and falling to a momentarily reached lull when equilibrium is reached. This moment may be only for a fraction of a second, but so usually is your exposure speed-sense that moment and expose at that moment.

But there is one type of movement which is deadly-vibration! A train, a



Vibration-descriptive of an explosion

car, a ship, is mechanically propelledit is easy for vibration to run over every portion of it, including right under your feet. And it only makes matters worse to brace more of your body against part of the structure-you receive a bigger dose of those vibrations, they run right over you, including your camera!

So a firm stance, your best rock-

steady hold and gentle shutter releaseand insulate yourself against vibration by having as little bodily contact with it as possible! And use your highest shutter speed that film and light will

Sometimes Useful

Even vibration can be of use photographically-when you want to show that very type of movement on your print. The occasion may not often arise, but when it does it can be used.

The two illustrations show how to make use of a rhythmic motion, and a use for vibration.

The first was taken when the rhythmic motion of the ship, carrying the photographer, was correctly judged and exposure made at that time-the snap of the depth-charge explosion shows a clear-cut image of the fountain of water heaved upwards from the sea.

The second was timed as near as possible at the moment of firing a depth-charge from the ship-its explosive assisted take-off, in fact-and the photographer braced against the superstructure received the vibrations, so did his camera! Result-a fuzzed negative, yet the very fuzziness is descriptive of vibration, of the force of an explosion. The stem of the depthcharge is just caught, hurtling out of the picture frame.

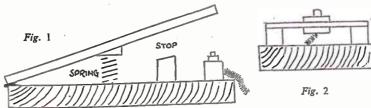
So, remember-fuzzy negative can be cured. Practise camera hold, practise shutter release, till both become unconsciously firm and smooth. If you are in movement, then sense the rhythm of it and time your moment of exposure in accord. And, occasionally, you may find some photographic use for vibration,

Making a Simple Foot Switch

HE main advantage of a foot switch is that the hands are left free for manipulative purposes when engaged in contact printing or enlarging. During the latter process it is frequently necessary to burn-in some portion or hold back another, when one feels that four hands would be very

provide a means of return. A stop is also attached to the base to prevent the footpiece being depressed too heavily and breaking the switch.

The switch itself is one of those small push-on, push-off type used for table lamps, which can be bought cheaply. It is possible that the switch may require



usefull

Construction of a foot switch (Fig. 1) is simple. A piece of lin. shelving is cut for the base measuring 3ins. by 9ins. The footpiece is prepared from a piece of plywood or hardboard of the same dimensions and hinged to the base. A wedge-shaped block is attached to the footpiece with a suitable spring to

mounting on a thin piece of plywood attached to blocks, as in Fig. 2.

While the sketch shows the simple arrangement to produce a practical gadget it may be mentioned that sides could be fitted to make a better job. In this case the footpiece must be cut wider to engage with the sides, which will also obviate the need for a stop. (S.H.L.)

Because glue is such an essential feature of the equipment of woodworkers and model makers, we have asked our contributor, R. H. Warring, to describe the different types obtainable and their uses. In Part 1 he writes on 'natural' glues. In subsequent issues he will describe synthetic and rubber-base adhesives.

HIS is the era of the synthetic glue and yet, despite the advent of what amounts to a vast, new industry, the 'traditional' types of glues continue to survive and be used alongside their modern counterparts.

To a certain extent this is due to the fact that the enhanced performance of the synthetic adhesives is often only obtained at greater expense and more complicated or more difficult manner of usage. Some have but limited storage life, making them particularly un-attractive for the small users. Others may also require both heat and pressure to set properly—a complication often not justified in the home workshop.

Difficult to Classify

Yet since the properties of some of these modern adhesives may be just what is wanted for a particular application, the amateur worker should know something about them. Unfortunately, they are now so numerous in number and type that it is difficult, at first, to classify them in some suitable arrangement based on type, performance, etc. Technically, too, it is difficult to differentiate between various forms of modern synthetic resins without introducing long, strange-sounding names which have little meaning to the majority of people. These articles are mainly concerned with sorting out the various glue types in a practical manner and, as such, will gloss over technicalities. If more information is required on such a subject, then the reader is advised to consult the glue manufacturers concerned, who are usually most co-operative.

Very broadly, glues and adhesives may be sub-divided into two main groups-those derived from 'natural' materials, and those from synthetics. Into the former category come the vegetable, fish and animal glues or the bulk of what are now termed the 'traditional' glues. According to the particular composition such glues are suitable for cold or hot use and can give quite excellent joint strengths, particularly in the joining of wood and porous materials. They are also easily mixed and easily used. Among their disadvantages are relatively slow drying (often requiring the use of clamps to hold in place until set); poor stability of the glued joint exposed to water or moisture (which tends to redissolve the

glue), or heat (which may 'craze' or cause a chemical change in the dried glue); and unsuitability for joining nonporous materials, more and more of which come into the hands of the present-day hobby worker.

That is not to say that the useful life of such glues is finished. Far from it. In a good many cases they are quite suitable for the job and, being cheap and easy to use, there is no need to look further for a suitable adhesive. Furthermore, many modern glues of this type can be used for joining non-porous surfaces where absolute joint strength is not a critical factor.

To simplify matters we can say that 'natural' glues are normally of one or two types, according to the origin—vegetable or animal (including fish). The solvent in both cases is water and hence such glued joints are not waterproof, although, depending on the formulation, they may be water-resistant (i.e. water or moisture softens the glue joint by tending to re-dissolve the solid glue, which sets again when dried out). Thus they may stand up to occasional exposure to damp, but will fail under continual exposure to water.

No Lumps

The main use of vegetable glues, such as gum arabic, is for gluing paper to wood, and gluing papers and card together, etc. The glue can be made quite thin and retain excellent drying properties. Thus it is easy to smear on with the finger, apply by brush, etc., without producing lumps or 'jelly spots' which might prove difficult to work level when one of the materials being joined is relatively fragile. One of the handiest gadgets in this field is the LePage 'Gripspreader'—a slotted rub-ber nozzle which fits the top of the glue bottle and enables the gum to be spread direct without having to remove a cork or cap, or use a brush. The type of glue used in the LePage's 'Gripspreader' is gum arabic. It is an excellent medium for applying glue to full-size patterns, etc., ready for pasting down on to wood, as, of course, is any other vegetable glue applied by any other

Animal glues tend generally to be rather thicker and again, broadly speaking, are of two main types—those which can be used cold and those which have to be heated to render them liquid

enough to use. The latter are normally solid at room temperatures, either in the form of a rigid jelly or a hard, brittle mass. The main reason for using a hot glue, which requires the complication of a glue pot to bring to working tem-perature, is that such animal glues set quicker, generally give maximum strength for the type, i.e. the resulting joint strength is slightly higher than that obtained from cold animal glues, or those which remain liquid at room temperatures, although this is no universal rule.

Packed in Tubes

A specific advantage of the cold animal glues, however, is that since they are ready for use they can be packaged in tubes for convenience of use. Where only small quantities of glue are required, and use is only occasional, a tube of glue is much easier to use than a tin, which necessitates the glue being spread by brush or similar means.

There are numerous glues of this type, packaged both in tubes (for small or occasional use) and tins, ranging in size from 4 ounces up to 28lbs. (for the large scale user). Both Croid Universal glue and LePage's Liquid glue (fish-type) are marketed in these forms. Other proprietary animal glues of the cold type are sold in tubes, e.g. Seccotine, while the hot glues are, of course, invariably sold in solid packages, such

While such glues (hot or cold) may be used for gluing paper to wood, etc., their main application is for making wood joints. As such they are the 'general purpose' glues of the amateur carpenter and woodworker, for all jointing, veneering, general woodworking, etc. Hot-type glues are sometimes preferred where quick setting is required. The strength of some of the present cold type formulations is comparable with that of the best of the hot glues. The main difference in performance between the best of the hot and cold (liquid) types is in setting time, the hot glues being much quicker setting (4-8 hours average, as compared with 8-24 hours).

Cold liquid animal glues are also used for sticking leather, paper, cardboard and similar porous materials, and also to a more limited extent for sticking laminated plastics, etc. Both hot and cold animal glues have a wide

industrial as well as amateur application, and may be employed for such severe duties as sticking emery discs to grinding wheels, etc. Their industrial application in the furniture trade is now, however, seriously challenged by the modern synthetic resin

adhesives.

Possibly nearest to the natural glues in type are the dextrin adhesives, usually manufactured in the form of a thick, sometimes almost solid, white paste. They are clean and easy to use, spread well and dry quickly. They are particularly suitable for affixing thin, porous materials to a porous backing, such as mounting photographs, or sticking papers or card, etc. A number of dextrin adhesives are packaged in tubes (e.g. Croid No. 22), although it is more usual to find them in squat widetopped jars or tins (Gripfix, Bondfix, etc.). In the latter case a good shelf life is ensured by covering the top of the paste with a waxed seal before fitting the lid. When this seal is removed, i.e. when the jar is opened for use, the

exposed paste will continue slowly to

'NATURAL' GLUES SUMMARISED

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Туре	Formation	Typical Properties
Vegetable	Gum Arabic, etc. In water solutions.	Office Type Gums. Sticking paper to wood, etc.
Animal	Mammal and Fish Glues. (i) In solution (cold). (ii) Solid (not).	General purpose Woodworking Ad- hesives, Joint strengths generally comparable. Hot glues, quick setting. Cold glues, slow setting.
Dextrin	Gum Starch (Dextrin). Solutions and Pastes. White colour — water soluble.	Office and Photographic Pastes, etc. Especially useful for sticking paper to wood, etc.
Protein (Casein)	Casein —Water solution. Made up when required for use.	Semi-waterproof, strong setting. Improved performance for wood- working joints, etc. Improved specific adhesion to other surfaces.

harden and solidify, even when recapped. However, provided the paste is never allowed to dry into hard, solid lumps, it can always be re-worked to the required consistency by adding a little water and then mixing or whipping up as thick cream. For certain applications, in fact, such as gluing paper to wood or sticking tissue to model aircraft frames (particularly over sheet

balsa), it is advisable to thin the normally solid dextrin paste with water before use. It then goes on more evenly

Dextrin is still a natural material in that it is, essentially, a starch gum. Similarly casein is a protein found in milk (and one of the principle constituents of cheese), but a natural product which can be used to develop a rather different type of adhesive. Reduced to powder form it dissolves readily in water to produce a glue which sets by chemical action, this action being irreversible. Thus a typical casein glue, although made up as a water solution, produces a highly water-resistant joint on setting. It is also

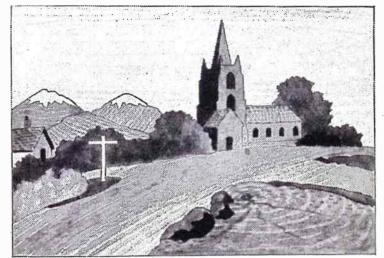
largely unaffected by heat.

Casein glues of this type have excellent joint strength values used on wood (generally superior to animal glues), plus this advantage of being waterproof. They are suitable for gluing a wider range of materials, including wood to metal, laminated plastics to wood, etc. They are also gap-filling to a certain extent, which property can be enhanced by mixing a proportion of sawdust, flour and

whiting with the liquid solution.

No casein glue is completely waterproof, however. If a joint is subject to prolonged immersion the joint will soften regaining full strength if re-moved and dried. Under continual immersion softening would continue until the joint eventually failed. In this respect it is inferior to the synthetic resin type, although it possesses the advantage over these types of being nonsensitive to temperature as regards setting time. Like the synthetic resins, though, deterioration of the glue powder gradually takes place with time during storage, but normal shelf life is usually quite long, at least a year. Once made up into solution, of course, pot life is limited. This may be a matter of an hour or so, or overnight, according to the formulation. An industrial-type casein glue (e.g. Casco A.1) enables surplus glue from one day's working to be mixed with a fresh lot prepared on the following day.

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..... The Picture is shown full size on page 415

Why not go Hiking at Easter?

ERHAPS it is not easy to decide upon that grand walking tour you are hoping to enjoy this year. It is an important business—this choosing a route. So many parts of this country are full of good things; every byway and bridle road crammed with potential ioys; every road a call of its own; every district its attractions. A wide choice of good walking country is yours.

To plan is not quite as simple as it may seem. It is often difficult for the beginner, especially if he intends to go alone. If with one or more companions, then it is possible to go into 'committee' and pool ideas.

Avoid Main Roads

Let us briefly glance at some of the possibilities. First a few tips-plan your trip to avoid, wherever you can, the main trunk and arterial roads. If necessary, and it often is, do the early stages by 'bus or train, which will take you to a selected starting-point. The bus especially is the hiker's friend, for by its aid one can get right into the heart of the country clear of built-up areas-and this cuts out a lot of monotonous foot-slogging. The railways, too, cater splendidly for walkers, and there is no difficulty in choosing a walking tour in conjunction with a train journey out and home.

Stick to the byways, bridle roads, field paths, and moorland tracks. It is good fun to explore the old greeny by-lanes that radiate from many country hamlets; it is possible to find a way from village to village, and never have to do more than cross over a main highway. With a bit of care when

By Arthur Sharp

plotting by the O.S. map you may discover and trace out many such

Walk at a regular steady pace; rest for a short time at intervals, or do a little sightseeing where a 'surprise' view or some interesting village calls for a little exploration. Try and arrange to include interesting things en routeancient castles and churches, moated houses, and so on, Carry only the necessities in your rucksack-to reduce the load. Wear easy clothing suitable for the occasion, for it is well said that 'half the pleasure of rambling is lost if unsuitable clothes are worn. A little care at the outset will save a great deal of trouble later on'.

Footwear for Comfort

The hiker cannot be happy and emoy every step of the route unless he or she gives more than a passing thought to footwear. Obtain a pair of stout, but not too cumbersome, well-made boots or shoes. For hill walks and mountains, boots are preserable. It is quite impossible to enjoy your holiday if your feet become sore and tender. A blistered heel can be an awful nuisance-and painful!

See, then, that your footwear is comfortable. There must be room in your boots or shoes for the toes to move, but the heel should not slip, as this will cause blisters. It is bad economy to buy inferior hiking wear. Always endeavour to get your boots or shoes 'broken in' before starting on a long

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Rocking Duck Toy

each side, will do, and for easy placing mark the outline of 14 ins. strips on the inside, remove seat, bore through to the outside, and you have the exact position of the screws.

The seat and seat back can now be covered. The covering can be fixed on with brass round-headed nails or chromium cup-headed screws. The screws are more distinctive. A little padding would add to the comfort. Anything reasonable will do, such as cotton wool, an old sock cut up or even soft paper or dried moss.

To strengthen the duck when rocking, a Hins, by Jin, spar is screwed on the front and back. The front spar can be used as a foot rest and fixed to suit the

child. They are screwed down to the rockers.

A handhold is all that is needed to complete the toy. This can be made from a discarded brush handle. Cut to fit in between the sides at head height. It is held in place by a screw through each side. The position of the handlehold may have to be altered to suit the stretch of the child.

A flat cream to all parts, except the bill, is quite a satisfactory finish. For the bill, a bright red, although unorthodox, gives a marked contrast and its colour is highly pleasing to a child,

Beady eyes are obtained from roundhead screws. The shortest No. 6 your dealer can supply are required. (A,D.)

tour. Wear them on short walks, so that they get bedded, as it were, to your feet. Keep them well-dubbined, to keep the leather soft. For cross-country and hills have footwear well studded.

Wear good, fairly thick wool stockings or socks. Thin stuff will soon wear into holes and cause blisters. Some ramblers find it a wise plan to wear two pairs at a time, one pair-the inner-being thinner than the outer. Take a spare pair when on a long trek.

You may bathe your feet in salt water to harden them, before setting off on the Easter tour. Keep toe-nails cut fairly short and square. If at the end of the first day's tramp, you discover tender spots or blisters on your feet, apply vaseline or boric ointment to the affected parts. To prevent blisters rub a little vaseline over and in between the toes and heels prior to putting on your socks or stockings; or smear the inside of them with plain yellow soap, wetted. Rubbing the feet with methylated spirit is said to harden the skin.

Be Prepared

It is wise to be prepared for a cold spell at Eastertime, while the Spring is still young. Therefore, carry a woollen sweater or pullover in case of chilly winds, and a light mackintosh which can be neatly folded. Or take a weatherproof cape, cut full to cover the rucksack or pack without tightness and fitted with straps that enable the wearer to throw back the cape to hang loosely down the back. A compact first-aid outfit may come in useful in case of accident.

Don't clutter yourself with a lot of non-essentials. Keep your luggage down to the minimum. There's no fun in hiking loaded like a pack mule.

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Remember that if you are a member of the Youth Hostels Association you need have no fear of not being able to secure decent accommodation at night. But-and this is rather importantremember it is essential, or at least, much wiser-to make your arrangements in advance, if possible, especially at such holiday seasons as Easter and Whitsuntide.

Having selected the district you desire to explore, it is a good notion to procure a local Guide Book covering the region, and look through it for particulars of accommodation and refreshment available, particularly if you desire to keep independent of organisations, and go rambling alone. If you prefer company join a rambling club or the Ramblers' Association.

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Harmful to Goldfish

JS plastic (i.e. plastic articles and A small plastic chippings) in any way injurious to goldfish? After cleaning out my 'aquarium, I installed a couple of small plastic toys and some coloured plastic chippings. Since this operation I have lost all my goldfish. They showed no apparent signs of illness and to all appearances were good healthy fish. You may be able to offer an alternative reason why these fish, after years of good health, should die so suddenly. (C.A.G.— Rainham.)

I'm would appear that there is some injurious element about the plastic toys that contaminated the water of your aquarium. Definitely we do not hold with putting anything of that nature into an aquarium. It would be much better if suitable aquarium rocks and arches were employed for ornamentation. These and shells may be used and can be had from most aquarium dealers. Before restocking your aquarium, give it a good cleaning out, rinsing it well with several lots of fresh water. When terior space, perhaps, not being sufficient, but we do suggest you contact Singers through one of their branch shops and ascertain definitely about that. They may supply the necessary apparatus.

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TS it possible to mix copper sulphate and paraffin? (L.M.—Tredegar.) 70Ú evidently mean, can you L dissolve copper sulphate in paraffin oil (kerosene). Unfortunately this is chemically impossible, even on heating the paraffin, and there is no other means of inducing it to dissolve. If you mean is it safe to mix solid copper sulphate and paraffin to a paste, the answer is ves, for they have no chemical affinity and consequently nothing unto-

Rust Holes in Tank

ward can occur.

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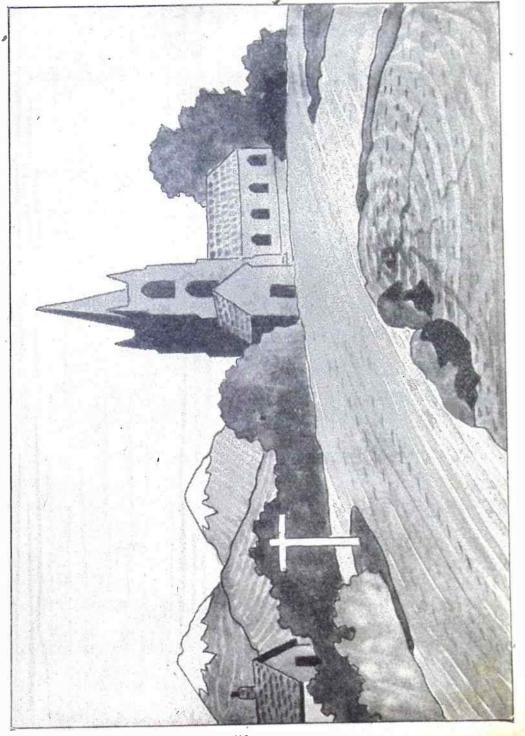
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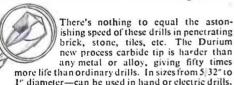
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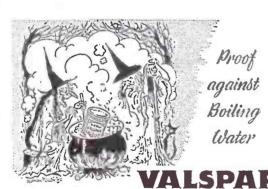
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