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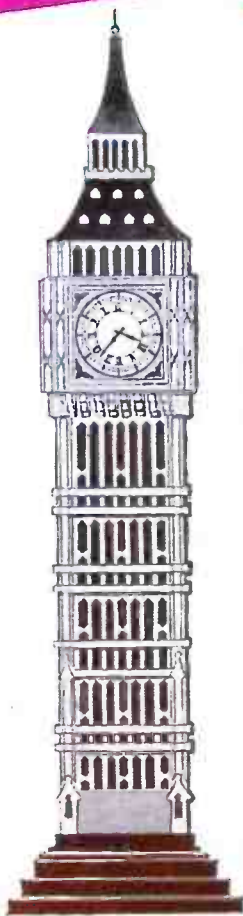
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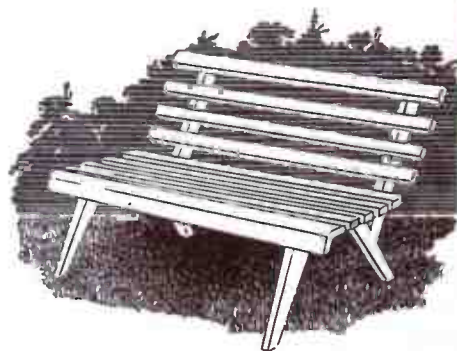
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MARK Antony named July after Julius Cæsar, who was born in this month, and who reconstructed the calendar.

Julius Cæsar is depicted on the 7½ cent Italian stamp of 1929 — 2d. used.

Some July anniversaries are:
5th, 1853, Cecil Rhodes born — Rhodes appears on a Southern Rhodesian stamp of 1940 — 4d. mint.

9th, 1947, Royal engagement (Princess Elizabeth) — Southern Rhodesian stamp of 1947 showing Queen Elizabeth II as Princess — 5d. mint.

13th, 1837, Queen Victoria moved into Buckingham Palace — New Zealand stamp of 1953 depicting Buckingham Palace — 2d. used.

18th, 1947, Indian Independence Bill — Indian stamp of 1947 showing National Flag — 4d. used.

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20th, 1944, Hitler assassination plot — Hitler appears on German stamps of 1942.

28th, 1833, Slavery abolished — Spanish Guinea stamp of 1952 depicting Native Man — 2d. mint.

29th, 1883, Mussolini born — Hitler and Mussolini appear on Italian stamps of 1941 — 1d. used.

Now is the time to collect specimens of beautiful or rare plants, which may be preserved in the following manner:

Place the plant, when fresh, between several sheets of blotting-paper, and iron it with a large smooth heater, pretty strongly warmed, till all the moisture is dissipated. The flowers may be afterwards fixed down to the



paper with gum or transparent gum-strip, and then ironed again, by which means they become almost incorporated with the paper. Some botanists prefer to tack the plant in place with fine cotton.

At this season, all potted window plants require to be carefully and liberally supplied with water. Do not allow any to remain in the saucer under the pot.

When window plants are carelessly allowed to become too dry, the earth separates from the sides of the pot, and all the water you may then give escapes through the gap thus formed, without being of any benefit to the roots of the plants. The best remedy is to immerse the pot up to the rim in water for a few minutes, then take it out and let the superfluous moisture drain off before placing it back in the window.

Stamps: Cuba 1955, 4 values depicting flowers in pot — 1s. 9d. mint. Match labels: Yugoslavia 1958, 24 covers depicting flowers and plants — 3s. 0d. mint. Many cheese labels also depict flowers.

'In this month is St. Swithin's day,
On which if that it rain they say,
Full forty days after it will
On more or less some rain distil.'

Finally a holiday stamp — New Zealand 1948, Health — Boy Sunbathing and Children Playing — 8d. mint.

CHILDREN may be taught many Christian principles through the medium of the stamp album. For example, a Red Indian Chief is depicted on an American stamp of 1922 — 14 cent blue — cat. 6d. mint.

Here is a little bedtime talk about Indian names:

The Indians used to give their babies only temporary names. Their real names

NAMING A CHILD



had to be earned when they got older. Thus, some good girl was named Bluebird, Snow Flower, Spring Wind, Sunshine or something else which showed how people felt about her. Boys, when they grew older and joined the hunting parties, were given names such as Brown Bear, Running Wolf, Black Eagle or Thunder Stone.

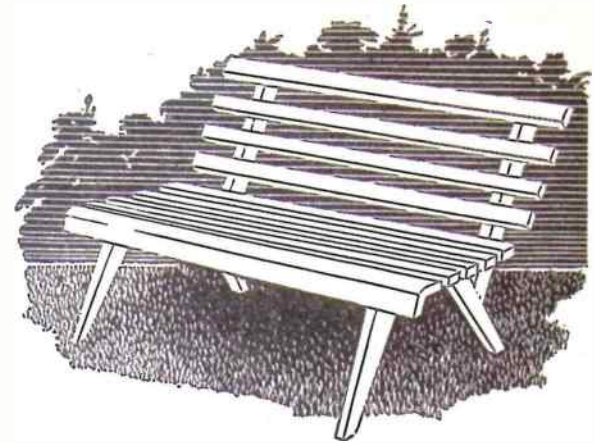
Something of the kind would probably happen to boys and girls of today if their real naming was left until they had grown at least to a junior age or until they had earned a suitable name. Then we might get names for boys like Helping Hand, Brave Lad, Great Heart, Faithful, or Mouth of Truth, and girls might be called Sunny Smile, Blue Flower, or Hope.

There are, however, a few boys and girls who might not have earned such delightful names as those, and they might have to be called Scowler, Shirk, Unreliable or Cheat.

What do you think would be your name?

Handyman's project

LIGHTWEIGHT SEAT FOR THE GARDEN



THE construction and weight of this seat makes it easy to move about the garden. One person can carry it without difficulty. Although it is of a streamlined contemporary appearance it is quite sturdy when assembled. The length is 4 ft. 6 in. and the overall height about 32 in.

The seat is formed of two end frames, consisting of pieces 1, 2, 3, and 4, and slats of 1½ in. by 1 in. or ¾ in. wood. The diagram in Fig. 1 shows the general arrangement and Figs. 2 and 3 show how the pieces are assembled. All parts are halved together as shown.

To get the correct sizes of the various pieces it is advisable to draw out the end view full size on a large sheet of grease-proof, or brown paper. The wood can then be marked out accordingly.

Commence by drawing three parallel lines — AB, CD and EF as indicated in Fig. 4. Draw in the three perpendiculars, spaced out as shown. It is now a simple matter to draw in the various pieces from the measurements shown. Start with the back support (1) and then the back leg (2).

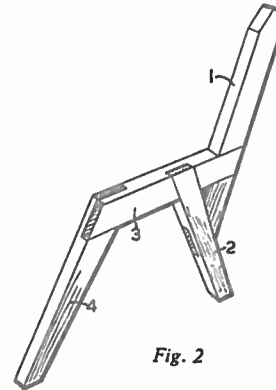


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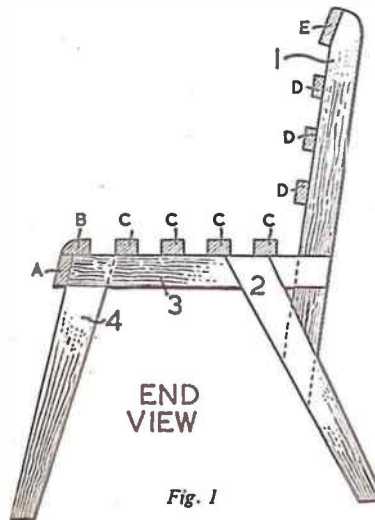


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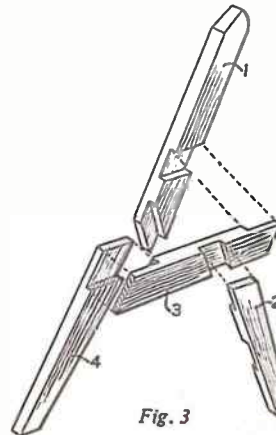


Fig. 3

Finish with the seat support (3) and the front leg (4).

All these pieces are cut from 1½ in. thick timber, and are screwed and glued together. Use waterproof glue and countersink the screws, filling the heads with plastic wood.

The slats are all 4 ft. 6 in. long and are fixed in the following order. A (2½ in. by ¾ in.), B (2 in. by 1 in.), C (1½ in. by 1 in.), D (1½ in. by ¾ in.) and E (2½ in. by ¾ in.). Fix all these with countersunk screws, filling the heads before painting.

Finish off by giving a coat of wood preservative and then a coat of pink primer. One undercoat and one finishing coat of gloss enamel will give a good appearance. (M.h.)

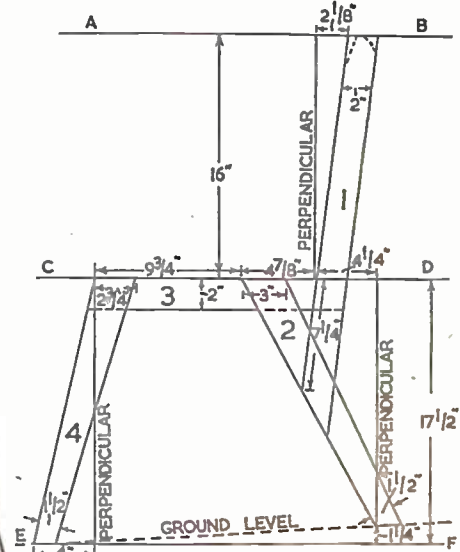


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Out with a camera

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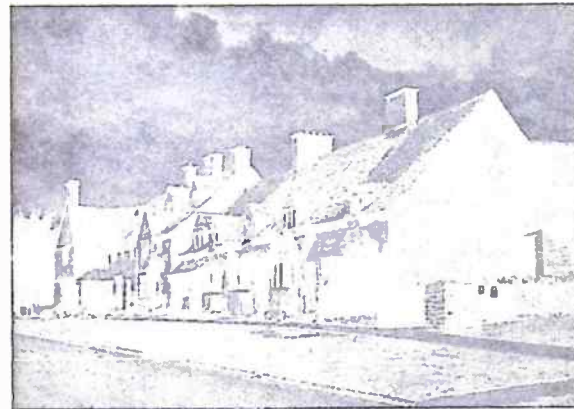
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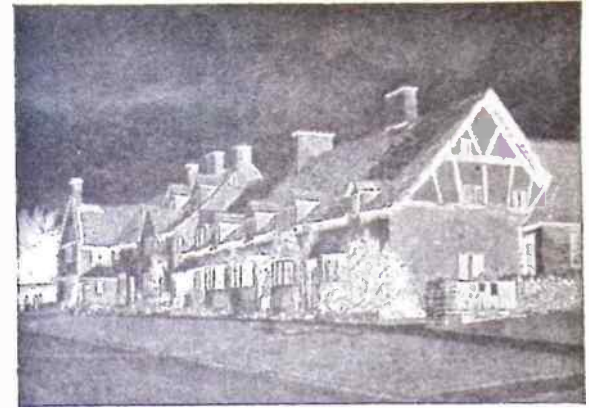
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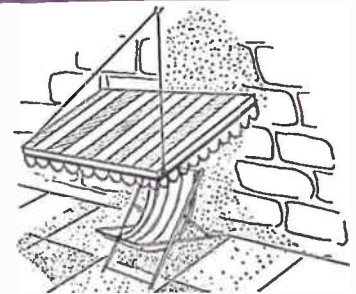
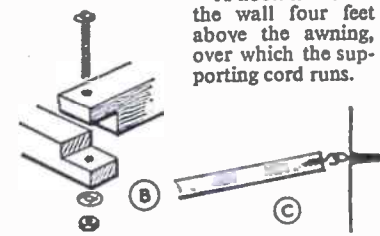
HERE is an easily made sun awning which can be quickly put in place or taken down — an advantage in our changeable climate. Designed to be fixed to a wall with hooks, all it consists of is a light wooden frame covered with deck-chair canvas, and supported by cord from above, so that the space below is unobstructed.

The size of the awning depends on individual requirements, but 6 ft. by 4 ft. is reasonable. The frame A is made of 1 in. square wood, jointed as shown in B.

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A hook is fixed in the wall four feet above the awning, over which the supporting cord runs.



The cover is made from deck-chair canvas, stitched together to give the required width. It should extend 6 in. over the frame at each side and at the front, and is held to the frame with upholstery tacks, the extra canvas at the front and sides being left to hang down.

Strong cord should be used to support the awning at the angle desired, and by slipping the cord off the hook, the awning can be swung down snugly against the wall when it is not in use. (A.L.)



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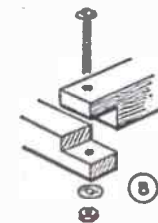
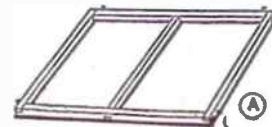
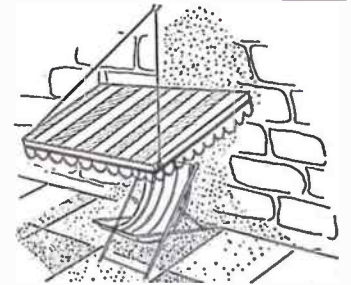
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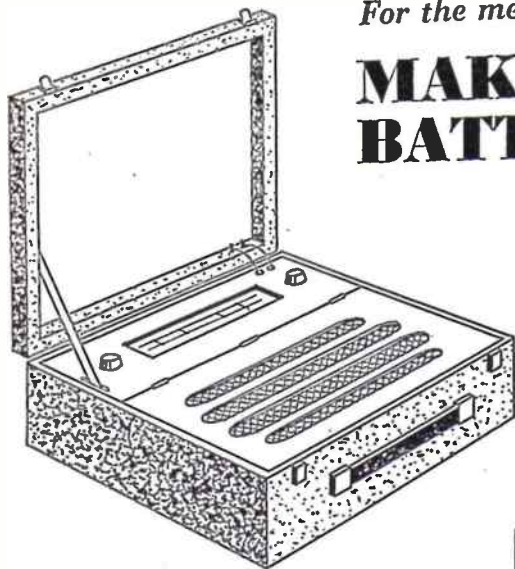
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For the medium waveband

MAKE THIS HANDY BATTERY PORTABLE

By
A. Fraser



A UNIVERSALLY portable radio set is always useful. Whether one is out in the country, or on a business trip, or laid up in bed, one's favourite programmes need not be missed. Moreover, it is a good standby if ever the family set goes wrong.

The circuit is a conventional superhet, one that has proved popular in recent years, and the use of pre-aligned Intermediate Frequency Transformers makes it as easy to build as any straight T.R.F. set. The novice should have no difficulty in constructing it.

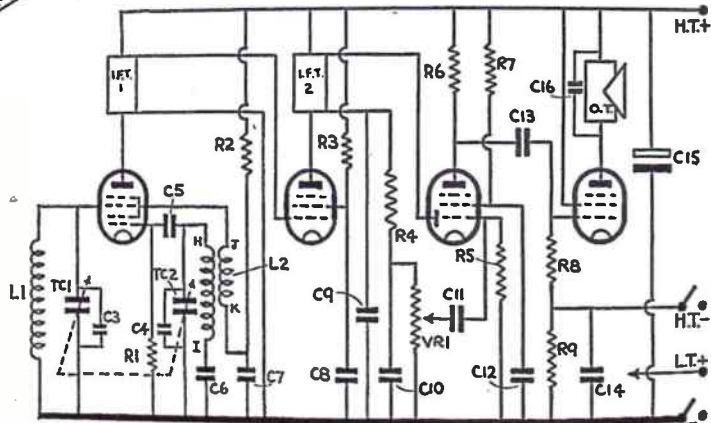
The cost of the whole set should amount to between £5 and £6. For a

little further expenditure a mains unit could be bought (or built) to fit in the case. This unit could be used in the home and the batteries saved for outdoor use.

The set receives only medium waves, but apart from this, it is equivalent to sets in the shops costing three times as much.

The building of the set falls into two parts — the receiver itself and the case to hold it. The receiver should be built first and the case fitted afterwards.

The chassis should be made first. Fig. 1 shows how it should be cut from one



Theoretical diagram

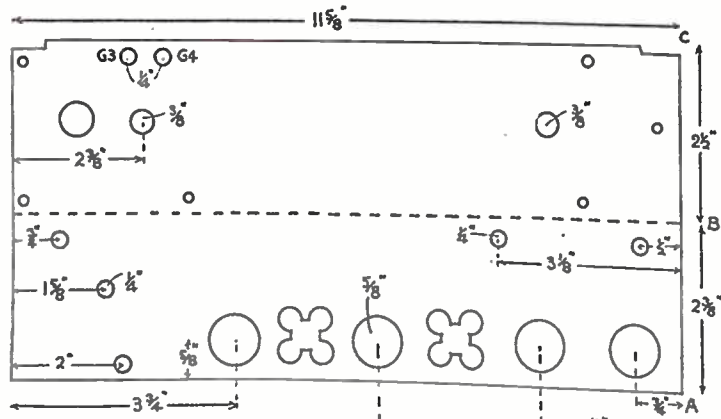


Fig. 1

flat sheet of aluminium. 20 to 22 gauge is most suitable. The thick dotted line indicates where it should be bent at right angles, after the cut-outs have been made. Fig. 2 shows how the main components will occupy the chassis eventually. Take care to bend the sheet in the right direction, as indicated by the letters A, B, C.

When the chassis is ready, the I.F.T.'s and valveholders, etc., can be fitted. Be sure to place these properly so that the pins are in the correct position as shown in the diagram (Fig. 3) of the under-chassis layout.

Tagboard 1 should be a 3-way type (i.e. 3 insulated tags and 1 earthed tag). The earth tag is removed and replaced by an ordinary soldering tag. The board is secured to the chassis by means of a 6B.A. bolt, a nut or washers being used between the chassis and board to raise

it off the chassis. This is to make certain of no accidental contact between chassis and the three insulated tags. The substituted solder tag beneath the 6B.A. bolt is used to earth one of the I.F.T. pins.

Tagboard 2 has 7 insulated tags and 2 earthed ones. The earthed ones are bent out straight and used to bolt the

1 insulated plus 1 earthed tag. Bend over the top of the insulated tag to save depth again. Tag 4 is similar.

Next attach all soldering tags used as earthing points. Bolt tightly down.

Add the volume control/switch on the upper chassis, then the oscillator coil L2, and the trimmers C3 and C4. (See Fig. 5.) Insert the rubber grommets where needed.

Finally add the tuning condenser. This should be a 3-hole front-fixing type, if possible.

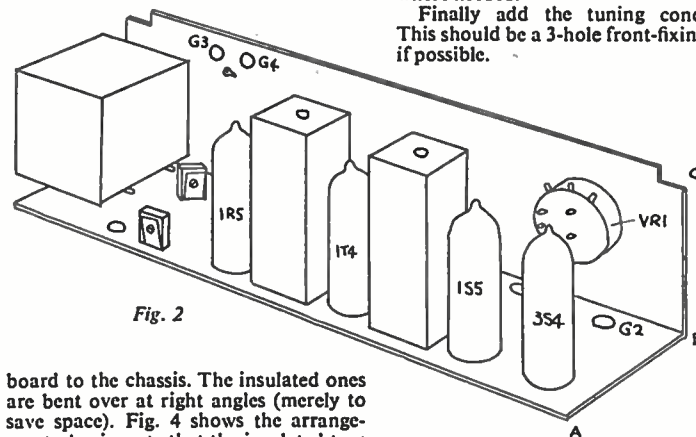


Fig. 2

board to the chassis. The insulated ones are bent over at right angles (merely to save space). Fig. 4 shows the arrangement. Again note that the insulated tags do not contact the chassis. Tag 3 is a

PARTS LIST

- T1, T2, twin-gang tuning condenser (midget).
- C3, C4, 50 pfd. trimmers.
- C6, 470 pfd.
- C5, C9, C10, .0001 mfd.
- C7, C8, C12, .1 mfd. 150-250V. working.
- C11, C13, .01 mfd. 150-250V. working.
- C14, 50 mfd. 12V. working.
- C15, 8 mfd. 150-250V. working.
- C16, .005 mfd.
- R1, 100K.
- R2, 15K.
- R3, 22K.
- R4, 47K.
- R5, 10 meg.
- R6, 1 meg.
- R7, 3-3 meg.
- R8, 2 meg.
- R9, 560 Ω.
- V.R.A., 1 meg. vol. control/D.P. switch.
- L2 Medium wave oscillator coil (e.g. Osrom Q08).
- L1 Medium wave frame aerial (e.g. Osrom QFA2).
- 2 I.F. transformers (pre-aligned) 'Rambler' portable type (obtained from Clyn Radio, 162 Holloway Road, London, N.7).
- Valves 1R5, 1T4, 1S5, 3S4.
- 4 B7G valveholders.
- Midget output transformer to match 3S4.
- 5 in. Elac loudspeaker.
- 2 1/2 in. drive drum, spindle, spring, cord.
- Suprex dial (Superior Radio Supplies, 37 Hillside, Stonebridge, N.W.10).
- 3 pulley wheels, 2 knobs.
- 1 H.T. battery plug, 1 L.T. plug.
- Ever-Ready batteries B126 (90V.) AD35 (1.5V.).
- Strap handle, case clips, rubber feet.

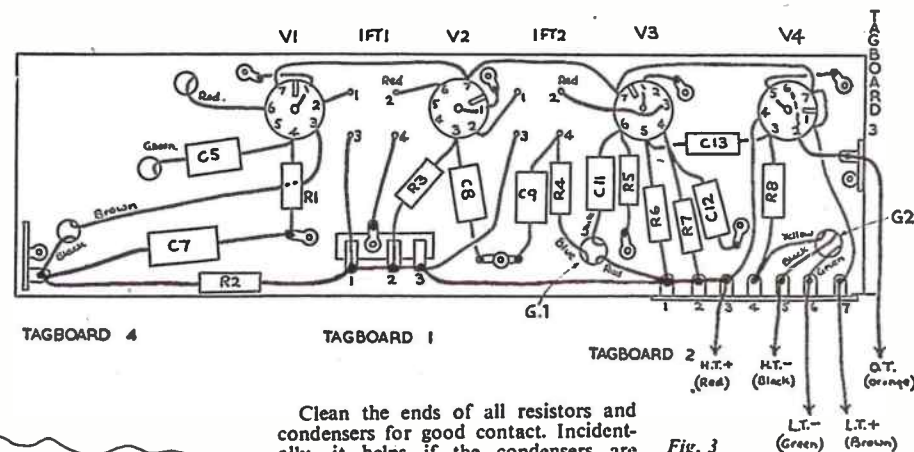


Fig. 3

Clean the ends of all resistors and condensers for good contact. Incidentally, it helps if the condensers are midget types. These cost a penny or two more, but are worth it for ease of wiring.

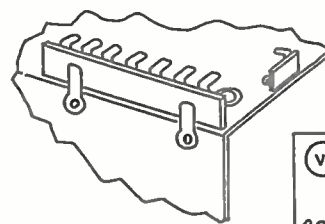


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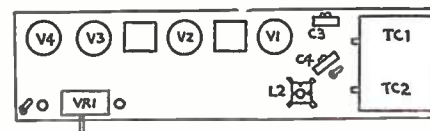


Fig. 5

Detailed instructions for the wiring of the receiver will be given in next week's issue.

MAKING UP BIG BEN (as illustrated) (on front page)

BIG Ben has been indicating the correct time to Londoners for 100 years, and its Westminster Chimes have been heard regularly all over the world almost continuously since midnight on December 31st, 1923, through the medium of radio.

Lovers of modelling and fretwork will welcome this design of the Big Ben clock tower, the capital's famous landmark, while added attractions are the provision of novel compartments or 'pouches' for containing cigarettes and the incorporation of a musical movement. And the tune? Naturally it had to be the Westminster Chimes, which are traditionally associated with the lines:

Lord, through this hour
Be thou our guide,
That by Thy power
No foot shall slide.

The model stands 16½ in. high on a 4½ in. square base. The two cigarette containers in the back work in conjunction — by pulling one knob — by the same action starts off the musical movement. When the cigarette containers are closed the music stops.

Basic details

We have given here sufficient basic details for making a fine model of the clock tower, to which the really keen modeller can add by means of more research and possibly personal observation. We would not say that this is an easy design to master, but it involves some intricate pieces of fretcutting which will be a challenge and source of delight to more experienced workers, especially those who have been asking for something of this nature to 'get their teeth into'.

It should be noted that provision has been made for three clock faces — at the

front and the two sides. Hobbies kit of materials includes specially printed faces on white plastic material. Those not working with a kit should transfer the clock faces from the design sheet on to thin Bristol board or other suitable white card, marking out the numbers, etc., in indian ink.

All detailed parts are shown full size on our extra large design sheet, and full measurements are given in other instances for easy marking out. Trace the appropriate pieces from the design sheet and transfer them to their proper thicknesses of wood by means of carbon paper. Add those parts for which measurements are given, and make sure that all the pieces which go towards the make-up are accounted for on the wood before cutting out with a fretsaw and cleaning up thoroughly with glasspaper.

The assembly

Make a start in the assembly by gluing together the sides 1, front 2, and small back piece 3, as shown in Fig. 1. Remember to chamfer the inside of the lower edge of piece 3 before gluing it in position. Also add a small strip of ¼ in. waste wood by gluing at the bottom.

Next prepare the cigarette 'pouches' as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Note that pieces

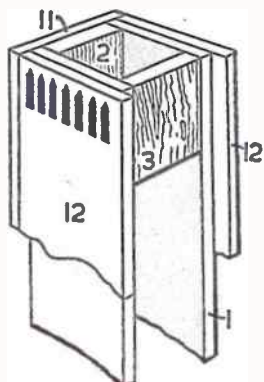
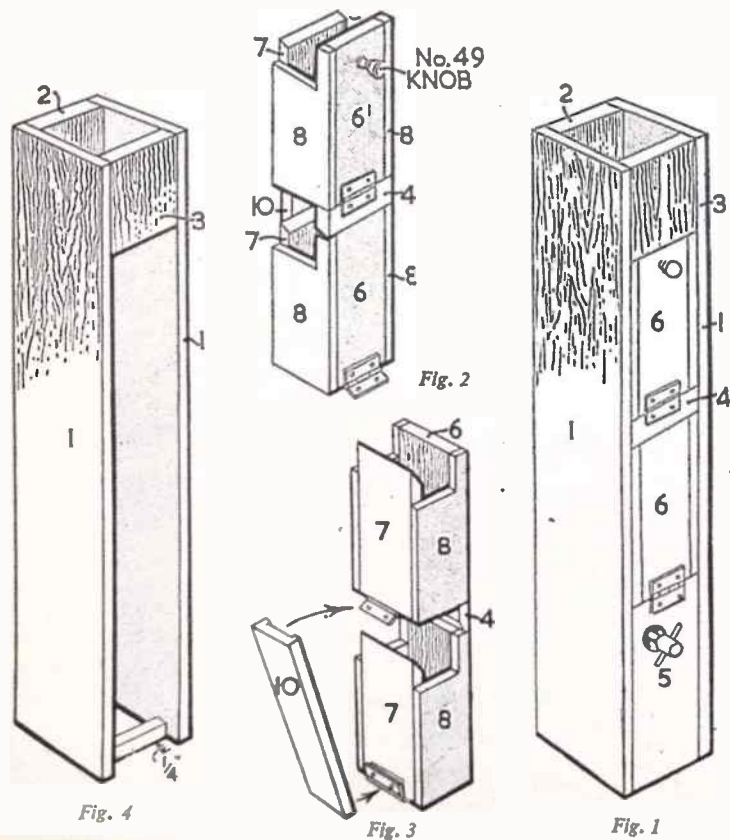


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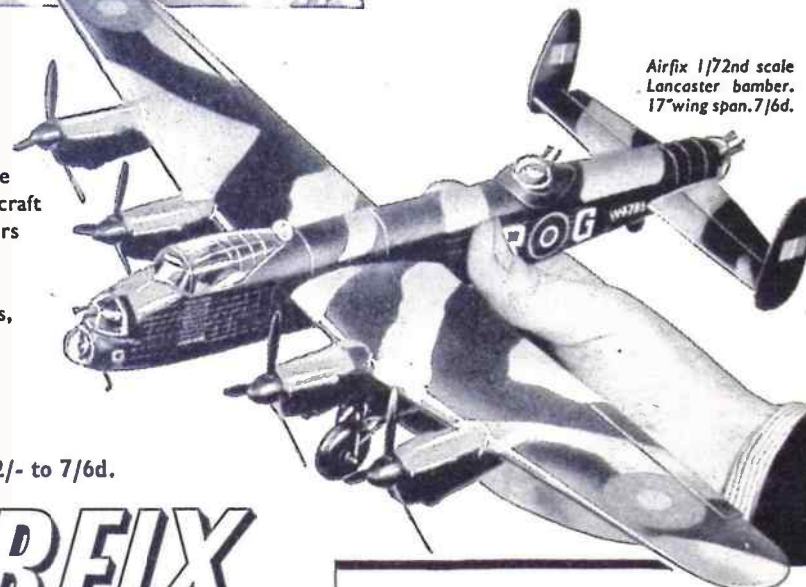
9 form the bottoms of the 'pouches'. The two containers are linked together by piece 10 which is hinged to the lower edges of pieces 7 (Fig. 3). Ensure that the hinges are recessed sufficiently so that piece 10 will fit flush. Reference to the dotted lines on piece 1 on the design sheet and Figs. 2 and 3 will clearly show that when the knob on the top 'pouch' is pulled forward, the connecting link (piece 10) will at the same time bring the lower 'pouch' forward in a similar manner.



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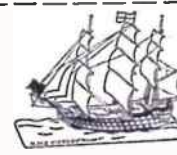


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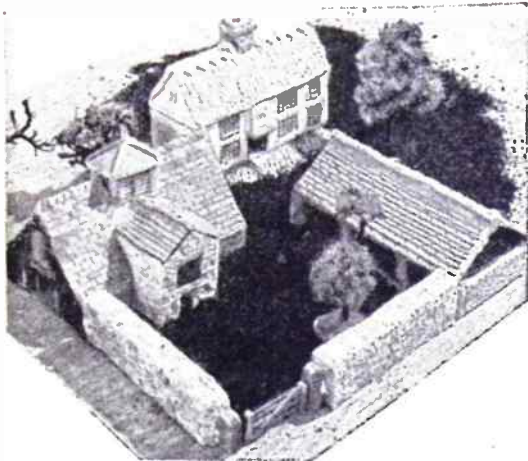
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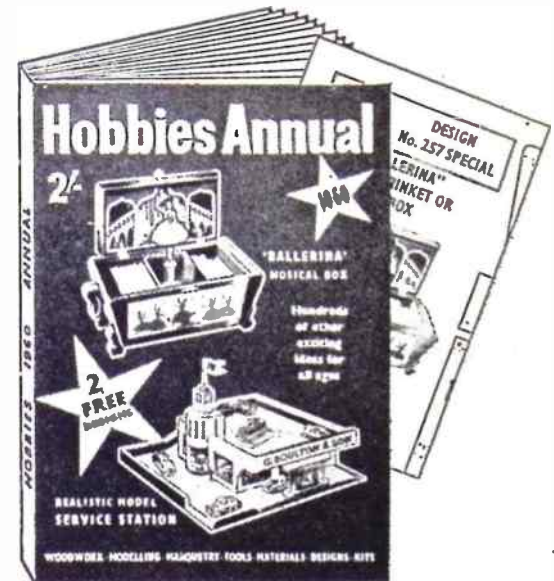
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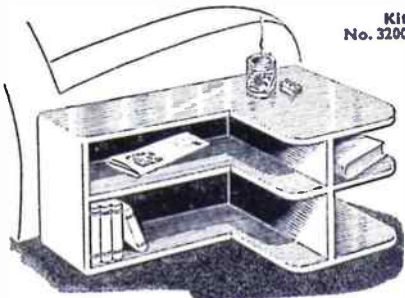
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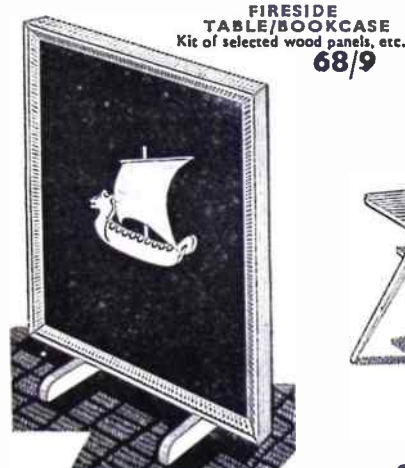
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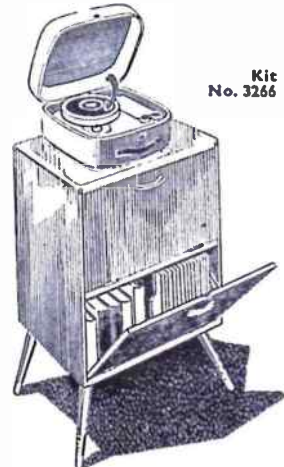
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For the present, however, leave the 'pouches' and continue with the assembly of the main body of the model as shown in the broken-away view in Fig. 5. Glue piece 11 centrally to piece 2 and glue pieces 12 on either side. Continue as in Fig. 6, gluing pieces 18 to 11, 19 to 12, and similarly pieces 20 to 18 and 21 to 19.

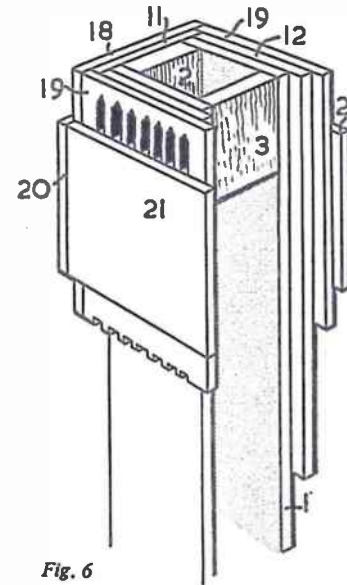


Fig. 6

The make-up of the base is shown in Fig. 7. Pieces 15 are mitred round pieces 11 and 12. The Hobbies No. 21 moulding is mitred round pieces 15 and this assembly is then glued to pieces 16 and 17. The shape of the moulding to use is shown on the design sheet.

Make-up of spire

The pieces which go to the make-up of the main portion of the spire are detailed in Fig. 8. Glue them together and shape off to the dotted line using a rasp, modelling knife, glasspaper, etc.

The four pieces 27 are mitred together and glued to piece 26 (see Fig. 9). Pieces 28 are then mitred round pieces 27. The top spire is shaped as shown on the

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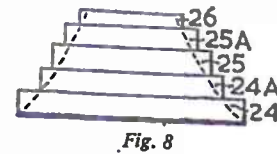


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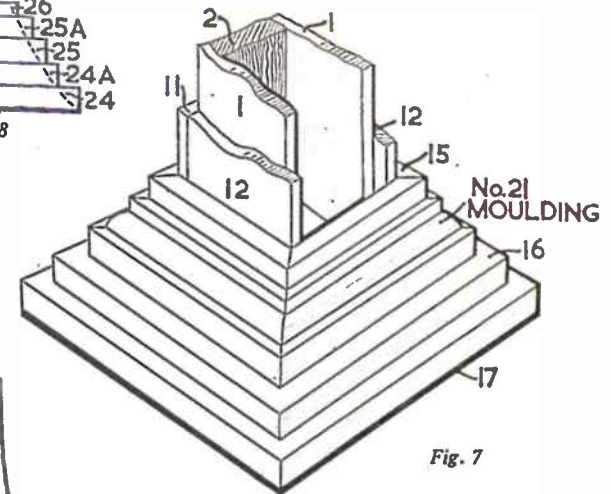


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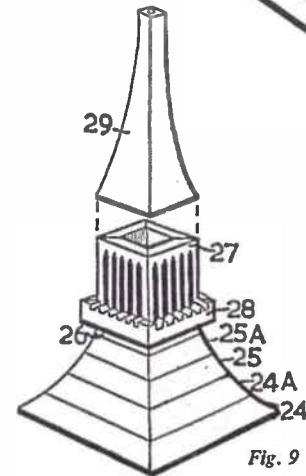


Fig. 9

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design sheet from a piece of 1 in. square stripwood, and the top of the spire is drilled to take a Hobbies No. 80 knob.

Continue by gluing pieces 22 in position on pieces 20 and 21 as shown by dotted lines on the design sheet. The buttresses (pieces 13 and 14) can also now be glued in place. The small brackets (23) are glued to pieces 18 and 19 in positions also shown by dotted lines on the design sheet. The dormer windows (30) are shaped and glued to the roof as shown in the finished illustration. The remaining decoration consists of strips of 1/4 in. thick balsa which are shown lettered (B) on the design sheet and glued in their marked positions.

Adding the movement

Now all is ready to add the cigarette 'pouches' and musical movement. Screw the movement to piece 5 in the position indicated by dotted lines on the design sheet. Insert a stop pin (an ordinary household pin or fret pin will do) in the underside of piece 9 so as to engage with the 'butterfly' of the musical movement

when the 'pouches' are closed, and thus stopping the music. The approximate position of the pin is indicated on piece 1 on the design sheet. Now hinge piece 5 to piece 6 (shown in Fig. 2) and drop the whole assembly into the opening in the back of the tower. Piece 5 will slip down between piece 15 and the 1/4 in. strip. Piece 4 may be glued and pinned through from the sides, whilst piece 5 should be secured by four round-headed screws through the sides. These will give access to the movement.

For finish we suggest stone grey in a matt paint with a darker shade for the roof.

Filling with plastic wood

When filling up cracks and holes with plastic wood, always leave a little sticking beyond the surface to allow for the slight shrinkage which takes place as the plastic wood hardens. Once it is hard, rub down flush with some glasspaper.

METHODS OF RELEASE

THE fourth method of rescue is sometimes known as the 'tired swimmer' and is by far the easiest. This cannot be used for anyone inclined to panic and is in fact, as the name implies, designed to assist a swimmer who has become exhausted or overcome by cramp.

In this method you tell the victim to place his hands on your shoulders as you face him, keeping his arms straight. You then swim by the breast stroke, although you will not be able to bring your hands close together in front. Your partner must not grip your shoulders, but just rest his hands on them as he is pushed

We must now deal with the advised methods for releasing oneself from the clutch of a drowning person. This clutch, proverbially powerful, is, nevertheless, wild and clumsy, although it must never be underestimated. Ideally a drowning person should be approached from behind, using the breast stroke, and should not be given the chance to grab the rescuer. In this case he should be grasped by one of the holds already described. However, if the victim should turn and clutch you from the front, there are in general, three methods of release depending upon how you are gripped. These methods should be practised with

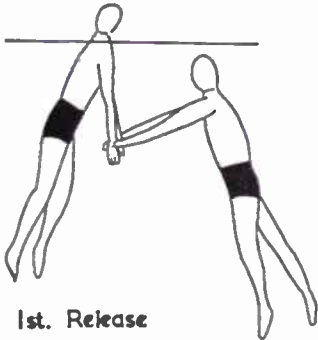
hind your neck whilst he is treading water and facing you. You should then place your right hand on his chin, so that his nose comes between your second and third fingers. Your left hand should be placed in the small of his back. You then push down with your right

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hand and pull with your left, with the result that your partner is pushed under the water, and the grip will be released. In the case of a persistent grip, the nose of the victim is closed by the fingers when he will be forced to release you in order to pull your hand away from his face. Once the release is effected, he is turned on his back as before. This probably sounds unpleasant, but if your partner is a good swimmer himself, he will not mind, and it is only fair to change places! Of course, one is not expected to be gentle with a real drowning person.



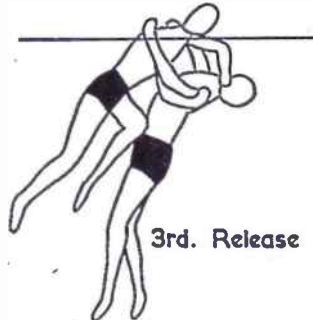
4th. Method "Tired Swimmer"



1st. Release



2nd. Release



3rd. Release

gently backwards. His legs should be either together underneath you or apart on each side; the latter probably gives a more stable position. If he tends to drift away from you between strokes it does not matter, you will catch up.

Since in this case you would normally approach from the front, you will need to turn him to take him back the way you have come. To do this, after he has placed his hands on your shoulders, you should place your left hand on his left arm, under his shoulder, and gently swim round to the left, using your legs and free hand. You can, of course, use your right hand and swim round to the right.

These methods of rescue should be practised frequently with a friend until you are able to pull one another 20 yds. by each method in turn.

a partner who is treading water out of his depth; needless to say he must be able to swim!

First method

When gripped by the wrists, the rescuer should raise his arms sharply upwards, keeping them straight and together. They are then brought downwards to hip level and swept sideways. If the victim does not let go, his thumbs will be dislocated. He will also be forced under water. He should be gripped just above the elbows and turned on his back ready for the rescue method.

Second method

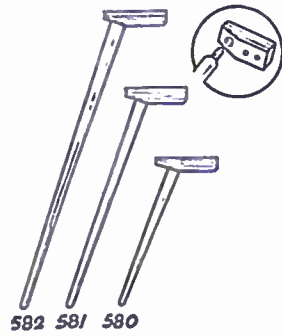
This method deals with the situation when the rescuer is grasped around the neck. To practise this you should get your partner to interlace his fingers be-

Third method

If grasped around the body so that your arms are pinioned, the correct method of release is to force up the right arm, putting the hand on the victim's chin, and at the same time, pulling down hard on his right shoulder with your left hand. You should also raise your right knee, pushing it into your partner's stomach (it doesn't hurt in water!). This will force him to release his grip.

In all these release methods, you can reverse the position of your hands if you are left-handed or otherwise prefer it. It is important when practising for the acting victim to grasp firmly and not to let go until he is forced to do so, and all releases should be performed with vigour.

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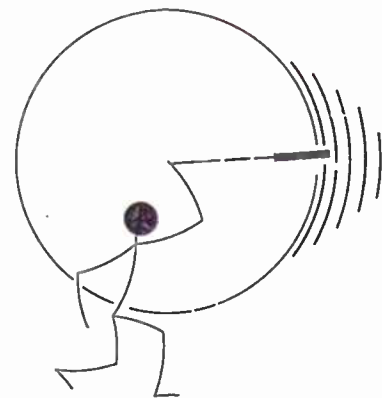


the toy is well known and in Czechoslovakia the Bull-Roarer has been called 'the wolf' after the terrifying noise it makes. Boys in Ceylon whirl Bull-Roarers to scare cattle from the rice fields.

As a toy the Bull-Roarer is ideal, for it is both simple to construct and very effective in use. Merely obtain a flat piece of wood about 3ins. wide and 18ins. long and bore a neat hole in the middle, 1/4in. from one end. Tie on a 10ft. length of strong string to complete the toy. To make your Bull-Roarer work stand in an open place and swing it around you at shoulder level. The wooden blade will soon begin to spin and the air will vibrate with a deep booming or roaring

sound. With such noises, sounding like thunder, the priests and witch doctors of the ancients summoned their gods to send rain for their parched crops.

Experiment with different materials, shapes and sizes, and give your Bull-Roarer an authentic appearance by decorating the blade with brightly painted patterns. A similar toy called a 'Whizzer' can be made, using a 9ins. length of strong wire, a rubber band and a piece of string. Bend the wire to make a U-shape and make little loops in the ends so that the elastic band can be stretched in place across the 'horns'. Tie the string to the base of the U and swing the Whizzer round to produce an eerie sound. (A.E.W.)



YOU may have seen a Bull-Roarer in a museum. Perhaps it was in the form of a large bat-shaped piece of wood carved and coloured with weird designs and symbols. For thousands of years Bull-Roarers have been used all over the world in religious ceremonies, usually in sacred rites 'to produce rain'. Nowadays the once holy instrument has become a plaything. In the West Indies

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It is important for beachcombers to understand the law with regard to any valuable articles picked up. There are four classes of articles which are to be found on beaches. First 'flotsam' which is a term used to describe anything which floats and is eventually thrown on to the beach by the waves. Next 'jetsam', which means an article which has been thrown from a ship in distress, and which the tide has eventually brought into shore. The third term is 'ligan'. This means an article fastened to a floating buoy or cork, or a bottle containing a message which sailors may have cast overboard from a ship in distress in the hope that it will be found by some responsible person.

The law orders that anything of value found on a beach which may be described as flotsam, jetsam or ligan must be handed to the police. If the articles

are not claimed within a year, they become the property of the Crown, but, in nearly every case, the person who has found the treasure trove is suitably rewarded.

The fourth class of article which the beachcomber will come across is comprised of things lost by people frequenting the beaches. Many valuables have

been found, particularly after storms. In this case the same rule applies of handing over to the police. But the law does not look on such articles as treasure trove. They are simply things people have lost, unless they have been deliberately buried in some hide-out.

The spare-time beachcomber sometimes gains a good deal more than exercise in his leisurely walk along the beach! (D.D.)

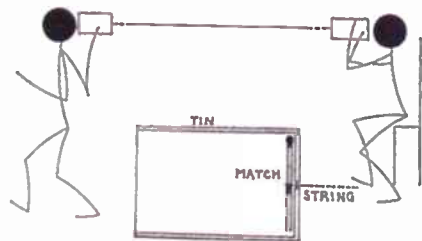
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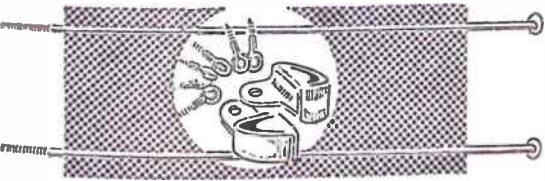
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Readers who follow this hobby of ours should keep these articles and either file them or bind them together when complete, in which case they will form a valuable reference. Often ship plans do not contain sufficient details of fittings or some other forms, in which case a knowledge of the practice and usage of the period for similar ships will enable us to add those missing details as they were most likely to have existed on the original ship.

Many models of vessels like the 'Mayflower', 'Golden Hind', 'Santa Maria', etc. have to be completed on this basis.

I have in mind at the moment the plans I possess, copied from the original builder's drafts, of an 18th-century naval sloop of war. These plans only cover the hull and after several years I am still no nearer obtaining an actual deck or rigging plan. I am, therefore, reconstructing on paper the deck plans and

rigging plans based on my own knowledge and on reference works dealing with the building of this type and period. It is in such cases that I hope the present series will help our readers, who may not have available the sources of information on these subjects.

As an introduction to this fascinating study let us turn to 'Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding' as described by Falconer's Marine Dictionary 1769.

Naval architecture, or the science of shipbuilding, comprehends the theory of delineating marine vessels upon a plane; and the art of framing them upon the stocks, according to the proportions exhibited in a regular design.

It may be divided into three parts.

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Earliest details

Prior to the 17th century there is no record of any attempt to put on paper the draughts or design of ships. Our earliest record is the valuable MS. found among the property of the great diarist Samuel Pepys. His MS. is entitled 'Fragments of Ancient Shipwrightery' and is the earliest known attempt to set down the details and form of a ship.

As very few of our readers will be likely to be skilled draughtsmen the methods of actually laying out a draught or design will not be dealt with in this series. We shall be working from copies

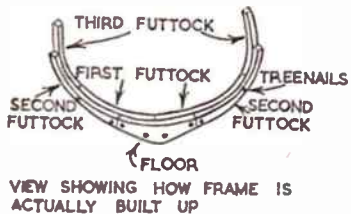
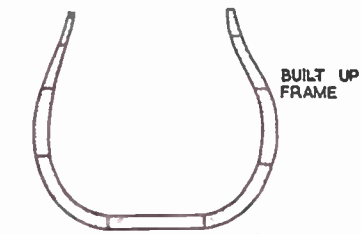


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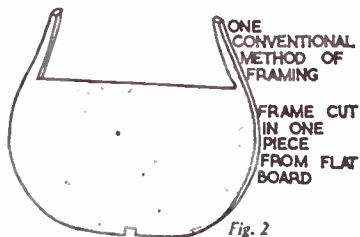


Fig. 2

of actual draughts or commercially available plans, and our purpose, therefore, is to describe and illustrate the various parts that go to the building of a wooden sailing ship.

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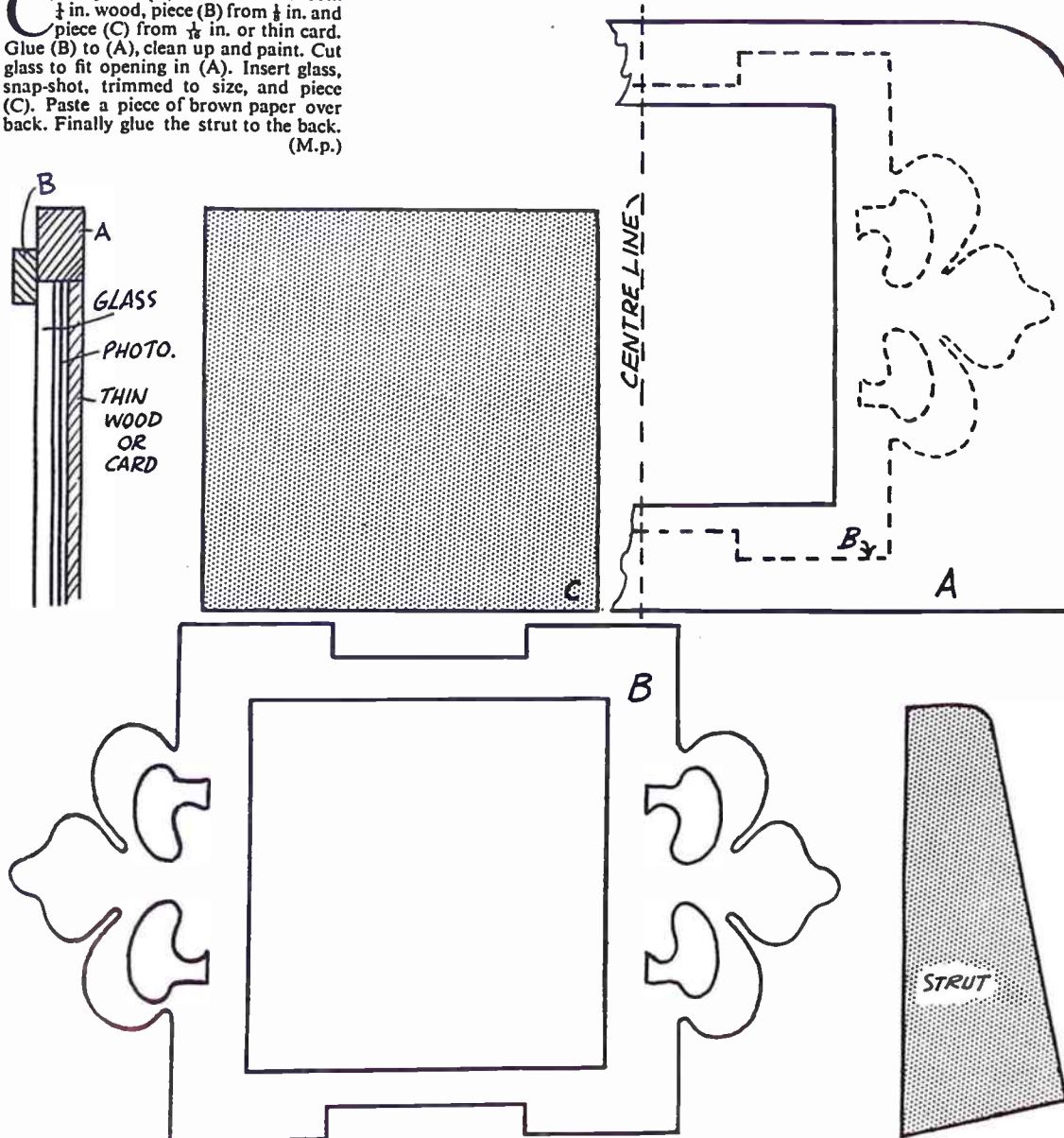
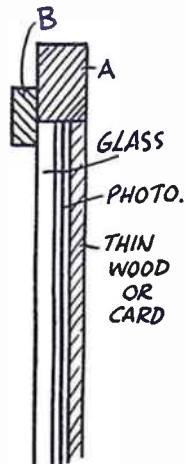
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