

HANDY CRAFT



Toy Construction Manual



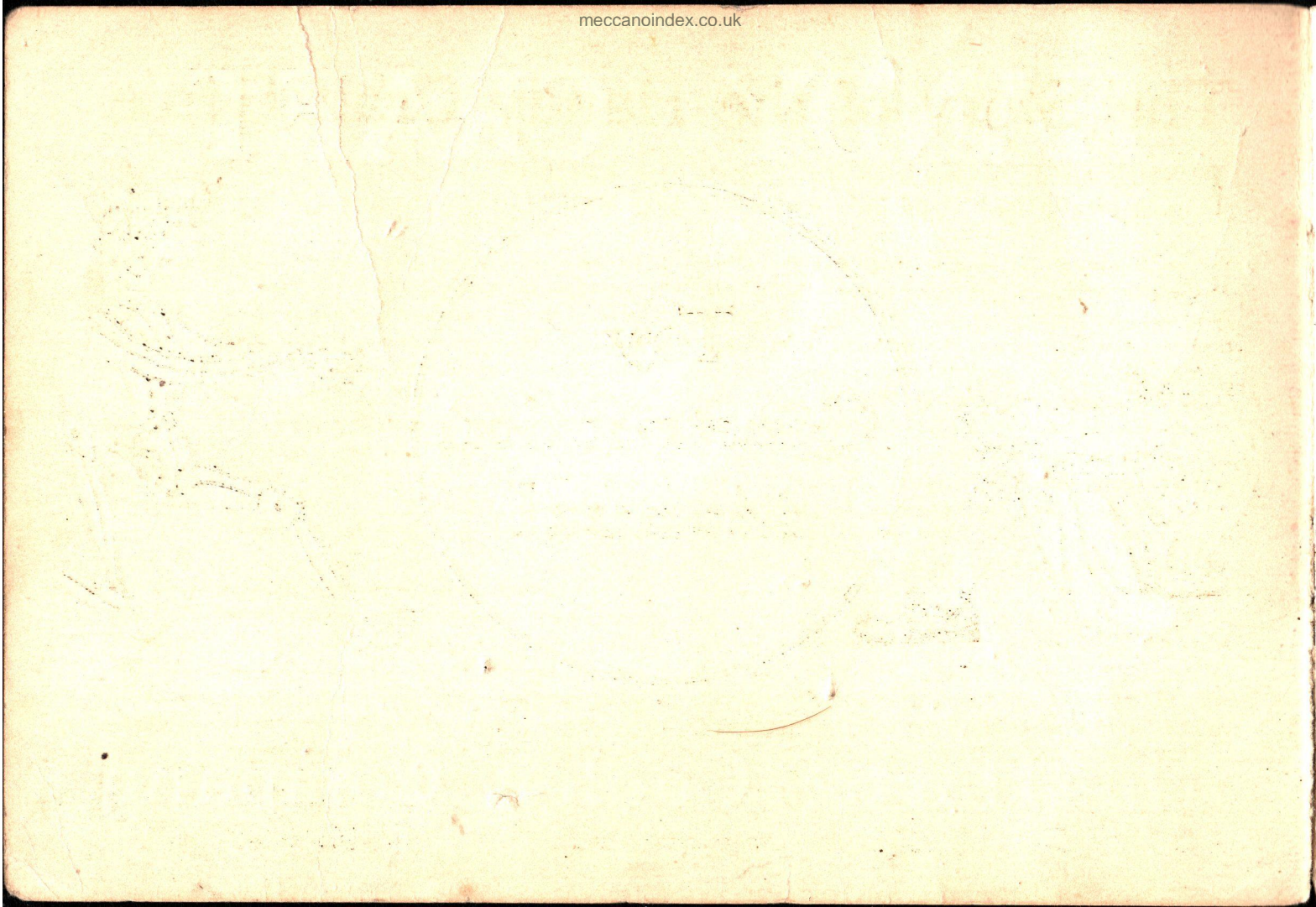
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The Story of the Handy Craft Genie

JUNIOR laid down his book with a sigh. He was tired of reading, tired of play, but most of all, tired of the rain which had been pouring down steadily all day long.

It was Saturday, and because there was no school, Mother had kept him and Jackie indoors. The forenoon had been pretty good fun. But they had tired of their toys, one by one, and by lunch time there seemed nothing left to do. After luncheon, Mother had invented little games which amused them for a time, but at last even she could think of nothing else. The boys had grown peevish and cross, and began snapping at each other like little puppies. Mother too was tired, and her voice was growing sharper moment by moment. This, she knew, would never do, so she finally gave Junior a book and took Jackie to her room.

After closing his book, Junior sat curled up on the big sofa in front of the open fire. The house was very still. He could hear the rain, pattering on the roof and against the windows; and through the half open door of the room, his mother's voice came down to him as she read aloud to Jackie.

He had been reading about Aladdin and the genie of the magic lamp, who granted his every wish. And as he watched the firelight flicker on one of the brass andirons, Junior pictured to himself the things he would do if he had a genie to serve him. Gee, wouldn't it be great, he thought, to have a genie. Suppose I had had one this morning: as soon as I grew tired of playing with one toy, I could have asked him to bring me another; and when I tired of that, I could have asked for still another. A genie would certainly be a great thing on a rainy day. And he smiled to himself.

Then a curious thing happened. As he gazed at the head of the andiron, a face appeared upon it. It was a funny little face. The nose was large, the eyes small, and the big mouth was spread in a mischievous grin which reached almost from one sharp pointed ear to the other. Junior rubbed his eyes and looked closer. Yes it was true—there was the grinning face and now he could see a body beneath it. Arms appeared and the

legs of the andirons changed to correspond. And what a queer little fellow it was who now stood before Junior! Constructed entirely of metal, he was riveted at the joints—which made his long arms and legs dangle grotesquely. Yet there was a certain grace in his bearing as he moved to the center of the fireplace, executed a few steps of a nimble dance, and bowed deeply.

"Oh, I know you," said Junior, "I saw your picture on a box of Handy Craft in a store window yesterday." "Yes," replied the little man, "I am the Genie of Handy Craft and I come with every set. My name is 'Imagination.' I am not really magical as you understand Aladdin's genie to be, yet I have all the power of the genie of the lamp because I teach you how to play and how to think. With me and a set of Handy Craft, you need never be bored, for together we can turn Handy Craft into almost anything you wish. Would you care for a toy airplane? It's in the Handy Craft Box. There are also little automobiles and drawbridges, and scooters, and windmills, and carts, and drays—Oh, most anything you could ask for. And besides the fun you get out of the toy itself, you have the pleasure and benefit of working with me. If you want us, just say the magic word, 'Handy Craft' to Mother or Father."

But as it turned out, Junior did not have to put the magic word to a test; for just then the doorbell rang (at which the mechanical genie jumped back to his place and, all in a twinkling, became again a commonplace andiron), and when Junior opened the door, he found Uncle Jim with a parcel under his arm. "Thought you might be bored," he said, "so I ran in to cheer you up a bit. Here's something I think you'll like," and he handed Junior a package. "Oh, it's a set of Handy Craft!" exclaimed Junior when he saw the picture of the mischievous genie on the box, "Just what I wanted." And soon he and Uncle Jim were on the floor together building one of the models shown in the book of instructions, which came with the set.

Jackie was permitted to help also and Dad got into the game a little later when he came in from the office. "Just little boys, all of you," teased Mother. Dad only grinned, but Uncle Jim said "Oh boy, what a toy!"

After dinner they left the book to build models of their own, and the children's bed time found them all still at it.

"Little Genie, you're better than magic," said Junior sleepily as he was being tucked in. "Aladdin had nothing on me!"

One afternoon a few months later Mother was entertaining a caller when Junior came in from school. "My children are so bored on rainy days," the lady was saying, "and I wish I could find something to keep

them amused." "Oh, we solved that problem," said Mother contentedly. "We just say the magic word 'Handy Craft' and summon the mechanical genie—don't we, son?" and Junior answered "You bet!"



In the following pages you will find pictures of the many toys that you can make exactly as the Handy Craft Genie told Junior in the story you have just read. Bridges, derricks, boats and airplanes, and many other things you may wish for.

You can bend any of the parts in a Handy Craft Set and when you want them for some other toy, you can straighten the parts back again just as good as new. This is because Handy Craft is built of high grade steel, which is true only of Handy Craft.

Then again you will find the square ends of the long bars are a great help in building strong, rigid toys, as the square ends keep the bars from leaning. This is also found only in Handy Craft.

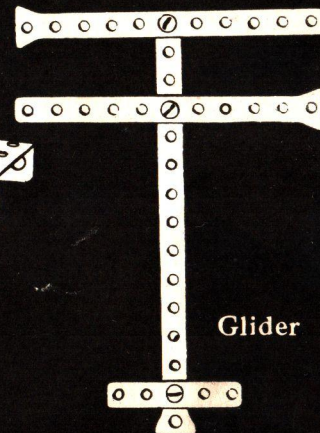
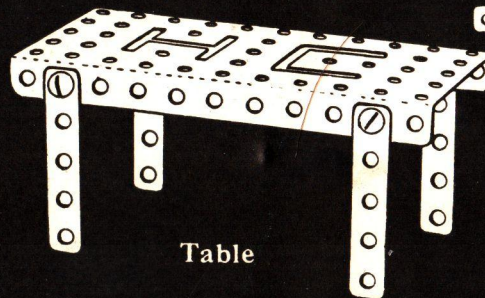
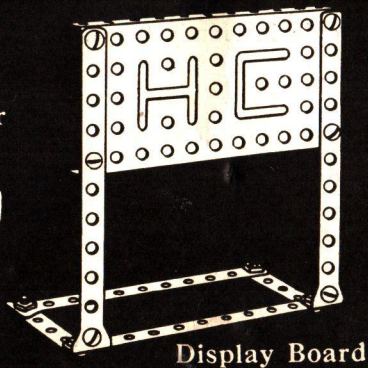
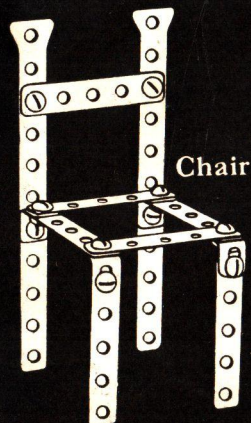
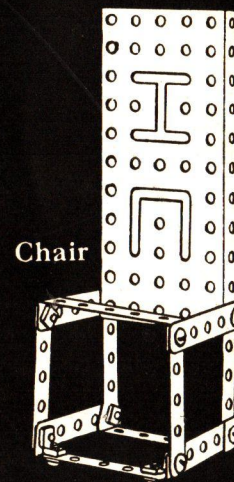
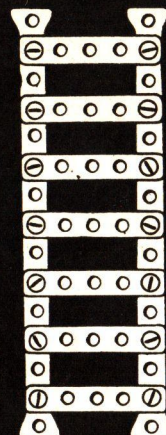
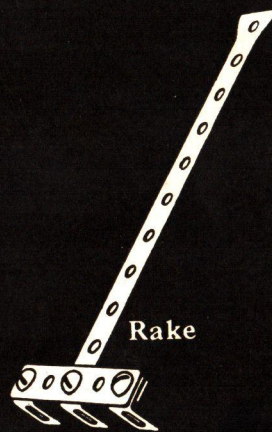
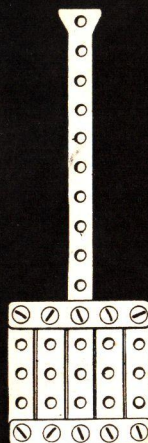
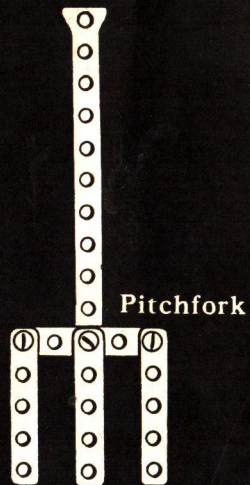
You can buy Handy Craft in Built-Up Toys ready to play with after which you can take them apart and build other toys, or you can buy Handy Craft in sets of different sizes from which you can build from fifty to one hundred and fifty toys.

You are bound to have lots of fun from this really magical toy and you will be delighted that you learned of the Handy Craft Genie.

Best wishes from your friend,

HANDY CRAFT.

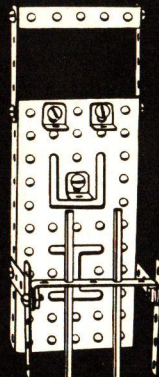
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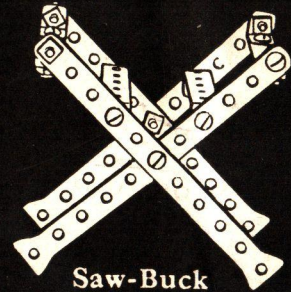
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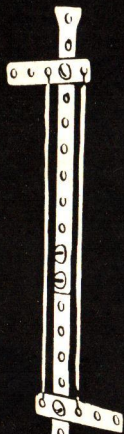
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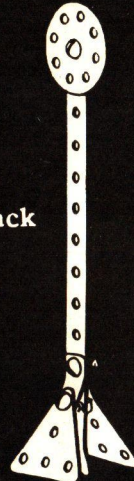
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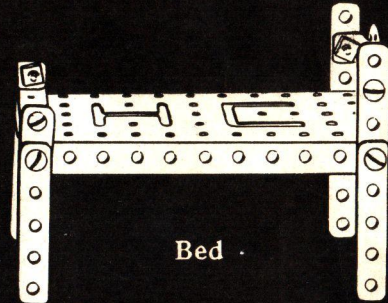
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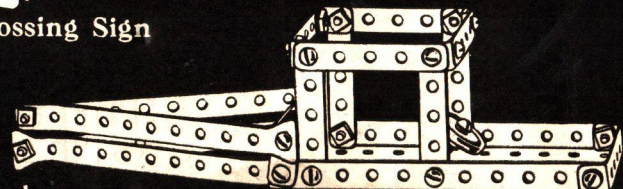
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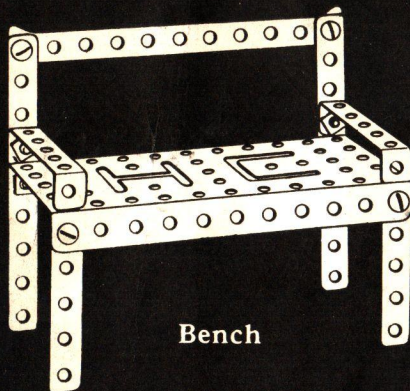


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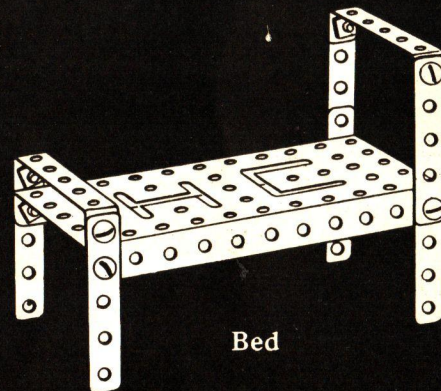
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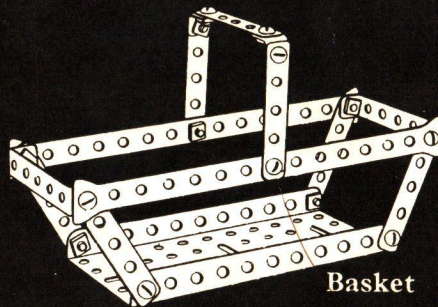
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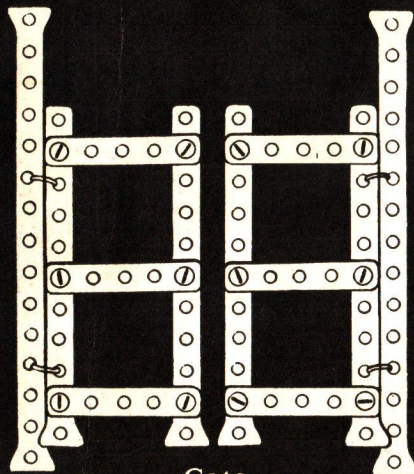
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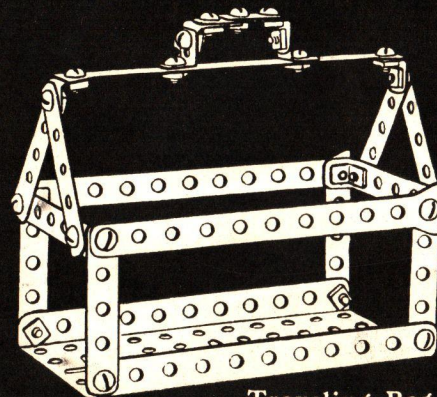
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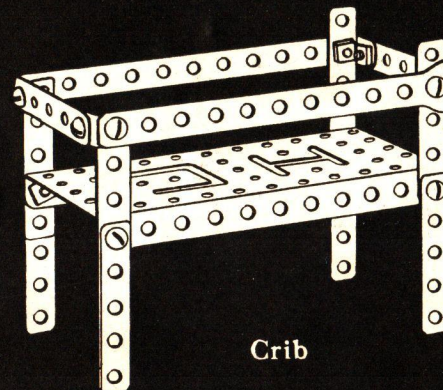
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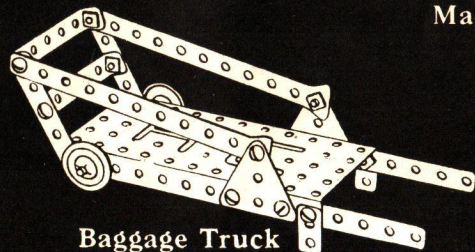


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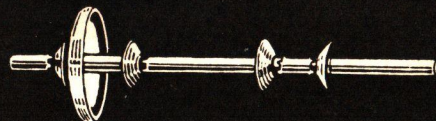


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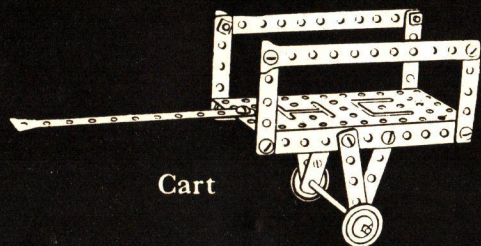
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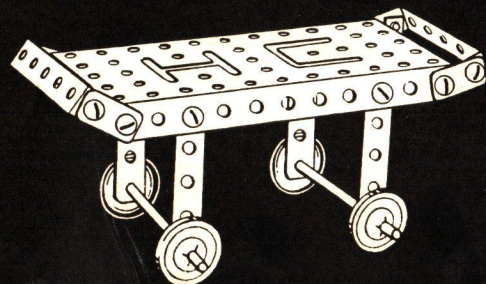
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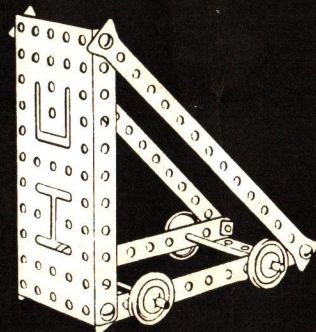
This illustration shows: first on the left, how to use the washers to hold a wheel in place on the shaft. Do not push the washers too tight to the wheel or it will not turn; second, on the right hand side is shown how to make a pulley of two washers. Push the two washers close together and they make a mighty fine pulley.



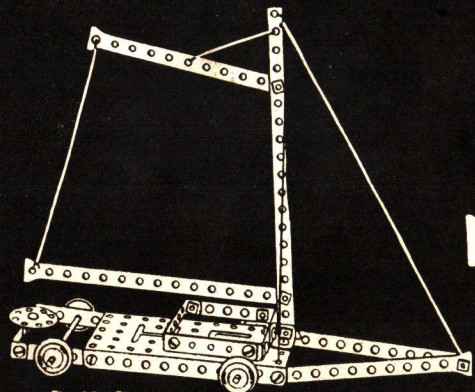
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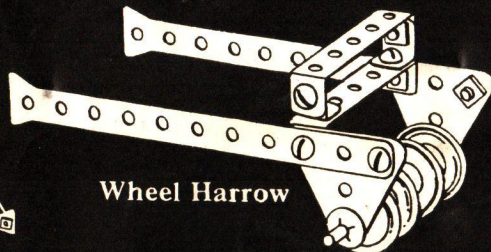
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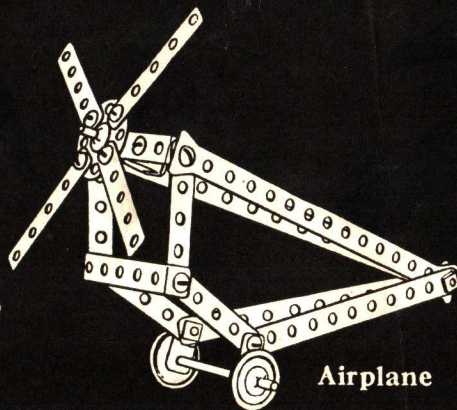
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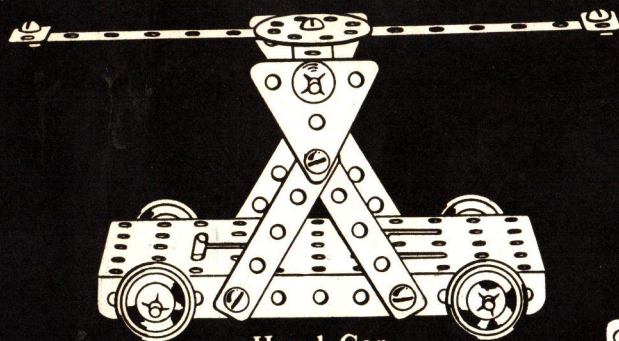


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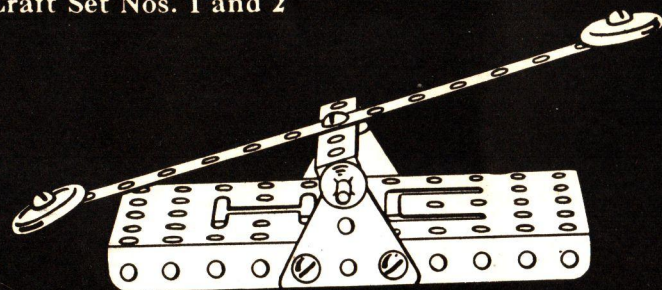


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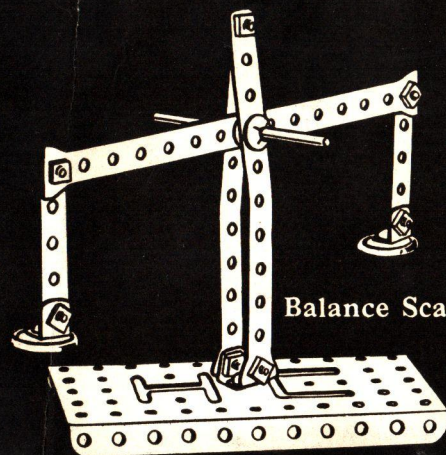
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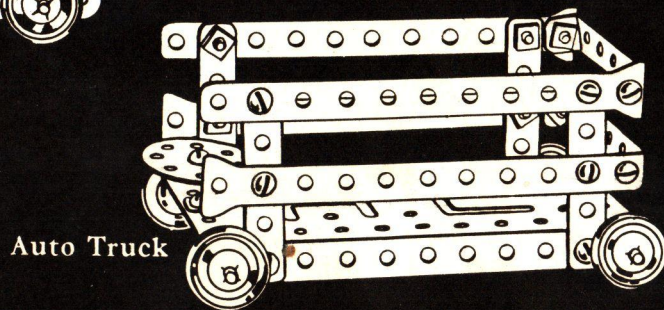
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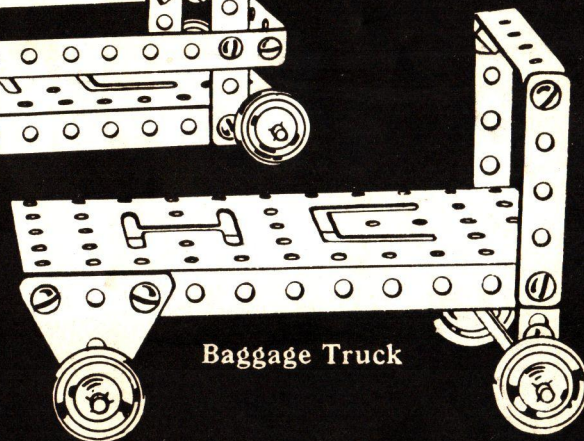
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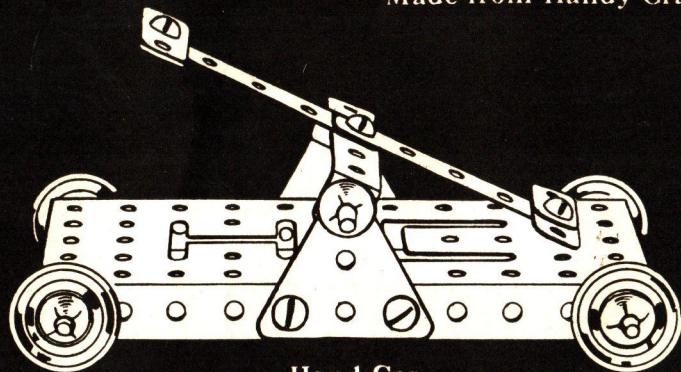


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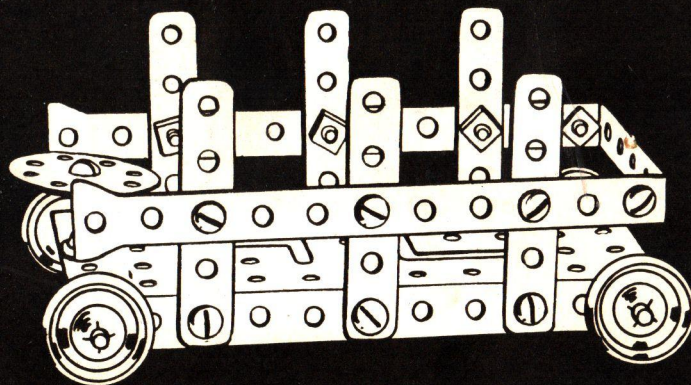


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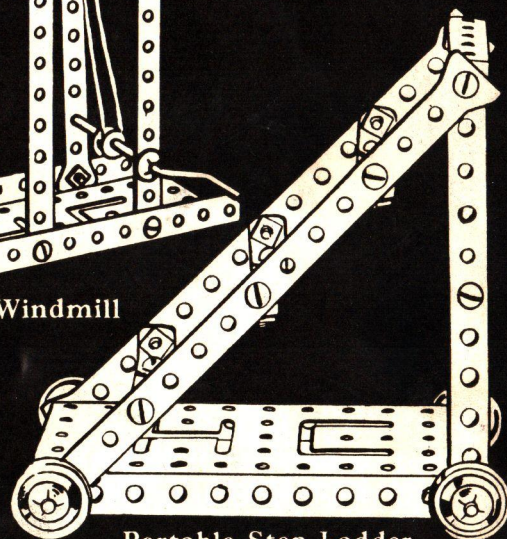
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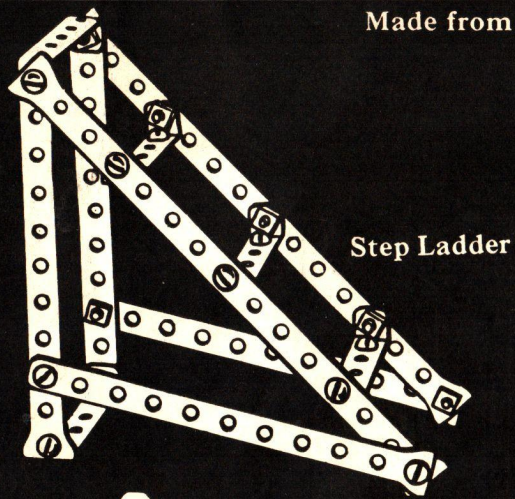


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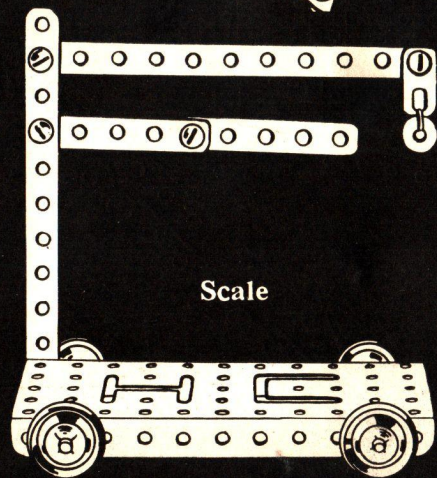


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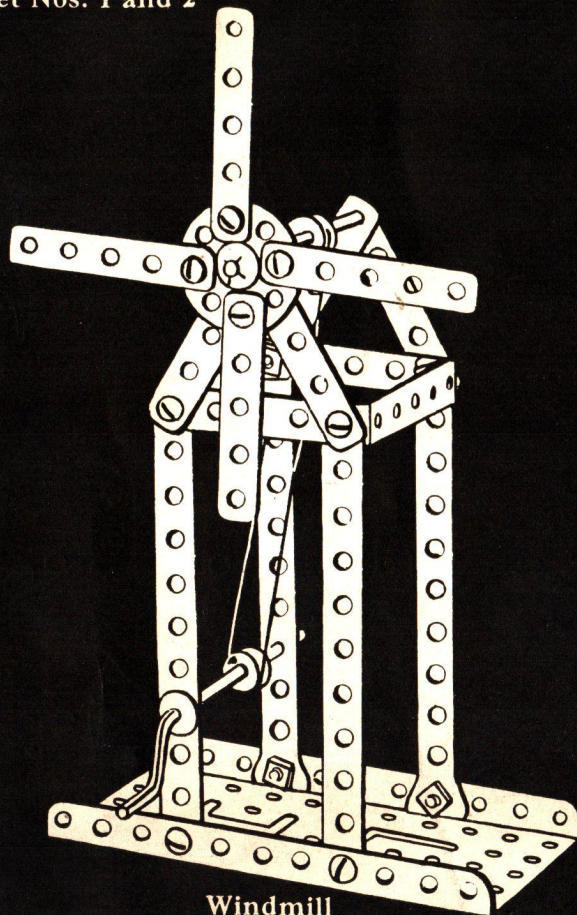
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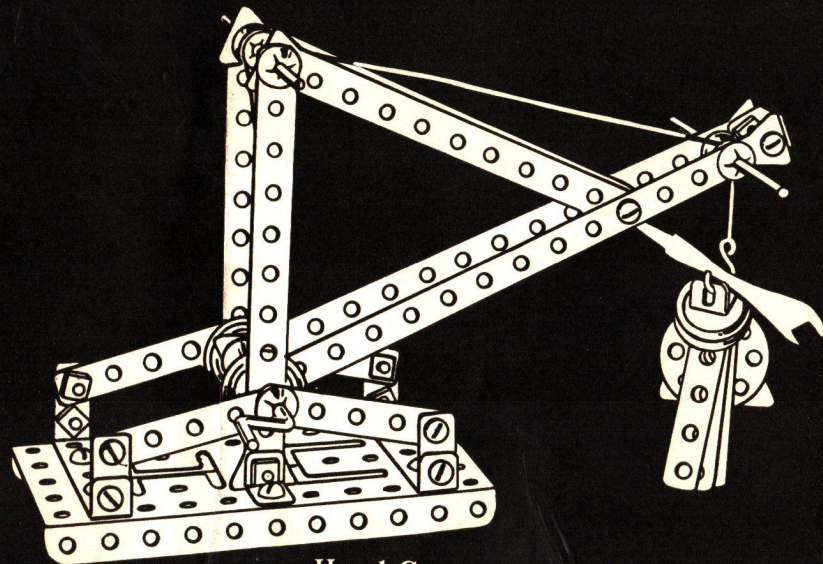


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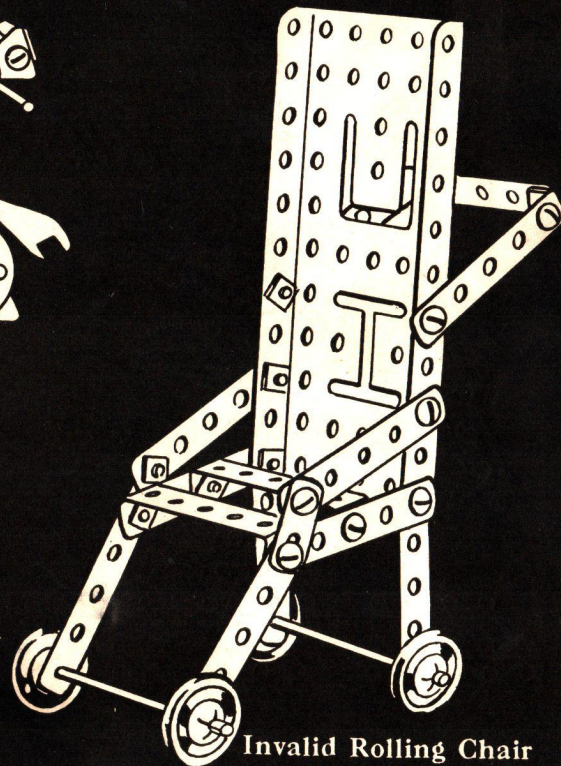


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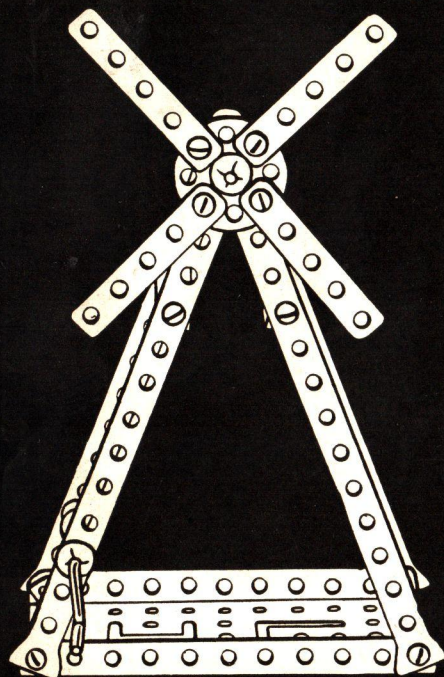


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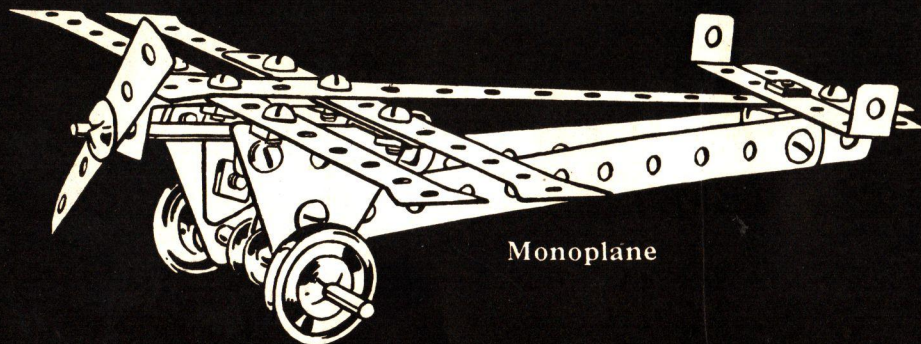


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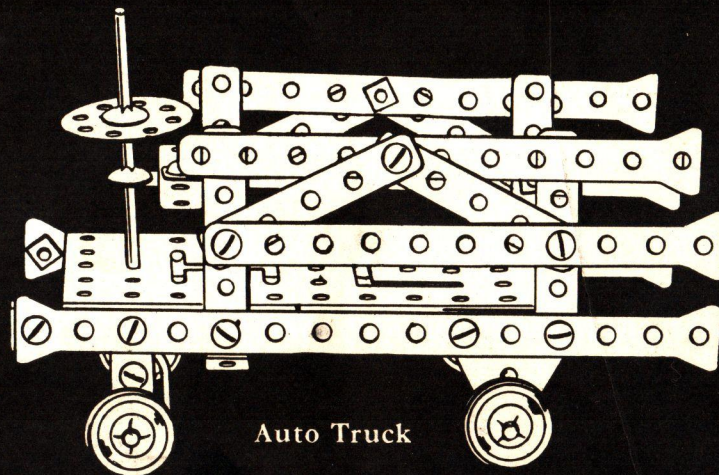
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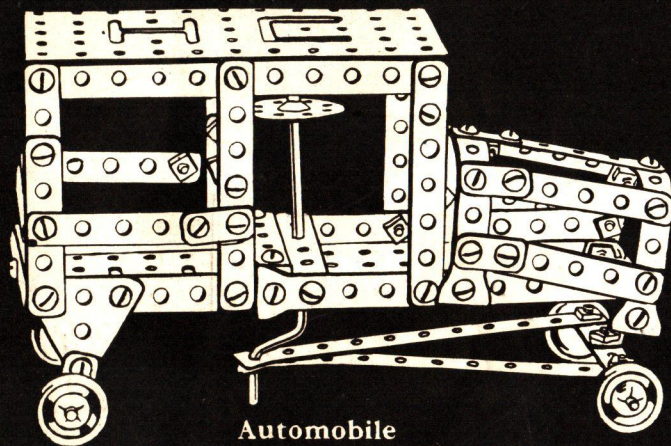


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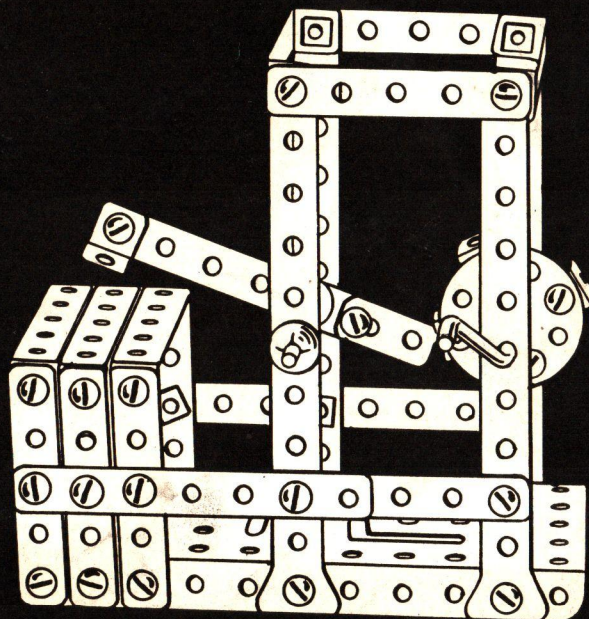


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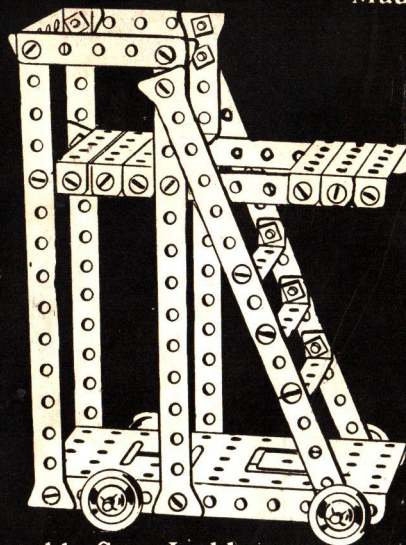


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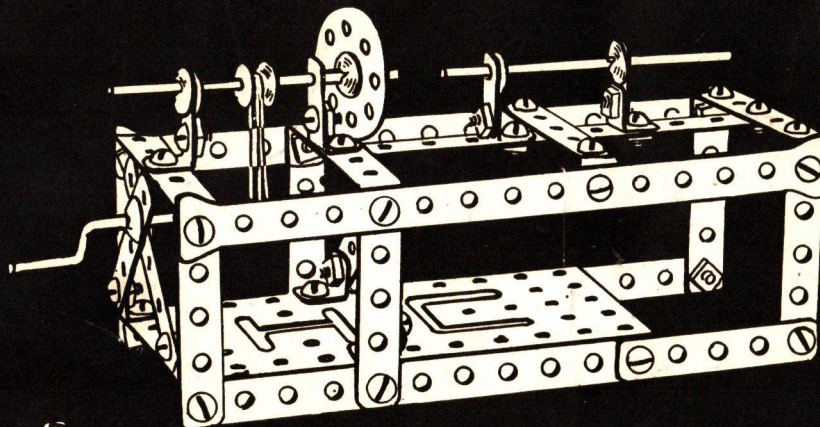


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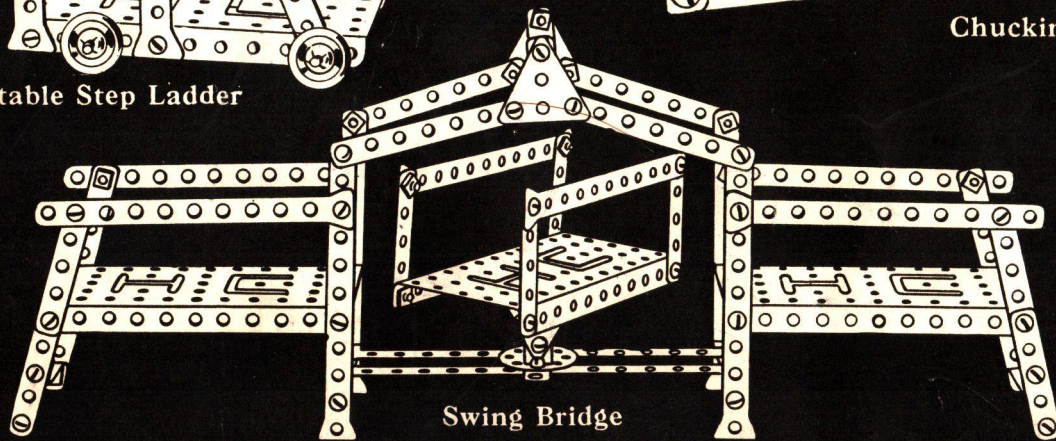
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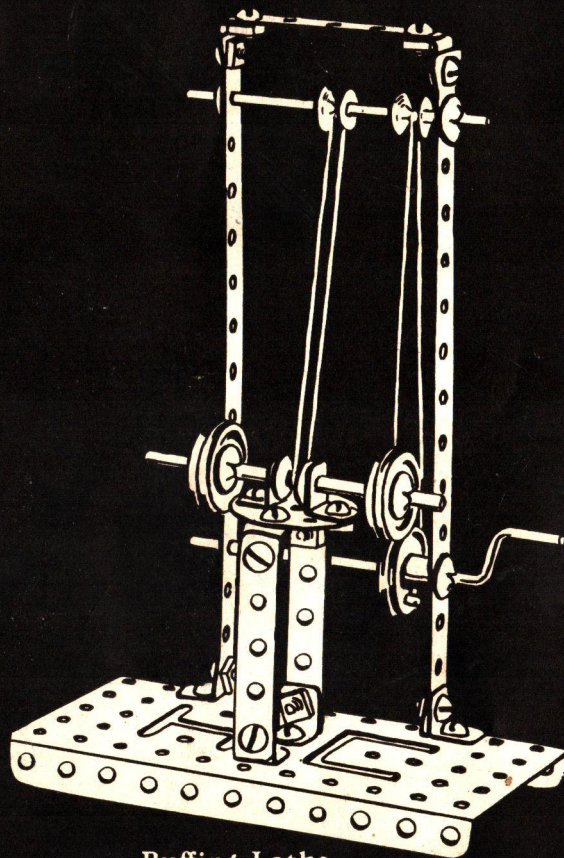


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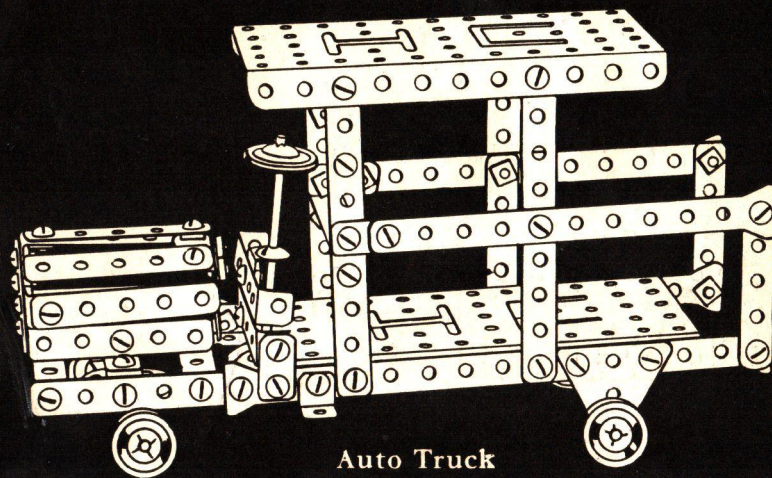


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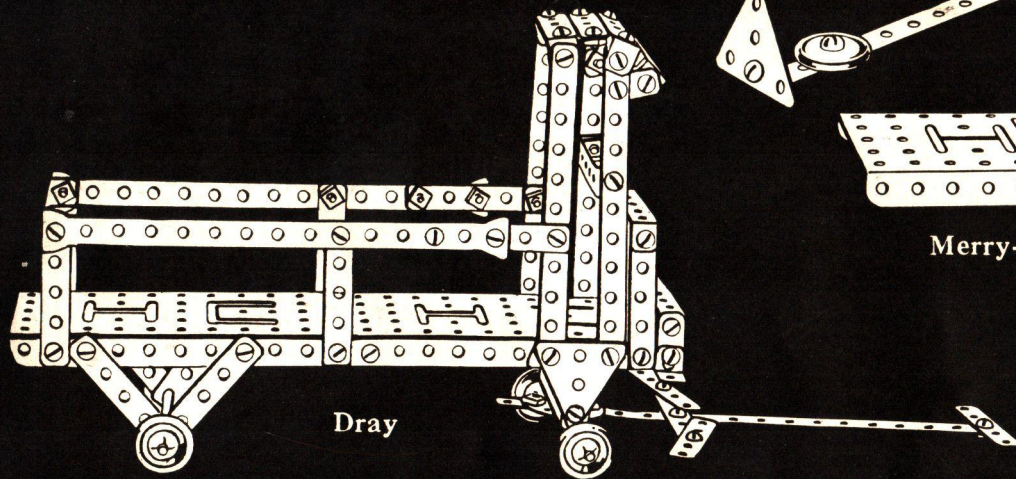


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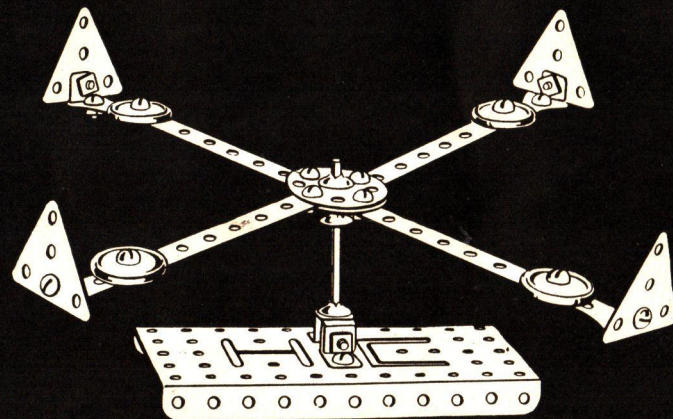


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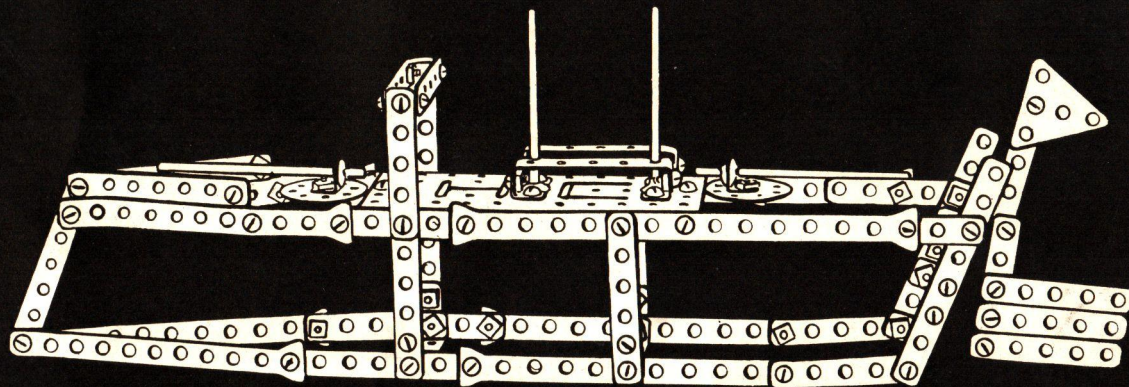


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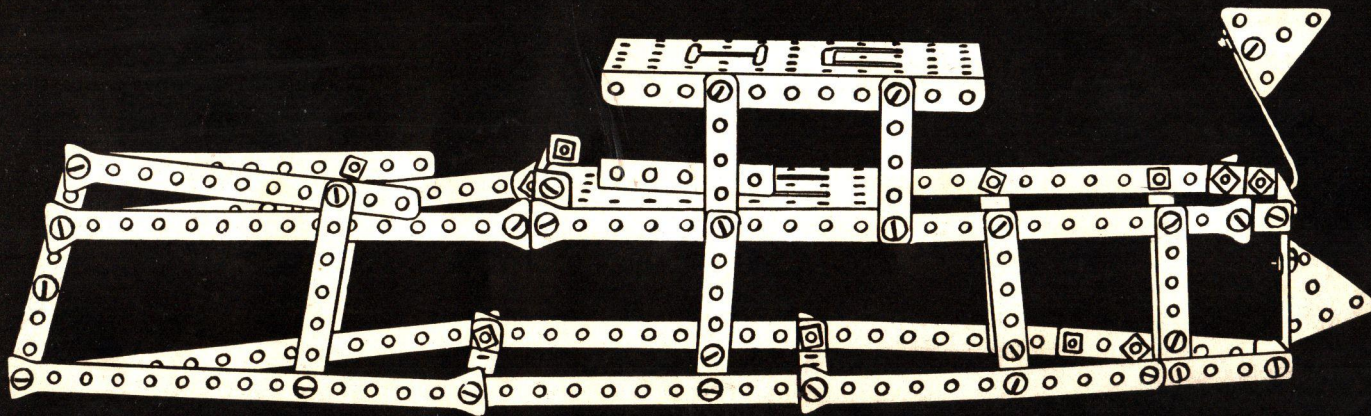


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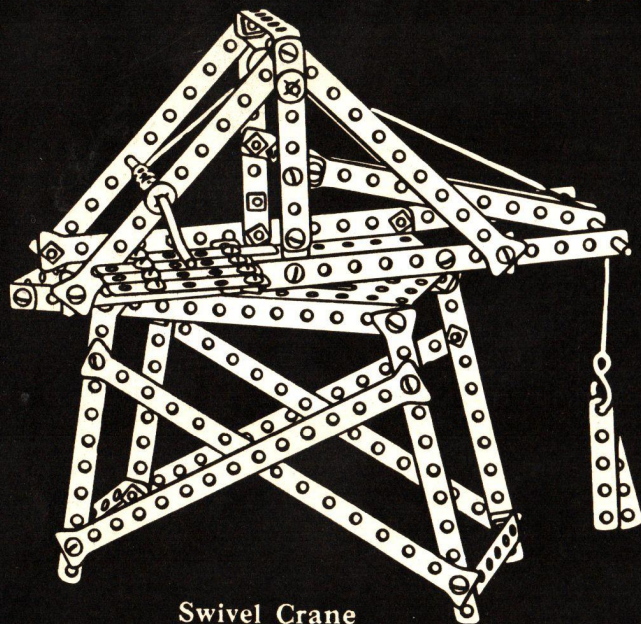


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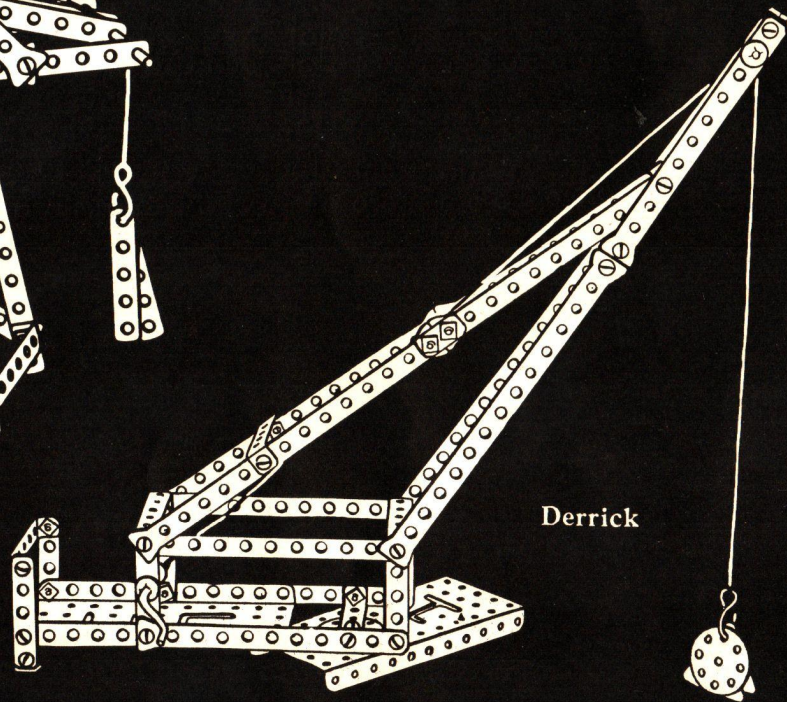


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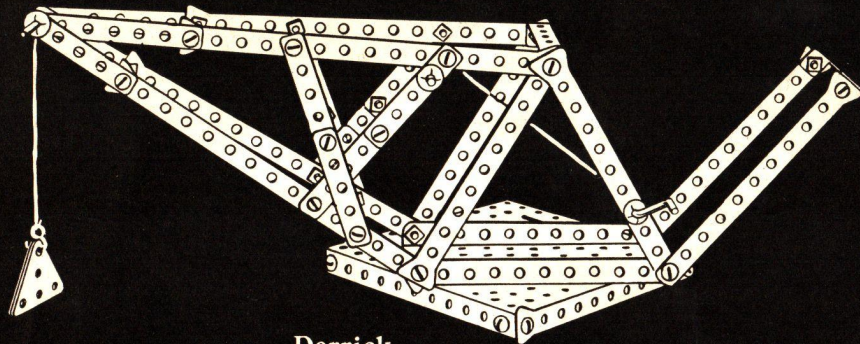


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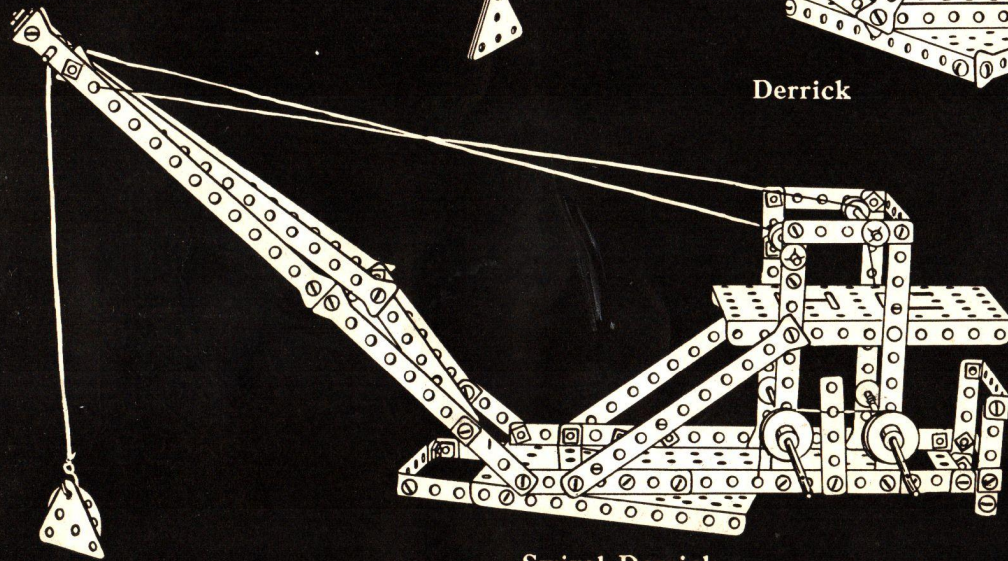


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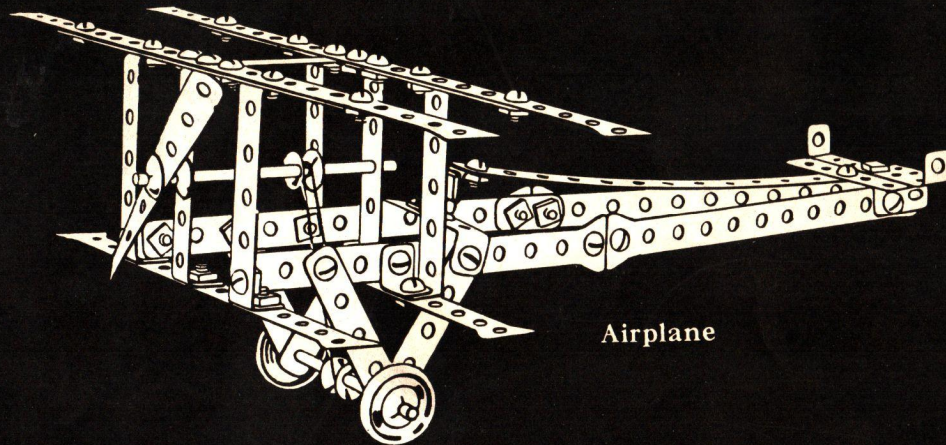


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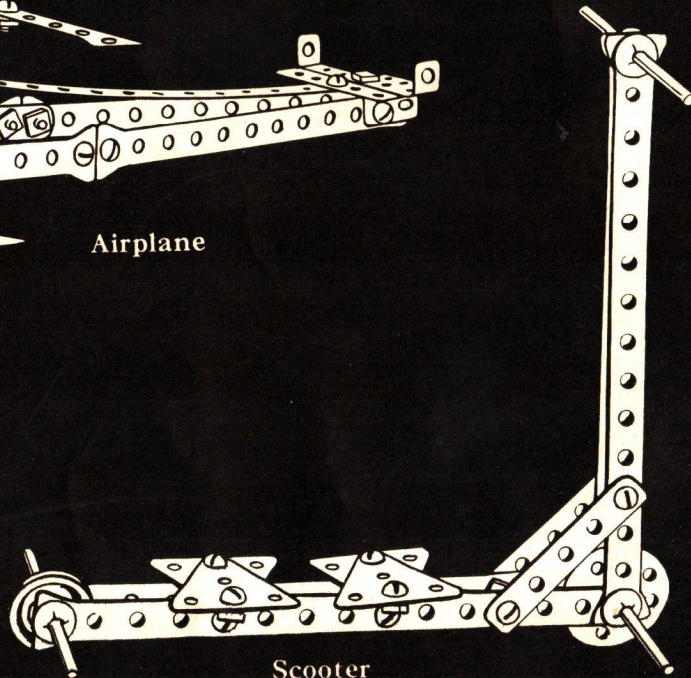


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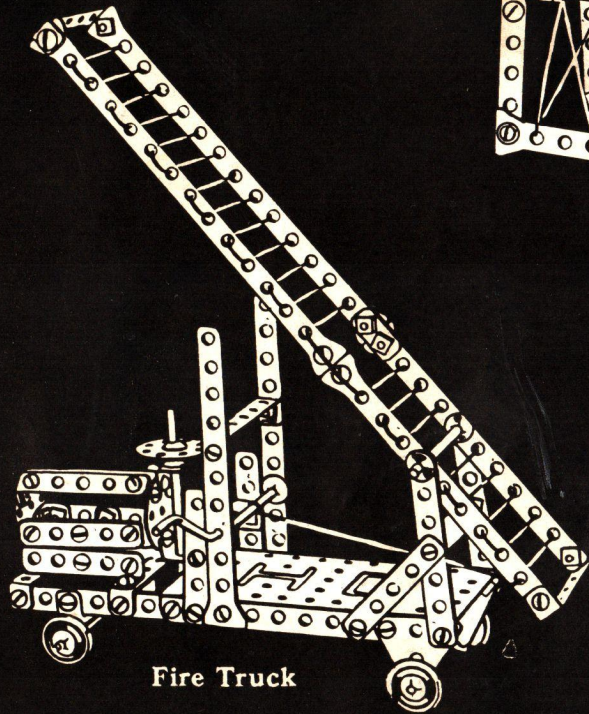


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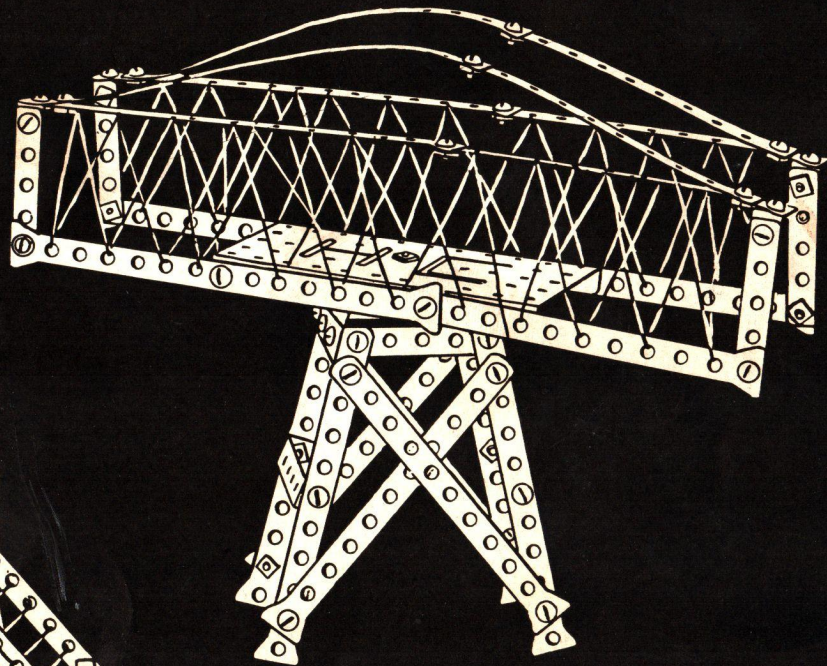


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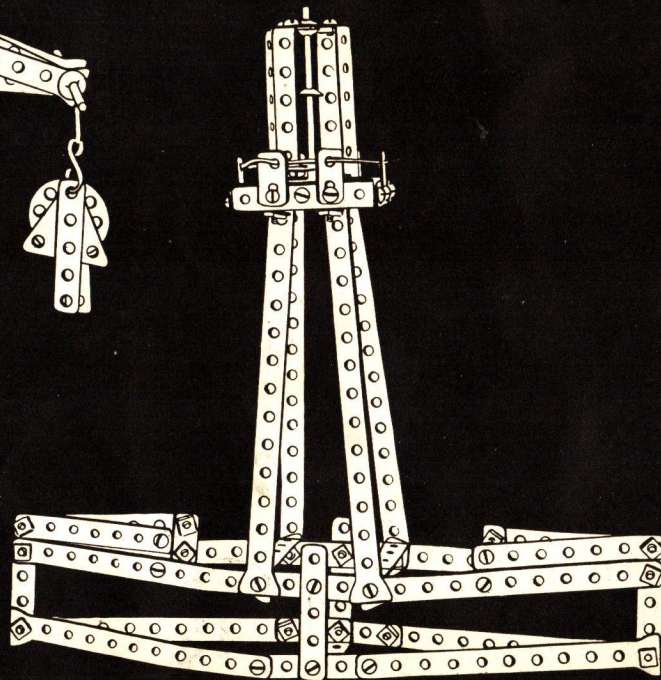
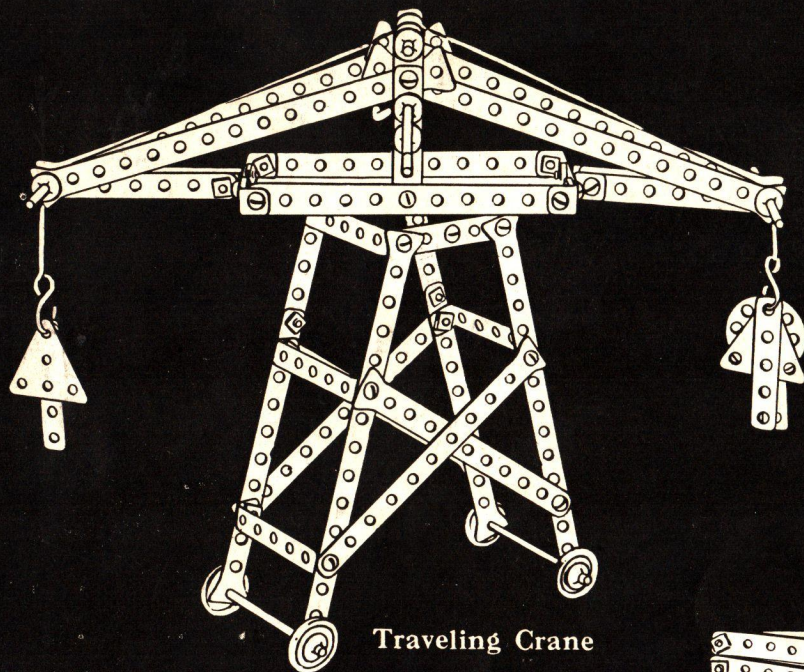


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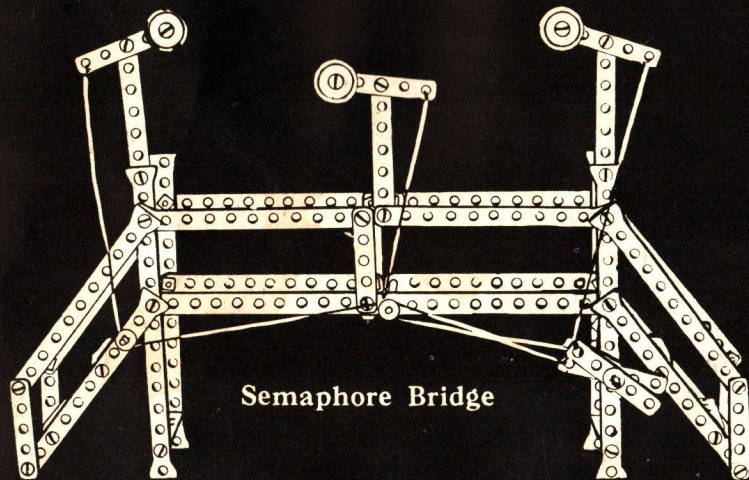


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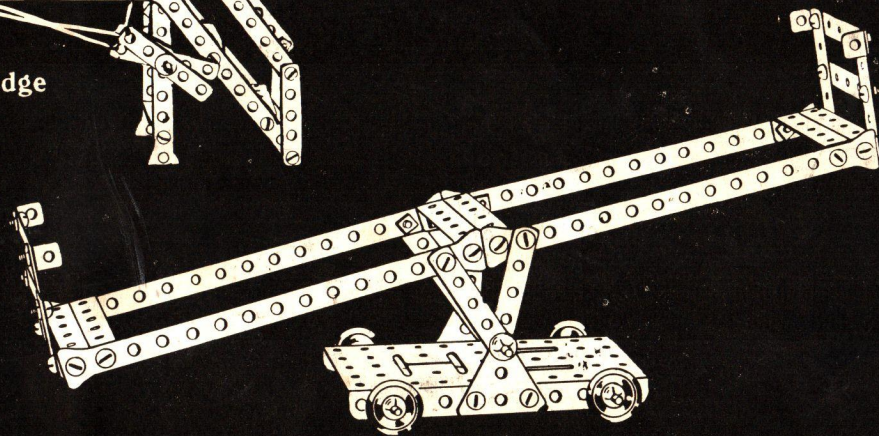
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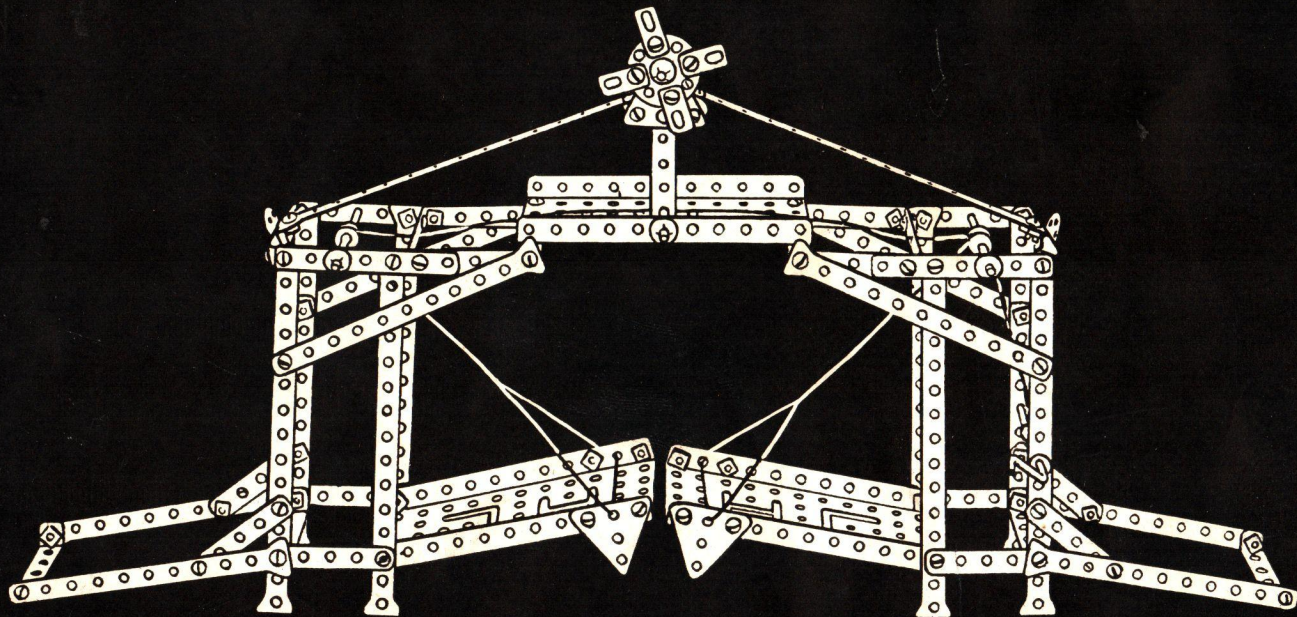


Semaphore Bridge



Portable See-Saw

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Railroad Lift Bridge

