

PYFYLY News. It was noted in 28/840 that 2 manuals were published by 'la S. A. J.' and since then an Ebay item gives the wholesaler for PYFYLY as Ste Anonyme pour l'Exploitation de Jouets of, as before, the rue Beccaria address. In the same ad the date given was 1920-25.

The No.18 Chambre à Coucher/Bedroom set was described in 28/843 and recently examples of the other two main furniture outfits came to hand. **The Salon/Drawing Room set** was in a purple box 34*26*3½cm with a label similar to the Bedroom set but with the centre illustration as bottom right in 28/844. The set was unused, complete with instructions, but it didn't contain the cardboard Backdrop Walls which were in the Bedroom set – lost perhaps in the intervening nearly 100 years. The parts were on 4 cards, 3 in the base with the parts attached, usually singly, in the usual PYFYLY way, and one glued inside the lid with the Panels (previously called Cushions) & a small box of Sleeves, marked Bagues, glued to the card. The instructions, 4 sheets 161*123mm, were loose inside the wrapper below, a single sheet doubled over. It could be used for any of the Furniture outfits, and Nos.10-18 (see 28/840) were advertised on the back cover.

The Salle à Manger/Dining Room set came with its various models already assembled (except that the thin diagonal bracing was missing), and with no instructions. The box is dark olive green, 34*26*13¼cm, the depth much greater than the others and one of

Fig.1



the sides is hinged to drop down to extend the bottom. The lid was as usual but had no label, and nothing to indicate that there had ever been one. The photo below shows the furniture items (with my added bracing) standing on the simulated wooden flooring. The inside box 'walls' are brightly decorated in a rather un-Pyfyly style, but look to be original. The flooring in the bottom of the box is a cardboard sheet which can be lifted out. It has a dozen or so small holes in it so no doubt items had originally been attached to it. The model that was described by the Ebay seller as a bunk bed is called a Buffet/Sideboard. As a means of displaying the furniture the low 'walls' are thought less satisfactory than having a Backdrop in that some of the furniture is taller than the walls. I wonder if this was an early set and later ones had normal boxes with a Backdrop. Or was it a prototype which was never marketed? An indication of the set being early is that the Tool is flat as shown in the manuals, rather than, as in all the other Tools seen, having the centre impressed, see below. On the whole the models in the Dining set don't look to me as attractive as those in the Bedroom – the choice of fabric pattern surely doesn't help.

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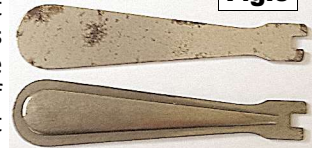


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Snippet. FIPS: 'New' German System Three identical sets, said to be from c.1930, were offered on Ebay. In a prewar dictionary Fips was 'an agile little man', & Wandelbare (under FIPS on the box lid right) I'll translate as Changeling for want of a better word. Each set has 8 parts: 4 Strips & a Triangle which push into the Base & the circular Head & Body. Models are about 10cm high.



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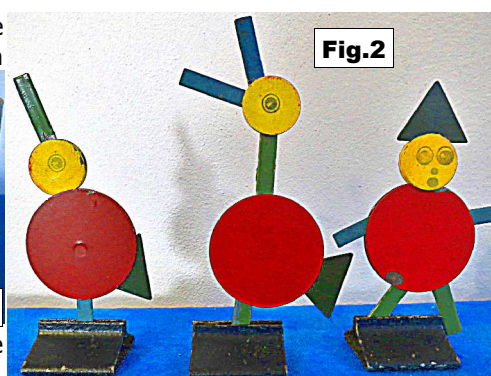


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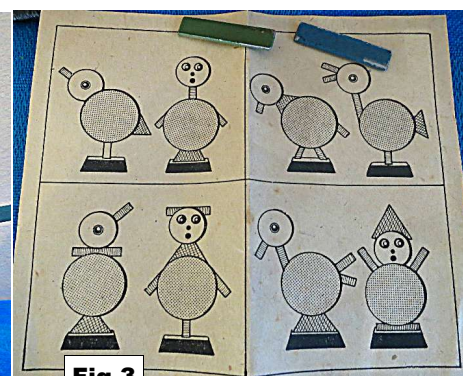


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