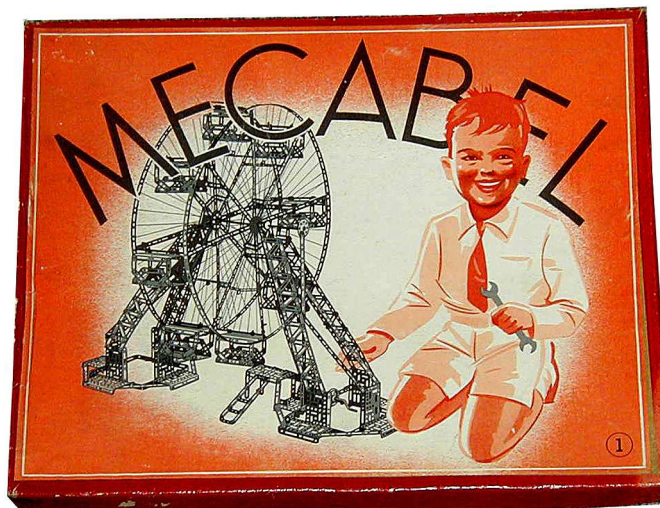
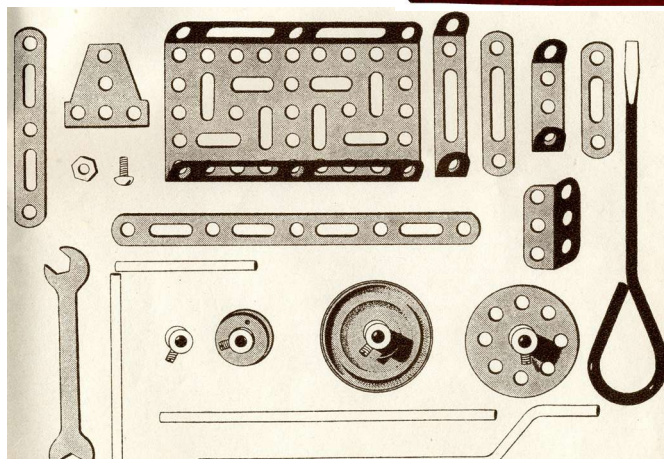


MECABEL These notes are based on a few loose parts & an unused No.1 outfit with the lid right. MECABEL's maker isn't known but in MCS it is said that it might be Belgian. The manual supports this to the extent of having a model called 'Wagon Métallique belge', and text in French, English, and Flemish/Dutch. No dates are known either but the 1940s is suggested in MCS. Sets I, II, & III are mentioned in the manual, but without details of their contents.

The Parts Below the manual's Illustrated Parts, and



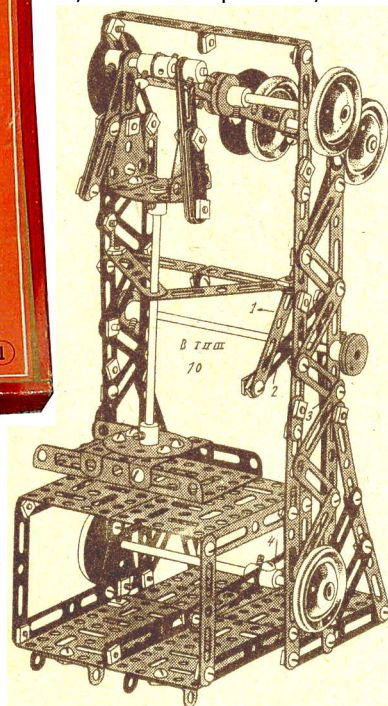
Crane on p3 to Boringmachine on p5. **Set 3:** 12 models from 1, Balance on p6 to 11, Wind-



and 80mm long, with sheared ends. The **Screwdriver** is made from Axle diameter rod and is 127mm long o/a. The **Spanner** is 79mm long & 2mm thick.

The Set The box is red, 29½*23½*2¼mm. There are labels inside the lid & in the bottom of the box, under the parts card. They are identical with a short Intro to the system in the centre, and the 6 Set 1 models from the manual around it, with the same illustrations. The parts are strung individually to the green card with thin white cord.

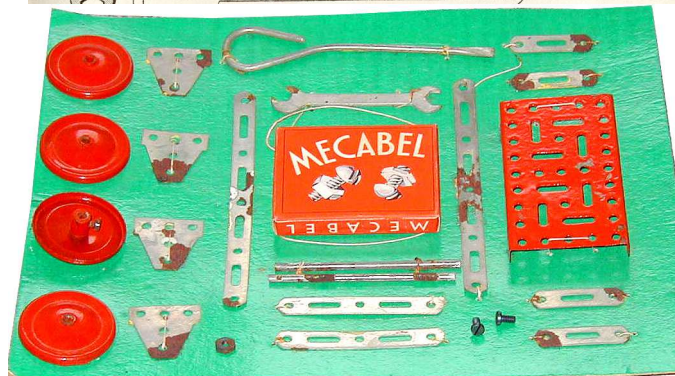
The Manual It has 16 unnumbered pages 179*132mm, plus covers. The front is identical to the lid label except for the absence of the '1' in the bottom right corner. C2 & C4 are blank; C3 has the Illustrated Parts. All the other pages have 3 models on them, with one drawing for each & an auxiliary view for



Machine à gaufrer (tissus et cuir)
Printing-machine (for leather and textures)
Wafel-machine (leder en stoffen)

pump on p9 (No.10 of the 12, the model above, is labelled for Sets 1 2 3). **Sets 1 2:** 9 models from 1, Swing on p10 to 10, Repairs-car on p12. **Sets 1 2 3:** 12 models from 3, Automatic-hammer on p13 to 11, Tank on p16.

There is a good selection of models but the drawings are often too small & too dark to see all the detail. The Printing Machine is one of the better looking ones and the Breakdown Lorry below has the centre-pivot steering used on the vehicles. Both are natural size & show as much detail as the originals.



underneath the parts in the Set. The Nut & 2 Bolts in the foreground are from the 10 of each in the red card box. **Holes** are 3.9mm at 10.0mm pitch. The grey parts have a dull 'rustproof' finish; the red paint is very thick and cracks off easily but the paint on the Plate in the loose parts is normal, and reasonably durable. **Strips** are 10.0-10.2mm wide and about .8mm thick. The **Road Wheel** is 40mm Ø; its painted steel boss is 8.2mm o.d., 3.5-3.6mm bore, & double-tapped with a 3x.6mm thread. The **Set Screw** is blackened steel, 5½mm u/h, with a 5.2mm Ø CH. The **N&B** have the same black finish but their **thread** is 3.5x.8mm, the same as early TRIX. The **Bolt** has a 6.0mm Ø CH & is 6½mm u/h. The hex **Nut** is pressed, 8.4mm A/F & 2mm thick. The **Axle** is 3.40mm Ø,

some, drawn very faintly. The models have names and for most, in tiny, faint letters, an indication of the set (s) needed, with BOITE (or B) followed by either 1, 2, III, I II, or I II III. From this it is supposed that there were 3 sets sold and the larger models needed a combination of them. For many models there is also a model number.

The model numbers aren't all in sequence and below the first & last models shown for each set or sets, using, for simplicity, Arabic numerals throughout. Reasonable guesses have been made where the manual has no Set/Model No.

Set 1: 6 models from 3, Turnstile on p1 to 6, Race-car on p2. **Set 2:** 9 models from

