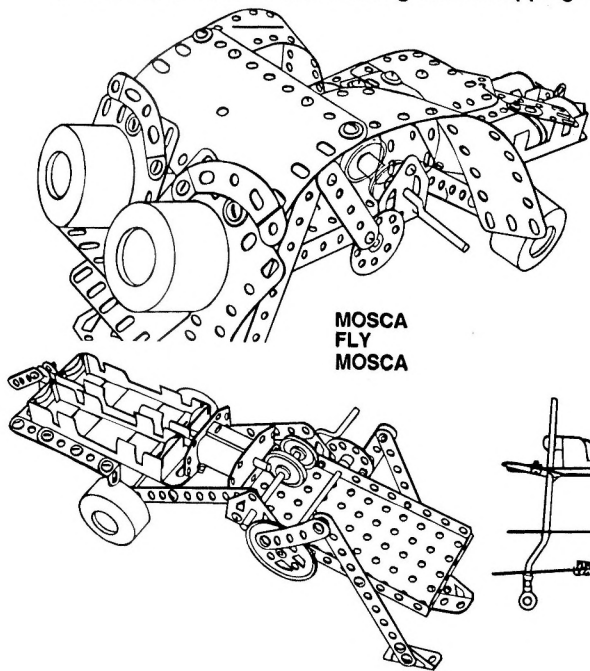


second stage is replaced by a Band drive to a 2" Pulley, as in the Fly below. 10 BRAL models follow, from a Loading Shovel on p13 to a Portable Crane on p16.

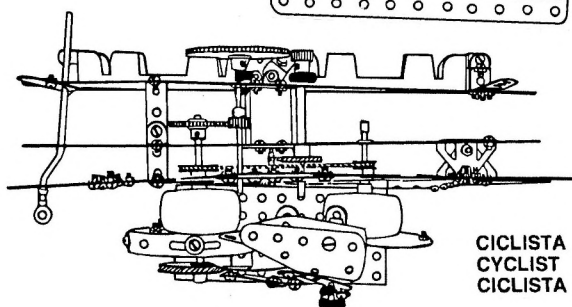
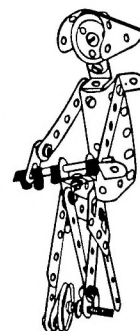
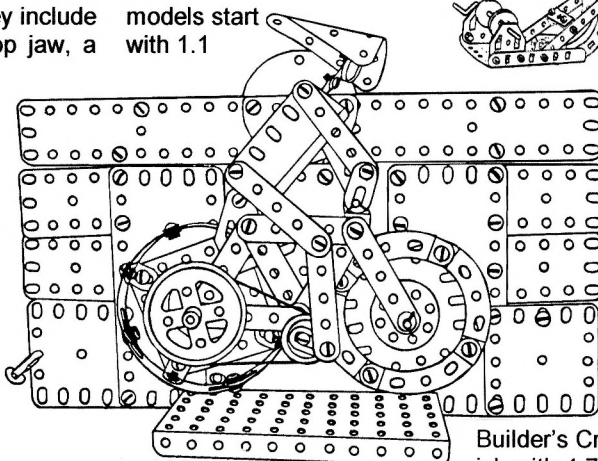
Only 12 KITSPOCK models are shown in the **No.4**, from Robot to Crane. The Gears are used in most, usually after a first 'friction' reduction. This is the case for the Robot on the cover with the final drive by Cord from a shaft at the back of the body to a Pulley between the centre Road Wheels. Most of the other models are interesting and original; they include a Crocodile which moves along with snapping top jaw, a

Gondola, and the Cyclist below with a geared drive to the back wheel and thereafter the crank is back driven from it by a Band (with a mountain climbing ratio). The front wheel also has a cord drive (from a 1" on the crank Axle to a 1/2" Pulley).

The **No.5** has 2 BRAL models on the first, & on the last page (Machine Gun to the model right— I'm not sure what it is). The other 46 MECCANO models start with 1.1



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Builder's Crane on p2 & finish with 4.7 Loading Shovel on p39. Their format has already been explained and they are models from the 1970s MECCANO manuals: 2.1 to 5.7 omitting those that are motor driven. It's nice to see them again, one can forget just how good the small MECCANO models of this period were.

**FOOTNOTE** More recently Edmundo has received photos from a friend, Carlos Granja, of the lid & manual cover from a KITSPOCK set, and kindly passed them on. The lid is shown below: it is blue with the name in yellow and under it 'SÉRIE 200' in red. The slogan at the bottom in white, 'O CONSTRUTOR MECÂNICO' (The Mechanical Builder), was also used in the leaflets described in OSN 14. The main Crane has silver (or light grey Strips), with Plates, & AVGs (probably), in yellow. Its load though includes a red Flanged Plate, and some of the parts in the box on the floor are red & green. The inset models of a Triplane, a Tractor, & a detail from a Helicopter, show Plates, Trunnions, & a 2" Pulley in red; silvery Strips & 1" Pulley; a yellow Bush Wheel; and a black Propeller. The 2" Pulley is fitted with a black Tyre, a part not seen in any of the other KITSPOCK material.

The manual cover is almost the same as the lid, but without the yellow circle top left, and with the name in white. Also the inset Tractor model is replaced by a Helicopter.

'Série 200' is presumably the set number but there is nothing anywhere to indicate whether this outfit and its manual came before or after the OSN 14 sets, and the 1-5 manual described above. None of the models in either of the latter are similar to those on the lid or manual cover.



**SNIPPET: STUDIO** Most of a manual cover is shown right. It is pale blue with brown panels, and a boy in a blue shirt is building a model which looks like a Crane made of Strips. An open box of parts with the manual and was described as an electrical outfit. It contained 2 parts which could be Coils wound with cotton-covered wire, lots of dark grey looking parts (Strips, Brackets, Discs, & a Flanged Plate with centre cutout), and various others including a TRIX Pulley Disc & a TECNIC Quadrant. So a mixed bag and not very useful until other evidence comes to light. A reference to a STUDIO ELEKTRIK is known but with no details, so whether it is this system, or related to it, remains to be seen. *Baukästen* mentions a STUDIO made by an East German firm called Sonni in 1976 but from David Hobson's *Building Toy List*, it had wooden parts.



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**Snippets. STUDIO Modell-Baukasten Elektrotechnik**

The name of this German system was mentioned in 16/458 and since then 4 sets have been seen on Ebay. I'll call them A, B, C, & D. Nothing is known of the maker except the GB logo (Fig1) – I can't trace it but it doesn't seem to be Gebrüder



**FIG.1**

Bing. 1930s was the date given for one of the outfits and this could be possible given the presentation of the various sets.

Before going into details a summary of the sets. Although their contents differ markedly, all have the same wooden box, 32\*21\*6cm, with a sliding lid, and the same partitioning (as in Fig.2). All have a manual with the same cover.



**Set A** (Fig.2). The label is similar to Fig.1 (from Set B) apart from the colour. The array of parts in the main compartment includes the only coloured parts seen, the blue 5h Ø Disc and, not seen in the other sets, the red Toothed Discs (are the 'teeth' pole pieces?).

**Set B.** The lid has the Fig.1 label and, unlike the other lids, it has a batten near and along each of its sides. These have metal tapped inserts in them to allow models to be attached (as in Fig.6, from the Set's manual). The parts in the 3 left hand compartments are shown in Fig.3 and in this set only this area is covered by a lift-off wooden lid with 2 finger holes in it (one quarter of it can be seen under the parts in Fig.4). Fig.4 is a view from underneath of the parts in the righthand compartment – from above there is a Pulley Disc atop each of the 5h Ø Discs, and the 6 insulated wiggly Wires can be clearly seen. The manual cover (Fig.5) features a boy with a Crane fitted with an electromagnet. The model in Fig.6 is from the manual and it is built on the battened lid already mentioned.

**Set C.** The label is similar but white with black or dark blue print. Its few remaining parts have been seen in Set B except for 2 Winding Drums, & a pastry cutter Gear Ring which is appreciably larger than the 5h Disc. Both are probably foreigners and the Drums look like those in the METALL-BAUKASTEN shown in 34/1035.

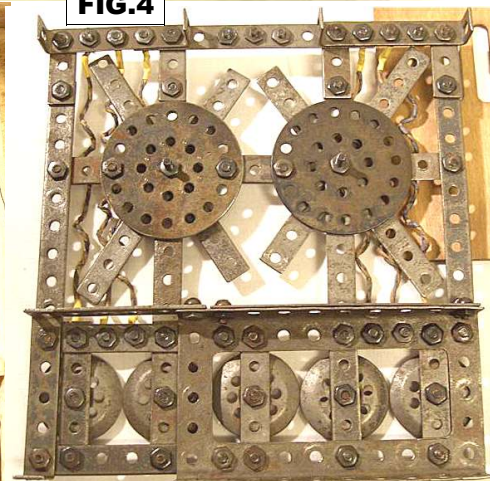
Fig.7 is a model from the manual. **Set D.** The top of the lid is not shown. Most of the remaining parts match those in the other sets but there are others which are either obvious or likely foreigners. In the latter category Pulleys that look to be aluminium, a 6h Wheel Disc, and Strips with rounded ends. The manual was said to have 12 pages.



**FIG.2**



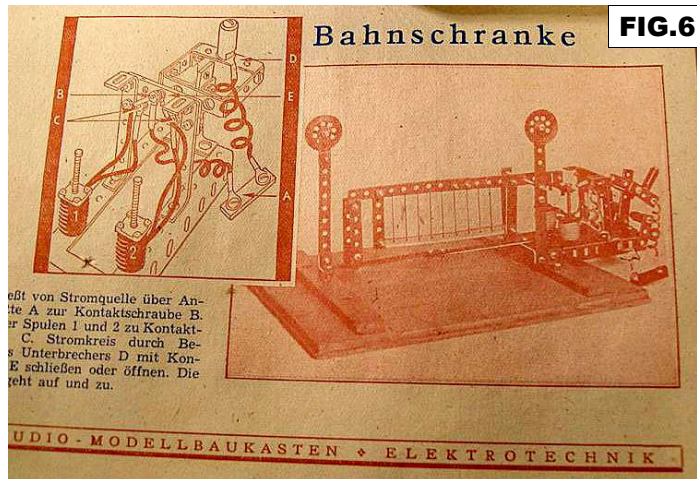
**FIG.3**



**FIG.4**

**The PARTS** By scaling, holes are at  $\approx 1/2$ " pitch, perhaps 12.5mm, &  $\approx 3 1/2$ mm Ø. All ends & corners are square. † parts are probables. • Strips, 3,5,9†,10,12h†. • DAS, 1\*5\*1h with slotted lugs, 1\*3\*1h†. • A/G, 5h with slotted holes in one flange. • A/B with at least one slotted hole. • Flanged Plate, 10\*5h with 3\*8h cutout (bottom right Fig.4). Slotted holes in the flanges. • Perforated Plate, 3\*8h†. • 5h Ø Disc. • The red Toothed Disc in Fig.2. • 3h Ø Pulley Disc. • Screwed Rods. • Hex Nut & RH Bolt. • Spanners: cranked single-end; double-ended with ring & angled jaws†. Span-driver, 'L' shaped with openings (Fig.3). • Wire Screwdriver, like MECCANO but shorter. • Coils: without base (Sets B, D); with base (Sets A, C). • Lamp Holder & Bulb. • Flat, open, double pole Switch (bottom left in Fig.3). • Insulating parts (Fig.3): 5h Strip; Washer  $\approx 12$ mm Ø; 10mm Ø Wooden Sleeves: 20mm long; 10mm long with pulley groove. • Various insulated wire and the

**FIG.5**



**FIG.6**

wiggly wire in Fig.4.

**FIG.7**



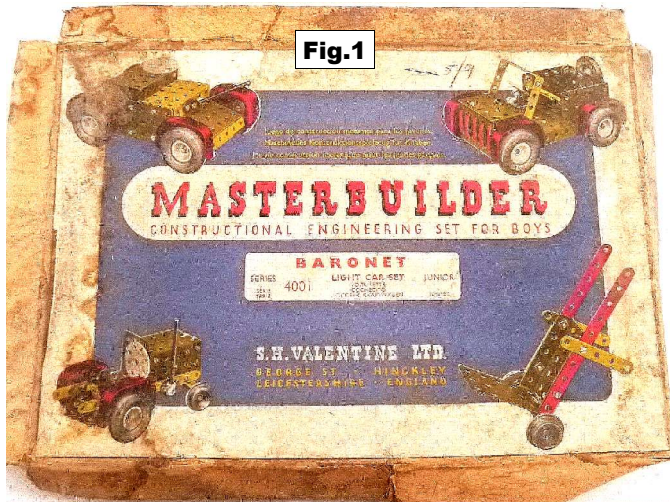


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**EDITORIAL** Better late than never is I hope the way you feel about the ever increasing gap between Issues, especially those who don't get the PDF pages. And I'm afraid there is no prospect of improvement but I console myself that it can only be good to continue to record more about Other Systems, albeit slowly.

**Shorter NOTES, with thanks to all contributors.**

1. **A MASTERBUILDER Baronet Outfit.** The later MASTERBUILDER sets with coloured parts are rare, & until the



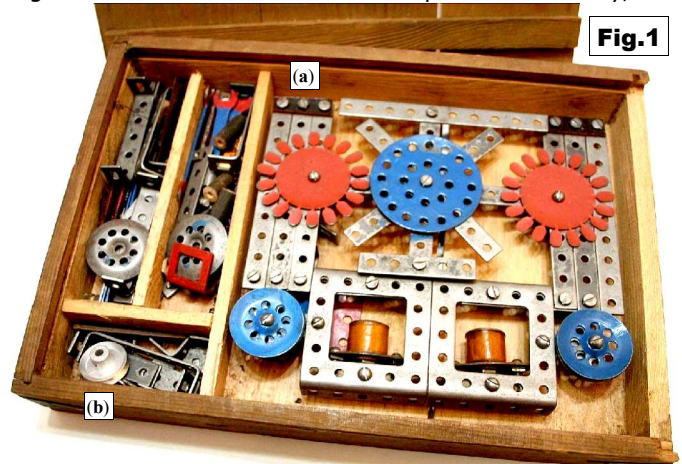
Baronet set above was spotted on Ebay, only 2 out of the 10 listed in the only known manual (see 8/184) had been seen.

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The Baronet was the smallest set in the first group of 3, the others, the Carfax & Carrier both had similar lid labels (see the Carrier in 38/1136) which differed in style to the present Set. Another change is the S.H.VALENTINE LTD., George St., Hinckley address on the label: a new name in the MASTERBUILDER story, a retailer possibly or a late change of manufacturer. Like other MASTERBUILDER addresses, Hinckley is in Leicestershire. It remains to be seen if the present label was the original for Baronet or if there was a change, perhaps with Valentine's advent. Incidentally, of the 4 models on the Baronet's label only the Luggage Truck could be made with the set.

**MASTERBUILDER: S4** [53/1612]

2. **More STUDIO Parts.** A set seen on Ebay has the same box as Fig.2 of 44/1326 except that the lid is the batten type. Figs.1 & 2 below show some of the parts more clearly, and



those listed below were not seen before.

- 9h Strip (confirmed).
- Flanged Plate 5\*5h with 3\*3h cutout.
- 3\*3h red Perf. Plate.
- Nut, square (not shown here).
- Bolts: short and cheeseheaded; long and roundheaded.
- Spanner, with one straight, & one cranked, angled end.
- Silvery, bossed Pulley, at (b).
- 3h Insulating Strip, at (a).
- The red part at (c), a Mounting Bracket perhaps.
- Crankshaft, at (e).
- Brass Contact Strip at (e).
- Insulating Spacer, perhaps, at (d).

**STUDIO: S2** [53/1612]

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