

Snippet. 'New' System: ATLETA The set shown here was offered on German Ebay and was said to have been made by Fa. Atleta, probably around 1930. But no name can be seen in any of the photos, and a web search found nothing relevant.

The box, left, 47*36½*7cm, has Flanged Plates, A/Gs, brassware, etc in the bottom (below), & a tray (Fig.3) with Strips, Rods, and Wheels. The A/Gs, 2 Spanners & the brassware

can be seen more clearly in Figs.2a & 2b, the Wheels in Fig.3a. Scaling gives the holes as 4¼mm Ø at 20mm pitch.

One end of a Strip (Fig.2c, in B&W) looks to have been stamped with some letters. ETA" can be seen, and the previous letter could be L but the one before that doesn't look like T. A" can be seen on one of the other Strips.

Some of the holes in the Strips are out of line and there are a few small variations in the hole pitch. So, could the set consist of homemade structural parts with proprietary Wheels etc? If so, some care has been taken over the packaging.



Fig.1

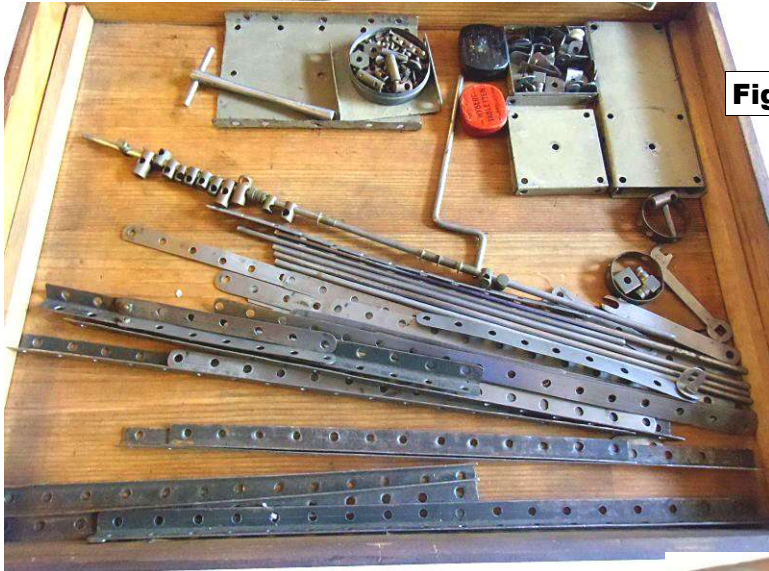


Fig.2



Fig.2a



Fig.2b



Fig.2c

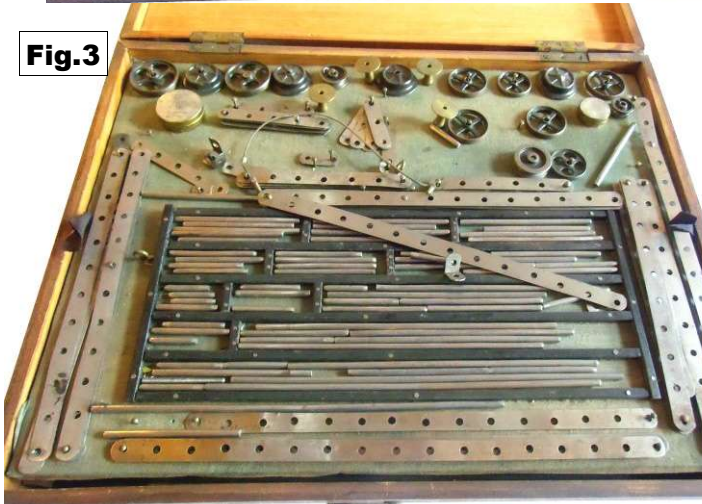


Fig.3



Fig.3a

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Snippet. 'New' System: DER KLEINE TECHNIKER This is the third system that is known to bear this name – the others were described in 37/1101 & on p1518 of this Issue.

The blurry Ebay photos right are something of a puzzle because while the parts in the box look more or less conventional those on the lid look distinctly electrical. So there has to be a question mark as to whether all, or some of the parts are not original.

The only part on the lid that might be in the box is the blueish looking circular part, an Insulated Bush (Wheel conceivably: it is about central on the pale backing board on the lid, and in box's bottom row. Otherwise the only slightly unusual parts in the box are the 4*4h & 8*8h Plates – their edge holes are at the same pitch as the other parts (said to be 10mm in the Ebay ad) and the holes around the centre hole of the larger Plate are at 15mm radius. Likewise the radii of the face holes of the wheels (Pulleys fitted with thin Tyres of



Fig.1



Fig.2

anything but if the wheels & unusual Plates were to turn up as parts in some other system they should be easy to spot.

Since writing the above I've noticed a system in Guibert's *Encyclopédie* with parts which include the 8*8h Plate & the Pulleys with thin Rubber Rings. It is listed as METALL-BAUKASTEN(3) and its lid is black & dull yellow with 'METALL Baukasten' & a Hammerhead Crane on it.

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