

'New' System: KiCo The photos of this unusual German system were from Jürgen Kahlfeld via Urs Flammer. Thank you both.

In the lefthand panel of the lid label below, 400+ nickel plated parts are claimed, including N&B. In the right panel is a list of 10 models that can be made with the Set; & along the bottom it is said that the basic part is 30*6mm, and that it is 1.5mm thick.

It is not easy to see many of the parts in the open box (Fig.2) even in the original, but some can be seen in Fig.3, an enlargement of the bottom right bay. Apart from strip parts, the only others are the 8h

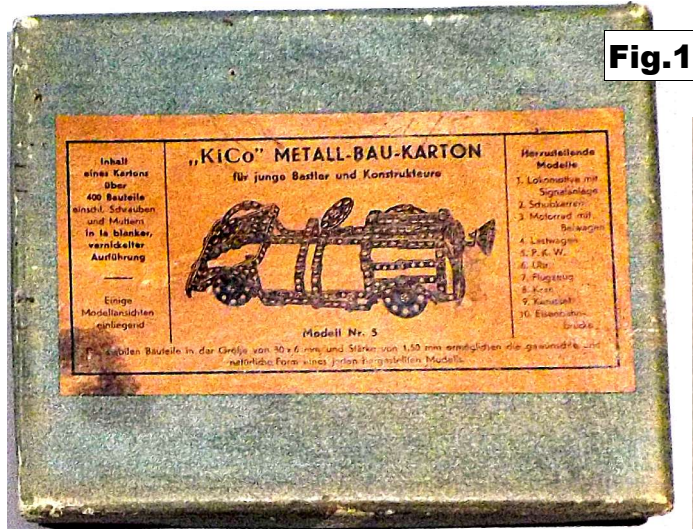


Fig.1

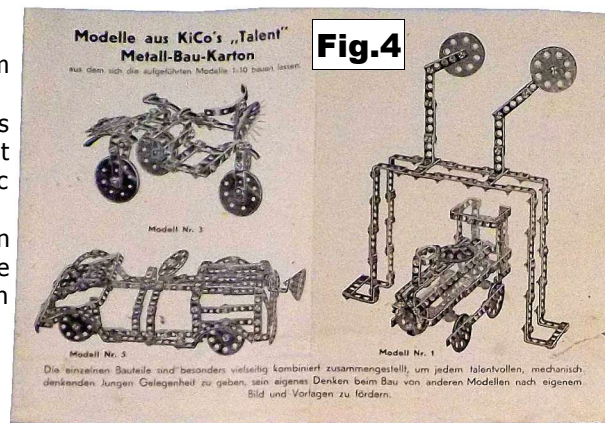


Fig.4

Wheel Disc & the Domed Disc version of it. (The Saddle in Fig.6 may be another part but can't be seen in the box.) 3 & 5h Strips can both be seen clearly & both are about the same size overall, & have the 30*6mm proportions. The hole pitches scale at 11.3 & 5.8mm, so possibly 12 & 6mm. The other bays seem to contain many 3h Strips but also Strips, including at least some 5h, bent up into A/B & DAS. What look like 2h Strips may be one face or edge of these.



Fig.2

The 10 models listed on the lid are: Loco & Signal Gantry; Barrow; Motorcycle & Sidecar; Lorry; Motor Car; Clock; Aeroplane; Crane; Roundabout; Railway Bridge.

The 3 models on the manual pages in Fig.4 are shown enlarged in Figs.5-7. All appear to be built from mainly 5h Strips, & Brackets made from them, but some of the parts in Fig.6 could be the 3h Strips, the bottom cross members for instance, & possibly the handlebars.

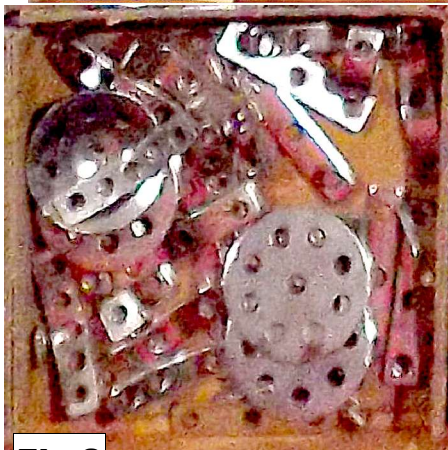


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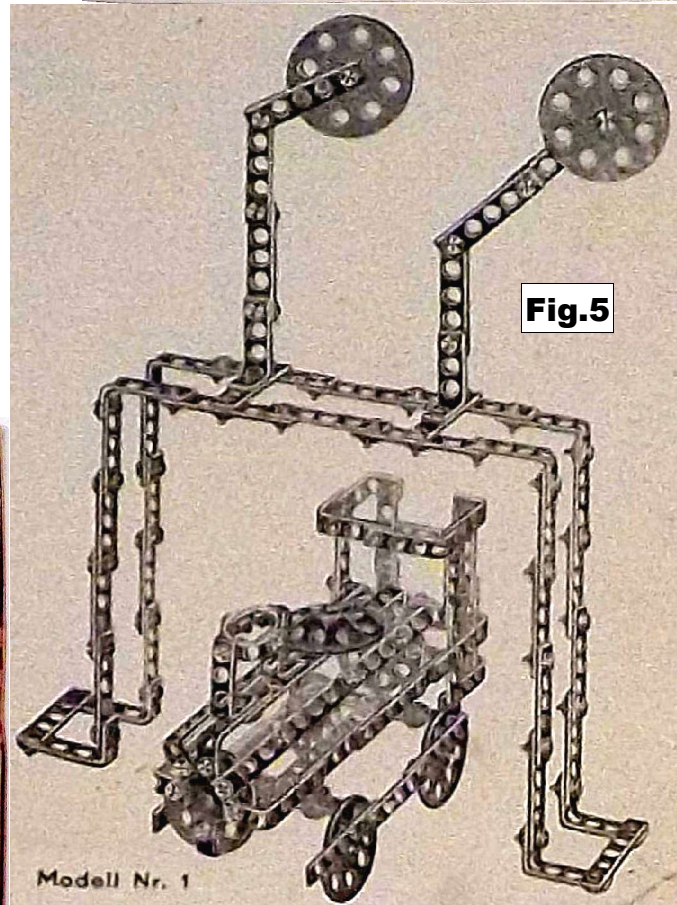


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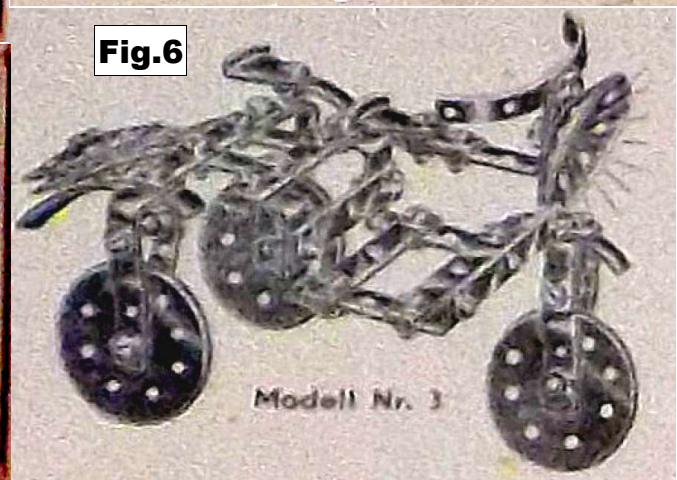


Fig.6

As far as can be seen 3h Strips & Brackets could replace the 5h in the models, so why 3 & 5h? The 5h would give greater versatility; was the 3h marginally cheaper to produce? Ignoring that conundrum it's surprising what can be done with a Strip or two and a Wheel Disc, plus some N&B of course.

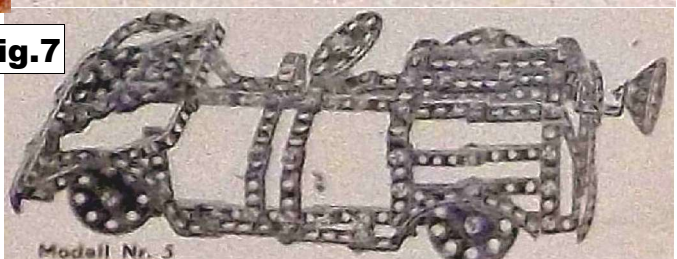


Fig.7