

Snippet. 'New' System: LOCARNO

The set shown was offered on the Dutch Marktplaats. Right, the lid with the manual above it, and the logo from the centre of the label inset. Far right the lid label enlarged. Figs.4 shows the parts in the box, and Fig.5 part of the manual.

There is no indication of the size of the box, or of any other outfits. The only clue to the set's maker is the logo, but until it can be identified it isn't even clear in which country the set was made. Switzerland perhaps given that Locarno is a Swiss town, but it is said to be Italian speaking and if so a label in at least French and Italian would have been appropriate. If not Switzerland then France would be the obvious likely possibility.

The Parts There is nothing to point to the size of the parts. The different types that can be seen are green Strips in 15 lengths from 2 to 16h, a black Angle Bracket, and black N&B with hexagon Nuts & roundheaded Bolts. At a glance some of the Strips look wider than others and comparatively wide in relation to the hole size, but when the photo is blown up it's clear that at least in most cases the 'extra' width is due to irregular stacking of the parts, and the holes don't look unusual in size.

The Models speak for themselves, and, given the size of the Set, seem to me to make the best of having only Strips and Angle Brackets to work with. One wonders why no Wheels, or even Discs, were included. Do the windmill's sails rotate? Hard to see how unless there was a long Bolt in the Set originally. Incidentally the parts lists for the models have only Strips & A/Bs in them, with no mention of Nuts, or Bolts, long or otherwise.



Fig.1



Fig.3

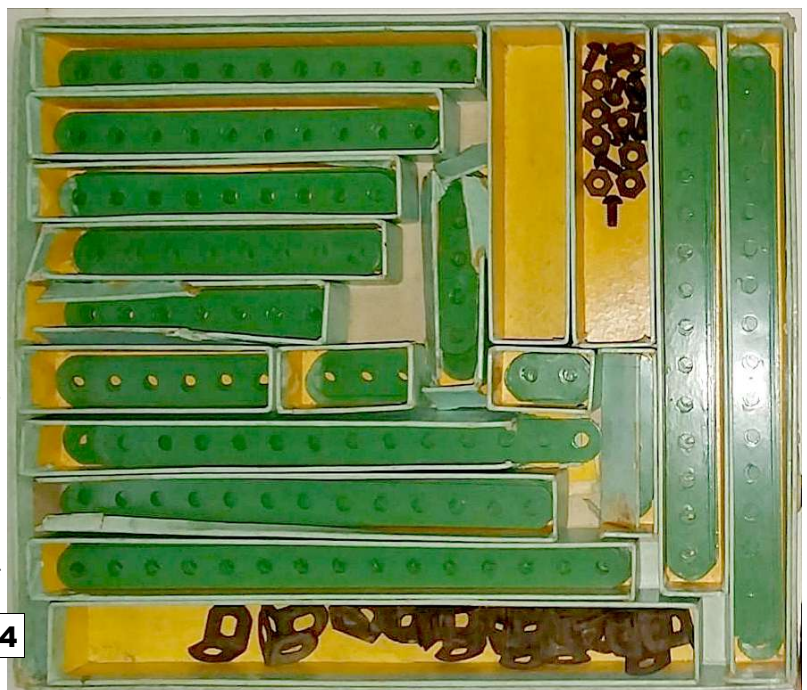


Fig.4

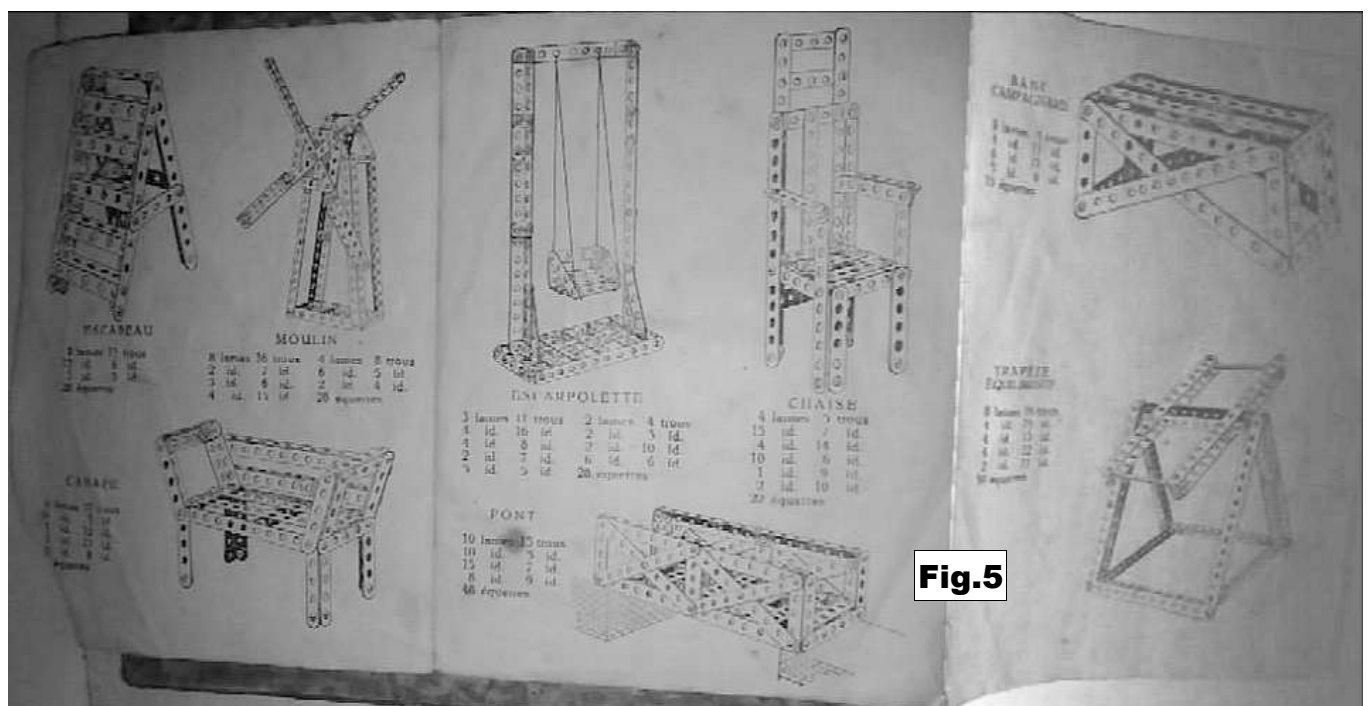


Fig.5