

**Snippet. 'New' Dutch System: METABO** A set was offered on Marktplaats recently and a check with HONGS, the Dutch toy website ([www.hongs.nl](http://www.hongs.nl)), produced more information from the two sets shown there. This included a newspaper ad for the system from September 1944, so perhaps METABO dates from the pre-WW2.

Fig.1 shows the lid of the Hongs set thought to be the earlier of the two, and Fig.3 its base. The lid of the second set (Fig.2) is about the same size as the first, roughly 32cm long. Its base is plain

**Fig.3**



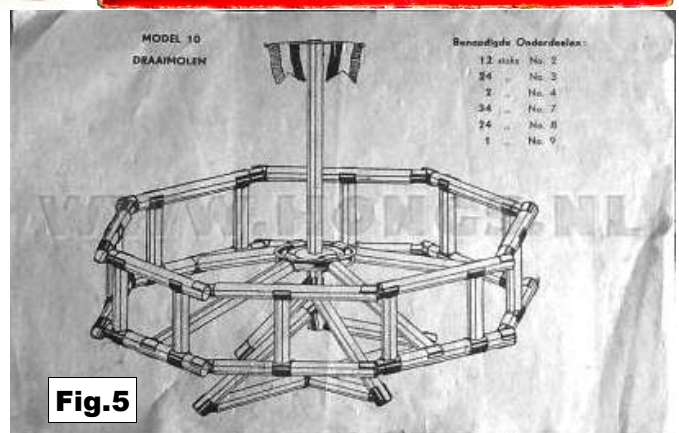
**Fig.1**



**Fig.2**



**Fig.4**



**Fig.5**

cardboard, not white, and has different partitioning with 5 compartments in 2 rows. The Marktplaats set is similar to the second Hongs with the same label, but the lid & base are yellow. Its partitioning may have the similar though most of it is now missing. No differences can be seen between the parts in the different outfits and there is no indication of any different sized sets.

The 9 parts in the system are shown in Fig.4: 5 lengths of rolled Tube (2,5,10,17,25cm long), 3 Connectors (In-line, Straight, Angled) and a Pulley. The main parts can be seen in Fig.3 and unlike the Pulley in Fig.4 the actual part has a tubular boss protruding on at least one side. By scaling, the Tubes are 10mm Ø & the Wheel a little over 5cm. The Connectors push into the Tubes. There is no obvious axle stop, and to

use a suitable Connector would be clumsy.

Angled Connectors are used in the Swing on the Fig.1 lid but their use is clearer in the Roundabout above. This model also shows how Connectors can clip over the edge of a Pulley.

METABO obviously owes much to KLIPTIKO (see 44/1339) but provided the Connectors are held tightly in the Tubes, its Angled Connector provides greater versatility, and the In-line Connector offers a somewhat easier way of joining Tubes end-to-end.

All the photos here are courtesy of HONGS, also of V. Janitschek who sent all but Fig.2 to HONGS.

**METABO: S1**

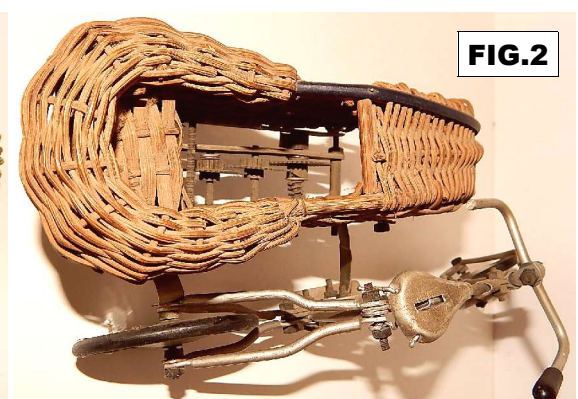
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### **The AUTO-CYCLE Wicker Sidecar.**

The rare version of the Sidecar with panelling of Sicalite (similar to Celluloid) was shown in 38/1156, and earlier this year the even rarer wicker one right was offered on American Ebay. It was said to be 6¾" long and 3" wide.



**FIG.1**



**FIG.2**

**AUTO-CYCLE: S8**

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