

Christmas "Simplicity" Competition

This contest has been organised with the special object of giving Meccano model-builders who possess only small Outfits a chance to win one of the splendid prizes listed below. It differs from an ordinary model-building contest in that models should be built from the least possible number of parts. It will be seen, therefore, that owners of small Outfits can compete on equal terms with fortunate possessors of large Outfits.

Competitors are not restricted to any specified number of parts. Any number may be used, but the prizes will be awarded to those boys who succeed in building the best models from the smallest number of parts. On the other hand, the competitor who submits the smallest model will not necessarily obtain the First Prize. Any type of model may be entered and the Contest is open to competitors of all ages, and in any part of the world.

Although the Contest affords a splendid opportunity to the owner of a small Outfit, there is plenty of scope for the constructor who possesses a quantity of the more advanced parts, such as Cranks, Gear Wheels, Swivel Bearings, and Couplings, etc., which are often of great value in the construction of simple models.

Examples of models suitable for entry in this contest are shown in the accompanying illustration. Each of these models won a prize in a recent "Simplicity" Competition.

Fifty-seven Prizes!

There will be three sections, as follows:—Section A, for competitors over 14 years of age living in the British Isles; Section B for competitors under 14 years living in the British Isles; Section C for competitors of all ages living Overseas.

The prizes to be awarded in Sections A and C are as follows:—First Prize, cheque for £3-3s. Second Prize, cheque for £2-2s. Third Prize, cheque for £1-1s. Six Prizes, each consisting of Meccano goods to the value of 10/6. Six Prizes, each consisting of Meccano goods to the value of 5/-. Six Prizes, each consisting of a copy of "Famous Trains," by Mr. C. J. Allen, the popular writer on railway subjects.

The prizes in Section B are as follows:—First Prize, Meccano

goods value £2-2s. Second Prize, Meccano goods value £1-1s. Third Prize, Meccano goods value 10/6. Six Prizes, each consisting of Meccano goods value 5/-. Six Prizes, each consisting of a complete Meccano Manual of Instructions.

Rules Governing Entry

Competitors should send either good drawings or photographs of their models, together with a short description of all important features. The competitor's age, name and address must be written clearly on the back of each photograph or drawing submitted, together with the letter A, B, or C, indicating the Section for which the model is eligible. No entry forms are needed, and there are no fees to be paid. *Actual models must not be sent.*

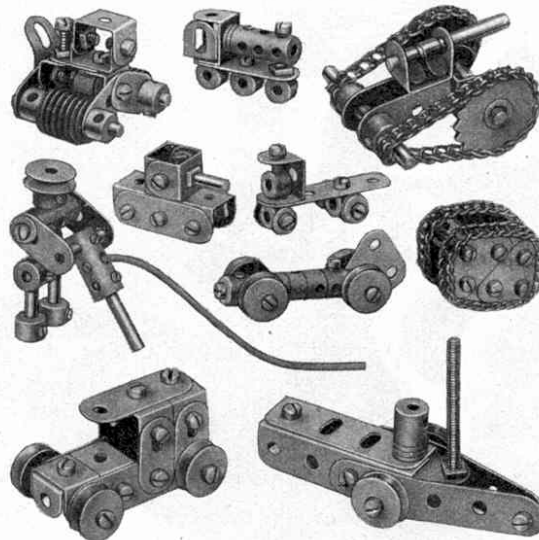
Envelopes containing entries should be addressed Christmas "Simplicity" Contest, Meccano Ltd., Binns Road, Old Swan, Liverpool.

Photographs of prize-winning models become the property of Meccano Ltd., but unsuccessful entries will be returned to the senders provided that a stamped addressed envelope of the necessary size is enclosed with the entry. More than one model may be entered in the contest, but all entries from any single competitor must be sent under the same cover. No single competitor can win more than one prize; if two or more models are entered they will be considered jointly.

Closing Dates

In many previous Meccano competitions we have been compelled to reject numerous entries simply because they were received after the closing date. In this Contest, however, there can be no excuse for the late arrival of entries, for the closing dates in all Sections have been specially extended. 31st January, 1931, is the last day on which entries may be received from competitors living in Great Britain. Overseas readers entering in Section C must forward their entries so that they reach Liverpool not later than 31st March, 1931.

Full lists of prize-winners, together with illustrations and descriptions of prize-winning models will be published in the Magazine as early as possible after the closing dates.



"Errors" Contest: What is Wrong with this Locomotive?

The model locomotive illustrated herewith has been purposely constructed incorrectly, and it will be seen that it is literally bristling with faults.

We want all Meccano model-builders to make a list of these faults and send it in to us, together with their own opinions as to the way in which the construction of the model should be corrected.

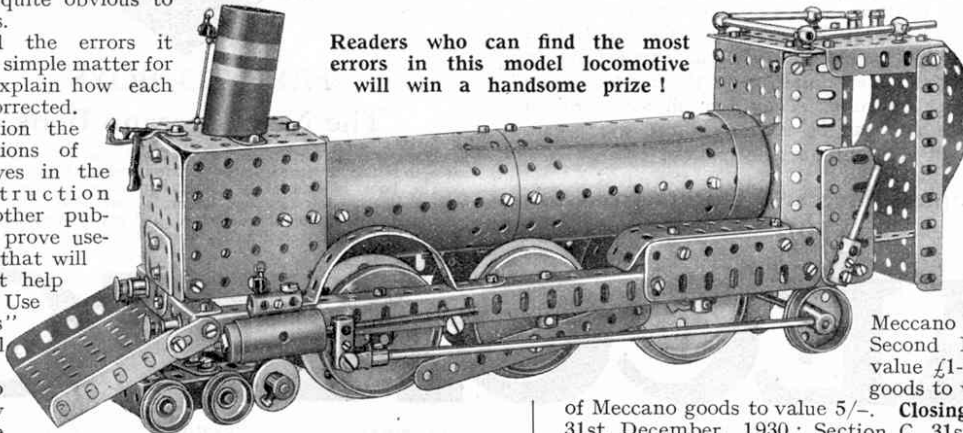
A careful study of the model will show that two definite types of mistakes have been made in building the locomotive. The first type of mistake is the incorrect use of Meccano parts. The second type of error concerns the design of the model. Errors of this type should be quite obvious to keen Meccanoites.

Having noted the errors it should be a fairly simple matter for competitors to explain how each error should be corrected.

In this connection the various illustrations of model locomotives in the Meccano Instruction Manuals and other publications should prove useful, and a book that will also be of great help is the "How to Use Meccano Parts" Manual (price 6d.).

There is no doubt that many boys will be able

Readers who can find the most errors in this model locomotive will win a handsome prize!



to discover all the mistakes readily if they build up the actual model for themselves, but it is not absolutely necessary to do this because all the mistakes may easily be seen from a close study of the illustration.

Competitors should first write out a list of all the faults they can find in the model. When the list is complete a brief description should be written on a separate sheet of paper, of the way in which the model ought to be built.

Competitors should write on one side of the paper only, and their age, name, and address must appear on the back of each sheet of paper sent in.

Entries will be divided into three Sections: Section A, for competitors over 14 years of age living in the British Isles. Section B, for competitors under 14 years of age living in the British Isles. Section C, for competitors of all ages living Overseas.

The prizes to be awarded in each Section are as follows. First Prize,

Meccano goods to value £2-2s. Second Prize, Meccano goods to value £1-1s. Third Prize, Meccano goods to value 10/6. Twelve Prizes,

of Meccano goods to value 5/-. Closing dates: Sections A and B, 31st December, 1930; Section C, 31st March, 1931.