

Great New Year Model-Building Contest

Splendid Prizes Open to All Readers

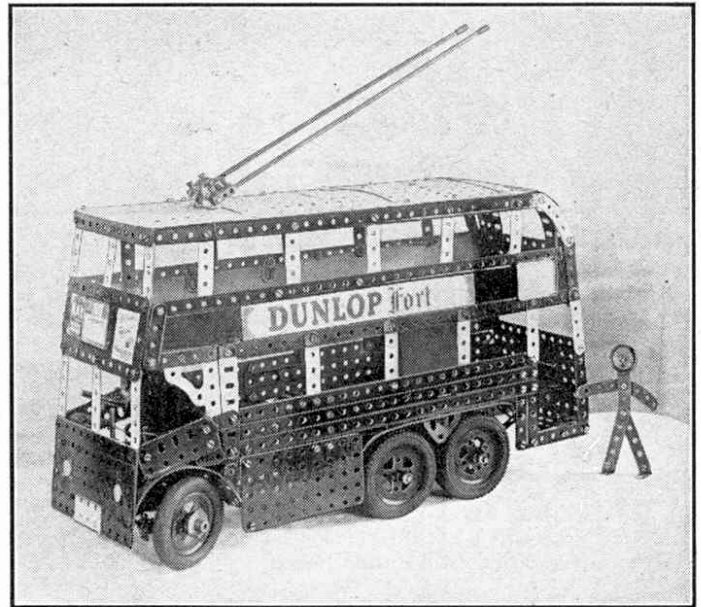
The finest way of enjoying the blackout is to build Meccano models. This is well known to thousands of "M.M." readers and Meccano enthusiasts, both those who are still at home and those who have been evacuated. After all, it is only natural that Meccano boys should turn to their Outfits for pleasure and recreation in these difficult times. To encourage them to make the very best use of their Meccano parts, and so to obtain the greatest pleasure from model-building, we are offering nearly 50 splendid prizes this month in a fine New Year contest in which they can all enter. In this there are no complicated rules and conditions, and it is very easy to prepare and send in an entry.

A special invitation to enter this contest is extended to new friends. This is the time of the year when there are thousands of recruits to the Meccano hobby. Many of these have already built the models shown in their Instructions Manuals, and are eager to build others in accordance with their own ideas. They will find that their model-building becomes even more exciting and interesting if they begin to plan and construct an entry for this contest.

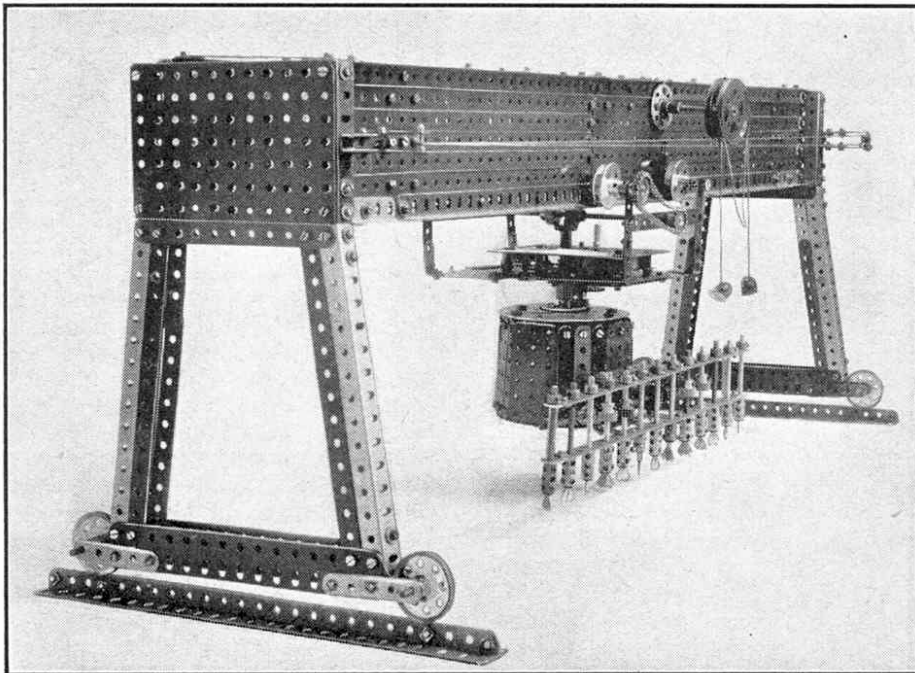
Models of any kind whatsoever may be submitted. All Meccano structures are eligible, whether they are simple model cranes built with small Outfits, or huge locomotives, battleships or giant bridges built from the larger ones. Every competitor will have the same chance, whatever the size of his Outfit, for the judges will

model, or build a Meccano version of that engine, machine or gadget in which you are specially interested, and send in its details in this competition.

Preparing an entry is very easy. As is the rule in "M.M." model-building contests, it is not necessary to go to the trouble of packing the actual model and sending it to us. All that is required is a good drawing or, better still, a photograph. Neither of these need be the competitor's own work. He can get somebody who is more skilful than himself to help him to get this part of his entry ready. It is advisable to send also a written description of the principal features of the model, especially of parts that are not clearly shown in the illustration. Then the competitor should write his age, name and address, preferably in



This model trolley-bus won a prize in an "M.M." competition for A. Ericsson, Belvedere.



A model of a travelling multiple-spindle drilling machine for boring holes in ships' plates and similar work. It was built by Victor C. Kaile, Mayford.

take this into account and will look for unusual ideas and neat construction rather than for elaboration. So pick out your best

block letters, on the back of each photograph or drawing submitted.

Finally the drawing or photograph, with

the accompanying written description, has to be placed in an envelope addressed "New Year General Model-Building Competition," Meccano Ltd., Binns Road, Liverpool 13. That is all there is to do, and every reader who takes advantage of this opportunity will have a chance of winning one of the many fine prizes we are offering for the best models submitted to us.

Entries will be divided into two sections according to the ages of competitors. Those from readers of 15 years of age or more will be placed in Section A, and those from competitors under 15 will be grouped together in Section B. In each section the age of each entrant will be taken into consideration by the judges.

The Contest will remain open for entries until 31st March, but entries should be posted as soon as they are ready so that they will reach Liverpool well before the closing date.

The following prizes will be awarded in each Section of the Contest to the builders of the most interesting models received. For the best entry there will be the First Prize, a cheque for £3/3/-. The Second and Third Prizes will consist respectively of Meccano or Hornby products to the value of £2/2/- and £1/1/-, and there will be 20 further prizes, 10 consisting of Meccano or Hornby products to the value of 10/6 and 10 of similar products to the value of 5/-. Every winner of a prize consisting of Meccano or Hornby products will be allowed to make his own choice from current lists.

Competitors who would like to have their photographs or drawings returned to them after the entries have been judged should enclose with their entries a stamped addressed envelope for that purpose. Photographs or drawings of prize-winning entries will not be returned.