

its slewing jib, probably the best model), a Cattle Lorry, the Auto-Breakdown Lorry in the previous column (60% f-s), a Pull-along Truck, and a Railway Bridge with signal lights (really a Signal Gantry) on p9. Each has a page to itself with a good photo (2 of each for the Mobile Crane) and very brief constructional notes.

**Other Parts, etc.** In one lot to hand the parts include a 4h A/G, a 3h & a 4h Strip which look original, and 2x 2h Strips which have probably been cut from longer parts. Also the metal of the main parts is different with steel Strips, A/Gs, & Flanged Plate, and aluminium Perforated Plates. Other differences are the blue parts in a lighter shade than those in the present set, and the holes in a few of the parts are only 3.5mm Ø. The Flanged Plate has a **Pleasure Beach** transfer on it (left), and it was this transfer that caused the system to originally have been called **Pleasure Beach** in MCS.



But so far there is no evidence of any sets with that name.

Valerie Young's set (see 8/202) was similar to the present one except that all the main parts were aluminium. The Bolts were steel with 4.5mm Ø round heads and the Nuts brass, & hexagonal (5.3mm A/F).

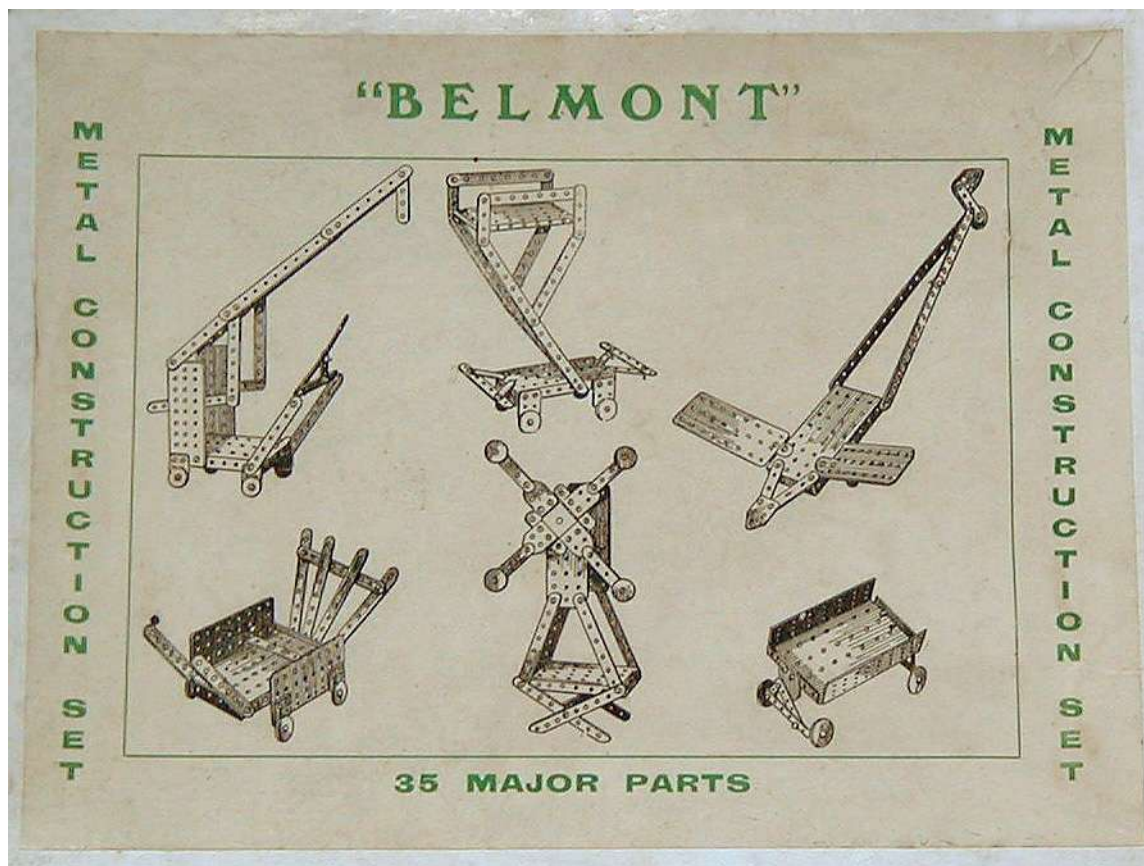
A lot on Ebay included 4h A/Gs, and the A/Gs, Strips, DAS, & Triangular Plates looked green. The other Plates were the usual red.

The manual with the '60 each' N&B is otherwise identical to the present one except that the name on the cover is red rather than white on red. Another Ebay lot contained one manual with such a '60 each' cover and also the one right. The model on its cover is more elaborate than any in the present manual, another pointer to the existence of other sets.



## CONSTRUCTO [4]: S2

OSN 36/1076



top) are 1\*6\*1h and not the ARWILL 2\*4\*2h (clearly shown in one of the ARWILL manual models). The models on the lid are often inaccurately drawn but a 1\*6\*1h DAS looks to be needed in the top left model and in others A/Bs or a 2\*4\*2h DAS would be necessary. Excluding the Spanner there are 33 parts in the Set as found, against the 35 major parts claimed on the lid - at a guess the two missing parts are A/Bs.

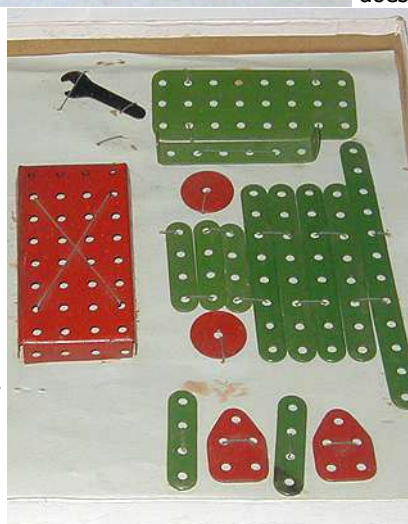
Like the ARWILL parts all the present ones are slightly dished, and except for the ARWILL A/B, all holes are 3.9mm. The differences between the parts are as follows. At 13.1-13.3mm the BELMONT Strip parts are up to .3mm wider; the ARWILL 4h Strips are painted red; the BELMONT Spanner is black and a different shape - it is 47¾mm long o/a with hexagonal jaws 6.4mm A/F (the ARWILL part does not have an angled head and has square jaws 8.0mm wide). Judging from the Spanner the BELMONT Nuts are probably ¼" A/F. The ARWILL DAS was blue and in passing a matching blue 3\*8h Plate has since been found.

None of the models on the lid are at all similar to any of those in the ARWILL manual. And I can't work out what part is used for the centre of the hub for the sails on the Windmill.

**'New' System: BELMONT** One set with the Mystery Parts 34 (see 17/475 & 18/507) was ARWILL, described in 29/856, but now David Hobson has found another set, near complete, called BELMONT, with very similar parts, and he kindly lent it to me for these notes. The contents of the two sets are also similar but the models (on the box lid label above for BELMONT, there was no manual with the Set) are quite different.

The box is white, 10½\*12½\*1", and most of the lid is covered by the label, 8¾\*11½". The parts are individually strung by green cord to a thin pale green card, see right - those on the left side match the parts to the right of the Flanged Plate & Spanner. A packet of N&B may have been stapled under the Flanged Plate, and above it an empty loop of cord indicates that there was originally at least one more part.

Apart from the N&B all the parts listed in the ARWILL manual are present except the Screwdriver & the 4x 2\*2h A/Bs. However the BELMONT DAS (under the 8h Strips at the



## BELMONT: S1

OSN 36/1076