

## A MODEL FOR OUTFIT No. 7

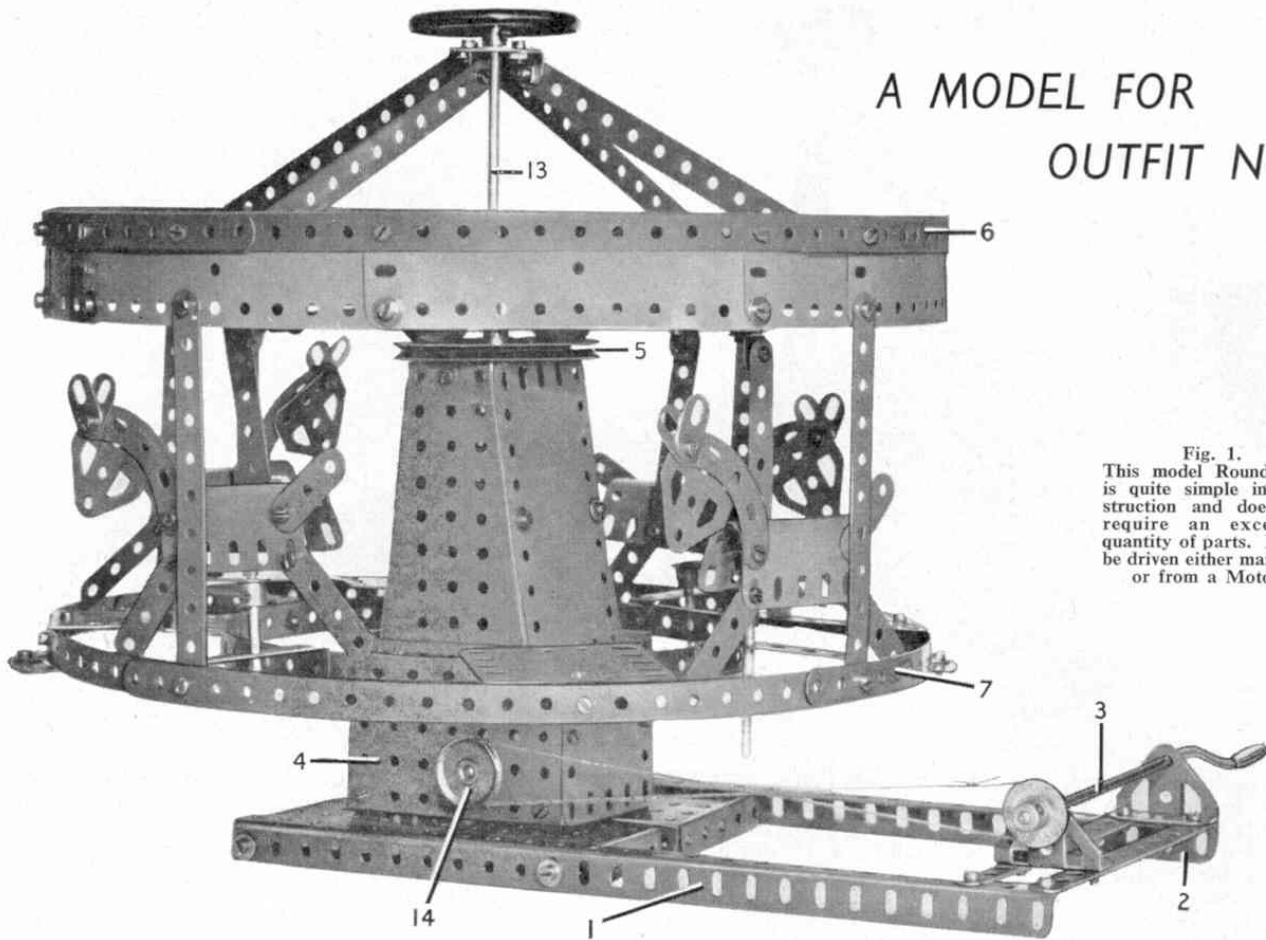


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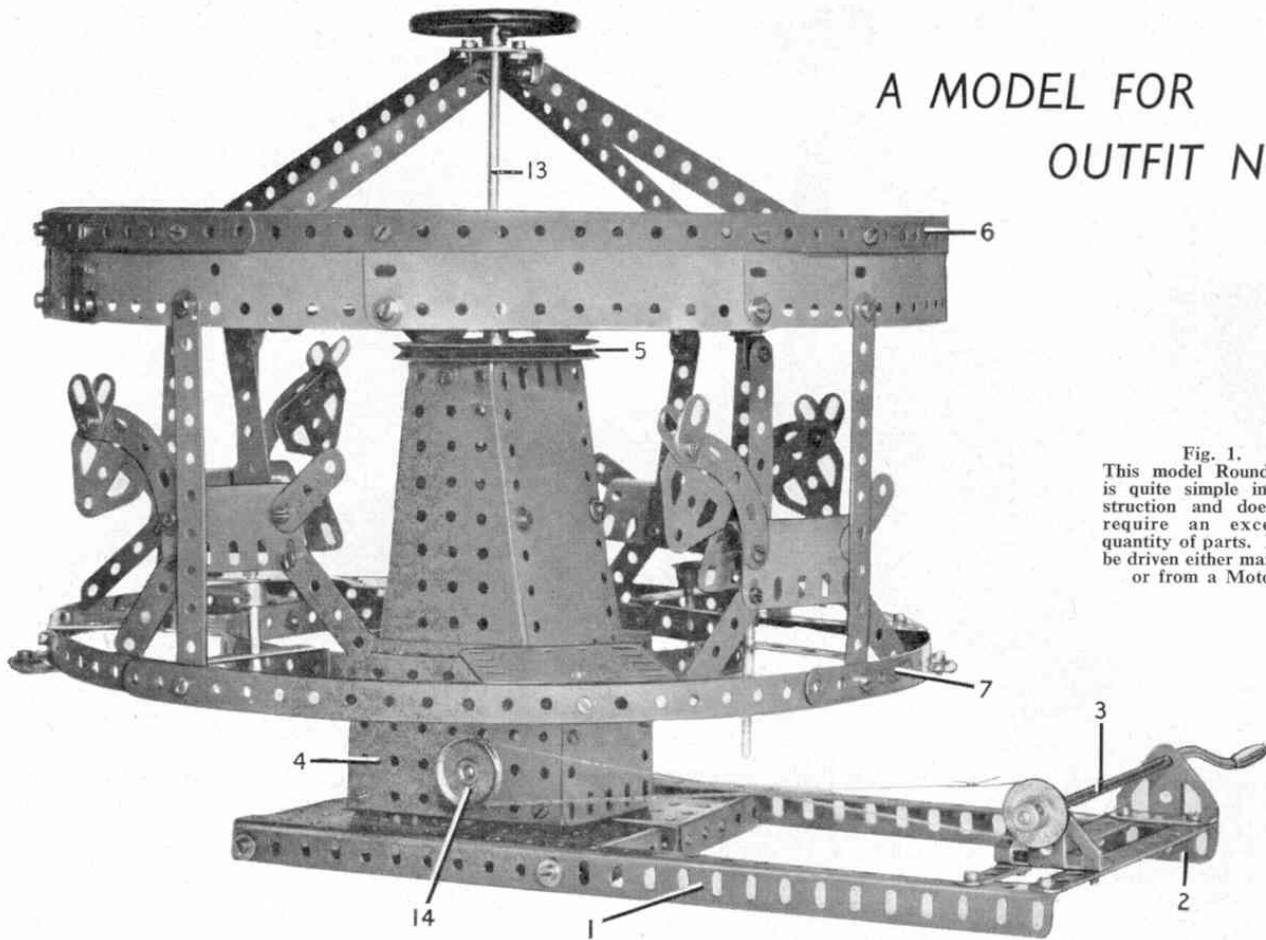


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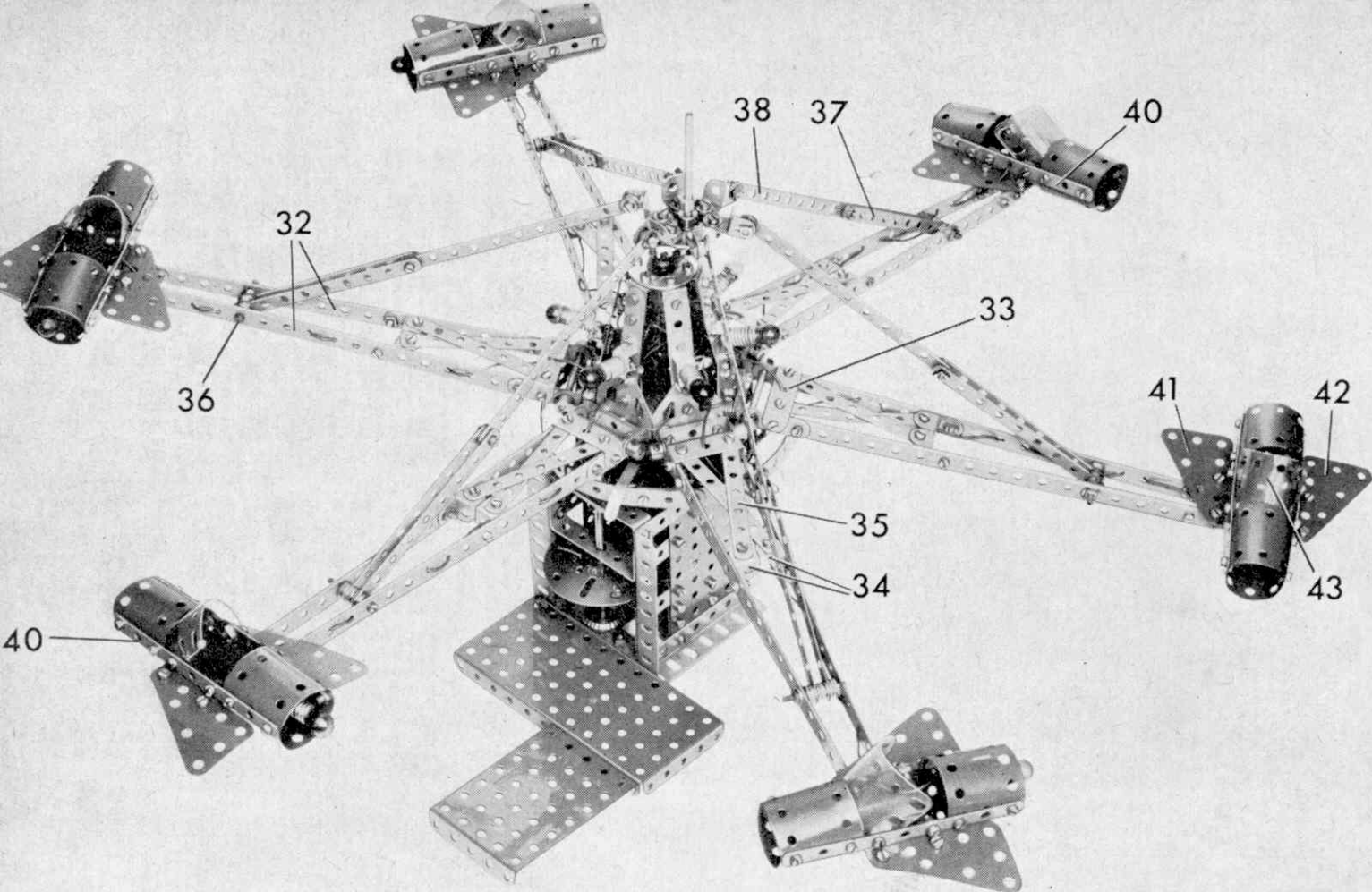
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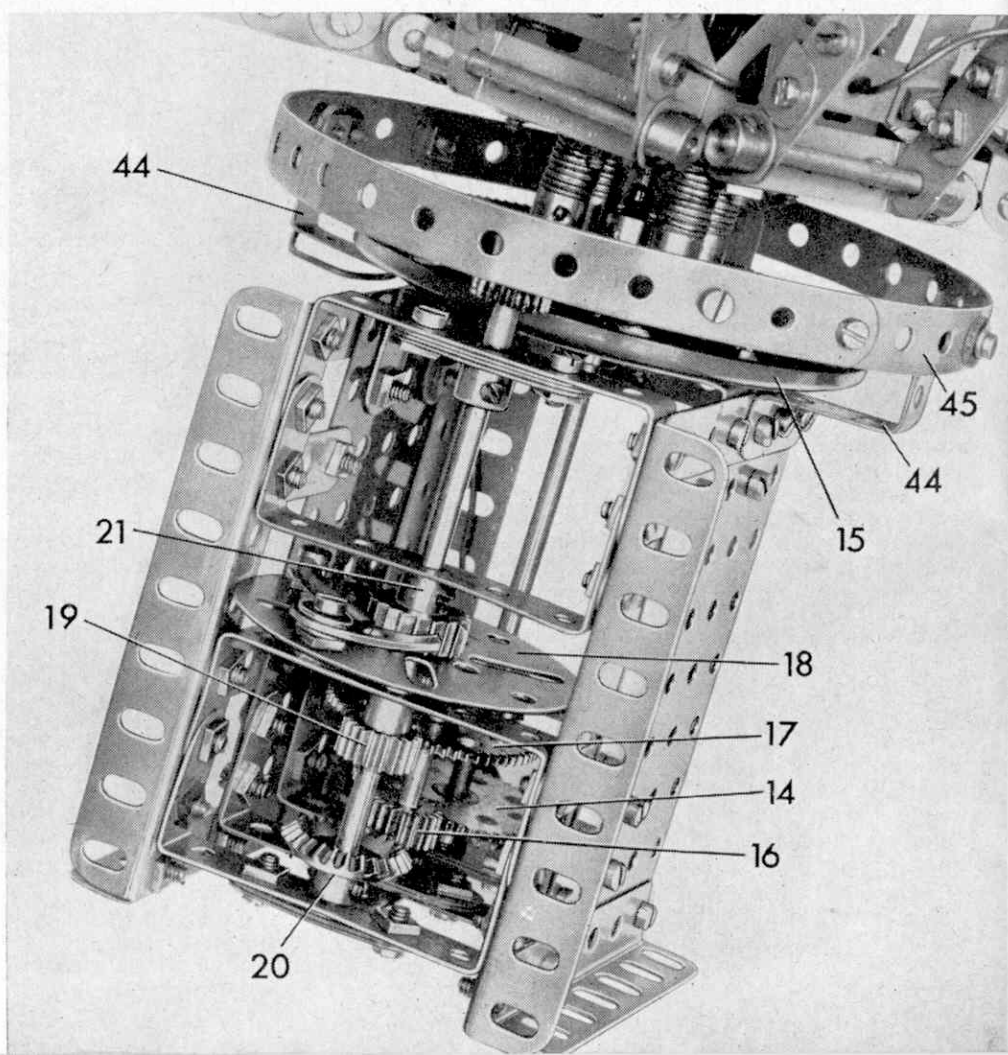


# FAIRGROUND OCTOPUS IN MECCANO

BY SPANNER

**M**ECCANO LIMITED'S stand at last year's National Model Show in London featured an attraction that drew and captivated visitors of all ages. On show was a striking miniature fairground, consisting of three specially-designed, large display models—a Dive-bomber, an Octopus Roundabout and a Big Wheel. Since the exhibition, Meccano Magazine has been inundated with requests from readers, asking for building instructions for these models, and in response to these requests we described the Big Wheel in last December's issue. This month it's the turn of the Octopus Roundabout.

It must be stressed that the Roundabout is a special model, designed for display at exhibitions or in shop windows, where it is required to operate continuously for several





A new model using the contents of  
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# OCTOPUS FAIRGROUND RIDE

**THIS is a fully operational model of the popular fair-ground machine with a set of chairs pivotted at the ends of arms that rise and fall as they revolve. If the meaning of 'octopus' (Greek = eight-legged) is strictly followed, this model should be a Tetrapus (four-legged). Those who wish to add four legs to their model can easily do so with a little extra expenditure. The basic mechanism using a 11053 'Crane' motor powered by a Battery Box will drive the chairs fast enough to provide any imaginery 'occupants' with adequate vertigo! The mechanism is adapted from a description in the Meccano Magazine for January 1953. In the constructional account, 'front' refers to the part of the model toward the elevated platform. 'Right' and 'left' are as viewed from the front as in fig. 1.**

## THE BASE, Figs 3 & 4

A parallel pair of  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Girders 1 are bolted front and rear to another pair of  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Girders 2 and 2A. The rear Girder 2 is fixed with its slotted hole flange down and braced by diagonally placed  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Narrow Strips. The front  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Girder 2A is bolted with its slotted hole flange facing upward and with eight free holes to the left. Four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Double Angle Strips bolted to the first pair of  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Girders 1 support a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Flanged Plate 3, (fig 7). Note the positioning of these Double Angle Strips. A Flat Trunnion is affixed to each  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Girder 1, a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Perforated Strip 5 is bolted across the Girders 1, and another  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Strip 4 is bolted to the top face of the right hand  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Girder 1 as shown, (fig. 5). This converts the elongated holes into round ones which allow the rotation of Rods used later in construction. A Channel Bearing supporting a 11053 'Crane' motor is also fixed to the right hand Girder 1.

## THE MECHANISM Fig. 7

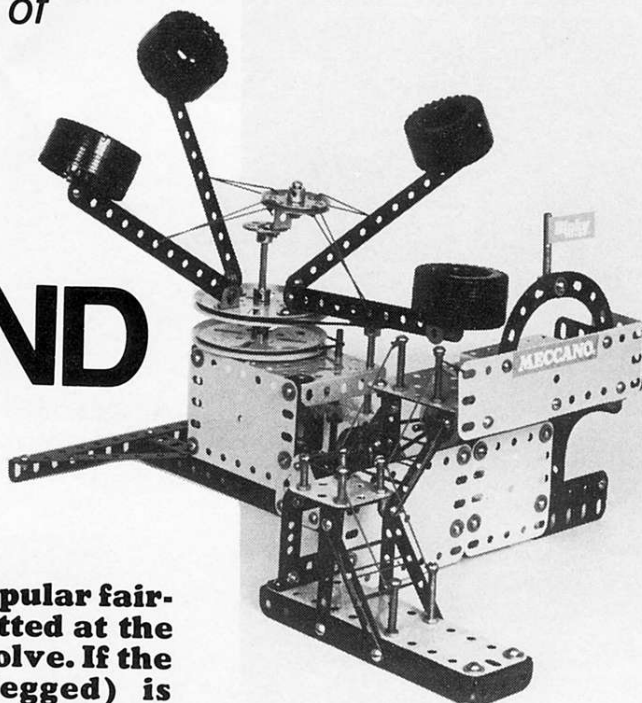
The main shaft is a 4" Axle Rod 6 journaled in the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Flanged Plate 3 and lengthened below by a Long Threaded Pin attached by a Rod Connector. A Nut is secured on the threaded portion of the Pin, this plus a Washer bear against the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Strip 5 in its centre hole. On the portion of the Rod 6 above the Flanged Plate 3, the following are placed: Three Washers, a 3" Pulley boss upward and fixed to the Rod, two more Washers, another 3" Pulley boss downward and loose on the Rod 6, yet another Washer and a Collar. The upper 3"

Pulley before being fixed in place should have  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Brackets bolted to the four outer round holes, the lugs directed as shown. The top of the Rod 6 carries a 1" Bush Wheel to which is bolted a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Reversed Angle Bracket. A  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Pulley 7 rotates freely between Washers on a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Bolt lock-nutted in the top hole of the Reversed Angle Bracket.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips lock-nutted at one end to the Angle Brackets carry at their other ends,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Angle Brackets in the case of two, and Double Brackets in the case of

the other two. The Brackets support the 'chairs' which are represented by hard Plastic Tyres free to rotate on  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Bolts that pass through one of their holes to be lock-nutted to the Brackets at the outer ends of the  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips.

## THE GEAR AND PULLEY DRIVES Figs. 5 & 6

A 6" Driving Band on the motor output shaft drives a 1" Pulley on a 3" Rod 8 journaled in the apex holes of the Flat Trunnions bolted to Girders 1. The Rod 8 also carries a Worm gear,



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Fig. 1.  
Above: A general view of the Octopus Fair-ground Ride described by Dr. Cameron.

Fig. 2.  
Below: The right/front/side of the model.

