



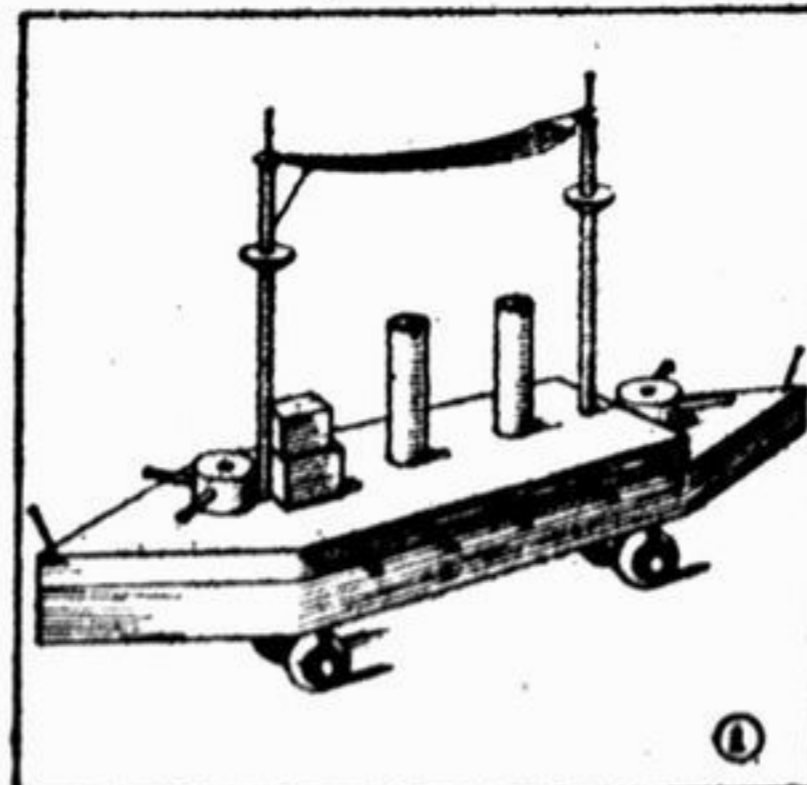
Battleship Fleet as a Christmas Present

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Make a fleet of toy battleships like the model in Fig. 1. It will not take long, because I have designed a model made of parts that can be cut out and assembled quickly. Having built the fleet, you will have lots of fun. Because the model is mounted on wheels, you can run it upon land as well as sail it upon water.

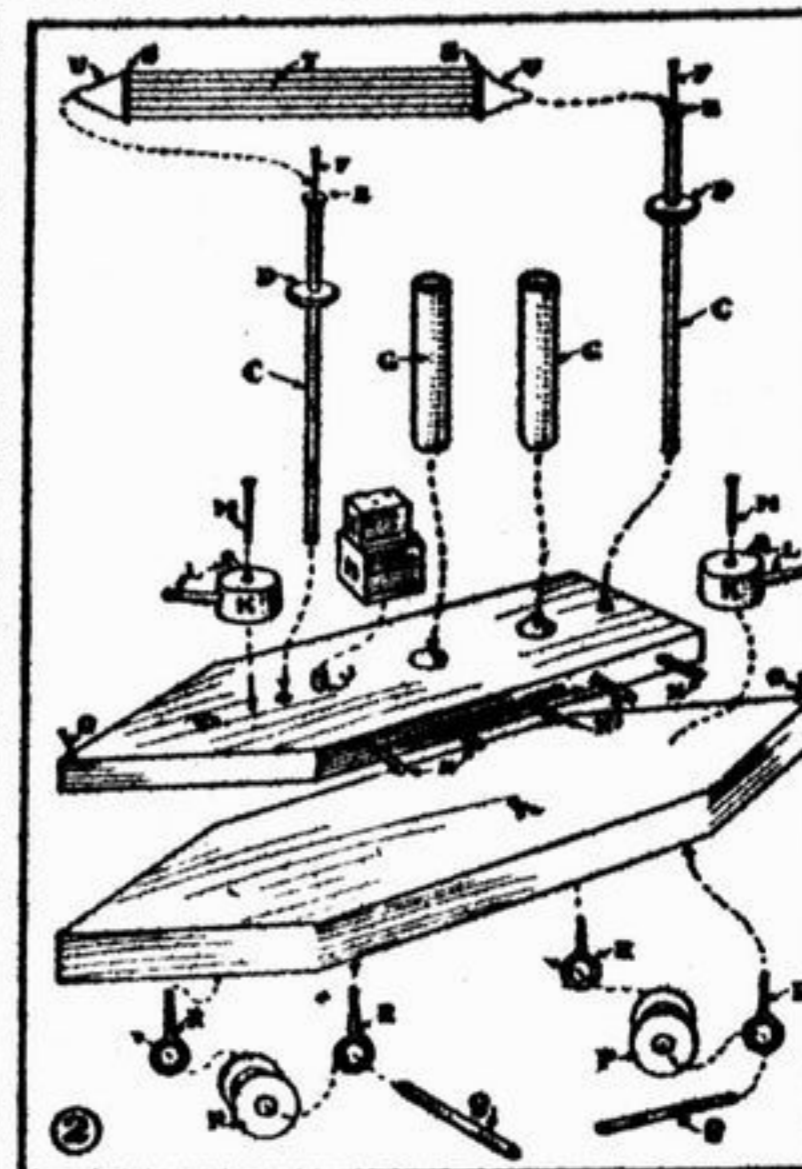
In Fig. 2 is a drawing of every part of the toy battleship, and in Figs. 3 to 8 you will find the same parts drawn to scale with dimensions marked upon them. If you build several ships, I would suggest that you make all of the parts for one boat, first, and then, using these for patterns, mark out and cut the hulls (A) for all the other boats, then the decks (B), then the masts (C), and so on. The work of cutting and assembling will be simplified if you follow this method. A piece of soft pine, cypress, or other soft wood will be easiest to shape. In marking out the hull, draw a centerline as shown in Fig. 3, and lay off the measurements either side of it, to get the sides alike. The upper deck (B, Fig. 4) extends three-quarters of



the length of the hull, and it is of the same shape as that portion of the hull; therefore it can be marked out with the hull as a pattern. The holes shown along the edge of the deck (Fig. 4) are made to receive the guns of the secondary battery, the holes along the upper face are made to receive the masts, funnels, etc. The position of each part is indicated in Fig. 2.

The masts (C, Fig. 5) can be whittled or dowl-sticks of the given diameter can be used. The fighting-tops (D and E, Fig. 5) are wooden button molds. The larger one (D) must have its hole enlarged so it will slip over the mast, the smaller one (E) rests on top of the mast and is held in place with the nail F (Fig. 2) driven into the mast-top.

Fig. 6 shows a funnel (G). Use a dowl-stick if you can get one, other-



wise whittle a stick to the given diameter. Bore out the top of each funnel if you wish.

There are two gun turrets (K, Fig. 2) and the size is shown in Fig. 8. Whittle the guns (L) of the shape and size shown in Fig. 8, and glue their ends in holes made in the sides of the turrets. Drill a small hole through the center of each turret through which to drive nail pivot M (Fig. 2). The secondary battery guns (N, Fig. 2) are the ends of burnt matches. Fig. 8 shows the length.

Cut the fore-castle blocks H and I (Fig. 2) square, of the dimensions given in Fig. 7, nail them together, and fasten to the deck with the peg J (Fig. 2).

The spool wheels (P, Fig. 2) have stick axles (Q) cut to fit snugly in their holes, and the axle ends are supported by screw-eyes R, which are screwed into the hull. Start holes for the screw-eyes with an awl, screw the



screw-eyes into the holes, and then drive the axles through the screw-eyes and spools.

The wireless telegraph aerial is suspended between the mast tops (Fig. 2). Use toothpicks for spreaders S, thread for wire strands T and end loops U.

When the toy battleships have been assembled, give them a coat of paint.

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TO SANTA CLAUS

By James Whitcomb Riley

Most tangible of all the gods that be,
O Santa Claus — our own since infancy! —
As first we scampered to thee — now, as then,
Take us as children to thy heart again.

Be wholly good to us, just as of old;
As a pleased father, let thine arms unfold
Us, homed within the haven of thy love,
And all the cheer and wholesomeness thereof.

Thou lone reality, when O, so long
Life's unrealities have wrought us wrong:
Ambition hath allured us, fame likewise,
And all that promised honor in men's eyes.

Throughout the world's evasions, wiles and shifts,
Thou only bidest stable as thy gifts: —
A grateful king re-ruleth from thy lap,
Crowned with a little soldier-cap:

A mighty general — a nation's pride —
Thou givest again a rocking-horse to ride,
And wildly glad he gloweth as the grim
Old jurist with the drum thou givest him:

The sculptor's chisel, at thy mirth's command,
Is as a whistle in his boyish hand;
The painter's model fadeth utterly,
And there thou standest, and he painteth thee: —

Most like a winter pippin, sound and fine
And tingling-red that ripe old face of thine,
Set in thy frosty board of cheek and chin
As midst the snows the thaws of spring set in.

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Take us as children to thy heart again.

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