

Book Review Nr 9

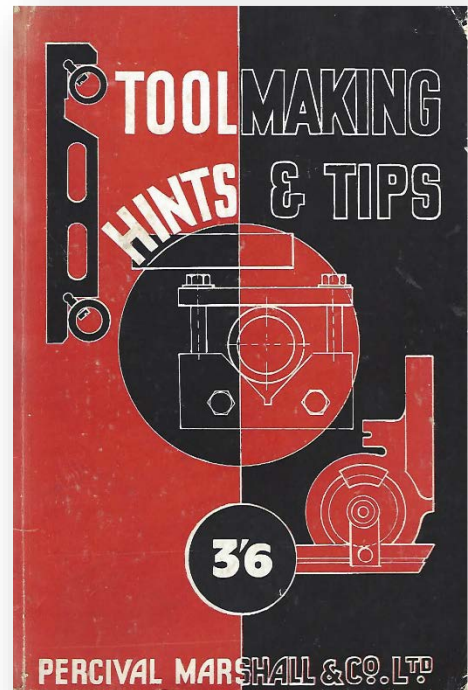
I am yet to log the books I mentioned last month on the inventory and again this review is of two books from recent donations.

The first book is **Toolmaking Hints & Tips**. This book is an A5 handbook of 14 chapters covered by some 80 pages.

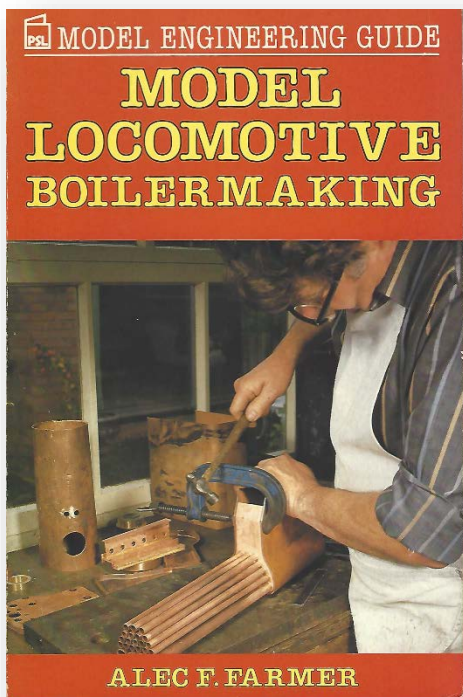
There is no publication date; however, the book has a price of 3/6 printed on the hard cover. The book is reproduced from a series of articles published in The Model Engineer.

From a quick perusal there are limitations to what can be covered. Hints and tips describes what one should expect. Three chapters totalling twelve pages, a seventh of the book, is dedicated to the sine bar. There are a couple of chapters on positioning and marking-off holes. There are chapters on jig bushes, measuring tapers, slip and block gauges, mandrels, verniers and two on forming cutters and their uses.

As you would expect the book is well illustrated.



The second book is **Model Locomotive Boiler Making** by Alec Farmer.



Our book is a 1988 version of 190 pages with over 300 photographs. The photography is very impressive and all by Peter Wardle. The forward is the work of Don Young.

After a short introduction and diagrams of a long section, a cross section of the firebox and an elevation of the backhead, from page 16 the book follows a format which leads with a numbered photograph and a text describing the equipment required, the work being undertaken and the method adopted. Although there are no specific dimensions or reference to the loco receiving the boiler, plate 53 indicates it could be a Manor.

The term comprehensive looks to apply to this book. If you want to build a boiler I cannot imagine a more complete handbook-a credit to Alec Farmer and Peter Wardle. I assume it's the Peter Wardle we all knew, but cannot recall Peter mentioning this book; perhaps there are other books he was involved with.

If you want to borrow this, or any book in the library, please contact me.

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