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If a retired musician like me can become a model engineer
 why not you, challenges J. FREDERIC STATON

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tools—such as the diameter gauge (Fig. 1 C) a running centre (Fig. 1 D) a filing jig and the centre-height gauge (Fig. 2 F).

I then learned how to set up work on the faceplate by means of faceplate dogs and holding-down bolts.

And so I progressed. Among other things I made the bender (Fig. 3 A) and, most recently, the Busy Bee engine (Fig. 4).

The remainder of the tools illustrated comprising Fig. 1 F clock holder, Fig. 1 G surface gauge, Fig. 1 H drilling pad, Fig. 1 J hollow-centre punch, Fig. 2 G surface gauge (Starret pattern), Fig. 3 B press and Fig. 5 Stuart 30 c.c. engine (from castings) have all been made in my workshop during the past four years.

Again may I emphasise the necessity of keeping tools in good condition,

Fig. 5: Stuart 30 c.c. engine made in four years' leisure time

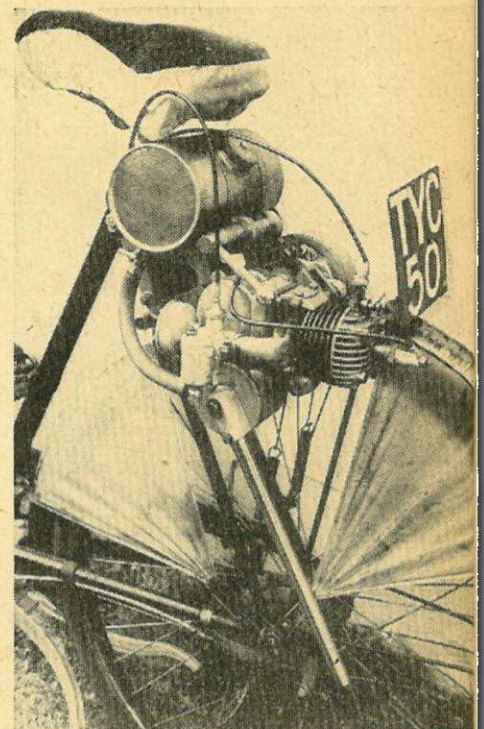
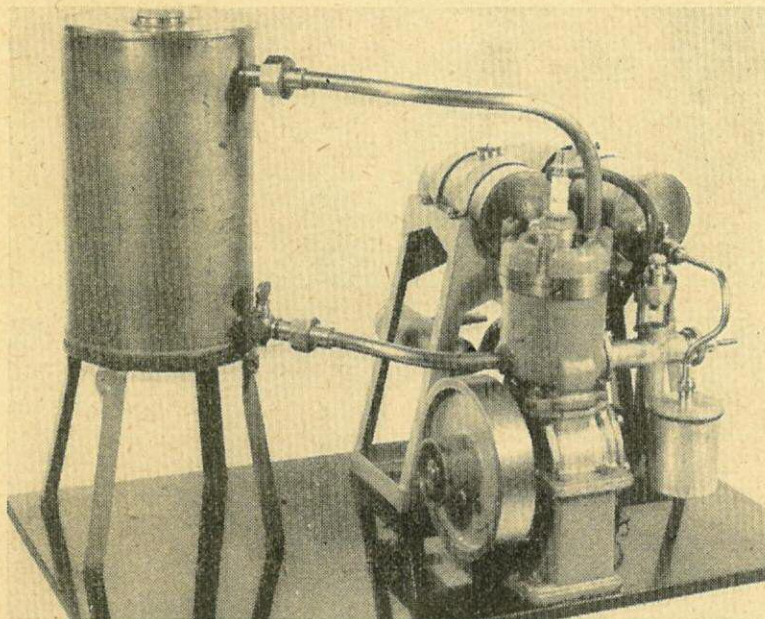


Fig. 4: The Busy Bee engine which the author made recently

especially the cutting tools. As to expense, a good workshop and all necessary tools can be bought for much less than the price of a modest-size motor car. You will have something which will give you hours of pleasure for the rest of your life and, remember, you will always be adding to your skill and knowledge.

So to my elderly, retired friends I wish you good turning. □