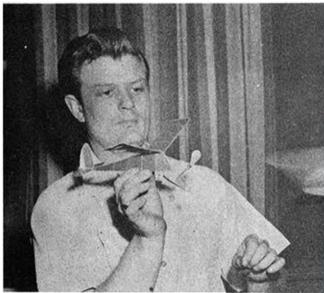




Of course, you do have to wind it! This calls for concentration and a gentle hand. From four to ten room-size circles are the reward.



Contact, stand back, all clear, and stuff. Intrepid aircraft gets off with faint whire. That prop is so going—camera stopped it.

Steady, boy, steady! To get technical, right wing reveals wash-in, or twist, at tip; also right rudder, meaning tight-turn adjustment.



parlor Fly

Flying fields, airship docks? Who cares? You can put this mighty midget through paces without leaving your chair!

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▶ I had good reason for building the "Parlor Fly" and I'd like you to know about it, too. It seems that whenever the relatives are over to the house, and admire the balsa handiwork, there is usually a remark that sounds like this; "Let's see one of those big things fly. You have enough room in the backyard!"

Then, you have to go through a long-winded explanation on why you can't and how they'll just have to be satisfied with a visual inspection. So that's the reason for the "Parlor Fly." I wanted something I could fly around the parlor. Not only does it delight the visitors but I've found I had loads of fun with it myself.

Needless to say, the simplicity of the construction permits both the beginner and accomplished, to finish it in about two days spare time, or three to four hours building time. The building instructions follow:

First assemble all the material needed. Use a good grade of balsa and the 1/16" strips should be quite firm. Lay out bottom crutch of fuselage on bench over wax paper, and build right on top of it. While waiting for that to dry, cement together the rudder. Next fashion the landing gear, rubber-band hooks, noseplug, propeller and wing ribs. When fuselage and rudder are dry, remove and lay out elevator and half of wing. The elevator is cut out of sheet balsa, but the wing is pinned to the bench. Place wax paper underneath. While waiting, cover rudder—one side only. Cement landing gear and rear hook to body. The propeller blades are curved by putting a thin layer of cement on the side that (Continued on page 57)

Carrier landings, yet! Still think that prop has not moved? Man! The pilot hasn't moved, though. This crate good when no fuel money.

