

The project for us this time is a real old timer, one of the John Robinson advertising cars used in the 1907 season. To start off with, this was a real old vintage car as most of the Robinson rail equipment was. It was no doubt a pin and link car when it was first built. It was wood construction all the way through.

Plate 1. Gives you the general overall outside view plus the floor plan and as to the outside all of the scroll and decor was raised carving the same as used on parade wagons. All lettering was done by hand. The scale of this drawing is 1/8" to 1' but all measurements given on the drawing are the full size. The color scheme of the car was - the roof silver, the raised part were ventilating windows are - orange, the letter board - orange with red letters and panels that contain lettering inside scroll orange with red letters, window frames and doors - orange. The rest of the car body - red with carving gold. Truss rods, possum belly, trucks, steps, platforms and all other under car parts - dark Brewster green. The possum-bellies carried paste buckets, brushes, sticks for billers to use

attaching paper on windows, paper storage, banner storage, work clothes and an odd assortment of things used on a bill car.

The floor plan gives an idea of the inside layout of the car. These cars were very compact and a lot of things were crowded in the 59 feet. I have labeled all parts so you will have no trouble finding what and where these parts are located. Before it leaves my mind, if you are going to build this model and show the inside, I would suggest that you use the same procedure that I did with the Canal Boat Circus - have the car roof removable. On the floor plan, you will note that I have labeled platforms A and B and car sides C and D.

On Plate 2, I have drawn the inside views of sides C and D as viewed from the aisle or opposite sides of the car. You will notice that on side C platform A is at your left and B is at your right and on side D platform B is at your left and A at your right. Take these two sides and stand them up face to face and you will find that platforms A and B both come at the right ends. These views give you a good idea where

and how things are located. You will notice in the car managers office there are two folding bunks, then there is a door and then a room with six permanent bunks, three on either side and under lower bunks a clothes storage, next a door and the large work room. This contains a large work table on one side and shorter one on other side with paper storage underneath and three bunks over long table and two on the other side. This space also contains the boiler, coal bin and paste cans. You go through another door and there you are in a very compact kitchen which contains a stove, coal bin and work tables on both side with storage spaces below and an ice box on one side. On the opposite side from the stove there is a folding bunk. This completes the inside layout except for the toilet and wash room that are on the A end of the car.

Plates 3a gives a detail idea of the car ends, steps, platform, brake wheel and trucks. The Plate 3b shows the rear view of platform with carving on back of car. This was on both ends of car. Back was painted red, carvings gold and door orange.

Plate 4. This is not drawn to scale. It is just to give an idea how the bunks were held up with their positions, up and down. The descriptive column at the right of the drawing explain the symbols used.



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## Circus Model Builders

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Plate 1

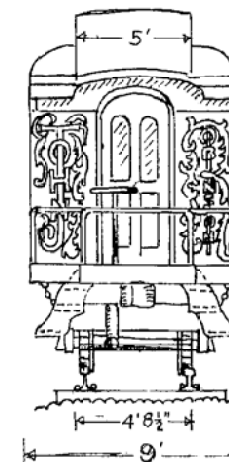
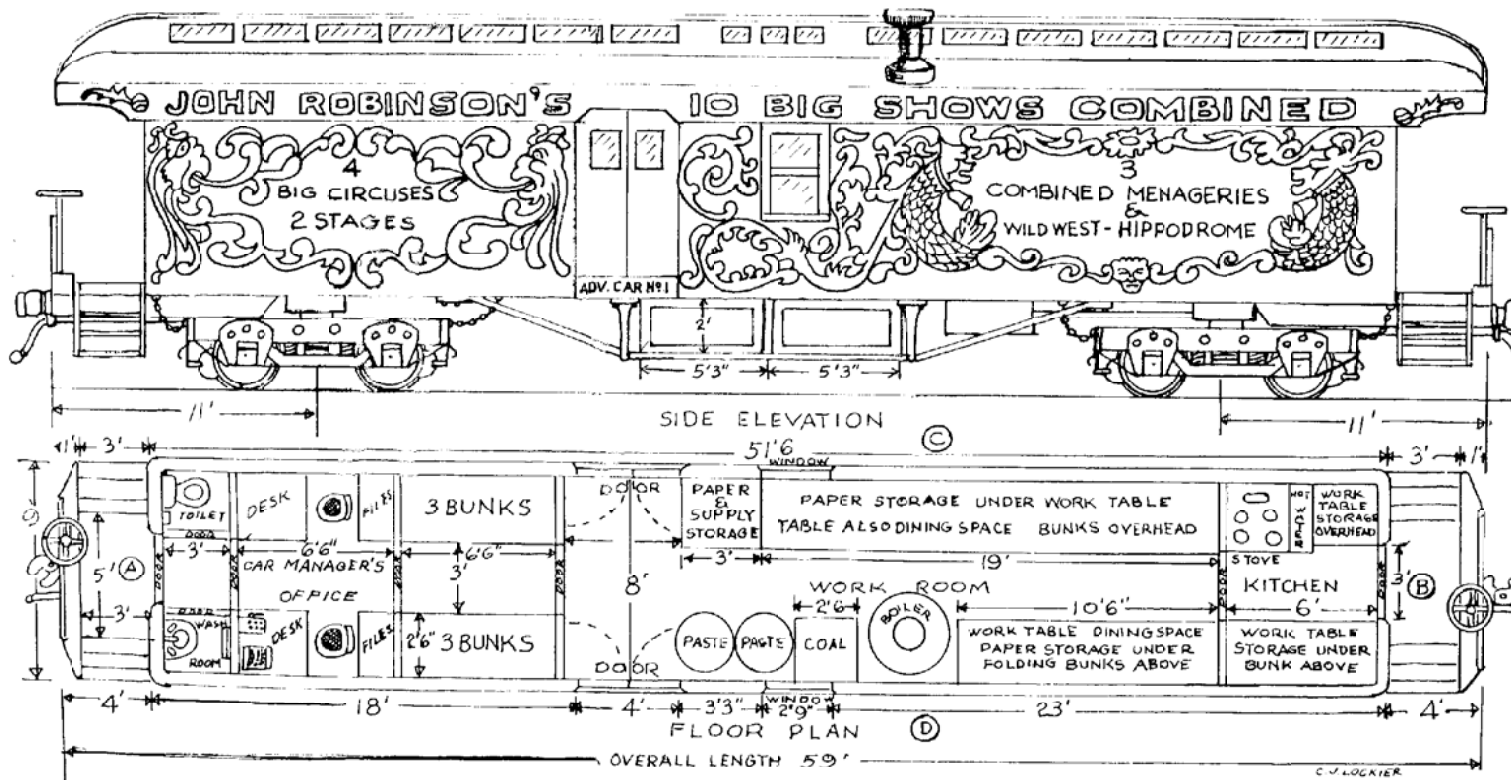


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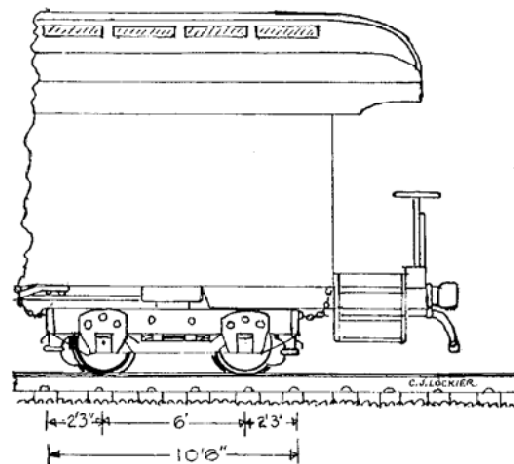


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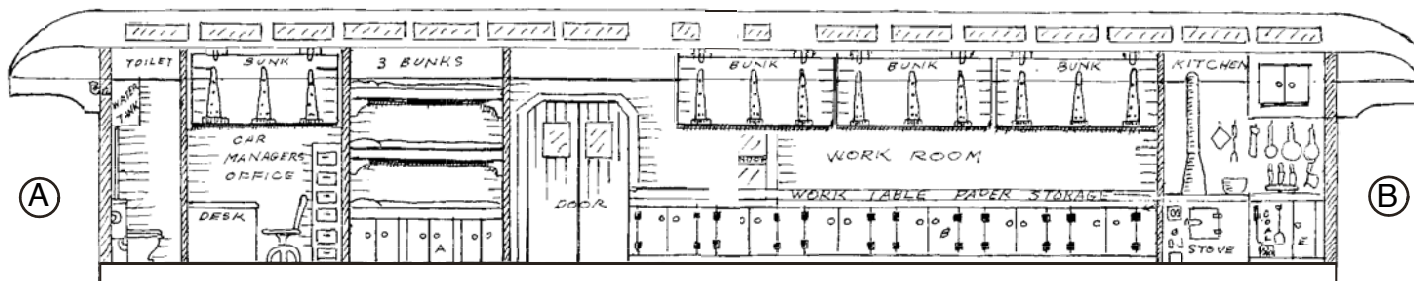
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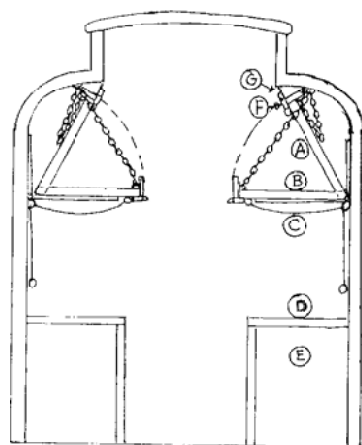
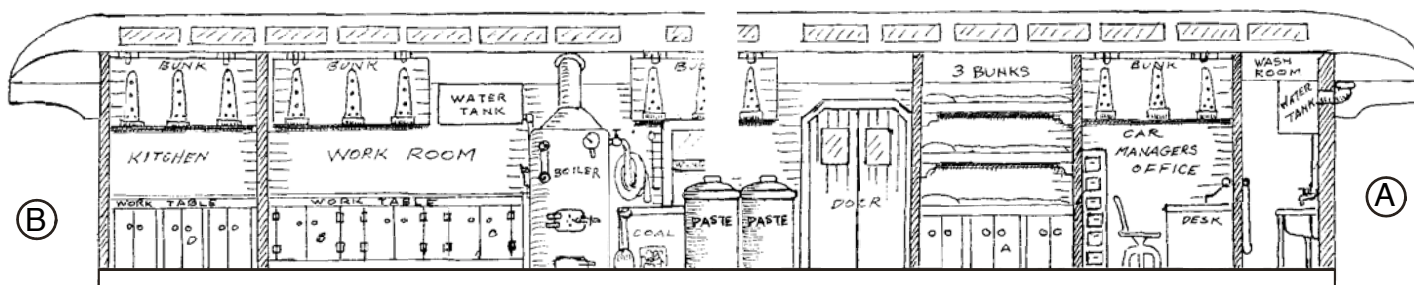
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Inside the Car Looking at Side ©

## Plate 2

Inside the Car Looking at Side ©



NO SCALE

## Plate 4

- © BUNK IN FOLDED POSITION
- © BUNK IN SLEEPING POSITION
- © CORD TO RELEASE SNAP CATCH ©
- © WORK SPACE
- © PAPER STORAGE
- © BLOCK ATTACHED TO CAR ROOF TO HOLD CATCH END

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