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by Jorge Resines (translator)

As anybody who has read Trevor James Constable's "The Cosmic Pulse of Life" (ither the 1976 or 1990 edition) knows, Strader was a play-character created by Rudolf Steiner for one of his plays and in it he invented machines that were powered directly by the ether (or "Life-force", as Constable indicates using an equivalent term).

This translation results from a work in German that I received, xeroxed, in early February 1992. This work is "Beiträge zur Rudolf Steiner Gesamtausgabe" ("Contribution to total knowledge of Rudolf Steiner's Subjects") and it is a publication appearing periodically, published by Rudolf Steiner Verlag, Haus Duldeck, CH-4143, Dornach, Switzerland (in case you want to write; the editor is Mr Walter Kugler). It is a work wholly written in German.

And I say a periodical publication because I do not know how often it is publi shed, on the cover it says "Heft Nr. 107, Michaeli 1991" meaning "Booklet Num ber 107, from Michael 1991".

In the bibliography, listed at the end of this work, one reference is given as published in "Johanni 1964" and another at "Michaeli 1964"; and I confess to ignore what it all is. Please, excuse me the ignorance....

I alsofignore what the "GA" initials indicate (see the "Chronological References by Rudolf Steiner" at the end of the work), though from the way they are used it seems to me they are related to a nomenklature employed in the classification of Rudolf Steiner's lectures and written works.

Anybody who can clear my ignorance, please write to BSRF explaining the subjec

Thanks for your cooperation.

The text in itself does not explain too much about how the machines worked or which was its fundamental principle; the models survived the 1924 fire of the Goetheanum yet, because of generalised carelessness as Mr Hans Küng - one of the model-builders - himself indicates, they are nowadays lost. It is a real shame that something coming straight from Rudolf Steiner's personal instructions (for he participated personally guiding the builders) is now "gone with the wind" (or should I say, "goon with the wind"!).

In the translation from German to English, I have translated faithfully the me aning of the text abbreviating the excessive wordage of the Teutons: language. I have respected the original pagination, placing first the corresponding wri-

tten text and later the respective illustrations.

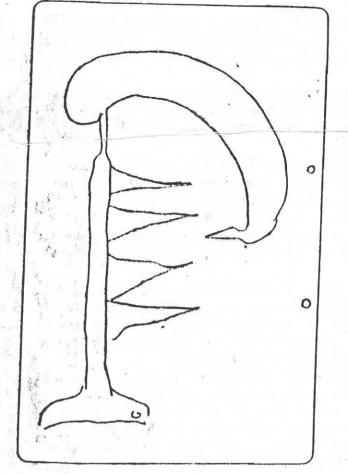
For a better clarity - and because I replaced some German writing by typewritten English - the drawings were xeroxed in enlarged format and the order of the original source respected. Whenever the drawings did not fit into a single page I arranged them in sequential pages and respecting the top-to-bottom order. As the handwriting accompanying some drawings was not clear enough to me, I preferred not to alter it (or excise it altogether) by typing "unreadable" over it, but to leave said text unaltered in the hope that someone more learned (and who knows how to decipher better than I do!) will be kind enough to fillin the gaps produced by my ignorance.

My personal conclusions, and the data leading me into them, are included in an

"Afternote" placed behind it all. Happy reading!.

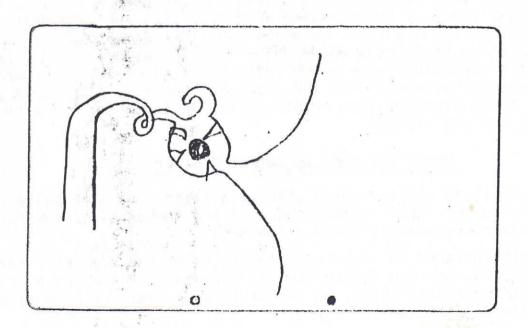
JOINT RESONANCE OF FORCES

by Mr Walter Kugler



First Sketch

Second Sketch



We always receive at the (Rudolf Steiner) Archives questions, specially on sch matics and technical details - sometimes asking for the place in the Steinerian Mistery-Dramas and published Lectures and/or written works - about the "Strader Machine".

And we always answer: at the Archives there is circumstantial material, rather sparse. We have three sketches by Rudolf Steiner himself for every "model to be assembled" that should be in the fourth act to "Guardian of the Portal", hi third Mistery-Drama (GA-14).

On the other side, no longer are in physical existence these models though, as Hans Kung reports, "they survived the fire of the Goetheanum". No matter which were this device's workings - and so shows the materials' examination - there are no more complementary data at the Archives.

And Rudolf Steiner himself limits his indications, in the fourth act to "Guardian of the Portal", to: "Over (Strader's) table there are models of mechanis-

ms",

It would be better if each one, individually, were to have a complete knowledge of the subject because here we are not in the least dealing with an "Apparatus" in the strict meaning of the term but rather of "models of the mechanisms"; which, on the first place, exist as foundations of something that is in need of deeper and more extensive development.

Should, externally, these devices represent Strader's advanced ideas?. "The "technology I discovered you must forget, and grant me rest" says Strader in the fourth act. And in the first act it is stated: "Happen then, one research "after the other, until achieving the joint resonance of forces upon my work—"ing-table discovered, which (forces) in their full manifestation will bring "freedom through (the most pure) technique, so that in their cores they them—"selves may be developed".

We also find at the Archives sketches from Oskar Schmiedel to the "very provisional" models of Strader's work-room, made according to instructions from Rudolf Steiner himself.

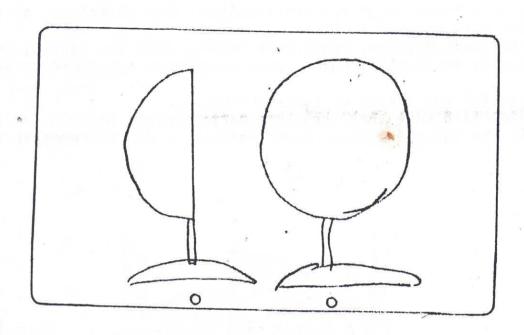
As per contrast to the scarce information by Steiner in the Mistery-Drama, says Schmiedel in his report that Steiner was very strict and talkative in the models construction. What we make out from his report is that there were very little documentation on the models themselves.

Together with Schmiedel's descriptions come photographs of sketches made by Hans Küng together with reconstructed models, by Engineer Zoller, of "Strader Devices". Another group of photographed sketches, also included here, have not unfortunately - a known author. We would love if someone can give us info. This "overflight" on Steinerian works about "Mechanical Occultism", Keely's Motor and future's technology, can serve the interested reader as "foundation" to deepen a personal research into the complex subject of "Strader's problem". This term, as taken straight from Rudolf Steiner's lectures, means that the final word is not yet uttered.

Three Sketches by Rudolf Steiner

"Models of Mechanisms" for Strader's work-room (1912); data to build the table for the 4th act on the third Mistery-Drama called "Guardian of the Portal" (as taken from "4 Mistery-Dramas", GA-14, page 320):

"A room basically painted in rosy-red. It belongs to the home of Strader and "his wife, Theodora. One can appreciate the devices that sharing a common spa"ce develop different activities. On the table are models of mechanisms, all
"of them based upon mistical principles".



Third Sketch (above)

NfT: As the original sketches, in the xeroxes I received, could not be copied to be included straight with the typewritten translation, I decided to make a copy of each with translucent paper passing very softly a pencil over it to later remark the illustration with a fine-pointed pen. Proportions in the three sketches are 1:1 and all details - no matter how small-have been fully respected.

Sketches by Oskar Schmiedel (1887-1959)

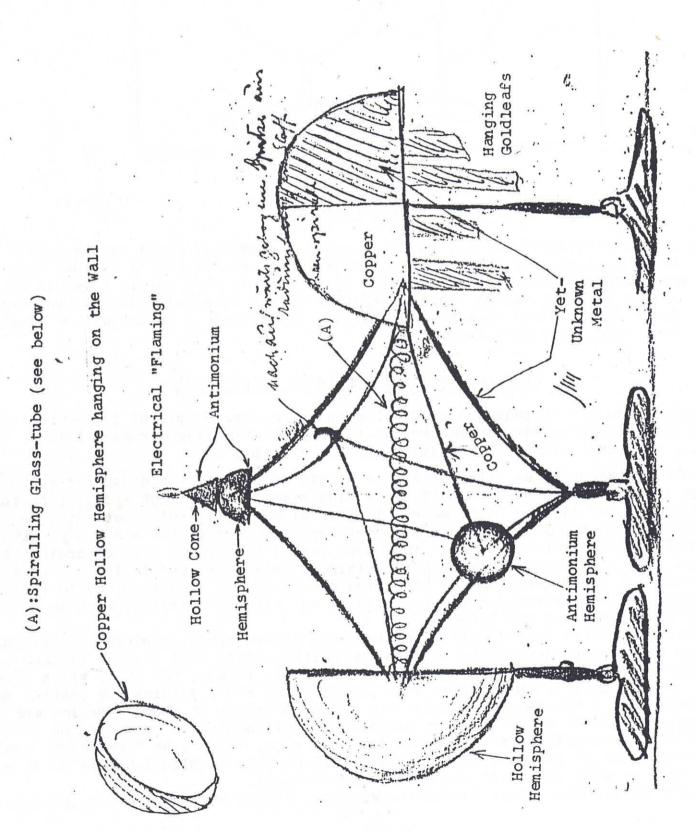
As taken from his "Erinnungen an die Proben den Mysterienspielen in München, 1910 bis 1913" (Memories on the Essays of the Munich Mistery-Dramas, 1910 to 1913), published at Stuttgart, 1979, pp. 101 and ff.:

"Rudolf Steiner gave us with detail the models of devices for Strader's work"room in "Guardian of the Portal", including even the different metals (for sa"id devices). We did the first models in 1912 at my first Munich laboratory "building them too fast, in a provisional way. The next Winter - already with
"materials (in our possession) - they were ready, faithfully made according to
"model (and instructions) from Rudolf Steiner. They were used in 1913 in (the
"(theatrical representation of) "Guardian of the Portal" and remained in the
"Goetheanum (afterwards), being bypassed by the fire because they were in ano"ther part (that was not burned).

"We were impressed by the detail in Steiner's instructions; a piece of artifact "there had to represent either a metal or another stuff that (still) had not "been discovered (by science). It is too difficult to say, for sure, which vis-"ual constituents of the devices were actually for real. I think the central a-"pparatus was a "Condenser" (NfT:In the German original it means a device for condensing and not the well-known electronic appliance)"that collected or gath-"ered flowing cosmic rays to produce (useful) work, maybe (the "Condenser" was) "a transformer of the same (cosmic rays) (NfT:Here Mr Schmiedel speaks as if he were dealing with the usual electrical-transformer).

"Several metals were used: Antimonium, Copper, Nickel and Uranium's Pechblende;

- "there was also a "surrogate" for still-undiscovered materials, as already men "tioned, which were colored in blue.
- "Besides of the main devices, there were others. Also was hanging from the wal "a concave Copper hemisphere, which internal portion was aimed towards the mai "devices.
- "Another apparatus was a kind of table-device....
- "Also (Steiner) said once that Strader's devices would be made. He said it was "not to be in the too-far future. Unfortunately, I do not remember anything else".



Models and Sketches by Hans Kung (1889-1977)

As taken from his article "Vom Strader-Apparat" (On the Strader-device) which appeared in "Mitteilungen aus der anthroposophischen Arbeit in Deutschland" (Communications about Anthroposophical Work at Germany), 25th Jg., Booklet Number 4, Number 98, page 291:

"Because it was again performed in the summerdays of 1971 at the Goetheanum "Rudolf Steiner's 4th Mistery-Drama "Guardian of the Portal", it was once again "talked about the "Strader machines" standing over the table.

"Actually, they are two tables because by the side of the larger device (over "one table) there are three minor ones (over another table) rather to a side. "There was at the Munich performance a single device, at a certain distance,

"for mounted upon the wall was a hollow Copper Hemisphere.

"I remember these apparati, made during the 1912/1913 Winter according to ins"tructions from Rudolf Steiner himself by Dr Oskar Schmiedel and his workshop.
"As "Guardian..." was first performed in Munich in 1912, then it was ready on"ly one kind of device for which Imme von Eckardstein had received instructions
"from Steiner.

"Through Winter, counting now with more time, it was possible to make accurate "models according to what Steiner said, for he only trusted Oskar Schmiedel to "build them.

"We find (at the devices) two Antimonium hemispheres, one Nickel (hemisphere) "and four hemispheres where one half (1/4th of a total sphere) was Copper and "the other of a still-unknown metal. Under this double-hemisphere ("Doppelschale" in the original) "were hanging "vaporously" gold-leafs (1/1000th of a millimeter in thickness). On the fourth vertex of a lead-cross (NfT:The major Strader device, proper, is - roughly - an Octahedron, that is two square-based pyramids joined by the base; hence the equatorial plane is a square) was to be "based a "sting" made with Uranium's Pechblende. Joining places for the six "vertices (in this Octahedron) had to be partly with Copper and partly with Tin "From one hemisphere towards the opposite, run a spiralling glass-tube. Even "more "full of secrecy" were the three little devices (upon the other table), "from which:

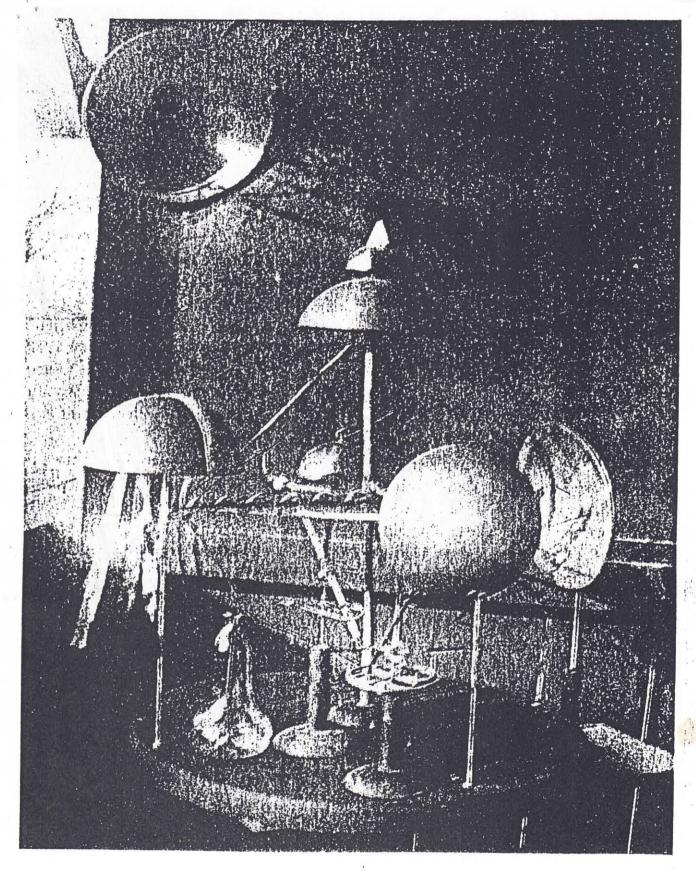
"1°) The first was a glass-vessel with Flatinum wires hanging (within) or cast in a die.

"2°)The second was a "lemniscata" (NfT:An "eight-shaped" figure resembling the ("Möbius strip")"made with a glass-tube, over it a wood-vertex "crowning" it, over this vertex was a small Copper Hemisphere.

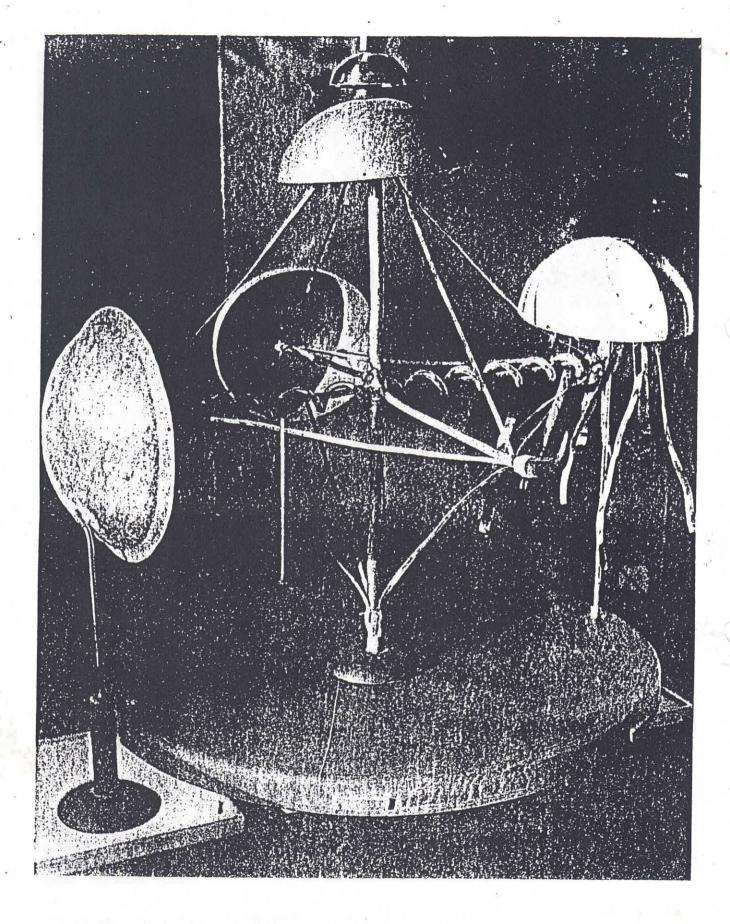
"3°) The third device had four pointed ends made of Uranium, in an horizontal plane. The shape of this device was such that it could be turned.

"They (all the devices) had to "hold" electricity within.

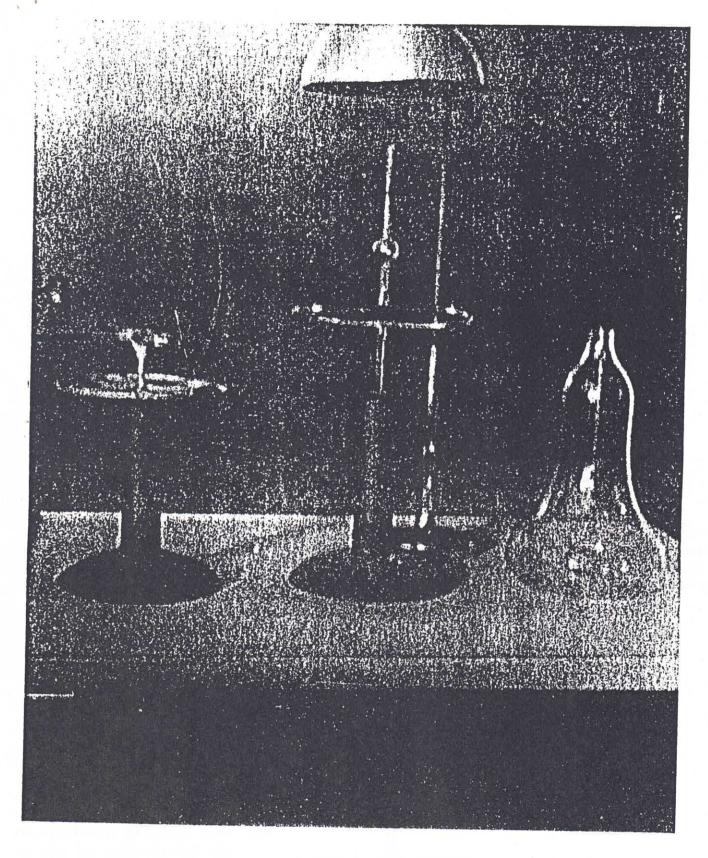
"Original models are nowadays lost, even if they survived the fire of the Goe-"theanum. It was a time of great carelessness and nobody understood how import-"ant they (the devices) were. Today we see in performances, duplicate copies."



Model of the "Strader device" and the three secondary apparati, made by Hans Kühn according to the original model built for the original performance to "Guardian of the Portal" in Munich (1913) as per instructions given by Rudolf Steiner himself.



The larger "Strader device" standing alone.



The three "secondary" apparati by Strader.

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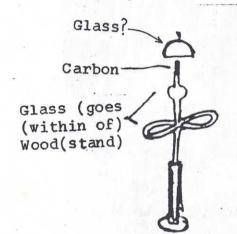
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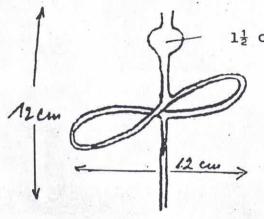
Upper-opening 12cm (diameter)

Hanging (modelled) piece of Lead

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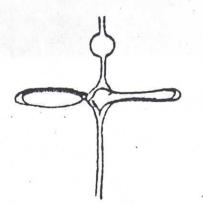
Glass-tube 12 cms. high





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Cross-section of about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm.

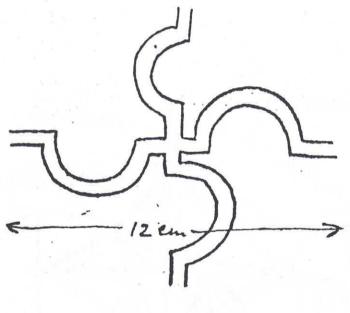


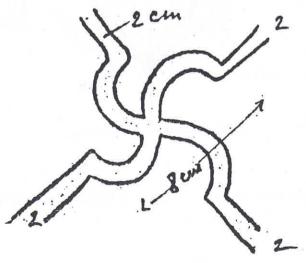
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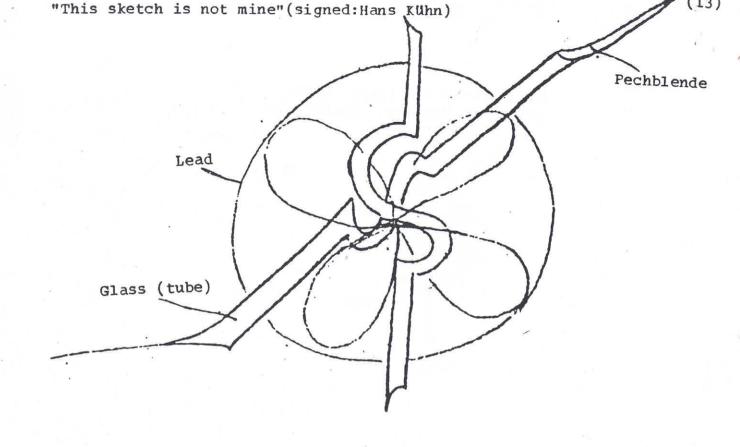
Sketches according to Hans Kühn:

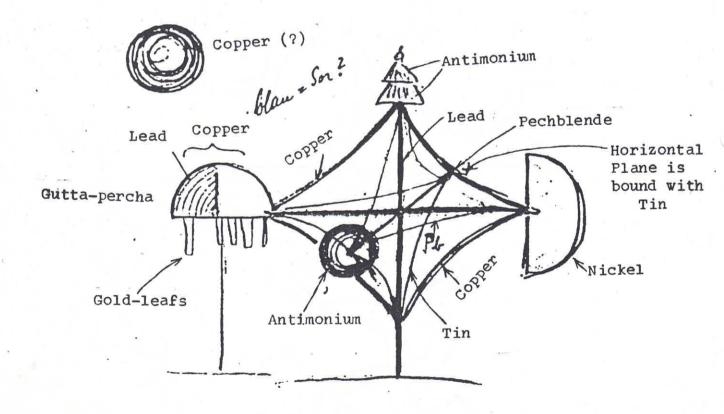
Disorder: Glass (tube) with points of Uranium's Pechblende



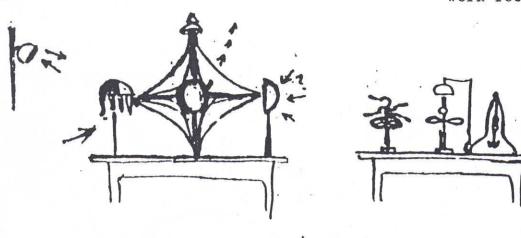




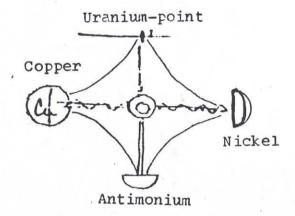


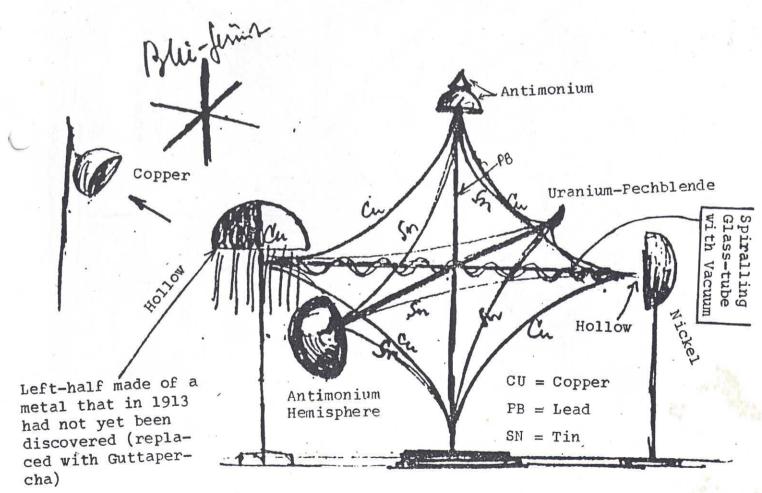


"This sketch is not mine" (signed: Hans Kühn)

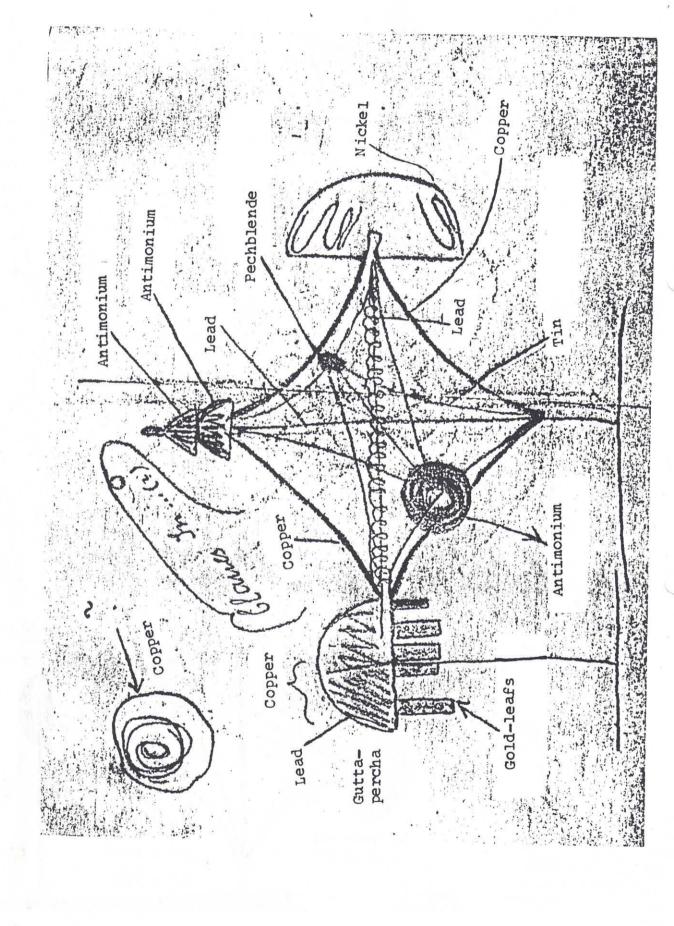


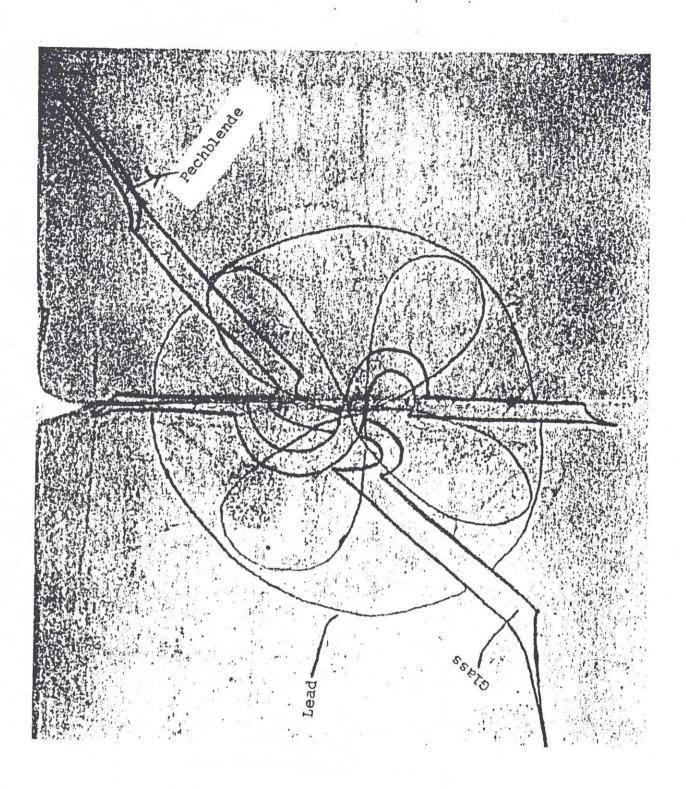
NfT: The illustration at right is a view from above





"Model of the Strader-Device, from sketches of "the original in August 1913, Munich" (Hans Kühn, Nov. 48)

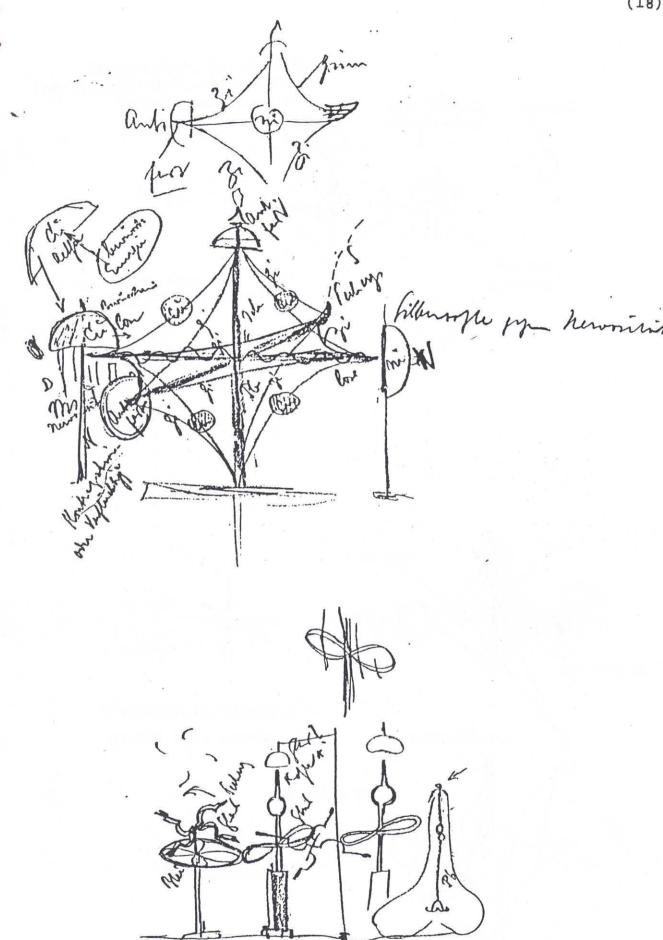


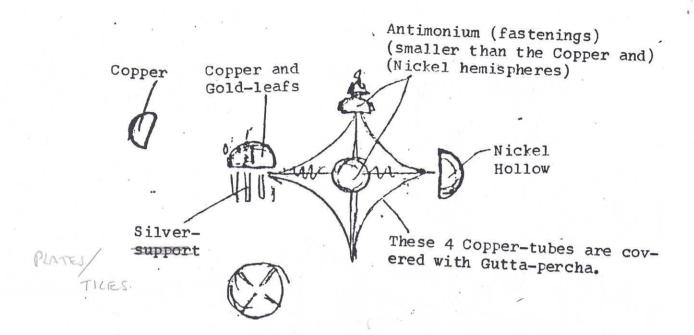


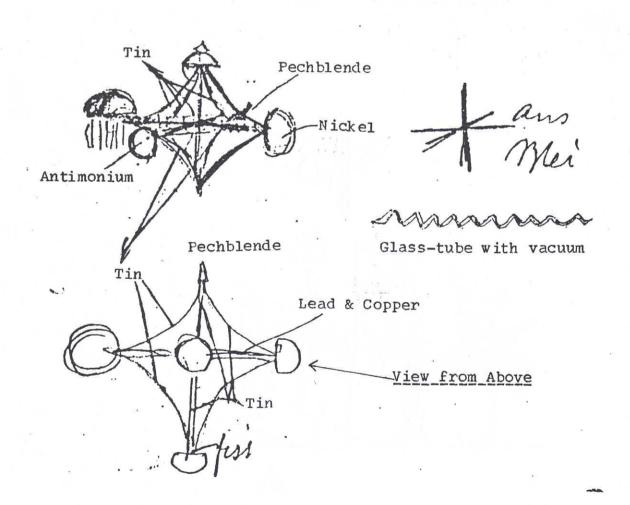
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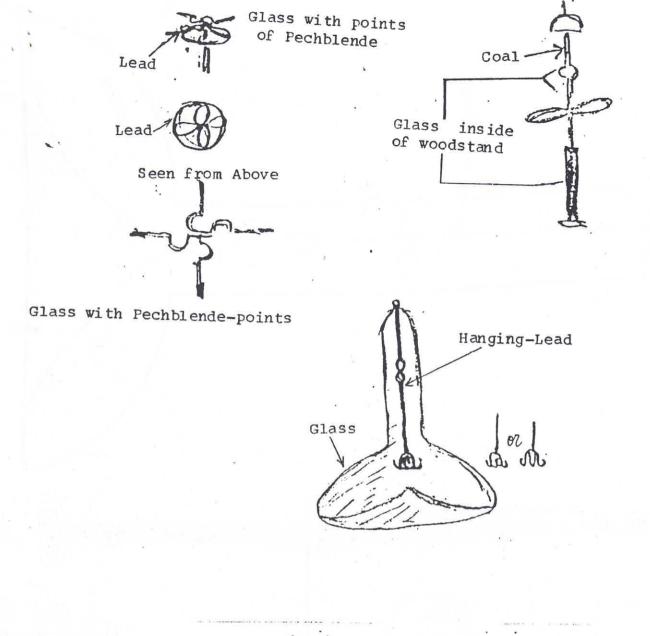
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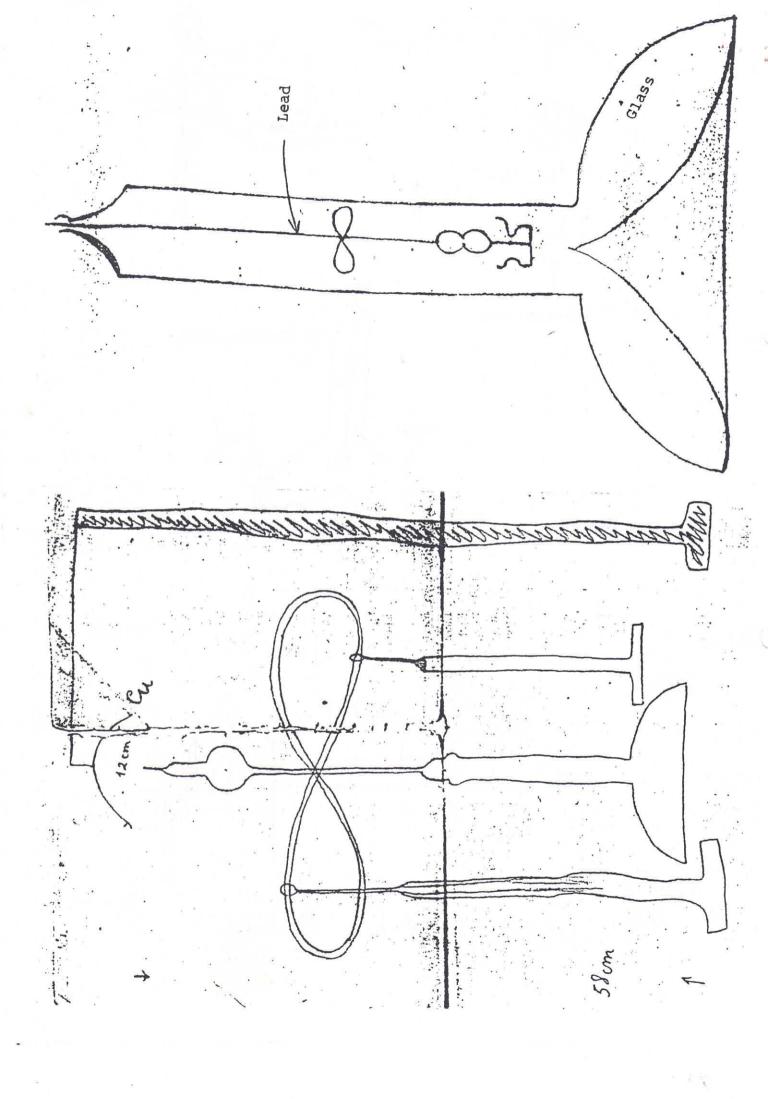








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Chronological References by Rudolf Steiner

NfT:In the course of his lectures and writings, Rudolf Steiner briefly addressed the subject of the "Strader Machines" or "Mechanical Occultism", as it is called sometimes by Anthroposophists. He did not refer straight to add more data into the subject leading the technically-inclined followers to building a working-machine, but in a "round-about manner" gave hints as to the basics. The following chart is divided into four sections, all of them almost self-explained save for "GA" which, as I have stated, is in my opinion a kind of nomenklature by the Anthroposophists. Whenever you see the symbol "+" attached by the side of the page-number, it means the subject is also talked about in pages following the one indicated.

"Mechanical Occultism", Keely's Motor and Future's Technology in public works by Dr Rudolf Steiner:

Date	Subject	GA	Page
NOT TRANSANCO.	The physical atom is condensed electrici- ty. Human thought and electricity. Furth- er researches are necessary in Industry and building.	93	112+
Dec. 23, 1904	Relationship between Atom and Machine. Through the change of atom's link with the spirit and the mineral world.	93	118+
Mar. 30, 1905		53	295
Jan. 02, 1906	Keely's motor; "cross-fertilization" of Mechanism and Moral.	93	286
Feb. 12, 1905 TRANSLATED	Keely's motor; metamorphosis of a mechan- ical mechanism into a moral one.	97	40+
CUPY IN FICE BLUSS'	Light, electricity, chemical force, magnet- ism, Third Force. Answer to a question in Lecture: "Devachan, "Chemism, Magnetism, Electricity; also a "'still faraway force'; Moral".	130	95+ 102+
August 1912	"Guardian of the Fortal", Mistery-Drama. Strader and his device.	14	278+ - 320+
11	Keely as opposite ("antipode") of Tolstoy. Keely's Motor:"It was an Ideal, God be 'praised, for otherwise it would have been 'used in (World) War (I), and this Ideal by 'Keely would have worked in full!".	169	57+ ρ. <i>5</i> 9
THE TEMPURS Z156.	On the "fastening" of electrical and magnetic forces in Man, taking them from the Cosmos. A reflection on historical development from Lemurian times up to centuries XVIII and XIX.	171	215+

Date	Subject	_GA_	Page
Nov. 12, 1916 KAMA OF VICATO	Men and machines. In the "future no manu- "facturing plant will have (human) work- "ers, but will have directors of that ty- "pe".	172	91+ P. 86
Nov. 26, 1916	Modern technology and demonic magic. Electricity.	172	194+
Dec. 18, 1915 TRANSLATED LECTURE 7 KAMA OF UNTRUTHERU	Transduction of vibrations ("Schwingungen", (also meaning "ondulations", in the origin— (al German) of Man and Machine's etherical bodies.	173	215 P. 163
GEOGRAPHICAC MEDICINE.	Nervous system and electrical force. Electrical flows in the human being and their Ahrimanical nature.	178	58+
THE WRONG AND RIGHT USE OF EJOTERIA KNOWLEDGE	Man and mechanisation. "Animal-machines" ("Maschinentiere", in (the original, meaning both a common and (harmless animal or a dangerous one). Cosmic forces and machines.	178	218+ 230+
THREE STREAMS IN	The unleashing of great mechanical forces	182	156 1
Oct. 12, 1918	Nature's rythms and technology.	184	295
Dec. 12, 1918 LECTURE 3. TN THE CHANGED CONDITIONS OF THE	On the Law of Synchronized Vibrations and its technical transformation for all in the forementioned British population density.	186	70+ P-41
Nov. 00, 1920	Keely's motor: the "coming together" of waspiritual and material mechanism.	197	164+ P. 117
Oct. 20, 1923	Machines and vibrations	230	37

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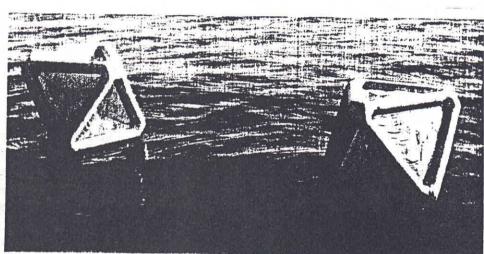
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Translator's Afterword

Before commenting on additional material I have found, let us make a deal: If any reader is kind enough to type into readable German the "demotic script" faithfully reproduced on pages N°17 and N°18, I promise I will faithfully tran late it into English. You have my word for that!.



Above: The British Irvin Replica is a rapid response passive naval decoy system. Each deck-mounted launcher holds two liferaft-like containers, each housing one deployable reflector unit.



Above: The deployed Replica consists of two linked floating reflectors which give a ship-like signature to attacking missiles. The system can also be used for training by live missiles and guns.

As I was reading the original for translation, I saw the design and it remembered me one device I had seen - fully reproduced in the two illustrations over these lines - at the book "Modern Naval Combat" by David Miller and Chris Miller (Salamander Books Ltd., 129-137 York Way, London N7 9GL, United Kingdom; you should address any correspondence there).

When the Millers (on pages 81-82 of their work) discuss "Anti-Missile Decoys", they mention the usage of "chaff" (actually metallic strips, mostly Aluminum, dispersed in cloud by the proper means) to divert an incoming missile from its

terminal point (i.e., striking against a ship).

"Chaff" only serves to re-radiate back into the missile's guiding system the radar-beam the missile itself broadcasts to seek its target. When the beam hits

the metallic strips it generates "eddy currents" on their surface which produce an "electronic signature" (this is the technical name) that is recognised by the missile's guiding system, thus working (in theory, for practice has shown otherwise as the Millers themselves indicate) as an "attracting place" for the attacking artifact that is made to "believe" the cloud of metallic strips is actually the target (i.e., the warship to be attacked).

Because the space covered by the "chaff" is actually greater than that of the warship-under-attack (I am not talking about matter-density; a detector tracking material density would not be fooled so easily), the reflected signal is seen by the missile's guidance system as of greater area thus constituting a

major "lure" into striking the decoy.

The "Replica" system seems to work in that way, re-radiating a more intense radar signal back to the attacking-missile than does the larger mass of a warship The "trick" here seems to be in the concave triangular facets, each formed by three inward-going obtuse-angle triangles forming the reflectors.

Let us assume that you bedeck a warship with some dozen "Replica" decoys, placed all over its structure. If the warship is a frigate of, let us say, some 2500 tons in displacement then to the radar operator of an enemy ship it may look like a carrier of some 54,000 tons!. This tip is for free, naval strateg-

Strader's major device seems to be a machine of this kind, working on the principle of "radar-reflection", but this time the "beam" is cosmic force coming from nearby space. Why does this type of reflector works so good and not one shaped, let us say, like an Icosahedron (which uses much more faces)?. In my opinion this is because the Octahedron (basic model of both "Replica" and Strader's major device) is the basic geometrical body for our planet as it arises from the application of the "Metric Theorems" (see my "The Energy Grid (I): Foundation, Equations and Ramifications", published by BSRF). These very Theorems: application in the Strader machines also clears the usage

of a four-armed cross in the glass-tubes with Uranium-points (see page N°6, N°12, upper N°13, N°16 and upper-left N°20).

Now, with all of the above in mind, is it possible to say that "the machines do actually work"?. I think it is not logical to say that because there are too few details to back such an statement:

- (*)We do not know the sizes involved in Strader's major device and how they would relate to our planet's energy grid.
- (*)We do not know the full details about the original devices, neither how many other instructions (and of which quality) were imparted by Rudolf Steiner to Oskar Schmiedel and how they were carried out.
- (*) Also unknown is the possible existence of more-complete documents (schematics, written instructions by people associated to stage-performance, etc.) that might have existed and are nowadays lost. My point is: "If the Anthro-"posophists were careless enough to lose the original models, why not los-"ing also important notes?".
- (*) In which state are the sketches and notes that were published are?. How much has been "retouched" for the purpose of publicating a clean copy?. Do not get me wrong, please, I have no grudge to bear against Anthroposophists, but it is my duty to point out this possibility.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 11th., 1992.

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HARMONY OF FORCES

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Again and again enquiries arrive at the Record Office concerning the so called Strader Apparatus. Particularly sketches and full particulars of technical details are asked for, but also concerning passages in the Mystery dramas and in published lectures, also spoken deliveries leading to adequate acquaintance.

It is as anticipated. The materials existing in archives, as concerns their extent, are extremely sparse. There are only 3 sketches by Rudolf Steiner of the model group which appears in the 4th scene of the 3rd mystery drama "The Guardian of the Threshold". (GA14) However, this model exists no more although, as reported by Hans Kuhn it survived the Goetheanum fire. Which type of apparatus this was, which precise functions it had in respect to what purpose it should finally serve, on this account - so a sifting of the archive material shows - it yields furthermore only indications, no detailed descriptions. Although Rudolf Steiners instruction for the layout of the 4th scene in the "Guardian of the Threshold" is limited to a minimum: "On his (Straders) table there are models of mechanisms" - this could be of significance for further examination of the "Strader Apparatus", Whilst one notes that it is not an apparatus in the true sense of the word, but of "Models of Mechanisms" which portray meanwhile nothing but a first basic structure which requires further building up. Should these "Mechanisms" perhaps firstly be nothing else but an outward expression for that which Strader himself prioritised? "The technique to which I devoted myself, you should forget and distract me from it", thus Strader in the 4th scene. The incompleteness of these mechanisms is discernable, amongst other things, in the words: "Then followed attempt after attempt, until at last the harmony of the powers yielded upon my workbench that which someday in its full form would bring that pure technical freedom in which minds can develop" (first scene).

Moreover, there are in the Archive, sketches from Oskar Schmiedel who constructed the models for Strader's workroom according to Rudolf Steiner's "very provisional" specifications. Contrary to Rudolf Steiner's limited specifications in the Mystery – Drama, Schmiedel himself, said in his report on it that Rudolf Steiner had given very detailed advice for the building of the model. One gathers further information from his report which is included in this small documentation. In connection with Schmiedels representations, then follows the reproductions of sketches and also photographic reproductions of the model of the Strader Apparatus reconstructed by Hans Kuhn together with engineer Zoller. A series of further reproductions of sketches which are here likewise included unfortunately permit no specification of authorship.

We are very grateful for appropriate advice.

The following review of the remarks of Rudolf Steiner on the "mechanical occultism", Keely – Motor and on the Technique of the Future may help the interested reader to the basic elaboration and extension of the complex collection of questions bound up with the Strader – Problem. No claim to entirety is connected with this compilation of Rudolf Steiner's lecture work.

The way to a Technique of the Future is the theme of the hitherto unpublished lecture of 17th June 1920, which Rudolf Steiner held at the Technical High School in Stuttgart. The initiator was evidently the "Anthroposophic Workgroup of the Stuttgart Students", who in their writing of 12th June 1920 informed the administrative journals of the Technical High School about their existence and intentions: "We believe that Anthroposophy is qualified in outstanding measure to throw a fruitful light upon the various science and time problems and emphasise that it appears particularly suitable to us to lead away from so much relating to that which divides mankind, which today averts a new relevant economic and morally spirited social improvement of our severely tested German people". Further to these words, reference is then made to Rudolf Steiner's lecture "Humanities - Natural Science - Technology" which should have taken place at 7.30 p.m. in the assembly hall of the Technical High School. In this lecture. which can be regarded as a sort of prelude to the lectures held in 1921 about "Observation of Nature, Experiment, Mathematics and the grades of Knowledge of intellectual research". Rudolf Steiner characterised the development of the pure observation of nature beyond experimental thought as far as technology in conjunction with its effect on the awareness. Steiner imparted a clear denial here both to pragmatism and the attitude of awareness, through the "Who, himself containing in the human soul the conception of truth, is actually degraded". But Rudolf Steiner was not only concerned with criticism of the development of science, but of a kind of Symptomatology, of a distinct search for signs in the thicket of the most diverse starting points for a train of thoughts which are subject to time change. Had Oswald Spengler the "Death of Western Civilisation" already in view, thus Rudolf Steiner establishes an "Advancement" which, if it succeeds, will grasp the thought not only in its " Side effects" but in relation to its "Principal effects" (as one in human forming In this sense Rudolf Steiner called encouragingly to the students "whilst I believe in the power of the soul which lives in you, I believe that we must again come to an advancement". Walter Kugler.

THREE SKETCHES OF RUDOLF STEINER.

"Models of Mechanisms" for Dr. Strader's Workroom (1912). Instructions for the stagescene design for the 4th scene of the 3rd mystery drama "The Guardian of the Threshold". "A room in rose red ground colour. It belongs to the home of Strader and Theodora, who is Strader's wife". One views the arrangement, that here in the common room Theodora and Strader perform various jobs. On its table there are models of mechanisms in their many kinds of relative mysticism.

SKETCHES OF OSKAR SCHMIEDEL (1887 - 1959)

From his "Memories of the rehearsal for the Mystery Plays in Munich 1910 - 1913". Published in "Memories of Rudolf Steiner" Stuttgart 1979.

"Rudolf Steiner gave the models for Strader's workroom in complete detail, even with mention of the metals to be employed. They were built in my first Munich laboratory very provisionally, contingent upon haste - at the beginning of 1912. In the following winter I had them built - also according to written proof - faithfully to Rudolf Steiners specifications. They were used in 1913 in "The Guardian of the Threshold" and survived the burning of the Goetheanum, since for some reason they were not in the Goetheanum during this night. It was already impressive how accurate Rudolf Steiner's specifications were; a component was even supposed to represent a metal or a material which had not yet been discovered. It is very difficult to actually say what aims were in view with these apparatuses. The central apparatus appeared to me to be somewhat like a capacitor for the collection of inflowing rays and effects from the cosmos, perhaps also a transformer of these. Various metals: antimony, copper, nickel and also pitchblende were used; additionally a substitute for the above mentioned undiscovered material which should be blue coloured. Outside this apparatus there were still others Thus a hollow copper half sphere hung on the wall. The inner side was turned towards the central apparatus. Another apparatus perhaps represented a kind of measuring instrument.

He also once mentioned when Strader's invention should be put into action. It was in the not to distant future.

Unfortunately I remember no more of these particulars."

From his essay "About the Strader Apparatus".

Published in "Reports of the Anthroposophic work in Germany".

On the occasion of the performance of Rudolf Steiner's 4 mystery plays at the Goetheanum during the 1971 Summer Convention, the equipment which stands on the table in the 4th scene of the drama "The Guardian of the Threshold" may also be discussed. Actually there ought to be 2 tables, for beside the larger figure somewhat on one side - originally stood 3 smaller objects. Additionally, at the performances in Munich, at a certain distance on the wall an open copper shell was mounted. In addition I refer to the equipment which was produced by Dr. Oskar Schmiedel and his mechanics in the winter of 1912 - 1913 according to Rudolf Steiner's specifications. When the "Guardian" was first performed in Munich in 1912, due to haste only a type of mock - up was ready, for which Imme von Eckardstein had received instructions through Rudolf Steiner. The following winter one had time to complete an exact model, subject to use of the various metals as they have been specified by Rudolf Steiner, for 4 hemispheres. He had now entrusted Oskar Schmiedel with this fabrication. Use was made of 2 hemispheres made of antimony, one of nickel. the 4th was half of copper. The other half was to be completed by means of a metal Under this double shell hung that had not vet been discovered at that time. slenderest sense - organs of so called gold striker membranes 1/1000 mm thick. On the 4th side of a lead cross a pitchblende point was to be installed The connections between the 6 points consisted partly of copper, partly of tin. From one shell to the opposite one led a spiral glass tube. Still more mysterious were the 3 attachments, one of which constituted a glass vessel with suspended or coalesced platinum wire, the 2nd a lemniscate of large diameter glass tube equipped on top with a charcoal point which had over it a smaller copper shell. The 3rd structure should in turn possess 4 uranium points in horizontal level. The shape of this device thereupon indicates that it could Electricity should be averted.

The original models have now disappeared, lost, although they survived the Goetheanum fire. Insufficient care has been taken and the significance of this equipment not discerned. At a performance today one again sees a mock – up.

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Notes on the Drawings and Photos of the Models. Published in Beitrage Nr. 107 1991. Der Strader - Apparat. zur Rudolf Steiner Gesamtausgabe.

- 1. (page 3 Beitrage) rough drawing Spikes?/glass?/vacuum? on stand. no comment on origin
- 2. (page 4 Beitrage) rough drawing of hemisphere? section on stand no comment on origin
- 3. (page 4 Beitrage) Depends which way is up? could be some kind of device to sit on the flat "electric flame" discharge spike. no comment on origin
- 4. (page 6 Beitrage) Drawing attributed to Oskar Schmiedel basic layout, german handwriting translated as follows: -
- Hollow hemisphere of copper at the wall
- flat triangle
- Electric flame appearance
- antimony
- hemisphere
- glass tube spiral
 - tip of material containing radium bent upwards
 - thin lamellas? Blattchen = leaflet
 - yet unknown metal
 - antimony hemisphere
 - Cu copper.

5. (page 7 beitrage) Drawing of a rotating auxiliary instrument, made from glass tubing and tipped with radium spikes.

translations

- -Glass tubes
- -tips containing radium
- -Horizontal
- 6. (page 8 beitrage) Drawing of a glass apparatus attributed to Oscar Schmiedel translations
- Glass
- lead
- 7. (Page 10 Beitrage) A photo of the Model of the Strader Machine

Note:

The proportions were given to Schmiedel and the original model was used in the 1923 Mystery Play presentation.

- 8. (page 11 Beitrage) A photo of the Model of the Strader machine
- 9. (page 12 beitrage) A photo of the three auxiliary instruments

10. (page 13 Beitrage) Various measurements for the making of the three auxiliary instruments - signed by Hans Kuhn (verantwortlich) = Responsible

- 1. The glass bottle translations
 - -Lead hanging inside
 - opening on top 1.5 Cm
 - -glass bottle 18cm high
 - (2 variations on the tip of the hanging lead)
- 2. The glass loop with a carbon tip, and associated copper hemisphere on a stand above.
 - -1.5 Cm Diameter (Durchmesser) The bulb under the carbon spike.
 - 0.5 cm glass tube
 - -Glass tube Rohr
 - carbon
 - glass
 - 12 cm.
- 3. Arrangement of glass with pitch-ore tips lead dimensions of 12 cm overall and 8 cm on inner glass tubes of 2cm diameter.

11. (page 14 Beitrage)

another drawing of the cross with pitchblende tips, showing a double lemniscate form and annotation by Hans Kuhn (K) "original - not by me"

- 12 (page 14 Beitrage) Annotated drawing of the basic framework, showing
- -Sn Zinn Tin
- Antimony
- Goldschlager gold beater?
- Ni nickel
- Pitchblende
- Copper ?
- Tin ?
- Gutta percha
- Lead
- Copper hemisphere marked as being covered on one side,
- Blue = Sn? (blue tin?)

This drawing shows an arrow coming from the pitchblende tip marked +

Below

"Not by Kuhn", and to the lower right "Originals not by Kuhn"

13. (page 15 Beitrage) A drawing - signed at the bottom by H. Kuhn - Nov 48

Model of the Strader - apparatus following sketches made from the original in August 1913 Munich.

At the top Overall setup in Strader's room

below annotations translated.

- lead frame
- loose
- fixed
- left half is of a metal non existent in 1923 provisionally covered in gutta percha.
- antimony fixed
- -Sn = Tin
- -Pb = lead
- -Ni = nickel
- -Cu = copper

Glass - presumably vacuum.

Uranium pitch ore.

Drawing of "Top View"

Notes: arrows are shown to and from the wall mounted Copper hemisphere? or shield.

3 arrows from the Pitchblend tip?

3 arrows pointing to the outside of the vertical Nickel hemisphere? - with question mark arrow pointing under the horizontal hemisphere.

- 14. (page 16 Beitrage) Too
- antimony
- tin
- nickel
- copper
- pitchblende
- blue Sn?
- Gutta percha
- Gold beater (beaten gold leaf = Goldschlager)
- 15. (page 16 Beitrage) Detail of rotating device with pitchblende tips
- glass
- lead
- pitchblende

16. (page 17 Beitrage)
Origin unknown - but in handwriting of Hans Kuhn
Title - Formbildend - Form Construction.

3 plan diagrams of sections, 2 vertical one horizontal.

Top side view formbildener - shape forming antimony nickel - loose blei - lead pecherz - pitch ore Cu - copper

to right
N?= North
W = West
O= East
S? South
Peche - pitchblende
Ant = Antimony
Zi = tin
Ni = Nickel

To centre
left
small circular diagram with 4 sections inside
marked
4 Cu (Stabe? Silber?) umwickelt asu/mit Guttap?
four copper (rods?) wrapped with? Guttapercha (this makes no
sense)
perhaps Sinnesinhalt = sensory content
layout? setup?
sinn = sense
aus - out of?

Speech M -> Thought by - ego ENZZ

below that a vertical section: anti = antimony Zinn = tin Ni = nickel fest = fixed.

a list to the right

Silber = silver - sign for moon - Nervositat, drusen (nerve tension, glands)

Blei = lead - sign for Saturn - Menschen (mankind, people)

Zinn = Tin - sign for Jupiter - Jupiter written underneath -

THOUGHT

Flussigkeit - fluidity



Kupfer = Copper - sign for venus - venus written underneath

Bewusstsein Mut

awareness, consciousness,
heart, spirit nerve, courage.

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Antimon = Antimony - Bracketed - copper venus Silver - Moon

strebt - aims, strives z (ur) - towards Aether - Ether

Abwehr - defense gegen - against elektrizitat - electricity

Alum?

Nickel - Silbersohle - silver insole (moon) gegen - against nervosiat - nervousness (Saturn)

To the left of the list are two annotations

Ich - ego astral body and Ich (ego) THIS IS AT WEST SIDE NICKEL SHEILD HAS SILVER LINING NOT HEMISPHERE SHAPE

Below are more drawings of the three auxiliary instruments, the rotating pitchblend tipped device (pecherz) has now underneath a double figure 8 frame of lead.(blei) an arrow pointing anticlockwise.

the central one has markings glass, carbon (Kohle= coal-graphite)

The glass bottle shaped device is marked with arrow pointing to top and Pb (lead) inner wire.

The Main Drawing:

cu - copper - marks one circuit Zi - Zinn - Tin marks 2 circuits

WARMINA - TONE

Cy -> Fe

O>

From Wall dish marked - Cu - copper

arrow inward - bewusst energie = conscious energy arrow outward - Aether = ether

This arrow is pointing to the outer covering of the hemispherical shell - beside this is letter O = East.

An arrow points inward from the copper hemisphere beside Cu Bewusstsein = awareness, consciousness (noun)

= MARS TONE ETHER = # MA

under the 4 hanging strips:

the symbol for moon, the symbol for scorpio

Nervositat - nervousness

N for North

Next to it, Antimony hemisphere - fest = fixed konzentration? - concentration? oder - or verfluchtigung? evaporation/volatilisation/dissapearance?

17 (page 18 Beitrage)

Kupfer = copper Kupfer mit Guttapercha = copper with gutta-percha Antimon (kleiner als die Nickel & Kupferkugel) = antimony (smaller than the nickel and copper balls) Nickel = loose

Silberplattchen - silver lamellas

diese 4 kupferstabe mit gutta-percha / blau umsponnen. = these 4 copper sticks braided with gutta-percha blue

Pecherz - Pitch ore aus Blei - of lead Zinn - tin Nickel = Nickel Glassrohre Vakuum - glass tube vacuum Blau (Kupfer) - Blue copper?

von oben - from above.

of the three auxiliary instruments

- 1.. lead, glass, pitch ore tips, lead, glass with pitch tips
- 2.. Carbon, glass, in wood
- 3.. Glass lead hanging inside 2 variations of tip.

18. (Beitrage page 19)

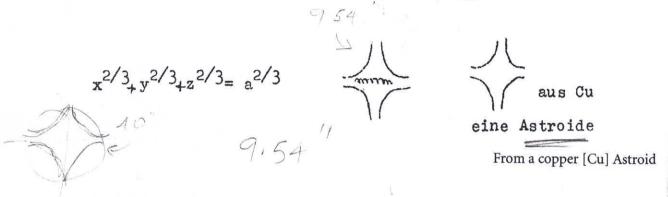
drawing unknown - showing setup with directional arrows.

Not translated

- 19. (Beitrage page 20) drawing of one of the auxiliary instruments Pb lead glass
- 20. (Beitrage page 21) drawing of one of the auxiliary instruments showing measurements

Dr. E. E. Pfeiffer reported:

In the spring of 1920, Rudolf Steiner suggested a formula for the study of etheric forces. He further said one should let a branch of a hyperbola slide over a solid and discover how it relates to the other branch. One could construct an axis system out of lead, and make an astroid out of copper.



(Unfortunately, it cannot be confirmed whether Rudolf Steiner himself wrote down the formula and the accompanying diagrams. In addition, it is no longer known to whom Rudolf Steiner made these suggestions. It is very probable that this proposition somehow stands in connection with the Strader Machine.) [See also the sketch of the Strader apparatus that is reproduced on the front cover and frontispiece of this book, Tr.]

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has various articles on non-mainstream science.
Nick Thomas's excellent to anthroposophical scientific work. also has links to other scientific pages relevant
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A investigating historical and occult connections of Keely's work can be ordered from illuminet com.
by Thomas H. Meyer has a chapter dealing with Keely's work from an anthroposophical perspective.
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