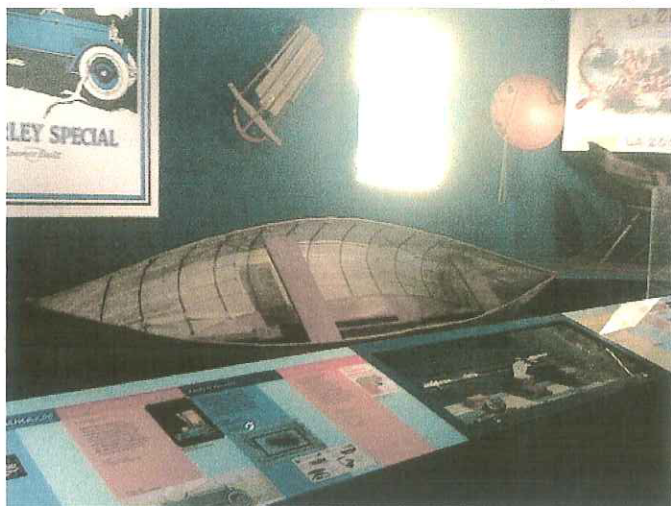
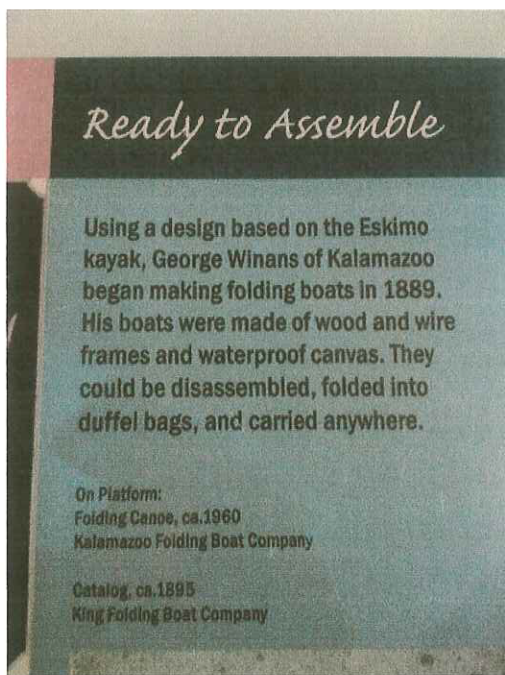


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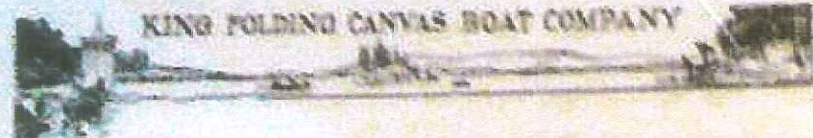
I have been to the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) a number of times. They have all sorts of displays on the various objects that were made or manufactured in Kalamazoo. I spotted this display on the **King Folding Boat Company** when I was there this weekend. I probably passed it three times and never looked at it in any detail. But it is really cool to see that starting in the 1880s, Kalamazoo had a hand in the paddle sports industry.

The boat itself according to the display was based on an inuit, (they called it eskimo) design. So it is a low profile design, to cut down on windage. The distribution of volume below the waterline is more like a kayak. It was made out of wood, wire, and waterproof canvas. Very cool stuff, and right in my own backyard. The boats are no longer being made. But it would be nice to have a replica made to try out and paddle around!



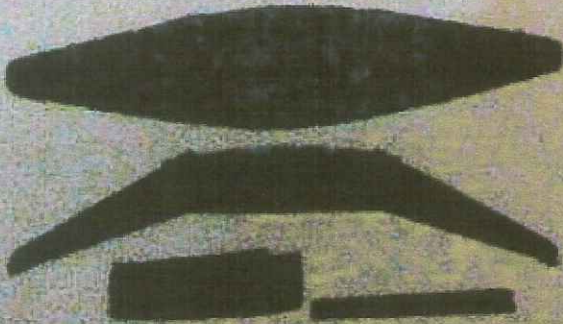
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KING FOLDING CANVAS BOAT COMPANY



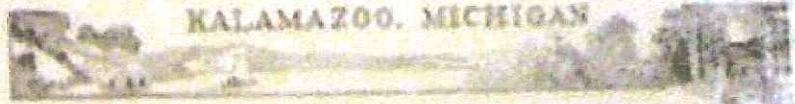
Moving Box Boat Ready for Use and
Packed in Canvas Case.

The box boat has made the port and
land. The boat will be in the water
in half an hour. It is the only boat of
its kind in the world. The boat folds up
into a box. It is the only boat of
its kind in the world.



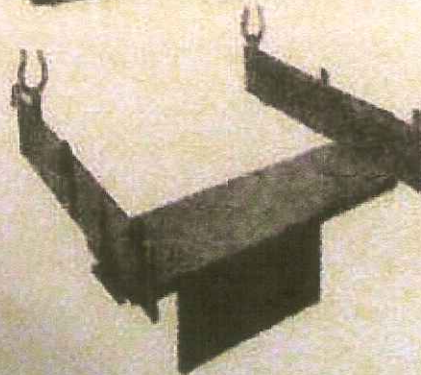
The material is cut and folded
into a box shape. It is the only
boat of its kind in the world. It
is the only boat of its kind in
the world. It is the only boat of
its kind in the world. It is the
only boat of its kind in the world.

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN



Moving Canvas Boat Up and Down

The boat is made of canvas and
is the only boat of its kind in
the world. It is the only boat of
its kind in the world. It is the
only boat of its kind in the world.



The boat is made of canvas and
is the only boat of its kind in
the world. It is the only boat of
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