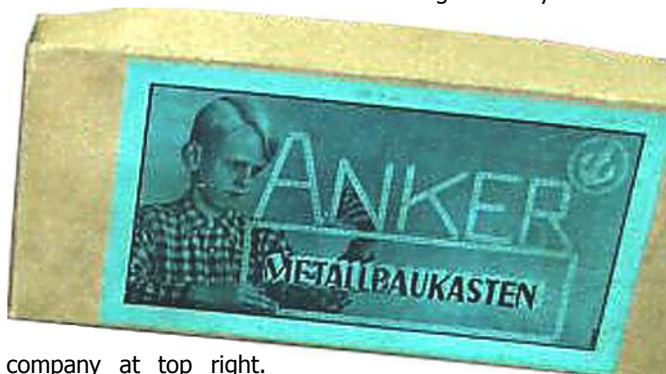


9. **Snippet. A T&H Co. KONSTRUKTIONSSPIELE and an ANKER Set in a mixed Ebay Lot** Besides these little known outfits the lot included a German MERKUR set (see 36/1094) and a German INGENIO set (mentioned in 17/477). All the box lids were shown plus a heap of parts. KONSTRUKTIONSSPIELE is mentioned in Baukästen as a product of T. & H. Co., and the



company's logo given there is on the box lid above (the '8' and 'H' are the tiny letters either side of the 'C', with a small 'o' inside it, under the Strip). The date given is '1920s(?)', though the boy looks rather later than that to me. It is also said that there were 10 sets.

The ANKER lid below has an anchor logo used by the Richter



company at top right.

An ANKER Modellbau set is included in MCS and is also listed in Baukästen but its logo, left, is not a Richter one and the set was made in East Germany by VEB Ankerwerk, Schmalkalden - the date in MCS is the 1930s but that wouldn't tally with a VEB-type company and Baukästen has 1956. ANKER was used by Richter as an alternative name for IMPERATOR (see 17/486 & 25/735) but normal Perforated Strips can be seen on the box lid.



Some of the parts in the photo can be identified as MERKUR & INGENIO and of the others only the 2 left ('cut' out of the Ebay photo) are at all distinctive, a 5\*9 Flanged Plate and an 8h long Flanged Sector Plate. Both have all round holes, and they could possibly be parts used in the KONSTRUKTIONSSPIELE Signal Bridge. If anyone can help I'd be glad to have more details of either of these systems.

**KONSTRUKTIONSSPIELE: S1; ANKER [2]: S1** [38/1134]

10. **Snippets. ANDERS Update**



The **Gnom Nr.113** set was described in 31/932 and since then several of these sets have been offered on Ebay. A few parts can be seen in them which were not obvious in the photo of the box in OSN 31. • Left (in part of a box), a Span'driver, 2 Axles, & a Crank Handle with a hooked end, are clipped to a backing card, along with the Wheels,

Pulley, & Strips. • The long blue A/Gs run along 90% of the full length of the back of the box. • The pierced Cab Side Panels are red. • The Jib Frame is blue and is a single part (like the one in the OSN 31 Fahrbarer Drehkran set). • There is red Cord in one set. • The parts & partitioning of another set are as in OSN 31, but the lid differs with the Railway Crane moved to the bottom left corner and the set designation is Gnom Nr.113G. The leaflet with this set is the one described in OSN 31.

The **Liliput** outfit below has not been noted before, and since it is Nr.1 perhaps there were other Liliput sets. 10 models are claimed on the lid and most of the parts that can be seen in the box would be needed for the featured model. The Pulley & Span'driver are no doubt the same as the parts in the Nr.113 set, and if so the black Flanged Plate scales at about 80% of the length of the blue one in the Nr.113 (see OSN 31). A leaflet with the Set was headed Liliput Nr.1, with '10 Modelle' underneath; Gnom & Gigant sets were mentioned in a line along the bottom of the sheet.



**ANDERS: S3**

[38/1134]

11. **Snippets. An 'In Between' FERROX Outfit** The Ebay photo below shows a No.2 set which is similar to the No.2 in a rectangular box that was mentioned for Phase 2 in 36/1090, except that the Plates and all the DAS are painted. Also the larger Flanged Disc in the OSN 36 set was the earlier type with the outer holes. (It should have been mentioned in OSN 36 that both the square and rectangular partitioned sets in Ph.2 were single layer sets.) The present manual has the Ph.2 cover and was said to contain models for both Sets 1 & 2.



**FERROX: S3**

[38/1134]

**SMALL AD**

[38/1134]

**Wanted Meccano Magazines** Feb. to Nov. 1972, volume or loose. D. A. Redmond, St. Catherine St., Kingston, Ontario, K7K 3R9, Canada.



4. **Snippet. CUB BUILDERS** This small American system with aluminium parts, including several Flanged & Channel Plates, was described in 28/838 and it was thought to date from soon after WW2. This has been largely confirmed by a CUB Model Sheet which was found in a file marked with the year '1946'.

**CUB BUILDERS S3** [42/1261]

5. **Snippet. More on METALL-BAUKASTEN [5]** A little on this small German system was given in 36/1070 and now Jan Ringnalda has send the much better photos below from an Ebay item. The box was said to measure 200\*100\*27mm but from the photos the 100:200 ratio is incorrect. Some of the parts in the box are obviously from a 'Matchbox' set and scaling from them gives the 200mm dimension but the other is about 150mm. Then scaling the Strips & Flanged Plates gives



their hole pitch as about 13mm, so possibly that figure or 1/2". Looking at the OSN 36 parts again there are a few Strips among them that match the colour of the present ones (not the rusty ones mooted as possibles before). So are the non-Matchbox parts in this set genuine? Quite likely I suppose, though the Plates on top of the towers in the Bridge on the lid are shown as having 5\*4h.

**METALL-BAUKASTEN [5] S2** [42/1261]

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6. **Snippets. ANKER** The cardboard lid from a Richter ANKER set was shown in 38/1134 and the Ebay photo below is



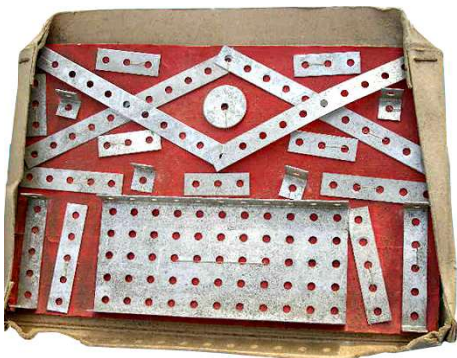
of an outfit in a wooden box. The top of its lid wasn't shown but the manual cover resting against its underside is of a similar design to the OSN 38 lid label.

As can be seen the different types of part include various lengths of Strip, the longest probably 25h; some Brackets; 5\*11h & 3\*5h Plates (the former not fully perforated); a 5h Ø Disc; a 1 1/2h Ø Pulley, probably aluminium; Rods, most likely fully or partially threaded; and a Crank Handle which probably has a threaded end. The 3\*5h Plate and the Pulley can be seen among the parts (a mix from several systems) that were with the OSN 38 lid.

A second set is in a cardboard box with a lid label identical to the OSN 38 one. Most of the parts mentioned above can be seen including the 5\*11h Plate, and it has only the edge & centre line holes. Also in the box are 2 Winding Drums which may not be original because they look exactly like those in the METALL-BAUKASTEN set described in 28/820 & 34/1035. The size of the box was given as 32.5\*16\*3cm and scaling from that gives a hole pitch of 12.5mm, so certainly near 1/2".

**ANKER [2]: S2** [42/1261]

7. **Snippet. A METAL CONSTRUCTION and BUILDING OUTFIT** The Ebay set right has a box 11\*7", very slightly larger than the one in 35/1037, but with the same label except that it has a narrow outside orange border. Compared with the earlier outfit this one has no 5\*5h Plate and neither the Span'driver, nor the small Pulley? Wheel (between the Discs), can be seen. Another very noticeable difference is that all the Strips and the A/B have square corners. The quantities of the Disc & Strips cannot be compared because the Discs in this set, and the Strips in the OSN 35 outfit are probably stacked.



**METAL CONSTRUCTION and BUILDING OUTFIT: S2** [42/1261]

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