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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

I was saddened recently to see a list of collectors dropped from National T.C.A. for non-payment of dues. Among these were several old time Western members.

There is much to be said about the different clubs--each has its good points and also its shortcomings, but they all have one important plus--they bring collectors together to buy, sell, trade, or just plain talk trains.

Have you ever stopped to think what a bargain your club membership comes to? To a non-collector an old train that doesn't run and has flaked paint, missing parts, etc. is a piece of junk with no value. But in a club where others have the same feeling about trains, it is a treasured thing, much sought after, which makes your collection an equity base even better than stocks and bonds, which have had their ups and downs in the past few years. Trains on the other hand have gone up steadily. I feel we should all keep active in the hobby and share our enthusiasm with others who may just become infected as trains are contagious.

Joe DiMassa

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TCA CONVENTION NOTICE . . .

The Northern California Division of the TCA is holding a West Coast Convention Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22, 1972 at the Edgewater Hyatt House, 455 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland, California. Hegenberger Road is an off-ramp (exit) from the Nimitz Freeway (Highway 17). The site is about two miles from the Oakland International Airport and one-half mile from the Oakland Coliseum.

C. Adair Roberts-President, Northern
Division - TCA

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH SOCIAL MEETING . . .

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM at the Downey Recreation Center, 8441 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey, California on Friday evening, March 3, 1972 by President Joe DiMassa. The Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome. Former West Coast resident Bernie Anderson gave a short talk about life on the East Coast and mentioned that he had run into John Parker while riding on the train from New York to Washington. John then told the members about the TCA Regional Meet in July at San Francisco and encouraged all members to attend.

Jerry Rokos spoke about the upcoming tri-club all day get-together with TTOS and MTA at the Lynwood Community Center on May 20, 1972.

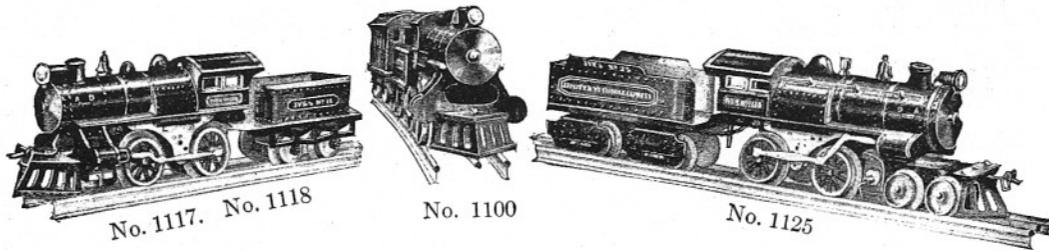
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Donald J. Ladenberger

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APRIL MEETING: Downey Recreation Center, 8441 E. Firestone Boulevard, Downey, California. Friday evening, April 7, 1972 at 7:00 p.m.

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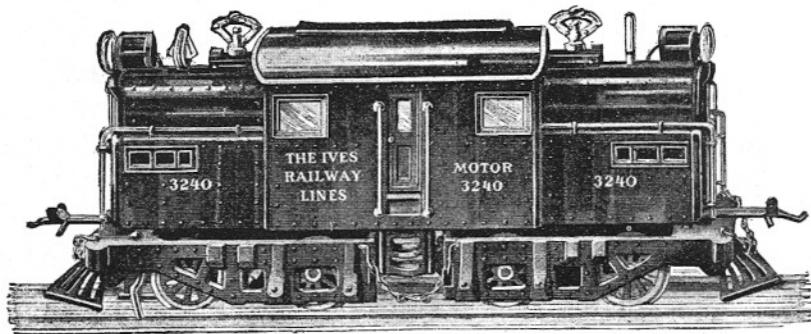
No. 1117. Electric Locomotive, 7½ inches long.
Price, each, \$4.00.

No. 1118. Electric Locomotive, 7½ inches long;
with Reverse and Electric Headlight with resistance. Price, each, \$5.00.

No. 1100. Electric Locomotive, 6½ inches long.
Price, each, \$2.25.

No. 1125. Electric Locomotive, 8¾ inches long;
Reverse, Headlight with resistance. Price, each,
\$7.50.

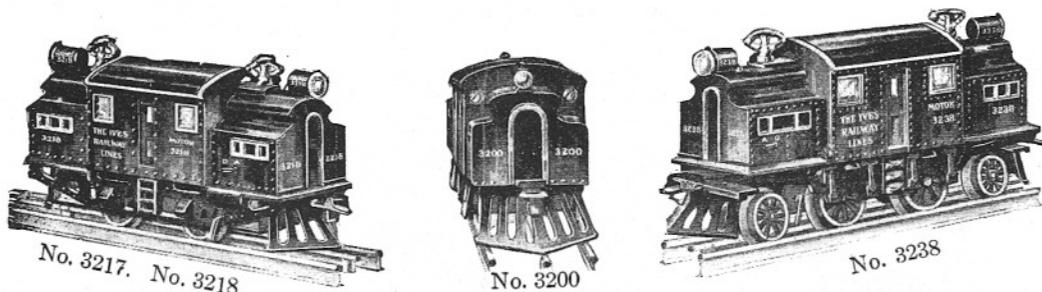
Tenders not included in these prices



No. 3240. No. 3239

No. 3240. Electric Locomotive, N. Y. Central type, 13½ inches long; for I gauge track; extra heavy gears; Reverse; Headlight on both ends; Resistance on Lights; handsomely finished and nickel trimmed. Price, each, \$16.50.

No. 3239. Electric Locomotive, like above, for I gauge track, but not as large and handsomely finished. One Headlight. Price, each, \$10.00.

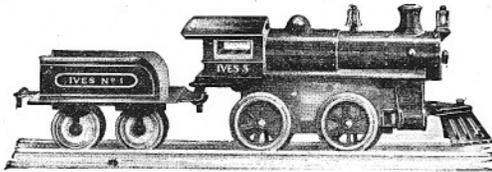


No. 3217. Electric Locomotive, N. Y. Central type, 7¾ inches long. Price, each, \$4.25.

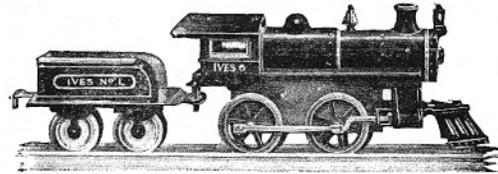
No. 3218. Electric Locomotive, N. Y. Central type, 7¾ inches long; Reverse, Headlight with resistance. Price, each, \$5.50.

No. 3200. Electric Locomotive, N. Y. Central type, 6¼ inches long. Price, each, \$2.50.

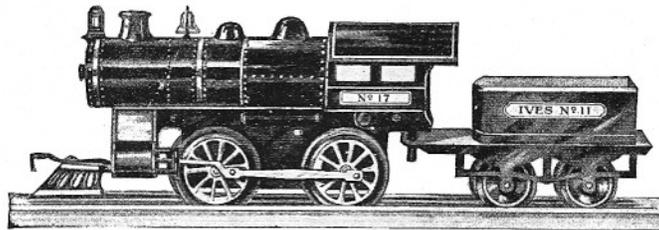
No. 3238. Electric Locomotive, N. Y. Central type, 9¼ inches long; 8 wheels; Reverse, Headlight with resistance. Price, each, \$8.00.



Locomotive No. 5, \$1.00 each. Tender No. 1, 25c each.



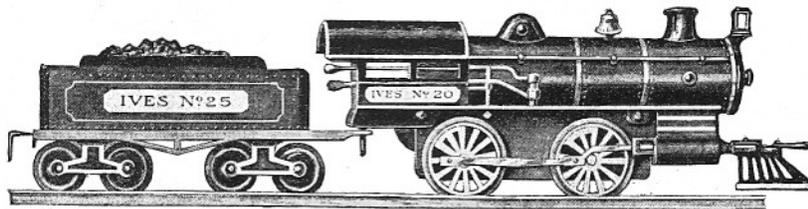
Locomotive No. 6, \$1.25 each.



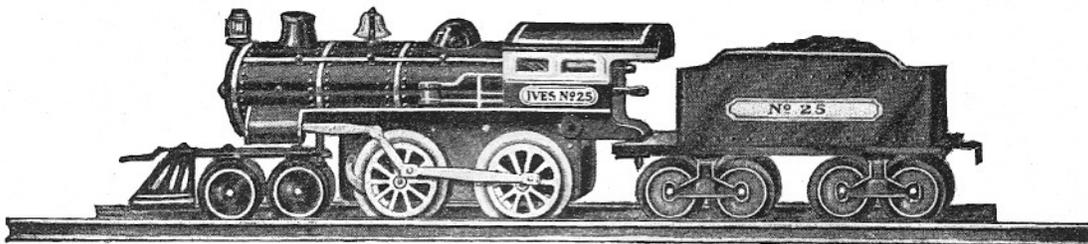
No. 17 Locomotive,
Speed-Governed
Price, \$2.25 each

7½ inches long,
with brake

No. 11 Tender
30c each

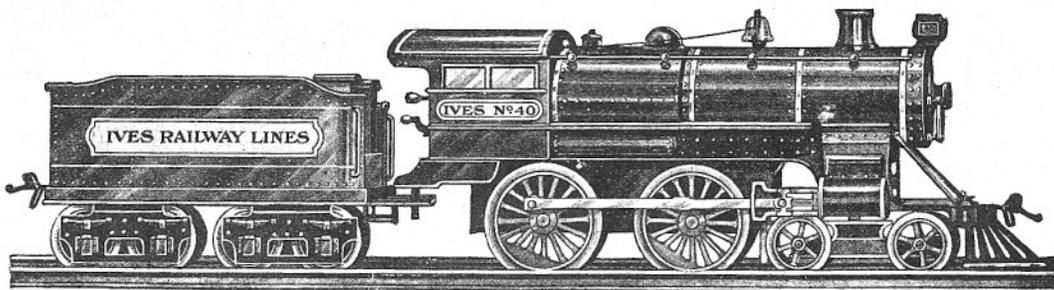


Locomotive No. 20. Reverse, Brake, Speed-Governed. 8 inches long. Price, \$3.50 each.
Tender No. 25..... " 50c "



Locomotive No. 25. Reverse, Brake, Speed-Governed. 9 inches long. Price, \$4.25 each.

No. 1 GAUGE MECHANICAL



No. 40 Tender, 7 inches long,
8 wheels, Swivel Trucks
Price, 65c each.

No. 40 Locomotive (New), 13½ inches long,
Reverse, Brake, extra fine finish
Price, \$8.50 each.

Hit The Mark
With Marx
by
Ray Nelson

THE ALLSTATE ELECTRIC TRAIN #9626

One of the best toy train values that we've seen in the past few years is the Marx four car freight set sold by Sears Roebuck Company under their trade Allstate, with a price tag of \$9.99.

The set consisted of a locomotive and tender, a gondola, a tank, an operating log car, and a caboose. There were eight pieces of regular Marx 027 curved track and eight pieces of straight, plus a 50 watt Allstate transformer with a built-in circuit breaker.

The locomotive was an 0-4-0 plastic steam type with Baldwin wheels and was numbered #490. An automatic reversing motor was mounted in the boiler with two metal screws. The one piece highly polished side rods were riveted to the rear drive wheels and one of these rods operated the special Marx chugger. The boiler was well detailed as to piping, domes, stack, etc., even to the simulated instruments on the back head of the boiler. The raised numbers and running board edges in white added to the striking appearance of the locomotive.

The plastic slope back tender was beautiful and the light, steps, tank cover, and coal pile detail were very realistic looking. The footboard, the four wheel metal trucks and automatic couplers enhanced the operation of the set. The lettering "New York Central" and striping on each side were in white.

A red plastic 7-1/2 inch gondola was coupled directly to the tender. It was lettered Pennsylvania Railroad and carried that Road's herald as well as the number 347100 all in black.

The second car in line was the blue automatic log unloading car. It was 7-1/2 inches long, was lettered Erie in white and carried 5 logs.

The next car was a blue plastic tanker lettered Allstate Motor Oil in white and was 6-3/4 inches long.

Bringing up the rear was a white plastic 6-1/2 inch caboose with Pacemaker and NYC as well as striping on each side, all in black. The detail such as cupola, windows, smoke stack, steps, doors, railing, and marker lights, was outstanding. This car, along with the others, was equipped with two metal 4 wheel trucks with the regular Marx automatic plastic couplers. Incidentally, in our opinion, these four wheel metal trucks with their automatic couplers are the best operating automatic trucks in the tinplate field. They are always in a coupling position

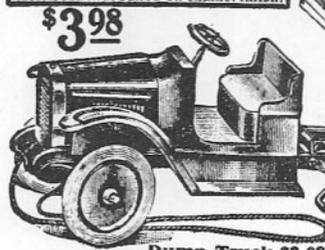
This \$9.99 set is a real electric train value - just check over its outstanding features. Marx Collectors and Operators, I don't believe some of you realize how fine and reliable Marx Tinplate is! Some day you will wake up when it's too late.

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Features that make the Buddy "L" the finest in quality and detail

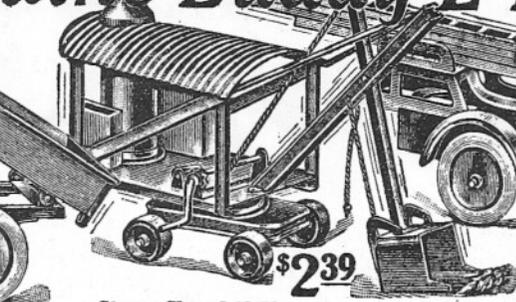
1. Made of twenty-two gauge automobile steel.
2. Strongly constructed—will hold 150 pounds.
3. Beautiful baked-on enamel finish.

Genuine Buddy L Toys



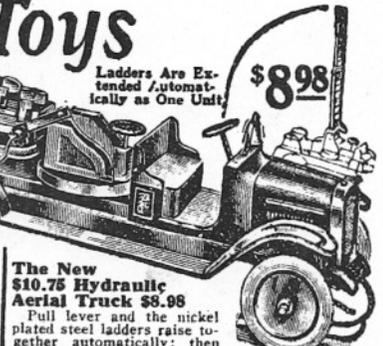
Dump Truck \$3.98

Has dumping device fitted with an automatic locking ratchet. Turn crank and it goes up or down. Back gate can be dropped. Length, 25 inches. Height, 9 1/2 inches. Width, 8 3/4 inches. Shipping wt., 12 lbs. **79K5006—\$5.00 at many stores..... \$3.98**



Steam Shovel \$2.39

Swings around. Scoops the dirt, elevates it and unloads it just like the big ones. Just work the crank. Finished in red and black. Cast iron wheels. Length, over all, 25 in. Height, 13 1/2 in. Shipping weight, 11 pounds. **79K5008—Sold by many stores at \$3.00..... \$2.39**



The New \$10.75 Hydranic Aerial Truck \$8.98

Full lever and the nickel plated steel ladders raise together automatically; then turn crank and the ladders keep raising until five feet in the air. Turning wheel moves ladder in any direction. Brass bell and red disc wheels. Length, including ladders in horizontal position, 39 inches. Shipping weight, 21 lbs. **79K5046—\$8.98**

Standard \$8.25 Buddy "L" Sand Loader \$6.98

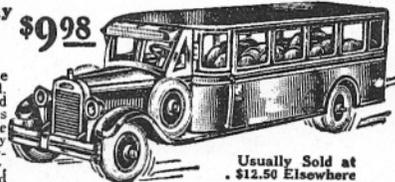
Turn the crank and the buckets run up and dump their contents on the stationary shoot. Ratchet adjustment to raise and lower loader frame which is battleship gray, the rest black. Width, 17 1/2 in. Depth, 7 1/4 in. Shipping weight, 13 pounds. **79K5012 \$6.98**



The New Buddy "L" Bus \$9.98

A Beautiful Job

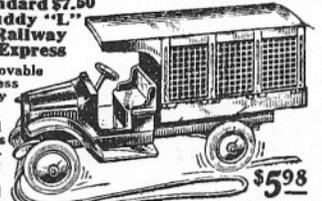
Perfect to the most minute detail. Side doors open, and inside are two rows of real seats. The steering is done by a new and novel arrangement, namely, by the turning around of the spare wheels on the sides. Rear wheels have steel double tire effect, while front wheels have imitation balloon tires. Has dummy headlight and motometer, double bar bumper and sun visor. Child can sit on top of bus and steer while riding, for this toy can hold up to 150 lbs., due to the quality and sturdiness of its construction. Size, over all, 29 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches. Shipping weight, 20 lbs. **79K5047..... \$9.98**



Usually Sold at \$12.50 Elsewhere

Standard \$7.50 Buddy "L" Railway Express \$5.98

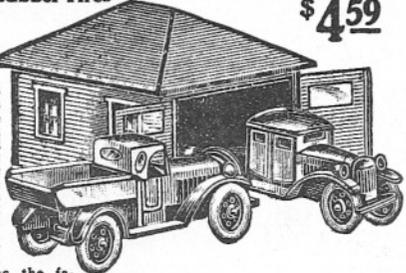
Removable Express Body Has Real Brass Padlock and Mail Sacks



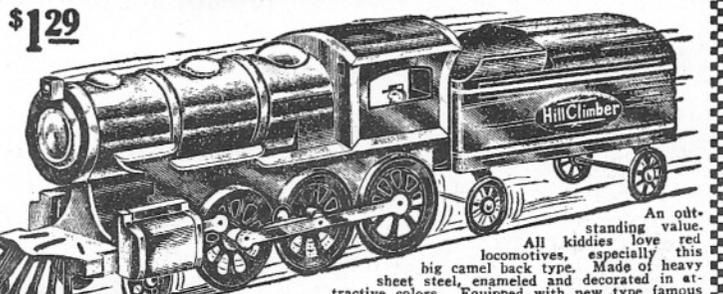
Has all steel screen side typical of Government truck which when removed, leaves open body truck. Body has drop endgate, and rear doors lock with padlock. Very attractive. 26 1/2 inches long and 13 inches high. Shipping weight, 19 pounds. **79K5044..... \$5.98**

Two Friction Autos and Steel Garage Kiddies! See This 22-Inch Steel Garage and Two 18-Inch Autos With Real Rubber Tires \$4.59

Every part best quality heavy grade sheet steel. The garage measures 22 x 16 x 12 1/2 in., and has real windows with celluloid panes. Doors swing on hinges like real doors. Comes in sections knocked down. Simple to put together. Coupe made of heavy sheet steel finished in beautiful colors and equipped with disc wheels, real rubber clincher tires, front bumper, dummy headlights and extra wheel with tire. Has the famous hill climber friction power motor and measures 18 x 5 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches. Truck has a red cab and a drop gate in back and measures 18 x 5 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches. **79K5026—Shipping weight, 20 pounds..... \$4.59**

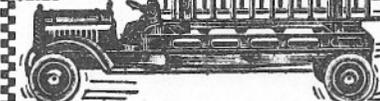


27-Inch Red Locomotive and Tender for \$1.29



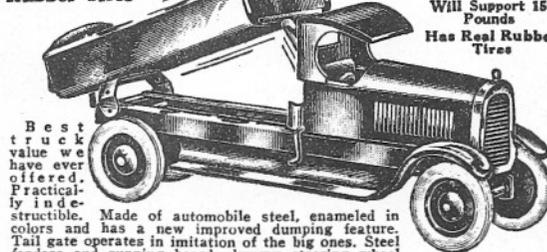
An outstanding value. All kiddies love red locomotives, especially this big camel back type. Made of heavy sheet steel, enameled and decorated in attractive colors. Equipped with new type famous hill climber friction motor, not the old cumbersome type. Measures 27 inches long, over all, including tender. Locomotive 6 1/2 in. high and has 8 wheels. Shipping weight, 6 pounds. **79K5821..... \$1.29**

18-Inch Friction Truck With Aerial Ladders for \$1.19



Turning Crank Raises Ladders Like Aerial Truck. A dandy value for the money. Made entirely of steel, finished in the familiar fire department red with gilt color ladders, and a fireman at the driving wheel. Two more free ladders on side, each 11 1/2 inches long. Truck measures 18 inches long and 5 1/2 inches high. **79K5020—Shpg. wt., 3 1/2 lbs..... \$1.19**

20-Inch All Steel Dump Truck with Real Rubber Tires \$1.79



Best truck value we have ever offered. Practically indestructible. Made of automobile steel, enameled in colors and has a new improved dumping feature. Tail gate operates in imitation of the big ones. Steel fenders and running board, dummy steering wheel and motometer. Truck is 20 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 6 1/2 inches. **79K5060—Shipping weight, 7 pounds..... \$1.79**

A 20-Inch Friction Motor Bus \$1.69



Here's a real bus: made of heavy sheet steel, finished in attractive colors. Rear fire-stone, balloon rubber tires, spare wheel with tire, heavy bar bumper, dummy headlights mounted on front fenders and equipped with a powerful hill climber friction motor. Sturdily constructed so it will last. Sure is a dandy. Size, over all, 20 1/2 x 6 in. Shpg. wt., 5 1/2 lbs. **79K5058..... \$1.69**

Wonderful 22-Inch Grab Bucket Crane for 98c



Shpg. wt., 3 lbs. **98c**



\$1.50 Dump Truck Value for 98c



Think of an 18-Inch Bus for 98c



\$1.50 Wonder Value Steam Shovel for 98c

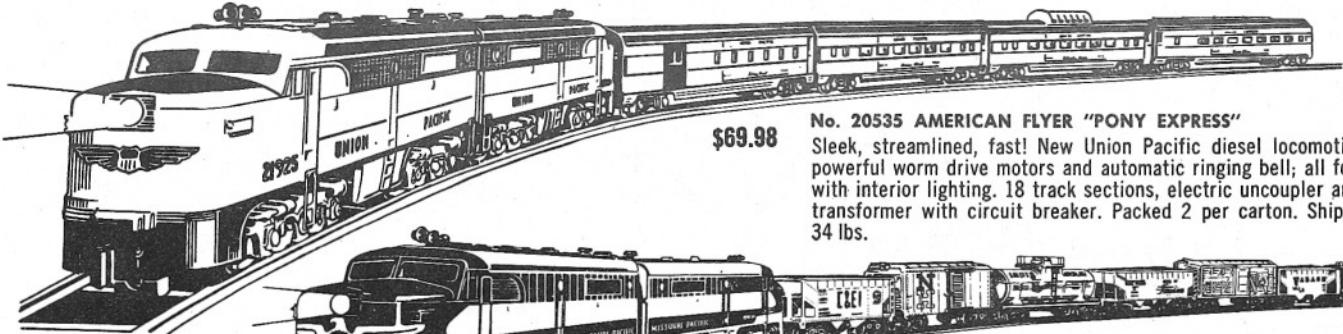
Some value! Very simple to operate. The bucket raises and lowers and opens and closes automatically by means of a few turns of a crank on side of cab. Realistic ratchet click. Sturdily constructed of steel, finished in attractive colors. Length, over all, 18 in. **79K5036..... 98c**

Made of automobile steel, not the light metal usually offered at this price. Finished in a beautiful enamel. Has new type dump feature which will not get out of order. Truck is 15 1/2 in. long and 5 1/2 in. wide. Outer rims of wheels painted to represent tires. Strong fenders, running board, a real dumping gate, dummy steering wheel. Shipping weight, 4 1/2 pounds. **79K5061..... 98c**

Sheet steel construction. Lithographed in bright colors. Has steel imitation balloon tires, large seats, open windows, license plate, sun visor and dummy steering wheel. **79K5057..... 98c**

Works like real steam shovel. Can turn cab around in any position on turntable, or raise and lower your shovel just by turning a crank or releasing brake. Release contents of shovel by means of chain. Steel, finished in appropriate colors. 11 in. high, over all. Beam, 18 in. long, extended. Cab, 6 1/2 in. high. Dummy boiler and fuel boxes. **79K5048..... 98c**

GILBERT® AMERICAN FLYER Trains and Accessories



\$69.98 **No. 20535 AMERICAN FLYER "PONY EXPRESS"**
Sleek, streamlined, fast! New Union Pacific diesel locomotive has two powerful worm drive motors and automatic ringing bell; all four cars are with interior lighting. 18 track sections, electric uncoupler and 100 watt transformer with circuit breaker. Packed 2 per carton. Shipping weight 34 lbs.

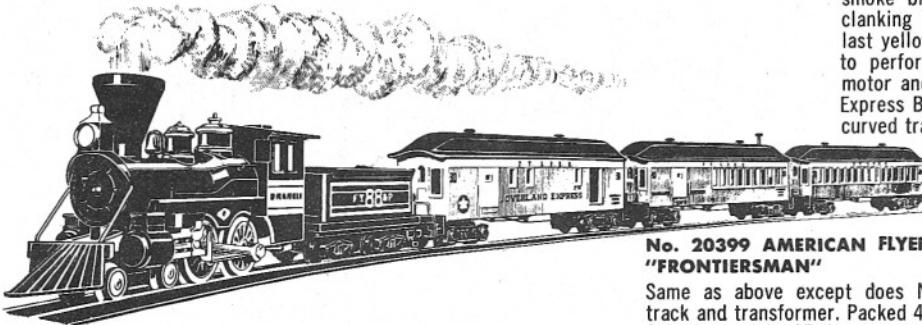


\$69.98 **No. 20540 AMERICAN FLYER "MERCHANDISER"**
Big two unit Missouri Pacific diesel with twin worm drive motors hauls seven-car freight at express speeds. Loco has automatic ringing bell; cars feature new Pig Palace stock car, C & E Hopper and Bakers Chocolate tank. 20 track sections, electric uncoupler and 100 watt circuit breaker transformer. Packed 2 per carton. Shipping weight 32 lbs.



\$74.98 **No. 20545 AMERICAN FLYER "PATHFINDER"**
Mammoth 16-wheeled Union Pacific "steamer" that puffs real smoke and has choo-choo sound effects makes this 8-car freight a truly impressive sight as it thunders over the rails. Has 3 new cars, including Jeep Transport, plus 100 watt transformer with circuit breaker, electric uncoupler and 20 track sections. Packed 2 per carton. Shipping weight 37 lbs.

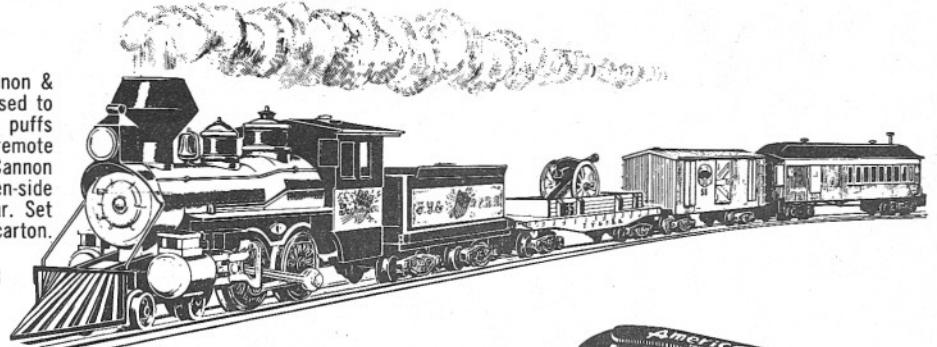
No. 20550 AMERICAN FLYER "FRONTIERSMAN" PASSENGER
Right out of history rumbles this old wood burner of the 1860's, smoke billowing out of her stack and three plank-sided coaches clanking and swaying behind. From bright red cowcatcher to the last yellow car, she's a beauty to see and an old pro when it comes to performance. Locomotive also has Pull-Mor Power, worm-drive motor and remote control. Rolling stock boasts brand new Overland Express Baggage Car. 40 watt transformer included with 12 sections curved track. 4 per carton. Shipping weight 36 lbs.



No. 20399 AMERICAN FLYER "FRONTIERSMAN"
Same as above except does NOT include track and transformer. Packed 4 per carton. Shipping weight 15 lbs.

No. 20655 AMERICAN FLYER "FRONTIERSMAN" FREIGHT
As authentic as "Dixieland" is this colorful Civil War Cannon & Supply Train like the kind that Johnny Reb and the Feds used to see, on their way to battle. Funnel-stacked locomotive puffs real smoke, has Pull-Mor Power, worm-drive motor and remote control operation. All-new (old) rolling stock features Cannon Car with removable fieldpiece and plank-sides, wooden-side Ammunition Box Car and combination Supply & Troop Car. Set includes 40 watt transformer and 14 track sections. 4 per carton. Shipping weight 40 lbs.

\$34.98



TRANSFORMERS



No. 22020 TRANSFORMER
50 watts, 115 volts, 60 cycles A.C. Built-in circuit breaker, UL approved. 6 per carton. 16 lbs.



\$8.98



No. 22030 TRANSFORMER
100 watts, 115 volts, 60 cycles A.C. Automatic thermostatic circuit breaker built-in. UL approved. 6 per carton.



\$11.98

Prices shown are Suggested Retail



\$16.98

No. 22035 TRANSFORMER
Built-in circuit breaker. 175 watt capacity rating; 115 volts, 60 cycles A.C. Directional switch reverses locomotive.



\$29.98

No. 22090 DUAL TRANSFORMER
350 watts (175 Watts each Unit) 115 volts, 60 cycles A.C. New type circuit breaker; when shorted button pops up — push button down to re-set. Extra-large terminals allow multiple power leads.