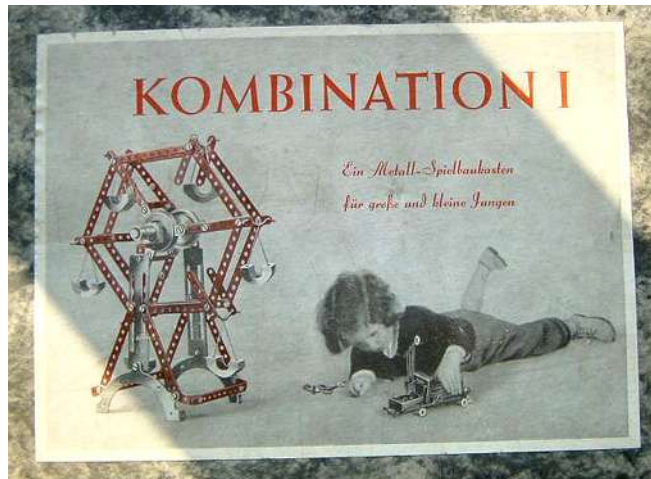
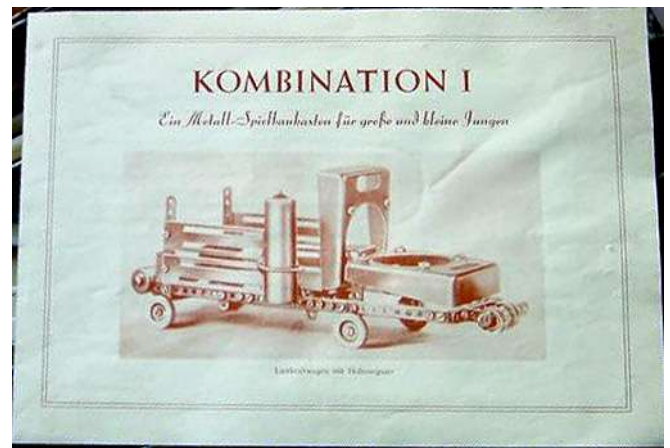


Snippet: 'New' System – KOMBINATION The set shown here was sold on German Ebay, and it was said to have been found wrapped in newspapers dated 1930. The



words after the name on the lid label above, & the manual cover top right, are 'Ein Metall-Spielbaukasten für große und kleine Jungen' (A metal toy building set for children, young & old). The box is a dark grey mottle on the outside (the light corners are the lighting of the photo) and measures 42*29cm. The base with the parts in it is shown below, and underneath



are photos of some of them. Assuming the box dimensions are correct, scaling the Strips gives a hole pitch of about 8½mm and a width of a little less, around 7½mm. The diameter of the holes could be 3-3½mm.

Some of the metal parts look as if they might be steel, with the lighter ones aluminium perhaps. The whitish parts at 'A' might be porcelain, like prewar insulating pieces, but the Rods 'B' could be wooden. Many of the Strips are brown but are probably still metal because the 2*1h Brackets, in the second from left compartment in the third row, are quite thin like metal and are also brown.

The use of many of the parts isn't obvious but some can be seen in the models on the label and the manual cover. The cab & bonnet of the Lorry are the part shown at '1', and the sides of the load platform can just be seen under the brown 11h Strips in the box. The vertical Cylinder is with the 'wooden' Rods at the LH end of the long compartment in the top row. The base of the Big Wheel (enlarged below) is a pair of the part '2', with the uprights the part used as the platform sides of the Lorry. The spokes at each side of the wheel are attached to a Hub '3', and I suppose a stub axle fits into its recess, but I can't work out how it is held in place or how a bearing for it is provided. The 'cars' are the parts in the first compartment in the middle row. The boy on the label is playing with a Lorry similar to the one on the cover of the manual.

