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Several PDF subscribers have asked why the first 2 pages, 1452-3, of OSN 48 appeared last. I should have explained earlier that they would not be sent until the printed version was finalised. This to allow the printed & PDF versions to be the same, and to allow any late items to be included.

Shorter NOTES, with thanks to all contributors.

1. **MÄRKLIN's Early Days** Urs Flammer sent a copy of a pink flyer that he found in a MÄRKLIN manual. Its date isn't certain, the manual was dated 21.3 but the logo on the flyer, right, is thought not to have been used until 1922. Urs' son Patrik kindly translated the flyer for me. It is headed 'MÄRKLIN instead of MECCANO' and starts by saying that the construction sets our company is currently producing under the trade name MECCANO will from now on be available as Metallbaukasten MÄRKLIN, and that all parts in the MÄRKLIN sets are compatible with Meccano parts and can be used in combination. It goes on to say that MÄRKLIN sets will contain a larger and better selection of parts and that is the reason for the change of name, 'to distinguish them from the old MECCANO sets'. Finally that Märklin vouches for the quality & versatility of new sets and that they are a purely German product with all the parts produced by 'German hands' in Märklin factories. And that all aspects of the product are Märklin's property and are covered by patents etc.



MÄRKLIN: S4

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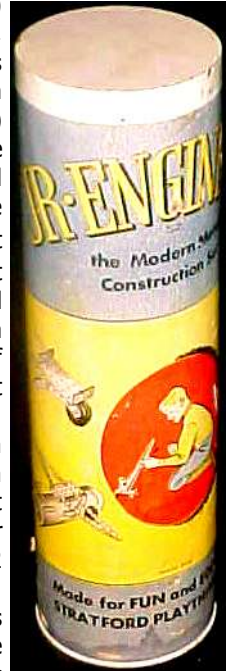
2. **Snippet. 'New' System: LA MECCANICA APPLICATA.** The manual below, said to be from the 1930s, was offered on Italian Ebay. As can be seen it carries a logo, 'MOGO'. I suppose it is for Set 4-5, and the model looks to be made from MECCANO-style parts.



LA MECCANICA APPLICATA: S1

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3. **Snippet. Another JR ENGINEER Set.** Unlike other known JR sets (see 43/1293 & earlier) this one is packed in a cannister (right), 9" high & 2½" Ø. The different parts which were shown with it are as those in the Special outfit (described in 33/976) but do not include the C/W Motor, the Disc, the Wheel Disc, the Perforated Plate, the Crank Handle, the Collar, & the 13mm Bolt. The Flanged Plate is not painted. One other part looks as if it might be a small gear wheel on a small diameter spindle: it could be part of a C/W motor, but it doesn't match any of the parts in the Motor in the Special set (see 33/976).



The quantities of the main parts shown were 1 Flanged Plate, 6 each of 5 & 12h Strips, 2 DAS, 2 Curved Strips, 4 at least of the A/B, 1 at least of each of the other 3 types of Bracket, 4 Road Wheels, 2 Axles, & a Screwdriver.

No manual was shown and the models on the cannister are not in either of the known manuals. The cannister itself was probably used in some of the models because it was said that 6 spots on it were marked 'punch here', and it could be seen that this had been done.

The maker of this set was Stratford Playthings Inc. and the 'indcipherable' name above 'Playthings Inc' of the front of the Special manual (see 43/1293) can now be seen to be 'Stratford'.

JR ENGINEER: S6

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4. **AMI-LAC Update** The firm's website, www.lacgiocattoli.it, now shows only 5 small sets with none of the basic outfits which were still on offer in 2007 (38/1151). The largest set is the 2000/1 with 219 parts to build any one of 5 vehicles, see 25/727.

Of the other sets, three, 107-109, were described in OSN 38, and the other, No. 106 with 127 parts, is for

another of the models that can be made from the 2000/1 outfit, the Scooter above. All 4 sets are packed in same type of plastic case shown right.

The same 3 models as in 2007 are shown as Novità but again with no indication as to whether there are sets for them.



AMI-LAC: S4

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