

with the same type of label.

One final variation, a No.3 & a No.5 in similar boxes but with blue plastic trays. The layout of the parts in the No.3 is as in the yellow tray but the No.5 has 2 layers (its size is given as 32*42*5cm). One other difference in these 'blue' sets, the Bush Wheel disc & the Flat Trunnions are nickel instead of red (no Trunnions can be seen).

SPIROU: S2

[34/1004-5]

7. **Snippets – GNOM** Some sets called Gnom, made by ANDERS, were discussed in 31/932, but there was also a German system called GNOM. It isn't in MCS but there is a photo of a set in *Baukästen*, p217; the maker, Rimü, is given, but with no other details except the dates '1930s' to 1950s'.



The set above was said to be a Nr.0A. The slogan along the top is also on the manual cover right, and means 'for the young engineer'. Lehrspiele would be 'educational toy' in English. The main part in the box is a 3*7h Flanged Plate. Its top (with a reflection of the lid on it) has holes only along its ends & centre lines. The end holes in the flange can be seen



but any others are hidden by a reflection from the 5h Strip next to it. The other parts are 5h Strips, a 7h Strip (along the top), A/B's, Flat Brackets with one hole slotted, & Bossed Pulleys with Tyre.

Additional parts can be seen in a second set (shown at the foot of the last column): a fully perforated 3*3h Flanged Plate, a Loose Pulley with 4 face holes, a Crank Handle with near 90° bends, a wire Screwdriver, and what looks like a 5h A/G near the top.

A third outfit is larger and is in a box 30*22*4cm. The lid is like that of the first set except that the background colour looks yellowish. The photo of it is very poor but both sizes of Flanged Plates can be seen, also the Strips above, and the Pulley with Tyre. Less clear are a possible 1*3*1h DAS and a Bush Wheel.

The *Baukästen* set measures 19.5*15*2.5cm and has 'II' on the lid. The logo and wording on it are the same as the Ebay ones, but it is otherwise quite different, light brown with a blue dockside scene in white panel. The date given for the set is the 1950s. The main parts are the two types of Flanged Plate and some Strips - they match those above except that the finish looks to be a matt light grey rather than shiny nickel. Other parts are a Pulley of about the same size as before but with 8 radial 'spokes' pressed into the disc, and lying under it what may be a Bush Wheel with 4 face holes.

Scaling from the various illustrations, the hole pitch may be 18-20mm, the Pulleys about 30mm Ø, and the 'Bush Wheel' 45-50mm Ø.

There is no manual shown with the set in *Baukästen* but all the others have one with the type of cover right. The colours vary though, with the others light grey, dull yellow, & brown.



GNOM: S1

[34/1005]

8. Don Redmond wrote that the **ERECTOR No.100** set mentioned in 11/298, 15/411, & 19/544 is not in fact a No.100, it is a No.00. The set number is on the ends of the box and the mix up probably arose from the '100 TOYS IN ONE' slogan on the lid.

ERECTOR [3b]: S1

[34/1005]

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[34/1005]

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More GNOM Sets. 3 sets were described in 34/1005 and since then a number of others have been seen on Ebay. Also Jean-Pierre Guibert has kindly sent details of his outfit.

First the RiMü Sets described in OSN 34. A larger set on Ebay is probably the same size as the yellow-lidded one mentioned in OSN 34 but has a whitish lid with the same OSN 34 graphics in its centre. The maker is given on the first page of its manual as Riebold & Müller of Schalkesmühle, a town in Westphalia 25km east of Wuppertal.

A few of the parts in the set are recognisable from those described in OSN 34 but the rest are obvious foreigners. The manual pages below though show some points of interest.

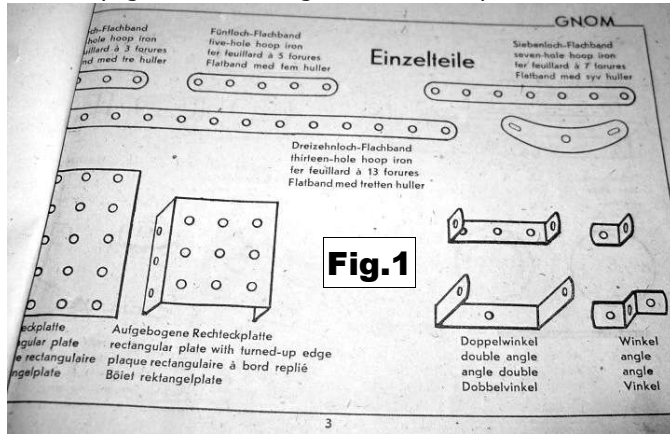


Fig.1

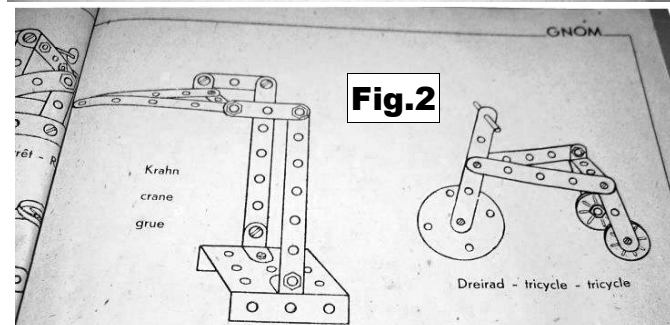


Fig.2

Parts in the Illustrated Parts not mentioned before are the 3 & 13h Strips, what appears to be a Curved or Formed Strip, the 2 DAS, the Reversed A/B, and the Rectangular Perforated Plate, 5*7h. No doubt other parts were shown on another page. The 2 models (on p9) show the 4h Disc & 8-'spoked' Wheel (or Pulley) which were in the *Baukästen* set.

The Set's manual cover is as OSN 34 but is brown in colour. In fact the covers are a wrapper with the inside pages held by 2 paper clips. As can be seen the pages above are in English & French as well as German, but the Introduction, which fills an unnumbered page, probably Page 1, is only in German.

The 'Lorry & Crane' Lidded Set All the OSN 34 sets had the Rimü logo on their lids & manual



Fig.3

covers but no logo can be seen on the set above & right. The parts though, except the rectangular Flat Plate (in the righthand bay), are as previously seen.

This is Jean-Pierre's set and he sent the following details. The box, 25.2*13.6*1.7cm, contains the 12 different types of parts in Fig.5, all bright steel. Holes are 3.2mm at 18.0mm pitch, and the thread is M3. Strip parts are 10mm wide & .74mm thick. As found

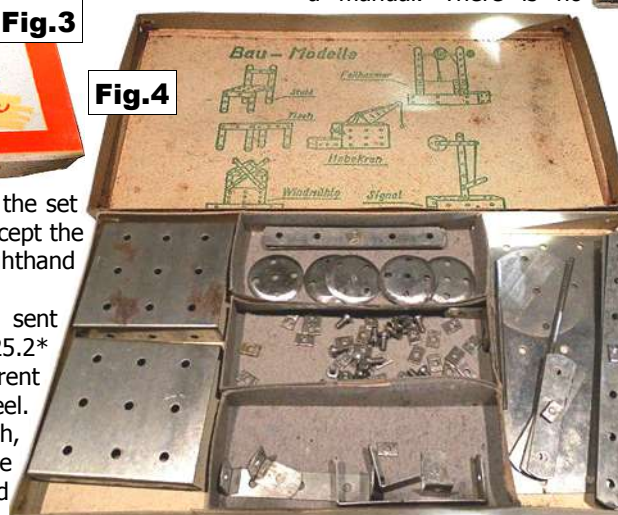


Fig.4

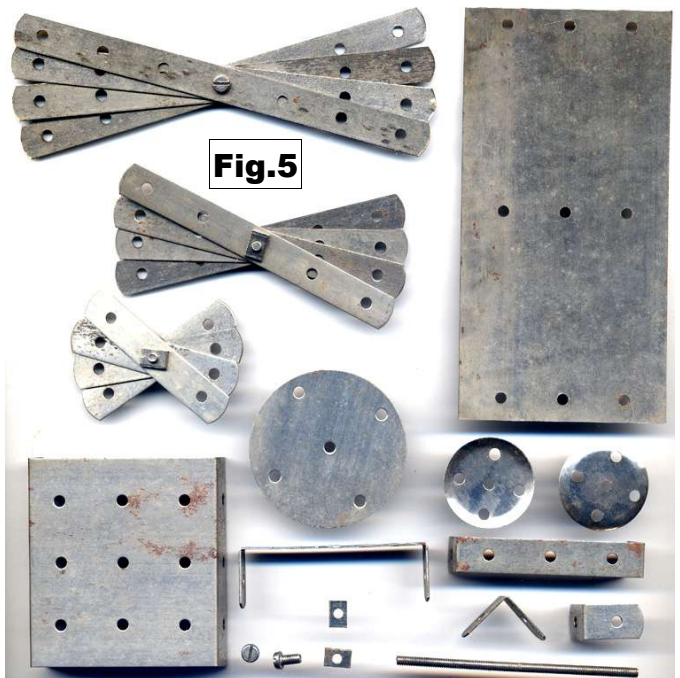


Fig.5

the contents were 4 each of the 3,5,7h Strips; 2 DAS; 4 A/Bs, 17*17mm; 2 Flanged Plates, 60*53*12.5mm, & 1 Flat Plate, 60*118mm, each .51mm thick; 1x 45mm Ø Disc, .55mm thick, & 8x 26mm Pulley Discs, .25mm thick (possibly suitable for the Tyre in OSN 34); 2x 7cm Screwed Rods; 23 Bolts, 7¾mm long o/a with 5.2mm Ø heads; & 17 rectangular Nuts, 5.3*7.7*1.5mm (lengthened to give a better grip presumably).

6 models are shown in the Set's lid and no manual was with J-P's set or with another similar outfit seen on Ebay.

The 'Single Gnome' Lidded Set (below). 2 such **Fig.6**

sets have been seen on Ebay, one said to measure 17*13cm, the other 15*12cm. Again there is no logo & the slogan on the lid, 'das kleine Bauwunder' is different. The Nuts are again rectangular, while the Wheels are as in the *Baukästen* set. One end of a Spanner can be seen in both sets. The models are on a single sheet.

Comment Apart from the absence of the logo the 'new' sets differ from the RiMü ones in not having any bossed parts or Tyres, & in not having a manual. There is no

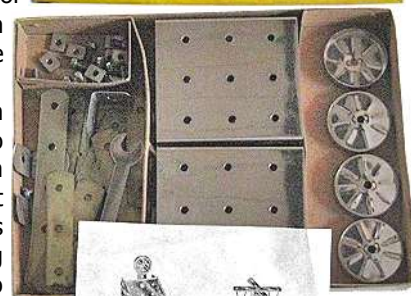


Fig.7

certain indication as to which came first, or if there were ever larger non-RiMü outfits. Possibly the 'new' sets were the early ones and RiMü developed the system, or alternatively the system was simplified after the RiMü phase.