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EDITORIAL Nothing to report so 'steady as she goes', and with luck I'll be able to keep to the recent near yearly interval between Issues.

Shorter NOTES, with thanks to all contributors.

1. **Snippet. 'New' System: METALL-BAUKASTEN.** The poor Ebay photo is shown below and the parts that can be



seen are, with 'probables' daggered: 4, 5†, 11, 14h Strips; 1*5*1 & 1*3*1h† DAS; 2*1*2 Z-Bracket; Pulley Discs with & without boss (unless the latter's boss has simply fallen out); Axle; Crank Handle.

The Ebay ad mentioned a printer, Emil Bethge of Hagen (a town 15km south of Dortmund), and the PR included 11/46. So, no doubt, one of the many small sets which appeared soon after WW2, very soon in this case, so it's not inconceivable that this system existed before the war.

METALL-BAUKASTEN [8]: S1 [51/1548]

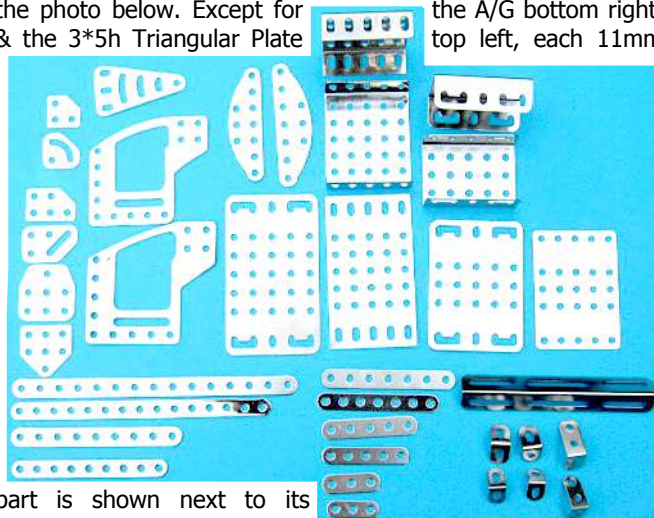
2. **Snippet. More on GERNER.** Since the notes on p1573 Urs Flammer has sent details of some parts, nearly all of a set, he has obtained. They are as described except that the Square

Tube, right, is as shown in the manual, an extrusion, 20*20mm, with no join. The Wheels are the earlier, turned type, but the Flanged Plate is the later pattern with alternate round & slotted holes.

Urs had also found a small ad from 1948 saying that sets in various sizes would soon be available to wholesalers for export. It was from a Franz Kauer, (20a) Letter/Hann., Postfach 6. It will be recalled that GERNER was made in Letter.

GERNER: S2 [51/1548]

3. **'POLYLONG' 11mm Pitch Parts.** It was noted in 42/1266 that some Happy People set parts have holes at 11mm pitch rather than the usual 10mm. David Hobson mentioned that he had found a selection of these in various lots and kindly sent the photo below. Except for the A/G bottom right, top left, each 11mm



part is shown next to its nearest 10mm equivalent. Holes in the 11mm parts are 4.1mm and the Strips are smooth on one side and very slightly rough on the reverse.

POLYLONG: S21 [51/1548]

4. **AJET.** Some parts & a manual (all were as described in 37/1105) were offered by a auction house and it was said that AJET was made by Payne & Holloway of Birmingham. A web search gave nothing on this firm. Equally nothing has emerged since OSN 37 over whether there was a set other than the 'Junior'. A any information on either of these aspects would be most welcome.

AJET: S3 [51/1548]

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