



FOUR ?? same price and contents of present United States made set catalogued and advertised in the States as Number Six. / The A. C. GILBERT MENZIES CO., Limited / Manufacturers of Erector and Gilbert Toys / TORONTO, CANADA'.

From Greenberg: (a) Menzies & Co., Ltd. became the official Canadian representative of the A. C. Gilbert company in 1917; (b) the manual cover in the lot (Part 1, pale green with the man/2 boys/Bridge design, ERECTOR in a red panel, & about 10¾" wide) was the U.S. design in 1916. So this may give an indication of the Set's date, but the parts do include two of the first flanged Gear Box Side Plate which, from Al Sternagle's Erector Parts, appeared in about 1919 as #541. This could though be a red herring as it was said that some parts may have been added to the Set.

ERECTOR [2b]: S3 [36/1069]

6. **Snippet. 'New' System: STRAUSS** Below the German Ebay photo. The obvious parts are the green 5h Strips, the 4



Wheels, & the rather rough looking 5*9h Flanged Plate. There are some other darker parts at the bottom of the main compartment, dark red or brown Strips & DAS perhaps. And in the small tray, a cast Loaded Hook & roundheaded Bolts. The manual is for Sets 1 & 2, with respectively 145 & 213 parts.

STRAUSS: S1 [36/1069]

7. **A SUNNY TOY Set** SUNNY TOY was mentioned in 19/542 as a small set with BUZ parts, shrink-wrapped onto a backing board. The set in the next column is properly boxed with the parts in a moulded plastic tray, and it is actually larger than the standard BUZ No.1 outfit. No maker's name can be seen but the Trunnions & Hook are characteristically BUZ, and some of the models shown in the Ebay photos of the manual are in the No.1 BUZ manual. The 5h Strips at centre top in the box look rather out-of-place but other rusty looking Strips,

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including a 5h Curved Strip (2 are used in a Crane model), can be seen in another photo under the red 5*11h Flanged Plate. One anomaly is the red Trunnion top right and the nickel one top left. The 4x 2½" Axles at bottom left are also suspect; 2 each of 2½ & 3½" would be more likely, as in the No.1.

Of the 25 models claimed on the lid, 10 were shown on Ebay, and 5 of them are in the No.1 BUZ manual. The others make use of the Flexible Plates & the 5*11h Flanged Plate, neither of which are in the BUZ No.1. (There were very few Flexible Plates in the smaller BUZ sets, with none in the No.1 and only 3 in the No.4. A 5*11h Flanged Plate wasn't included until the No.8 - the smaller sets had 1 or more of the 5*5h size. So the SUNNY set moved back towards the well-tried MECCANO formula).

SUNNY TOY: S1 [36/1069]

4. **Snippet. 'New' System: SPLINTOFIX** The set shown in the next column was listed on German Ebay as SPLINTOFIX Metallbaukasten, and the photo also included a number of loose parts which looked to be a mix of 3 East German systems, MKA/MFC, THALE, & PIONIER. Not much can be seen of the parts in the box but those in the top centre bay look as if their holes might be widely spaced, & if so match the Strips used to form the frame on the box lid label. On the name SPLINTOFIX, one meaning of Splint in German is split

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