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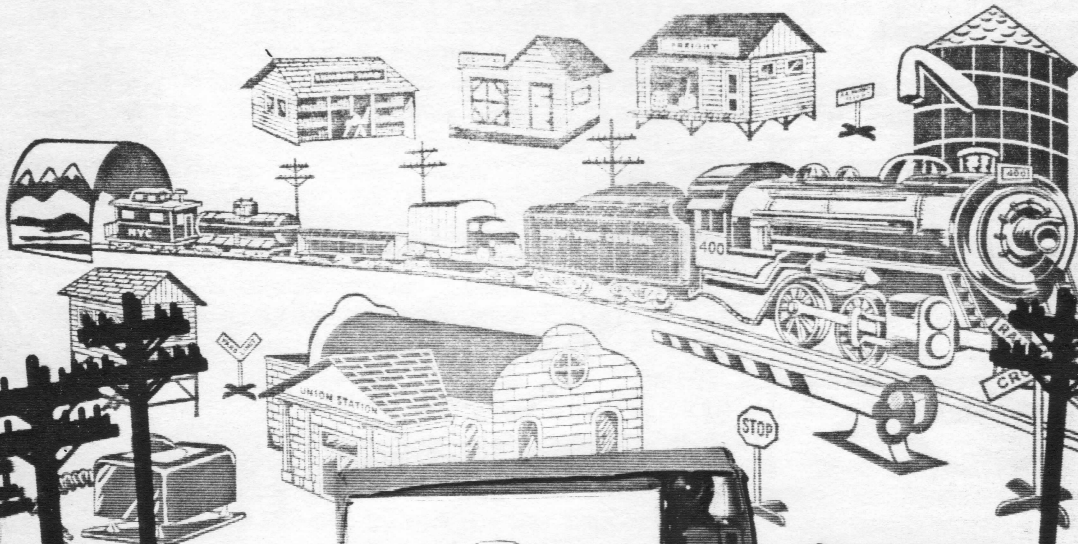
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On the cover...

Set number 4355, which when it was made highlighted the paper Railroad and Village Construction set, and we all know now that the highlight of this set is the Walgreen trailer. The box is white with all red print. I also have one with blue print. This is a later set and not what an operator would necessarily cherish but to a collector it's a premium set.

At right...

Here is Louis Marx Claussen with his regularly lithographed 10003. He seems to be saying, "Hey, get this thing off of me!" But I know he's saying, "Dad bring in the satin finished 10003 too!"



WOW! It is absolutely unbelievable but this is issue number six which finishes our first year at "Collecting With MARX"! I can't thank all of you enough for all of your contributions and continued support as we push to make sure that MARX people have our own place to communicate with each other. Next month will be our first anniversary issue with all display ads 50% off and all liner for sale only ads are free. (40 word limit on free ads) Take advantage of this as our reader count continues to increase weekly. You can't find a better deal on advertising than here at "Collecting With MARX". If "LAST ISSUE RENEW NOW" is stamped by your name on this issue please be sure to get your check in the mail today so you won't miss a single issue. Issue #3 is sold out. We have a few #1, #2, #4 and #5 left. Send \$2.50 plus 55¢ per copy to receive back issues.

Now to the important stuff! I've made several great buys since last we talked and I'd like to share the list with you. First off I went to Kansas City where my friends the Nortons live and went to some of my favorite Flea and Antique stores. I have to admit my wife Karen actually made the two good finds. First she found a red MARX WWI metal helmet in good condition and next she found a pressed steel load vehicle. Jim and I were talking and casually strolling and Karen and Ginny were ahead of us looking in every nook to find the prize of the day.

I called a fellow about a train I saw advertised and the train was gone but I did my usual questions about his inventory and found an early pressed steel metro van in green color and with "GAS" stamped on the side. At an auction I picked up two wrecker trucks. One green cab with red boom and one red cab with green boom. Then I found in St Louis another helmet in silver which makes four different ones I have. I have one red, one olive drab and two silver with different decals. Also while in St Louis I found a flat tin prewar soldier I didn't have and a third color variation of the plastic diner which were sold as accessories to MARX trains. While in Kansas City Jim had found two different lithographed station boxes I didn't have. Jim isn't a box collector. (He's smarter than I am) I also picked up a dollhouse I didn't have with loads of furniture and many pieces of furniture that are difficult to find. I found a juke box and a high-fi. I really wasn't looking for the doll house but it was priced too good to be true. At an antique show close to home I picked up a 3" tin litho Marlines truck I didn't have and Karen bought a brand new MARX White House which we have already. Again, it was priced so well and we got it home and it was different than the one we had. Last but not least I received my two TTOS Southern Pacific cars in the mail and was very pleased.

I got a visit from a very dear friend from Wyoming, Steve Anderson. He came to visit his brother who lives in Springfield and stopped by a couple of times. We ran out of time both times and we only scratched the surface of what we wanted to cover. We had a good visit and Steve was every bit as pleasant as we new he would be. Steve and my dream is to one day meet with a friend we have in Colorado to see what he has. To me this is what our hobby is all about.

Aside from being our anniversary issue next time we have a bunch more uncatalogued sets coming from the East coast and much more.

As summer winds down and our attention reverts back to our indoor functions let us each one think of our special area of expertise and think about writing something for the coming issues. Each of us has an area we are comfortable sharing in, and maybe we know something or have found something that somebody else doesn't know about. With 200 plus subscribers in 38 states and Canada we have new collectors and we have collectors that know so much about MARX they could write a book. Some have! Nobody else will ever know what you know or have unless you share it! I know time is a problem but with a little effort you can do it. It can be rewarding to see what you have written or sent in print! Do something today! Happy Collecting!

MARXVILLE PIGGYBACKS: A COLLECTOR'S CHOICE

From the plastic MARX trains era my favorites along with the tractor loads are the tractor-trailer loads. When I was collecting MARX plastic trains early on I had no idea that MARX ever even made tractor-trailer loads. Of course the first one I acquired was the white Burlington with red cab. Since that first one I have accumulated quite a few different MARX tractor-trailer combinations. They are very hard to find!

Like I said before the white Burlington was the first one I had, but since that one I have purchased one in white with the Burlington lithographed right on the side of the box not on a separate piece added later. I have also heard a report of a Burlington with a decal instead of lithograph. The white trailer came in a set by itself as well as single and double in various sets. Of course there is the more hard to get silver Burlington that is identical in design and shape except for the color.

Probably the next easiest trailer to come by is the New York Central version. It's white with the same side board only lithoed in simple black letters. This trailer is found in single and double variations on four wheel and eight wheel flats.

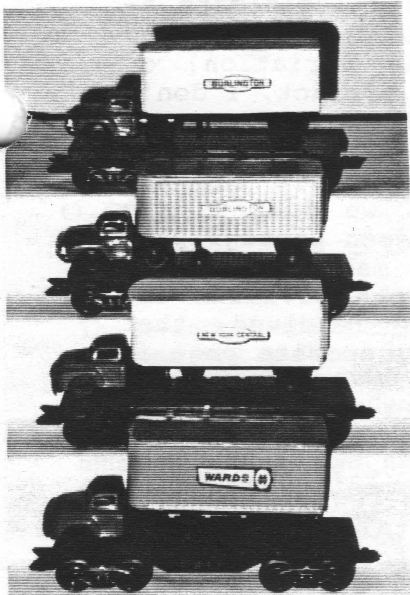
By far the brightest of the load trailers is the Allstate. It is orange with Allstate on the side and is made just like the white ones. I have seen this one with a red cab and a blue cab. I have also seen this one in a pair and singly on an eight wheel as well as a four wheel car.

The next one is just slightly harder to find but to my notion is one of the tougher pieces to acquire. The Sears tractor-trailer combination came as a single load only. I have two variations. One variation has a plain solid black cab with the trailer showing the logo on one side. The other cab has the red Sears Roebuck dot on the black cab and the Linemar logo on the other side of the trailer. As far as I can tell the lithography is the same except that the logo is different and on opposite sides. One logo says "Linemar Toys Japanese Linemar Co. Inc." and the other says "Marx Toys R Japan Louis Marx & Co. Inc.".

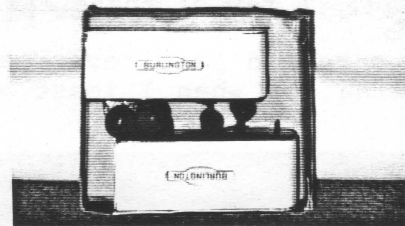
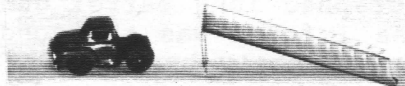
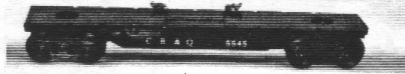
It's my observation that the next two trailers are very hard to obtain and when you find them you should count yourself very lucky. The first one, and in my opinion slightly easier, is the Western Auto double piggyback. White in color and displayed on the side in red letters in "Western Auto". However, different from any other trailer is the "Western Auto" lettering on the front in a red box. Walgreen is probably a little bit harder to find but they are out there. I have been able to find two tractor-trailer combinations in the past 5 years. One had a red cab and one had a blue cab. I just purchased the set shown on the cover at an auction. It contains in it's original box, the Walgreen trailer in like new condition. The set number is 4355 and the box is white with red lettering. I have another set number 4355/1 with a white box and blue lettering that is identical except for the red and blue colors on the cover and the load that came on the flat car. The set #4355/1 is reported with a New York Central load and also a Burlington load. 4355 also came with a Burlington trailer.

That leaves one last trailer. The Montgomery Ward tractor-trailer is one of the more attractive ones in that it has a matching gray tractor to pull the gray trailer. The logo reads "Wards" in red letters and it has a different sized sign board for the logo.

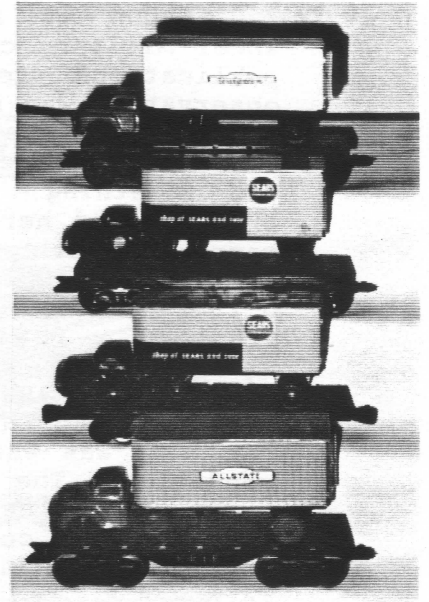
Tractor-trailer loads are my favorites in the plastic line because they add "life" to your railroad. They add a trucking terminal to a railroad layout and they are the connection from your trail station to your town. They add color and realism to your layout. They are still available on sale lists and at your local train shows. Maybe not as often as they used to be but we all get lucky from time to time.



White Burlington
 Silver Burlington
 White New York Central
 Gray Wards / Gray Cab



Above...
 Deluxe CB&Q flat with
 two trailers in original
 box.
 (All cabs red unless
 noted)



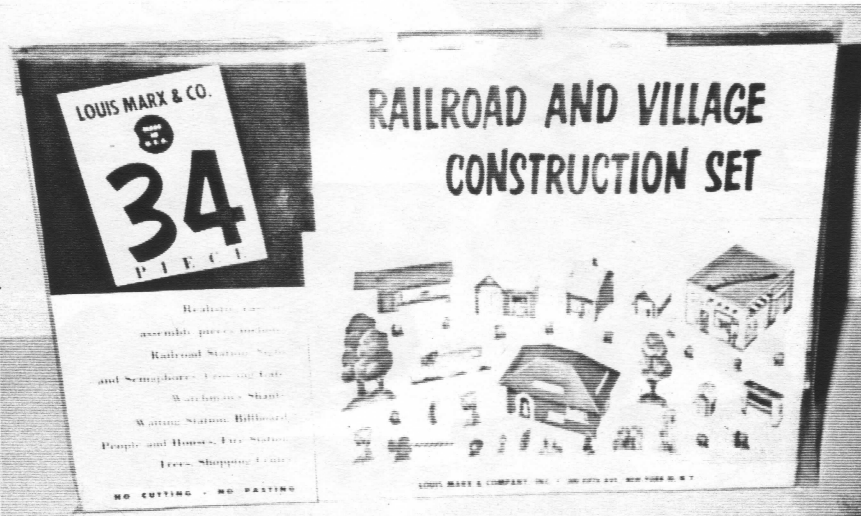
White Walgreen/Blue Cab
 Sears/Black Cab Dot
 Sears/Black Cab No Dot
 Orange Alstate



Left...
 White New York Central
 White Burlington
 White Burlington with
 left trailer lithoed on
 box.



Right...
 Orange Allstates
 Silver Burlingtons
 White Western Autos



Railroad and Village set that was included
 in set 4355 on the cover.

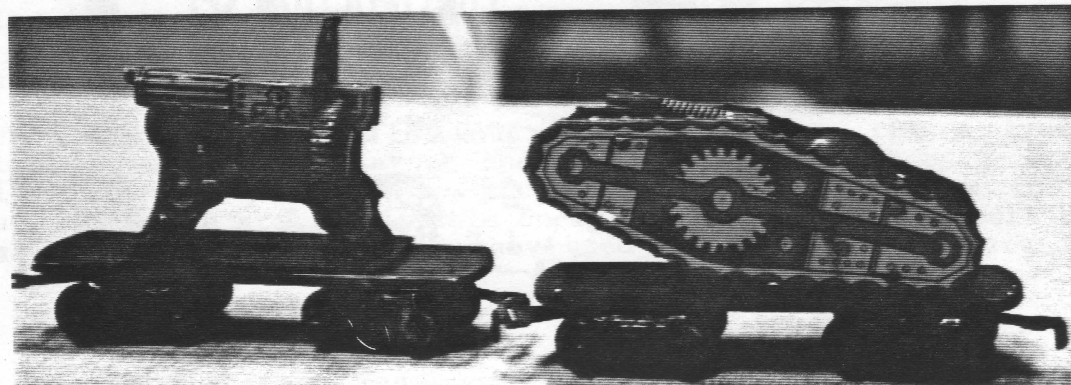
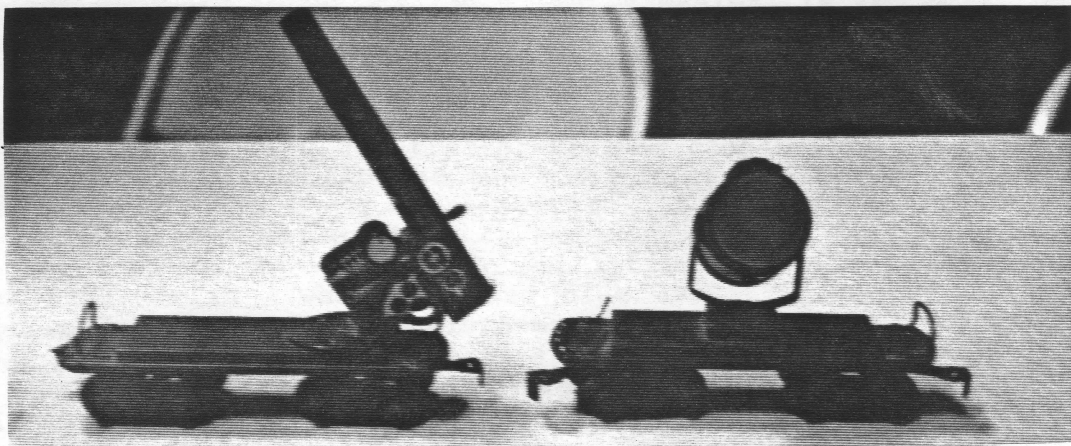
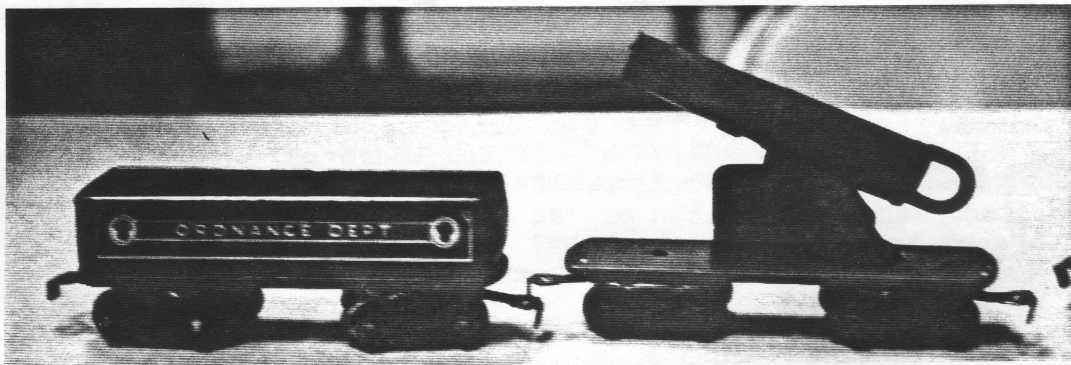
Hard to find - scarce - rare - tough - elusive - not out there

Shown here are what is believed to be the only six legitimate 8-wheel military cars. Contrary to what has been pictured in books and publications previously, the tender, radio car (any variation) or observation was not made in eight wheel. As a matter of fact, I don't even know anyone who has a boxed set containing any of these cars.

I'm not one to say that MARX always did something or MARX never did something, but in this case it's 99.9% positive that the six photographed here are the only ones available. Now, we do have the ramp cars with the eight scale wheels that you have seen photographed in some of the magazines and books but they were made completely differently and were included in four wheel sets both civilian and military. It is my observation, with no expertise involved, that these six cars were sold as accessory pieces. On the opposite page is a copy of a MARX brochure showing these pieces.

I was in Kansas City years ago when I found my first eight wheel car. It was the lithographed long barrel gun car and it was in poor condition. The next one I found was the gondola in very nice condition. These cars are extremely hard to obtain. A few years ago I over heard a couple of well known MARX collectors talking about an auction they had attended. A few of these cars sold for \$400.00 each. This was a few years ago.

I have owned nine cars and have never passed one up. I always find something I'm looking for when I least expect it. Keep beating those bushes.

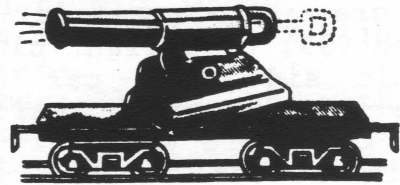




NATIONAL MILITARY R. R. DEFENSE UNITS

O-GAUGE

The network of rails which traverse our country east and west, north to south are of paramount importance in the defense of our country. The rapid transportation of military ordnance is strictly a railroad job. Large cannon for coast defense, ammunition of all types, heavy tanks, machine and anti-aircraft guns, aeroplanes, searchlights, each on its special car roar over the rails, militarize your railroad for more hours of fun. Add these cars to your present rolling stock.



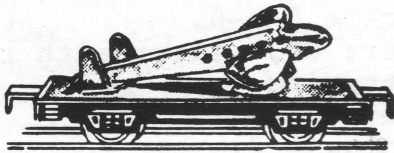
CANNON CAR

No. 2572G - Coast Defense type. Cannon shoots wooden shells. 8-wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.



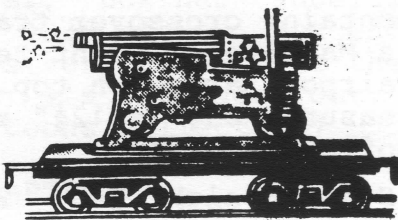
AMMUNITION CAR

No. 2552M Army design in army colors. 6 pieces of ammunition for Cannon Car No. 2572G. 8-wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.



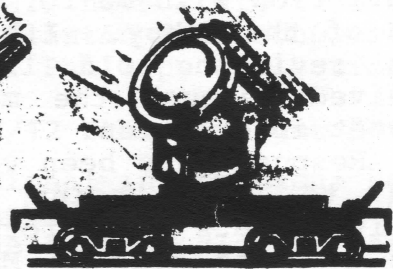
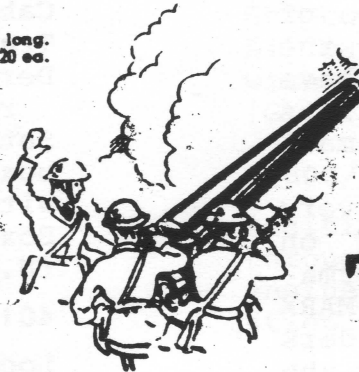
AIRPLANE CAR

No. 572A Demountable metal Airplane. 4 wheels; 5 1/2" long. \$.20 ea.



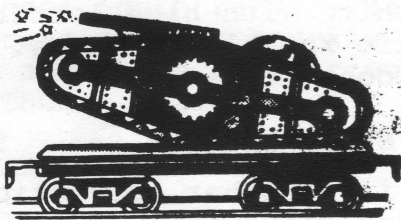
MACHINE GUN CAR

No. 2571MG Machine Gun produces rattling noise and throws sparks when handle is turned. 8-wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.



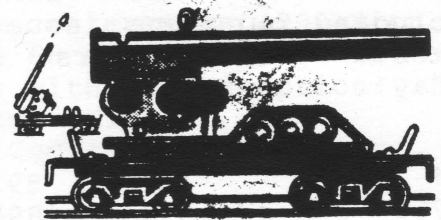
DUMMY SEARCHLIGHT CAR

No. 2561MD - 8-wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.



SPARKLING TANK CAR

No. 2571ST Mechanical Tank. Shoots sparks when running under own power. 8 wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT CAR

No. 2572AA - Anti-Aircraft Gun has click noise. 8-wheel trucks: 6" long. \$.59 ea.

I've really enjoyed speaking with people about these sets. It is very rewarding to me to learn of a set which contains a very uncommon car. For instance the gray Mercury, or a spoked 999, or a light blue plastic side dump car or maybe even a very early green Commodore Vanderbilt. I'm interested to know if the Seaboard "B" unit ever came in a setbox.

I'd like to encourage all of our readers to start doing a little bit of research. When I see a set at a flea market, train show or toy show I always take down the set number and contents, making note whether or not I think the set may be original or not. Regardless of whether or not I buy the set I can still take a bit of information with me for the good of the hobby. I have been reviewing old lists received through the mail for set information.

Response has been very good to this point on receiving sets and information on sets for the MARX community. We as readers are only doing this for the readers. You may as well join in. Here are a few more empty set boxes including our June issue's boxes. Send yours in today!

361	8922
3975	8955
3990MR	25376
4012	35864
5622	52212
8624	52362
8842	

No # Steam Freight Set 3
Locomotive: Commodore Vand.
Tender: Pennsylvania.
Gondola: 552, green.
Gondola: 554, hi-side, red.
Hopper: 554, red.
Tank Car: 553, black dome & ends.
Crane Car: 550, red & orange.
Caboose: 556, red.
 Box is single story warehouse with detachable platform.
 Red & green litho details.
 (T. Valis collection)

CHAPTER III

3970 Steam Freight Set 4
Locomotive: CP (494), blk. nickle 0-4-0.
Tender: CP, silver with red lettering.
Hopper: 554.
Gondola: 552.
Gondola: 548, Guernsey Milk.
Caboose: 556.
Transformer: 709.
Derrick: Red boom with green rounded roof.
 Set contains crossover track, box is Marlines Freight term., with airport arrow on top.
 Box measures 23½" x 12½" x 6½".
 (N. Goff collection)

4012 Steam Freight Set 2
Locomotive: 400, non-~~rev.~~
Tender: 1951, NYC.
Boxcar: 37960, Penn., Mer.
Gondola: Seaboard, Brown.
Caboose: 20102, NYC.
 Box white with blue lettering.
 Plastic knuckle couplers.
 (H. Coons Collection)

4177 Steam Freight Set 5
 This is a number correction for set #4117 that was in the June issue. J. Tucker purchased this set from a man who told him his father bought it from F. W. Woolworth store in Salinas, CA. in 1939.

If your birthday is August 11th you have the same as the original Louis Marx!

5652 Steam Freight Set 2

Locomotive: 591, no side rods.
Wire handles.
Tender: 551, NYC.
Gondola: 28500, LV, green.
Boxcar: 90171, BLE, candy
apple red solid doors.
Caboose: 20102, NYC.
Box is brown with red let.
Contains #309 trans. and
all cars knuckle coupler.
(R. Thomas collection)

No # Steam Freight Set 5

Locomotive: Gray Mercury with
sparkler and nose decal.
Tender: NYC wagon type.
Gondola: 552, green & red.
Reefer Car: 555, blue roof
with dark blue door guides.
Hopper: 554, red & blue.
Tank Car: 553, tank silver
with bullet ends.
Caboose: 556, red.
Set contains two nickle
plated switches. 709 trans.
Also Tender from set has
cable car frame, tabs for
reel unbent. Tender body
inside out, blue roofed 555
reefer. Box has cancelled
Dec. 1938 stamp. Box end
shows very faint 79 & the
other #'s are faded out.
(H. Coons collection)

CHAPTER V

09632 Diesel Freight Set 1

Locomotive: South Pac. A-A
Boxcar: Penn. 37954.
Boxcar: State of Maine 4484
Caboose: South Pac., 1235.
All cars plastic knuckle cou.
Blue and white Happi-time box.
(R. Thomas collection)

CHAPTER VI

8935 Diesel Freight Set 3

Locomotive: 62, B&O, A-A.
Boxcar: 1950, GAEX.
Gondola: 254000, gray B&O.
Caboose: C507, B&O.
Set contains 1249 trans.,
gray box with black lettering.
Dummy engine has tab and slot
on rear and plastic tilt coup.
on front. All cars have plas-

tic fork couplers and high
scale trucks.
(R. Thomas collection)

21059 Steam Freight Set 3

Locomotive: Mercury, pre war
spoked wheels.
Tender: NYC, wedge.
Tank Car: 256, NAIX silver
frame.
Hopper: 13079, LNE, with slot
for end brace.
Cattle Car: 13549, ATSF.
Boxcar: 70311, Penn.
Caboose: 92812, Reading.
Box is brown with blue let.
Contains #729 trans and all
cars have metal fork couplers
with slot on coupler.
(R. Thomas collection)

24824 Steam Freight Set 2

Locomotive: 400.
Tender: NYC, 1951.
Gondola: 25400, B&O.
Boxcar: GAEX, 1950, "DF".
Caboose: 20102, NYC.
Set contains #1239 Trans.
All cars have scale trucks
with plastic fork couplers.
(G. L. Phillips collection)

25000/12 Steam Freight Set

Additional information: sold
through Wards in 1946. 999
engine is closed spoke vari-
ation.

CHAPTER VII

4205 Steam Freight Set

Same contents as 4205-B on
page 68 of Greenbergs set
book with one exception.
Tender: NYC.
(H. Coons collection)

4205 Steam Freight Set 3

Locomotive: 490, with non rev,
chug-chug sound and white
stripe.
Tender: 1951, B&LE.
Gondola: NYC, blue.
Caboose: 1988, Bessimer.
Set contains #309 trans.
(H. Coons collection)

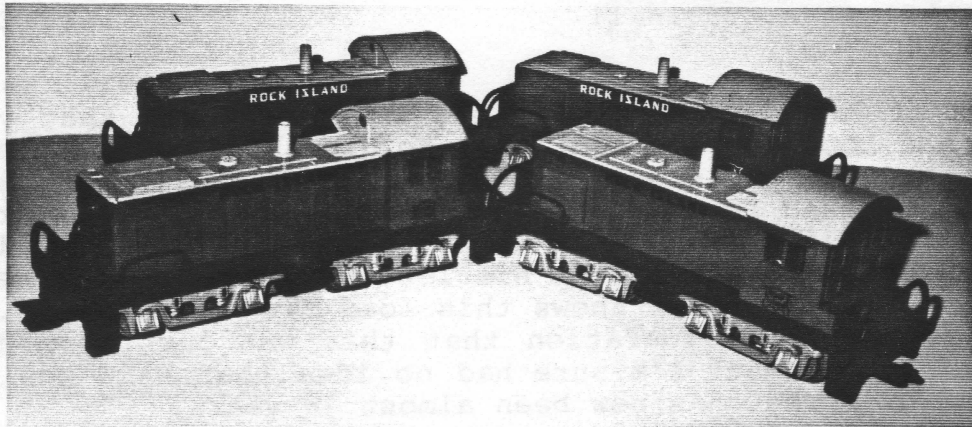
CAR MARX: THE SWAMI PREDICTS

In the August 1995 issue of O-GAUGE RAILROADING the editor discusses the current situation at train shows. He observes that attendance at scheduled meets is on the increase, however sales are on the decrease. In fact he finds that sales are down 20%-50% from last year. Not only are sales down but the cost to the dealers is on the increase. As a result, as costs go up and profits go down, dealers will start to consider the disadvantages of supporting the meets. My own observation, as both a collector and part time dealer agree with the editorial. As more layouts are set up at shows and more families attend as a weekend outing, sales will probably continue to drop. As dealer's costs rise and sales drop, more and more dealers will stop setting up, or costs of the merchandise will rise, or some shows will have to raise admission and dealer fees.

As a side observation, from the MARX collector view-point the number of advertisers with mail lists has declined and the amount of MARX available at hobby shops has also declined. My personal preference would be to be able to see and examine an item before buying it, discuss condition and price with the vender, and go home with a purchase that would enhance my collection.

CARMARX PREDICTS:

Dealer attendance at meets will continue to decline as costs rise, sales drop and good collectible merchandise gets harder to find. As a result the MARX collector will have to rely more on mail order and word of mouth to find items. The importance of publications dedicated to the MARX collector, such as COLLECTING WITH MARX, will rise greatly, and may become the primary means of buying, selling or trading MARX items. --Jim Norton.



In the early 1960's, Marx produced what has turned out to be possibly the most sought after 1998 diesel, the Rock Island. Coming in two variations of letter color, black and white, it is a very attractive and realistic looking switcher.

In Greenberg's Guide to Marx Trains Volume II, a variation is listed as having black side frames. However, the only unit to be "called out" this way is the black lettered version. Would Marx have been this detailed to say "Lets produce the black lettered version with either black or silver side frames, but the white lettered version with silver side frames only." No, I don't believe so. The Rock Island was a very classy engine and I believe Marx wanted to set it off by making it unique with silver side frames only.

It's a very simple thing to switch side frames. All thats necessary is a small screwdriver and a pair of tweezers (for the coupler spring). Wa la, instant black frames!

I've been lucky enough to own several pair and handle a few others. All the black side frame ones I've seen have been bogus for a number of reasons, mostly involving repro parts: such as side frames, brackets, and coupler. One fellow even tried to insist his was original with metal fork couplers from a pre war scale 3/16 freight car!

If anyone has a boxed set, documented from the original owner, I'd sure like to hear from you. Maybe with that information, this could be cleared up and our research books corrected. --John Torgerson

Those 'Little Marx Tractors'

As the demand, and the purchase price, of the tractors increases - maybe explodes, - it increases the 'need to know' realm. They are called 'flat loads' and farm accessories, and may have been sold individually in blister packs as well.

My research and personal collection has listed 23 variations, and it is probable there are more yet to surface. We know the more common red with black wheel tractors came on several flats and in different sets. The gray with black wheels is less common, but also came on flats and in sets. The green with black wheels is a choice item, sought because it only came on the orange Erie 4528 flat. Another which apparently came on a train flat is the yellow with black wheel tractor. There have been several other variations reported on train flats, but were they added, or did Marx produce them that way?

To my knowledge, these tractors have not yet been reproduced - we would expect it will happen in time. The present tractors all have front wheels marked with the Marx name. In the underside cavity of the tractor you will find numbers 1 through 8, which appear to be mold identifications. Such numbers likely provided a ready check for manufacture flaws, should such appear. Some tractors also have stamped "Made in USA" in the center cavity.

We know of a number of accessories which come with the farm sets. They include: plow, planter, loader, farm 4-wheel wagon, harrow, stone bolt, push blade, and the draw bar. The draw bar was the necessary link to connect the tractor to some of the farm implements. It seems that the color of the front tractor wheels and the color of the wheels on the plow and planter coincide. Also there is a larger rake available which has the same black rear wheels as are found on many of the tractors.

There are some unanswered questions. Maybe you can provide help. Why are there no known black tractors with different wheels? Are there any tractors with blue wheels or green wheels? Are there more variations of the gray tractor, sometimes called 'silver'?

I would be happy for further information on variations, or corrections to those listed in the chart. Information on different colors on train flats will help and also the cost factor. How much are they being sold for currently? Do you have any for sale?

Write me: Duane Ford
500 N. Grace
Lansing, MI 48917

Editor
"Collecting With Marx"

Sir-

Would like to clarify some "mis-hearing" at the York TCA/Marx meeting April 27th. Due to less than perfect acoustics, some folks may have thought John Fox was referring to me as God. This was not the case. What John was saying was that I would talk to God (i.e. Louis Marx) to find out what was really made, when, colors, etc.

This reminds me of the difference between a psychotic and a Presbyterian: both talk to God but only one hears answers.

Best Regards,
R.L. "Big Dick" MacNary
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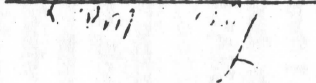
Dear Colonel Stack,

I am sending you quite a valuable package for General Smith, containing 12 Memorax Pens and some of our Cosmetic Line.

Will you see that this gets over to him real promptly, as I sent him a letter today and I know he will be very happy to receive this package.

Your kind attention to this particular package and its special care will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Lt. Col. James Stack
c/o Chief of Staff
War Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear General,

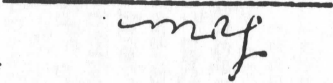
The MEMORAX is just coming through from production and I am sending you three of them -- one inscribed "Ike", another "Nanite" for your good wife and the third is plain.

I will send you some more of these later.

This is the first pen that is suitable for a woman's purse, a man's pocket or a soldier's uniform without causing them to bulge.

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Sincerely yours,



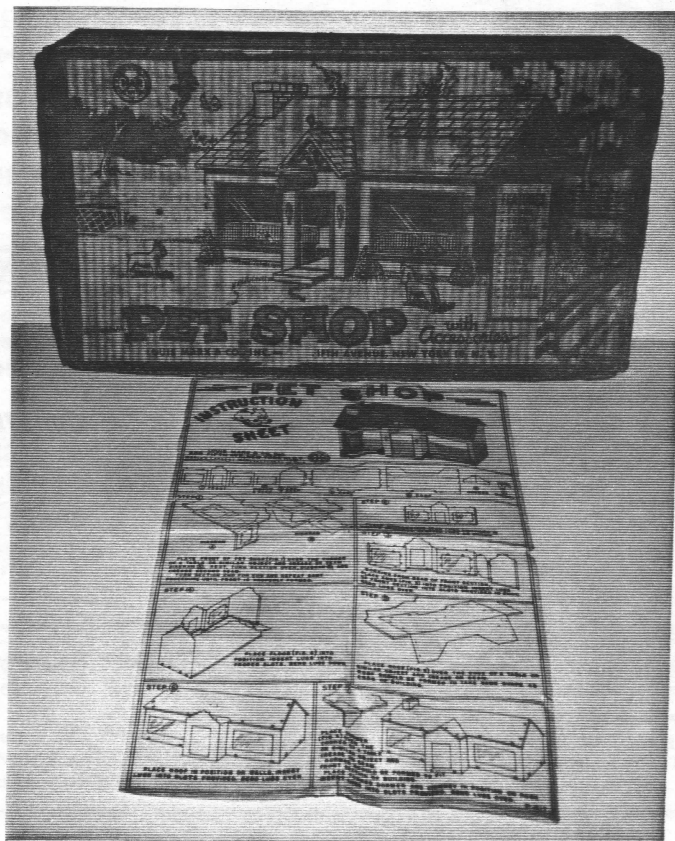
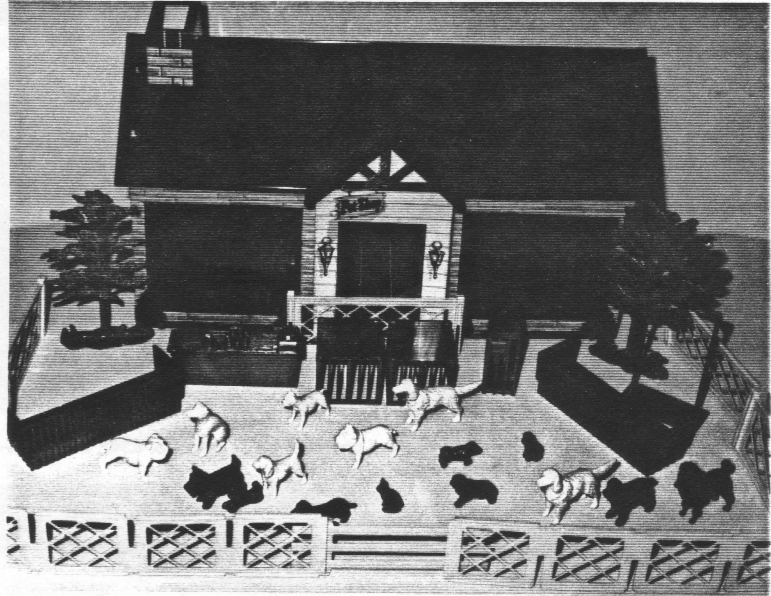
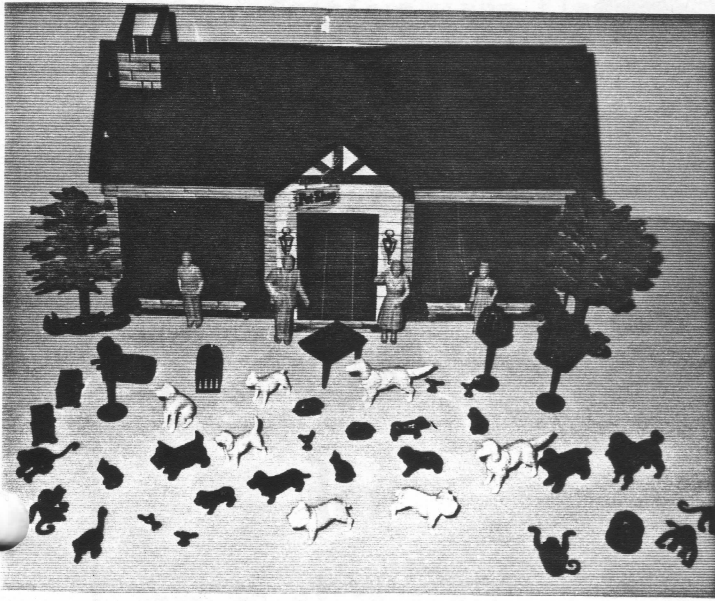
General Dwight D. Eisenhower
War Department
Chief of Staff
Washington, D. C.

Here are two letters written by Louis Marx in 1946. One to Colonel Stack and one to General Dwight Eisenhower. The letters are to announce the new MEMORAX ink pens. MARK always sent samples of MARK production to his friends. I have only one question--Who were the cosmetics for? Mrs. Smith? Yea thats it! Two points I have to make MARK new and kept company with a lot of very important people. He also took very good care of his friends if they would allow him to. Also, I bet most of you didn't know MARK had several other interests in manufacturing besides toys.

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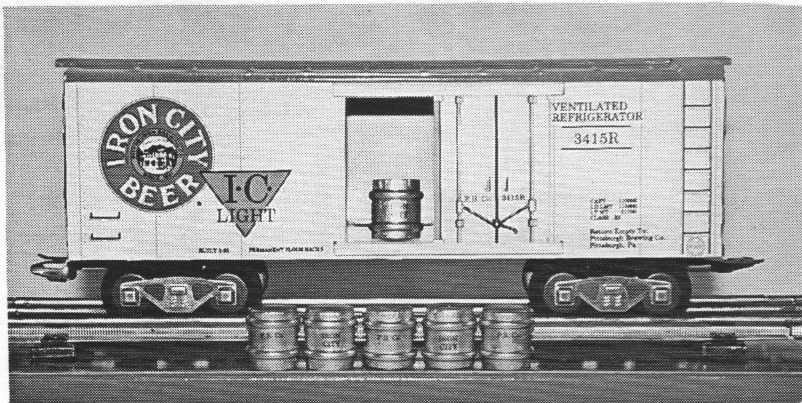




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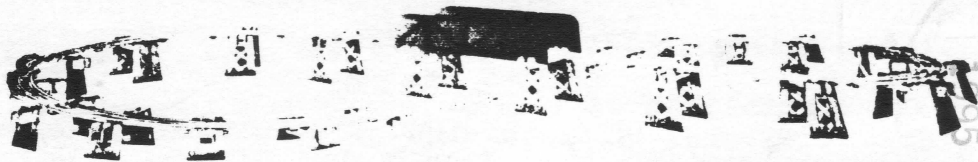
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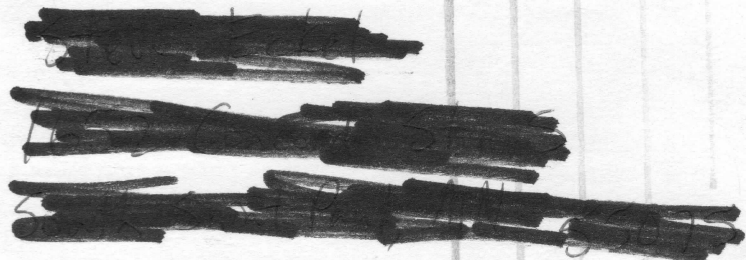
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