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The General locomotive in both O-27 (no. 1862) and Super-O (no. 1872) remained in the catalog through 1962. The major variation was in the color of the plastic lantern housing over the headlight: The earliest models had red housings while later ones were black.

Catalog art: Produced in the years when Lionel used artist's renderings rather than photographs, this colorful train was shown in an eye-level, larger-than-life perspective. The train spread across two pages of the 1959 catalog against a setting of white mountains and a warm pink sky, with cowboys and Indians in

the landscape. The spread included an illustration of the set in its yellow cardboard carrying case.

Current market price: The 1959 no. 1800 General Frontier Gift Pack set is listed at \$800 in like-new condition and \$325 in very good condition. (To be rated like-new, the set must show only the faintest signs of handling and all original packaging must be intact.) **CTT**

Source: Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains 1945-1969, Vol. 3: Cataloged Sets, by Paul V. Ambrose – revised edition, (Kalmbach Books, 1999).

ABOVE: Lionel introduced its gift pack concept with set no. 1800 in the 1959 catalog. The set featured the no. 1862 General locomotive in its most basic form. A more complete set including track and transformer was also listed in that catalog.

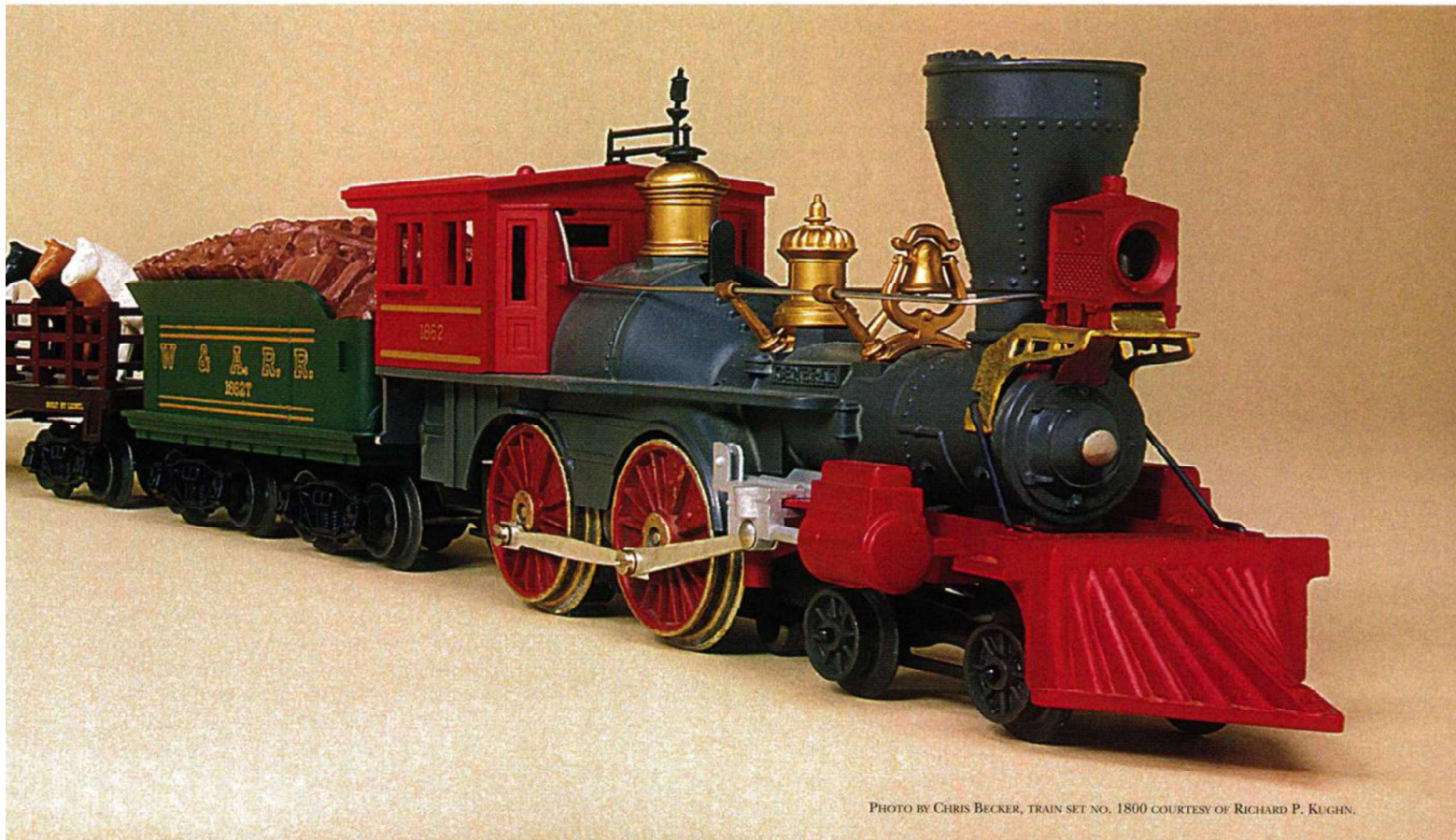


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