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One of the attractive features of the Japanese 'LS' 1/24th scale Ford GT kit is the useful plastic container in which it is packed. This is fitted with a handle and is intended as a transporter for the completed model which can be neatly accommodated inside. In fact the case will take TWO cars side-by-side!

Unfortunately, all the instructions for assembling the model are provided in Japanese! An English version, even if only in an abbreviated form, would prove an asset. Consequently, a first glance at the instruction sheet supplied could well discourage many would-be constructors. However, if a more careful scrutiny is made, the series of excellent, clearly defined and detailed diagrams should enable anyone who has had previous experience in assembling plastic kits, to follow the required procedure with little difficulty. Mainly due to the lack of assembly instructions in English this otherwise fine kit is not recommended for the beginner.

The finish of the plastic components is exceptionally good, and the character of the prototype has been captured admirably in the shape and details incorporated in the body shell.

In line with the majority of plastic kits now available, the model is non-steering. The slot-guide, with attached braided pick-ups, being of the 'drop' type. Holes in each of the robust brass chassis side frames are positioned to accept the arms of a simple wire loop forming part of the drop-guide assembly.

Excellent wheels and tyres are supplied and the motor is one of the very potent and popular can-type Mabuchis.

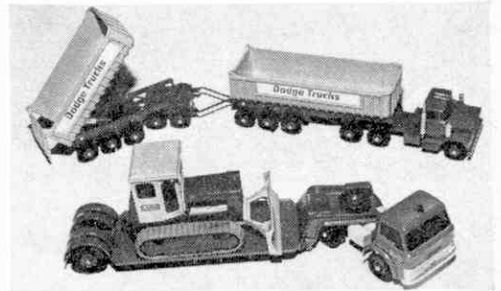
Included in the kit are all the necessary decals to enable the constructor to provide the model with an authentic finish and a general impression is that this is a superior kit—lacking only in the provision of an assembly sheet in English. From BMW Ltd., 329 Haydons Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19. **Price 59s 6d**



Latest Corgi model of the popular Cadillac Superior Ambulance has no fewer than *five* flashing lights, all lit by a special flashing bulb which operates whether the model is moving or not. A battery concealed in the chassis supplies the power, and spare bulbs and batteries are available from Corgi stockists. The ambulance retails at **8s 9d**



Left: Massey-Ferguson 165 tractor is the latest addition to the Corgi agricultural range. Apart from the very accurate external details, including dashboard and gear lever, an ingenious device reproduces a characteristic 'tractor' noise as the model is moved along. **Price 5s 9d**
Right: two beauties from the 'Matchbox' King Size series to delight commercial vehicle fans! The American Dodge tractor tows a 'train' of two Fruehauf tipping trailers. The combination has 26 separate wheels, and measures 11½ in overall—the longest 'Matchbox' model yet, it costs (with one trailer) **14s 11d**
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BRITAIN'S RAILWAYS UNDER STEAM

by J. B. Snell
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Attention is given in the second part of the book to steam locomotive design and practice since 1900, and although this once again, is a subject already well covered in great detail by other publications, the author gives what might be

described as a synopsis of the important changes in the development of the steam locomotive, and these are outlined in non-technical language that can be understood by everyone.

Well written in a readable entertaining style, the book takes the steam locomotive and the steam era as its key-note and is undoubtedly useful as a reference book. Profusely illustrated with photographs of outstanding quality, it will undoubtedly be enjoyed by all enthusiasts of steam.

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