

More Moulded Kits in Hornby-Dublo

By "The Engineer"

IT is now very easy to enlarge your Engine Shed as you increase your locomotive stock. The Hornby-Dublo Engine Shed Extension Kit is just the thing for doing this, as I am sure you will agree when you look at the double Engine Shed in the picture on this page. It is obviously a steam shed, as the presence of the smoke jacks on the roof indicates, and the realism is improved by the "smoky patches" cunningly placed over the tracks.

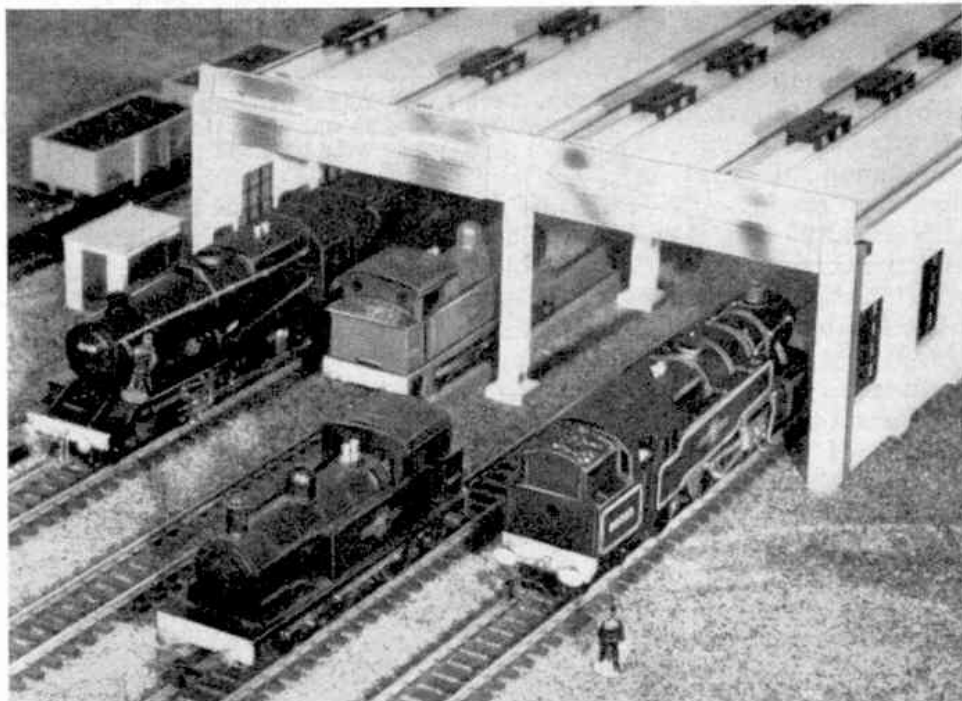
You can of course go further, and build up Engine Sheds with six or even more roads, each Extension adding on a two-road unit. I imagine that a four-road shed for passenger locomotives with, perhaps, a two-road shed for goods engines would make a suitable combination for most layouts and it will be easy to ring the changes if you build up a bigger or different layout.

By the way, just note the Platelayers' Hut. This is a useful little building to put down in such a position as it occupies, or to set up as an outside office or cabin for the staff who have to watch, record and control the movements of engines within shed limits.

Your engine shed premises should possibly be the place where you keep the Breakdown Crane, if you are lucky enough to have one of these splendid pieces of equipment. It is one of the most popular items added to the Hornby-Dublo System for use in either Two-Rail or Three-Rail, in recent years. You would need a four-road or even a six-road shed to keep it in, as is usually done with real ones, but if not you will have to park it in the open, as shown in the lower illustration on the next page. The crane looks remarkably effective in the

background of this scene and you will notice that a brake second Suburban Coach is coupled up to represent the riding van for the breakdown gang, and for the guard who must accompany the train when running on a main line. In addition there is a long wheelbase Ventilated Van, representing the tool van that always forms part of the full-size breakdown crane assembly.

Although the name breakdown crane



A four-road engine shed completed by means of the standard two-road and extension Kits. A useful selection of two-rail engines is on view.

suggests that this appliance is used for dealing with mishaps, which is indeed its primary purpose, the powerful cranes now in service are often called upon for heavy lifting in connection with track relaying, bridge repairs and similar engineering work. Real breakdown cranes are wonderfully versatile affairs, and so, of course, is the Hornby-Dublo Breakdown Crane. What the breakdown cranes can do is shown by one removing the girders of a bridge being demolished, in the accompanying picture by our contributor K. Field.

The Engineering Departments of many Hornby-Dublo layouts are no doubt busy just now, particularly on those Two-Rail systems that are in course of being built up.