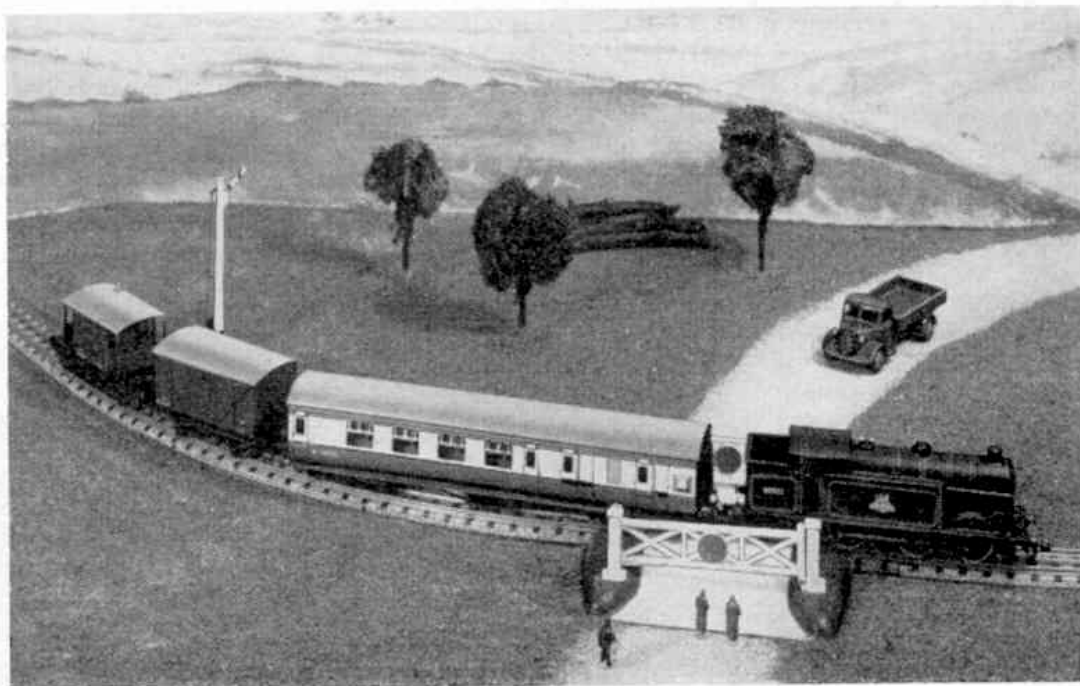


"Mixed Train Daily" might well be the title here. A branch line train of mixed stock makes its way over the Level Crossing.



The Simple Life in Hornby-Dublo

ALTHOUGH most Hornby-Dublo owners try to work up layouts on which main line practice and running is reproduced, others for one reason and another adopt a simpler type of layout on which so-called branch line practice can be followed. There is a good deal to be said for this type of railwaying, and even those with large layouts would thoroughly enjoy a spell of simple running of this kind.

Like any layout, the "truly rural" type of railway can begin in a small way with a train set, in this instance one of the simpler Sets such as the EDP10 or the EDG16. New items can be added one by one, chosen according to the type of traffic that you wish to reproduce, and altogether the development of a railway on these lines can be quite fascinating.

A miniature system of this simple kind will almost certainly have single track, although there may be a passing loop or a short section of double track in the neighbourhood of the Station—or Stations, if there are more than one. This makes for easy rail planning, and as a single engine will often be sufficient for the traffic the arrangement of power supply and electrical sections will present few difficulties.

This brings up the subject of Level Crossings. There are frequently highway

and what are known as occupation crossings along the lines in country districts, so you can introduce the Hornby-Dublo Level Crossing with very good effect on a railway of this kind. And then you can go on to provide road effects. As a rule it is possible to devote particular attention to lineside and scenic matters. Various articles in these pages from time to time have given some useful hints on this point, but the keen railway owner should experiment on his own account and adopt the methods that suit him best.

Station layouts do not have to be elaborate on a small branch railway, but there should be suitable provision for the shunting movements that are required, especially if the railway is worked only by one engine "in steam." If there is more than one engine, then attention will have to be given to the arrangement of electrical sections, so that one engine can be held in an isolating section while the other is working. This sort of thing will be familiar to the practised Hornby-Dublo owner, but the beginner is not always clear on such points.

For ordinary passenger traffic workings the D14 Compartment type Coaches of the Hornby-Dublo system will be ideal. If there are to be through Coach workings between the branch and a main line—

possibly an imaginary one—then perhaps a single D12 Corridor vehicle may be introduced. This can be used at intervals, as though it were making out-and-return journeys, either alone or attached to a

exercise his imagination. Quite hefty miniature tree "trunks" actually cut from a suitable bush—with permission of course—can be loaded on the Hornby-Dublo long wheelbase Double Bolster Wagon,

which is ideal for the purpose. Interesting loading and unloading operations can be staged, apart from

Timber! Two of the Hornby-Dublo long wheelbase Double Bolster Wagons are loaded with miniature tree trunks, which make an effective and realistic load.

the fun of conveying the actual load along the line.

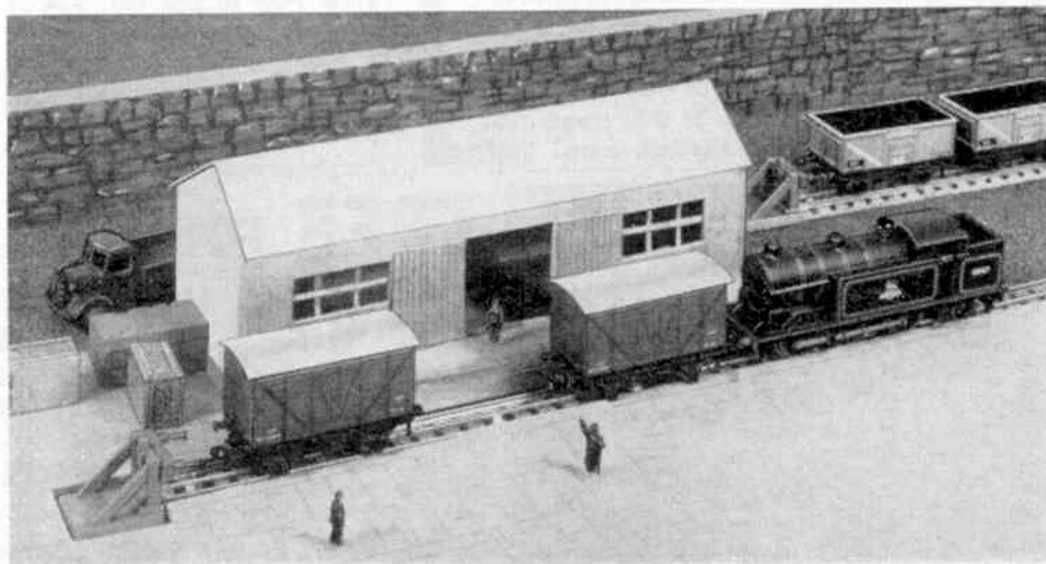
There are also various kinds of traffic for which a

local train, according to the timetable and working arrangements in any particular operating scheme.

Freight trains can provide some variety, as obviously certain supplies for the district supposed to be served, such as coal, will require rail haulage. Then again it must not be forgotten that the engine providing the motive power on our branch will need "coaling" from time to time. Similarly there may be some particular outward local traffic, possibly timber, or fish, according to the district served, and here the Hornby-Dublo owner will be able to

certain amount of "pretending" has to be done. The Hornby-Dublo Fish Van may have to find a place on the line, or there may be other perishables for which the Refrigerator Van is required. Whatever may be the particular "local industry," there is sure to be plenty of scope for the use of the ordinary Wagons and Vans. In addition there are such items as cattle or horse box traffic to engage the attention of the miniature railwayman. And the Hornby-Dublo System includes suitable vehicles for these in the shape of the Cattle Truck and the Horsebox.

Shunting operations in progress at a simple goods depot. The yard surface alongside the track is paved with card.



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