

Star-Finder, Girls' Lab Set Included in Gilbert's Line



An Astronomical Telescope; a Star Finder which can help youngsters identify constellations; a Laboratory Technician's set made expressly for girls; an Erector set with which junior can build his own operating phonograph; and the longest electric train ever made are among the new toys being introduced at the 1958 Toy Fair by the A. C. Gilbert Company of New Haven, Conn.

Leading an expanded line of science toys which the company has developed for 1958 is an Astronomical Telescope capable of picking out craters on the moon, the rings of Saturn and the moons of Jupiter as well as tracing man-made earth satellites. The Gilbert Telescope is a 40-power reflecting type (the type used at Mt. Palomar) and is efficient enough to allow the study of sun spots (\$14.95).

Also in the astronomical sphere, at \$10.95, is the Star Finder, which offers young astronomers 12 side-lit plastic patterns of major constellations, readily illuminated out of doors at night and properly directed to make identification easy.

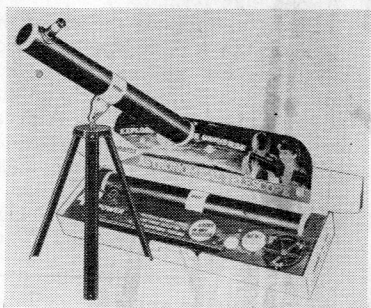
In deference to the large number of women interested in science, Gilbert this year is introducing a Laboratory Technician's set made expressly for girls. The pale gray set is complete with a matching 60-power microscope and enough equipment to give young girls a feel for biology, food analysis and medical research (\$9.95). In addition, Gilbert chemistry sets have been enlarged with as much as 25 per cent more chemicals being provided. Sets are also repackaged for easier use and storage by young scientists.

The world famous Erector set, celebrating its 49th birthday this year, has been wired for sound. This year it offers junior engineers complete sound effects for building an operating phonograph, a musical Ferris wheel or merry-go-round and other operating sound devices. Smallest Erector sets (Beginners #10011, \$1.98; Young Builder's #10021, \$2.98) have been repackaged in tubes which can be incorporated into the

objects to be built. Every Erector set is capable of building a robot, six of them operative by motors.

A 13-car freight, described as the longest train ever made, and hauled by a 0-8-0 steam switcher, leads the parade of American Flyer trains for 1958. The switcher engine is capable (by test) of pulling as many as 60 cars.

Also new to the American Flyer line is



the snub-nosed Dockside Freight, an authentic reproduction of a dock engine, pulling two freights and a caboose. New to the line, also, is a twin-unit Seaboard Railroad diesel switcher in characteristic red, black and yellow coloring and a silver and blue Missouri Pacific streamliner. A North Coast Limited diesel passenger train retailing at \$50, with Vista Dome car and three other passenger cars, is also new to the line.

An expanded line of Gilbert HO trains for 1958 will include eight new freights, four new Northern Pacific passenger trains, and a dockside diesel industrial switcher. Gilbert HO accessories have been expanded with a girder bridge and a crossing gate.

Five newly-packaged tool chests (priced from \$3.98 to \$14.98) are continued in the Gilbert line, together with two puzzle sets.