

SCINTILLA ANNOUNCES NEW HO POWER PACK

A "new" complete model railroad power supply, designed for the operation of today's low-priced HO gauge electric train sets, has just been announced by Scintilla Rail and Power Works, Inc., 324 Lafayette



Street, New York City. This new power pack, #648, is named the "Power Pal." The suggested retail is \$6.98.

This new power pack features a Pimarflex speed control lever; forward-reverse direction control; and A, C, and D, C, terminals. A full wave selenium bridge rectifier is used. Housed in a heavy gauge steel cabinet, the unit measures 5 1/4" by 4 1/4" by 2" and weighs approximately 3 1/2 pounds. It operates from standard 115-volt, 60-cycle alternating current home circuits.

Scintilla is represented throughout the East by Albert H. Prou, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10. The entire Scintilla line may be seen on display there in Room 305.

SCRIBBLE ANIMALS AT \$3, \$4 AND \$5 BEING OFFERED BY GUND

A line of Scribble Animals, each with its own ball-point pen attached, is reported by their maker, the Gund Mfg. Company, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, to be in strong demand. Retailing variously at from \$3 to \$5, the toys are said to have a wide age-range appeal, from tots to adults.

Illustrated here is the #50078-20 Alpha



Betsy, a \$5 number, individually-boxed, as are all of the Gund Scribble Animals, Alpha Betsy is porcin-covered and trimmed with pink and white or all yellow, long pile plush. It is stuffed with cotton.

Other Scribble Animals are El Toro, Professor I. M. Genius (an owl), and Mr. Al E. Gator, all retailing at \$5; Penelope the penguin, and a giraffe, turtle and kangaroo, \$4 numbers; and a cat, shunk, leopard and tiger, all selling at \$3.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Speeding was blamed for 11,200 deaths on U. S. highways in 1957.

He Dances to the Latest Songs -- Bell Products' "Mystery Mike"



"Mystery Mike the Minstrel Man," made by Bell Products Company, 4251 Forest Park, St. Louis 8, is fully versed in the latest dance steps. He gambols to the accompaniment of all types of songs, especially those heard on radio and on phonograph records. The toy retails for \$4.95.

Steven's Pixie Design-O-Scope Has "Do-It-Yourself" Feature



The Pixie Design-O-Scope, a three-in-one kit, has been placed on the market to retail at \$1.98 by Steven Mfg. Company, 5939 St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis 20. Useful as a Design-O-Scope, regular kaleidoscope, or do-it-yourself Scribble-Scope, the kit has considerable play value for a wide age range.

When used as a Design-O-Scope, the two tube sections are assembled so that the long "eyepiece" end rotates freely inside the larger "object" end. Anyone of the printed discs is then placed on the pronged shaft. The entire unit, moved slightly from one position to another by the youngster, consequently produces a variety of patterns.

To employ the unit as a kaleidoscope, one

of the filled plastic capsules is inserted in the open larger end; the capsule end is then turned and pointed directly at the light to make the patterns vary. Other more unusual effects can be achieved by filling the empty capsule with pieces of lace, flowers, hairclips, broken toothpicks, buttons and so forth. Still more effects can be achieved by using the eyepiece section alone and viewing different objects (even the Design-O-Scope discs) held in front of it.

Blank discs, on which scribblings and doodles can be crayoned, penciled or printed, or pieces of colored paper pasted, are the basic items used when employing the Steven unit as Scribble-Scope. Extra blank discs are available.