DINKY NEWS

Sports Car Racing in Miniature

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SPORTS car racing and motor rallies are aspects of motor sport to which I have not given much attention so far, but this month I am showing pictures of realistic corners of a special layout I made to provide a track for the new Cunningham C-5R Road Racer, Dinky Toys No. 133. This is a lovely model, of a kind that is a striking example of the modern trend in sports car design, with a low beautifully streamlined body and headlamps built into the fairings over the front wheels. Just how well the Dinky Toy has captured the lines and the impression of speed and power of the original car you can judge from the picture in colour on the back cover.

A scene of activity at the pits during a road race on a miniature layout is shown in the illustration at the head of the page.

Two of the pictures show the Cunningham in action on my layout, while the third is a close-up that reveals in full measure the striking lines and splendid proportions of the new model. The blue bands running fore and aft over the body stand out well. There are also the usual identification numbers on the bonnet and the doors. A driver—on the left, of course—and a transparent windshield are other outstanding features, and I am sure every enthusiast will be delighted with this new Dinky Toy.

So much for the actual model, and now for some hints on how to make the best use of it. A suitable track is the first essential, and for this preliminary work can be carried out in the usual way, using cloth or paper for the base. The track need not be very big, but remember that fast cornering is one of the outstanding features of modern sports cars; so take care to provide the "drivers" with plenty of bends and curves to display their abilities in this direction. The road can be marked by sprinkling gravel and sand on the base material, with walls and railings placed at suitable points.

The fencing seen in one of my pictures is made from ordinary corrugated paper. Cut this into suitable lengths, then make a series of vertical slits in the plain sides opposite to the corrugations. Now stretch