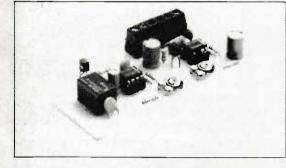


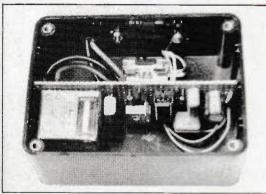


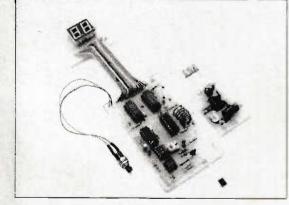
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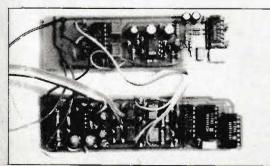
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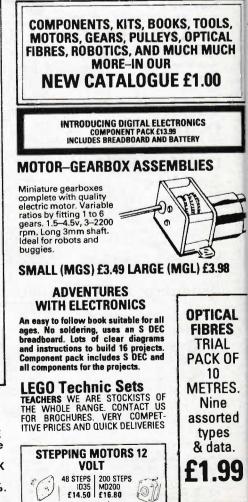
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S I write this we are in the middle of a postal strike-hopefully by the Atime you read it the strike will be over! It does, however, serve to remind us just how much we rely on the post as part of our general lives and also for our hobby/business.

The strike has had a tremendous effect on the mail order companies that supply components-our own p.c.b., back numbers, binders and book service has ground to a halt and we are also unable to get copy to some authors and advertisers for checking. The office FAX is working overtime and so is the 'phone but they do not solve all the problems.

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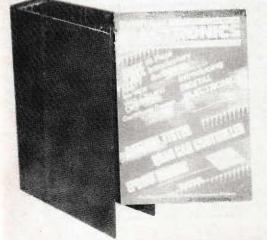
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