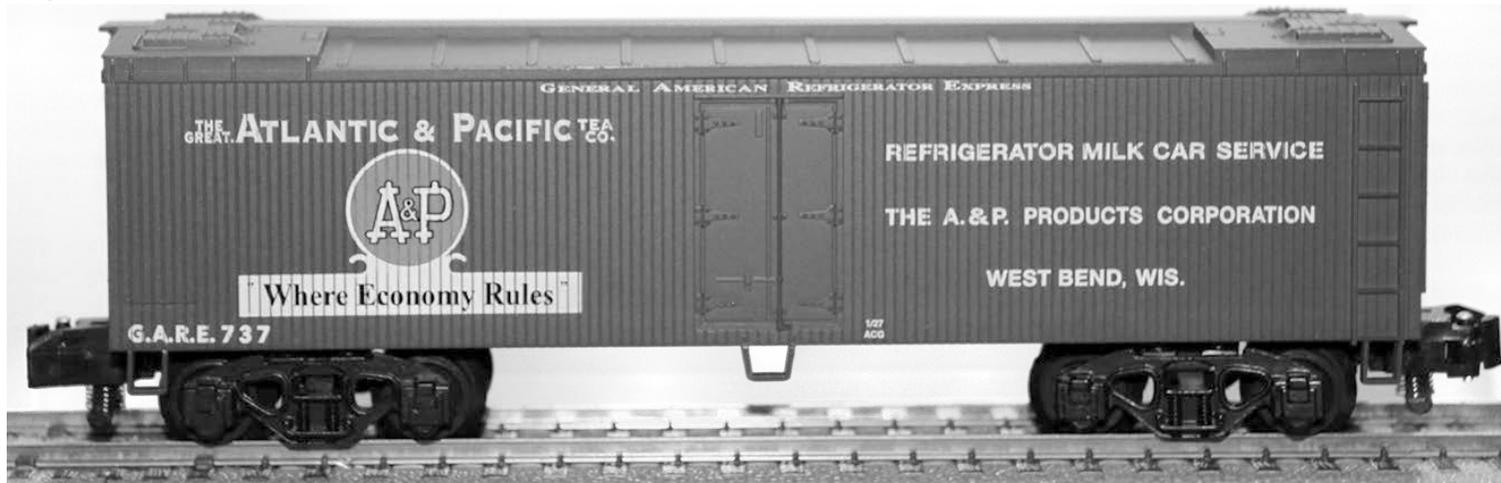




American Flyer A&P Wood-sided Reefer



The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, better known as **A&P**, was an American chain of grocery stores that ended its supermarket operations in 2015, after 156 years in business. **A&P** was the largest grocery/food retailer in the U.S., and until 1965, the largest retailer period. *The Wall Street Journal* said that **A&P** was considered an American icon and was as well known as McDonald's or Google is today.

A&P traces its roots to **Gilman & Company**, a tea wholesaler in 1861. In early 1863, the firm entered the retail market as the **Great American Tea Company**, located in Manhattan. By advertising low prices the firm grew quickly. By 1869, the transcontinental railroad was completed and a parallel company, the **Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company** was formed to promote the then-new concept of prepackaged tea under the *Thea-Nector* name.

The company evolved into a grocery chain starting in 1871. Beginning around 1880, **A&P** started selling its own brand of sugar. Other self-branded products, like baking powder, condensed milk, butter and spices soon followed. By 1900, the company had 198 stores, as well as its mail order and wagon route operations and by 1930 more than 16,000 stores coast to coast.

To commemorate this once-iconic company, the Atlantic Division is offering this wood-sided reefer, lettered for the Great American Refrigerator Express (G.A.R.E.) in "S" gauge. These American Flyer cars are in stock and available in six (6) different car numbers (733-738). The cars are **\$52.99**, plus shipping. A **3-pack** is priced at **\$149.99** and the **6-pack** is **\$279.99**.

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