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### TRANS-BRITAIN PIPELINE

This is not a notice outside the local tobacconist's. Checks and double checks guarantee the safety of Britain's cross-country petrol pipe-line. To this distribution centre, 900,000 gallons of aviation spirit and one and three quarter million gallons of pool petrol are pumped daily from the West country. A sizeable engineering achievement that can transfer the cargo of a tanker across Britain inside a couple of days. Circular wire brushes like a housewife's dream of a flue-cleanser are pushed in here, go round and around and come out at the next station.

The pipeline itself is a rather shy bird. Most of its travels are by underground route. Storage tanks are below ground too, and only appear on the surface as mounds of earth.

The whole length of the line is patrolled by men and in one case by a woman - Mrs. Clippe.

Stiles, like these, have become a familiar sight in many parts of England. Now you know they may signify there's gas in that thar field.

Each patrol is responsible for eight to ten miles of pipeline and watches for any sign of damage or leakage.

Destination Depot. The long trek from tanker to petrol tank has been vastly speeded up by this British enterprise. Time and manpower which used to be spent transporting petrol across country has been saved by this subterranean artery.