

JUST PRESS THE BUTTON.

Everything's automatic at the New Horticultural Hall. The penny-in-the-slot machine of sixty years ago has developed to an extent that takes your breath away. Today's machines can take any coin, provide a wide choice of food, etc., and give change.

Behind the scenes in the Electro Shop we see how the machines are topped up. What amazes visitors to the Automatic Vending Exhibition is that you can even get a stiff drink without going to the bar. Great, if you're in a hurry, but not very convivial.

It's claimed for the machines that they save time and money. A big steel works which equipped all its canteens in this way saved eighteen-hundred pounds in operating costs in the first year. The system is also said to be more hygienic, as the food is touched by fewer people. There's a slight disadvantage that if you don't like anything you can't tell the waitress to take it back.

If you think she looks a bit lousy, don't run away with the idea that the machines neglect the human side.

Now the electric Geosberry bush - or are you so old fashioned as to prefer the conventional way ?