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SPREADING - but stationary 1 Engine tests
on rolling platform at the Swindon works of the
G.W. Railway.

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Picture:- This engine is about to undergo her first
speed tests, but--

--to do this it does not--

--leave the sheds. The wheels start revolving on a
moving track. This track has the same resistance as if
the 80-ton monster were travelling along the permanent
way. Faster and faster fly the pistons and wheels. The
only stationary shooting star ever seen.

The boiler pressure increases until it reaches
225 lbs per square inch. The wheels and cranks now
move--

--so fast that they become flashing blurs which neither
eye nor camera can follow. It is--

--fed with coal at the rate of forty pounds every mile
covered. It is--

--now doing 95 miles per hour, and eating up nearly
two tons of coal per hour. But it means time saving for
you and me, and time is money in this hurried life. I
said hurried, not horrid.