

FIGHTING THE FLOOD PERIL - - Powerful "eroder"
clears away accumulations of mud in effort to solve
flood problem of Athelney district.

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Picture:- The devastating floods in the West Country have been making the inventors think hard.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds are lost every year by crops and--

--pasture land being inundated. The craft coming down the stream is an eroder. It turns the flood water on itself, and defeats the enemy with its own weapon. A five hundred horse power engine, with which it is equipped throws--

--powerful jets of water against the bank and--

--washes it away as liquid mud, at the same time widening--

--the channel. The flood water can then get away before the river overflows and--

--covers valuable land. This is the River Parrett near Bridgwater. The accumulated mud is eventually forced out to the sea.

If the bank happens to prove too obstinate to be washed away, the eroder brings into action--

--a gadget resembling a four inch gun which is--

--guaranteed to move anything - - er - - see advertisements for further particulars. Anyway, the farmers--

--are looking much more cheery down Somerset way. They prophesy a drier winter !