MECHANICAL MARVEL - New railway-tracklaying robot performs remarkable feats of repair work to permanent way between Picton and Welbury.

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Picture .: - I new labour-saving marvel makes its first appearance in Britain. It's a--

-- track-laying train. A travelling sircular saw first cuts all--

-- the old track sleepers to even length. The worn-out unit is then--

--lifted bodily into the track train for removal and passed out of the way on --

--en internal trolley. All these operations are controlled by a seventy-two--

--horse power petrol-driven generating set. A complete new--

-track already for laying is extended from the train and dropped in position on--

-- the vacant space as easily as a hen laying an egg--

-- and with no more fuss. After that fixing and coupling--

--is simple. Laying a mile of track used to take a gang--

-of men over a week. This train does the same

-- in one day, and will eventually effect large economies in the railway's repair bills.