

To meet the drought position hundreds of standpipes
are rushed to Manchester. Twelve hundred street taps
are needed ~~if water rationing is to answer the need~~
~~to conserve the drying reservoirs.~~ **AND THE ENGINEERS PROBLEM 18**

HOW AND WHERE TO SHUT OFF DOMESTIC SUPPLIES

There are 'nt enough water shutter offers to cope with
the job, and most of them are working night and dday..
so it is 'nt altogether true to say that the burden
of the scheme falls in the usual place. Of course,
washing up is certainly a ^{headache} ~~problem~~, but after all,
the problem of boiling the potatoes has already been ~~xx~~
solved by the Ministry of Food.

Only a quarter of the necessary standpipes are
installed so far. Self rationing appears to be the
only remedy. Local philosophers say that a bucket
of water should do anybody for a week's tea mashing
and egg boiling..in these times.

So a complete cut is postponed for a few more days;
meanwhile some hardy Lancastrians have already approved
the austerity bath... providing the wife gets upxf
first to light the fire.

Like the dog, you ~~never~~ know how these trials will turn
out... until you've tasted 'em.