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And now --- to bring the record right up to date --- we have this visit by Prince Philip to a plant, at South Morden, of one of the great dairy companies. He watched, first of all, the process of cleaning the empties.

How does the bottle get filled? This is the machine that does it. Experts explained to the royal visitor, the workings of the various ingenious machines that ensure that the milk is bottled and capped -- untouched by ~~any~~ hand.

After filling, they are swirled about in trays in a sort of ballet of the bottles -- for distribution to the army of roundsmen who take them to the consumers. During his tour of the plant ~~the~~ Prince Philip chatted to one employe who has driven a milk-tanker over a million miles.

A couple of days later Prince Philip went to Cornwall and worked the water pump at a tin mine. It is probable that this is one of those tin mines of the history book, that were worked by the Phoenicians. ^ Later, he went down below. ^ Last year, this mine produced over sixty thousand ~~xxxx~~ tons of tin ore.

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A royal duty in London took Queen Elizabeth to the Building Exhibition at Olympia.....to which all the ~~xxxx~~ trades concerned with building had contributed. The Queen showed special interest in the woodwork section --- and ~~in~~ the models of Blackpool Tower.

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And here --- in the new Lloyds building --- rings the Lutine Bell.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret were the special guests for whom that famous bell claimed silence. The Queen Mother spoke to an assembled company of three thousand.

A plaque commemorates this royal opening ceremony, by the gracious lady who has always set such a high standard of devoted royal service.