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## WHEN THE RAINS CAME TO AUSTRALIA!

"Go easy with the water, there's need for economy" says our Water Board Chief. While Britain, with its reputation for rain, hears an amazing water-shortage plea, Sydnoy, Amstralia finds itself flooded by a torrential drought bustor. After waiting seven years for a good rain, first comment out of New South Wales was this -

## AUSTRALIAN COMMINITATOR.

"Nice weather we're having inn't it!"

Water poyrs in a mighty torrent into dome, and the hard pressed gentlemen of the Water Board swoon with everwhelming joy! They've been getting plenty of criticism but when the rains DID come they DID have the Dams there to catch it. We've enough water now for five years!

Cataract's full - so is Nepean - in fact every storage Dam impounding water for Sydney's supply, save one, is a bumper. And for the first time in history.

When the heavens opened things happened quickly. Country road - a little damp. Same road - very moist. Railway siding. Sutmarines call now!

Welcome as the water was, it caused plenty of damage.
Jupiter pluvius overdid the job a bit - or am I exaggerating!
Noah's Ask on the right. Another attractive country road
loses some of its charm. And to think that he this time
last year we were fined 30 bob for watering our two cabbage.
(SIGN- Gross Bridge at Own Risk\*). They're telling us!
Round the city it came down in sheets. Hundreds of cars
were stalled. In many cases transport services were
dislocated. When you went for a walk you took your water
wings! No - that's not our 'arber -some of our better class
graning land. Houses- whole townships isolated. But
never mind the flood a minute, where DID HE GET THAT MILK!

For rent attractive villas - water laid on. The Water Board certainly must have prayed hard. Playgrounds become swimming poals. Bays become - boys. A bridge over the Nepsan withsteed the terrent of water but great masses of

AGO clay with the water, thought how company a cur our of debris piled upon it and had to be cleared before traffic could move again. Huge quantities of precious vegetables in this area were swept away. Warragamba Weir which has been a life saver to Sydney's supply through the drought. But right now four thousand million gallons a day are pouring to waste over it. When the new 400 foot Dam Wall is completed - 200-000 million pounds will be impounded - and Buzzagong Burragorang Valley will be impounded. But we'll never have to worry about water again!

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