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## BETTER AND BETTER

**B**UGHT last October, the family Heinkel "Perle" has now covered more than 1,700 miles and is showing a markedly improved performance! We all know, of course, that a moped requires to be well "run in"—that is, gently used during the first 500 miles of its existence—if the full advantage of later bedding-down in the unit is not to be lost. On the other hand, I was quite unprepared for the sudden increase in available performance which I noted after 1,500 miles had been logged.

When tested, the machine had done some 300 miles, and gave a top speed of 33 m.p.h. This has now become its cruis-

ing speed, and top speed has moved up to 35 or 36 m.p.h. More striking, however, is the terrific boost which has become evident in hill-climbing. The "Perle," from being a better-than-average climber, is now one of the best low-speed pulling mopeds I have encountered, and can tackle in top gear hills which a month or so ago demanded bottom cog. Acceleration, too, is smarter, with bottom gear yielding a usable 20 m.p.h.—two or three miles an hour more than was previously obtainable. Fuel consumption has remained steady at an overall 130 m.p.g., despite hard riding.

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