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THE NEW 98 c.c. "PIPPIN" SCOOTER

THE latest British scooter to reach the market is the 98 c.c. "Pippin," which was introduced on Wednesday of last week by Mercury Industries (Birmingham), Ltd., of Mercury Works, Dudley, Worcestershire. The machine has been designed with a view to economy both in original outlay and in operation, the price being £92 11s. 8d., plus £22 18s. 4d. P.T. (total £115 10s.) and the claimed fuel consumption is 160 m.p.g.

Resembling an all-metal sleigh in appearance, the flat, up-swept pressed-steel main member has a box-like construction at its forward upper extremity to support the steering head and telescopic front forks.

Power is derived from the well-known Villiers 98 c.c. two-stroke engine with fan cooling and having an on-built two-speed gearbox with handlebar control. The fly-wheel magneto supplies current for the direct lighting. Mounted beneath the dual seat is the one-gallon fuel tank and the whole of the engine and rear wheel is enclosed in a stout sheet-steel pressing with louvres and grilles. Panels, readily detachable, give access to the mechanism.

A report on the road performance of the "Pippin" will appear next week.

