

"GREEN-MANTLED"

Further Tribute to the "1½"

[62879.]—As an extremely satisfied owner of a 1½-litre M.G. saloon since last November I read, with interest, the article by Michael Brown (August 4). May I say how much I agree with all he said? But I should like to record one or two further points of appreciation of this grand little car.

Since taking delivery of my "1½," the fifth M.G. I have had the good fortune to own, I have driven it pretty hard for 10,000 miles without the faintest sign of trouble. It has yet to have the head off, and this is not yet really necessary since there are few signs of requiring a "de-coke." Not a bad effort for a high efficiency engine of this type.

I have checked most carefully and found that I have been getting a petrol consumption of 34 m.p.g. under all conditions, including warming up in the morning, "hack" work when shopping, and fast cruising at 55-60 m.p.h. This consumption

may be dropping slightly now that I have done over 10,000 miles.

In a recent journey to Cornwall of over 200 miles I had no difficulty in averaging 33 m.p.h. with complete safety and comfort with three adults and two children inside, six large suitcases on top and two more suitcases, a folding pram and a cot on the back!

I should like to end by saying that the major attraction of this little motor car is not so much in its maximum speed or acceleration as in its excellent steering and road holding capabilities which, I venture to say, are unequalled by any other car of a comparable size and price.

Finally, I should be interested to get in touch with the owner of a J2 Model M.G. Midget, registered number JB2302, should he read this, since I saw him in the distance recently but was unable to tell him that he was driving an M.G. which I sold sixteen years ago!

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