

spinach Popeye is distinctive because of his "tough" bass voice. It is, therefore, rather a pity to find an American band providing a "Popeye" number without the Popeye personality as far as voice goes. The singer in a record heard last week seemed to be able to descend to about a low G, but failed to get beyond it.

Assembling The Modern Car

Children's Hour Talk

AUNT MOLLY and Jumbo, well known in the 2YA children's hours, visited a large motor-car assembly factory last month and it was originally intended to take the microphone there as well to broadcast some of the "noises" connected with the assembly, painting and finishing of the modern car. However, they found there was too much noise, so this Friday, June 19, at 5.15 during the children's hour from 2YA, Aunt Molly and Jumbo will tell the children all the interesting things they saw in that two hours' visit. The description, which will deal with the life of the car from the fitting of the first nut to the painting and finishing, will be given by Jumbo. The factory visited impressed Aunt Molly as being a model one, with excellent conditions for the many hundreds of New Zealanders employed. Although this talk is featured in the children's hour, it will definitely be of interest to young and old alike.

The result was almost ludicrous. The singer starts off the chorus on his low note, which he strains to maintain throughout the first line, and every time thereafter when he should go below he fails to make the grade—the down grade. It quite spoils the little ditty that Popeye himself provides in the cartoons. In fact, it reminds one of the time, shortly after one's voice had "cracked," when one tried hard to get a half-note lower than one had ever got before. Even the strain to achieve the lowest note—several tones above Popeye's—is evident by the breathlessness of the singer in the recording mentioned. It's one of those cases where there is such a word as "can't."

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