

REFUELLING.

Imperial Airways Flying boat Cabot was refuelled in the air off Southampton. Sir Alan Cobham has been working for many years on a system by which big air liners and flying boats can fill up ~~with~~ with petrol after the take-off. The reason is that a plane can ~~it~~ fly with a much heavier load than it can carry when leaving the ~~ground~~ ground..... and this is how they ~~draw~~ wind in the hose from the tanker. Eight hundred gallons can be taken into the flying-boats' tanks by this method. The hose is caught by a line and it's hard work bringing it in. ~~It~~ It is fixed firmly enough to prevent leakage, but with a special gadget which frees it in emergency, ~~and cuts off the supply.~~

Once the full load is in, the flying boat jettisons some of the ~~petrol~~ fuel ~~and test~~ --- in case of a forced landing it would be necessary to get rid of ^{it} ~~all that great load.~~