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Cartoon from Punch magazine on how shortages affected people, September 1917

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about shortages and rationing and how they affected people. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What differences are there between the people in the car and the people in the street?
- According to the cartoonist, how are the rich people in the car 'Doing Their Bit'?
- Do you think the cartoonist is being sarcastic?
- Would food shortages and high food prices affect all the people in this cartoon equally?
- What clues are there in this cartoon about why the government introduced rationing in 1918?

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