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- Run an electrical piano for ten hours.
- Lift 3 1/2 tons 75 feet in four minutes.
- Give you three light baths.
- Give you a fire in your bedroom for an hour.
- Boil nine kettles, each holding two pints.
- Cook fifteen chops in fifteen minutes.
- Run a small ventilating fan for twenty-one hours.
- Run a large ventilating fan for six hours.
- Keep your breakfast warm for five hours.
- Run a sewing machine for sixteen hours.
- Carry your dinner upstairs every day in the week.
- Keep your coffee pot warm at the breakfast table for a week.

RUSSIAN DUMA

Dignity and Decorum Mark Character of Members

A correspondent, writing of the Duma in session, says: "I was very greatly interested and moved by the character of the Duma, so far as dignity, decorum and the character of the men are concerned. Of course, I am speaking now of the Duma as seen and studied by me from the outside—as a visitor, that is. I listened to an address on the supply of food that was nothing less than splendid in its spirit and matter. It was listened to with marked attention—with a respectful attitude by not only the galleries, but the members themselves, that was good to see. Even on ordinary days, when the Duma is conducting merely routine business of a dull sort to the average person—or business that would probably be so construed here—the galleries are crowded to capacity by students, teachers and other obviously prominent persons, and with a goodly sprinkling of peasants.

"The peasants wear an air of proud ownership. They sit back in their chairs, listening to every word that is being spoken, and there is something in their manner and look that seems to say, 'This is my Duma,' much as though the thought made them more contented than anything with which they had ever before come in contact. And the women! Fine looking young women attend the sessions of the Duma, remove their hats and coats, and literally drink in the inspiring scenes enacted in the institution devoted to the interests of the people.

TO DESTROY CITIES BY LIQUID FIRE

Use of Improved Aeroplane Will Make War More hideous Than Ever Before

Vague, ghost-like forms, darting across the sky at 150 miles an hour; bombs and liquid fire scattering death and destruction; cities razed, nations terrorized; immense armies helpless—such is the picture of the next great war between powerful nations, painted by the air man militant.

The fighting "fourth arm" has arrived. European countries predict that the balance of power will lie in the squadrons of the sky in future wars.

The improvements in aeroplanes of late has been wonderful. Britain, France and Germany, in their secret experimental stations, have wrought wonder machines with an offensive strength only dreamed of by the world. Since the discovery of the "stream-line" possibilities, the aviator has gone far ahead. Speed, ease of handling and stability have all improved.



Aeroplanes in Action

with this discovery, which is the adoption of a model offering the least resistance to forward motion and minimizing the vacuum pockets. I was worked out by experiments in water, hence its name.

Simplification of detail, perfection of engines, stability and increased carrying power mark progress. Trim, racy-looking flyers suggestive of strength have replaced cumbersome flimsy craft.

One French monoplane has been taken to the field in a motor van unpacked, assembled and taken to the air in 14 minutes. Another folds its wings like a beetle, which it resembles.

Bomb-dropping has reached the point where a passenger, sitting behind the air pilot, his head protected by a metal shield, drops bombs from a trap between his feet, carrying a supply of explosives in racks on either side of his seat.

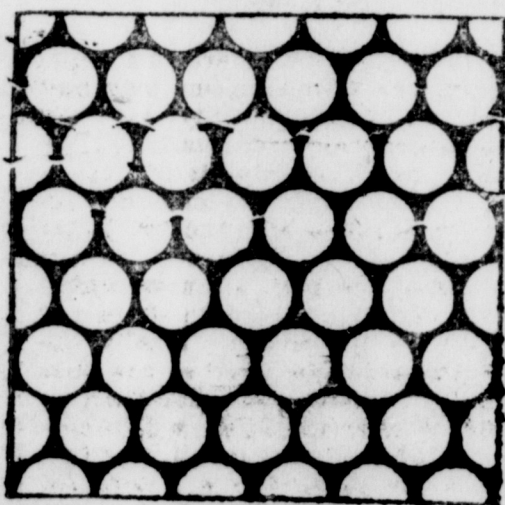
The armored plane is here. It consists of a metal body, protected beneath by strips of light, tough metal, capable of deflecting a rifle bullet. But the best protection lies in the terrific speed. At 125 to 150 miles an hour a monoplane up 1,000 - 5,000 feet is an elusive target.

But bombs, even the most powerful, are not effective against modern forts. Their destructive radius is too limited. The most effective weapon is liquid fire. A gasoline bomb which bursts into flame upon impact is the terrible weapon proposed for the aerial navy. A rain of these would quickly destroy a city.

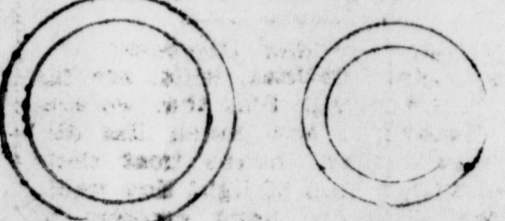
Equipped with a noiseless engine, which is the next forward step, with search-light flashing for a second and then disappearing, an aeroplane at night, travelling 125 miles an hour, offers a poor target, while battleship, cruiser or unprotected city lies at its mercy.

The great value of the sky squadron lies in its mobility. It may be 500 miles away to-morrow, scattering death and destruction from the heights of their invisible air lanes, darting away with the speed of the wind when their work is completed.

TRICKS OF THE EYES



An effect of irradiation: Circles which, seen at a distance, look like the hexagons of a beehive.



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World's Most Northern Railway

The most northern railway on record, says a London paper, is Murman Railway, which connects Petrograd with the port of Kola, seven hundred miles away to the northward. This harbor, though situated well inside the Arctic Circle on the shores of the Polar Sea, is open in winter months.

Important Announcement

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