

Curtiss to Mrs. Bell.

Hammondsport, N.Y., Oct. 16, 1908:- Am sorry Mr. Bell could not have come to Hammondsport from Washington, and at least seen the "Dart". We did not think it advisable to attempt flights until the new engine was ready; it could have been tried out with the old "June Bug" engine, but as so much was expected and so many newspaper men and others would be on hand for trials, we thought it would be better to wait until we were sure of accomplishing more than had been done with the June Bug.

The moving pictures of the June Bug flights are here, and will be shown for the first time to-night. I wish you could be here to see them. Perhaps we can get copies from the films which can be shown as lantern slides. While this would not be as good as the real moving pictures, it would give a succession of views which would show the action of the machine in the air. I would like to know if you have a lantern at Beinn Bhreagh. I remember of hearing of pictures being shown there last year.

G.H. Curtiss.

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Hammondsport, N.Y., Oct. 17, 1908:-The enthusiasm for the flying machines in Hammondsport was greatly revived last evening by the exhibition of the moving pictures taken July 3-4 and 5. They were very good indeed, and I only wish there was some way we could send them to Beinn Bhreagh to be reproduced.