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"June Bug" flew in public under the official observation of a committee of the Aero Club of America, a distance of one kilometer measured in a straight line, thus winning the Scientific American Trophy for heavier-than-air flying-machines. As a matter of fact he went much further than one kilometer exceeding, if I remember rightly, a mile.

When we left Beinn Bhreagh in December, 1907, it was not expected that we would be able to build at Harmondspert more than one, or at most two aerodromes; for we intended to return to Nova Scotia in the Spring as soon as navigation opened and continue our interrupted experiments with tetrahedral structures over open water.

It so happened, however, that Mrs. Bell had become seriously ill in Washington and when the usual time arrived for going to Beinn Bhreagh Mrs. Bell was in no condition to be removed and I, of course, could not proceed without her. It seemed therefore advisable for the other members of the Association to pursue still further the line of investigation with which they had started at Harmondspert, while I remained in Washington giving such assistance to them as I could by correspondence. I was also able to make a short visit to Harmondspert when the June Bug was ready for trial.

On the 4th of July, when Curtiss won the Scientific American Trophy, I was traveling with Mrs. Bell by easy stages to Beinn Bhreagh and had reached Prince Edward Island, when the news reached me by telegraph that we had won the Trophy.