

This engine has certainly worked out well and we have had no trouble with it whatever, but now that we have passed the "seconds" stage and the "minutes" we want something to go into the "hours".

I suppose you know that the new conditions for the Scientific American Trophy have been decided upon. They are to fly 25 kilometers rounding the starting-point, which means one complete circle anyway. The date set for this trial is September 7th and the entries must be in September 1st.

Do you think we ought to enter? General Allen says that he will allow the new Government machines (Wrights and Harrings) to enter providing they are delivered in time. Herring has been allowed an extension of 30 days for delivery.

Baldwins' balloon is a beauty and they are all pleased with it.

The official flight will be to-morrow. They have already made 16 miles an hour.

J.A.D. McCurdy.

To Dr. A. G. Bell,
Baddeck, N.S.

Hammondsport, N.Y., Aug. 13, 1908:- We have started assembling the machine to-day and in about 3 days I am sure it will look like a real aerodrome.

J.A.D. McCurdy.

To Mr. F.W. Baldwin,
Baddeck, N.S.

Hammondsport, N.Y., Aug. 13, 1908:- Mr. Curtiss thinks that with ^a little more oil feed ^{to} the cylinders we can get power for a longer period of time and so we are having a force feed pump