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(Letters).

To The Aerial  
Experiment Association,  
Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

Hammondsport, N.Y., Aug. 19, 1908:- I have read the last two Bulletins with great interest. The scheme of starting a flying machine from and landing on the water has been in my mind for some time. It has many advantages, and I believe can be worked out. Even if a most suitable device for launching and landing on land is secured, a water craft will still be indispensable for war purposes and if the exhibition field is to be considered, would, I believe, present greater possibilities in this line than a machine which works on land.

An arrangement of floats to support the flyer when at rest would be necessary. Then small hydroplanes to carry it up out of the water and to catch the shock of landing. I do not think the problem is difficult.

For work on land, I would submit the enclosed sketch of a new launching device. The one fixed wheel is used entirely for starting and alighting, the skids only acting as supports while standing. Balancing on the one wheel can be easily secured with the moveable wing tips and the front horizontal rudder as when flying in the air. If we have the opportunity would you advise trying this on the June Bug?

G. H. Curtiss.