

(Extract from letter to Dr. Bell).

The Engineer's Club, New York, July 30, 1908:—I have just run down to New York for a few days (till Saturday evening) to see Farman fly. Besides being an interesting sight, we thought that we might glean a few ideas from him and his machine to incorporate in our new aerodrome.

As I telegraphed you from Hammondsport Selfridge left there a few days ago for New York and incidentally to pay a visit to Dr. Woods, who is spending his holidays on Long Island. I have not seen him yet as I only arrived the morning Curtiss went to Washington to help Capt. Baldwin with the Government Balloon.

The day Selfridge left we had (Selfridge and I) a grand work-out with the June Bug. It was my turn to attempt a flight, so I started off with the incident of the White Wing still fresh in my mind. I think that watching Curtiss fly so often has instilled into our minds the motions to be gone through with in handling the machine from just talking things over, and I was surprised myself at the ease with which I could manipulate the controls.

I got so much confidence during the short flight which was down to the railway track across the potato patch that next time I tried a longer flight and succeeded in going the full length of the field, two thousand yards and over in the time of 1 minute and 40 seconds.***Selfridge thought that he would fly back but the machine refused to support him after