

HOME NOTES.

There seems to be a good deal of vigor in the aeronautical world in Texas. Dr. J.F. Fielding, a Texas man, who won the first prize in the Chicago Balloon races, is the leading spirit. He is anxious to promote the use of dirigibles and balloons in Texas as he believes that the Texas gas contains peculiar qualities which would have advantage over that used elsewhere.

At Morris Park the monoplane of C.W. Williams seems to have created some interest which may be worthy of notice. The following is quoted from the Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 21, 1908:-

"While the spread of the planes in the Williams machine is 30 feet, the framework on which the canvas is stretched is constructed to fold back on itself when the machine is not in use, making the monoplane much less cumbersome than one fixed with planes and more easily handled on the ground.

The whole sustaining surface of the four planes is about 600 square feet and the weight of the machine, making the sustaining proportion about one pound to the square foot. This is considerably lower than any other aeroplanes in practical use".

It is reported that Frank J. Heinfelt of Dayton, Ohio, made a successful flight of 1500 feet with a monoplane on Oct. 27, 1908. O.H.S.

