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First Aerial Post— Man Drowned.

On Saturday, September 9, Gustave Hamel carried a mail of about 10,000 cards, letters and papers from London to Windsor, the band playing the National Anthem as he whirled away. Owing to the adverse wind, he was the only one to take the air. His official times were: left Hendon Aerodrome 4.59, arrived Windsor Castle 5.11. Mail reached Windsor Post Office 5.23. Hamel flew back to Hendon with mails at 6.5 p.m., arriving at 6.32 p.m., when he was carried shoulder high, while the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes." The wind blew behind him at thirty miles an hour, and he reached a height of 1,200 feet. He was nearly turned over once or twice on the way. The letters were taken to be forwarded to Paddington and delivered to London the same evening. Immediately on the aviator's arrival at Windsor, a telegram was despatched to the King. Letters by the aerial post were sent to all the crowned heads and Post-

master-Generals of Europe. On Saturday, May 23, 1914, Mr. Hamel left Hardelet, on the French Coast, to cross the Channel in his new monoplane, on his way from Villacoublay, Paris, to Hendon, to fly in the Aerial Derby round London which was postponed on account of the unfavourable weather. Being victor the previous year, he was most anxious to take part in the race. After leaving Hardelet, his monoplane was supposed to have been seen very high over Boulogne, after which no trace of him was ever seen again, although prompt action was taken and an exhaustive search made in the Channel and along the coasts of England and France. The tragic end to Gustave Hamel's brilliant career was mourned not only by his friends and the flying community but by the general public. He was only 20 years of age when he joined the Blériot School, early in 1911. He soon returned to England, acquired a monoplane of his own, established himself at Hendon, obtained his British pilot's certificate, and started his active career in aviation.

Origin of the Baronetcy.

Many people imagine that the rank of baronet is a very ancient one; but its creation under that title dates only from May 22, 1611, when James I. offered to make 200 baronets at £1,000 apiece, in order to raise funds for his own necessities, and also—but that was a subsidiary reason—to provide men for the colonies which were then being settled in the Irish province of Ulster. Nominally, the new knights were supposed to have at least £1,000 per annum each from land in England; but no very particular inquiry was made to enforce compliance with this condition; if the person who desired to be entitled "Sir" had the necessary £1,000 for the fees, the rest was taken pretty much for granted. One curious circumstance arising from the association with Ulster, however, was that the new baronets were all allowed to add the "red hand" of the arms of that province to their own arms, and thus, to this day, many stories have arisen to account for its presence there, which have small foundation in fact further

than that the family procured it through paying James I. the sum already named. Thus one baronet, shortly afterwards, murdered his cook, and the "red hand" in the arms of his successors to-day is set down traditionally as having been a punishment for doing so. Another, when out shooting, vowed, in default of other sport, to kill the first living thing he met, which, unfortunately, turned out to be a miller, and, as he kept his oath, the "red hand" was, according to the story, added to his arms. But the truth is that he was one of those who "ordered" a baronetcy from James I.

Strange Incident in the Commons.

A disagreeable yet ridiculous incident took place in the House of Commons on May 22, 1867, when Mr. Reardon, the Member for Athlone, gave notice of his intention to ask the First Lord of the Treasury whether it was true that Her Majesty the Queen (Victoria), on account of ill-health, had gone to Scotland, and did not intend to return to England for the remainder of the Session; and, if so, whether it was the intention of the Government, out of consideration for Her Majesty's health, comfort, and tranquillity, to advise Her Majesty to abdicate! This extraordinary question caused much agitation, and was followed by loud cries of "Order!" One may fancy the cloud which rested on the ordinarily stern features of the Speaker—Evelyn Denison—as he rose and said: "The House has anticipated what I had to say by its expression of opinion in regard to the terms employed in the notice by the honorable Member. No doubt any question may be addressed by a Member of this House to the confidential adviser of the Crown on any matter relating to the discharge of public duties, but such questions must be addressed in respectful and parliamentary terms. The question of the honorable Member certainly does not appear to me to be couched in such terms." Mr. Reardon immediately apologized.

"Not To-Day, Thank You."

Cold Comfort for the Coalman.
It is likely that, in the near future, it will be possible for us to snap our fingers at miners and coal-owners alike. Scientists declare that, at an early date, we shall obtain all the power that is required to run our railways and factories, light our streets and homes, and do in short everything that coal does to-day at small cost, through utilizing sunshine! Utilization of the sun's heat to supply power is no fantastic dream; it is an accomplished fact. But for the dislocation caused by the war, we might have been to-day as independent of coal as we are of stage-coaches!

Ten Days' Supply.
Just before the war, highly successful experiments were being made in Egypt by an American inventor. He arranged a series of rotating mirrors, which focused the sun's rays on a boiler, the steam of which worked engines and dynamos. So intense is the heat generated by the focused sunbeams, that the water in ordinary boilers boils in a third of the time taken by a furnace. This country, it is true does not enjoy the almost constant sunshine of Egypt, but in three hours of sunshine, granted a sufficient number of focusing mirrors and dynamos, enough electricity can be stored for ten days' supply.—Ex.

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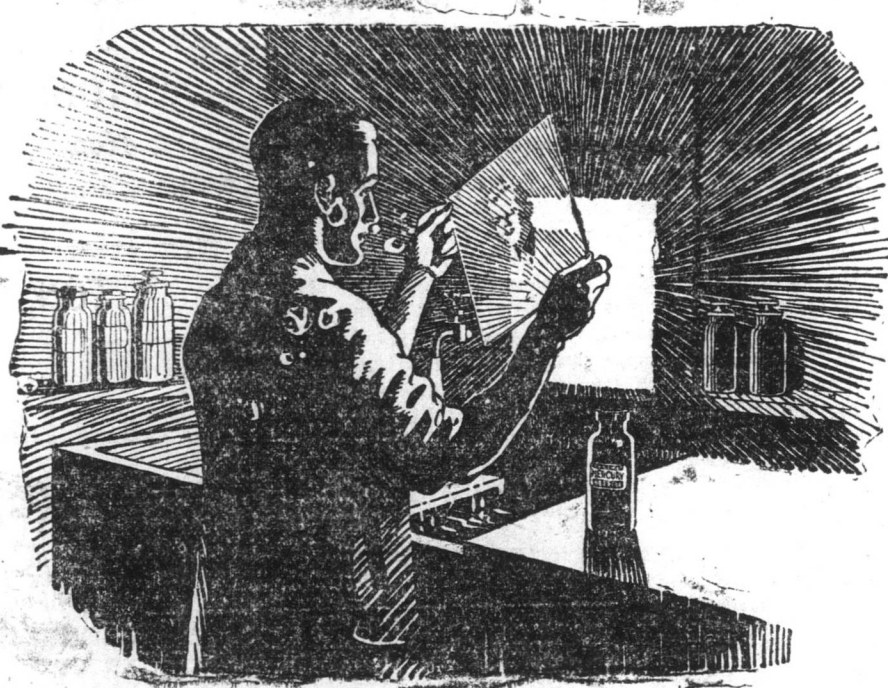
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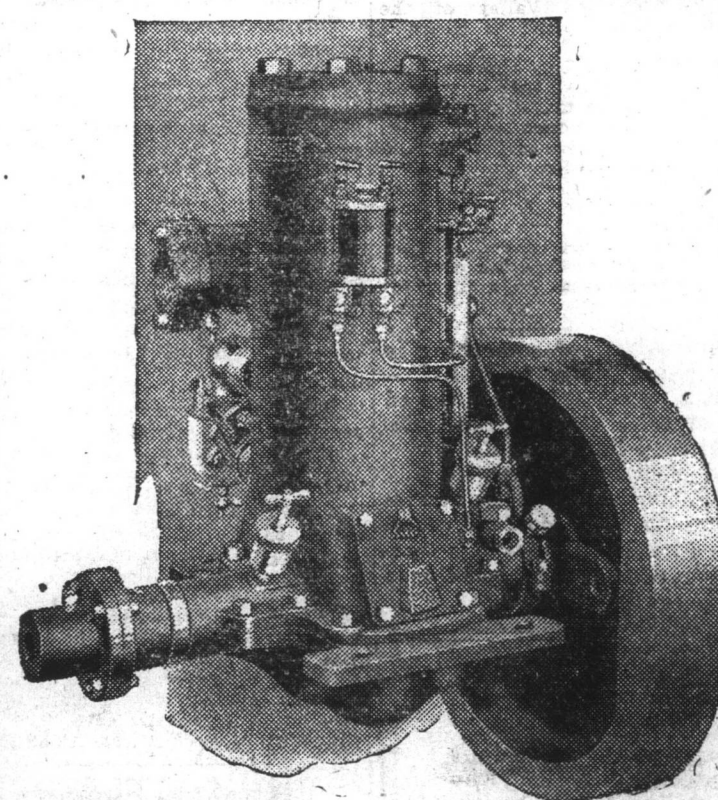
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Bees in Battle.

Probably the most remarkable weapons of war ever used were swarms of bees. There are at least two well-authenticated instances of the use of this novel and stinging war material.

The first is related by Appian of the siege of Themisyras in Pontus, by Lucullus, in his war against Mithri-

dates. Turrets were brought up, mounds were built, and huge mines were made by the Romans. The people of Themisyras dug open these mines from above, and through the holes cast down upon the workmen bears and other wild animals, together with swarms of bees.

The second instance occurred in Enlilant. The Danes and Norwegians were attacking Chester, held by the Saxons and some Gallic auxiliaries.

After adopting stonking and boiling water in vain against the besiegers, the Saxons threw down all the beehives in the town upon the attackers who were soon routed.

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Feathered Fortresses.

Not all birds make nests. The guillemot lays her eggs on a bare ledge of rock, the night jar in a small open space among the bracken at the edge of a wood, and the peewit out on the marsh or in the centre of an open ploughed field.

The wood pigeon's nest is just a few sticks criss-crossed, while that of the house sparrow is an untidy mess of dead grass and any sort of rubbish.

Seeing how careless these birds are, it is all the more strange to find, at the other end of the scale, a number of birds which construct regular fortresses for the protection of their eggs and young.

Protection Against Intruders.
The nest of the common magpie, for instance, is at no great height from the ground, but the site chosen is generally the heart of a thorn bush, and when the cup has been made to hold the eggs, the birds set to work to erect a regular roof overhead. It is made in this fashion to prevent other birds from getting at the eggs or young.

Like a Prison Cell.

The weaver birds of South Africa join forces. Scores of pairs nest together under a huge umbrella-shaped structure which they build by their combined labor. Some of these amazing co-operative nests contain a good cartload of grass.

The little oven bird builds in clay, and spends months on the job. The nest measures a foot in diameter and weighs as much as ten pounds.

Most wonderful of all is the nest of the hornbill. The hen bird lays her eggs in a hollow in a tree, and as soon as she is settled on them the male bird walls her in with clay, leaving just space for her head to stick out. He feeds her, and there she sits, not only until the eggs are hatched, but until the young are big enough to come out.

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