

Curtiss to Bell.

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

Hammondsport, N.Y., Dec. 6, 1908:- The Silver-Dart made its first flights Sunday. They were so short we did not wire. The weather was very bad and although we had some calms, before we were finally ready the wind increased and we decided to run in the tent until a more favorable opportunity. In the first two trials we were bothered by not getting gasoline. The tank had had water in it. It was carelessness on our part in not having it thoroughly cleaned out. In the third start several hundred feet was covered. John got an opportunity to get the feel of the control. It is more sensitive, that is, it answers quicker than on the old machine. He thinks it will be just right after he gets used to it. Under separate cover, we are sending prints showing the start, the landing, and the motor, transmission and propeller at close range. Am having these three made up in a page for the Bulletin, and either John or I will send suitable description to go with it.

(Signed) G. H. Curtiss.