

Imperial Austrian Eagle. So that I am clearly of opinion that the data and spot fairly developes the prediction, as contained in the fifth section.

6th.

*"When ships above the clouds shall sail,
"The lion's strength shall surely fail."*

A ship is well known to be a large hollow building with decks—made to pass over the sea with sails—by which means a communication is kept up between the most distant regions; and through the means of an open justifiable system of commerce the most solid advantages are derived to society in the rapid diffusion of light, and by the exchange of the productions and manufactures of the most distant climes, gives employ to millions of the industrious part of the community. But these cannot be the ships alluded to, as it is not possible in the nature of things to make use of them out of their natural element;—and here I think it might with propriety deserve your particular notice, that nearly about the time of the commencement of the French Revolution, that such was the sovereign will and pleasure of Heaven, as to permit the invention of balloons to take place;—and admitting I am not misinformed, a celebrated gentleman of the faculty now living in Boston, took a trip across the freights of Dover, and was landed in safety in France; and which I presume must be the ships alluded to,—And now let us notice the use the French made of them,—admitting my information is correct, early in the contest which was carried on between the French Republic and the coalesced powers, they had men in the cars underneath the balloons, who gave the signal from above, of the enemies.