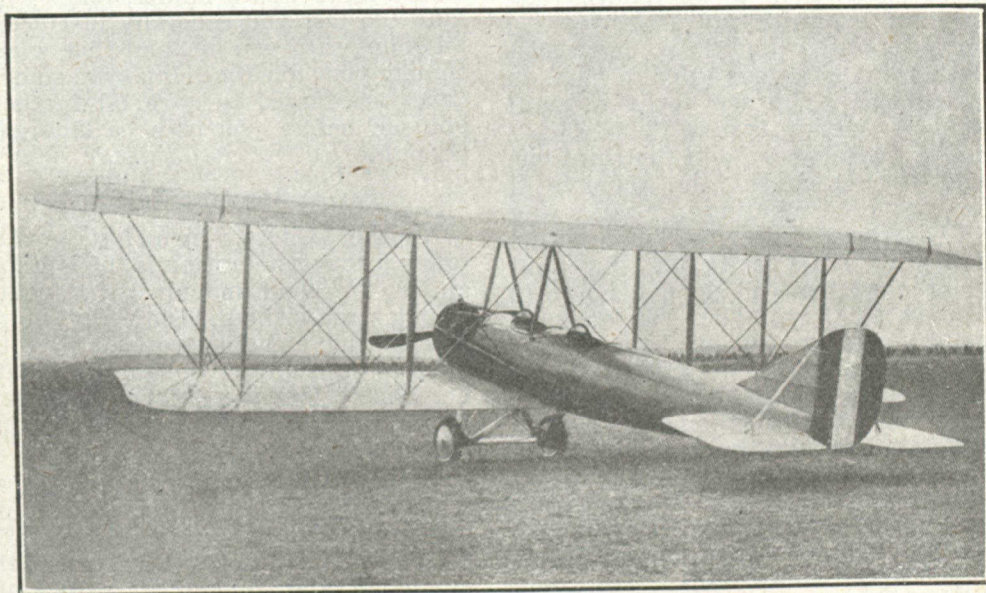


Guarding Forests By Airplanes

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A Graphic Story Of The Adaptability Of Flying Machines to Forest Protection.



You've got to have an aeroplane of the right type, and a good one of the right type too, because an aeroplane is just the same as anything else, you have to get a good one or you can count on all sorts of trouble. Now, suppose you have, say, a motor car costing from four to eight or ten thousand dollars, and in it you can go through any forest in the land at a clip of from 80 to 100 miles an hour, and at the same time you are able to see everything for 20 square miles or more of the country, and every minute of the time keep absolutely in touch with home by means of wireless, you would say, to put it mildly, that it is a mighty useful car, now wouldn't you?

Indifferent to Roads

Take into consideration the fact that roads (or the lack of them),

rivers, lakes, precipices, and so forth, do not make one scrap of difference. Some car, don't you think? Well, that is what you can do with your aeroplane, and you can do it in safety. You can go when and where you like, and come back when you like. It's a great game, I can tell you. The best of it is that the cost will only be a very little more than that incurred in buying a good car. (Applause).

I think I can show you in figures just how it works out, but of course I speak now of the cost with reference to a large way of operating. The small way is not the cheap way, as you all know. Take, for instance, a farmer with a ten acre plot; he does not go to town in a car, he does not use a tractor to plow, etc.; but the big farmer, with the big piece of land, does go to town in a fine big car,