

"travel through the air with a self contained power plant".

I forward your very kind letter to Dr. Bell for his information.

(Signed) E.L. Jones.

Bell to Funk & Wagnalls.

Madison, N.S., March 2, 1909:- I am glad to note from your letter to Mr. Ernest La Rue Jones, dated Feb. 17, 1909, that the Standard Dictionary defines the word "Aerodrome" as follows:-

"Aerodrome, n. A mechanism for gliding on the air, consisting of supporting surfaces, means for propulsion, and other adjuncts".

This is exactly the sense in which I have always used the term; and was also, I believe, the meaning assigned to it by the late Prof. Langley.

I have been publicly criticized for applying the term to the flying machine itself, instead of to the shed or building in which it is housed, a meaning that has lately been introduced into this country from France, and which appears to me to be incorrect. This meaning has been defended on the ground of analogy to "hippodrome"; but the analogy is not correct, for a hippodrome is not a place where horses are simply housed or kept (a stable) but a place where they are run.

It has recently been proposed to use the term "aerodrome" to designate the grounds where flying machines and dirigible balloons are run or raced. This meaning, although less objectionable than the application to the building where the machines are stored, seems to me inappropriate for the