

## *AFTER THE CATACLYSM*

trifling preponderance of weight remaining after allowing for the powerful effort of the gas containers.

Some of these airships had several aeroplane surfaces, which, as soon as a fair speed was attained came into play and allowed the horizontal helicopter to be stopped.

In alighting, the forward motion was as near as possible checked, and the machine settled quietly down to the ground, head to the wind, and rested on twelve spirally flexible legs terminating with small broad tired wheels.