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Secretary—What! Give it to a man with such a record?
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WILL BUILD AIR SHIPS.

PREPARING TO NAVIGATE THE UPPER REGIONS.

F. N. Atwood, of Chicago, Claims to Be Able to Build a Ship that Will Go—Application Made for Letters Patent on Twenty-two Separate Devices—A Company Incorporated to Carry Out the Inventor's Ideas—Description of the Principles of the Projected Machine.
[Chicago dispatch.]

F. N. Atwood, a graduate of the Boston School of Technology, and formerly a marine engineer, has been diligently struggling with the problems of aerial navigation for the last twenty years, and has just made application for letters patent to protect no less than twenty-two separate devices he has completed.

The inventor was visited by a reporter at his office, room 512 Rialto Building. He talked freely of his experiments.

"Any one can build an air-ship," said Mr. Atwood, "but the problem is to make it navigate the air. We may attach a gas bag to a freight-car and call the combination an air-ship. Two important and elementary principles are to be observed in making a vessel that is to navigate the air successfully.

"Every one knows that so many cubic feet of gas will lift so much dead weight. Gas enough may be carried on any air-ship to lift the vessel and its cargo. The other important point, then, is to propel the vessel after it is elevated."

Mr. Atwood has devised a wind-wheel or fan to be driven by steam or electric power, by which he claims to be able to drive an immense air-ship at a high rate of speed.

A company has been incorporated in this city, known as the Chicago Air-Ship Company, by G. O. Shields, W. B. Bogoh, F. N. Atwood, and H. Haupt, Jr. The capital stock is \$200,000, of which \$100,000 has been placed. As soon as the remainder of the stock is placed the company will organize under the State law, and work on the proposed air-ship will be commenced.

The first vessel to be built will be 270 feet long, 48 feet high and 40 feet wide. It will have two lifting wheels and two driving wheels, each ten feet in diameter. These are to be driven by steam or electric power, and from numerous experiments and tests that have been made both in this country and in Europe it is known to a certainty that these wheels can be made to lift several thousand pounds each when revolved at a high rate of speed.

There is to be a large gas dome with two auxiliary domes inside. Underneath this there is to be a cabin or house about 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. This is to be well lighted, heated and comfortably furnished. Underneath the house the engine will be placed, so that its weight will serve as ballast for the vessel.

One of the devices which it is designed to use is that of the kite. The air-ship will be built with large aéroplanes or wings aggregating at least 7,000 square feet of scaling surface. The belief is based on scientific experiments that the vessel may be lifted by its engine and air-wheels to a height of, say, 5,000 feet; that both the lifting and driving power may then be shut off—as a railway engineer shuts off his steam on a down-grade—and the bow of the vessel slightly depressed, when the weight of the vessel will drive it in whatever direction headed, even against a strong wind, at a terrific rate of speed.

The curvature of the earth's surface is such that the vessel, starting at such a height as that mentioned, would scale fifty to 100 miles before it would again touch the earth. When the vessel approaches within 500 feet of the earth the bow may be again elevated and the driving-wheels set in motion, and it will rise rapidly on the same kite or scaling principle, the momentum acquired by the downward riding aiding the engine in the power of maintaining the great speed already acquired.

Another principle to be utilized is that of the parachute. In case of an accident to the machinery or gas reservoirs, the vessel could not fall rapidly to the earth. The same aéroplanes already mentioned, together with long wide wings, which hang from the sides near the top of the vessel, and which would then be thrown out by any downward motion, would give such a vast air surface that the vessel would settle down as slowly and as safely as the man who descends with his parachute.

Mr. Atwood has devised a plan for supporting the vessel on land that is new in aeronautics. A monster pivot, framed into the bottom of the hull of the air-ship, to which is attached an air-cushion, supports the main weight of the vessel. Six other posts or pivots are set into the hull at different points, to the bottom of which are attached wheels or casters.

These are set on adjustable springs, so that they will adjust themselves to any irregularities in the shape of the ground. The main pivot being ahead of the vessel, and a rudder set at the stern, the air-ship becomes a great weather vane and no matter how hard the wind may blow or how rapidly it may change its direction, the bow of the vessel will turn just as rapidly and will always head directly into the wind.

Thought to Be Funny.
"Hark! Somebody is playing a delightful bit from Wagner." "Oh! that's only James shoveling coal into the furnace."—*Life.*

"Did I understand you to say that miracles do not happen in these days?" "You did." "Then you were wrong. My plumber has just failed."—*St. Joseph News.*

"When my husband and I quarrel we don't permit the children to be present. We send them out of doors, so they can hear nothing." "Oh, now I understand why they are always on the street."—*Fliegende Blätter.*

"So you are looking for an honest man," said a friend of Diogenes to him. "Yes, sir." "How will you recognize one when you see him?" "He will return a borrowed lead-pencil."—*Washington Post.*

"Do you understand that Bronson has finally decided to enter the state of matrimony?" "Yes, I think so; at least he told me he was going to Utah."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

"Did you know that Miss Jones was going to marry young Smyth?" "I know it; but I cannot understand how a girl as intelligent as she is can consent to marry a man stupid enough to want to marry her."—*Life.*

"I can't find where that plumber did anything to this heater." "Neither could I. I told the man, but he said we'd find it in the bill."—*Philadelphia Times.*

FACTS ABOUT CIGARS.

Some Little-Known Truths About the Nicotine Delectables.

"A good dinner without a cigar is like a beautiful woman with one eye," says the Spaniard.

Every one knows what a cigar is and the use to which it is put, says the New York Telegram. No one will deny its widespread popularity, although some question its beneficial effects upon the human family. Yet, while postage stamps, monograms and cigarette pictures have all found enthusiastic collectors; but one man has been found to face the many difficulties attending a collection of cigars gleaned from all parts of the world.

Capt. Mike Flaherty is well known in the tobacco world and has a wide circle of acquaintances among the pilots, from whom he now and again receives a present of a queer-looking cigar from some foreign land, and it was this decided him to commence his present collection, which now numbers about 150 varieties of cigars, about each one of which a quaint, interesting story might be told.

In the first place the word "cigar" is of modern date, and is derived from the fact that when the Spaniards first smoked cigars they were smoked in the orchard, or "cigarra," so called from its being the abiding place of those soothing, sleep-producing insects, the calm crickets. Hence "cigarro," a small roll; "cigarron," a large roll; and ultimately "cigar," linked even in name with the most soothing, dreamy sound in nature.

The first cigars made by the Spaniards were of tobacco loosely rolled and held together by the silken lining of corn husks, and always with a straw running through the center, to be withdrawn before smoking, so as to secure a good draught. These were first introduced into England in 1787 by the son of a Spanish grandee visiting London, and from there spread through all Europe. This is the history of the birth of the cigar into civilization, but we must look considerably further back to find the first records, and then can find no origin, but only data of its being in existence.

The cigar of the native Bornean, living in the Indian archipelago, is a black roll three inches long, tapering to either end, the outer leaf covered with a network of gray veins like a cobweb. These might aptly be called "dumb killers." They were smoked by the old Dyaks, and the smoked inhaled to intoxication, while at the weddings the bride and groom held cigars in their hands, and after their heads were knocked together three times, each placed the cigar between the lips of the other, and the ceremony was ended. The cigar in the collection came from Chittagong.

When the Patagonian smokes to really enjoy himself he gives a smoking party. All assemble in a hut, seating themselves in a circle, with a bowl of water in the center. A cigar is lighted and passed around, each one drawing into his lungs as much smoke as possible, and retaining it as long as he can, lying flat on his face, with his curious cloak thrown over his head. As each expels the smoke, he groans and grunts until a perfect babel reigns. Then a fresh cigar is lit, and as it passes around quiet comes again. After the third cigar, each smoker sits quietly for a few minutes, takes a drink at the bowl, and silently flies out. Religion is supposed to form the basis of this custom.

An Equivalent for Suicide.
If we allow our bodily infirmities to make away with us through neglect, have we such an immense moral advantage over the deliberate suicide? Scarcely. For example, the deadly progress of Bright's disease, diabetes, acute nephritis and gravel is sure—often terribly swift in the catastrophe. Most people of average information know that this is the simple, unvarnished truth in regard to those widely prevalent maladies. To delay judicious medication is speedily suicidal in such cases. The means of restraint is to be found in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Give an impetus to the action of the kidneys with this safe and reliable diuretic, and the infant complaint is shorn at its birth of the power for evil. Allow it to grow, and anticipate the worst. The Bitters, which annihilates these growing troubles, also eradicates dyspepsia, rheumatism, malaria, and all other ailments. Appetite, sleep, and vigor are also promoted by it.

Murdered by a Statue.
The death of Kenith, the half-mythical King of Scotland, was one of the most curious and remarkable in history, if it may be called a historical fact. It seems that Kenith had slain Cruthlinitus, a son, and Malcolm Duffus, the king and brother of Fennella; she, to be revenged, caused Wilts, the most ingenious artist of the time, to fashion a statue filled with automatic springs and levers. Finished and set up, this brazen image was as admirable work of art. In its right hand Wilts placed a sword, and in the left an apple of pure gold, fine set with diamonds and other precious stones. To touch this apple was to court death. It was so arranged that any one guilty of such vandalism would be immediately riddled with arrows shot from loop-holes in the statue's body. Kenith was invited to see the wonder, and, kinglike (just as Fennella hoped), tried to pluck the imitation fruit. He was instantly riddled with poisoned arrows, dying where he fell.

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The flora of Europe embraces about ten thousand species. In the British possessions in North America have about five thousand, the Cape of Good Hope and Natal about ten thousand, and Australia about ten thousand.

The leaves of the common sundew are provided with hair-like glands, upon which minute insects are caught, and then the glands, set in motion by the struggling captives, bend over and envelop them, and they are digested as food.

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They had quarreled, and the high-spirited girl said, as she handed him a small package:

"There, Mr. Ferguson, are the presents you have given me. Now that all is over between us, sir, there should be no reminders of the foolish past."

"You are right, Miss Keezer," he said, humbly, "and I suppose I must return the gifts you have presented me."

"I never gave you anything, sir, that I remember."

"Indeed you did."

"Miss Keezer—Katie!" he exclaimed, with something that sounded like a sob, "I value them beyond everything else in this world! It will break my heart to return them, but there is nothing left for me to do."

"Will you kindly tell me, sir, what things you speak of?"

"I am speaking, Katie, of the kisses you have given me. They are not mine now. It is my duty to restore them. Forgive me, darling, but I cannot go away without—"

"Oh, George!"

When the clock struck eleven, about three hours later, George was still returning them.

LADIES, attention! If any readers of this paper are wearing the shoulder cape, now in fashion, we hereby advise them to make dog blankets of them—or throw them to the dogs—and adopt a more sensible and safe outer garment. These abominable abridgments of hygienic decency invite intercostal neuralgia, lumbago, pleurisy, rheumatism, consumption, and pneumonia, and already promise to make more business for physicians than any other folly or fashion for a long time.—*Dr. Foote's Health Monthly.*

Natural Science.

Patrick—Phwy do ye wearin' that heavy coat a warrum day loike this?

Mike—Oh! had th' coat wid me, an' it's asier wearin' it than carryin' it.

Patrick—That's plawey'r mishtaken, Mike. Wan day lasht wate Tim Murphy, who keeps th' saloon boyant, axed me go 't th' dake's an' get him a dimjohn waz so heavy Oi took some swigs out av it, to lighten it, but begorry th' moor av it Oi droonk up, the heavier it got, until Oi cudn't carry it at all av it.

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Teacher—You must have been.

Johnny—No, m'm.

Teacher—Then where does such a smell of tobacco come from?

Johnny—Oh, I jest minded a butt for a feller for a few minutes.—*Boston Herald.*

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And the world said afterward in a whisper, "Poor fools! Money will always buy love, but I understand he has to ask several times before he gets 15 cents."—*Judge.*

It's a FACT—If anything in the world will make a man of common sense feel meaner than anything else, except when he pinches his fingers in the crack of a door, it is when he has had a quarrel with his wife. Quarrelsome people usually are bilious, and have a bad liver, and should always keep a bottle of Dr. White's Dandelion in the house as a safeguard against family jars.

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