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Thrilling Moments in FLYING HISTORY

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THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' AIRPLANE

HISTORIC INDEED was December 17, 1903, for on that day at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the flying machine constructed by Wilbur and Orville Wright made a flight of 856 feet—the first time that a machine carrying a man had risen from the ground under its own power and landed safely. Orville was at the controls of the ship, launched by dropping a weight which whipped it down a 40-foot track and into the air.