

Virginia of the Air Lanes

A ROMANCE OF FLYING

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Theodore Carson, inventor of an airship, rescues from a fugitive flying machine called a helicopter, a beautiful young girl.

II and III—Carson is infatuated by her and takes her where she can communicate with her friends.

"Psyche! Psyche!" he gushed. "Oh, I'm glad! And you are well!"

Mrs. Shayne called Virginia. "Please come in," said she. "It's wet out there."

Mr. Carson gave Virginia his arm, and she swept into the cabin.

"Uncle Finley," said she, "I don't know how he happens to be aboard, but this is—this is my—"

"We know," said Mr. Shayne. "We picked up your deliverer down in the woods, Virginia."

"Oh!" said she. "Then I—"

"You were the only one, it seems, in ignorance of Mr. Theodore's presence. We have some business to talk over. What's up, Willett?"

Willett, the pilot, appeared at the door with a salute. "We seem to be breaking records," said Willett. "The distance gauge shows St. Louis nearest, with low variation for headway. Indianapolis is weak, right around a hundred and fifty miles, and we're getting indistinct registry that's either Nashville or Chicago, depending on whether it falls off or increases."

"I want to see you a minute," growled Silberberg and drew Shayne out upon the deck.

Willett went back to his work; Mrs. Shayne bowed grandly to the empty air which her gaze indicated as occupying Carson's position; Virginia, begging his pardon with her eyes, excused herself and followed her aunt, and Carson was alone.

Silberberg was making it unpleasant for Shayne again. This fellow, he said, has been taking liberties with Miss Suarez, and he (Silberberg) would not stand it.

"I tell you, Shayne," he urged hotly. "He must be put off! He must be paid and put off. If he isn't!"

"If he isn't," smiled Shayne. "It wouldn't be a serious matter, would it, Max?"

"Yes," spluttered Silberberg. "He insulted me! I tell you, it's all over between Federated Metals and Aero-static Power if I'm forced to take things like this."

Shayne laughed heartily, but he heeded. Mr. Shayne saw real danger of a breach to which no obligation to Carson could have forced him and grasped Silberberg's hand warmly.

"Max, old man," said he, "you're quite right. We can't go down in this wind to let him land, but we can send him aft."

Theodore was examining his parachute as the pair entered the cabin.

"I have decided," said Shayne, "that your aeroplane doesn't interest me."

"Very well," replied Theodore. "You are the sole judge of that, of course."

"And you may consider the negotiations off," went on Shayne.

"I adopted that theory some time ago," replied Carson.

Shayne took out his purse and ostentatiously removed from it a number of bills.

"I think I ought to pay you for your time," said he, "and your service to my niece. Please take these and be good enough to go aft with the crew."

If Silberberg had not seen fit to indulge in a sardonic laugh at this exigency the explosion would not have occurred, but that sneering chuckle acted as a detonator for Carson's temper.

He struck Shayne's extended hand, scattering the bills over the floor. Shayne stood with staring nostrils and white with rage.

"Don't notice the fellow, Shayne," said Silberberg. "He wants to keep his hold on the girl and—"

The speech was cut short by a blow from Carson's flat hand delivered with lightning quickness and with stinging force. As calmly as though bidding Silberberg good morning Carson spoke to him.

"Be careful how you speak of her," said he, "or I'll throw you over the side. Mr. Shayne, permit me to say that you are a cur. I shall leave this craft at once!"

He started to go on deck, but as if reconsidering he turned and rapped on the door through which Virginia had disappeared. The girl opened it and looked breathlessly into Theodore's face.

"I am about to leave the Roc," said he. "I could not leave without bidding you goodby."

"Going?" said she. "Have we decided?"

"Keep away from that man!" screamed Silberberg. "He struck me, and he knocked your uncle's money all over the ship!"

Carson stood aside for her, and they went out upon the mile high deck. She halted, aghast to note that they were still high among the clouds of the storm, plowing on through a wild waste of tossing vapor, while the

horse growl from the earth was so distant as to admonish her of the gid-



DROPPED OFF INTO THE BLACK ABYSS.

dy height from the ground. Beyond the illumination of the lights it was absolutely dark.

"You must be going aft!" said she interrogatively. "I'll go with you."

"No," said he. "I shall never see you again, but I shall never forget you. Goodby. Psyche! Goodby!"

That instantaneous leave taking the trembling girl never forgot. Pressing her hands, he started forward as if to clasp her in his arms. He turned from the embrace already half begun, stepped upon the rail and dropped off into that black abyss of night and tempest. Like a stone he fell, lost in the mists.

The parachute, so far as she could see, had not opened in the least when he vanished, and with pallid face she stood there peering over into the unpeopled space, her soul filled with horrible visions.

(To Be Continued.)

OREGON'S STATE APPLE SHOW

Comprehensive Plans for Exhibit Under Auspices of Horticultural Society—\$2000 Cash Prizes and 50 or 60 Medals—Premium List out.

The apple show to be given on November 30 and December 1 and 2 under the auspices of the Oregon State Horticultural society will be the largest and most pretentious ever held in the state if the plans of the secretary, F. W. Power, and others interested work out successfully.

For the reason that the show this year will be held two or three weeks earlier than last season's show was held, the chances are greater that there will be no freezing weather to interfere, and hence the growers can ship in their exhibits without any danger of their being injured by frost. Last fall many growers in Medford and eastern Oregon points who had prepared unusually fine exhibits were kept away on account of the inclement weather.

The occasion will have a double significance due to the fact that it is the 25th anniversary of the horticultural society. The exhibits will be by Oregon growers only.

Cash Prizes Total \$2000. It is expected the cash prizes will amount all told to about \$2000. Besides this the horticultural society will offer 50 or 60 medals. The premium list will be out early in August. The premium donations received so far are more numerous than was the case last year, but several more subscriptions are still expected from various commercial bodies in the Willamette valley and other business towns.

In order not to have the prizes bunched on two or three kinds of exhibits, Secretary Power with the sanction of all the growers is arranging the classification of all the awards.

One new feature of the show which it is expected the exhibitors will appreciate will be the awarding to each one winning a prize a beautiful diploma. The diploma will be large enough to loom well in a frame. It is thought this stunt will be a drawing card for many exhibitors who would not show otherwise. Last year only small slips with the announcement of the premiums won were issued.

Prizes for Vegetables. The show will be held on the fourth floor of the Meier & Frank building, where there will be considerably more space for exhibiting than last season's show had. A number of prizes and medals are offered for vegetable exhibits. At the last show no vegetables were shown, but this time with the fact known that prizes for vegetables are up, it is thought the farmers will respond.

It is the desire of the management that the vegetable exhibits be made a prominent feature of the show.

It is the plan of the Oregon State Horticultural society, the hotel men of the city and the Portland Commercial club to hold a big apple show one year from this fall in the armory or in other commodious quarters and make the affair as pretentious as the National Apple Show of Spokane. There was some talk of attempting the stunt this fall, but it was decided to postpone the big show for another year in order to allow the farmers time to grow their exhibits and give the organizers plenty of time to solicit subscriptions for premiums and complete the necessary arrangements for so large an undertaking.

It is the intention to secure exhibits from all over the northwest for this show. The premium list will necessarily have to be large, but in each case business houses and interested persons in the sections from which the fruit is brought will be asked to furnish the premiums.

Agitation for the big show will be started immediately and the work of getting out the premium list will be under way during the apple show this fall. The prominent hotel men of the city and the Portland Commercial club are very much interested in the proposition and sufficient backing is promised to make the affair a big success.

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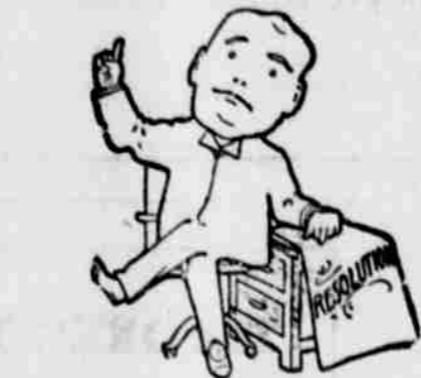
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