

## 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.

IV—Carson visits the Roc, a giant airship owned by Shayne, uncle of Virginia Suarez, the girl he rescued, and, being coldly received, leaps from the Roc, at a great height, in a parachute.

question is, what's your field?" "It is aeronautics," replied Theodore. "I have devised the first effective aeroplane."

"Very interesting," returned Craighead. "I have made that a specialty. I know the defects of the present day aeroplanes, and I understand the failure of the gas supported aerostats, except as toys for parasitic capitalists. But to the point in controversy. Are you the Fulton of the empyrean or the Edison of the hot air? Mr. Evans' porcine tonality has expressed the only conclusion open to him—to accept the Wylie theory as a working hypothesis and to work it at the regular period. Dost follet me?"

"I suppose that this Wylie must turn up sooner or later," mused Theodore. "But why should I take treatment? What do they do to you?" persisted Theodore.

"They give you dope; they feed you for a few days on bran mash; they shoot you twice a day; they give you a little bottle to assuage what they call your thirst the first night or so, though why they call that a thirst which is only a cerebrospinal tendency entirely unconnected with irrigation deponeth saith not. Let's to breakfast."

Breakfast! Here was something to be "understanded of the people." Carson was famishing. And before he returned to his room he learned that he was an inmate of the Slattery Institute For Drunkards.

### CHAPTER VI

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE EMPORIUM.

YOUNG Mr. Carson, detained at the Slattery institute to balance the books on account of the embezzlement of Mr. Wylie, thought often of Shayne's charming niece, but, manlike, gave scarcely a thought of the situation on board the Roc as she bore northward in the night sky after dropping him as a hawk might let fall a too belligerent weasel.

The warfare and insurrection which he left behind would have interested him had he known. Mr. Silberberg, hurt in amour propre as well as probois, was deeply disturbed in his sultanic regard for Virginia. He was too angry to follow her to the deck as she swept out of the cabin to take leave of her bandit of the dunes. For some minutes the girl lay, half fainting, wholly terrified, by the rail, where she had fallen as Theodore dropped over the side into the cloud and the night.

"Where is Virginia?" queried Aunt Marie at last. "Has she eloped with that creature? Look for her! She's my niece, after all!"

Mr. Shayne called Mrs. Shayne's maid and gave orders that Virginia be sought on deck. The maid looked about hastily and, failing to observe the little heap in which Virginia sat huddled up by the rail, ran in agitatedly and said that Miss Suarez was not on deck "in the least."

"I told you!" gasped Mrs. Shayne. "She's thrown herself away!"

Silberberg walked glumly in from the cabin.

"This assassin," said he, "must be aft with the crew. There's only one place where Miss Suarez can be."

Shayne ran aft and astonished the crew by bursting into their midst and staring wildly about, as if demented.

"What is it, sir?" Willett asked calmly.

"Where is Miss Suarez?" panted Mr. Shayne.

"I don't know, sir."

"Where's that fellow we picked up?"

"I don't know," responded Willett.

"They're gone!" Shayne exclaimed, rushing into the cabin. "Max, they've gone over the side!"

(To Be Continued.)

### UNCLE SAM TO TRY AIRSHIPS FOR WARFARE

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—If congress doesn't balk the United States government will within the next year have aeroplanes to use in determining the exact value of aircraft in modern warfare.

According to belief, a plan to ask congress for \$75,000 for the purchase of the aeroplanes is being backed by Secretary of War Dickinson and Secretary of the Navy Meyer. It is expected that the proposition will be up to congress at the next session and that strenuous efforts will be made to secure the appropriation.

It is the intention of the authorities, it is said, to experiment with the machines for both army and navy use.

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Mr. Evans ushered young Mr. Carson into room 34 as if conferring a great favor in thus naming him Wylie and arresting him instanter under the new cognomen.

"I am not Mr. Wylie," reiterated Carson. "I am Theodore Carson, as I said, and I—"

"This matter of names is so complicated," quavered Mr. Evans, pushing up his cuffs as if about to attempt some feat of physical prowess. "No man draw'n' my pay c'n be expected to work it out. I git awful small wages. Mr. Wylie. My duties is simple. You git your tonic an' treatments reg'lar an' keep hours. A whole lot of gentlemen comes here under special names."

Mr. Craighead rapped and entered. "I quite agree with the remarks of my querulous friend, Mr. Evans," said Mr. Craighead. "Your position, Mr. Carson, is an equivocal one. The

## WOMAN CHOPPED IN SMALL PIECES

Remains Sewed in a Gunnysack and  
Thrown Into Sea and Found on  
Beach at Newport—Hardly a Bone  
in Skeleton That Was Not Broken.

NEWPORT, Or., July 27.—The authorities are bending every nerve today to ascertain the identity of the body of a woman which was found hacked into small pieces and sewed in a gunnysack on the beach yesterday. That she was murdered the officials do not doubt.

The body was examined at the morgue today by a number of local surgeons. They declared that the murderer chopped the body into pieces so it would fit into the small grain sack in which it was found.

There was hardly a bone in the skeleton that had not been either broken in two or crushed. This leads the authorities to believe that the murderer beat his victim to death and then cut the body to bits with an axe.

When taken from its bed in the beach sands only small patches of flesh adhered to the bones. The hair, which was long and chestnut colored, had become detached from the skull. This and a perfect set of teeth are the only clues upon which the police have to work.

The decayed condition of the sack and the fact that the flesh had sloughed from the bones indicates that the woman met her death several months ago.

So far as known, no woman has disappeared from Newport or Lincoln county recently, and this leads to the belief that the dead woman was a stranger here, probably a summer visitor, as Newport is one of the big Oregon summer resorts.

The police are working on this theory and have notified the police of other cities to ascertain the names of all missing women who answer the description of the dead woman.

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More goods are sold under the evening lamp at home than you dream of.

Practically every live retailer advertises in his local papers. But how?

Put up your lightning-rod! Let your customers know that you can deliver to them the goods which great advertising, paid for by manufacturers, has interested them in.

They will get the habit—and you will get the business.

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Use your advertising in local papers to focus this demand upon your store—And don't forget to send for those helpful electrotypes.

Read this again, for it means money to you.