

Virginia OF THE Air Lanes

A ROMANCE OF FLYING

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Theodore Carson, inventor of an airship, rescues from fugitive flying machine called a biplane, 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.

V, VI and VII—He lands in the grounds of the Slatery Institute for lebricases, where he makes a friend of one Craighead, who plans to raise capital to manufacture the new style airship Carson has invented. Thus they hope to rival Shayne, who controls the airship industry.

VIII—Mr. Waddy decides conditionally to capitalize the Carson-Craighead project.

IX—Carson goes to Florida to complete a sample airship to exhibit to Mr. Waddy, and he finds Virginia there.

X—He is in love with Virginia. Winer, a rival inventor, conspires to kill Carson.

XI, XII, XIII and XIV—Winer with a submarine in a sensational manner almost accomplishes the death of Carson and Virginia and the destruction of the airship, a case of "devilish versus bird." Virginia flees from Carson in the Roc.

"I will go," said he, "when you tell me when I may seek you and make my explanations. I have the right, Virginia."

"Oh, oh!" she cried. "You are cruel! You are putting the blame of your ruin on me! Go, go!"

"When may I see you again?"

"When you have won your fight for the Virginia," answered she, "when the fruits of your genius are saved to you—if you will go at once—or when you are completely ruined, maybe?"

"Hurry, old man!" cried Craighead. "They're putting up ladders."

Shayne's voice was heard outside the door, giving orders that it be broken in, and some person hurried himself against it unavailingly. A fat cap ap-



"OH, THEODORE, GO, GO!"

peared above the roof, and as the man under it mounted the ladder, carrying a pistol, Craighead seized an overturned chair and, screwing its legs into the rear and face of the scaler as he fired a shot, dumped him neatly into the arms of three or four servants in the court, after which he examined the chair leg, shouting, "No meat on it; I shall starve!" and threw the chair over after the man. Leaping into the air, he shouted to Carson to come or he would have to walk.

The discharge of the pistol admonished Theodore of the seriousness of the situation and emphasized Virginia's leading. He clasped her in his arms, she feebly pushed him off, but yielded to overpowering force.

"I shall come again—for your love," said he.

"I promise nothing," she whispered, except to consider—Oh, Theodore, go! Please, for my sake, go!"

Her face was upturned in pleading, and he kissed her mouth, once, twice, and as her door crashed in he gently blessed her, leaped into the car with Craighead and threw on the clutches the aeroplane, rising, soared above the roof and sped off into the night amid the whizzing of bullets and the racking of firearms.

CHAPTER XVII.
A BATTLE FOR THE AIR.
"HAT is the business, Mr. Craighead, of the Universal Nitrates and Air Products company?"

Mr. Craighead, looking down into Broadway from the window of his office, turned to the group of reporters. "Gentlemen," said he, "you are crass Roman soldiers. I am Archimedes making calculations, and instead of allowing him to equate his equations you javelin him with questions. Tell the journalistic Marcell who sent you that Ark won't be disturbed!"

"But about the Universal Nitrates and Air Products company," said a fat man with perpetually poised pencil, "and its connection with the aeroplane company?"

"Merely fortuitous," replied Craighead. "The aeroplane company is an ephemeral agency for profit—and I scorn it!"

"But you are a director?"

"Oh, yes! Oh, yes!" replied Craighead. "But the greater things had not occurred to me when I went into it. I was ill. I was under a claim. I was chemically in that reaction which results in alcoholism or magalo-conversion. A natural monopolist, General Theolo' Cabson, M. A., took advantage of my weakness and got me into it. Honor rooted in dishonor stands, and faith unfaithful keeps me falsely true, and I stay with him in his fight with Aerostatic Power. Then I shall give my whole attention to the Universal Nitrates and Air Products company, which is to the Carson-Craighead aeroplane as the rings of Saturn to those of a faro bank. And, to originate a phrase, that's going some!"

"You're really good, Mr. Craighead," said a girl reporter, "and if the tungstate of your alcoholic days was worse than this you ought to have taken something for it."

"I tried to," confessed Craighead, "but Dr. Witherspoon expelled me!"

"But here's the situation as we get it. If we're wrong, we'll stay wrong unless you set us right."

"Oh, cursed spite!" recited Craighead.

"No more tungstate, if you please," said the young woman. "The Air Products company was a wildcat looking West Virginia formation to"—here she read from a clipping—"to extract free nitrogen from the air by the Craighead method or otherwise, for the purpose of obtaining fertilizers to thereby increase the capacity of the earth for supporting population."

"Is that," cried he frantically, "in our articles? Then all is lost! Let me take it!"

With shaking hand Craighead took down the telephone and asked for Mr. Filley.

"This you, Filley?" he queried. "Here's something that ruins us. A split infinitive in the articles. Won't hurt anything? Won't have to be done over? And we call ourselves civilized!"

Craighead handed the paper back. "You have shocked me," said he.

"But never mind, dearie! I know not whether to rejoice for the Air Products company or weep for institutions that allow such a solecism to be legal as to thereby increase."

"Well," said the reporter, "it goes on to say and for securing all rights in the atmosphere necessary for its complete reduction to possession for the production of nitrates, ozones and all other atmospheric derivatives and for the securing of exclusive rights in the air over lands for all purposes whatsoever." Now, that," said she, "for all purposes whatsoever, isn't that pretty broad?"

"A broad intellect composed it."

"These rights happen—merely happen—to gridiron every state in squares marked by grants and leases to the Air Products company?"

"My child," said Craighead, "do you understand the Craighead method of extracting nitrates from the atmosphere by spontaneous discharges of static electricity from electrodes suspended over the earth's surface?"

"No," she said. "Do you?"

"It is one of my specialties," said he. "If I might have you all to myself for an evening I would explain, but for the nonce by-by."

Mr. Craighead took much pleasure in his position as press representative of the Carson-Craighead Aeroplane company. The Virginia, her builder and the contest with Aerostatic Power were matters on which the great dailies had men at work night and day. This visit to the neighborhood of Shayne's Hold was a tantalizing mystery. The mountain inn where the Virginia had been laid up for repairs had been visited by reporters and the impossibility of surface communication between it and Shayne's Hold pointed out. The mysterious Craighead had leased for the Aeroplane corporation the vacant aerodrome on the roof of this very building, gone back to the inn, whence the Virginia had sailed to their leased roof within an hour, and not by Shayne's Hold, after which Craighead was the news center from which emanated the most astounding medley of scientific, psychologic, mystical and mystifying news ever heard.

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