

A FEW years hence we shall see with the eagle's eye the wonders we now view afoot, still earthbound like the mountain goat or the big-horn that returns our gaze from an opposite cliff. In that day sightseeing *will* be sightseeing! We shall scan the waters of Yellowstone Lake as the osprey now scans them. We shall sail over Rainier peak as the high clouds sail over. We shall look downward into the seething kettle of Kilauea as the forgotten gods once looked, in the days when they ruled the skies over Hawaii.

The dream of Daedalus has come true so quickly, and our new wings have grown so fast, that the average citizen, even if he can boast of having "been up" a time or two, still feels slightly dazed and doubtful about it. He has been shaken suddenly out of his sleep, and is not certain whether the soaring portent in the sky is real or a lingering phantasm of the night. If he is old enough to be a trifle gray, he can remember how men mocked at Langley. If he is young enough still to be a little concerned at the way his hair is thinning in front, he can remember how he

himself marvelled at the Wrights. And here is Lindbergh, a grown man and a hero, who can not remember a time when men could not fly!

We shall get over our daze, however. A hundred years ago our great-grandfathers were similarly dazed over their iron horse, and they got over it, and even the prejudiced ones among them soon entrusted themselves and their goods to its swift ministrations. Now that we have a flaming Pegasus tamed for us, it is only a question of getting the creature to multiply until it shall also possess the earth.

Airplane mail and airplane express are common-places now. Plane passenger traffic is an everyday matter in Europe, and is becoming so with us. Seeing the glories and the wonders of the world from this towering and inspiring point of vantage has not yet been granted to us. But this Army Air Service camera man has given us a foretaste, and we are waiting now, impatiently jingling the ticket-money in our pockets. Make haste, gentlemen, make haste!

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Botanic Gardens

Botany

Information from Dr. Marshall A. Howe, acting director, New York Botanical Garden.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, of Harvard University, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Founded in 1870. This covers about 220 acres and contains the largest collection of trees and shrubs of the temperate regions.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN, St. Louis, Missouri, established 1889. This included originally about 670 acres, only a part of which has been devoted to the botanical garden itself, the sales and rentals of the remainder furnishing a large maintenance fund, a part of which has been devoted to acquiring a larger supplementary tract at some distance from the city. Floral displays throughout the year are an attractive feature of the institution. It has an herbarium and library and much important research has been accomplished.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN, incorporated in 1891, in active operation since 1896. It covers 400 acres in Bronx Park, has extensive greenhouses, a large museum, herbarium and library, and conducts botanical exploration and research in various departments of the plant sciences. It maintains special exhibits of daffodils, tulips, irises, roses, dahlias, etc.

BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN, Brooklyn, N. Y., established 1910, contains an attractive rock garden and a Japanese Garden that has been pronounced the most perfect specimen of the kind in America. The Garden is active in public instruction and in cooperating in the nature-study work of the public schools.

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