

# BRITISH NOTES OF THE WEEK.

## A Good Flight at Eastbourne.

MAKING his test for the Royal Aero Club certificate, Mr. F. B. Fowler, at Eastbourne, on December 27th made five figure eights during 17 minutes at an average height of 200 feet, and then landed within 2 yards of the centre of the circle of 50 yards. The machine was a 50-h.p. Gnome-Blériot.

## A Model Club for Eastbourne.

IT is proposed to establish a model aero club for Eastbourne and district. In order that a start may be made with the arrangements, anyone interested in the project is asked to send their name to Mr. V. Yates, St. Antony Avenue, Seaside, Eastbourne.

## A Lecture for Youngsters.

UNDER the auspices of the Young Aerial League a lecture is to be given at the Passmore Edwards Hall, Tavistock Place, W.C., on Saturday next 13th inst., by the President, Col. H. S. Massey the subject being "How Men Fly." Members and Boy Scouts in uniform will be admitted free, while the charge for non-members is sixpence and for parents and grown-ups eightpence.

## An Aero Club for Edinburgh.

IT is proposed to form an Aero Club in Edinburgh, and all interested are invited to write to D. Urquart, 127, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, who is acting as honorary secretary *pro tem*. The club will have the advantage of the use of a glider which has been successfully tested, and therefore operations can be started at once.

## Mrs. Lillian Bland's Biplane and Accessories.

MRS. BLAND asks us to state in reply to the shoal of letters received by her as a result of the paragraph in our issue of December 23rd, that she has now arranged to present her biplane glider to the newly-formed Dublin Flying Club. Mrs. Bland regrets, owing to the large number of letters she is still receiving, she cannot reply personally to her correspondents. All the accessories are also disposed of, with the exception of the Aeroplane engine, which is still open for negotiation.

## Engagement of Lord Howard de Walden.

THE congratulations of all motorists—aerial, terrestrial and aquatic—have been showered upon Lord Howard de Walden, whose engagement to Miss Margherita Van Raalte was announced last week. Lord Howard de Walden, as is well known, has been an enthusiastic and liberal supporter of both motoring—and aviation—in all its branches, and, although he has been unable to find much time for flying, he is the possessor of an aeroplane.

## Record Balloon Voyage.

IN a balloon piloted by Mr. C. F. Pollock, the Hon. Mrs. Assheton Harbord accomplished, on Friday of last week, what is, we believe, a record point-to-point trip in England. Leaving Pembroke Dock Gasworks at 2.50 a.m., the balloon, aided by a westerly wind, was carried to Witham, in Essex, where a descent was made at 1.40 p.m., the distance of 240 miles having been made in ten minutes under the eleven hours. The Hon. Mrs. Assheton Harbord

was competing for the Royal Aero Club Challenge Cup, which she had previously won twice in succession.



A clever up-to-date "Arabian Nights" Christmas greeting from Mr. C. Cliff Cheek.

## A Plane Talk.

Scene: Three men and a piece of rough wood.

BILL (a Warwickshire man): "How can I smooth this 'ere piece o' wood?"

JOHN (a Yorkshireman): "Try plane."

BILL: "I ain't got ere a plane."

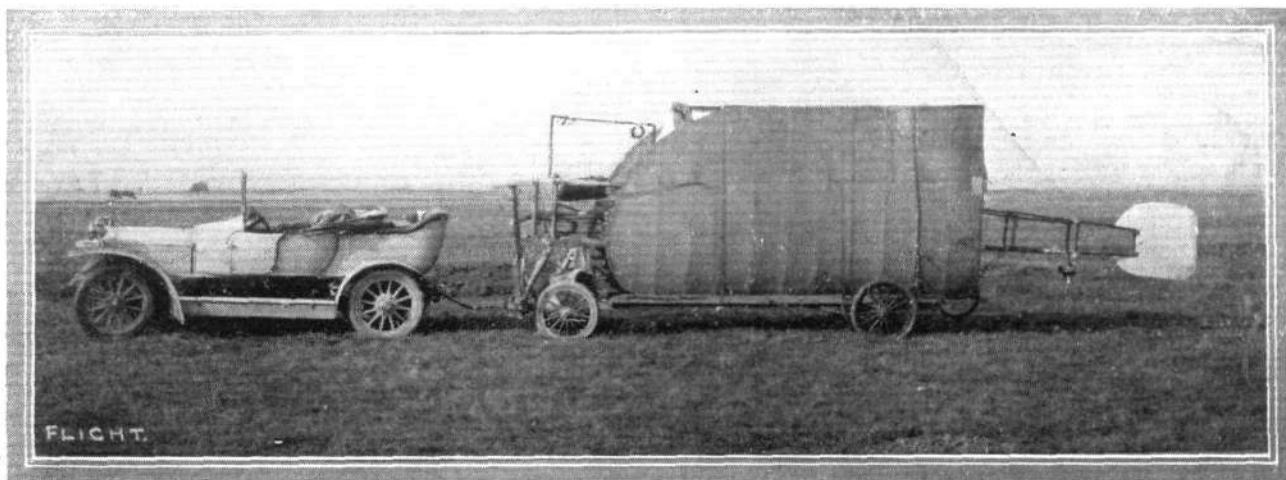
JOHN: "Well, buy plane."

ARRY (also Warwickshire): "W'y dan't yer lend the mon a plane."—BEN KELSEY, of Water Orton.

## An Ingenious Aeroplane Trolley.

IN the accompanying photograph is seen the method employed by the Eastbourne Aviation Co. for conveying their machines by road. The trolley was specially constructed by them for the purpose, and consists of the front and back wheels of an ancient Oldsmobile, fixed to an ash framing made of 3 in. by 2 in. timber. The under-carriage of the machine is firmly bolted to this framing, and the wings are carried in a felt-lined trough fixed on either side. A tow-bar of the usual type is used to attach the trolley to the car.

The aeroplane, a 25 h.p. Anzani-Blériot, seen on the trolley in our photograph, had just come a distance of 110 miles, over which an average speed of 15 m.p.h. was maintained. The total length of the car and trolley when the machine is mounted on it, is about 43 ft., but we understand that no difficulty was experienced, even in negotiating right-angle corners.



The special trolley which has been devised by the Eastbourne Aviation Co. for the purpose of conveying their aeroplanes by road, and for use as a breakdown vehicle.