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Getting Mr. Moore-Brabazon's Short biplane in place on to the starting rail.

length. Dufour was also practising on Saturday and Sunday on his Farman biplane. On the former day he covered 10 kiloms., while the next day he flew three times round the parade ground at a height of only five metres.

### Doings at Issy.

On the 24th ult., the new model Voisin was given an airing at Issy, but M. Chateau contented himself with running it along the ground for a quarter of an hour. The same day, a Danish aviator, Nerno, flew two or three times round the ground at a height of 7 or 8 metres. Maurice Clement, too, met with a little success with his Clement-Bayard biplane, getting it to leave the ground, although only for a moment. On the following day, however, he made one or two long jumps of 200 metres.

## Short Flights at Dunkirk.

Last Saturday week at Dunkirk, M. Barataux, on his Wright flyer, succeeded in making a long hop of 250 metres, and hopes that now he will be able to make rapid progress.

# Santos Dumont's "Darracq" Motor.

First blood, in the legal conflict between the Darracq Co. and M. Dumont, as to with whom rests the property and patent rights of the motor, made by Messrs. Darracq and Co., with which M. Dumont accomplished his recent splendid flights, has been drawn by the Darracq Co. This week an order from the French Courts was issued appointing M. Max Richard as "sequestrator" of the engine in dispute, the main question of rights being left to subsequent proceedings.

### Flyer as Autograph Album.

An interesting commentary on the popularity of the little monoplane on which M. Bleriot crossed the Channel, and which occupies the place of honour at the Paris Salon, is the extraordinary number of signatures and initials which have been inscribed all over the "Continental" fabric with which the wings of this historical machine are covered.

## A Hydro-Aeroplane.

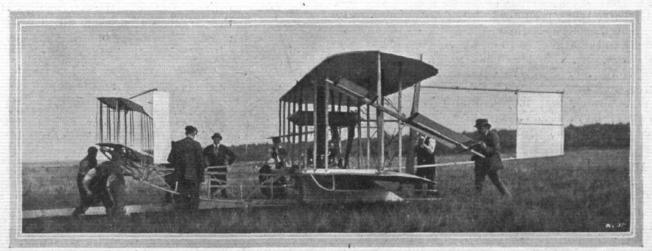
M. Henri Fabre has completed at Marseilles, and hopes to try shortly, a new combination hydro-aeroplane. The machine is of the tandem monoplane type, and mounted on two air chambers, so that it can start from and, if necessary, skim along the surface of the water. It is fitted with four 12-h.p. two-cylinder Anzani motors.

#### The Bordeaux Meeting.

Another honour has been accorded to the big aviation meeting which is being organised at Bordeaux next year, as the President of the French Republic has signified his consent to officially inaugurate the meeting next spring, during the course of his trip to Marmande.

#### Flying at Spa.

ALTHOUGH the Spa meeting continued during last week-end, there was very little flying, the wind and rain-preventing flying to any considerable extent. On the 30th ult. the wind moderated, and Delagrange just made a couple of circuits round the course, and Le Blomwent round three times. By the 2nd inst., M. Sommer-



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Side view, on the starting rail, of Mr. Moore-Brabazon's biplane, just constructed by Messrs. Short Bros.