

# CONCERNING EVERYBODY!

An item requiring great consideration. See what I am endeavouring to do for the welfare of the Universe.

## Aerial Navigation BY THE Revolving Balloon

SOON TO MAKE ITS MAIDEN TRIP FROM THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

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The object of this apparatus is to render assistance to ships in distress at sea, discover the whereabouts and save the lives of people who are adrift in boats (the result of shipwrecks); open up quick communication with the sheep farmers and settlers in the Bush of our Colonies, from where it takes them weeks and months to come into the towns for their necessaries. These machines will be capable of carrying tons through the air, hundreds of miles, in a few hours, to them REGARDLESS OF THE WIND, and transfer their produce, such as meat, grain, and other commerce, to the railway and ships for this country. This achievement will save the great expense of freightage, consequently it will considerably reduce the price of universal necessities, whereby all will benefit. We shall be able to explore isolated parts of the world and bring home living pictures of Darkest England. It

will also be of great value to our country in case of war, and cause a large amount of money to be in circulation; and provide work for many. I am building a working model of my invention, with the object of placing before the Government experts with the hope of inducing them to assist me in carrying my work through.

I am selling Picture Postcards of my Revolving Balloon to help defray expenses. If you care to spend a trifle with me, it will greatly assist. The postcard is copyright, and is given as an acknowledgment of your support. At the same time I shall feel pleased to reply to any questions on the subject, and wish to thank my many friends who have given their past support. Trusting they will continue to rally round me,

Remaining, yours faithfully,

F. W. BENNETT.

The following paragraph will explain my past experience, and details of the building-up of my work:—

I am the original inventor of the Aerial Cycle, with which I had several trials at the Crystal Palace on Easter Monday, 1898. My apparatus was attached to a balloon, and made an ascent in the presence of 100,000 spectators, resulting in a successful trip into Essex, landing at Chadwell Heath, a distance of over 30 miles in 25 minutes.

I have been at a great expense and outlay, and am now needing assistance to carry this work through. I find it difficult to induce the capitalists to speculate until I can show them my principle of working; consequently I have adopted the above scheme, which I hope will meet with your approval.

I have shown my plans to practical men, who pronounce them good for the following reason: The balloon is allowed to revolve; its object in doing so is to rebuke the resistance of the wind by displacing the

air from the fore, and putting it to the rear, and prevent a vacuum, at the same time allowing the balloon to keep vertical and properly balanced, while the car retains a steerable position through being suspended from the axle upon which the balloon revolves. Another important item is a hoop so arranged round the network that in case of explosion the hoop will then keep the network open and allow the bottom of the gas bag to ascend into the top and form a parachute. Progress will be obtained by propellers driven 2,000 revolutions per minute with 50 horse-power motor. The balloon will be inflated with a new element I have discovered which will lift twice as much weight as hydrogen at the cost of a few shillings. I could lift two or three tons and keep in the air for a week.

Kindly peruse this, and return the handbill when I call again for your answer.—F. W. B.