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TO MY BROTHER
DR. T. BYARD COLLINS
WHO HAD FAITH WHILE OTHERS LAUGHED

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A WORD TO YOU

Flyers are in great demand.

The United States Government wants men for its flying corps and you can be one of them.

To be an airman in time of war is not only less dangerous than fighting in the trenches but it is far more exciting, and, besides, it puts you in the front rank to win honor and glory.

Though it is not hard to learn to fly, there are but few who can handle an aëroplane at the present time; hence to be a pilot *now* means in a literal sense that you are a *superman*, for you are above your earth-bound fellows, at least when you are winging your way through cosmic space.

Now you may or may not know it, but the aëroplane is the speed machine of today.

It has been highly developed to meet the exacting and rigorous conditions imposed by the present war, and when the great conflict is over manufacturers will direct their energies toward supplying the need for sporting and commercial machines.

Aëroplanes, as they are now designed, constructed, and flown, are as safe, or safer, than automobiles, nor does it take much more mental and physical energy to

learn to drive them, but what it does take to fly is the kind of stuff that men are made of.

To be a flyer at this stage of the game will put you in the front rank of the birdmen, for the art is new and history is long. Therefore I say unto you: Learn to fly now. Leave this mundane spheroid under you and make short cuts over the hills and rivers and whatever other obstacles have heretofore impeded your two-dimensional travel, and go in an air line.

This is the age of the swift, by the swift, and for the swift; and the *aéroplane* is the last word in progressive achievement. Your opportunity to learn to fly is at hand today, so do it *now* and be ready to go to the front in an *escadrille*.

A. FREDERICK COLLINS.

*The Antlers,
Congers, Rockland County,
New York.*

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