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Its working characteristics and theory, together with a brief discussion of the airplane engine and the power available for airplane propulsion

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PREFACE

It is with some hesitation that the writer adds to the literature of the propeller. He has been lead to do so, however, because many discussions of the subject are unsatisfying and in some cases are not in accord with fact. Indeed, misconceptions of the behavior of a propeller are not uncommonly held even by those who are otherwise well-informed on aerodynamic subjects.

The author has endeavored to present a brief and simple treatment of the propeller for those who want a practical working knowledge of its characteristics and a general knowledge of its theory. It is believed that the treatment will at the same time serve as a general introduction for those who wish to pursue the subject further and to make a more detailed study of the propeller, either in its theoretical or practical aspects.

As the material herein is soon to be revised and republished* in another form, the author would welcome criticism, and would be pleased to have his attention called to any error or obscurity in presentation. He desires to thank Professor S. Noda, Honorary Fellow in Physics, Cornell University, for valuable assistance in the preparation of this book, particularly in the calculation of the characteristics of the propeller.

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