

THE PARACHUTE.

Leonardo da Vinci Was the First One to Suggest It.

Credible accounts exist of an English Benedictine monk, Oliver of Malmesbury, in the eleventh century having tried to fly by precipitating himself from the height of a tower with the assistance of wings attached to his arms and his feet. It is said that, having gone along a little way, he fell and broke his legs. He attributed his accident to failure to provide his apparatus with a tail, which would have helped preserve his equilibrium and made his descent a gentler one.

In the sixteenth century Leonardo da Vinci first demonstrated that a bird, which is heavier than the air, sustains itself, advances in the air, "by rendering the fluid denser where it passes than where it does not pass." In order to fly it has to fix its point of support on the air. Its wings in the descending stroke exert a pressure from above down, the reaction of which from below up forces the center of gravity of its body to ascend at each instant to the height at which the bird wishes to maintain it. Some sketches which have come down to us prove that Leonardo occupied himself, like Oliver of Malmesbury, with giving man the power to fly by the assistance of wings suitably fixed to the body.

We owe to Leonardo also the invention of the parachute, which he described in the following terms: "If a man had a pavilion each side of which was fifteen braces wide and twelve braces high he might cast himself from any height whatever without fear of danger." It may be said, too, of Leonardo da Vinci that he was the first to suggest the idea of the screw propeller.

A SAUCY DUCHESS.

Her Audacious Fight For Gay and His "Beggars' Opera."

When the "Beggars' Opera," by Gay, was produced in 1728 it took positively by storm. The king still clung to Handel, but the nobility, with the Duchess of Queensberry among them, flocked rapturously to the "Newgate pastoral." The "Beggars' Opera" had a run of sixty-two nights, unprecedented those days, and as one result of success Handel became bankrupt. Suddenly there came an order from the lord chancellor to stop the new piece. Why, is not exactly known unless it was because the prime minister considered himself to be too faithfully represented therein. However that may have been, the theater had to be closed, whereupon the Duchess of Queensberry took up Gay's cause and vehemently championed it.

Very busy was she in those days, driving about in her coach asking for guinea subscriptions for printing copies of the forbidden play. And so heedless was Kitty that she carried her list to the queen's drawing room itself and had the audacity to ask the king for a subscription. This was a little too much, and her grace was requested to withdraw from the court, Kitty announcing, with characteristic composure, that the command was very agreeable to her, as she had never gone there for her own diversion, but to bestow civility upon the king and queen.

Papua Island.

Papua island was so named by the Malays, and the word means "frizzled," in reference to the hair of the inhabitants. It is generally supposed that Papua or New Guinea was originally part of the mainland of Australia. It was discovered by the Portuguese in 1526, though it was probably sighted by A. Dabreu during his voyage fifteen years earlier. The Australian government, realizing the danger that would arise if an enemy seized land so near their coasts, frequently urged England to annex the eastern portion of the island, and after two or three unauthorized annexations a British protectorate was established there in 1884.

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NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with the order of the Court, as Clerk of the said Court and empowered so to do by said Deed of Trust, I will expose to Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Monday, March 8th 1909, the following described real estate lying and being on the County of Iredell, described and defined as follows:

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Second tract, adjoining the lands of Andy Barnhart, A. T. and O. R. R., and other and bounded as follows: commencing at Andy Barnhart's corner; thence 76 feet with Washington Avenue to the County road; thence with said road 214 feet of the A. T. and O. R. R., thence 45 feet with the railroad East to Andy Barnhart's corner, containing one third of an acre more or less.

Third tract, adjoining the lands of Lettie Ramsey and other and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone 50 feet from A. T. and O. R. R., about a quarter of an mile South of the depot; running parallel with the railroad 200 feet to stake in line; thence East 80 feet to stake Lettie Ramsey's corner; thence East 8 feet 200 feet to Dick Watt's line, thence with line West 80 feet to the beginning; containing one third of an acre more or less.

Jan. 30, 1909 J. A. Hartness L. C. Coldwell Clerk of Superior Court Aity

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