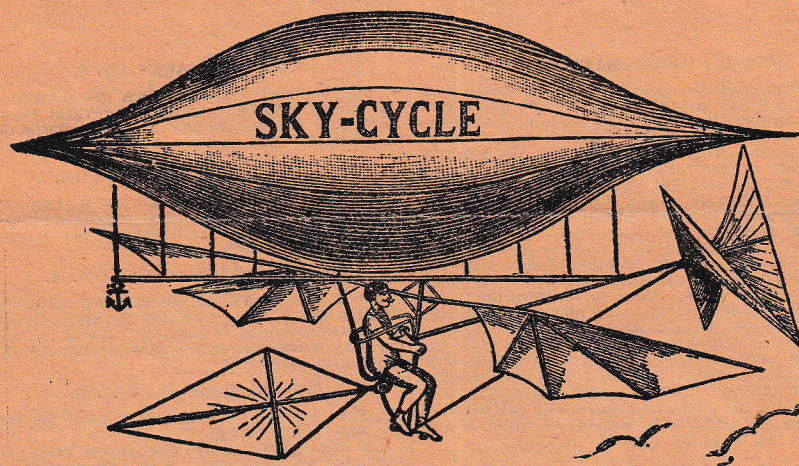


# The Sky Bicycle Air Ship.

Otherwise known as the Aerial Velocipede, Gas Kite and



Solely invented and originally named by

## PROF. CARL MYERS,

OF THE "BALOON FARM,"

FRANKFORT, HERKIMER COUNTY, N. Y.

Is the only air vessel, other than a balloon, that is making public exhibitions out doors, anywhere in the world today. It is not a toy but an actual flying machine, carrying a man through the air by his own efforts. It is worked by foot pedals, like an ordinary bicycle, but goes through the air instead of on the ground, and is supported by a hydrogen gas spindle unlike any form or creation that you ever saw before. It has made numerous exhibitions in public, always out doors, and has never failed to rise and move away. Its inventor, whose reputation exceeds that of any other aeronaut in any county, guarantees this result.

Read the press reports below, and don't fail to see the only practicable air ship exhibiting out doors anywhere in the world at the present time.

From Boston Globe, Sept. 2.

In the whole history of the Eastern Main State fair there never was such a successful Friday as was the case to day. The feature of the day was the ascent of Prof. Carl Myers, with a curious air ship, the sky-cycle.

From Utica Herald.

At Saratoga Springs, rising in a calm, he rode it nine or ten miles in twenty minutes, distancing the teams which started ahead of him, whose route he crossed repeatedly as he circled in the air. He was able to start swiftly, stop suddenly, turn around on a center or within the length of the machine, and go right or left by simply leaning in the desired direction. Prof. Myers has had 17 years active experience in hydrogen gas ballooning, during which he has operated some 1200 ascensions, 360 of which have been made by his wife, "Carlotta."

From New York Recorder, March 29.

All theories are good until they are tried, but this is now an accepted fact. A reporter of the Recorder has seen and ridden the machine and says: "The mounting is easy. The machine rose like a bird. I looked down and found myself sixty feet above the road. The machine worked easily and perfectly. I leaned to the right and the machine veered in that direction; to the left with the like result; backward and it ascended; forward and it came down. A height of 1,000 feet has been attained and a distance of twelve miles covered by the inventor before a crowd of witnesses.

Extract from N. Y. Sunday Sun, May 19.

A Sun reporter took a ride thro the air recently on the flying machine or air bicycle invented by Carl Myers, at his home in Frankfort.

"Get astride and try it yourself," he said. "Up we went, nearly a hundred feet with a feeling of perfect security. The machines were under perfect control.

As the reporter would not go higher, Mr. Myers said "Good by" and ascended to about 1000 feet, circling round the valley, and eventually descending and rejoining the reporter at the lower elevation.

From Lowville Times, Sept. 25.

important event was the ascent in Prof. Carl Myers' sky bicycle about 3 p. m.

The chief attraction to-day was the aerial bicycle of Prof. Myers. It is universally conceded to have been the best ascension ever made from the fair grounds.—Herald, Sept. 19.

From Rochester, N. H. Courier, Sept. 29.

So many people were never in the city before. The wonderful sky-cycle went up and was a great feature. This deserves special mention. The novelty of the apparatus together with the excellent manner in which it was handled combining to make it one of the most pleasing and successful attractions ever seen in this city. Of the delighted thousands who witnessed the ascension every one declared it to be alone well worth the price of admission.

From Brockton, Mass., Enterprise, Oct. 6.

28,000 people! That was the size of the crowd the second day of the Brockton Fair. The sky-cycle made a successful ascension and was a novelty in ballooning.

From Boston Globe, Oct. 6.

Excellent attractions brought out the largest attendance in the history of the Brockton fair. During the day 30,000 persons passed thro the gates. There was an ascension of the bicycle air-ship. After a sail of an hour the machine landed in the center of the fair grounds.

From Marysville, O., Journal, Oct. 19.

The largest attendance in the history of the society, tho it rained all day Friday. The Sky-cycle Thursday was a grand success and a beautiful spectacle. At exactly 2 p. m. the air ship rose, with the expert aeronaut in the saddle, to a height of 4,000 feet and traveled 23 miles in one hour. Prof. Myers, who owns and superintends the sky-cycle, is to be congratulated on his successful exhibition.

Prof. Myers filled his engagement to the letter.—Tribune.

From Mercury, Oct. 2.

Over 10,000 people viewed the exhibition. As a balloon ascension it was a decided success. The professor is always sure of perfect inflation, and his balloons never rip, or run down at the heel. This was a new one being shaped some.



# SOMETHING NEW.

## THE CAPTIVE BALLOON A GRAND SUCCESS.

Afton Fair smashes the record this year.

Biggest crowd ever seen on the grounds. Fine balloon ascensions. Everybody satisfied.

The captive balloon proved a novel attraction. Many availed themselves of this opportunity to get the novel sensation of going up in a balloon and it was kept busy each day. The final ascension on the fourth day was a pretty one, Mme. Carlotta and a gentleman from Syracuse moving grandly away on what proved to be a long aerial journey. They went quite rapidly in nearly an easterly direction and were in view for half an hour or more. The landing was made at Sharon Springs, seventy-eight miles away at 6 p. m., the trip consuming just three hours. The Laurens correspondent of the Star says:

The balloon which started from Afton passed over this place Friday night about 5 o'clock going in a north-easterly direction.

A large number of dodgers were dropped from the basket as it sailed over the country, stating that we are having the biggest fair this year and inviting everybody to come next year.—Enterprise, Sept. 20, 1898.

The Oneonta Star says: "The balloon drifted northward, passing over Bainbridge at 3:30 o'clock, Sidney at 3:45, Unadilla at 3:57, and Wells Bridge at 4:10. The air ship was plainly seen passing over this locality to the north-west about 4:30. It was seen by numerous parties here and caused considerable commotion."

The Christmas number (Dec. 1898) of the Metropolitan Magazine devotes five pages of printed matter and eleven photogravings to illustrate "New York City's County Fair" and the Santiago Captive War Balloon operated during the following week by Prof. Carl Myers of the celebrated Balloon Farm at Frankfort, N. Y., where were built 21 captive war balloons for the U. S. A. Signal corps during the early days of our war with Spain. The Metropolitan says: "The fad of the autumn with New York's fashionable people is the Westchester Co. Fair, an exhibition like and metropolises and its leading women patronize the wealthiest men of the great see it. The grand stand of the regulation fair grounds has no attraction for this class. What was of greater interest at the last exhibition was a great captive balloon from which the wealthy and poor alike gazed on the out-spread landscape—"

The Westchester Co. News, Oct. 1, 1898, says:—"The 13th annual fair has been one of the best ever held in this county or state. The captive war balloon "Santiago" proved itself a very popular feature and hundreds made the journey a thousand feet in the air and witnessed one of the grandest sights imaginable. To the east boats were visible upon the Sound, while to the west the Hudson could plainly be seen, to the South New York (city) was easily discernable. The balloon itself was a beautiful spectacle and the most conspicuous feature from the grounds and for miles around. Today, "Carlotta," who made a daring trip during the first year of the fair, will, late in the afternoon, accompanied by some well known Westchester Co. man, go up in the balloon and make a journey to some distant point."

From Syracuse Journal, Sept. 17, 1896.

The Onondaga county fair is all right. One of the great features is the captive balloon. A large number of people have availed themselves of the opportunity of making the ascent. A Journal reporter found on looking over the edge of the car that the earth seemed to be dropping away from the balloon, instead of the balloon rising from the earth. The view of the surrounding country is magnificent and gradually broadens as the balloon continues to ascend until the occupants of the car can see for miles around in all directions. He can see the city spread out below him, Oneida Lake in its entirety toward the northeast, many surrounding villages, Onondaga and other small lakes and streams. Prof. Myers says the captive attains a height of 1300 feet. He has done everything that he can to make the balloon perfectly safe as a captive, and gives the ground arrangements his personal attention. A person need have no more fear of going up than riding on a train or a steamboat. This balloon has made a great many captive ascents and never had the slightest accident.

Syracuse Courier, Sep. 17, '96: Everyone seemed to be pleased with the grounds, the management and the display yesterday. Above all, the Prof. Myers who has charge