

FLASHES

The Black Bomber on its first test flight performed as if it had ironed out all minor faults in 100 hours flying.

B, From the Vickers stable, the Valiant Mark II was without faults. ^{Thought all} ~~the details are top secret but it is admitted the aircraft could carry atom bombs immense distances at great speed.~~ Some indication of its powers is afforded by the fact that in the London to New Zealand race next month experts predict the Black Bomber will do the 12,000-miles in well under 24-hours. This ~~near~~ 600 m.p.h. flight will be a valuable test of the four Rolls Royce Avon engines.

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The stairs of ~~Middlesex~~ Guildhall were the testing place of the escalator chair, demonstrated by the Care of Cripples Council. It's a Danish invention designed mainly for victims of infantile paralysis. The ingenious wheel-arrangements and electric motor of one-third horse-power make it easily controllable by one attendant. A boon both to patients and nurses.

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Inside one-minute it is converted to a wheel-chair. How grateful must be the thousands who cannot walk that one inventor has turned his imagination to their aid.

Crack motorcyclists of England, France, Holland and Belgium raced round the famous obstacle course at Montreuil, in the President's Grand Prix. The race is run over 20 laps; anybody who finishes can certainly claim to be a motorcyclist.

Most years it's won by an English rider ^{but it} ~~on an English~~ machine, but to the general surprise that didn't happen this time. The ~~well-known~~ ^{acc} French rider Frantz was a worthy winner. Everybody was pleased. It's time some other country had a crack of the motorcycling whip.

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