

STAPP STOPPED! To Rest From 632 m.p.h. in One and Half Seconds

20 Colonel Stapp told the Press he suffered intense pain and
got two of the loveliest black eyes you ever saw, when he
made the rocket sled test. On a 1,000-yard rail track at the
Air Development Centre, New Mexico the rocket-propelled
sled was ready for the test: to stop practically dead
from over 600 m.p.h. Guinea-pig in the experiment was the
Colonel himself. He made a similar test at over 400
40 m.p.h. last June. . Now they were going to produce the
effect of an airman baling out from a 1,000-m.p.h.
jet at 35,000 feet. Stapp didn't even know if he'd come
out of it alive.

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In a matter of seconds the sled hit 632 m.p.h. The water
brakes stopped it in one second and a half.

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