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Gulf of Mexico; Ejector Seat in Action

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America: The first test of a new type of ejector seat. From a jet bomber flying at five hundred miles an hour, an airman is catapulted out - to spiral ten thousand feet to earth.

A recognised form of "escape" in fighter-planes, the ejector seat has now become necessary for bomber-crews - in ~~air~~<sup>aircraft</sup> fast approaching supersonic speeds...

~~By automatic timing, the seat is~~ By automatic timing, the seat is thrown clear <sup>THEN</sup> the parachute blossoms out - to arrest the fall of the plunging figure.

~~and the pilot lands in the Gulf of Mexico.~~

WHEN THE PILOT ~~hits the water~~ <sup>WILL</sup> hits the water - an inflated suit keeps him afloat, ~~as~~

~~Science keeps pace with the jet age in new safety~~ Science keeps pace with the jet age in new safety measures.