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As part of its normal task of supporting and promoting the development of aeronautical science in this country, the Royal Aircraft Establishment interests itself in research on materials which may be used in aircraft construction. Some time ago, it became apparent that new techniques in the use of certain fabrics might be applied to the construction of an aircraft which, while not of high performance, would be exceptionally light, cheap to produce and maintain, and easy to operate.

Such an aircraft might have both military and civil applications, particularly in areas where road communications are poor. Although its main use will be for civilian purposes, such an aircraft could be adapted for military use by the War Office, who have already expressed some interest in it.

The M.L. Aviation Company are continuing the research and development work largely with a view to determining the civil possibilities of the aircraft. The Ministry of Supply have, however, placed a small development contract with the firm in view of the potential military interest. The project is, of course, a long-term one and no startling results can be expected for a considerable time.

As regards the civilian use of the aircraft, the requirements of the Air Safety Board are conditioning factors in the research and development which is proceeding.

Brief Notes.

Weight: approximately 5 cwt. Span: 40 ft. Max. Speed: approx.

30 m.p.h.; Min. Speed: approx. 20 m.p.h. Range: 100 miles.

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