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FLYING BOLSTER.

What is this - a collapsible featherbed for farmers? Water-wings for a whale? Believe it or not, it's an aeroplane, weighing only 515 pounds. The inflatable wing is of rubber-proofed fabric, which is filled with air by a blower motor. When it's flat, it can be rolled into a kitbag - but inflated, it's big enough to carry the two-man fuselage with its engine and pusher airscrew.

Petrol tanks are fitted beneath the wing, and she's ready to go. The Ministry of Supply have placed a contract, for the development of these surprising little planes, which have both military and civil possibilities. Top speed is 58 miles an hour. On the ground the whole thing can be stowed into its own fuselage and towed behind a car.

Control is very simple, and there's practically nothing that can go wrong. Mind you, that wing is tough - for the sky's no place to get a puncture!