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INVENTIONS RISE AND FALL.

Pedal hard enough, thinks schoolmaster John Davies, and maybe he'll win £5,000. That's the prize offered for the first manpowered flight of one mile before next February. Hence the Helipeds, whose rotor has only leg-power to drive it. If only Davies could pedal hard enough to send the thing well up into the air, the rest would be easy. On this attempt John really thought he was going to make the force of gravity seem a back number. Helipede designer Tom Hill timed the revs, and any second now it looked like outer space next step. The camera can't lie, so we regret to report that the halipede didn't fly this time. Those leg muscles will have to get a lot stronger before next February.

What on earth's a boat doing up there? The inventor thought it a good way to demonstrate that his lifeboat is really unsinkable. Just take a 30-foot dive and hope for the best.

That was pretty convincing; and apparently the boat will right itself, however many times it turns over.

Anybody got an aspirin?