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TESTING PILOTS

At Santa Monica, California, men clothed in anti-freeze suits looking like fantastic creatures of a nightmare, go into giant refrigerators for a test of men and machinery for stratosphere flying. In a temperature of 104 degrees below zero, they study the reaction of aeroplane controls and its effect on the men who have gone into the chamber. The test has simulated the conditions that exist at altitudes around 35,000 feet in the realms of a dismal low temperature. To be rid of those weighty helmets is a pleasure. Men such as these deserve to reach high places in their profession.