

(1). TITLE:- SPEED IN THE AIR.

Picture:- She is a naval scout, and is the fastest lighter-than-air vessel owned by France. Her first trial is a matter of very great interest to everybody who has at heart the safeguarding of the shores of France. She is fast --

--for one so fat ! A hundred-and-twenty kilometres, --

--that's nearly seventy-five miles - an hour ! That's speed ! She will patrol --

--the coast-line, keeping a watchful eye open for intruders, including --

--smugglers. Here, the aerial scout is going "all out" - slipping through the air more rapidly than an express train on terra firma!!..... You've heard the expression "good scout". Well, that's what she is !

I wonder why they always refer to ships as of the feminine gender ?

It is really no compliment to the ladies in this particular case - for the V-Eleven is a "gas-bag", a "high flyer", a "fast thing", and sometimes, (so they say) - just a wee bit contrary.