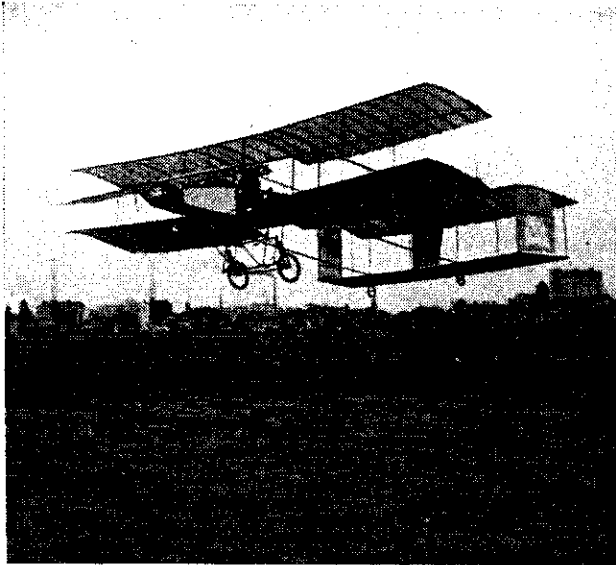


The Conquest of the Air.

The cables recently announced the fact that M. Henri Farman, a well-known French motorist and experimenter in aeroplanes, had carried off a £2,000 prize with his new machine, which beat all previous aeroplane records by covering 1,000 yards in 88 seconds, the course being circular, through goals. The machine sped with perfect stability, and at the will of the driver alighted with the ease of a bird.



THE FARMAN AEROPLANE IN FULL FLIGHT.



THE MAN WHO FLIES—M. FARMAN.



Photo. by G. P. Burton, Seldon Studio, Rotorua.

A ROYAL ROTORUA FAVOURITE IN THE SULKS. WAIROA GEYSER REFUSES TO "PLAY" EVEN AFTER AN EXTENSIVE TREAT OF SOAP.

What are you to do when a geyser has the sulks. You can't spank it back into good humour like a child. The "Royal Geyser," as Wairoa has been called ever since the display it gave for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, sulked badly recently when called on to show off in the presence of upwards of 2,000 spectators from all parts of the globe. Miss Madden, daughter of the Victorian Chief Justice and State Governor in the absence of Vice-Royalty, is seen in the photo, in the very act of giving a liberal dose of soap, in spite of which dainty Wairoa remained unmoved, only grumbling a little louder than usual in his subterranean bed. The activity of all the other geysers, notably Waikite and Pohutu, is given as the reason for Wairoa's refusal to play. Obviously, the "Royal Geyser" is jealous and is sulking.