

INVENTOR KILLED.

A serious accident has befallen Mr Percy S. Pilcher, well known in scientific circles by reason of his experiments in artificial flight at Mr Maxim's establishment in Kent and elsewhere. Experimenting near Rugby on Saturday, he had traversed about 200 yards, and was preparing to make a gradual descent, when one of the stays of the machine gave way and the apparatus collapsed. Mr Pilcher fell from a height of 30ft. A doctor fortunately was present, and ordered the injured man to be removed to Stanford Hall, the residence of Lord Braye, where it was ascertained that he had sustained a fracture of both legs and severe concussion of the brain. It is thought that the rain had caused the canvas of the wings to shrink, and this together with the gusty nature of the wind had put a strain upon the structure of the machine which it was unable to bear.

Mr Henry Pilcher succumbed to his injuries early on Monday morning.
