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New facts which have come to light have provided the inspiration for the historical paper which appears in this issue. Philip Jarrett has written this monograph about the P.B.9, featured on our cover, a little biplane scout which appeared at the outbreak of the First World War. The central character in the story 'is that great eccentric Noel Pemberton Billing', the designer of the aircraft. The P.B.9 was designed, built and flown in as little as six days and 10 hours. In this picture, taken from the text, Hubert Scott-Payne, Victor Mahl the pilot, and Carol Vasilescu are seen posing in front of the P.B.9 on the 12th August 1914, the day of its first flight.

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