

## **'ROCKET' PLANE NEARS COMPLETION AT PLANT**

**Experts to Test Machine About  
June 15—Inventor Predicts Hop  
Here at 200 Miles an Hour.**

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CASSEL, May 25.—The rocket airplane "Grasmuecke" is rapidly nearing completion at the Raab-Katzenstein works, it was reported tonight. The first trial flights will be made the middle of next month. Fritz von Opel, the engineers, Vallier and Sander, and a commission of experts are expected here within ten days to examine and test the machine.

The plane will have a maximum speed of 200 kilometers (125 miles) per hour, as it could not stand a greater strain, although it has been immensely strengthened. Several factories are feverishly engaged in the construction of delicate meteorological instruments to be built into the plane.

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BERLIN, May 25.—The Tyrolean inventor, Vallier, originator of the rocket automobile, declared in an interview today that an airplane propelled with incredible speed by rockets would land in New York within one or two years. Asked how the landing of a plane probably traveling at a rate of two or three hundred miles an hour is to be accomplished, the inventor replied:

"Very simply. Whenever the pilot wants to descend he stops discharging rockets and then slowly glides to earth, just as planes propelled by motors do now."

The engineer added that his invention was only in its infancy. He expressed the conviction that the motive power of the present rockets may be doubled or tripled and that there will be virtually no limit to its speed if it is possible for any plane to reach the stratosphere.