



The Wright Brothers



Orville and Wilbur Wright were born in America over 120 years ago.



Their father bought them a toy helicopter when they were boys. They were fascinated by it.

The boys started a bicycle repair business.

Van Cleves get there First.



WRIGHT CYCLE CO.,
Manufacturers of

“Van Cleve” Bicycles,

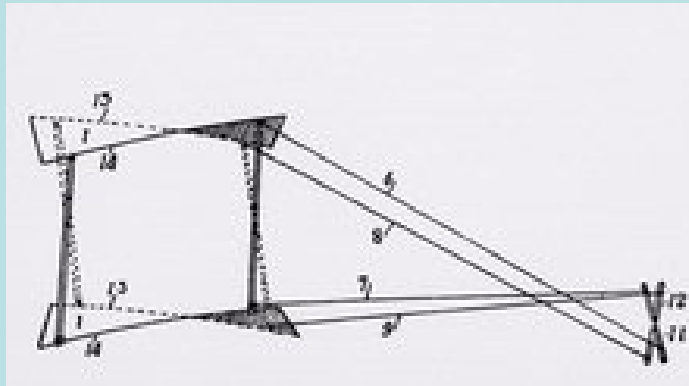
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REPAIRING, ENAMELING IN ALL COLORS, ETC.

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Soon they were building, repairing and selling bikes.

They began to wonder about people being able to fly. Could a pilot balance an aircraft in the air, just as a cyclist balances his bicycle on the road?

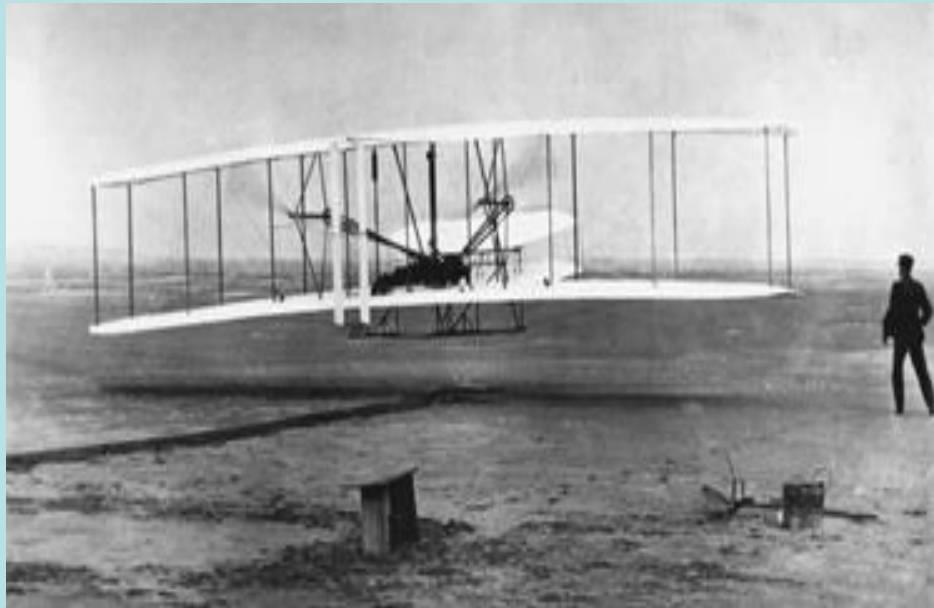


This was their first test kite.

They built and tested many gliders before they were successful.



On December 17th 1903 at Kitty Hawk,
the Wright Brothers first powered
aircraft the Wright Flyer made four
short flights.

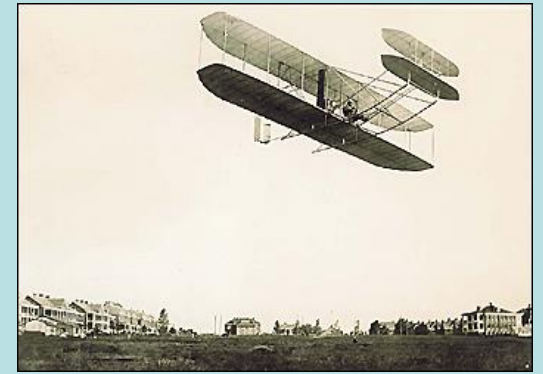
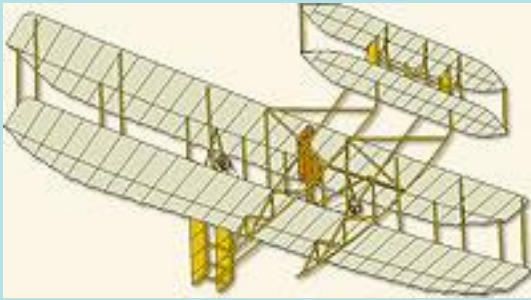


The first attempt lasted for 12 seconds and travelled 120 feet.

The second was also for 12 seconds but travelled 175 feet.

The third lasted for 15 seconds and went 200 feet.

The final flight went 852 feet in 59 seconds!



Orville and Wilber went onto build planes in their own factory.

