

FOR FROZEN NORTH.

To Reach the North Pole by Balloon.

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Prof. Andree and Two Companions to Leave Spitzbergen in July—Preparations Being Made—To Take Three Weeks—Good Results Expected.

The Sunday World presents today official details of the great balloon in which S. A. Andree, the daring Swedish arctic explorer, intends to try and drift to the mysterious north pole from some favorable spot yet to be selected in the northwestern part of Spitzbergen.

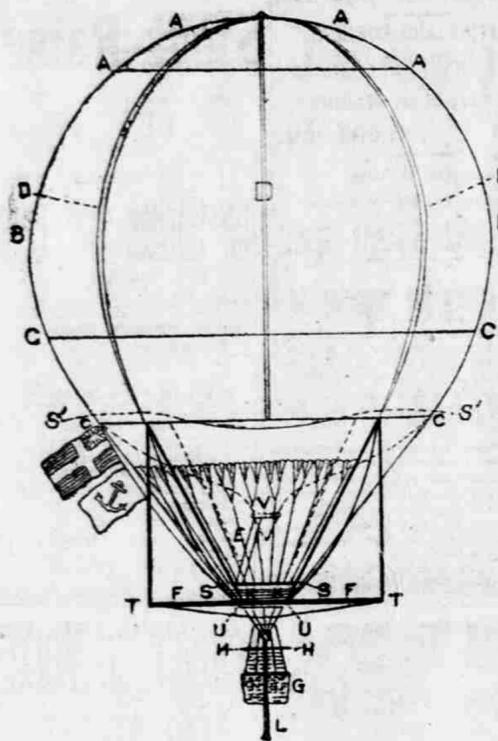
All previous attempts to reach the pole by vessel or sledge have

on the best looms of Lyons. The diameter of the "Pole Nord" will be 20½ meters, its capacity 4,500 meters. The bag will be made of three thicknesses of silk, bound together by an adhesive varnish especially prepared for the purpose.

It is calculated that the balloon will be gas-proof, and that the gas with which it will be charged at the point of ascension will not leak, and will retain its buoyancy until Andree and his two companions either reach the pole, or, baffled, land on the most northerly part of the American continent.

A curious feature of the balloon is the big guide rope of cocoanut fiber, weighing 1,000 kilograms, a weight sufficient to maintain the balloon at a height of about 600 feet, at which elevation the explorers can study the regions over which they pass, and enable M. Steindberg, the photographer, to picture them.

The expedition will start from Gothenberg on a specially chartered steamer, the Virgo, and will reach northwestern Spitzbergen in two weeks. There the explorers will de-bark and erect a temporary house. In this house the



REPRODUCTION OF M. ANDREE'S BALLOON WHICH WILL CARRY HIM TO THE NORTH POLE.

A. A. A., cap of oilcloth; B. B., balloon; C. C. C. C., belt; S. S. S. S., main sail; S. T. U. and S. T. U., side sails; D. D. D., leather straps carrying the weight of the sails; F. F., spars of bamboo; V., automatic valve; E. Rope Ladder; K., Baskets containing stores; G., car; H., gallery for observation; L., dragging ropes.

failed. Intrepid explorers, familiar with the frozen north, are now agreed that it is impossible to reach the north pole over the surface of the ice, and they are hopeful that Andree has at last hit upon a practicable plan. In the absence of accurate information as to the Nansen expedition, in the Fram, geographical societies do not believe that the Norwegian has been more successful than his courageous predecessors, and they are now pinning their faith to Andree and his big balloon. Their faith is substantial, for a group of noted geographers

balloon will be charged with gas but M. Andree expects to get away in the balloon early in July.

The "Pole Nord" will carry three persons—M. Andree, who is a capable aeronaut; Prof. Gustav Ekholm, the scientific observer, and Dr. Nils Steindberg, physician and photographer. Andree does not know how long he will be in the air before he finds an air current that will drift him over the pole, but he expects the "Pole Nord" will be able to stay aloft three weeks, and cover a distance of 3,000 miles, and the balloon will be provisioned for that period.

M. Andree is an exceedingly handsome and virile man. He is 42 and is more than six feet tall. He was born at Grenna in 1854, and has made many voyages to arctic. He is a veteran aeronaut, as well as sailor, and learned in the lore of the northland. He, like his chief, is a tall, strong man, and he is also said to be very good looking.

This novel expedition is exciting the greatest interest in scientific circles in Europe, and many steam yachts will escort the Virgo as far as Spitzbergen, and their distinguished passengers witness the ascension of the Pole Nord. Every possible contingency of arctic travel has been provided for, and as the Swedes have generally been very fortunate in arctic exploration. Andree's compatriots are hopeful that good luck will attend him and success crown his novel and daring attempt to solve the world-old mystery of the north pole.

A petition against Sunday target-shooting was in the vestibule of the Central Union Church yesterday.



M. ANDREE. North Pole Aeronaut.

have contributed \$50,000 toward the expense of Andree's expedition.

The balloon is now building at Vanguard, a suburb of Paris, and will be completed in time for the start of the expedition, which has been fixed by Andree for the last week of May or the early part of June. The balloon, which has been christened "Pole Nord," will be made of silk, specially woven

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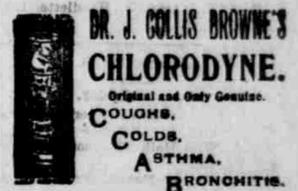
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