

IT WILL NOT SAIL **THE AIR.**

OPINION ON KELLOGG'S SHIP IS, PRO- NOUNCED A FAILURE.

In Respect to Aerial Navigation Examines
the Flying Machine at the Exposition
—Mr. Kellogg's Remarkable Con-
fidence in His Ultimate Success.

George Schreiner, an aged German of Kansas City, Kas., who has spent an ordinary life-time in the study of aerial navigation, went to the Exposition building yesterday afternoon and made a thorough examination of Inventor Kellogg's airship. To a reporter for THE STAR Mr. Schreiner to-day expressed serious doubts as to the success of the Kellogg enterprise. Professional courtesy, however, forbade him giving in detail what in his judgment would make the Kellogg ship a failure.

In 1856, while I was working at ship building at New Orleans I conceived the idea of building a ship to navigate the air. Since then the subject has been uppermost in my mind. I have devised plans for every conceivable kind of a ship and have drawings in my possession from which I hope to build a ship some time. I believe that somebody will build a ship some of these days that will navigate the air, but as yet I have never seen anything approaching perfection in that line. Some of these air ships may sail through space in an ordinary current of air, but to make aerial navigation a success a ship must be so constructed that it can stem the strong winds or be raised above the clouds at will.

Permission to inspect his plans for an air ship was denied by Mr. Schreiner. He promised, however, to begin work on his ship as soon as he could devise a scheme of some nature for furnishing a new motive power. "I don't think it is possible," he said, "to build and equip an air ship that will work successfully until a new motor is discovered. Our motors are too heavy, and we must devise a scheme for a lighter motor, and that is what I am working on now. I am trying to invent something that will combine electricity and magnetism, which I am certain can and will be done."

A. A. Kellogg, inventor of the airship being built at the Exposition building, left early this morning for his home in Clinton to arrange business matters claiming his attention. His financial backer, Casper Oswald, is also out of the city, having gone to his home in Ulrich, Mo., about a week ago. Mr. Kellogg will return to-night or to-morrow morning, when all the arrangements will be completed for making a test of his flying machine. Little remains to be done except to inflate the huge gas chamber and lash it to the framework. Should everything work smoothly a few public exhibitions of the airship will be given at Merriam park and it will be then taken directly to Chicago where Mr. Kellogg hopes to give visitors at the fair a birdseye view of Midway Plaisance from his aerial craft.

Such a thing as failure has not yet occurred to the inventor. His confidence in the thing he has labored on so many years is without limit. To a reporter for THE STAR last night he said that last Wednesday over 300 persons visited the Exposition building to see his machine and only one gave him words of discouragement. That one was an old woman and Mr. Kellogg says she called him a crank. Mr. Kellogg says he is only too ready to receive suggestions going to the improvement of his device. "But I don't see how it can fail," said he.