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FLY TO MARS

Airship Inventor Comes to Grief, Arrested for Fraud.

Berlin, April 18.—Hermann Ganswindt, whose so-called flying machine has attracted wide attention here and abroad, was arrested to-day for protracted deception, forgery and gulling the public into subscribing for shares of an aeroplane company. He obtained money in small sums from hundreds of persons. Ganswindt recently flooded the papers here with immense advertisements of flying machines containing the indorsements of clergymen and other persons inexperienced in business from all parts of Germany.

It transpires that some of the names were forged, including the name of Duke Ernst Guenther of Schleswig-Holstein, Emperor William's brother-in-law. The police had long suspected Ganswindt and detectives had been working on the case five months. He recently offered to the war minister for 20,000,000 marks a flying machine which he said would reach the planet Mars. The prisoner also claimed to have invented a motor having multiplying power, resulting in a sort of perpetual motion.

Ganswindt, who was originally a lawyer and then a farmer, had been experimenting ten years with various visionary inventions, none of which realized his expectations.