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LIGHTER STRONGER SAFER

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Dismantling the "Pioneer," original stainless steel airplane, built experimentally six years ago by Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company. All-welded stainless steel construction made this ship lighter, stronger, safer.

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The "Sea Bird," a cabin amphibian manufactured by Fleetwings, Inc. It is made entirely of steel, with the exception of the motor and wing covers. Weight-2,450 pounds. Cruising speed-135 m.p.h.

[[in a box]] Aviation Supplies Made by **AMERIĆAN** STEEL & WIRE COMPANY For Airport Construction Fence Steel Fence Posts and Gates **Electrical Wires and Cables** Wire Fabric for Concrete Reinforcement Guard Rail Strand Wire Rope Wire Nails For Airplanes Airplane Strand and Cords Ignition Wires and Cables **Stainless Steel Electrical Wires and Cables** Cold Rolled Strip Steel Tie Rods Springs

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The "Sea Bird" is the first stainless steel aircraft to be made commercially available to the flying public. The use of stainless steel, welded by a special process, affords added durability against corrosion and fatigue obtainable in no other way.

"No sign of wear, no deterioration, no corrosion of structural parts or welds"- that's what engineers found when they recently dismantled and inspected the "Pioneer," first experimental stainless steel airplane ever

This ship spent three years undergoing gruelling tests and in active service. More than 25 pilots flew it in America and Europe. It was looped, barrel-rolled, and stunted as a pursuit plane. It was even landed several times with its landing gear retracted, to demonstrate the strength of its hull. Twice it crossed the Alps, fully loaded, at 16,000 feet.

Airplanes made of USS Stainless Steel are LIGHTER- because stainless has the highest known strength-weight ratio. STRONGER because stainless is the strongest of all commercial metals. SAFER because stainless is immune to atmospheric corrosion and retains its physical properties at high temperatures, thereby affording protection



against fire- the dread enemy of the flyer. No wonder top flight aeronautical engineers are now thinking in terms of stainless steel construction.

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