

# AERONCA'S FIRST PLANE

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## Ready at End of August

The first aeroplane to be sent out from the new Aeronca factory at Walton is likely to be ready at the end of the month.

This fact was learned by a "Standard" representative when he called at the factory on Monday. Everywhere seemed to be a hive of activity and Mr. Gibson, the Works Manager, took our representative into the erecting shed, a long broad well-lighted shed, in which many men and women were busy preparing parts which go to the making of the new Aeroncas. Mr. Gibson pointed to two machines in the corner; which apart from the wings looked almost complete.

The bodies were painted yellow, and the pilot's seat was neatly upholstered in red leather.

### IMPORTED FROM AMERICA.

"These two machines," said Mr. Gibson, "have been Imported from our factories in America and are just being assembled to suit English ideas. The first one will be completed about the end of the month."

In an adjoining shop, the wings to these planes were being prepared, and girls, busy with sewing machines, were preparing the canvas to stretch over the framework. But the main body of the shop was devoted to the construction of 12 planes which will have been completely assembled at Walton. The frameworks were being put together and, were in various stages of assembling, and Mr. Gibson told our representative that 50 planes of that type were in all being constructed.

"Where are they going?" our representative asked.

"All over the world," was his happy reply.

"What will this type of machine be called?"

"'Aeronca' but our next type of machine will not have the same name but an entirely different one."

Two other shops at the factory are busily engaged preparing parts for the aeroplanes, and the number of people employed is considerable. "Our wages bill is well over £100 a week," said Mr. Gibson.

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