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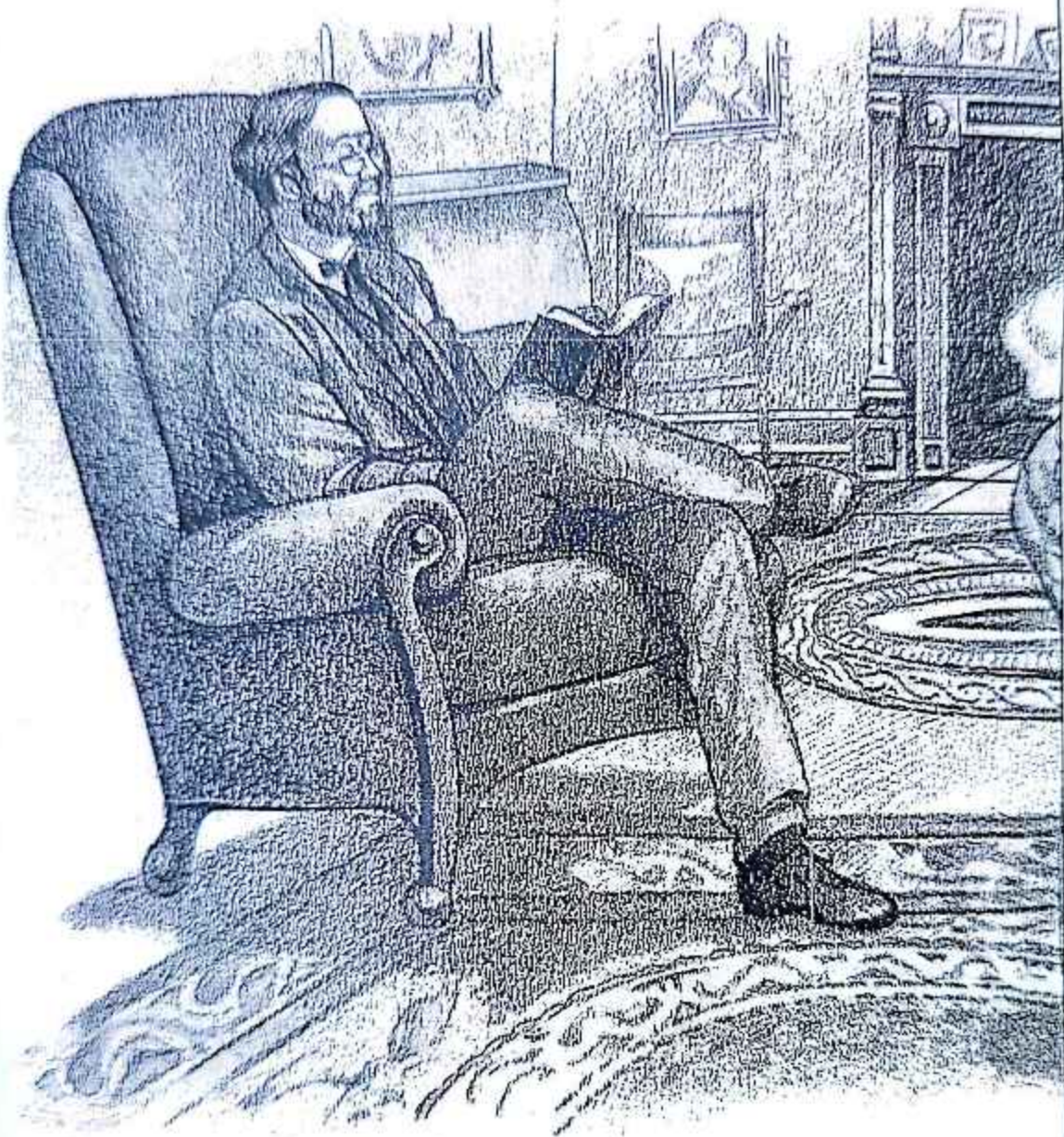


When they were children,
Wilbur and Orville never thought
that they might fly an airplane.

In 1878, there were no
airplanes and no cars. But
one day Father gave them a
present. The present made
them think about flying.



The present was a toy that would fly up high in the air. They called it the Bat. They tried to make the Bat fly high into the sky.



When the Bat broke, the brothers fixed it. Mother made toys for her children. She also fixed them when they broke.



Wilbur and Orville drew plans for toys. It was fun to think up ideas. It was fun to plan and build things.

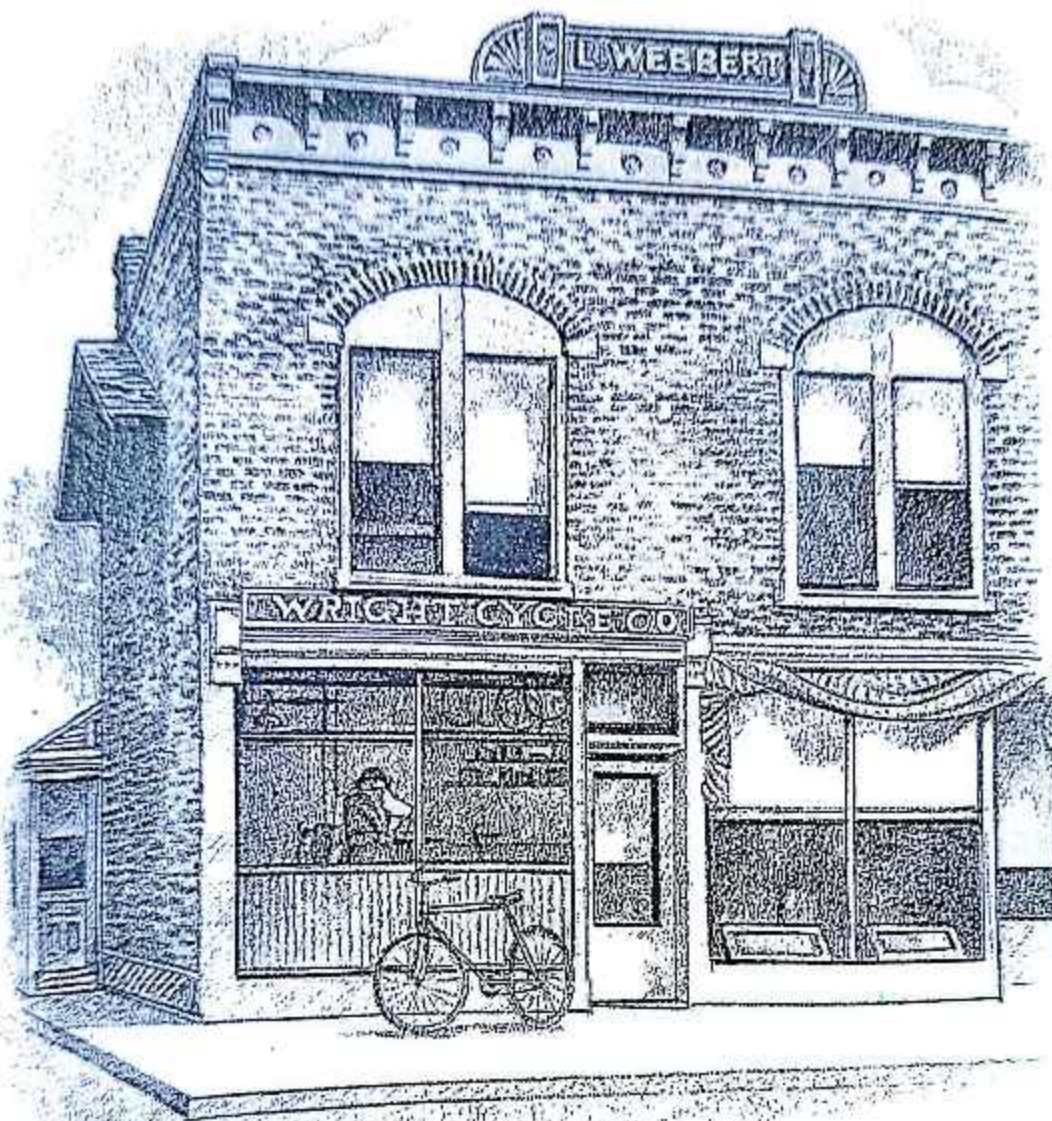


Orville and Wilbur grew up.
In their free time, they liked to
ride bikes!



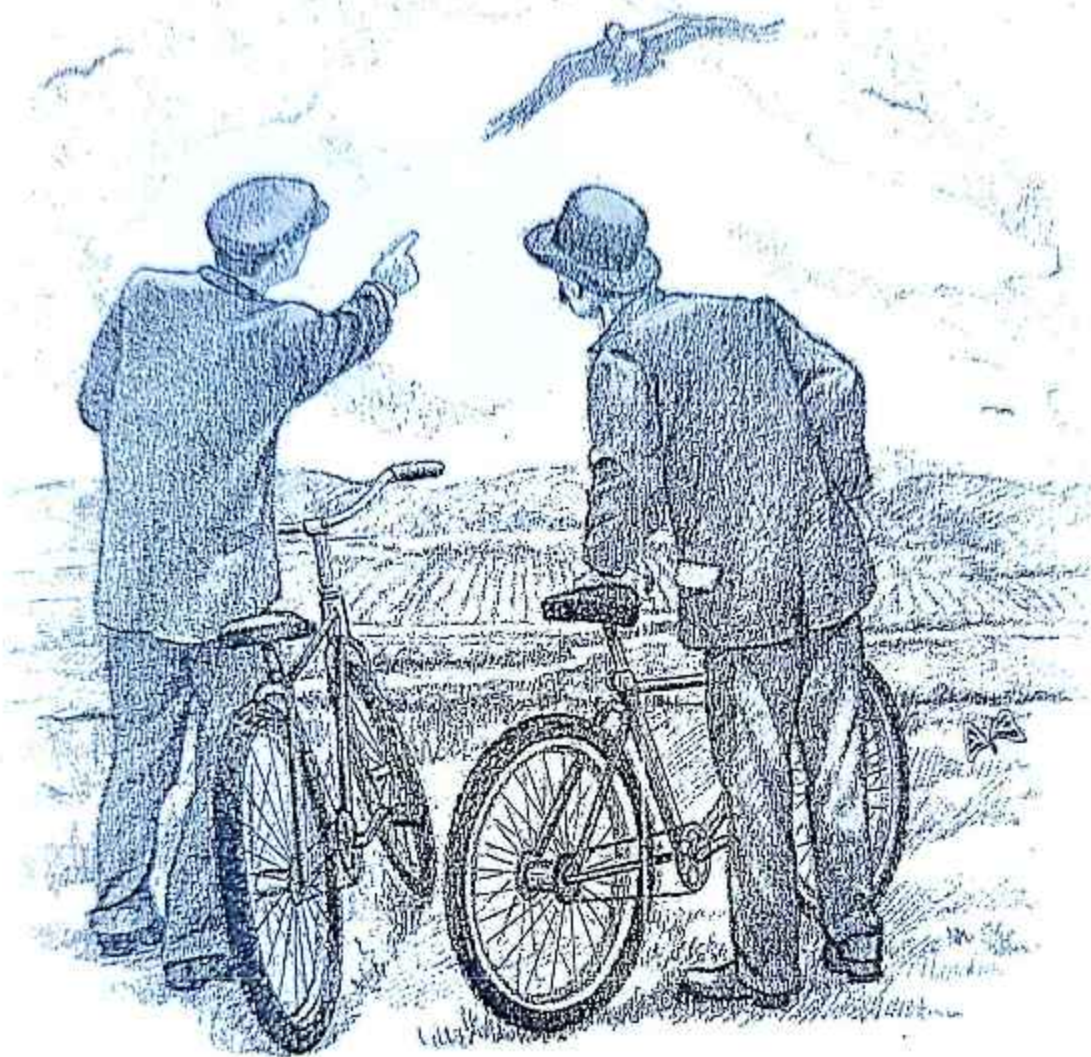
Everyone was riding bikes. New bikes were made better than the old ones. A ride down a hill felt like flying!

When a bike broke, help was close by. The whole town knew that the Wright brothers could fix anything.



Wilbur and Orville opened a shop to fix bikes. Soon after that, they built bikes and sold them.

Then the brothers had an idea for a whole new machine.



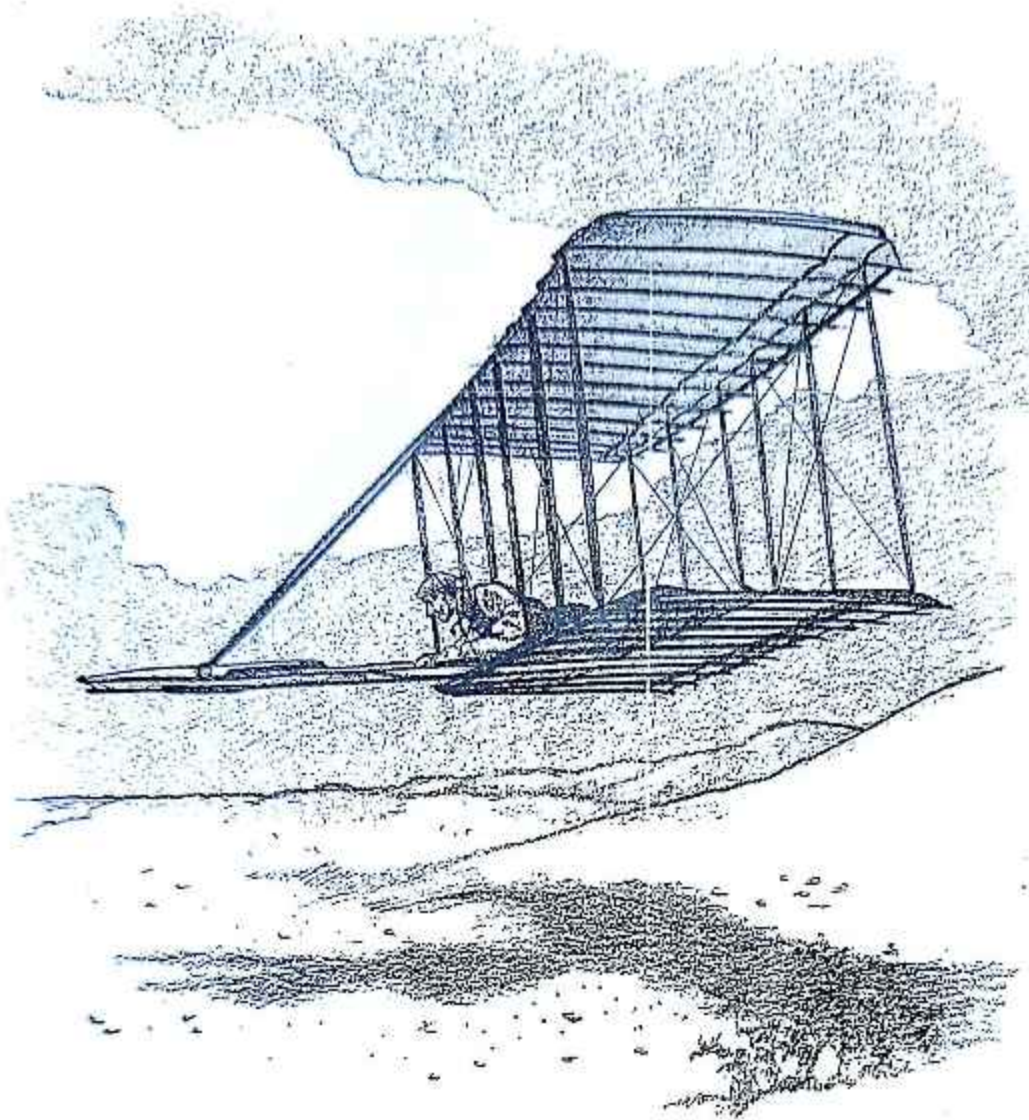
Birds and bugs could fly.
People could not. But maybe
people could fly if they were
in a machine.

Could Wilbur and Orville
build a flying machine?

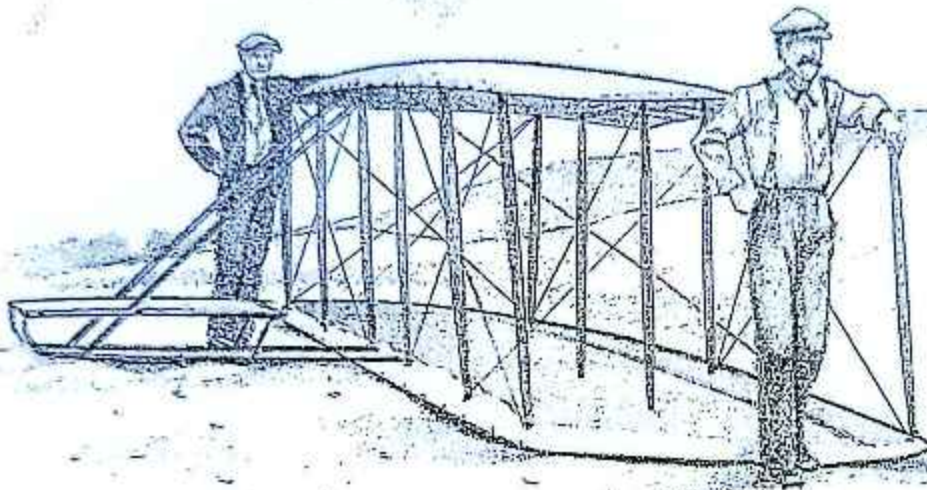


A kite that can carry a person is called a glider. The Wright brothers knew about a man who had made gliders. The gliders sometimes crashed because they were hard to steer.

The brothers wanted to build a glider that a pilot could steer.



The brothers made a glider.
Then they went to a place called
Kitty Hawk. They tested their
glider on the beach. It lifted off!
It glided over the sand. Wilbur
and Orville were pleased.



The brothers made a new glider to bring to Kitty Hawk. The glider lifted off the beach. But it didn't fly high or far. It could not turn. Something was not right. The brothers felt like giving up.



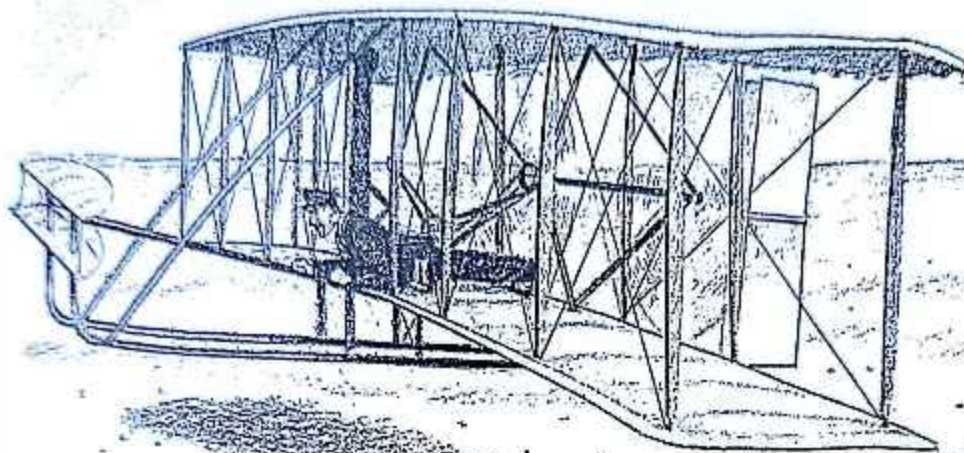
But they tried again. They made a machine to blow wind. They tested all kinds of wing shapes in the wind. Then the brothers made plans for a new glider.

Back at Kitty Hawk, this glider could fly high!



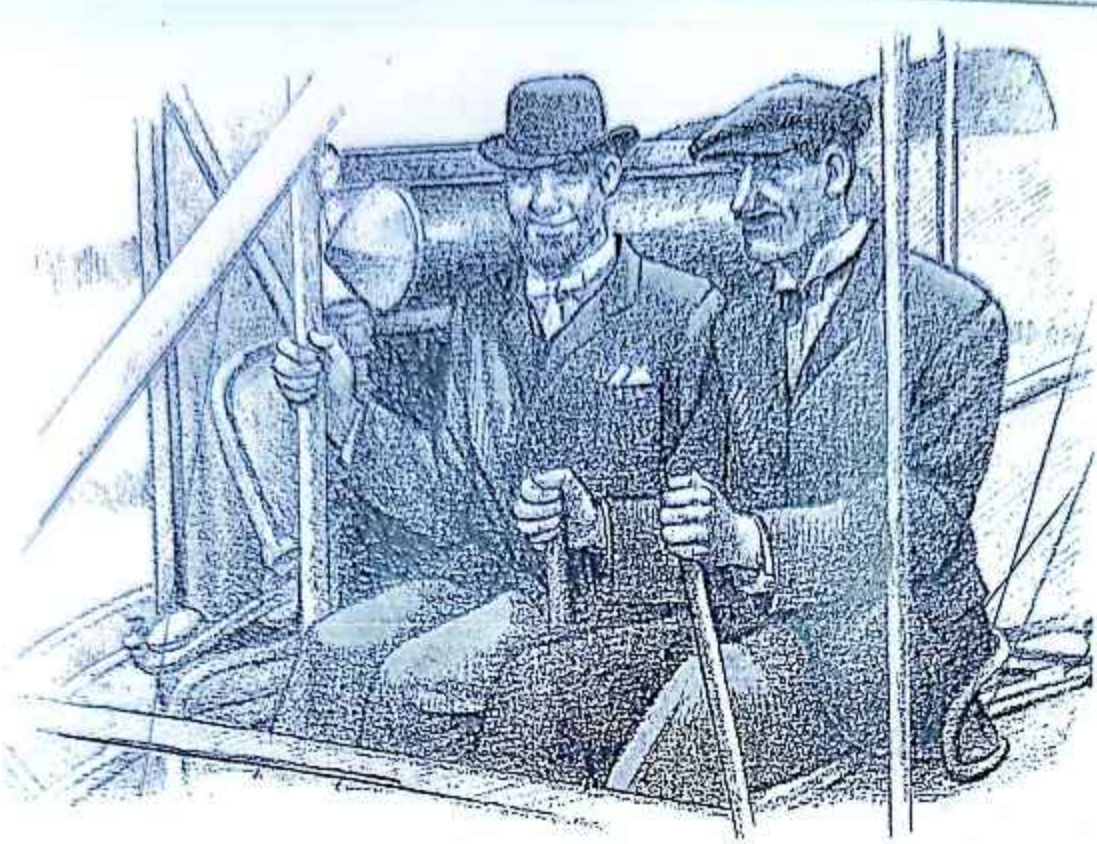
A glider needs wind to fly.
But a real flying machine would
not need wind. Its power would
come from a motor.

Then Wilbur and Orville
made plans for a flying machine
with a motor. They called it
the Flyer.



At Kitty Hawk, Wilbur tried the Flyer first. It did not stay up. Then Orville was the pilot. The Flyer lifted off. It flew! The flight lasted 12 whole seconds!

The Wright brothers had made the world's first flying machine.



A few years went by. Because the brothers' machine worked, more people made flying machines. More pilots tried to fly high.

One day, Orville invited his father on a flight. Father had never seen the sky so close before. He called out, "Higher, Orville! Higher!"

Phonics for Families: This book gives your child practice with the long *i* sound spelled *i*, *igh*, and *y*; words with a consonant in the middle such as *before*, *never*, and *pilot*; and the high-frequency words *because*, *carry*, and *whole*. Ask your child to read the book aloud. Then take turns finding words that contain the long *i* sound.

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High-Frequency Words: *because*, *carry*, *whole*



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