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*****. I am no helmeted, begoggled hero of the skies; picture me
bookish, bespectacled, unable to hold even a teacup without
rattling it. As a pilot, I am merely an amateur, and I know it. I
shouldn't be talking. But I can't help talking. For you take the air:
the thin, substanceless air that can be made to bear a man; you
take America; and you take an airplane, which of all the works
of man is the nearest to a living being—you take those things and
mix them up, and they will act as a drug which will knock all
proper reticence right out of you. And so, here I go talking. -from
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