

A FRENCH AVIATOR.

M. GUILLAUX TO FLY IN AUSTRALIA.

Maurice Guillaux, a famous French aviator, in company with Monsieur Maistre (a representative of the Gnome engine), and Repusseau, the aviator's manager, are traveling to Sydney by the R.M.S. Orontes. The airman's Bleriot flying machine is also on board. M. Guillaux does not presume to be sufficiently conversant with English to engage in a discussion in that language, but M. Maistre is a willing interpreter for him. It is the aviator's intention to give exhibition flights and feats in the chief cities of the Commonwealth. His first exhibition will be made in Sydney. It will consist of looping the loop, side-slipping, tau-slipping, and saving. Prior to coming to Australia he gave exhibition flights in Egypt, in one of which he looped the loop eight times, and then made a corkscrew descent. Guillaux has the distinction of being the first aviator to have looped the loop over Paris. Like Mr. Hawker, he regards the modern flying machine a safe risk, provided one knows how to handle it properly. He has a high opinion of Mr. Hawker, and hopes to meet him in the eastern States. The Bleriot machine he has brought to Australia is specially constructed for the feats he proposes to accomplish in the air. It is not his intention to take passengers aloft with the machine, because she is too light for the purpose, but he may if all goes well, return to Australia with a machine better adapted for carrying passengers.