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A captive sausage balloon is provided with auxiliary air-bags which serve to steady the balloon. In the latest form these give the structure the appearance of a huge elephant

Now Appears the Elephant of the Air

The reason for the queer shapes of captive balloons

GUY FAWKES' Day in England is a holiday which remotely resembles our Fourth of July—a day celebrated to mark the thwarting of a conspiracy. It was the custom to send up on Guy Fawkes' Day balloons which were effigies of the conspirators. There were also balloons, sent up at county fairs, shaped like pigs and cows.

And now comes the French army with its elephant balloon, which is not invented for edification, but an earnest effort to improve the observation balloon.

It was the Germans who invented the "sausage" captive balloon which is raised by the wind after the fashion of a kite. Some countries adopted the sausage balloon and even bought the German manufactured product. Others, like France and Great Britain, obstinately clung to the obsolete spherical balloon. Then came the Great War and prejudice was blown away. The sausage was imitated at once.

A sausage balloon needs various appendages to catch the air and to steady it.