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**Adeline Gray "Simply Loves": Airplane Jumps**

MA**NCHESTER, Conn. –** Adeline Gray, 24, is a pretty blond who likes bicycling, dotes on a boyfriend in the Navy and simply loves jumping out of airplanes.

It relaxes her, makes her feel at peace with the world

"It affects me like music affects some people," she confesses. "I feel so free and good. So far away from all trouble."

All of which explains Miss Gray's historic role yesterday when she became the first human guinea pig to test the safety of a parachute made of nylon, instead of silk.

She stepped into a plane at nearby Brainard field, Hartford, was taken up 2,500 feet, and with Navy observers watching, plunged toward the earth.

It was the world's first live test of nylon parachutes because up to now the Pioneer Parachute Company, here, her employer, has been using dummies.

It was Miss Gray's task to prove the parachute also works fine with humans and did she look forward to it?

"Do I!" she exclaimed yesterday at the bench where she works as a parachute rigger. "I'm so thrilled I can hardly wait until the time comes."

As the only licensed woman parachute jumper in Connecticut, Miss Gray has made 32 jumps so far.

"Back home in Oxford, Conn.," she says, "I used to take an umbrella and jump off the hayloft holding it over my head like a parachute. But I ruined many umbrellas.”

Her boyfriend in the Navy tried to give her an ultimatum not long ago. She'd have to stop parachute jumping.

"But I told him I was going to keep it up. I can't help it," she said.

Of her 32 leaps, her most interesting was a delayed leap from an airplane 10,000 feet up carrying a 10-pound bag of flour in her arms.

"I opened the bag and let the flour trickle out." she said It made a nice trail, like smoke, so people could see."