

# The Man Who Invented The Flying Saucer

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Mr. Charles Edmund Johnson has just retired from the position of Receiver of Public Monies at the Tasmanian Treasury.

Now, somewhat abruptly, he finds himself in the glare of publicity.

It seems that—back in 1930—he was the first applicant for a patent for a flying Saucer.

He confesses, however, that his practical flying experience amounts to no more than a return flight to Adelaide.

Mr. Johnson explained how his patents differed from ordinary aircraft.

In the construction of orthodox aircraft, he said, the aerofoils, or wings, were forced up against the air by the propellor, and the lifting effect was gained thereby.

In his patent, the aerofoils were stationary, and the air was put in motion by the impeller and driven against the aerofoils. The lift was gained from the impact of the air against the aerofoils.

A hovering effect, similar to a helicopter, was thus obtained.

Mr. Johnson said he had an inventive mind and had invented several things, none of which had brought him any financial return, but he had had "a lot of fun."

His flying saucer patent was not proceeded with, as the depression followed and finance

was not available.