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PLANE FIRE SAFETY DEVICE

To extinguish the fires which are fanned into an inferno by the whirling propellers of air planes travelling at high speeds, has long been almost an impossibility. But at the Federal Bureau of Standards in Washington an experiment with carbon dioxide gas does the trick in something like five seconds, and what was a roaring blaze is now just smoke. The gas is sprayed through a device built to fit around the engine and with no more pressure than from a regular hand extinguisher, the carbon dioxide smothers the fire for lack of oxygen. Another safety step in the march of aviation.