

PARACHUTE TRICKS.
"DELAYED DROP" RECORD ATTEMPT.

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Mr. Gwynne Johns, a clerk from Wales, is--
--on holiday at Reading. His form of amusing himself is to try--
--to beat John Truman's record for a delayed parachute--
--drop. Without the aid of a shoe-horn, or other device, he squeezes into the small 'plane, and--
--waits for the pilot to take him twenty-thousand feet up--
--above Salisbury Plane. He is to delay eighteen-thousand feet--
--and then pull the string to soften the bump. But he runs into a snow storm. Johns says "let's go", but his pilot says "don't be a so-and-so fathead", and turns--
--back to Reading. Here Mr. Johns insists on jumping from 1200-feet, just to give the crowd a show. As he leaps into space, a tremendous gust of wind catches him, then lets--
--him go. He hits the ground hard--
--enough to break a leg, so the stout fellow has postponed breaking the record until later.