

Aida de Acosta is the only other person Alberto allowed to fly his dirigible. When she landed he said: "Mademoiselle, vous êtes la première aero-chauffeuse du monde." (Miss, you are the first woman aero-driver in the world!)

Santos=Dumont's #9
1903



He's on stamps
AND on money!



His friend Louis Cartier created the first men's wristwatch for Alberto, because checking a pocket watch was difficult while flying.

Before that time, only women wore them.

Cartier still sells a line of Santos=Dumont watches.

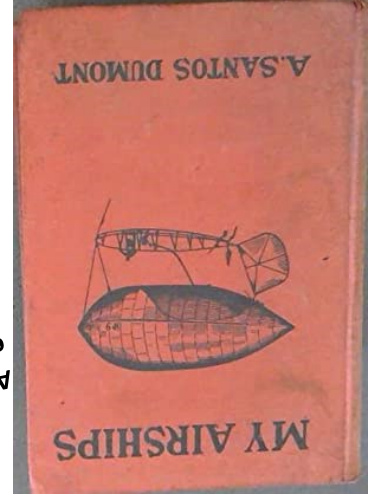


Naturally, he put propellers on his airships

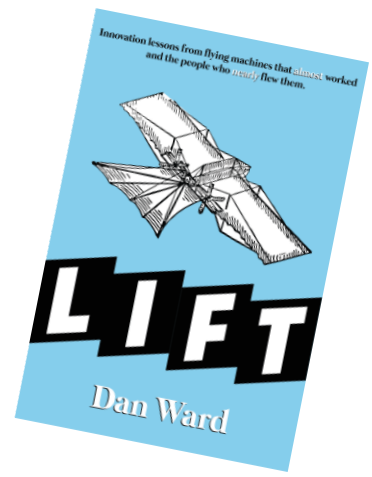
"They were not rotary, and they were bad. I think this put me as a boy against all agitating devices in mechanics and in favor of the more easily handled and more serviceable rotary movement."

Raised on a coffee plantation in Brazil, he learned to maintain and repair all the coffee processing equipment. Here's what he had to say about the sieves which separated the raw beans:

Alberto used an equal sign instead of a hyphen, to signify equality between his Brazilian and French roots.



Santos=Dumont's book *My Airships* was published in 1904. It's a charmingly written first-person account of his experiments, successes, and failures.



Learn more lessons from Alberto in Dan Ward's new book LIFT!

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Alberto Santos=Dumont
1873-1932