The Sandbag Hit the Parachute.

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Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 28.—George Whittlesey had a remarkable escape from death this afternoon while making a balloon ascension. When 8,000 feet high he cut loose, the parachute opening nicely after a drop of 50 feet, when the sandbag used in overturning the balloon broke loose and fell, striking the parachute on top and closing it. Whittlesey fell fully 500 feet with lightning speed before the parachute reopened, after which he landed safely in the meadow adjoining the Carnival Midway Grounds. People were awe-stricken when the bag struck the parachute, the bag passing on down and missing the daring aeronaut by a close margin.