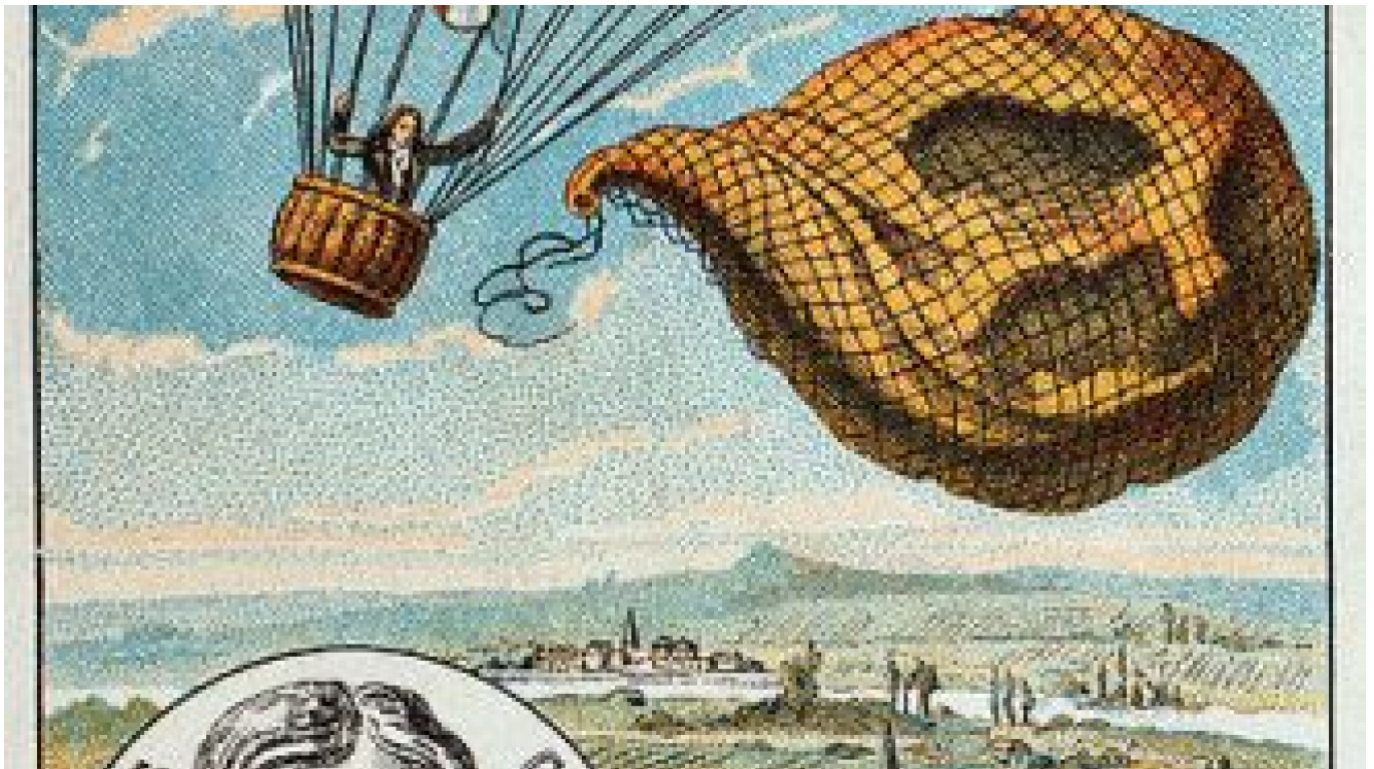


Today in History, Oct. 2

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A picture of Garnerin undertaking the parachute descent in 1797.

210 years ago today, on Oct. 2, 1803, an air balloon flew over Moscow for the first time. It was piloted by a Frenchman, André-Jacques Garnerin, whose claim to fame was being the first man to carry out a parachute descent.

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