

thistledown

noun: the light soft white substance on thistle seeds

noun: pappus of a thistle consisting of silky featherlike hairs attached to the seedlike fruit of a thistle

Keely

""Demonstrating the overcoming of [gravity](#), [Keely](#) used an [airship](#) model weighing about 8 lbs., which, when the [differentiated wire](#) of [silver](#) and [platinum](#) was attached to it, communicating with the [sympathetic transmitter](#), [rose](#), [descended](#), or remained stationery midway, the [motion](#) as gentle as that of **thistledown** [floating](#) in the air." [Snell Manuscript - The Book, page 3], [[MECHANICAL INVENTIONS AND INSTRUMENTS](#)]