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long stick to guide it—like the tail of a kite. Rockets are of all sizes, from 1 oz. to 6 lb., and the largest require a stick 6 ft. long and 1 inch square to guide them. A rocket consists of two parts—the part which causes it to soar upwards with a hissing sound, and the part which bursts into stars, or rain, or colored balls when it starts to fall again. This part is attached to the cone, and by a clever arrangement, does not ignite till the rocket reaches its highest point.

As you all know, rockets are very much used for signals at sea, especially when a ship is in distress. These sea rockets generally contain colored lights—different steamship lines having different lights or combinations of lights, so that one ship knows to what line another belongs by the color of its signals. Some of these sea rockets are nearly a foot long, and the fuse is covered with india-rubber to protect it from damp. It is by means of rockets, too, that ropes—life-lines—are cast to the shore or to another ship, and many a life has been saved by their instrumentality. Although some rockets can be let off by hand, the stick to which they are attached is generally fixed into a bottle, or if very large, they are fired from a frame.

For exhibition purposes "shells" are very much used. These are great round things, looking something like a football, and made of papier-mache, which scatter a shower of beautiful colored stars as they burst. Inside are placed a variety

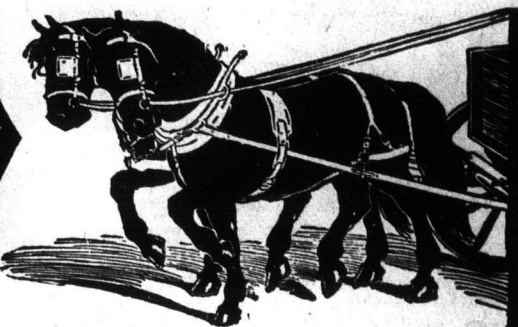
of fireworks, which, when the "shell" explodes, go off one after another, so that a splendid effect is obtained. These have to be fired out of a mortar, or small cannon, the fireworks inside being ignited by a fuse which passes through a hole in the top. The stars in these shells are of the "pill-box" variety—looking just like a small pill-box—and each has a bit of quick match in it so that it lights easily.

I dare say you have often, like myself, wondered how the beautiful "set-pieces" that one sees—portraits of celebrated persons or an illustration of some event—are obtained. Well, it is in this way: The design is first drawn by the artist upon squared paper; he then sketches the design—say a portrait of the King or Queen—in chalk upon a framework consisting of one-foot squares, corresponding with the squares upon the paper, and a man follows after him nailing strips of bamboo over the chalk lines. The fireworks are then set and fixed to the bamboo lines, with quick match running round, so that the whole design lights practically simultaneously.

Not long ago this youngster was looking at a drop of water through a microscope. Here, there and everywhere were darting animalcules.

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So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said "All right, but pay me first, and I'll give you back your money if the horse isn't alright."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't alright, and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse, although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—right? "1900 Gravity" Washer.

And I said to myself lots of people may think about my Washing Machine as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

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