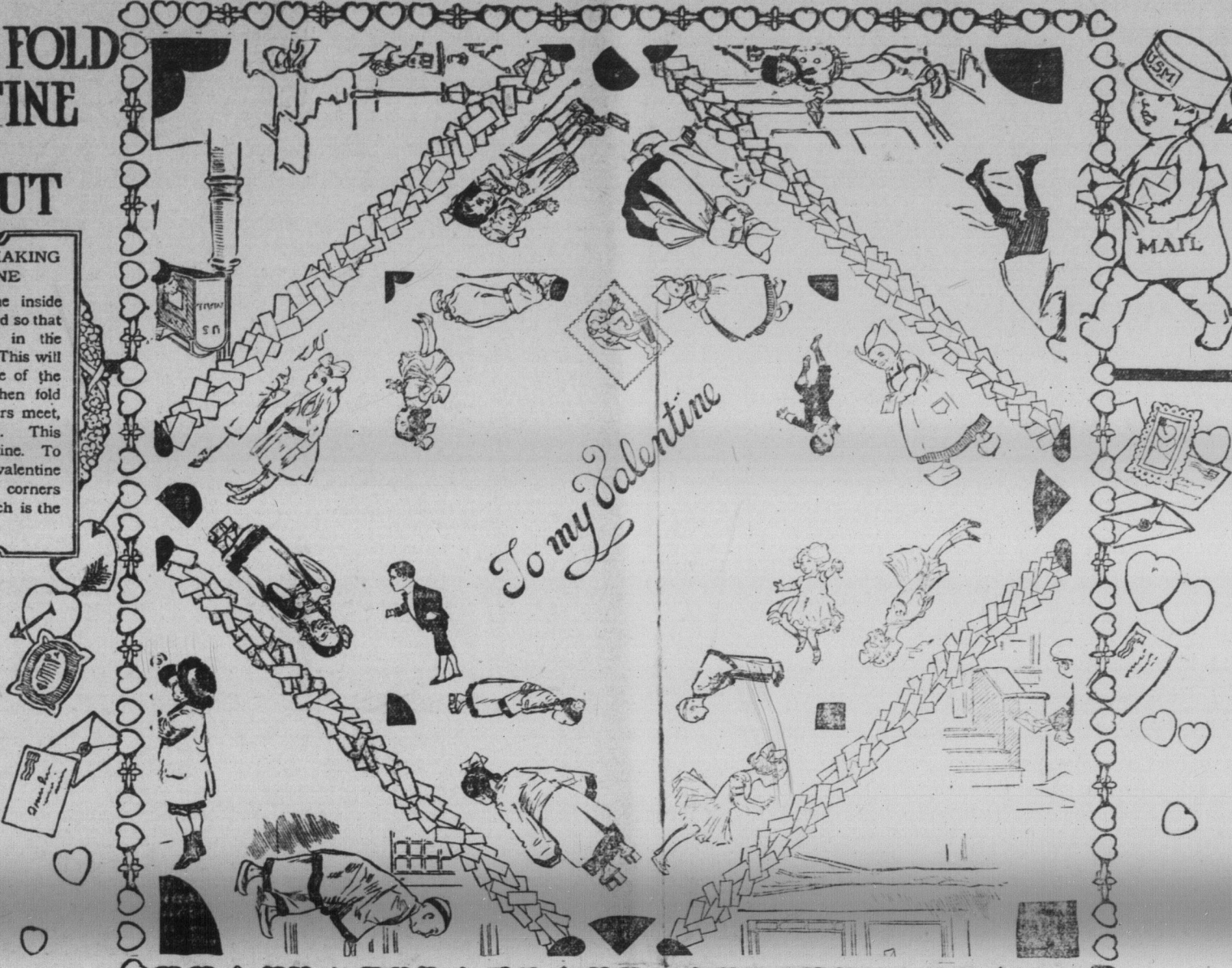


# OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

## THREE FOLD VALENTINE to CUT OUT

**DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING THE VALENTINE**

CUT out the Valentine inside the heart border. Fold so that the four corners meet in the centre, making a heart. This will give you the first picture of the three fold valentine. Then fold again, so that the corners meet, making a smaller heart. This will show a second valentine. To see the third and last valentine fold again, so that the corners make a third heart, which is the smallest of all.



*To my Valentine*

### AN INTERESTING BIRD.

ONE pet of which American boys and girls know very little, and a most amusing and mischievous one, too, is the jackdaw, which has figured more or less in British song and story, from the time of the famous Jackdaw of Rheims, who was dignified by being cursed by a cardinal.

In England the wild jackdaw is not looked on with a great deal of favor, because of his taste for young pheasants or partridges and his occasional clearing out of the nests of these birds. His staple food, however, is insects, and one of his favorite diversions is riding on the back of a sheep, in whose thick wool he looks for his insect victims.

Jackdaws are not found in the British Isles only. There are jackdaws in most parts of Europe, in Africa and in Asia. In most countries where there are old churches the birds seek these buildings out as a harboring place.

### THE EAGLE AND THE CAT.

BY LOUISE SOUVAN.

WHERE was it, where was it not—where it had been good, while it wasn't bad—there was once an old, old oak tree upon whose top an eagle and his dear wife and many children were living; while beneath a homeless cat, their bosom friend, had her home in a hole.

Once, then, it happened that the eagle's dear wife said to her husband:—"It's truly a shame that we eagles have to catch mice. If I only wasn't so awfully fond of them I wouldn't say another word. Our neighbor the cat down there keeps eating mice day after day. I am very much inclined to think, yes, almost sure of it—that her own meat must taste exactly like mice. Do me the favor to catch her up and carry her upon a high mountain. I'll soon follow you, and then we'll eat her up. Just once in my life I'd like to fill up on nice meat."

At first the eagle husband would in no way listen to such a suggestion, but finally she made him go down to the cat and say:—"Dear neighbor, I bring you good news. At the boundary of Bulgaria I know a place where there are such a lot of mice as there are worms in the earth. If you care to crawl upon my back I'll carry you there." The cat immediately consented and crawled upon the eagle's back, who at once set off, flying east, while his dear wife followed them up closely. After flying for quite a while the eagle in his pity for the cat remembered all the good deeds she had done for him and his family, and just simply could not bear to keep back from her the fact that was waiting her, so he told the cat all about it.

"Mercy! Did you ever hear of such a snake?" The poor cat almost fell from the eagle's back. But soon she recovered her senses and said quietly:—"Dear friend, you did wrong not to tell me that before, for over yonder in that black wood lies hidden my heart, which is the best part of me. I know your wife would like it immensely." Immediately the eagle flew back, and in passing his wife told her what the cat had said. Well, to be sure, she only needed to hear this. At once she ordered her husband to carry the cat to the edge of the big, black wood. Then she said:—"Now, neighbor, hurry up and get us your heart."

"I'll be back with it in just a second, you can have it for supper surely," replied the cat, and ran and ran into the still she must be running yet.

## LIVING ROOM FURNITURE for MISS PAPER DOLL

THE furniture for Miss Paper Doll's living room is being published to-day. This is the third set of furniture which has been published to furnish Miss Paper Doll's box apartment. If you made the box apartment which was described in the page for boys and girls several weeks ago you have an apartment of six rooms made from a box 24 inches long by 14 inches wide, divided into rooms of equal size by one long and two crosswise partitions. There is a window cut in each room and doorways opening from one room to another. If you did not make the apartment when it was first described you may make one now, as there are still two numbers of the furniture to be published after to-day's issue.

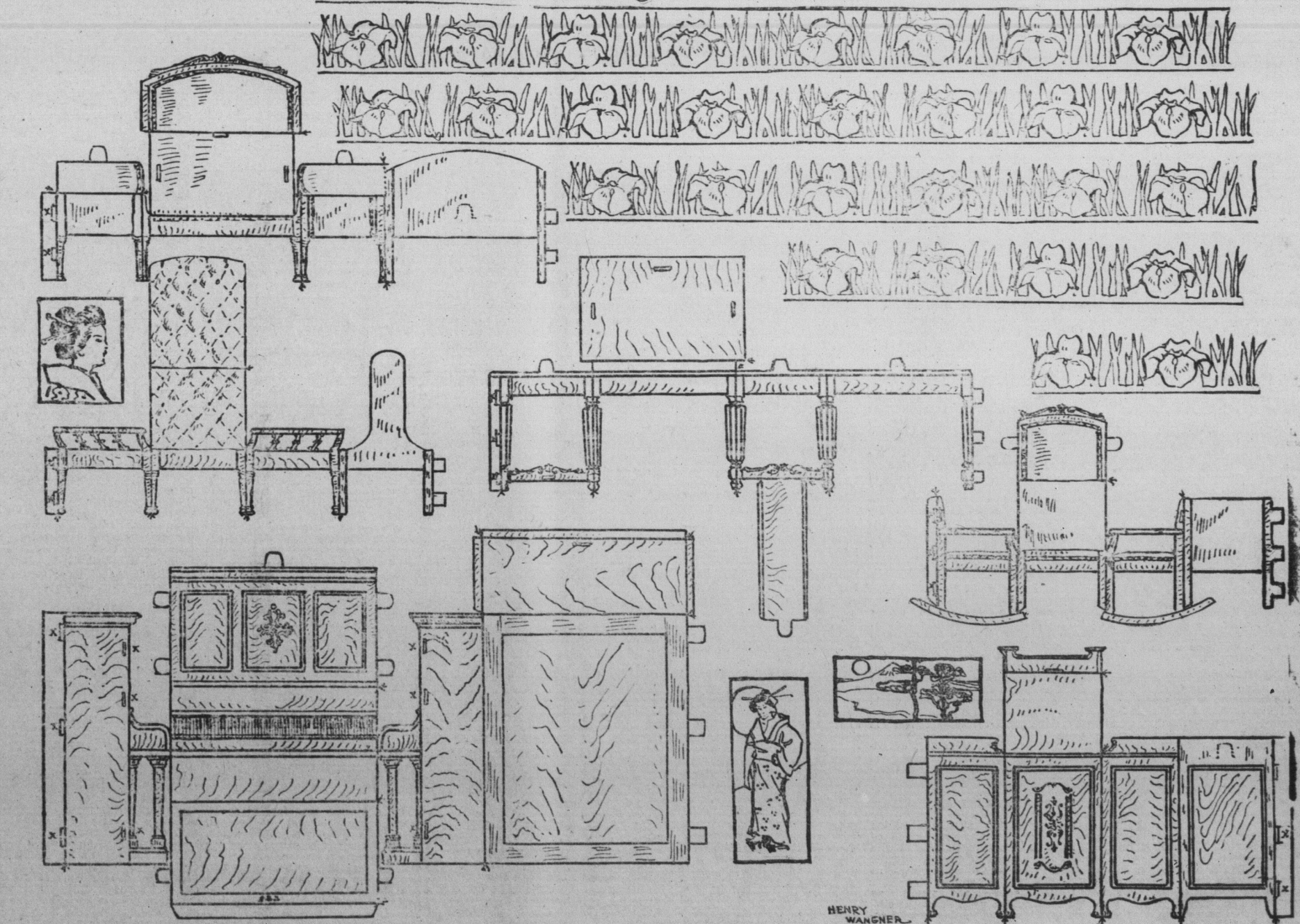
In making to-day's furniture first color all the pieces in the tones that you wish before cutting them out. Water color paints or crayons are either of them suitable for coloring. The long decorative strips that you see in the illustration are the frieze for the top of the walls. If you have already made the apartment according to directions the walls of all the rooms have been colored in neutral tints of gray, tan or ivory, with which any color frieze will go nicely.

You may select any color that you prefer for the room, but it is well to use not more than two shades. A very pretty room can be made by coloring the furniture dark green, the cushions for the chairs a pretty tone of violet and the frieze with a green background and violet flowers. The pictures may have black frames. The piano should be in mahogany color.

If you do not like green and violet as a color harmony a good combination for a living room is brown and red, the furniture in a dark brown stained wood and the rugs and upholstery in a warm tone of red. You may make a red paper cover for the table or a scarf to go over the top of the piano. The living room and the library, the furniture for which will be published next week, instead of being connected with each other by the ordinary doorways which connect the other rooms, may have a wide double doorway connecting them, as was shown in the original plans for the apartment. If you arrange the rooms in this fashion you may have paper portières in the color of the room hanging at the double doorway.

After you have finished coloring the furniture cut out all but the frieze and the pictures and paste the pieces on stiff letter paper. The frieze and the pictures are not to be mounted on stiff paper, because they are to be pasted on the walls. After each piece of furniture has been mounted on letter paper and is quite dry finish cutting it out carefully. The small slits will be more easily cut with a knife. Cut all dotted lines and fold at arrowheads. Cut openings at points marked X and insert tabs and paste them down. You must be very careful not to use too much glue, as it will spread and spoil the looks of the furniture.

After the furniture has been made and placed in the living room and the frieze put up around the top of the room the



pictures may be pasted in wherever they down. Dark green wall paper is good for this purpose if the room is to be colored green and violet. The floor should be square or an oval of colored paper pasted colored in a dark tone around the edges in a check pattern.

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