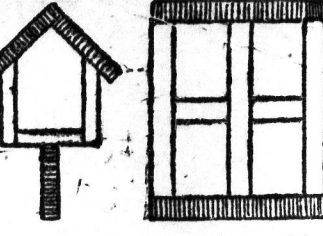
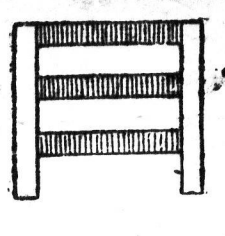
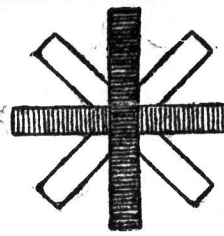
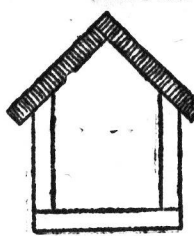


## AMUSE THE BABIES WITH STRIPS OF PAPER



With the strips of paper used in making the chains described a month ago, baby folk of 4 and 5 love to make other things.

For example, a badge is made by crossing eight pieces in a star, or a picture frame represented by four strips placed around a small scrap picture.



Fences, houses and windows are suggested to the little ones' imagination by simple combinations of these paper strips.

In pasting such small things have the child use a toothpick or match for applying the paste, so that he will not use too much. To press the work flat a piece of paper with a soft finish is better than a cloth.

## Charles Frohman on Plays, Playwrights and Playhouses

Mr. Charles Frohman, in an interesting article on "Play Writings" in the Strand Magazine, gives one or two interesting glimpses of Mr. J. M. Barrie.

"The ending of one of his best plays, J. M. Barrie once told me, came to him between the gate and the front-door of his house," says Mr. Frohman.

"But where did the beginning of it come to you?" I asked him. "Well, you see," was the answer, as he tilted himself up and down on his heels in

## "Tay Pay's" Wife Visits Native Land Again

Mrs. T. P. O'Connor, wife of the famous Irish member of the British Parliament, has been touring the south, gathering material for a new book, to be called "My Beloved South."

Mrs. O'Connor is an American by birth, and well known in the literary and theatrical world, as well as for her active interest in the industrial problems of her adopted country.

Before she became the wife of the famous "Tay Pay," he was still carving out his political and journalistic career. Mrs. O'Connor was working 14 hours out of the 24 as a reporter on a New York newspaper. This energy which characterized her newspaper work has never abated. Besides being one of her husband's rivals in the editorial field, Mrs. O'Connor has written a number of books, and has been a tireless worker for the Irish Industries' Association. Two years ago she toured this country to promote the use of Irish-made products.

front of the little fireplace, "that was the beginning as well as the ending. I thought of a strong man suddenly finding himself out, and I wrote backwards."

"Building plays, not theatres, is my chief interest in life," adds Mr. Frohman. "If I had to name my ambition in a single phrase, I should say the pleasure I get from seeing able, deserving actors grow into successful stars through their own efforts in well-built plays. If you can find an actor that looks a part, be thankful; if you can find an actor that acts a part, be very thankful; but if you can find an actor that looks and acts a part, get down on your knees and thank God."

"In Paris it is easy enough to buy a ticket, but then it becomes a fight to get into the theatre. The theatres of Paris are controlled by the Society of French Authors and by the women of Paris."

"When the playgoer reaches the corridor of the theatre his real troubles begin. There he is faced by a phalanx of French Amazons—the female ushers—who are the widows

## NEW GIGANTIC, 1,000 FEET LONG, "GREAT EASTERN" OF HER TIME

Day of the Old-Time Rolling Vessel Is Past, and Sea-Sickness Is Not Much To Be Feared.

Seth Low when mayor warned New York to prepare for the 1,000-foot ship. It is coming in the proposed White Star Gigantic, with its twelve decks, its golf links, swimming tank and other devices to while away a seven-day voyage.

A quarter of a century has seen more rapid changes in ocean travel than in railroading, from the passenger's point of view. In 1886 the richest man could not with all his money buy a comfortable Atlantic passage. The biggest ships rolled and pitched in a moderate sea. Ashes were hoisted to the deck and dumped through canvas troughs, besprinkling the passengers. Ventilation was bad, and life on deck was cold, wet and miserable. Stokers generally died after a few years' service, so wretched were their conditions of work.

Sea-sickness has almost been banished by the big steamer and the double bilge keel. Improvements have ameliorated life in the engine-room. A steamship is a floating hotel. There is ample room on deck for rows

of chairs, for clear promenades, for longer be a good sailor to find voyaging enjoyable.

The failure of the Great Eastern for reasons other than size long discouraged shipbuilders. In 1886 our ocean greyhounds were the Alaska, of less than 4,600 tons, the Oregon and the America. The City of Rome and the Greyhound, the first to rival the earlier giant, is deeper and fifteen feet narrower than the Great Eastern, her length being more than ten times her breadth. No modern ship approaches these proportions. Even the Mauretania is only nine times as long as her beam, while the Titanic, the Rot-

terdam, the George Washington and other favorite new ships are as wide or wider in proportion and of fuller lines. The tendency is toward comfortable ships rather than costly speed. The gigantic will be almost exactly nine diameters long. The Great Eastern's length was eight times her width without the paddle-boxes.—New York World.

## BONAR LAW AND OTHERS.

[Manchester Guardian.] Mr. Bonar Law was 42 when he turned his attention from ironmaster to politics, and 42 is said to be too late for entry into the parliamentary race. But several men have very successfully made up their lost time. Mr. Chamberlain was 38 when he retired—also from the iron trade—and 40 when he got into the House. Sir Henry Fowler, who also achieved parliamentary

eminence, was even mentioned as a possible Liberal leader, began at Westminster when he was 50, and four years later received a junior office from Mr. Gladstone, who, indeed, thought him a promising lad from the first. And there is an even closer parallel than these to the career of Mr. Bonar Law. He will not be the first commercial man to lead the Conservative party in the House of Commons. There was Mr. W. H. Smith, a shadowy memory now, though a safe, substantial man, who comes in the succession immediately between Lord Randolph Churchill, and Mr. Balfour. Mr. Smith was 43 when he escaped from news-agency into politics. He had time to serve as financial secretary to the treasury, first lord of the admiralty, and secretary for war, and he was 61 when Lord Salisbury made him leader of the House of Commons.

## MOST PEOPLE DIE AS THEY ARE BORN—OBVIOUS TO FATE

Sir William Osler Gives a Thorough Reply to Maeterlinck for Latter's Book on Death—Few Persons Suffer.

Sir William Osler, the distinguished Oxford professor of medicine, gives a fine trouncing to Maeterlinck, in the Spectator for his book on death.

"A student for many years of the art and the act of dying, I read with eagerness Maeterlinck's recent essay, only, I must confess, to be disappointed. A brilliant example of the type of literature characterized by Maeterlinck in his reply to Polonius, there is an unpleasant flavor, a cadaverous mustiness about the essay, which even the plea for burning burials, one smells everywhere 'the mould above the rose.' To those of your readers who feel the reading as a dreary, cold, the chill of the charnel-house, let me urge an hour in the warm sunshine, of the Phaedra."

"But I write for another purpose—to protest against the pictures which are given of the act of dying. The 'Tortures of the Last Illness,' 'The Unpleasant Prolonged Torments,' 'The Unbearable Memories of the Chamber of Pain,' 'The Pangs of Death,' 'The Awful Struggle,' 'The Sharpest Peak of the malady,' the malady and the truth is, an immense majority of all die as they are born—oblivious. A few, very few, suffer severely in the body, fewer still in the mind."

## A Mere Trifle

Once on a time in the long, long ago, a man built an automobile. A car which should make all the others seem slow. Its motor was perfect. Its chassis was great. All racers it seemed to outrank. But it never did get off the starting line. For it was left off the gasoline tank.

Our navy is mighty in ships and in men. And yet, like the Jackies can shoot. Its spirit is fine, as it always has been. But when the debate comes, it is the strength in the engines that drive every ship. So swiftly and so far that grand little clip. But they wouldn't start at that grand little clip. (We're jacking coilers for coal.) And about the same rank. As an auto without any gasoline tank.

## The Ways of French Smugglers

The Bishop's Carriage—Hollow Blocks of Stone Filled With Alcohol.

(From Le Temps.) Describing a visit paid to the customs laboratory a correspondent quotes the manager as saying that one enterprising innovator in an endeavor to smuggle alcohol into France had bodied it in soap, of which 70 per cent was pure spirit.

Then there is the imitation baby carriage, which is a judicious squeeze, produces melancholy wails. A hearse escorted by four undertakers' men and followed by a weeping family conveyed the duty on alcohol in a coffin, sumptuously draped in black velvet, which contained 180 liters of alcohol.

One day a cart drawn by three horses rumbled into Paris under the noses of the customs officers. Apparently the cart was laden with square blocks of stone, in reality every stone was hollow and contained alcohol.

First-class railway carriages sometimes conceal lace, chronometers and expensive cigars. Motor cars have false bottoms. Lots of wood are hollowed out. The informant went on:

"One day the people of a little village near the Belgian frontier were waiting for the Bishop of Chimay, who was crossing to conduct a confirmation. All the villagers in their best clothes lined the road. Presently the carriage comes in sight, crosses the frontier, and the bishop, carrying the pastoral cross on his shoulder, stretches out a hand to bless the custom house officers, who bow their heads to receive it. Then the carriage rolls on. 'Two minutes later comes a second carriage, much less elaborately filled up than the first, containing a second Bishop of Chimay. Suspecting nothing of the ecclesiastic, and he was requested to leave the vehicle without delay, and his carriage was ransacked from end to end. Of course, nothing is found. No stain on the character of the bishop, who naturally is the real one."

"You remember how Henri Rochefort's paper La Lanterne when played under an interdiction under the empire was smuggled in from Belgium concealed inside busts representing Napoleon III."

Going on to speak of the various adulterations practiced the manager concluded:

"But the worst crime of these people is the adulterations of milk; 89,000 French children are annually poisoned. Yes, I deliberately say poisoned—by adulterated or dirty or infected milk."

## Started on Time Day After Fire

The city editor put the above head on a story showing how quickly a factory using Electric Power recovers from disaster.

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quarters if the idea was one which he thought rather good. At the end of his speech Mr. Balfour used to tear the foolscap envelope up and throw it on the floor, and if it was a division he would mingle genially with his followers, greeting this one and that with that air of surprised delight which becomes and also profits a leader. The he would come out of the lobby and walk up the floor with his wavy, undulating walk, holding the lapels of his frock coat with his two hands. At the end of the sitting he generally left Palace Yard alone and on foot, in a blue overcoat and with a rather tall hat tilted slightly to the back of his head.

## A MARK OF FAME

Country of "The Broad Highway" Draws Pilgrims Aready.

Already the country of "The Broad Highway" is attracting its pilgrims, says a correspondent of the Independent. And the novel is the best guide to the district, for Mr. Farnol has taken the names of his villages direct from the map.

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst are within a couple of miles of each other, and both are less than 50 miles southeast of London. The ancient buildings of Cranbrook include the old Pevensey House, where Peter was arrested for the supposed murder of his cousin, and the stately square tower of the church in which he was imprisoned; while at Sissinghurst is still a dreary, stretchy place, the wayfarer cannot mistake the Bull Inn, which plays so important a part in the story.

The surrounding country shows Kent in its most lovely aspects and amply justifies Mr. Farnol in his choice of background. He will probably remain faithful to that background; the larger part of the scene of his next novel will be laid in the same country, and in view of his fondness for pirates it may be that in the future he will journey eastward and give us a thrilling story of the freebooters who used to haunt the narrow seas.

Mr. Farnol is a daytime observer and a midnight worker. He goes to his desk

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MINERALS IN HUMAN BODY. [London Chronicle.] The human body contains, among other constituents, about two pounds of phosphorus, which is essential to the health of the bones and the vigor of the brain. The phosphorus, if extracted and put to another use, would make up about 4,000 packages of friction matches.

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