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A diver who went down to work on the steamship *Viscaya*, which was in collision and sunk off *Harnegat* light, had a gruesome experience. It was a difficult job, so two divers were sent down—one of them to remain on deck in sixty feet of water, to act as second tender to the other diver who went below. The latter had been below but a few minutes when three jerks came over the life line. When he had been hauled up on to the deck he was so unnerved that he forgot he was still in sixty feet of water, and signalled to have his helmet removed. When both divers had been hauled to the surface, he said that while he was working through a gangway, he had seen two huge objects coming toward him; and nothing could dissuade him from the belief that he had seen two submarine ghosts—until the other diver went down and discovered that there was a mirror at the end of the gangway, and that the diver had seen the reflection of his own legs, vastly enlarged, coming toward him.—From "Life Under Water," by Gustav Kobbe, in the *April Scribner*.

KITES.

From *Harper's Young People*.

As the spring days approach, young people's minds turn to kites. There are of course many different shapes and kinds, but there are not many which can be relied upon, and these few are the only ones that it will be worth our while discussing. The very best working kite, and the easiest to make, is the cross kite. To make this take two pine sticks, one measuring 3½ feet, and the other 2 feet, and cross them at right angles ¼ feet below the top of the kite. The two sticks should be ½ inches in diameter tapering to ¼ inches at the extremities. Lash them together with strong cord, waxed. Half an inch from the top of each stick bore a small hole. Pass a strong cord through one of the holes and tie it around the end of the sticks, pass to the end of next stick and fasten, and so on entirely around the outer edge of the frame. Regarding the covering of a kite, do not use paper, but substantial paper-mush, which can be bought of any color you desire. Turn your cloth over the edges of the string and sew twice around (this takes away all danger of ripping). The fine point in making a kite fly well is in the hanging of the chest-band. In the cross kite the chest band has four leaders while the face and star kite have six. Arrange all the leaders so that they will meet about three feet from the kite, and all the strain will be divided equally among them. By tightening the leaders more on one side than on the other a kite can be made to veer to either side as desired. By this means one person can handle three small kites, and have the three strings lead to one point. The top or bow kite is made the same as the cross kite, but has in addition the half of a split flour-barrel hoop; this is lashed to the top and ends of the crosspiece.

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