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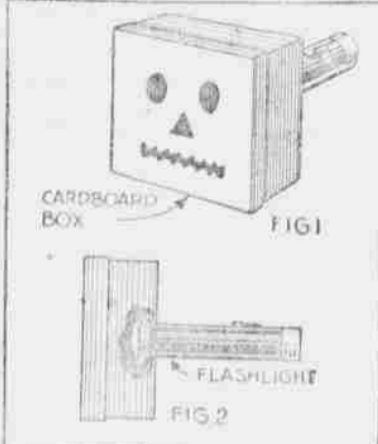
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**SIMPLE INVENTION FOR YOUR BOY**



Here's how your boy can make his own Jack o' Lantern for Halloween, providing he has one of those inexpensive flashlights that many boys have. He takes a common collar box, or handkerchief box and cuts the eyes, nose and teeth in the cover. In the bottom of the box he cuts a circular hole into which he fits the flashlight. That's all, except to turn on the juice! Copyrighted feature from Popular Science Monthly by special arrangements.

**WONDERS OF AMERICA**  
By I. T. MAXEY

**THE FATHER OF WATERS**  
COUNTING the longest branch as a part of it, the Mississippi is the longest river in the world. Hernando de Soto lake and not Lake Huron, as commonly supposed, is now considered by some authorities as its place of beginning. There is a difference of 1270 feet between the elevations of its mouth and of its head and during its journey from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico the temperature descending upon

the season, sometimes varies as much as 150 degrees. Its waters wash the soils of ten states. In the vicinity of Red river, Louisiana, the volume of its flow is estimated to exceed 12,000,000 gallons per second.

The Wisconsin, Des Moines, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, White, Arkansas and Red river systems, as well as a large number of "lesser lights" with their myriads of tributaries, flow into it. These rivers carry drainage from 25 of the 48 states. This tremendous watershed has an area of 1,240,000 square miles or 41% of the entire United States.

The Mississippi is navigable for almost its entire length or from St. Paul to the Gulf. Large numbers of passengers are transported between local points and tremendous quantities of freight—principally grain, cotton, live stock, coal, lumber, logs, provisions, stone, gravel and sand are carried upon its surface. The river freight at the port of New Orleans during a recent year, approximated 1,000,000,000 tons.

**MARNE NOW MURKY STREAM**

Once Sparkling River Seems to Mirror the Horrors of the Gloomy Years of War.

If Chateau Thierry itself has failed to erase all signs of the occupying the Marne still reveals its tale of a miserably "backlog." It was shown as sparkling stream flowing through a charming valley that was particularly noted for its ornamental scenery. Now it flows the Marne enters through a valley of treeless, barren, and desolate discovery and death. The surface is covered with a thick, oily sludge. The stream flows with great swiftness, and as though in great pain.

Even then you must look beneath the murky water to see the ghastly horrors of the Marne. The story of what this stream witnessed in 1918

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troubled waters of yesterday is best told by the accumulation of rubbish that clutters the river bed. There are seen rusted shells and broken artillery pieces, sometimes old shoes, broken rifles, helmets, for the Marne, as those who fought there will testify, is a continuous sepulcher to the unknown dead.

Yet, despite this, the oddest sight in a trip through the valley of the Marne is the gipsy caravan one frequently encounters on the roads. The brilliant eyes of their wagon wheels flashing in the sun, contrasts strangely with the dead underbrush by the roadside. At first you wonder why these people, who depend so much on foraging, should select these devastated areas. Certainly the returned peasant has no less kettie work for them to mend, and there is little food that the natives can afford to share with the gipsy beggars.

I finally was told the reason for the presence of these odd tourists. It seems that the gipsies have had great difficulty in finding their younger generations to the old roving life. This is particularly true of the young men, who succumb to the comforts and attractions of town ways. So by way of a lesson, the gipsy children are taking their children across the battlefields. When they reach a particular

is definite spot the puzzled leader points to their faces and cries: "Look! There is the civilization that built you!"—George F. Kourney in the American Legion Weekly.

**Day of Fairs Is Gone.**  
The real change has small right for extensive these days. This group-organizing is associated with the business method and doesn't reach into man's pocket. Nothing that is put through the brain, force, is deemed to fulfill its business if it may have a temporary excitement, but sooner or later it is bound to run the gamut of reason and public opinion. In some instances this is all right. But when the business man will find that there is more money in things that attract the fancy than in the things that attract the mind, that is a mistake. There is a certain amount of money that can be made by a "show" in some of the business transactions that

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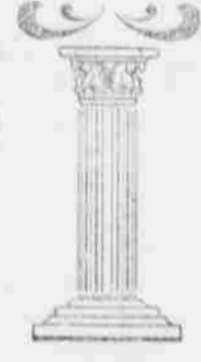
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