

Science is the most romantic thing in the world today——

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SO astounding are many of the things accomplished by science nowadays that we are apt to regard them with dumb wonder, as though they were fairy-tales. The true romance of science, however, lies not merely in its incredibility, but in the fact that every one of its amazing achievements plays a useful part, directly or indirectly, in our daily lives. *Marvels of Science* makes clear the hundreds of ways in which our comfort and happiness depend on the researches of experimenters in the field of pure science.

What Do You Know About Glass? About Paint?

Here are two simple, everyday substances, so familiar that it seems hard to believe they harbor any secret mysteries. Yet Mr. Wisheart enumerates so many extraordinary and unsuspected properties of these "simple" materials that they become invested with all the charm of romance. One is less surprised to find radium, asbestos and the X-ray listed among the marvels of science, but here again the vast range of their

usefulness is astounding. Other chapters of breathless interest describe the endless procession of new things to eat, wear, play with and work with which chemistry is furnishing us; the delicate instruments in use at the U. S. Bureau of Standards; the war of science against insects; and the amazing underground engineering feats to be met with on a tour "under the sidewalks of New York."



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