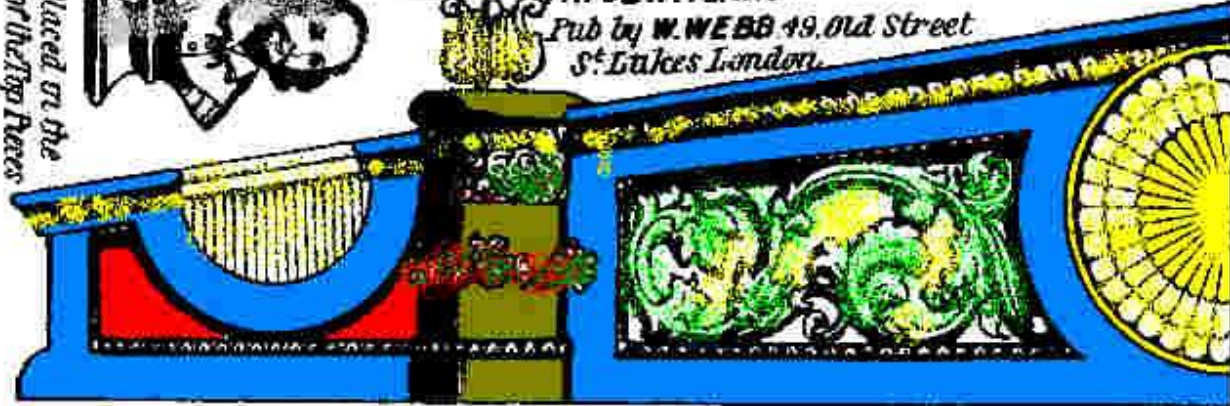


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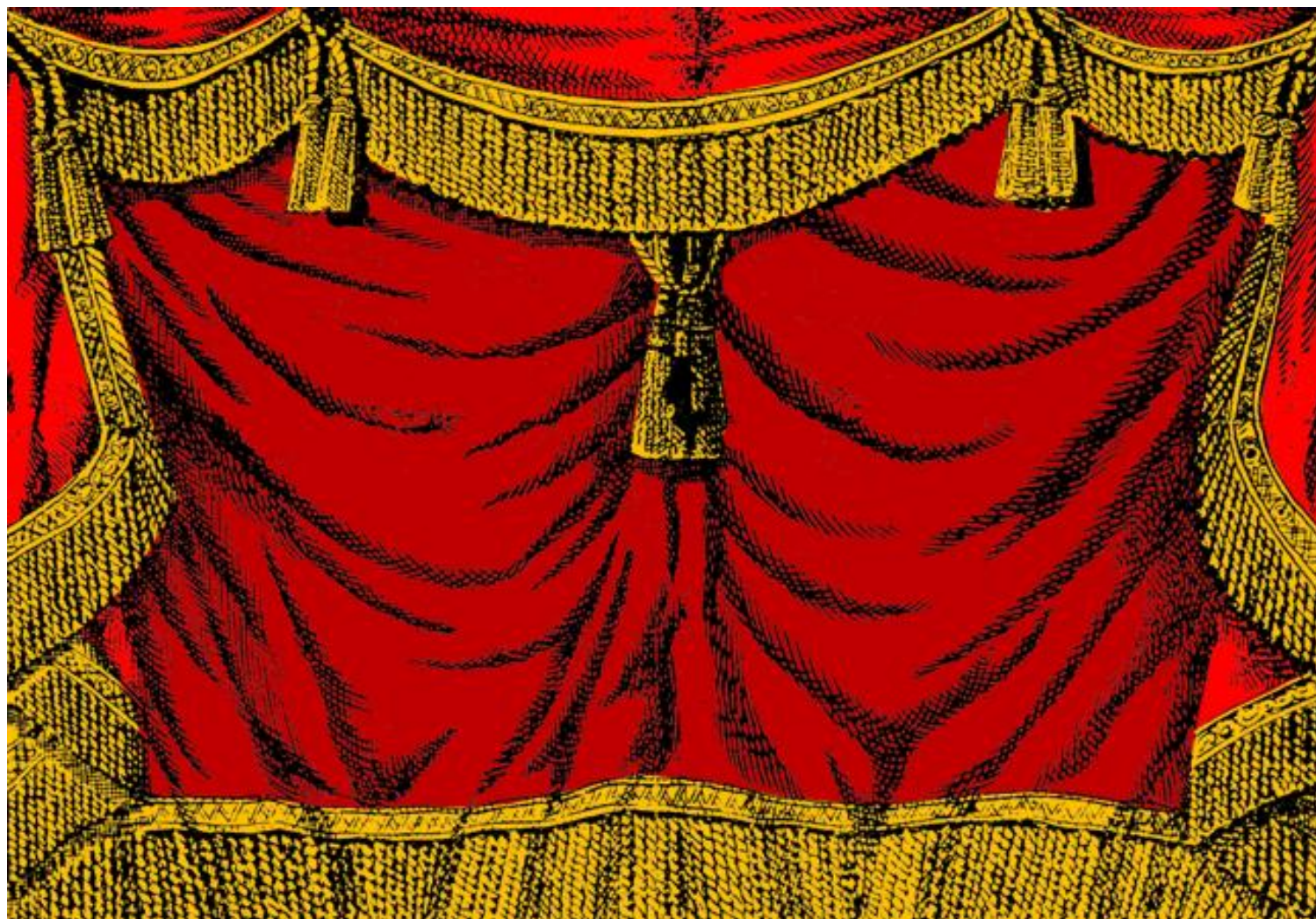


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**CARDBOARD TOY THEATRE KIT WITH
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This kit enables you to recreate a traditional Toy Theatre from the Victorian era. It includes a play which you can perform on it. All the instructions required are included. You will also need scissors, glue, a piece of oven foil and some bits of re-cycled card. Advice is given on how to add lighting to complete the magic.

“The Brigand” was a popular nineteenth century stage play by J.Planché. It was reproduced in the Toy Theatre by William West, the Skelts and John Green, where it was equally popular.

“The Brigand’s Son” was based on Prosper Merimée’s story, “Mateo Falcone”, it was first performed at the English Opera House in London in 1836. A Toy Theatre version was published by William Webb in 1861. This was copied and republished by Hannibal Mathews (1854-1940) in 1891, even though Webb’s son was still selling the original play at the time! Mathews was perhaps the first “Enthusiast publisher”. His main job was as a music teacher but he also republished 20 old Toy Theatre plays to feed a limited demand for what was by then already an old fashioned hobby.

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