

STORY OF A LAUNCH IN TWO CHAPTERS - -

Chapter One:- The new cross-Channel steamer 'Brighton' is named by Lady Dent at Dumbarton.
-Scotland-

Picture-There was once a new built ship which had no name and had not--

--been launched," so the authorities said "she shall be baptised, named and launched to-morrow."

Even demoiselles from France came to look at her lines and--

appendages. A certain Lady Dent conducted the baptism and said "Henceforth Great Ship your name shall be 'Brighton'", and everybody cried Hurrah! But bad Old Man Weather--

--had a liver and said "Baptised she may--

--be, but launched to-day she shall not be", and he blew and blew, until everybody went home.

Chapter Two.:- Bad weather delays the actual launch, which takes place a day later.

But even Old Man Weather must get puffed with blowing sometimes, and by the next morning he had got tired, so the authorities conferred together. "Before he can blow again" they whispered, "let's launch our beautiful ship", and they did the very same day. So the Scots defeated the weather, and their reputation for keeping their word, and most--

--other things was vindicated. And the Newhaven-Dieppe service will soon welcome the finest ship crossing that strip of sea-road.