

LITTLE CITIZENS and THEIR FLAGS



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Genesee Valley Historical Reprint Series:

Little Citizens

of the Great Round World and their Flags

This delightful coloring book published in 1922 by the F. A. Owen Publishing Company of Dansville, NY features Bess Bruce Cleaveland's charming illustrations of children from around the world dressed in traditional clothing; colored flags by Genevieve Stump Foster; and short rhyming poems by Maude M. Grant. There are detailed directions for coloring a boy and girl from each of the many countries included (United States, Mexico, Liberia, Argentina, Holland, England, France, Russia, Alaska (Eskimos), the forest (Indians), Switzerland, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Italy, China, and Japan) so that "they will look prettiest" in the colors selected, plus a blank flag of these countries to color in the "really truly colors shown in the flags." The book includes a letter from editor Elizabeth P. Bemis "to all little boys and girls who want something to do," containing instructions for using the illustrations to make patterns for fun craft projects such as a paper doll parade, peace flags, book ends, twine holders, flower holders, garden sticks, and embroidery.

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*Little Citizens of the Great Round World
and Their Flags*

A Letter to All Little Boys and Girls Who Want Something to Do.

DEAR LITTLE FRIENDS :

Do you remember the story of Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother?

If you do, you know how the Fairy Godmother waved her wonderful wand, which brought to Cinderella some wonderful clothes—you surely remember Cinderella's wonderful glass slippers—and a wonderful golden coach with wonderful white horses and the coachman and footmen in their wonderful suits, and how Cinderella rode to the wonderful ball where she met the wonderful prince who found her lost glass slipper and whom she finally married and with whom she was wonderfully happy ever after.

For a long time I have been wishing that I could find a Fairy Godmother with a Magic Wand who could do things as wonderful for all of you as Cinderella's Fairy Godmother did for her. I especially wanted to ask her to help make all the little boys and girls of this Great Round World acquainted with each other.

You have heard big folks spoken of as "Citizens," and you know that all Big Citizens were once little boys and girls, so, of course, then they were Little Citizens. So you see, it is all right to call you "Little Citizens."

I have often wished that a Fairy Godmother, like the one Cinderella had, would come and wave her Magic Wand, to bring flying through the air to you, like a big bird, a big, big, big Magic Aeroplane, big enough to hold thousands and thousands and tens of thousands—yes, millions of little boys and girls. Then you could all have a ride in this wonderful Magic Aeroplane and fly away, away and away through the air and visit all the countries of this Great Round World.

How you would enjoy visiting all the Little Citizens of all the different countries. They would show you their homes, their clothes, their food, their games, their pets and the lessons that they study, and they would surely show you their flags, which they love just as you love Old Glory. I am sure that even though you found that they did things very differently from you that you would have a nice time with them all and would feel that they were all your friends.

One day, when I was wishing especially hard that the Little Citizens of the Great Round World could become better acquainted with each other, I suddenly thought of a way to "play make believe" to do it. Don't you love to "make believe" you can do things? The "make believe" way I thought of was a book which was to be the Magic Aeroplane that we would play could fly like a big, big bird.

So I hunted up some friends of mine who love little boys and girls just as I do, and I asked them to help me. They thought it was a fine idea and all agreed at once to help.

One friend said, "I will draw the pictures of the Little Citizens who are to be visited;" another friend said, "I will draw their flags;" a third friend said, "I will write some rhymes for them to read;" and a fourth friend said, "I will give some nice paper and ink and print all of these things you are going to do and bind them into this Magic Aeroplane book."

When I heard my friends say this I felt very happy, almost as happy as I would if I could have found the Fairy Godmother I had been wishing for. Then we all worked hard to make this book for you, and now it is all ready for the Magic Aeroplane Game.

The first game to play is to make a colored picture book of the whole book, with your colored crayons or paints.

The friend who drew the pictures of the Little Citizens in this book has told you how she thinks they will look prettiest, in the colors she has selected. But she wants you to color them any way you like.

The friend who drew the flags worked hard to find some flags exactly like the ones you would really see if all the Little Citizens whose pictures are given in the book could really become live little boys and girls and bring their flags to you. And the friend who gave the ink and paper for the book worked hard to get inks with just the right colors for these flags; so you see that it will not be right to use any colors for these flags but the really truly colors shown in the flags at the top of the pages.

Pretty soon I will tell you of just one change you can make which will be all right; it will be for a Peace Flag.

The second game to play is the making of the Little Citizens Border.

For this you will need some plain paper. It must be thin enough for you to see the pictures through so you can trace them, and strong enough to paint on without tearing. Some of the white paper sold at the shops for shelves and bureau drawers will do if you are particular to get the kind that you can see the lines through. You will also need some of the plain oatmeal wall paper that has pretty, soft colors; green, tan or blue will do.

After you have traced the pictures in the book of all of The Little Citizens and their Flags and colored them nicely, you can cut out the pictures and paste them side by side on the oatmeal paper, with the flags above the proper pair of Little Citizens. Now they are ready to be fastened up on the wall of your playroom or your bedroom where you can enjoy them and show them to your friends.

The third game is the Little Citizens Paper Doll Parade. (You can call the Border a Little Citizens Border Parade if you like, and so have two Parades.) For this you will need some stiff paper or thin cardboard.

First trace and color the pictures as you did for the Border Parade, then paste them on the stiff paper or thin cardboard, and cut them out just as you do your paper dolls. If you leave some extra strips of cardboard at the bottom and bend them back, your dolls will stand. Or you can get a shallow box at the grocer's and fill it with sand from your sand pile and sink the extra strips in the sand and they will stand up straight. Some of the children you will see will want to walk arm in arm.

You can get a little tube of glue at the hardware store and glue together some big burnt matches, after you have cut off the burnt parts, and make poles for the flags. These can be stuck in the sand beside the doll to whom they belong. You will then have a lovely parade.

Now I will tell you how to make the Peace Flags. They are made just like the other flags, only strips of white paper are pasted all around them, making all the flags have exactly the same kind of borders. In the Parade the Girl Citizens can each carry a Peace Flag ; this will give each Little Citizen a flag to carry.

Have you ever seen a really truly Peace Flag ? Some day all the Big Citizens of the world will put bands of white all around their flags, so that all the flags of the world will have something to make them seem to belong together; and this white band will stand for Love and Peace between all nations.

The fourth game requires a jig-saw. If this is too hard to play all alone you can get the patterns ready and perhaps Papa or Big Brother or Grandpapa will help you cut out the things with the saw.

For a jig-saw you will need some thin boards, also some carbon paper. First make the patterns just as you did for the Border Parade and the Paper Doll Parade, then place the carbon paper between the traced pattern and the board and go over the pattern with a pencil to transfer the pattern to the board. After this pattern is cut out with the jig-saw paint it in pretty colors and glue it to small pieces of board so it will stand.

Some of these patterns can be used as book ends, some for twine holders by fastening a tin box back of the figure, some for flower holders by fastening a glass back of the figure. The flags will make pretty garden sticks. Fasten a flag to a long stick and paint it. These book ends, twine holders, flower holders and garden sticks will all make pretty, useful birthday and Christmas gifts for you to give to Papa, Mamma, Grandpapa, Grandmamma, or any friend that you love.

The fifth game to play with this book is to make embroidery patterns from the pictures. This also calls for the traced patterns. When they are ready, ask Mamma or Grandmamma or some kind friend to sew over all the lines on the pictures on the sewing machine with an unthreaded needle. This makes an embroidery pattern. To use this pattern lay it with the smooth side of lines next to the cloth you wish to stamp, and go over it with embroidery stamping powder. After you take off the pattern go over it with a hot iron. If this is too hard for you to do you can get some one to help you.

The pictures of the Little Citizens and their flags stamped over a large piece of white cloth and worked in a pretty red or blue outline stitch will make a pretty bed cover for your bed and it will match your border. The patterns can also be used for cushions, table covers, etc.

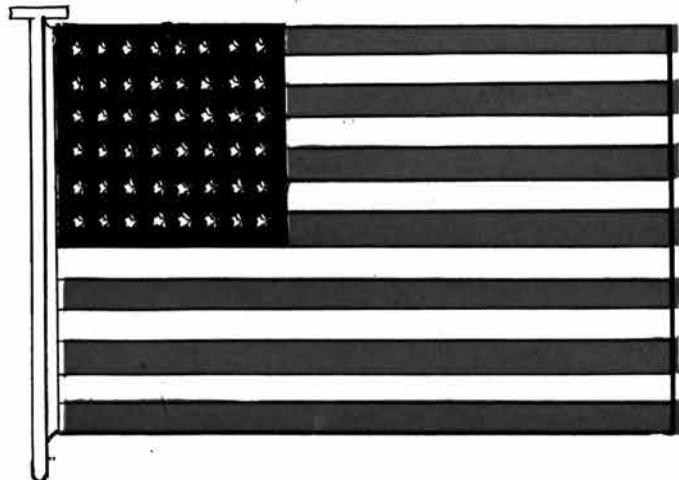
I hope you will think of other games to play with these pictures, but I feel sure when you play all I have described you will see that you have made some very pretty things and had a very nice time.

I wish I could see all the nice work you will do. I have played with so many little girls and boys who had such nice times making things for their friends and for their playrooms and bedrooms, that I understand the fun there is in doing this kind of work.

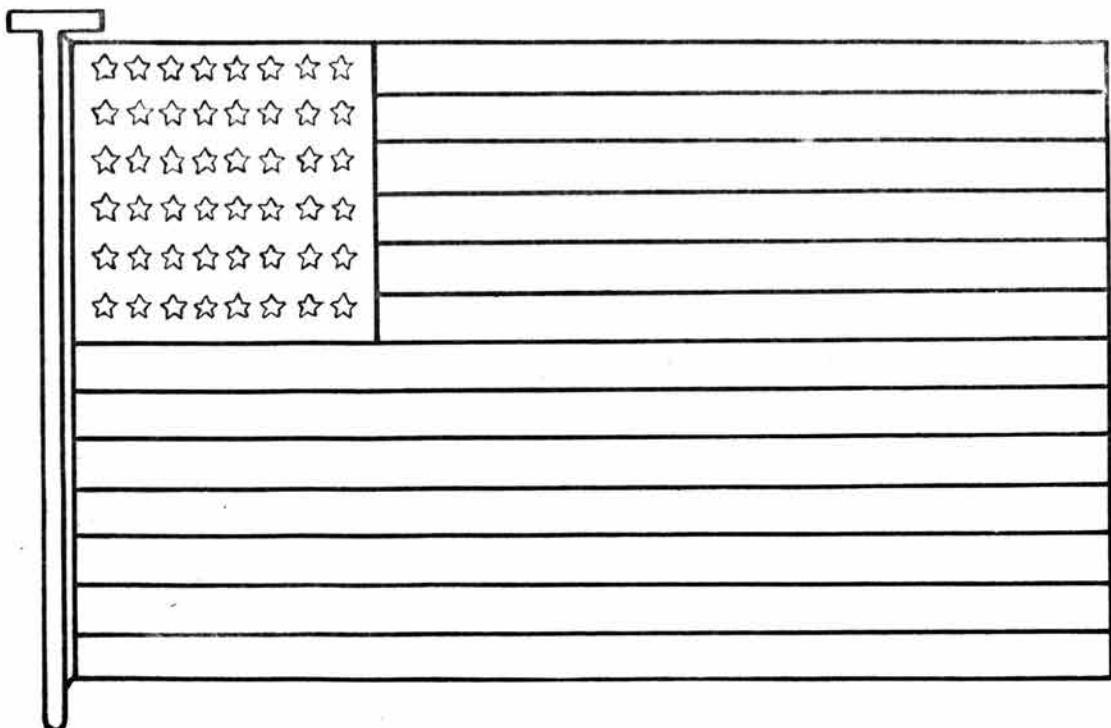
With love, your friend

ELIZABETH P. BEMIS

UNITED STATES



Scout Boy brave, and Camp Fire Girl,
Dear American laddie and lass,
All are proud to honor you
Everywhere they see you pass.
Future hopes on you are placed;
Ever may you strive to do
That which honors our dear flag.
Brave be, always, pure and true.



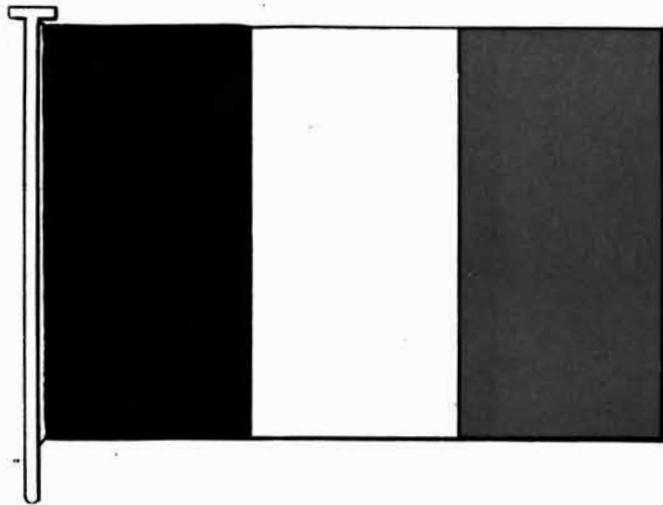
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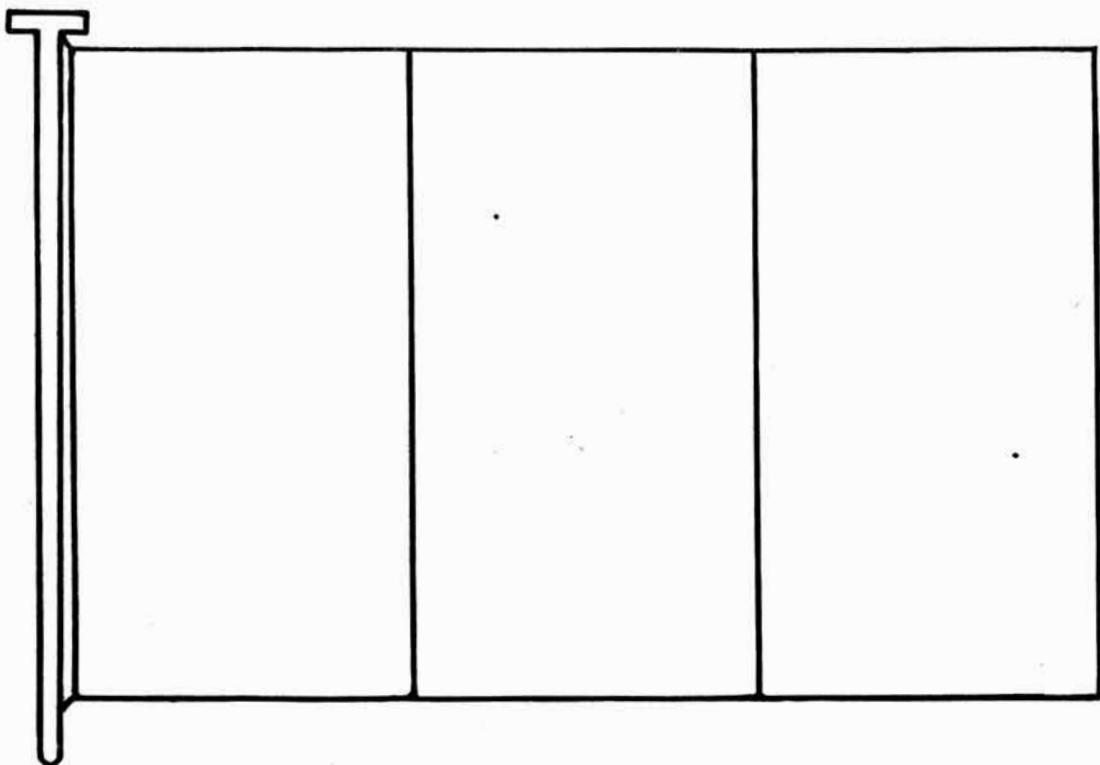
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BOY SCOUT AND CAMP FIRE GIRL, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES
DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The Boy Scout wears khaki, the Camp Fire Girl a suit of the same color with red, green, blue and white braided decorations. Both have black hair.

MEXICO



Juan and Juanita you here may see,
Dark-eyed and bright as a child can be.
Children who live in old Mexico;
Fruits of the tropics, and sugar there grow.
Now to give help to these children let's try
In every way possible, both you and I.



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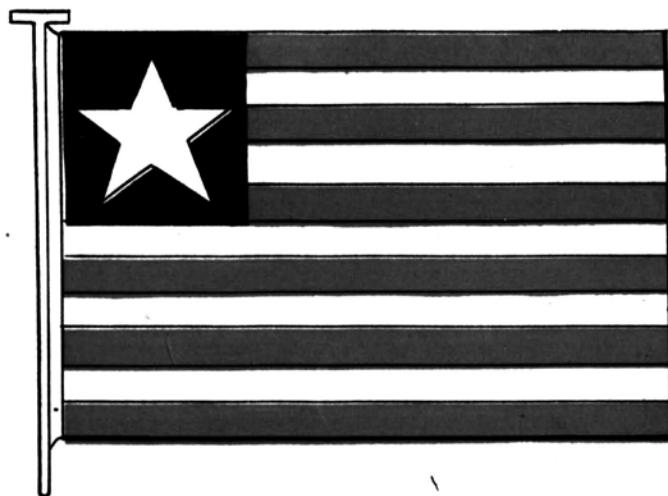


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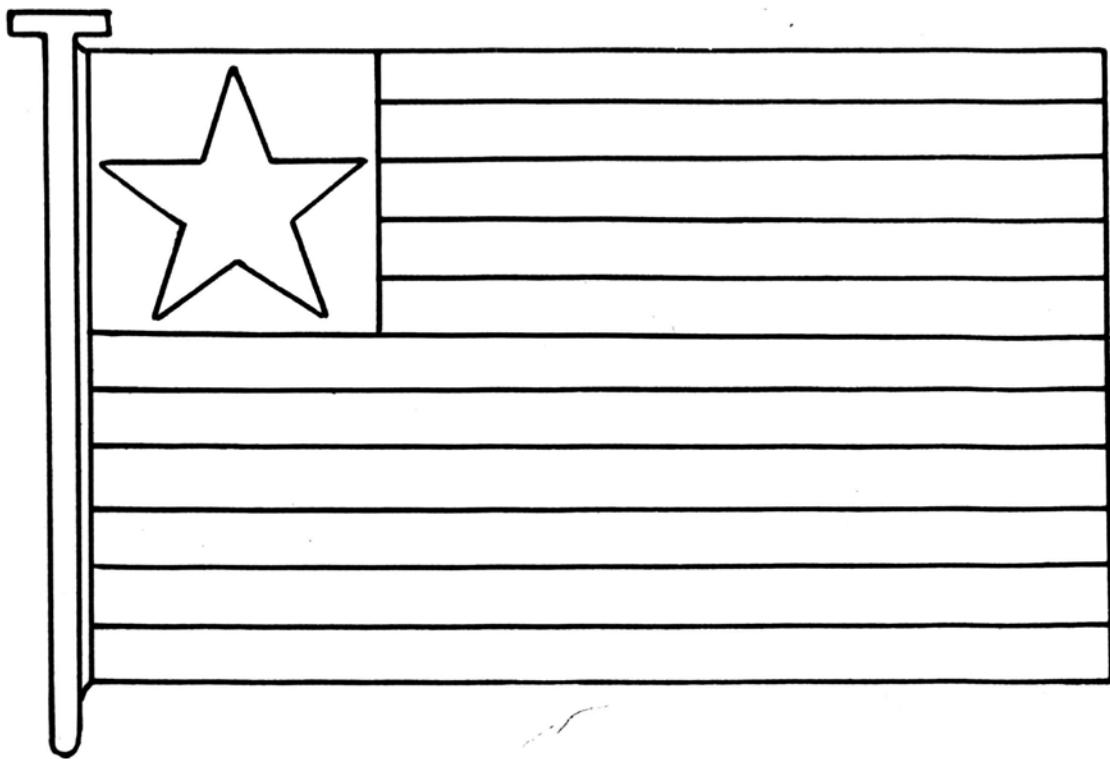
JUANITA AND JUAN, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF MEXICO

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The children are swarthy, with black hair. The girl has a red skirt, and a green shawl with dull orange band. The boy's hat is soft yellow with red and green about the brim, a white waist, and dull yellow-brown trousers.

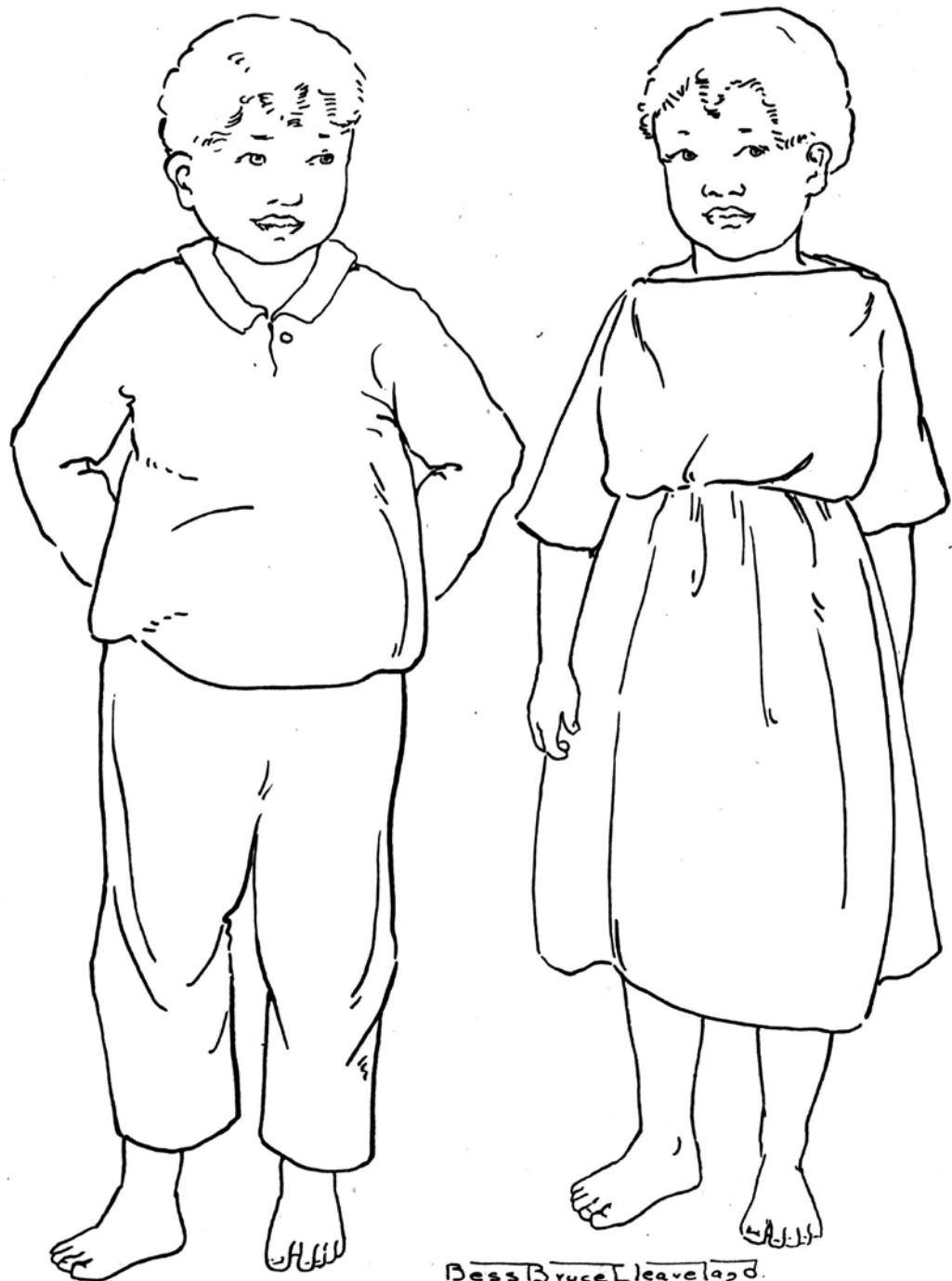
LIBERIA



The children of Liberia,
A wholesome, happy lot,
Live where the sun each day sends down
His rays so bright and hot.
They frolic 'neath the tall palm trees
And pick the tropic flowers.
Their country a republic is,—
A government like ours.



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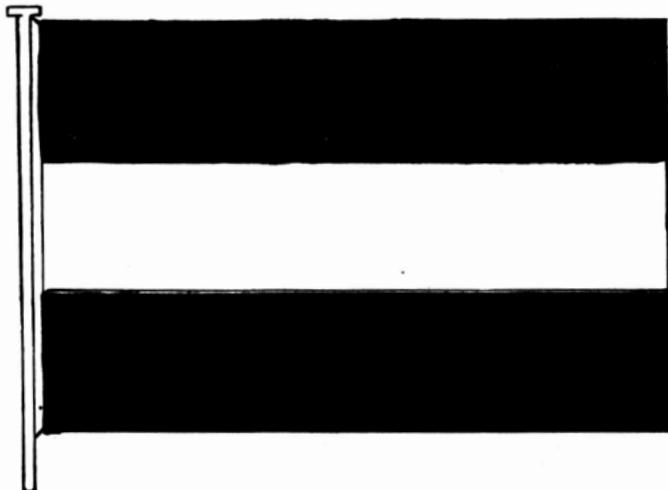


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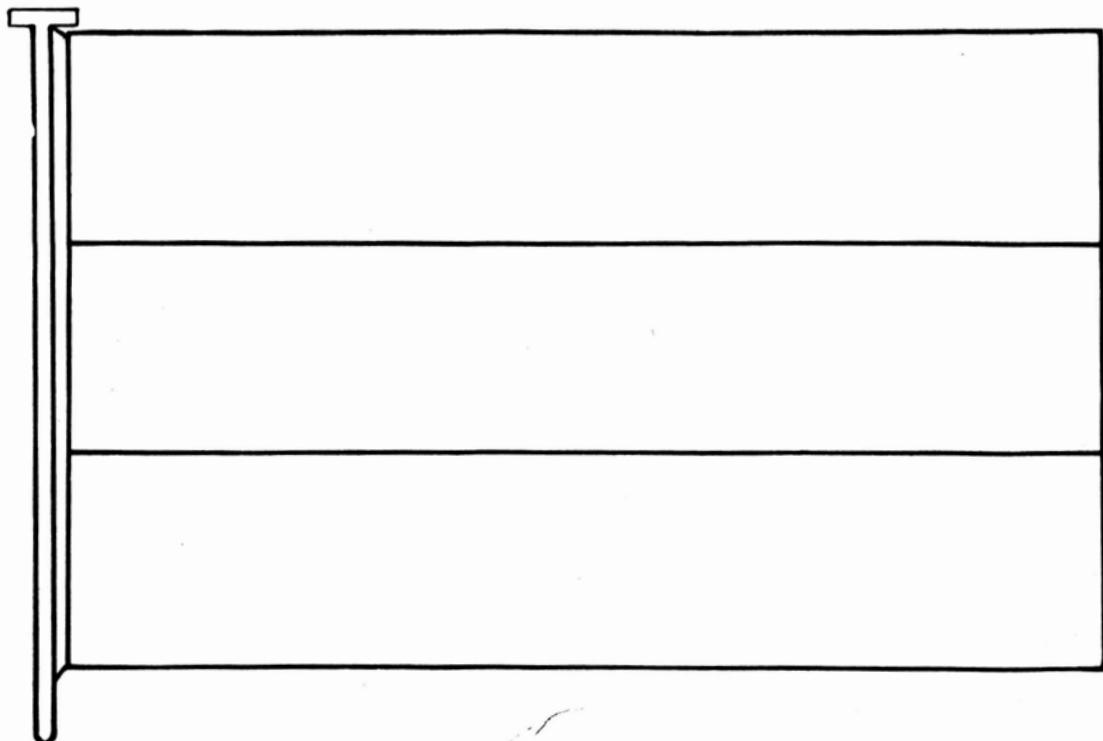
SAM AND JUNO, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF LIBERIA

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Paint the flesh a soft brown, and the hair black. The girl may wear a dull blue dress.
The boy's clothes are a soft yellow.

ARGENTINA



From far off Argentina,
With wheat fields vast and great,
Come now this lad and lassie,
All eager to relate
Great tales about their country,
Its flocks and herds, and all
Its treeless "Pampas," covered
With grasses straight and tall.



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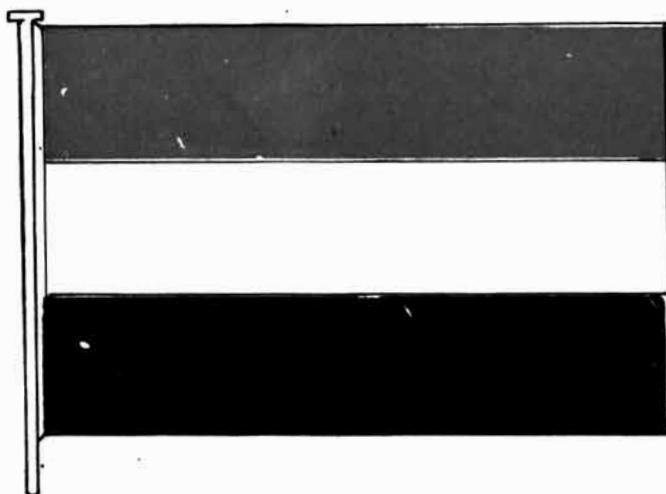


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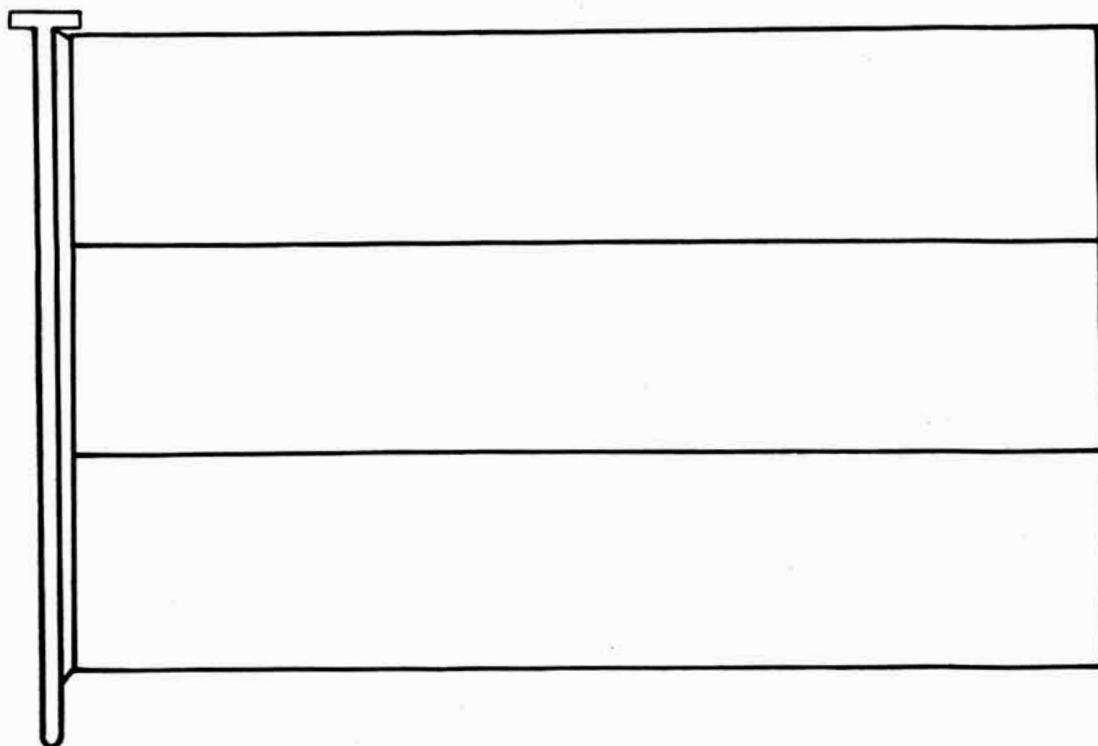
TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF ARGENTINA

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Dress the brown-haired boy in a soft linen-colored suit trimmed in russet brown, with brown shoes and stockings. The girl wears a light yellow dress with white collar and cuffs, brown hair ribbon, shoes, and stockings.

HOLLAND



From the Land of Wooden Shoes,
From the Land of Windmills, too,
Here come Carl and Neltje Jans—
Greetings they are sending you.
Sturdy Dutch, so brave and true,
We can profit much from you.



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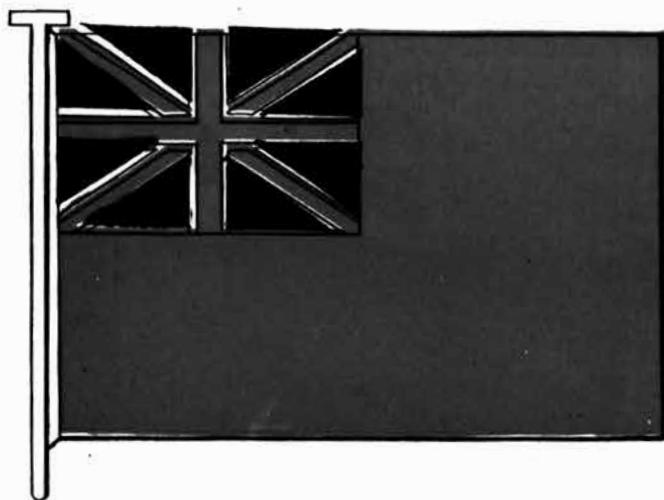


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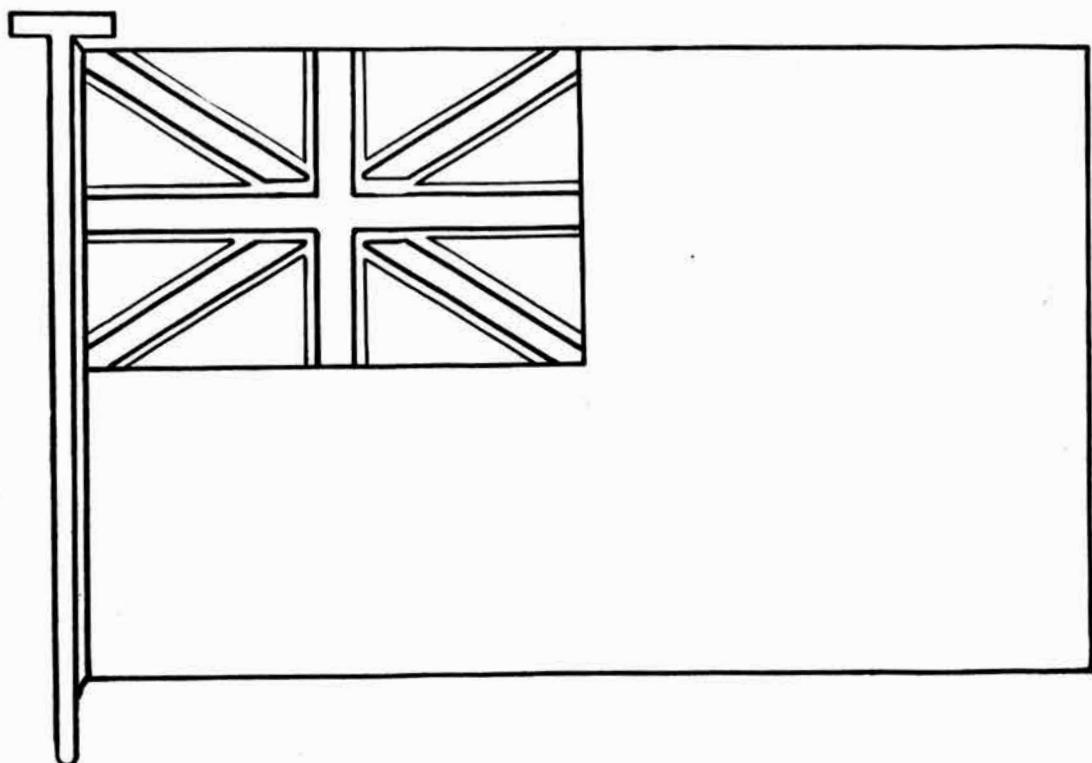
CARL AND NELTJE JANS, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF HOLLAND

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The children both have soft yellow hair. The boy wears a black cap, a dull red jacket, and soft gray trousers. His stockings are black and shoes soft brown. The girl's cap is white, waist white with dull blue bands. The apron is cream with yellow and blue top and her skirt dull red. The stockings are black and shoes like the boy's.

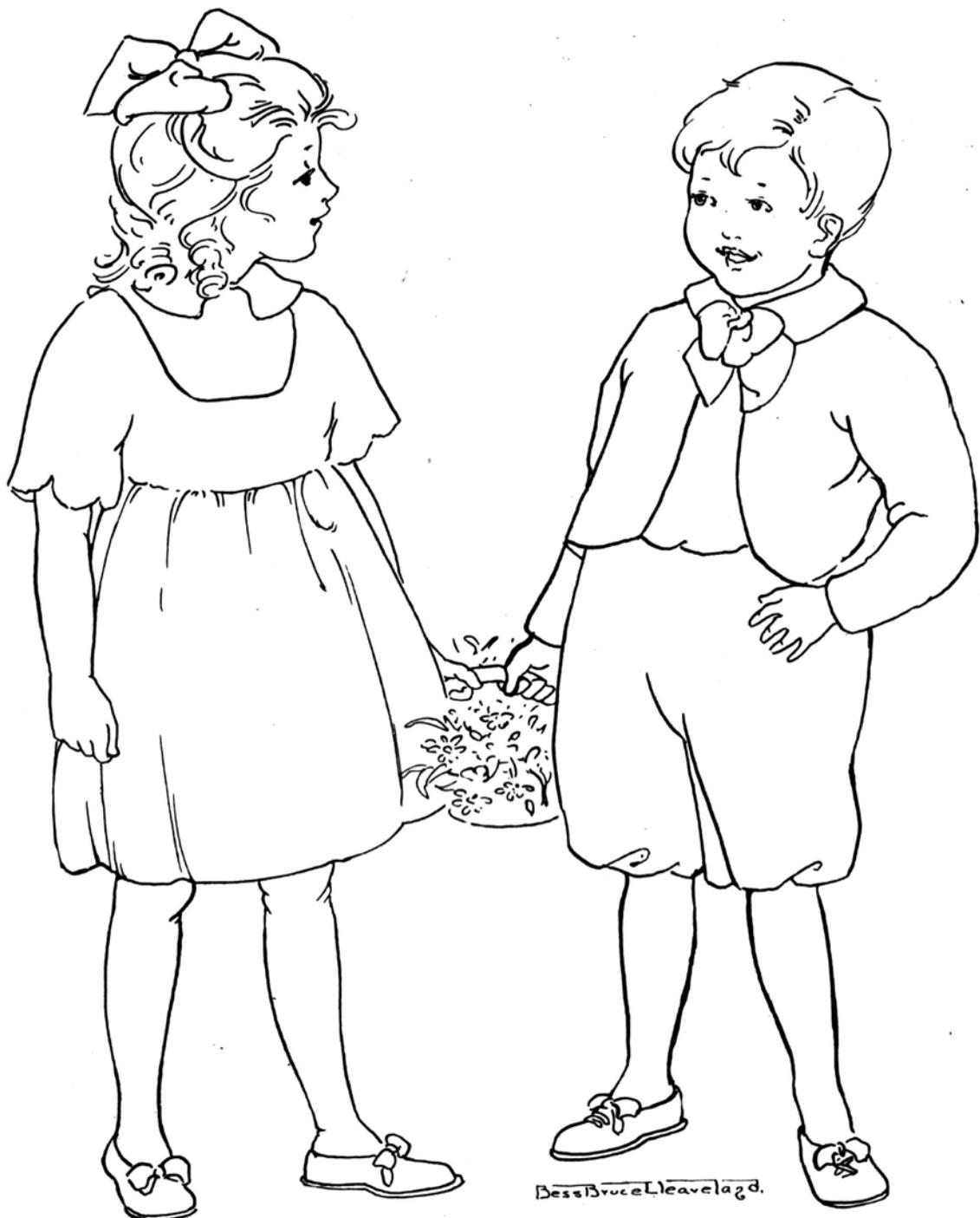
ENGLAND



Little English Ann and John,
You are good to look upon.
Up the English lanes you go,
Seeking where the wild flowers grow.
Language one speak you and I,
Between us two there's many a tie.



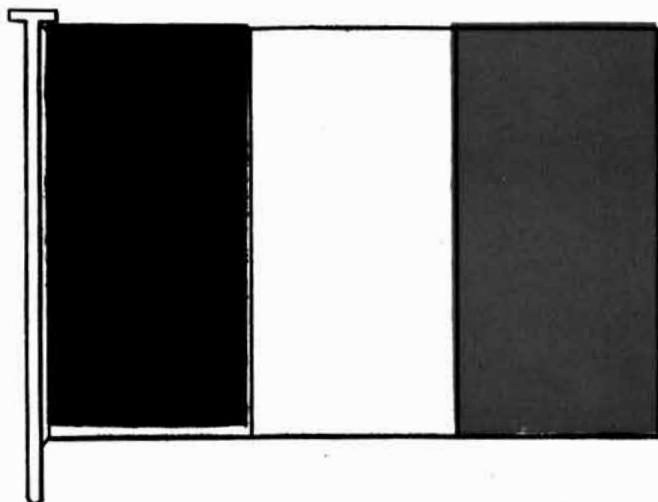
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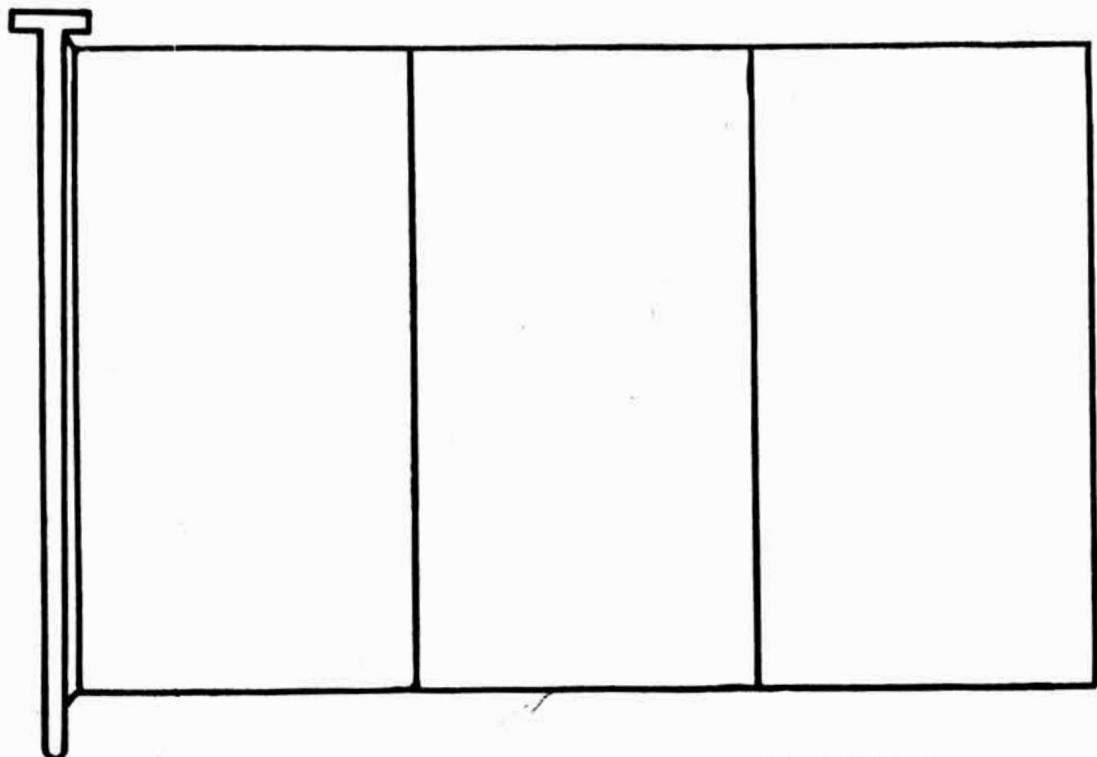
ANN AND JOHN, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF ENGLAND

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Let the fair-haired girl wear a pale green dress, with white yoke, green ribbons, white stockings and shoes. The boy has a gray jacket and trousers, with white waist and scarlet tie. His shoes and stockings are brown. The flowers are blue and pink.

FRANCE



Pretty little Francois, dainty bright Marie,
Sweetest little French wee folks as one could see—
Dancing, laughing, skipping, picking flowers bright,
In the fields of sunny France, they are a pretty sight.
Let us learn the lesson, always thus to be
Joyous, bright and happy, like Francois and Marie.



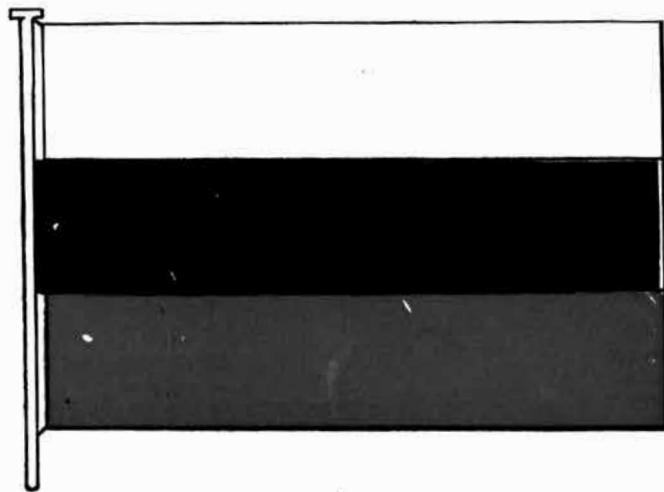
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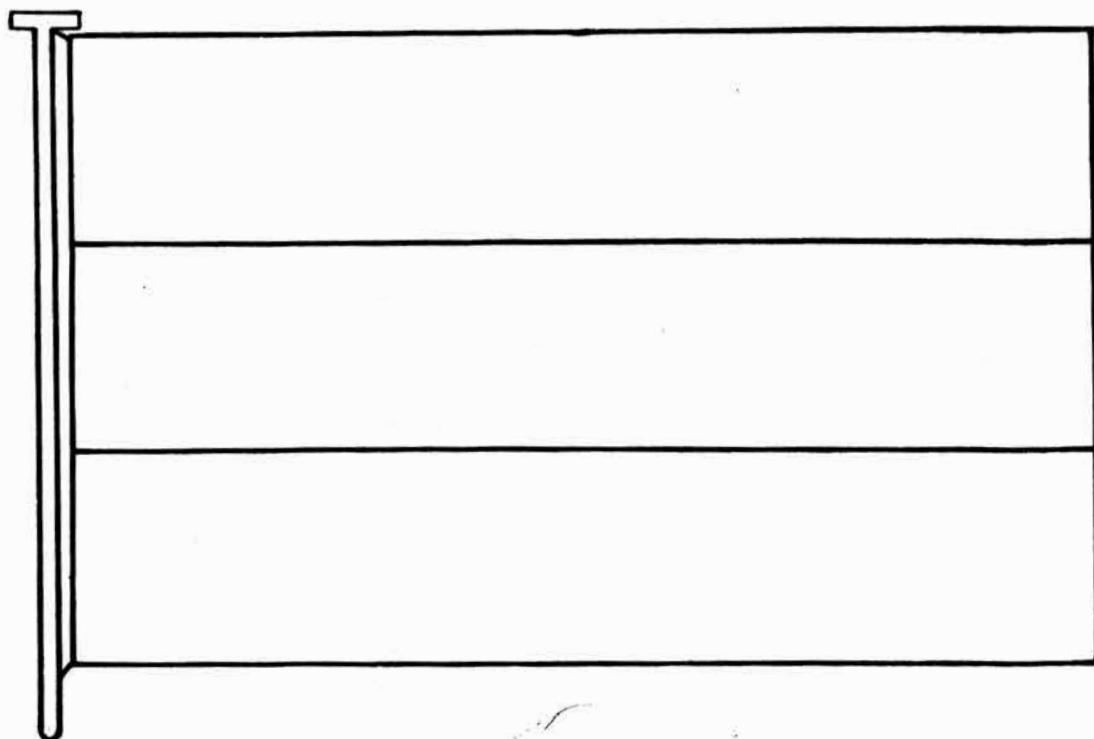
MARIE AND FRANCOIS, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF FRANCE

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Let the children have dark brown hair. The girl wears a soft yellow dress with white scarf and apron, yellow shoes and stockings. The flowers are blue and the butterfly yellow. The boy's jacket and trousers are gray-blue, waist and collar white, and tie scarlet. Shoes and stockings are gray.

RUSSIA



Olga and little Ivanovitch
Come out of Russia, so great and so rich,
Where in the winter the Ice King holds court,
Reveling in summer in out-of-door sport.
Oh, little Russians all, we're brothers, too.
Over in our land there's welcome for you.



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IVANOVITCH AND OLGA, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF RUSSIA

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Let the boy wear a soft gray cap and coat with red leggings and black shoes. His mittens are red and his scarf is red and black. The girl has a blue hat with orange embroidery, and ribbon at the back. Her coat is dull blue with orange and black embroidery, the skirt is gray with checks of green and orange, the shoes and stockings dull red.

**ESKIMOS
INDIANS**

Away up in Alaska amid the Arctic snows,
We find the little village where live these Eskimos,
On the bleak trails of Alaska
Under the Northern Lights
This brother and little sister
See many wondrous sights.



TWO LITTLE ESKIMO CITIZENS

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The boy wears a chamois colored jumper with white fur. His trousers are brown, leggings green, and shoes chamois with white fur and bright beaded trimming. The girl's dress is red, with a chamois jumper. The fur is white with dark brown tails. The trimming on jumper and boots is in alternate checks of red, blue, and white. Both have black hair.

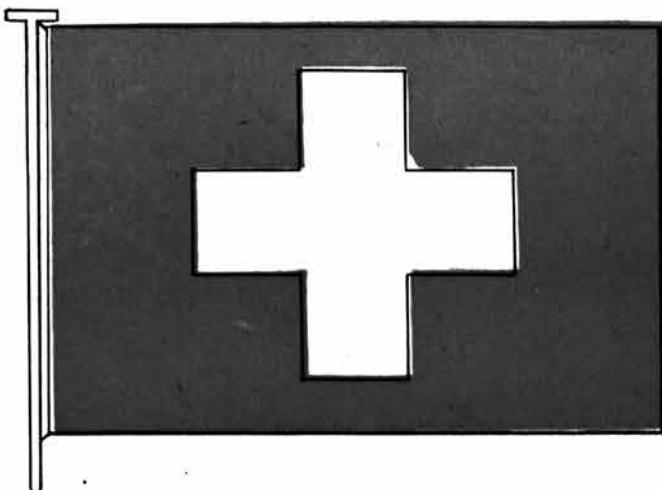
Children of the forest these,
Through the woods they love to roam,
Playing with the squirrels tame;
Wigwams snug they make their home.
Little Indian maid and boy,
All the world out-doors enjoy!



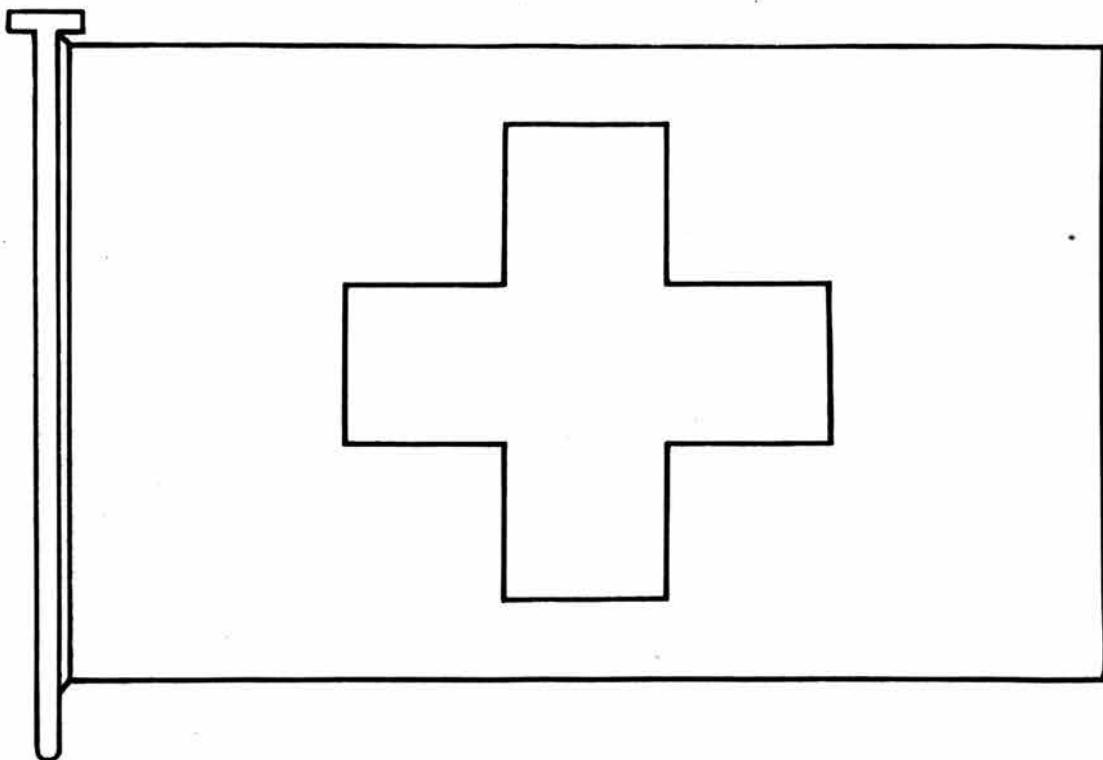
TWO LITTLE INDIAN CITIZENS

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Both suits are soft light brown, or chamois color, decorated in bright yellow, red, green, and blue beads with white. The hair is black, and faces swarthy. The doll wears a bright green skirt and red waist.

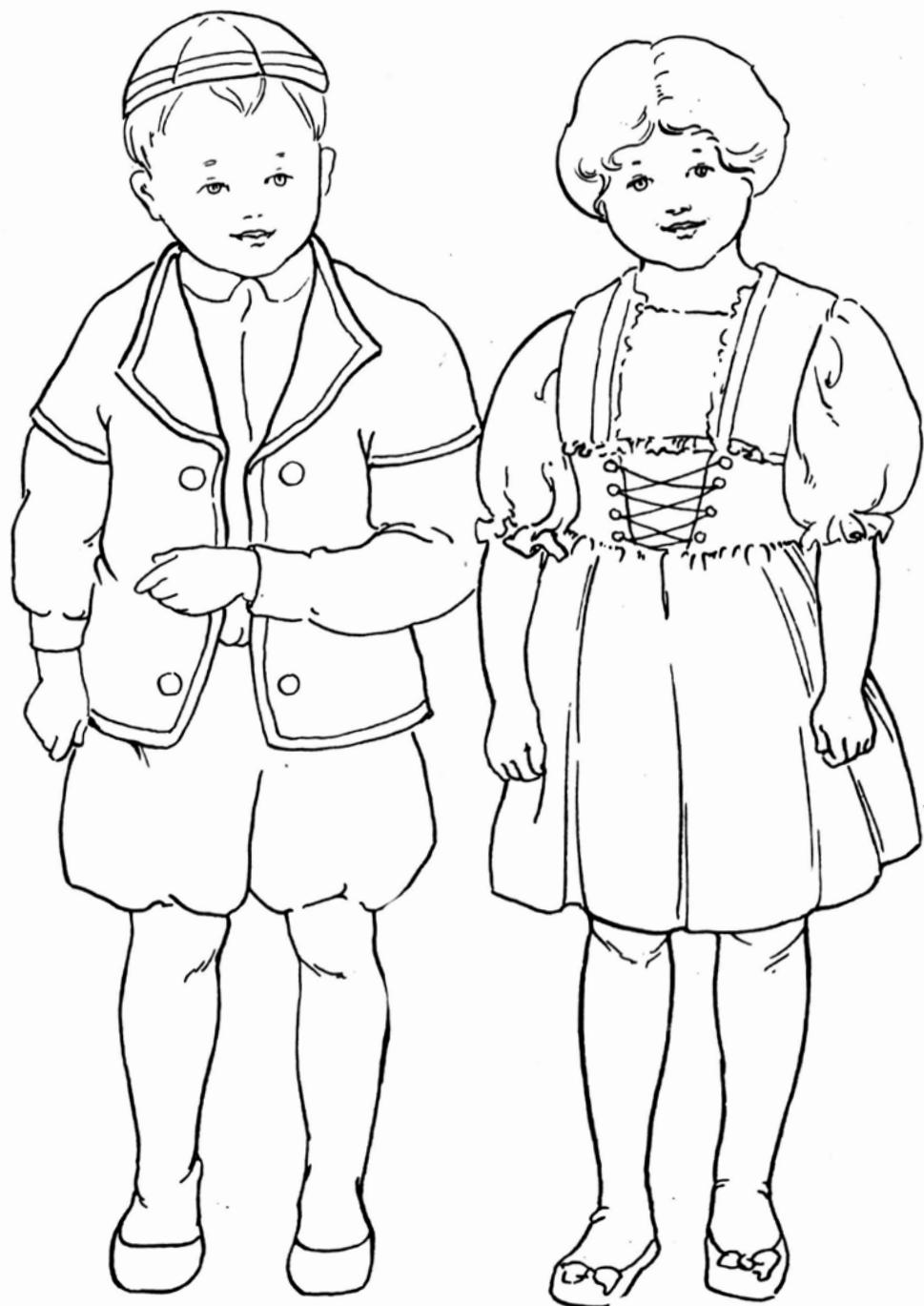
SWITZERLAND



Here are Seppi and Hedwig from Switzerland,
Of the snow-capped Alps, and the scenery grand.
Little Seppi carves wood, and small Hedwig can sew ;
They are fine little folks for us all to know.
If you wish you might see them, afar you must roam
For they are contented to stay in their home.



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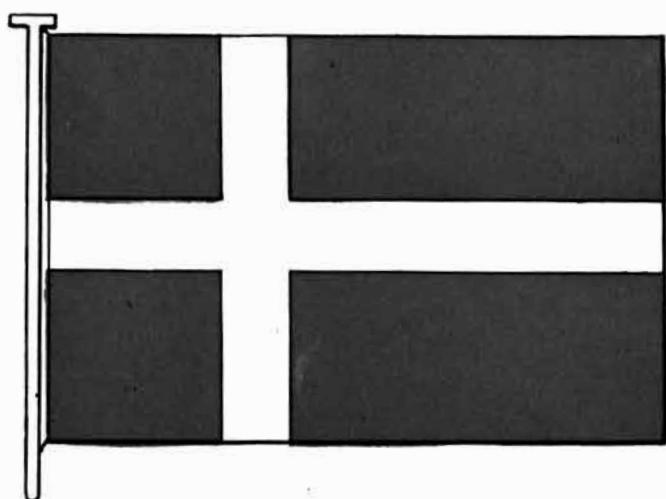


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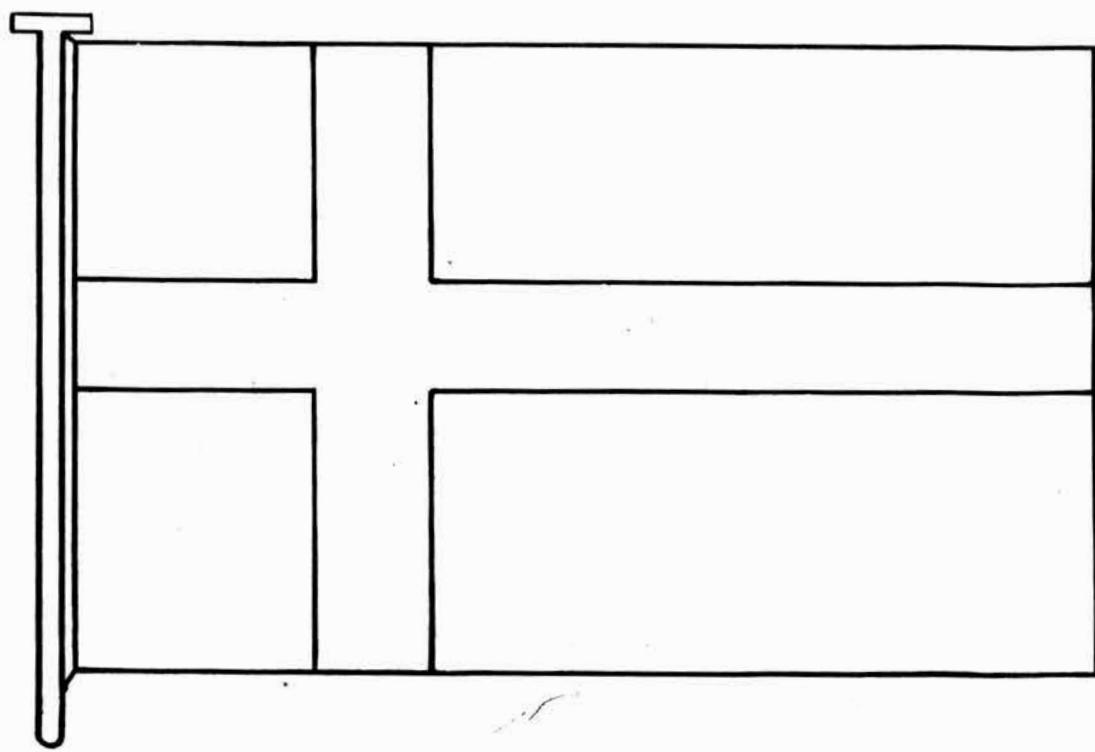
SESSI AND HEDWIG, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF SWITZERLAND

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The fair-haired boy wears a white waist, a red coat and cap bound in black, gray trousers, shoes, and stockings. The girl's sleeves and yoke are white, bodice and skirt red, with black straps and buttons. Her shoes and stockings are gray.

DENMARK



Fair of hair and fresh of face,
Little Danes from Denmark trace
Ancestry so free and bold
From the Viking kings of old.
Little Eb,—Christina too,—
May the world go well with you!



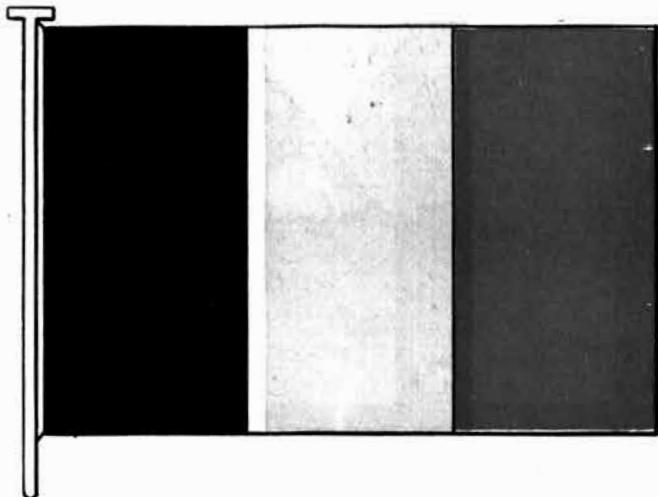
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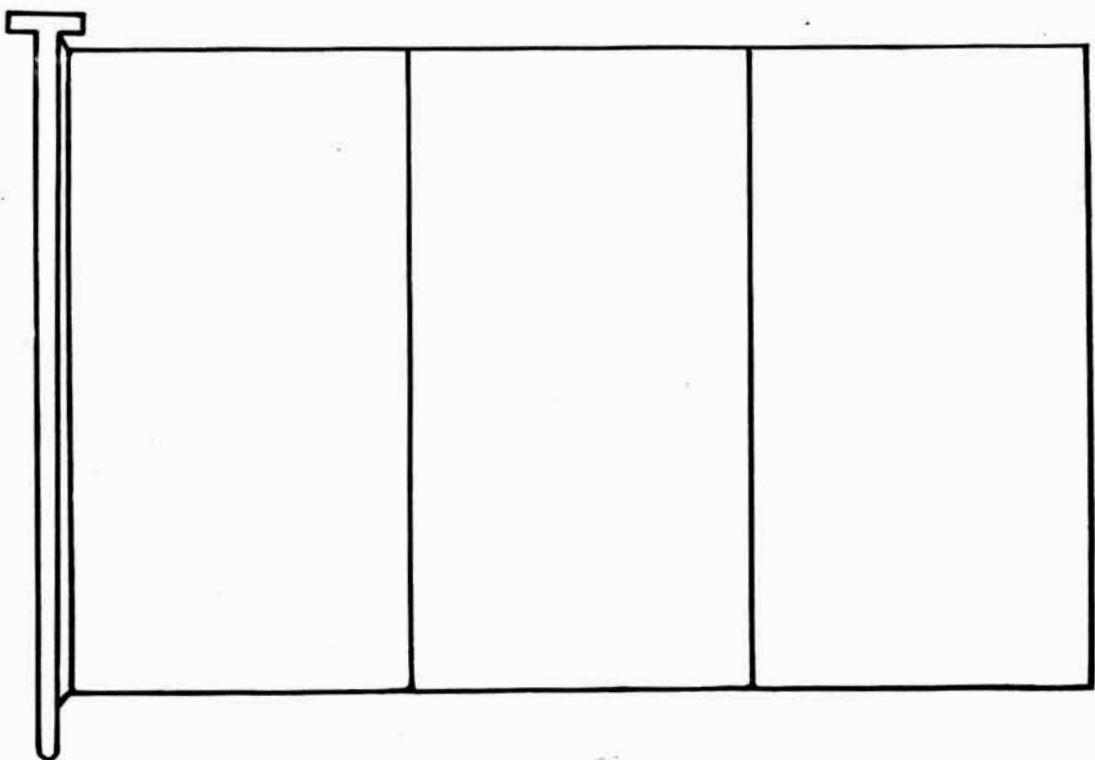
EB AND CHRISTIANA, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF DENMARK

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Let the boy wear a white waist, with dull blue cap, trousers and stockings. His shoes are black with gold buckles. His sister wears a red dress, with white cap, kerchief, and stockings. The ribbons on cap, bodice, and skirt are black. The shoes are black with gold buckles. Both are fair-haired.

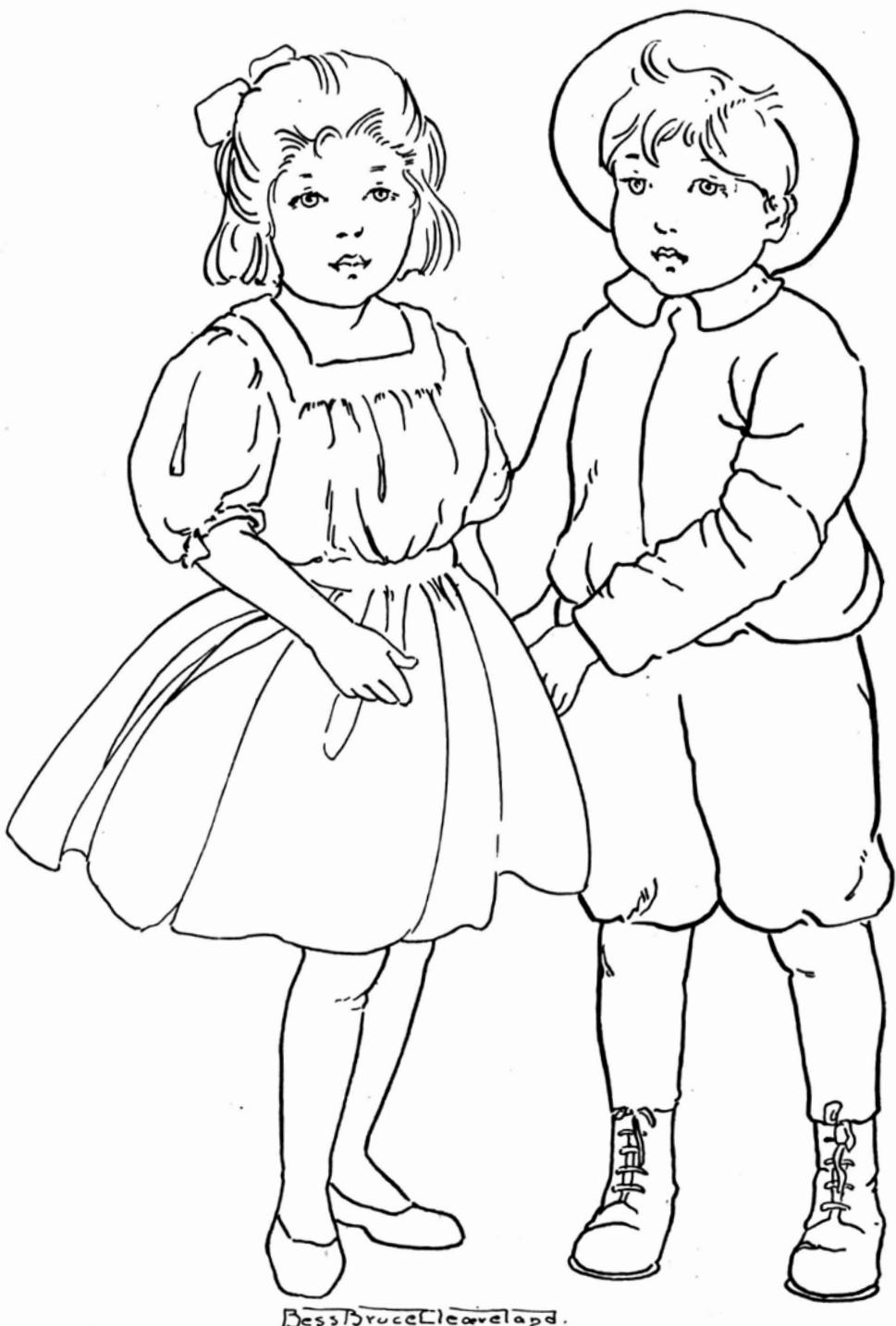
BELGIUM



In Cæsar's time, long, long ago,
In days beyond recall,
The Belgians bold gained this report :
 "The bravest of them all!"
And little Belgian children now,
 Amid their present awful woe,
Are proving they can be as brave
 As Belgians long ago.



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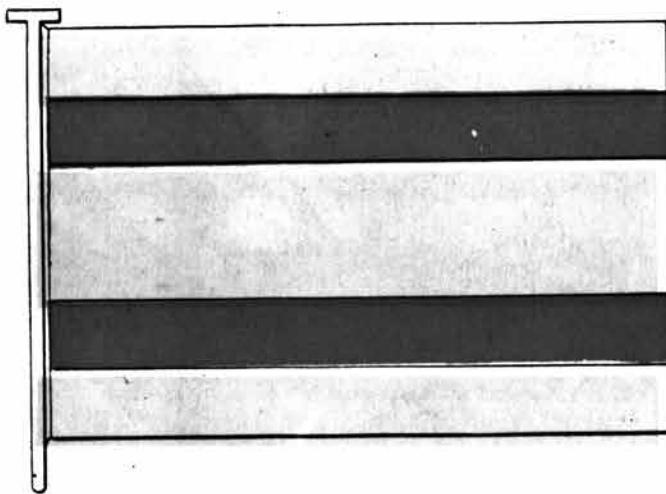


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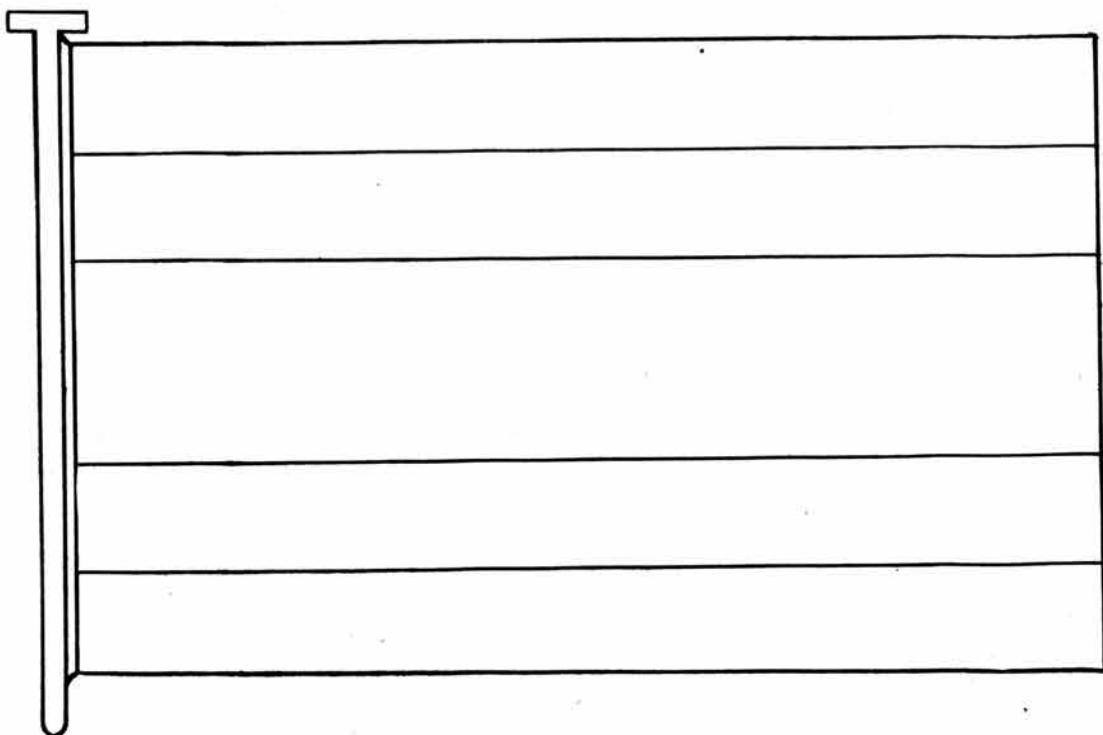
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DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The girl wears a light pink dress with white shoes and stockings. The boy wears a dull blue cap, white waist, dull green trousers, gray stockings and shoes. Both have light yellow hair.

SPAIN



Small Dolores, Pedro too,
Come from far-off sunny Spain,
Where the mountains topped with snow,
Slope down gently to the plain.
All their friends they love to treat
With their Spanish fruits so sweet.



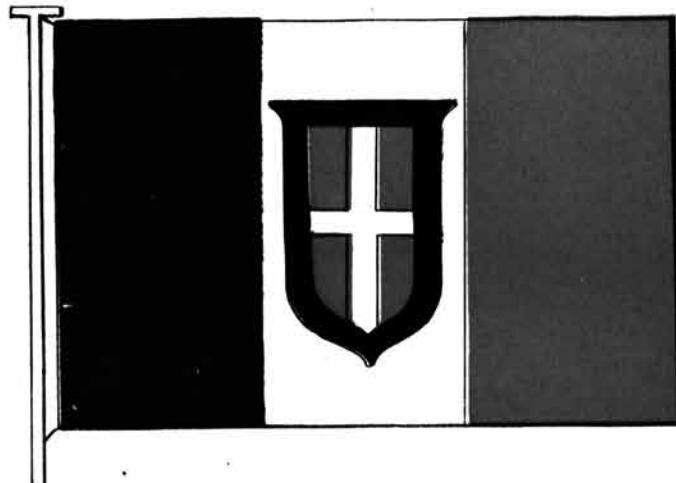
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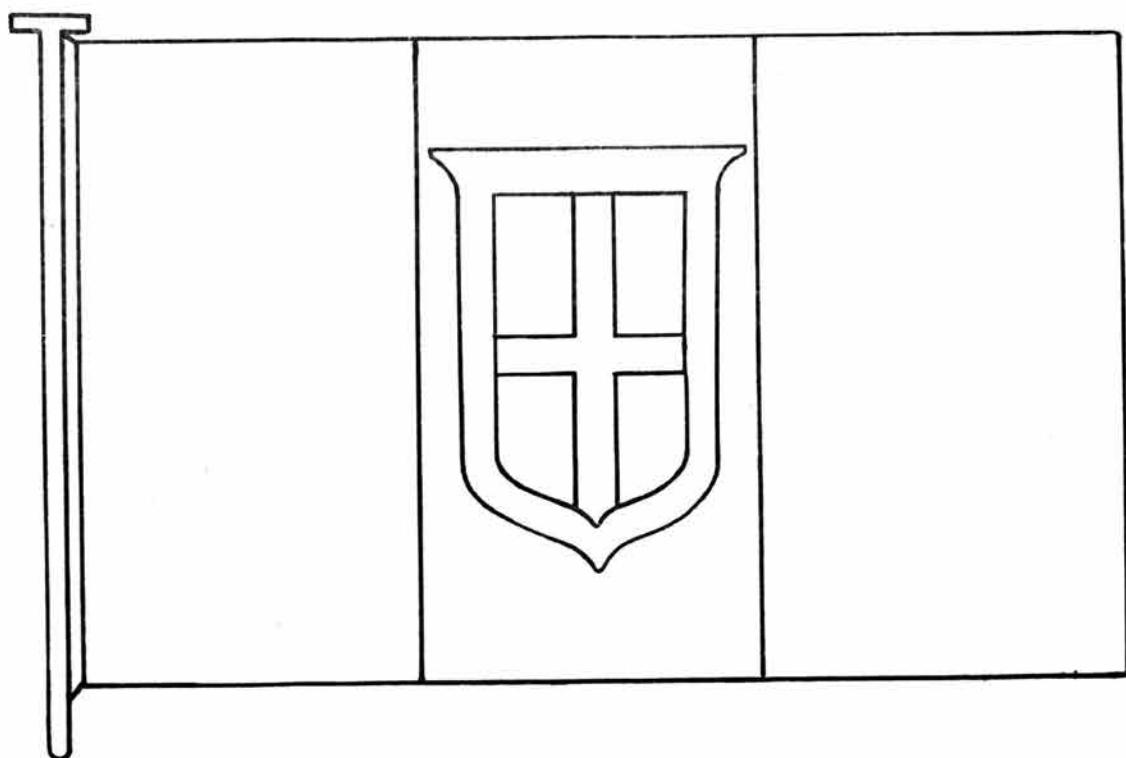
DOLORES AND PEDRO, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF SPAIN

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The girl has a scarlet hair ribbon and sash. The waist and skirt are cream. The jacket is black trimmed in dull gold, and the skirt has a black band at the bottom. Shoes and stockings are gray. The boy wears a cream skirt, dark blue coat and trousers trimmed in soft yellow, with a scarlet sash. Both have black hair.

ITALY



From the land of Italy,
Tony and Lucia here you see.
They in orchards may be seen,
Picking olives smooth and green.
Perhaps they'll come across the sea,
And live a while near you and me.



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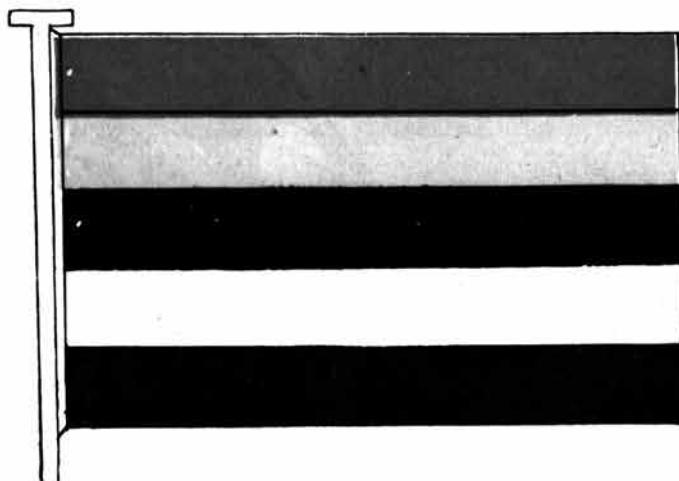


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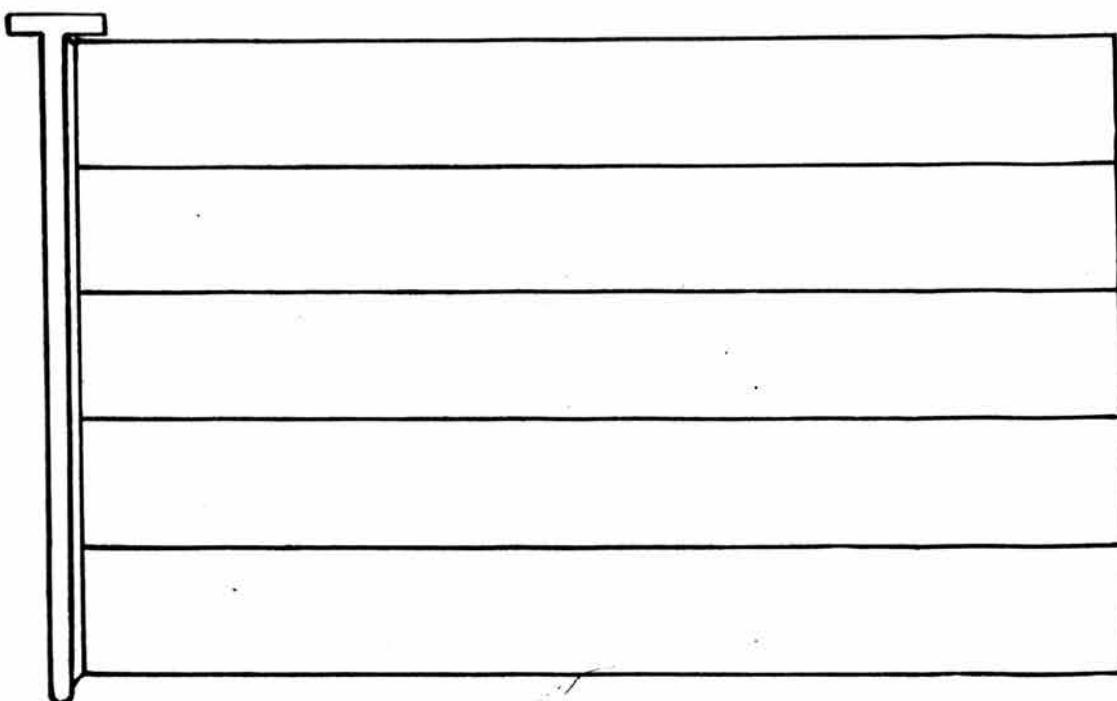
LUCIA AND TONY, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF ITALY

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. Both children have black hair. The girl has a white waist, with dull blue scarf, black bodice, and red skirt trimmed in black. Her apron has colored embroidery in blue, red, and green. The hat is white with a red ribbon, and shoes and stockings are gray. The boy wears a gray felt hat and gray trousers. His jacket is scarlet and his horn soft yellow. The shoes and stockings are brown.

CHINA



Sing Soo Sung and little Chen Su,
From China-land have come to you.
Yellow faces ; eyes aslant—
Odd looking twins, I willingly grant.
Our little friends they surely are,
Although they live in lands afar.



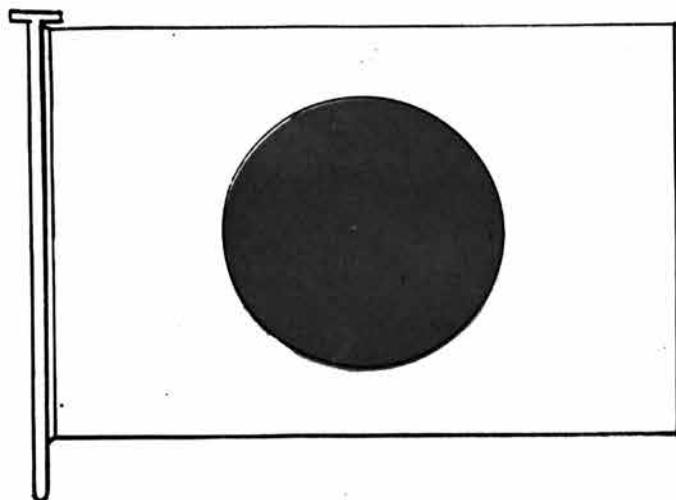
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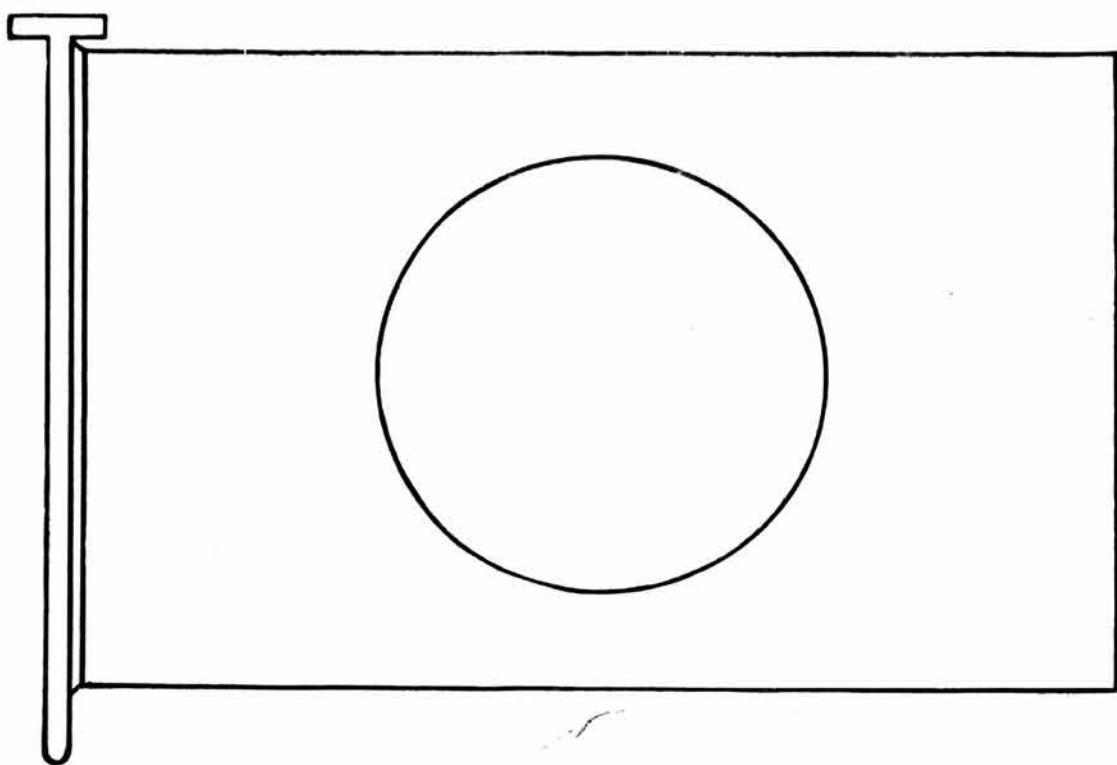
SING SOO SUNG AND CHEN SU, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF CHINA

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The girl has a bright yellow jacket with bands of green. Her cap is dark red with pale blue trimming and fringe. The cap ends are pale blue with green and red embroidery. Her trousers are dull blue with bands of yellow and green. The shoes are blue with dark red and yellow embroidery. The boy has a dull red cap, a soft yellow jacket with red bands, and a blue shirt. His shoes are soft yellow.

JAPAN



In the Sunrise Land, far o'er the sea,
Little Oh My lives, and small Ah Me.
Under blossoming cherry trees they play
In their dear Japan so far away.
Pictures we surely are pleased to see
Of small Oh My, and wee Ah Me,



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OH MY AND AH ME, TWO LITTLE CITIZENS OF JAPAN

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORING. The girl has a pink kimono with soft green bands, a dull blue skirt with soft yellow hem, red flowers in her black hair, and straw-colored sandals with dull blue straps. The boy's kimono is dark green with scarlet trimming, and soft orange trousers with gray bands. His shoes are straw-colored with red straps. The balls are gay with green, red, blue, and orange.