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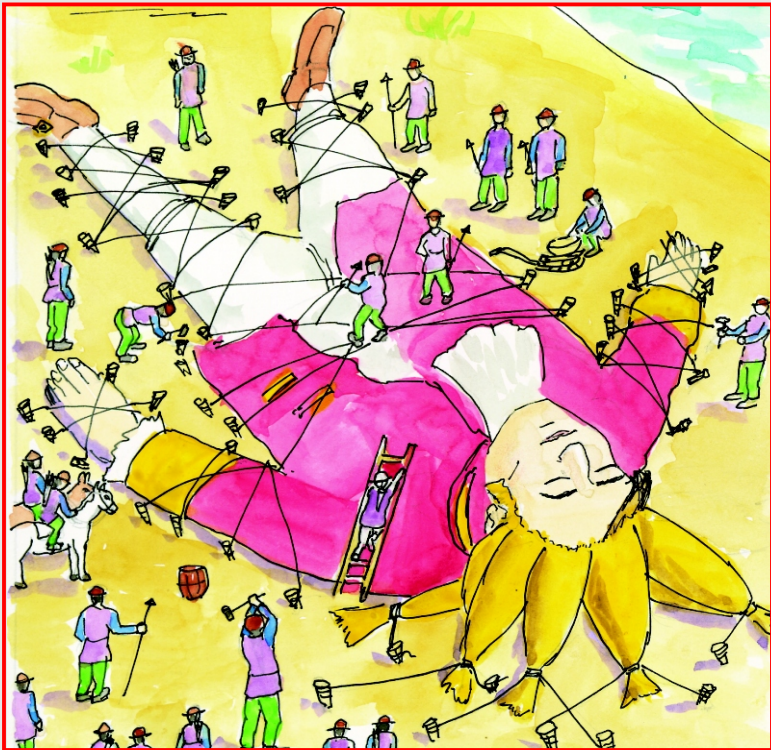
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Into the Remote Nations of the World

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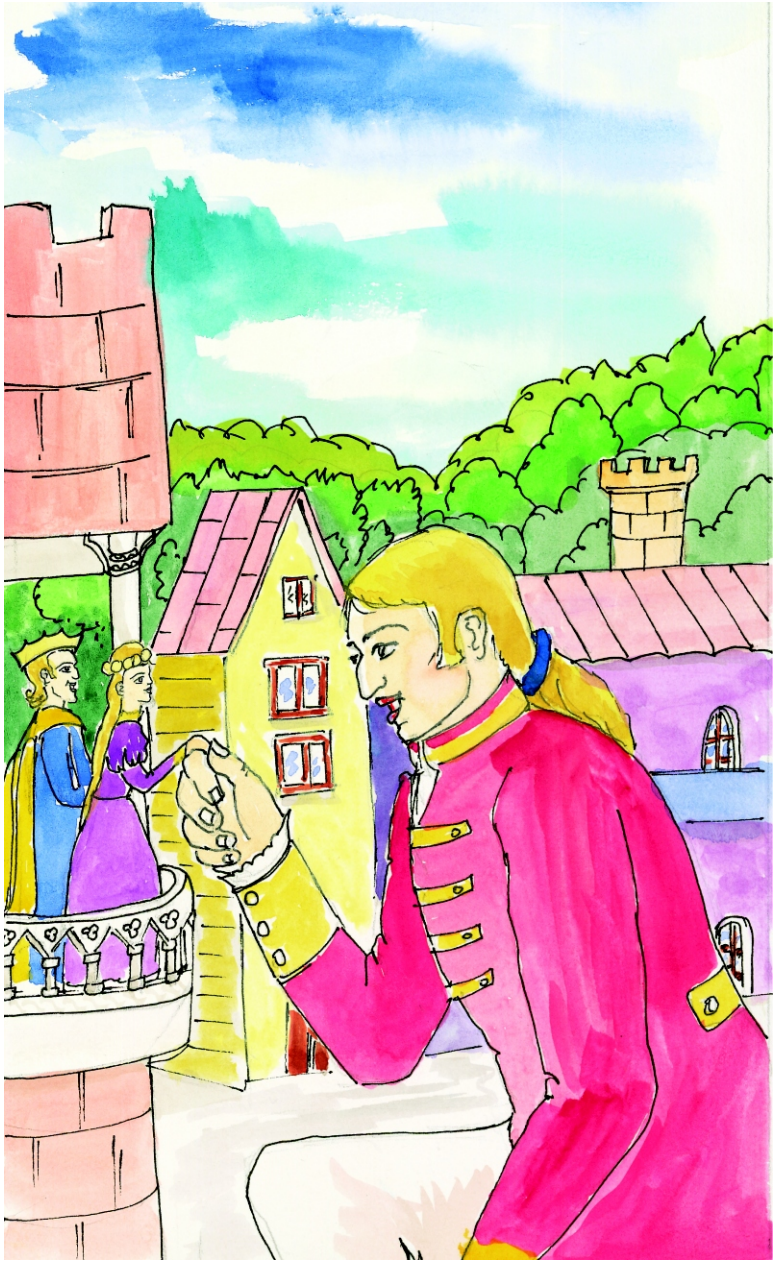
CHAPTER 4

My Visit to Mildeno, The Metropolis and My Gaining Importance

It was my ninth month with them. All along I had been in captivity in the temple that was my home. Finally, I was set free; the chains and locks that held me captive were cut free. My request to visit the metropolis and the king's palace was also granted. **Proclamations** were made about my visit, so that the people would be cautious and remain indoors and not be **trampled** under my feet. I walked with the utmost caution.

The city and the palace looked like a doll's house. The walls of the metropolis were two and a half feet high and eleven inches broad. This was flanked by towers at ten foot distance. I stepped over the gate with care so that the roofs would not be damaged with the edges of my coat. Very carefully, I treaded on the streets so that I would not, unknowingly, trample on the little people. The city looked an exact square with streets that divided into four quarters. The houses were of three to five storeys and the shops and markets were well-stocked. The palace stood in the centre. With permission, I stepped over the wall and viewed the magnificent palace from both sides. I lay down upon my side to view the inside of the palace. The imperial Majesty smiled graciously and gave me her hand to kiss. I enjoyed, and watchfully learnt, their

proclamations public statements. **trampled** treaded heavily on.



Questions and Exercises

Chapters 4-5

4. My Visit to Mildeno, The Metropolis and My Gaining Importance
5. Lilliput and Blefuscue

I. Answer the following questions:

1. Describe Gulliver's visit to the Metropolis.
2. Why did the king's principal secretary come to visit Gulliver? What was the main point of contention between the two rival groups in Lilliput's internal politics?
3. What action plan did Gulliver make against the Kingdom of Blefuscue? What difficulties did he face in its execution?
4. What brought about a parting of ways between Gulliver and the emperor?
5. How did Gulliver find out about the plot that was being hatched against him?
6. How did Gulliver escape from Lilliput?

II. Arrange the following sentences in the correct order to describe Gulliver's voyage back to England. The first one has been done for you.

1. I set sail on the 24th of September, 1701 at six a.m.
2. I hailed her and within half an hour she spotted me.
3. The English ship was returning from Japan.
4. Here I also met Peter Williams, an old comrade of mine.

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5. After 1½ days, 24 leagues off Blefuscue, I saw a sail.
6. Hearing of my adventures, they thought that hard times had driven me mad.
7. My heart almost skipped a beat.
8. The captain, Mr. John Biddel of Deptford was an excellent sailor.
9. When they saw the cattle in my pocket, they had to believe me.
10. I put my live cattle in my coat pockets, my provisions on board and boarded the ship.

III. Improve your language skills.

Find antonyms of the following words from Ch. 4 and 5.

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| a) cowardice | b) clarify |
| c) solace | d) praise |
| e) straightforwardness | f) respect |
| g) democratic | h) goodwill |

IV. Homonyms.

A word having the same sound as another but different meaning and origin, is called a homonym.

With the help of the following clues supply pairs of homonyms

example: not close-fitting **l o o s e.**
to be deprived of **l o s e.**