

(4) He'd taken Shylock's bag of gold and hidden that large sum,  
He laughed and gave it back and said, "Dear friend, you do  
look glum."

Then all the Court laughed merrily at Shylock in his plight,  
Othello was set free, it was a most amusing night.

—BETTY ROWLAND.

#### MY COUNTRY

My country is a lovely land,  
Set far out in the sea,  
Where waves dash on her silver sand,  
And echo along the lea.

Her cities are the very best,  
Her roads are long and bold,  
Her harbours they will need no test,  
For see the ships they hold.

Australia! Australia! is her name,  
Respected and loved by all,  
And many are her deeds of fame,  
Which we need not recall.

—J. MARSHALL.

#### THE JOY OF DRAWING

There are many ways of expressing one's thoughts or ideas. My favourite way is drawing. In fact I often draw with no other reason than to fill in my time.

Drawing is a very interesting hobby. When I have no work to do and do not wish to do any sport, drawing is a very peaceful occupation in which to indulge. I prefer drawing people, rather than scenery or objects. I like to imagine what the old Kings and historians looked like, and then to draw them; or to make up stories about the private lives of the ancient peoples, and then to illustrate my stories. I often draw different fairies and spirits to represent the seasons.

Sometimes I even try to make a likeness of a real person, but it is not easy and I invariably fail.

It often relieves my feelings to draw. Perhaps little children find it so, when they are punished by their school teacher, or when they dislike anyone. Then they delight in the nasty habit of drawing caricatures of these people they dislike.

There are also different kinds of drawing, as drawing in black and white, pencil, pen, charcoal, and colour. I like the last very much. Flowers are very interesting to paint, I like making designs for different things.