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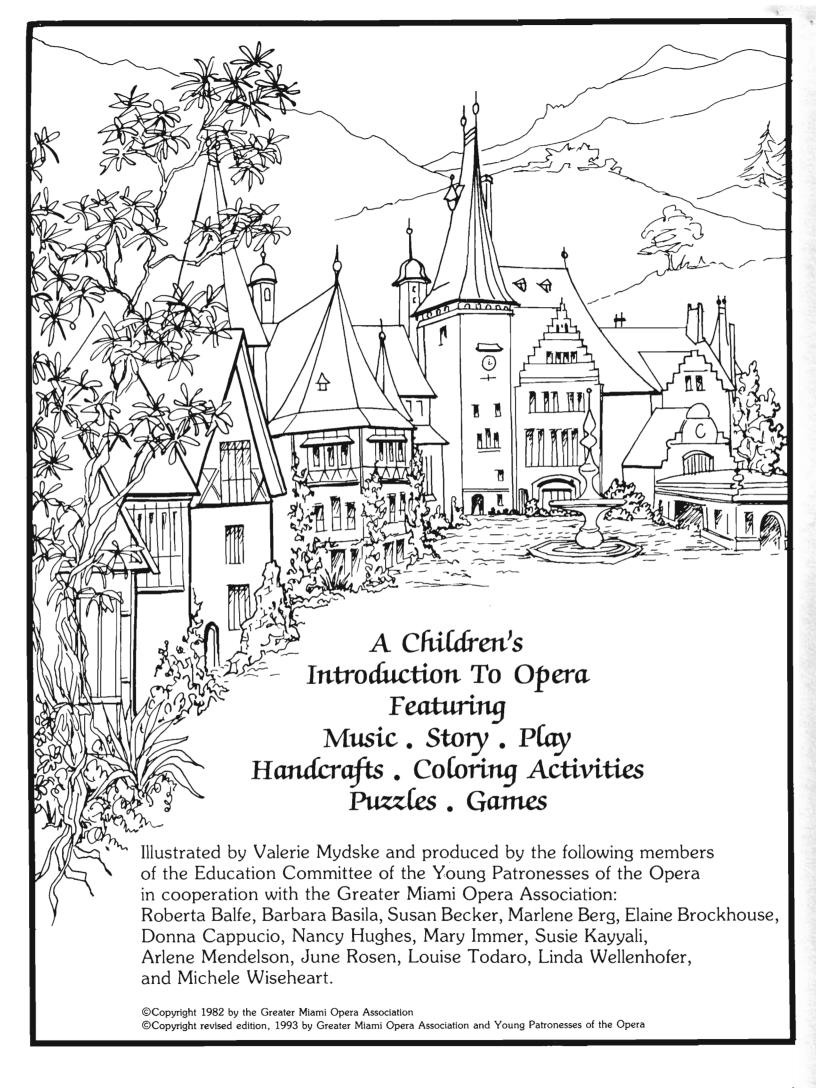


FAILS Gounod

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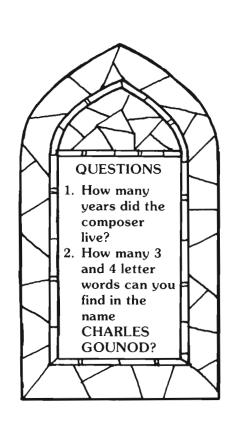
Charles Gounod

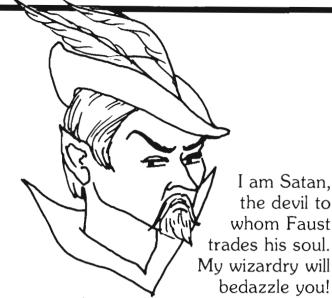
Charles Gounod was born in Paris in 1818. His father was a famous artist, and his mother was a fine musician. When he was still a very small boy, he exhibited a keen musical ability. His father died when Charles was only five years old, and his mother placed him in a boarding school. His intense love for music began to distract him from his regular studies. He realized at an early age that he would dedicate his life to music.

Gounod was a deeply religious man and even considered becoming a priest. He was an outstanding organist and had a great love for sacred music. He wrote many choral works, a number of instrumental and piano pieces, and several successful operas, including Mireille and Romeo and Juliet.

But Faust was his masterpiece.

First given in Paris in 1859, **Faust** became world famous and enjoyed triumph after triumph. It was a masterpiece of musical drama, covering a wide range of scenes and emotions. In 1883 it was the opera chosen to open the new Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Charles Gounod died in Paris in 1893 while composing his own requiem mass.

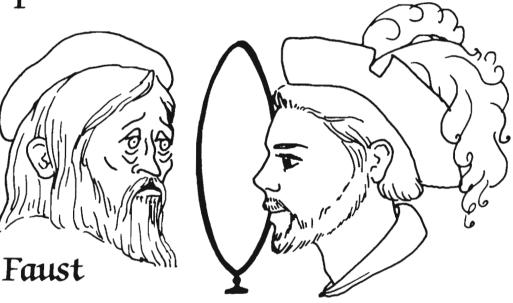




A simple peasant girl, I dream romantic fantasies — a handsome stranger, sparkling jewels, a night of love. Woe is me! Heaven save me!

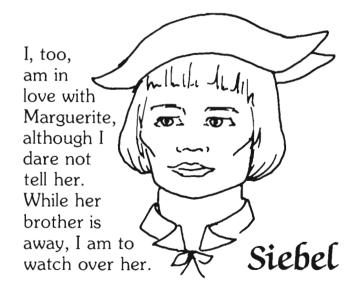


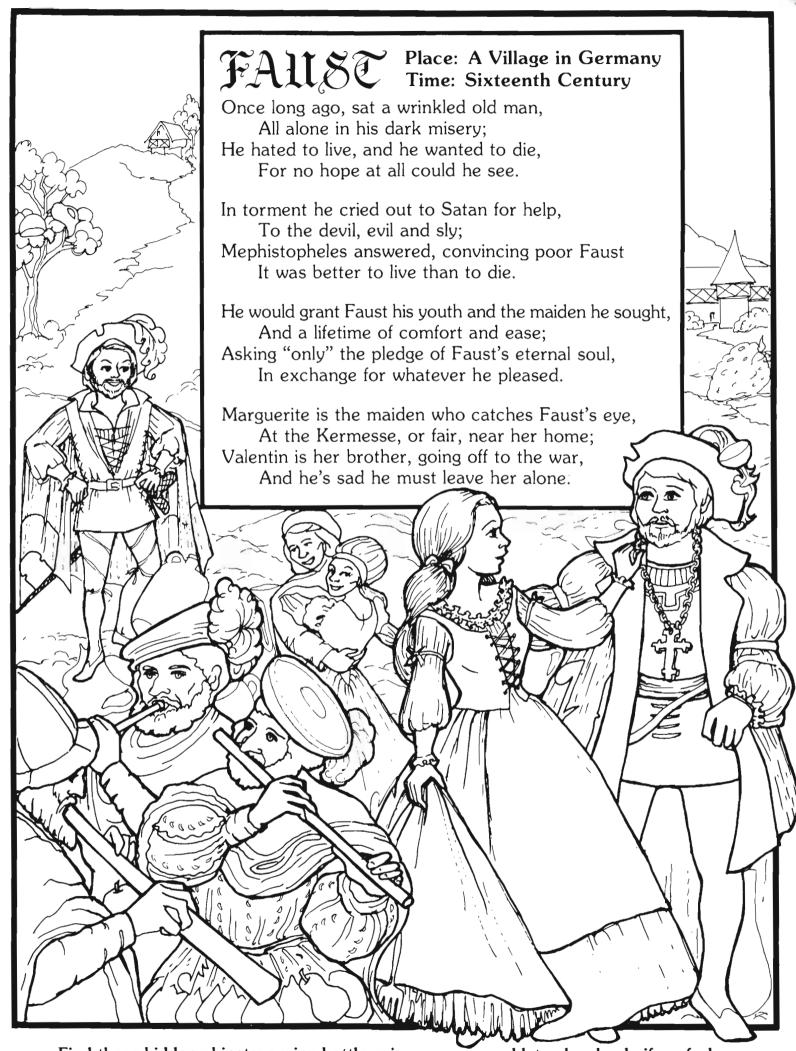
Mephistopheles



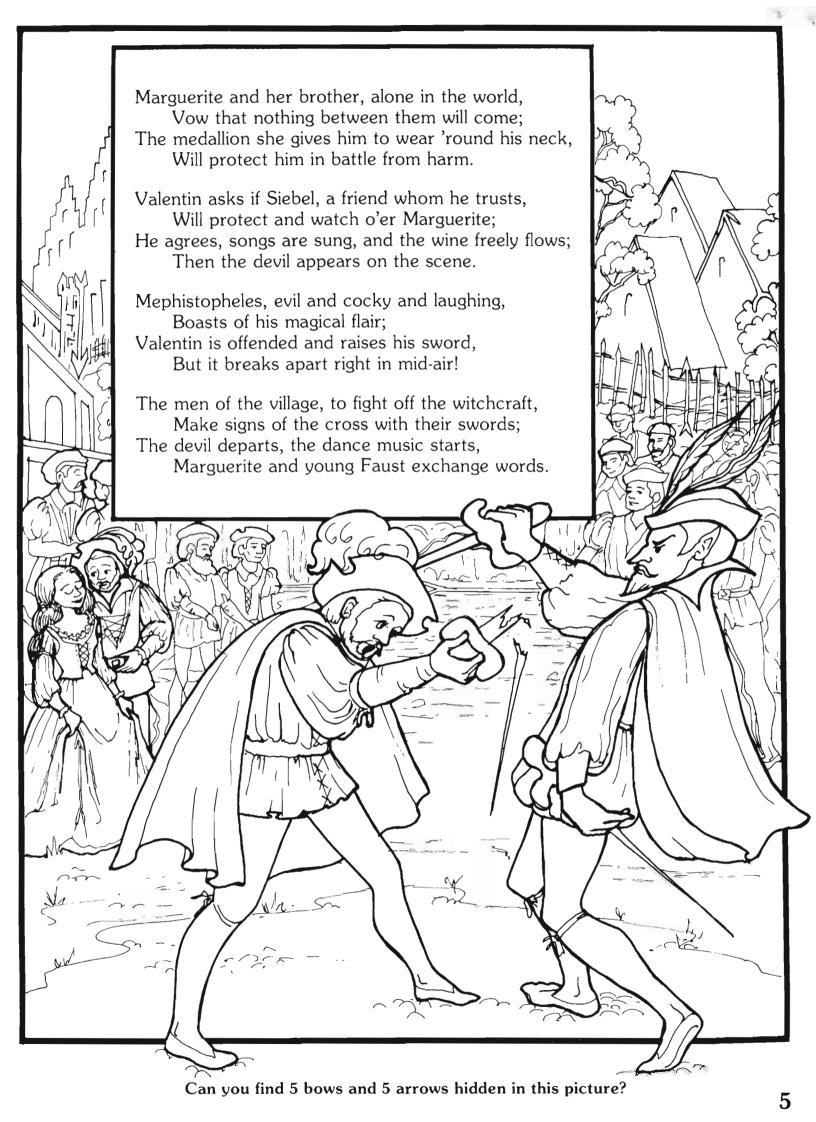
Old and weary, I bargain with the devil and become a handsome young man, hopelessly in love with Marguerite.

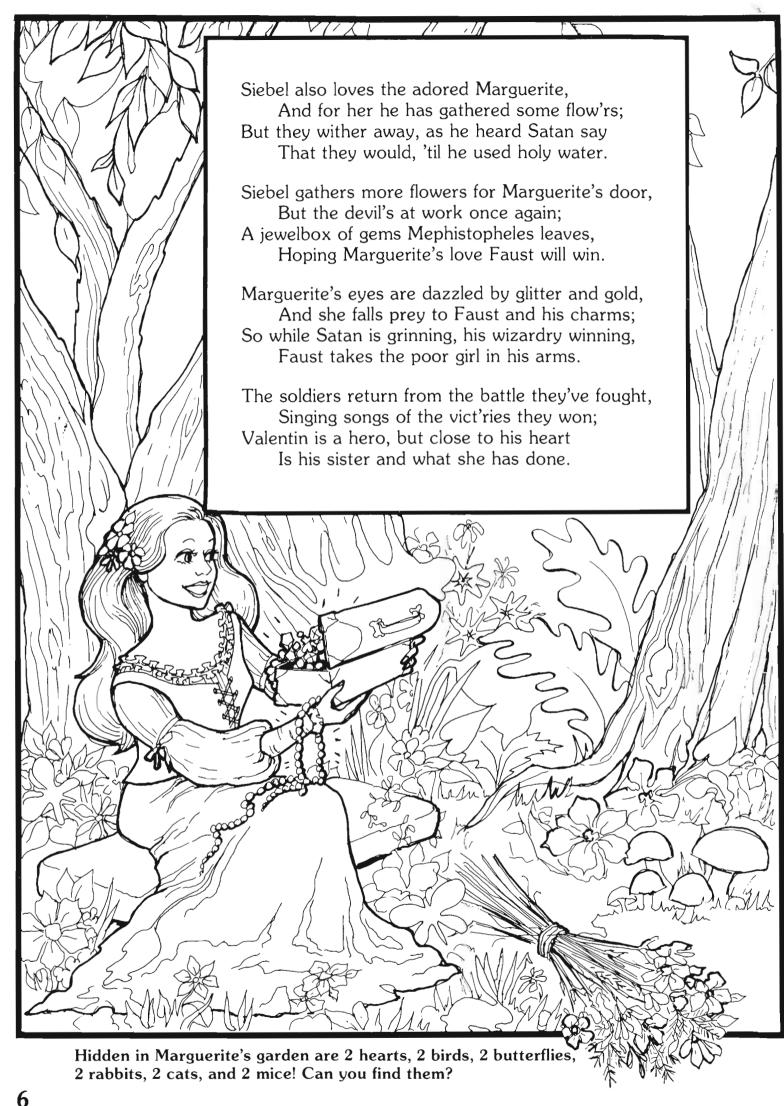


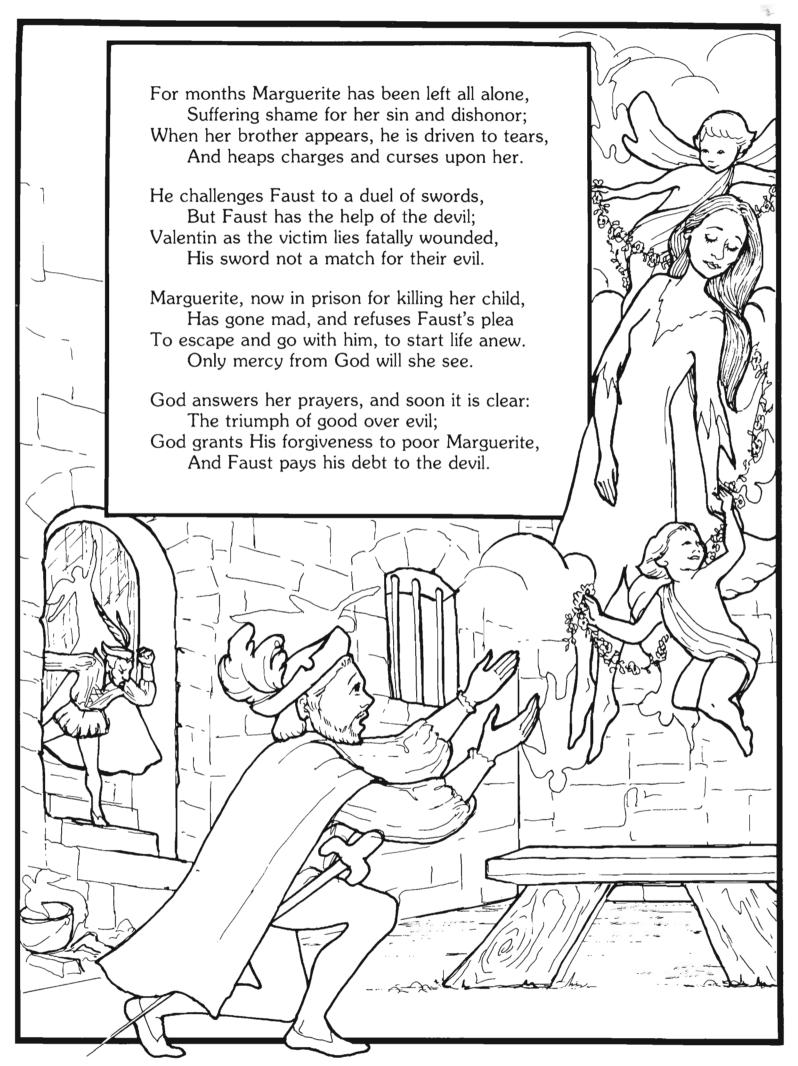




Find these hidden objects: a wine bottle, a jug, a mug, a goblet, a bowl, a knife, a fork, a spoon, a cup, a plate, an apple, a pear, a strawberry, a loaf of bread, a pie, a pitcher, a coffee pot, a horn, and 4 musical notes.





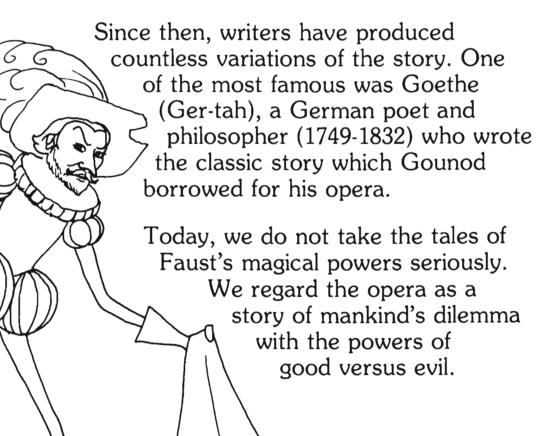


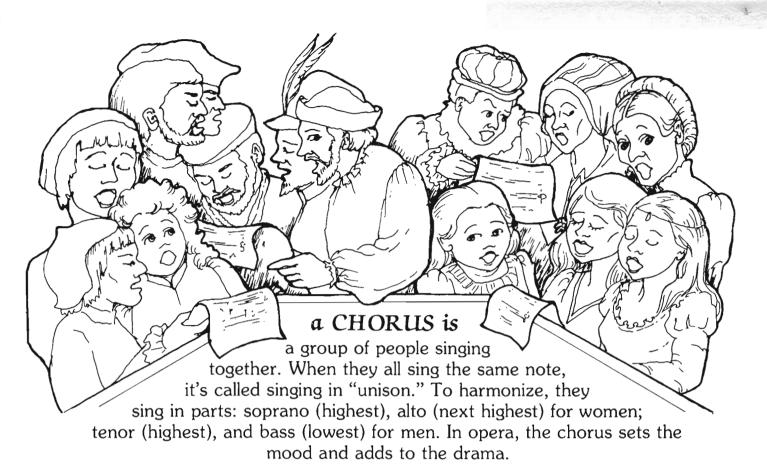
Seven little angels are in this picture, ready to help Marguerite. Can you find them?



Tales of the supernatural exist in most cultures and the legend of the man who sold his soul to the devil is worldwide.

There really was a Faust, a man who actually lived in Germany in the Sixteenth Century. It was among the ordinary folk that Faust boasted and practiced his magical skills and feats and so-called miracles. He claimed friendship with the devil and the power to predict the future. Soon his reputation grew and the legend of his supernatural deeds quickly spread.





Form your own chorus by dividing into the four voice parts. Then speak these parts all at the same time, and in rhythm, as did the groups at the town fair (called a Kermesse). Although chorus members are each singing different words, together they make beautiful musical harmony.

SOLDIERS (Basses)

To a brave soldier's life! Let us drink to his goal. As the trumpets are sounding And the drums start to roll.

STUDENTS (Tenors)

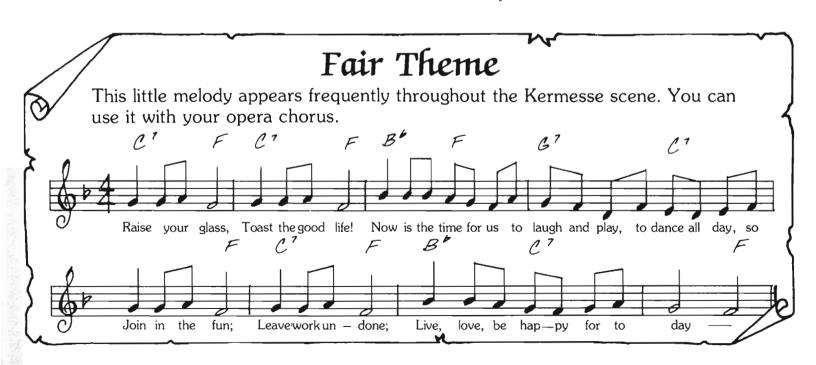
Come let's fill up our glasses And fill up our steins 'Cause we don't give a care If it's beer or it's wine!

OLD WOMEN (Altos)

Yes, we're watching you,
young girls,
For we are not blind
And we see how you're flirting
For we know your kind!

GIRLS (Sopranos)

Oh the young men admire us As they hurry by But we don't want to show them We're bashful or shy.



An opera frequently begins with an overture, or introduction, which is music played by the orchestra before the curtain goes up. You will first hear Valentin's prayer in the introductory music to FAUST.



Even though Siebel is a young man in the story, his part is scored (written) to be sung by a woman. This is often referred to as a "pants role." Other well known male roles sung by women (a soprano or a mezzo-soprano) are "Oscar" in Verdi's A MASKED BALL, "Prince Orlofsky" in Johann Strauss's DIE FLEDERMAUS, and "Octavian" in Richard Strauss's DER ROSENKAVALIER.





RIGHT, left, right; LEFT, right, left. Repeat, keeping rhythm even.

"Step—Swing—Hop" Variation

Step RIGHT, swing left foot forward, hop on right foot. Step LEFT, swing right foot forward, hop on left foot.

(Words in CAPITALS indicate FIRST beat of measure)

THE COUNTRY WALTZ

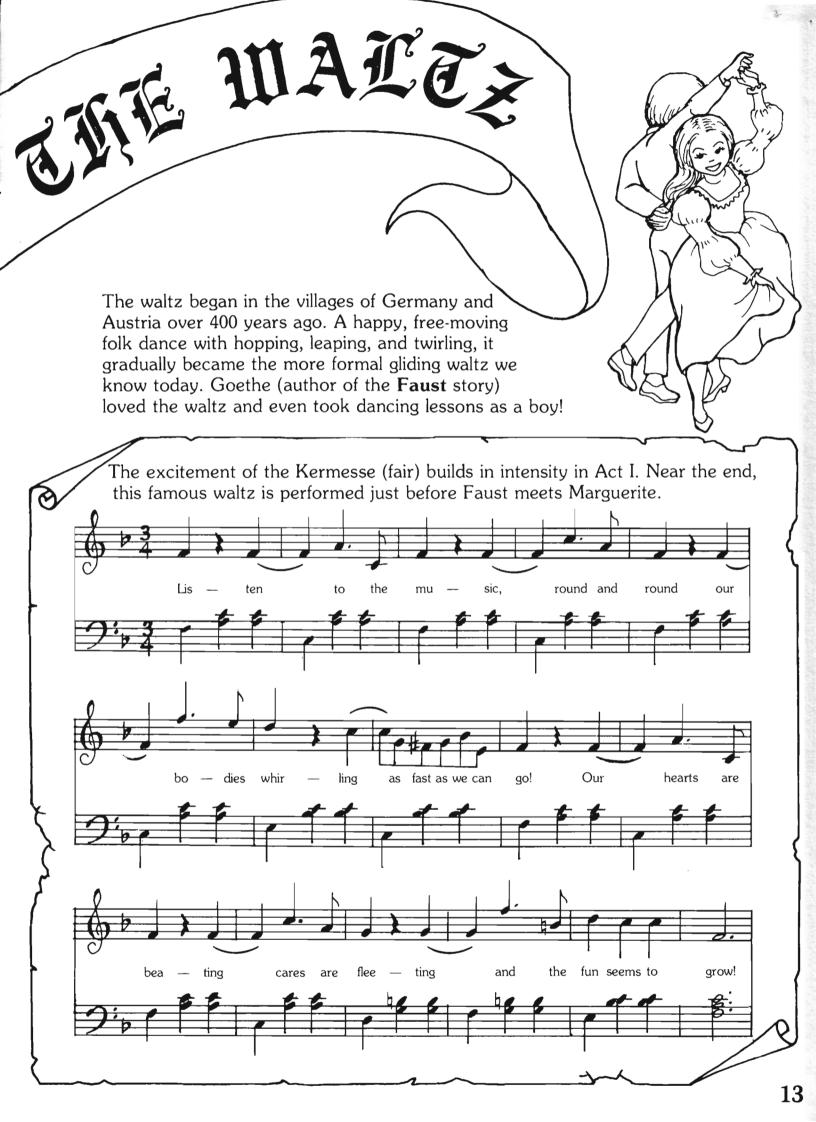
Get ready

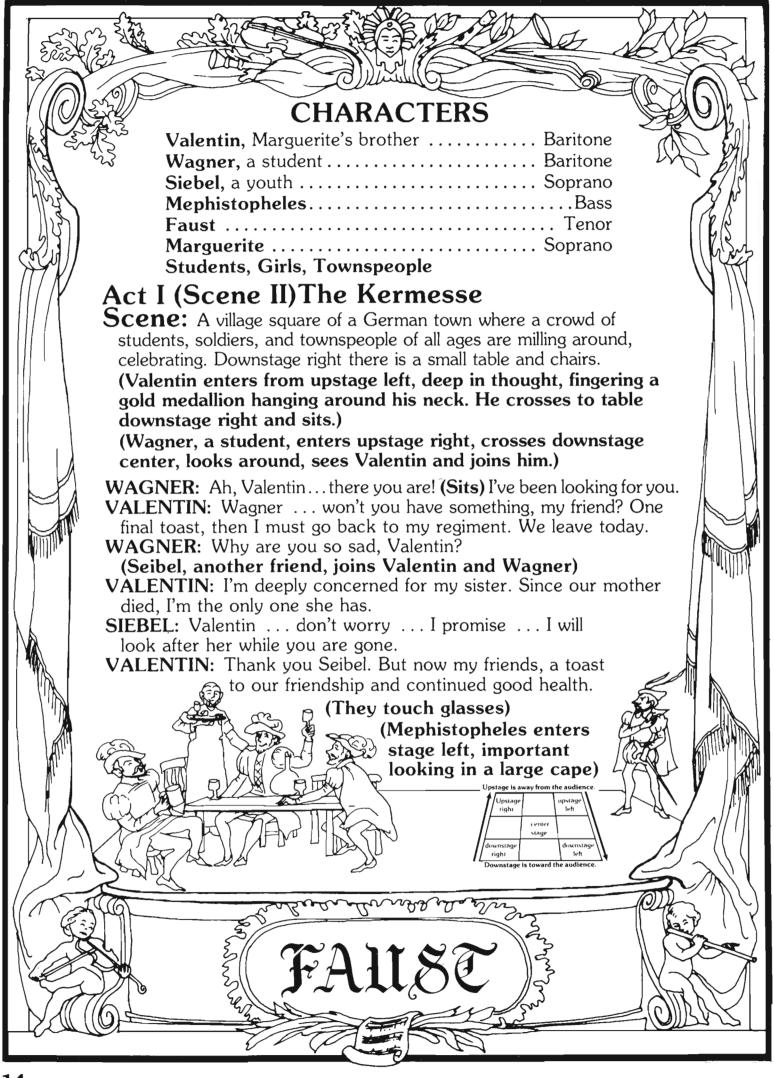
- 1. Divide into pairs, facing one another.
- 2. Turn toward front of line and make a circle.
- 3. Couples join inside hands and place outside hand on hips.
- 4. Move forward stepping RIGHT, left, right; LEFT, right, left. Repeat 3 more times (8 measures total).

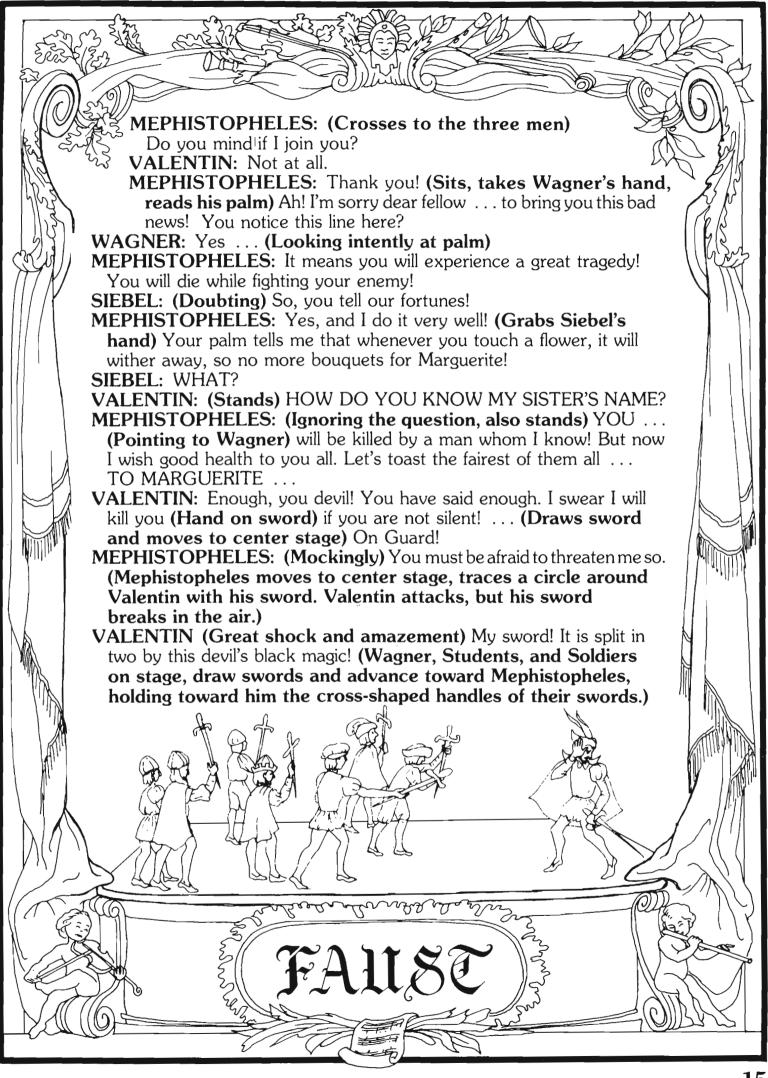
Let's dance

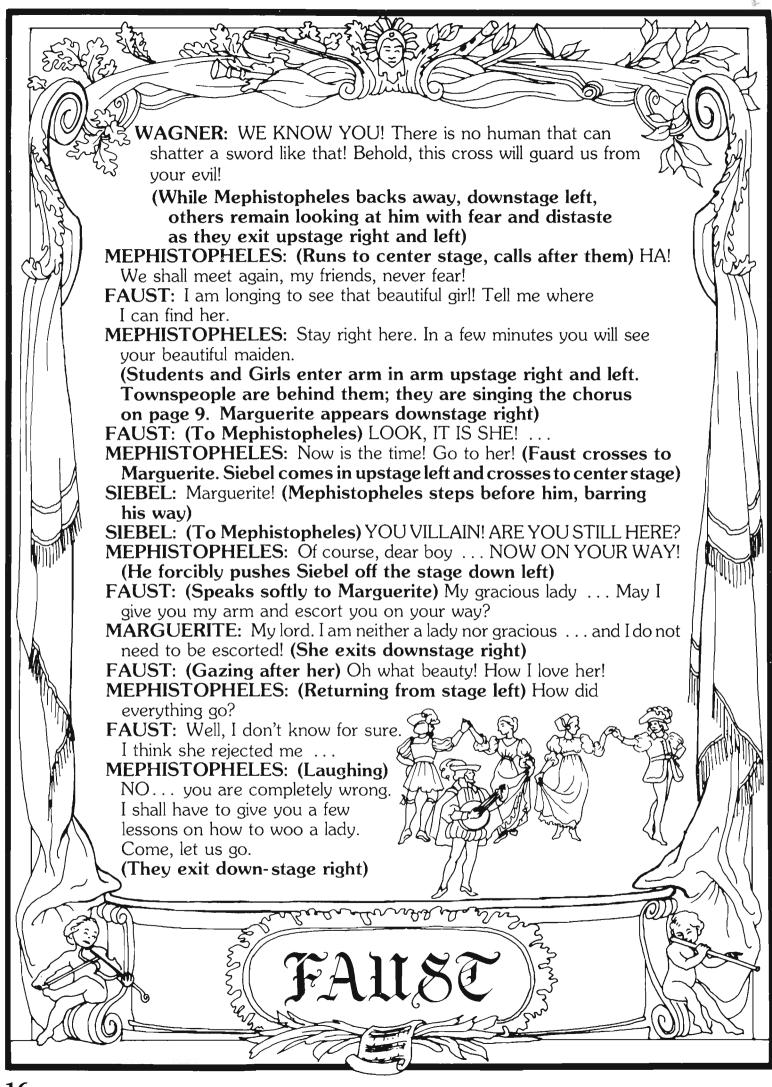
- 5. In place, do STEP-swing-hop, STEP-swing-hop. Repeat 1 more time (4 measures total).
- 6. Twirl your partner under your arm, stepping RIGHT, left, right; LEFT, right, left (2 measures).
- 7. Then your partner twirls you, RIGHT, left, right; LEFT, right, left (2 measures).

You're waltzing! Let your body move in rhythm with the music, and let your imagination invent all kinds of variations.

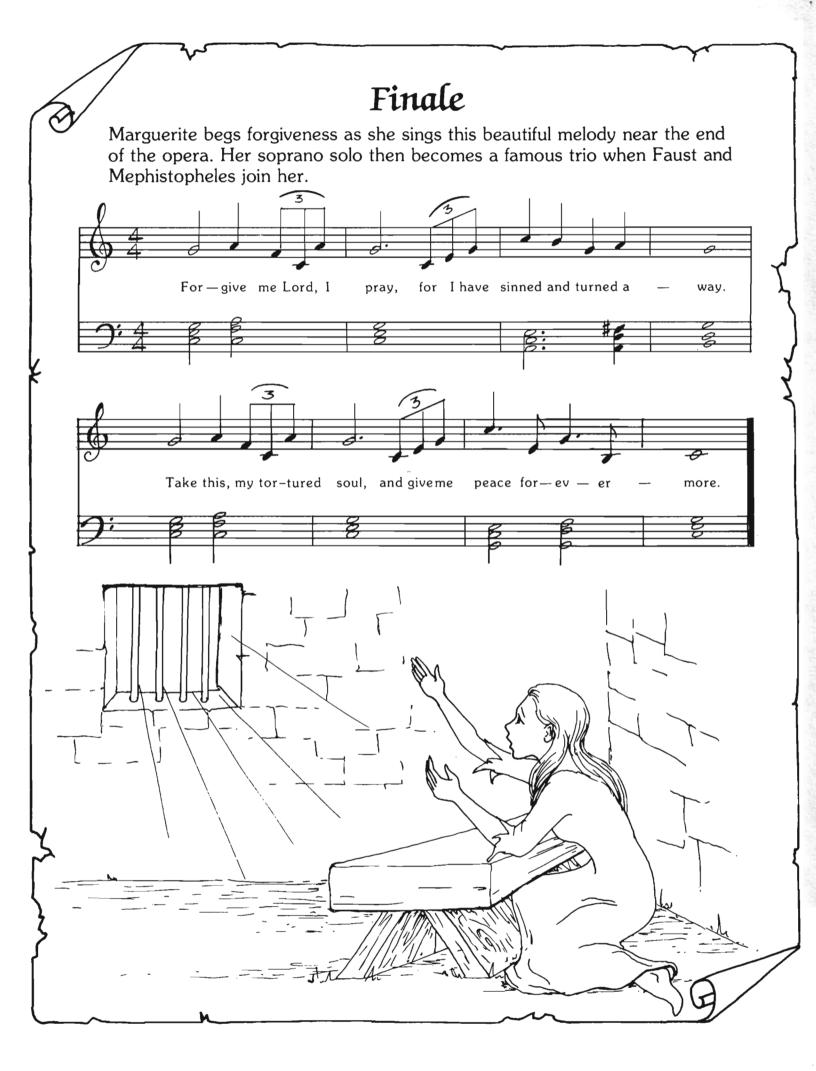




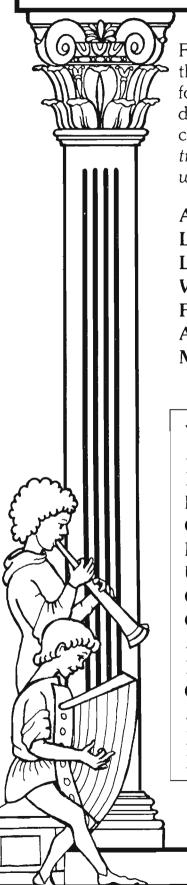








Word Search



Find the words listed below and circle them in the puzzle. The names read forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally. We have started you off by circling Faust. For additional amusement, try to find at least thirty non-related words also in the puzzle.

ARIA **METRONOME PRESTO** LOVE **EXORCISE GOETHE** LARGO **VALENTIN CHORUS** WALTZ **BURGHERS ADAGIO FAUST ANGELS OVERTURE ANDANTE KERMESSE GOUNOD MARGUERITE MEPHISTOPHELES**

 Y P O F J M J S L E G N A E E

 S Z T L A W S H O M E I R H L

 B E S T S U R O H C R U T E E

 D X L B S C S O N A T E F T E

 O O E E U U Z T X R O T K N M

 N R J S H R N O E G O S E A O

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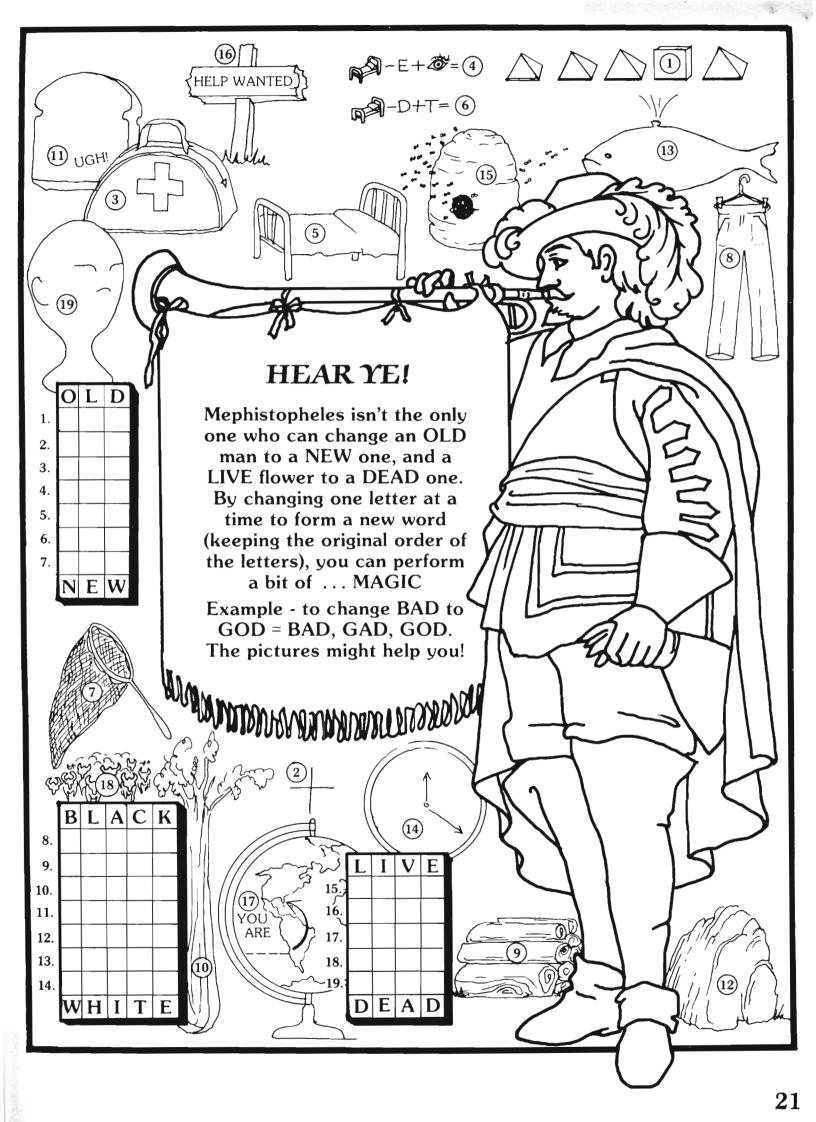
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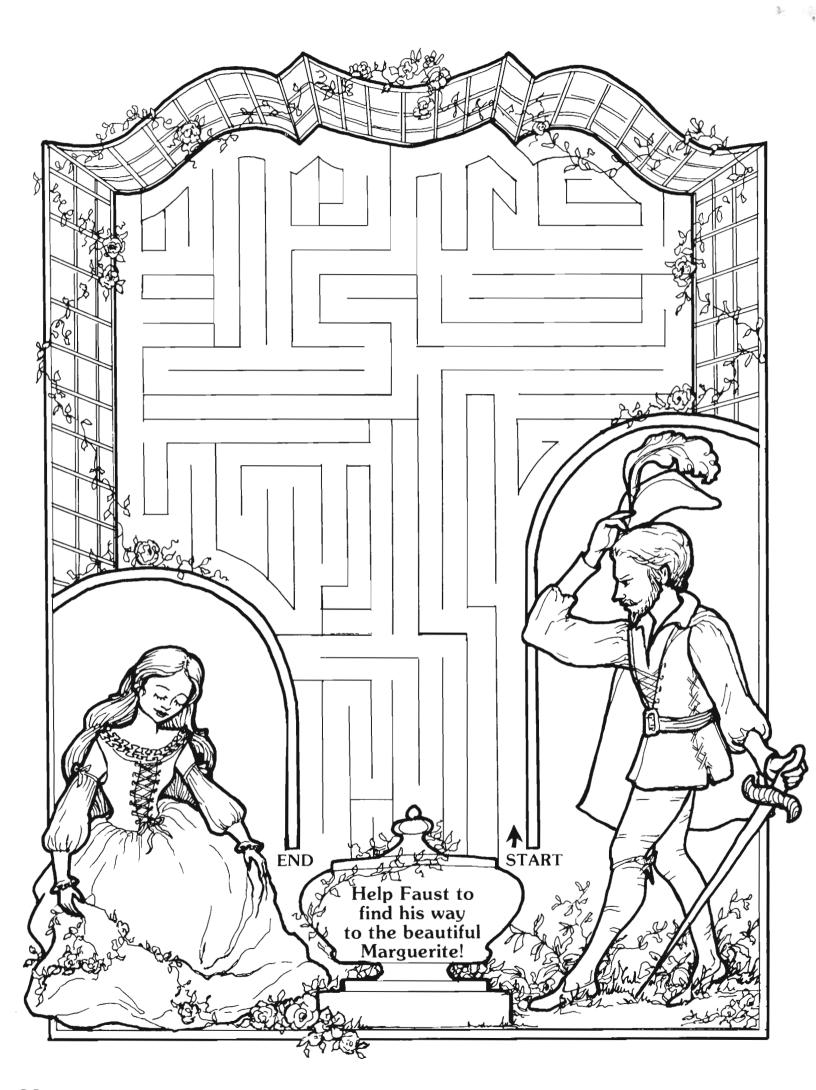
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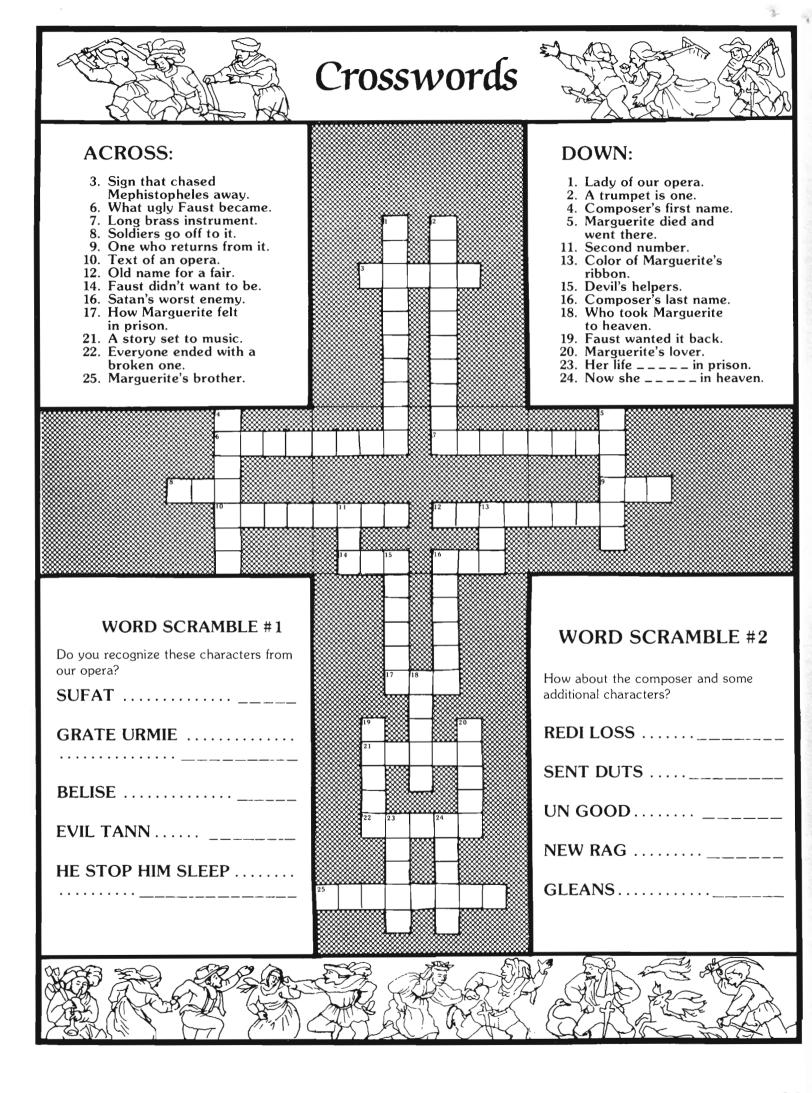
 E X V A L E N T I N A I E H S

 E T I R E U G R A M J N B M B

Not only was Germany the colorful setting for our opera, Faust, but many delicious foods which we enjoy today came from Germany. The first letter of each object drawn above the blank will help you spell out some well-known German foods. TOBIED DADE 以 M D O S A O 器 A PA 1 gras gras O p German Cookery



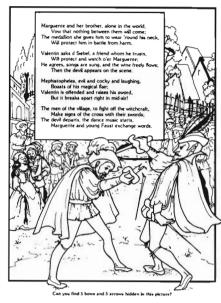




PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

2. Grounod lived 75 years. We found ninety words of three and four letters!



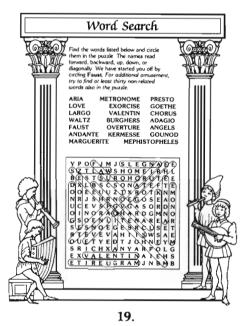


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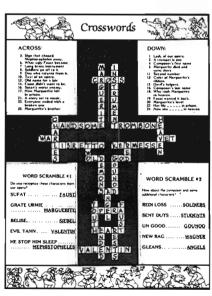




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