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"My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing."

Silver, Burdett & Company

Boston

New York

Chicago



carpenter

labor

parade

straight

September

music

holiday

workingmen

honest

My father is a carpenter.

He knows how to build houses.

I like to watch him work.

He has a big box full of tools.

I like to see him drive the nails.

He holds the hammer in his right hand.

The nails go in straight.

They go in just the right places.

He did not go to work to-day.

This is a holiday. This is Labor Day.



A LABOR DAY PARADE

Labor Day comes in September.

It is the first Monday.

I think that it is a queer name for a holiday.

My father said that labor means work.

Labor Day is a day for the work-
ingmen.

On Labor Day they have a parade,
like the one in the picture.

Father and I went to see the parade.

I like to see parades.

I like to see the men march.

I like to hear the music.

It makes me want to march too.

Left! Right! Left! Right!

That is what the music says to me.

Some day I may be in a parade.

I may be in the parade on Labor Day.
Father says that it is good for men to
work.

He says that it is good for little boys.

Then work is good for me.

What can a little boy do?

This is what my father said.

Do your best wherever you are.

That means at home and at school.

Help every one you can.

Be honest and brave and pure.

That is the kind of boys we want.

That is the kind of workingmen we
need.

Our country needs them on Labor
Day.

Our country needs them every day.

Christopher Columbus

I

Christopher	sailor	friend	strange
Columbus	learned	captain	listen
Italy	guide	storms	questions

Christopher Columbus!

Isn't that a long name?

I think I can remember it. Can you?

Columbus lived a long, long time ago.

His home was in Italy.

Italy is a sunny country.

The sky is very blue there.

The water too is blue and pretty.

Columbus lived near the sea.

He liked to play in the sand.

He liked to watch the boats.

I think he made some play-boats,
don't you?

He said, "Some day I shall be a man.

Then I will have a boat all my own.

I will sail and sail away over the sea.

Do you think I shall be afraid?

Oh, no, I shall be very, very brave."

Columbus had much to learn.

He was going to be a sailor.

So he learned all about the stars.

He learned their names.

This would help him to sail his boat.

The stars would be his guide.

He learned how to make maps.

Some day you will learn to make maps.

He made a map of his city.