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Pinocchio

A musical mélange for minors
(In two parts — A Prologue and an Interlude)

A new variation on an
old theme by Colladi

Adaptation and production
by **Edward Chambreas**

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Three Coquettes

Geppetto

Blue Fairy

Master Cherry (Antonio)

Pinocchio

Hen

Chick

Boobyland Man

Four Sob Sisters

Fox

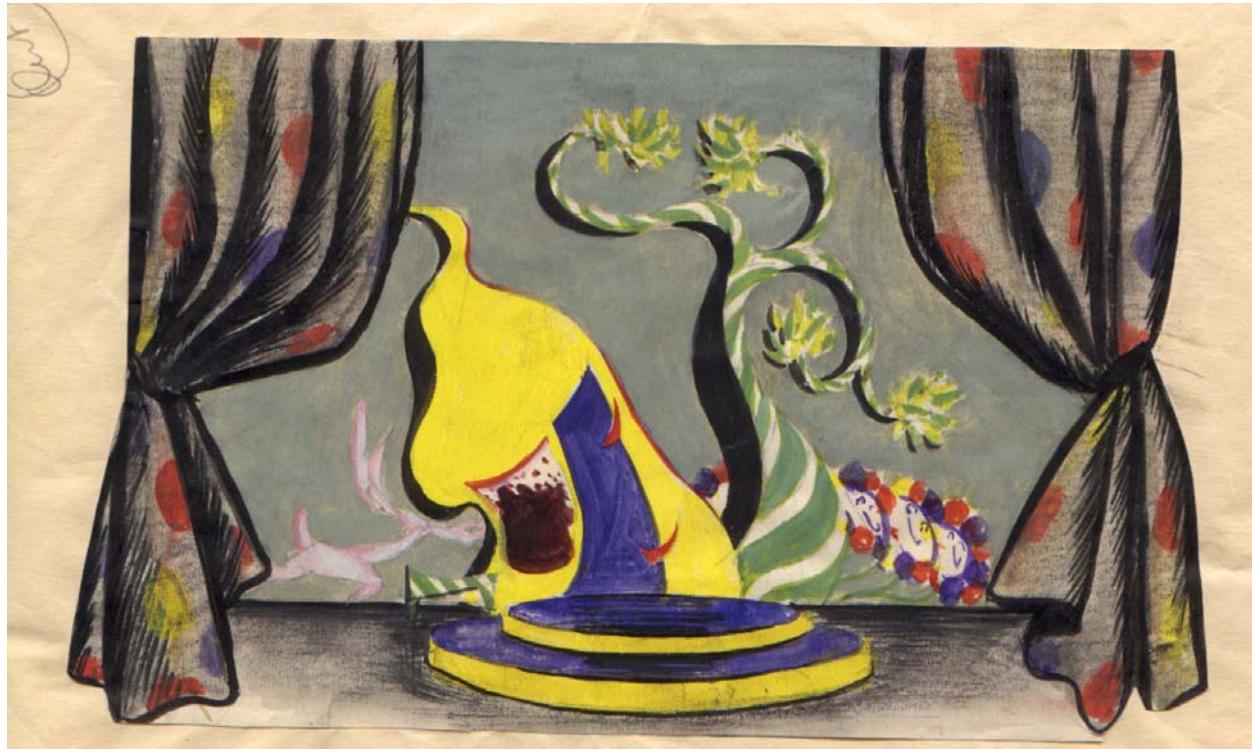
Cat

Children

(Original music for songs available upon request.)

THE SCENE

A cottage in the wood....
..... that is all....



Prologue

(BOOBYLAND THEME by voices.....

softly in distance...

after Theme is established, chorus of children enter and swarm stage.....

three COQUETTES come to dias....)



Three: This is the time,
The only time
To have an
"object all sublime"..
Today...
Let's do a play !

Cast: Hooray !



Three: Here is a stage
on which to gauge
The mammoth spectacle
of the age....
I say.....
Let's do a play !

Cast: Hooray !

Three: Here is the cast....

Cast: We're not surpassed



Three: A worthy crew....

Cast: How do you do?
How...do...You...do !

Three: An audience, too...
So what'll we do?
I guess we'll leave
It up to you
To say....

Cast: Let's do a play !



(The CAST, carried away by its enthusiasm, joins hands and does a dance.)

Three: Wait !

We've got to find
A play to play,
A playless play
Is not so gay
They say....



Cast: Let's think

1st C Let's do a play
of a handsome young
prince..

Cast: NO ! NO ! NO ! -

2nd C. who kissed a girl
with a face like a Quince:.



Cast: NO ! NO ! NO !

3rd C: Then jumped on his horse
And was never seen since.

Boy: We want to play Pinocchio !

Cast: We want Pinocchio !
We want Pinocchio !

Three: Then we'll do Pinocchio !



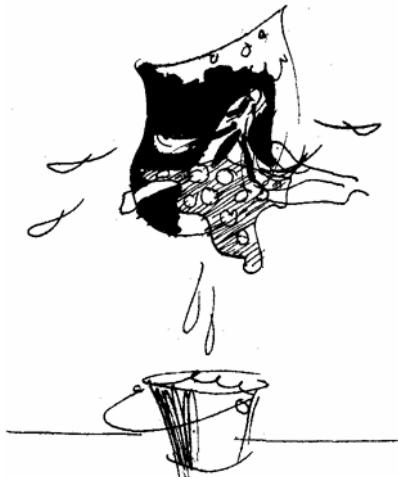
Cast: Hooray !

Three: On with the play !

(COQUETTES and CAST exit in carnival spirit and the stage cleared for.....)

Part One

(GEPPETTO appears at the window of his house...he is weeping copiously and mopping his eyes with a huge, red kerchief..... there is a bucket, presumably full of tears directly beneath the window on the stage...if you haven't enough tears...water will do.)



Gep: Woe is me!
 And double woe...
 And triple woe...
 Tomorrow !
 Three times eight
 Is not as great
 As twenty times
 my Sorrow !

(GEPPETTO wrings his tearfull kerchief into the bucket. .a small boy appears with an empty bucket and goes to GEPPETTO..)

Boy: Full Up?
Gep: Full up.

(Boy deposits empty bucket... takes full one and exits.)



Gep: Alas, alack,
 Ah, fate defiled.
 That I should live
 Without a child.
 Alone,
 Without a child !

(He weeps...the BLUE FAIRY appears on roller skates..with rubber tires, if you please.)

Fairy: Geppetto ! Geppetto !

Gep : Who are you?

Fairy:
I am the Good Fairy
dressed in blue.....
but you're as blue as I !
I cannot see you cry...



I'll bring you some good,
Make you a puppet
Out of wood....
A fine one
Then I'll give
The magic power
To make him live,
and you will be
Alone no more –



(She approaches audience... arms outstretched and MUCH beatific expression.

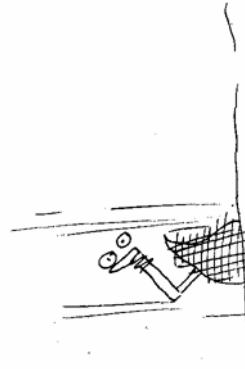
Tears and sighs
He'll soon ignore.
(She starts to exit.)

Gep : Ah, good fairy, Thanks a lot.

Fairy: You're welcome

(She does exit.)

Gep: Your bright idea
Hits the spot.
Good bye..
Ah, she's so good !



(His happiness turns suddenly to agony....just like that)



Alas ! I have no wood.

(GEPETTO melts into tears.

MASTER CHERRY, with a large piece of wood under
his arm, enters hurriedly and stealthily with much looking over his shoulder...
.he is evidently being pursued. ... at CENTER STAGE he trips...falls flat...not
on his face....he remains seated....GEPETTO wails.)

Ant: A strange proceeding
This, thinks I...
I skin my shin
And yet...you cry

(He points to GEPETTO.)



Ah, no! You're laughing... I suppose.
O Laugh till you're weeping
At my nose....
My large, red nose...,,
Like all the children down the street -
who get a strange,
Malicious treat
In laughing at
MY large, red nose

(A group of children enter.)

Good gosh! Here they come

(He runs left...another group enters
there..,he returns center and pouts)



Boy: Ha ha ha ha !
 Ho ho ho ho !
 What do you suppose?

Children: What?

Boy: Ha ha ha !
 Ho ho ho ho !
 Master Cherry
 Has a big, red nose !

(Kids peer into ANTONIO'S visage...an exceedingly gloomy one.)



Children: Well, I do declare.

Boy: A great, big,
Large, red nose

Song

Children: Master Cherry
Has a red, red, nose,
A red, red nose,
A red, red nose.
Oh, 'tis very like
A red, red rose
A red, red,
Red, red rose.
Like a rose is red
So his nose is....
Oh !
Put it's not as pretty
As a rose is...
NO ! No !
How he got it there
Nobody knows,
Nobody knows,
Nobody knows,
yet 'tis very like
A red, red rose,
A great, big, beautiful...
Great, big, beautiful
Great, big, beautiful Rose !



(The CHILDREN sing and dance around ANTONIO... .
He escapes and exits...
CHILDREN, singing and laughing, follow...

GEPPETTO runs from house and grabs wood that ANTONIO has left.)

GEP:

Ah Here's some wood.
Tis very good.....
A puppet I'll create
with hammer and chisel.
If it's not a fizzle,
I'm sure it will be great !

(He re-enters the house...sits in the window and starts to work...)

CHILDREN wander back in and inquire what he is doing.)

Song

GEP: With this little piece of wood
I will make for me a doll.
And when I have it done
It will be the best of all.
I will teach my little doll
To spin and sew,
I will take my little doll
Where ere I go.
I will call my little doll....



(He pauses and scratches his head,)

Voice: PINOCCHIO

Gep:

Yes, indeedy
I shall call him Pinocchio

Children:

He will call his little doll
Pinocchio.
Pinocchio.
Pinocchio
He will call his little doll Pinocchio—chio



(GEPPETTO has been working...we hope...on his puppet.)

Gep: See, children,
The head is finished.

(The top of PINOCCHIO'S headappears above the sill.)

And now the eyes are finished !

(PINOCCHIO'S eyes appear in a great stare.)



And now the nose is finished !

(The nose appears.)



Bless me !
and now the mouth !

(PINOCCHIO'S whole head appears...he laughs very loudly.)



What are you laughing at, strange puppet?

Pin: YOU

Gep: ME....?

Pin: Yes, you're a funny ol'
man...a funny ol' man...
a funny ol' man

(He laughs again.)



Gep: Be quiet !

Pin: Be quiet !

Gep: Stop talking back !

Pin: Stop talking back !

Gep: I believe I shall have to
punish you.

Pin: I believe I shall have to...what did you say?

Gep: I said I believe I shall have to punish you

Pin: I said I believe I shall have to punish you.
punish you...punish you !

(PINOCCHIO makes a horrible noise with his tongue.)

Gep: Put in that tongue or I shall cut it off !

Pin: Oh, no you won't...

Oh, no you won't...oh, no you won't

Gep: I most assuredly will !

Pin: If I am good, you won't, huh?

Gep: No—o.



Pin: Then I'll be good...very,
very good.

Children:

(sing)

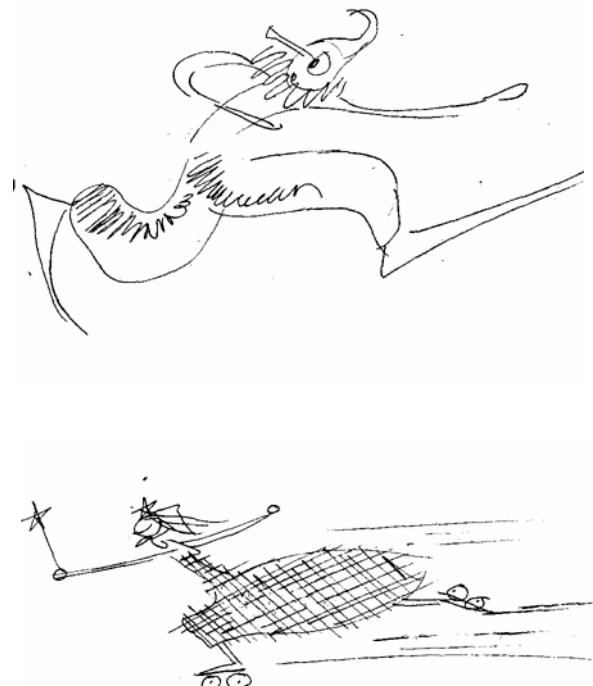
Sisters, brothers, Fathers, mothers,
Come and see pinocchio,
Leave your studies,
Bring your buddies,
Come and see pinocchio.
There's no sighing,
There's no crying,
When you see Pinocchio
Bring a penny, If you've any,
Come and see Pinocchio



(PINOCCHIO and GEPPETTO join the CHILDREN in the song and dance., halfway through the dance Pinocchio gestures to the audience that he is disgusted with this fol-de-rol....He hides on the stage...at the end of the dance the CHILDREN discover PINOCCHIO missing...with many cries of "Where's Pinocchio?" He's run away "Let's go and find him" the CHILDREN exit.)

Gep: What has beguiled
The lad to stray?
My only child
Has run away.....
Pinocchio
Pinocchio!

(He exits weeping, Pinocchio comes from his hiding...he laughs at the joke he has played on all...the BLUE FAIRY appears.)





Fairy: Pinocchio, Even tho you're
made of wood
won't you please try being good
For just a little while
And make your father smile?
He thinks you've run away.

(PINOCCHIO lowers his head in shame.)

Pin: I know why I've been so mean..
because I'm hungry.. and when I 'm hungry, I get in an awful
temper...gee, I'm starved... I havn't had a bite to eat....EVER

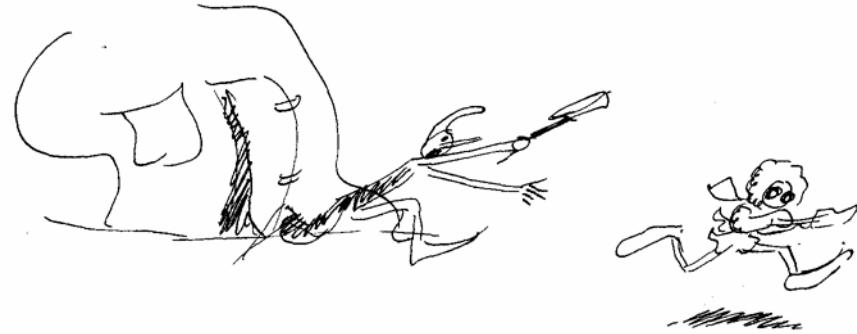
Fairy Go in the house And on a keg you'll find a large And handsome egg.
Break the shell And eat it well. Then, be good boy, Please, I beg of you.

(She disappears.. .PINOCCHIO claps his hands with joy.. runs into the
house...he appears at the window.)

Pin: Ah...I've found the
egg. Let's
see...what'll I
have? an
omelette?...No,
that would take too
long...an egg nog?
no, that would be
too healthy. I'm
too hungry to fool
around. I'll cook it
plain.



(He disappears from the window.. there is the sound of an egg shell cracking...
a frantic "PEEP , " and a CHICK runs out of the house followed by PINOCCHIO who
carries a frying pan.)



Pin: your running out
Disturbs my plan...
I beg of you
Climb in this pan !

(With much brandishing of the pan PINOCCHIO chases the CHICK about the stage till both are breathless.)

Song

Chick: Oh, hark to my story
Kind sir, I do beg..
of when I was but
A diminutive egg.
There ne'er was an egg
quite as quiet as I,
when Mother would sing
Me this sweet lullaby:



(A MOTHER HEN appears.)

Hen: Go to sleep,
Chicky, chicky, chick,
Chicky, chicky, chick...

Chick: Peep ! Peep !



Hen: Very soon
You will be
Fast asleep...

Chick: Peep ! Peep !

Hen: Always o'er you
A watch
I shall keep...

Chick: Peep Peep

Hen: Go to sleep,
Chicky, chicky,
Chicky, chick...

Chick: Peep Peep
My mother, brave soul,
Was a Rhode Island Red...
with TOO many radical
rules in her head.
Alas poor dear thing,
She was made into soup
For trying to picket
her own.. chicken coop



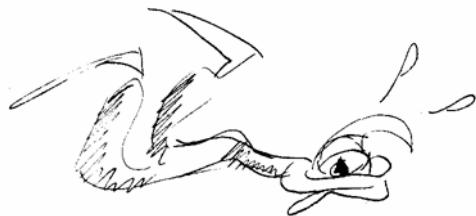
(The last chorus is repeated... the two CHICKENS waltz around the stage, then exit..

PINOCCHIO remains transfixed CENTER with limpid eyes and a watering mouth

Pin: There goes my chance at
a good meal... Whatever
shall I do?

(He throws hims upon the floor, which is a feat in itself.. .and sobs.)

What EVER shall I do? I will surely die of hunger... and my poor
father...I have treated him so badly that he will disown me !



(He sobs more.. GEPPETTO appears with a huge, red apple and a schoolbook.)

Gep: Pinocchio

Pin: Oh, father.., father !

Gep: Poor Pinocchio.



Pin: I'm so sorry I treated you so badly....
I'll never be naughty again.

Gep: My poor Pinocchio !

Pin: And what's more...I'm DYING of hunger !

Gep: Oh dear....

Pin: I am famished oh me.... I'm ravenous...I could eat a horse !

Gep: Heavenly days !

Pin: My kingdom for a horse !



Gep: I haven't a horse, Pinocchio,
but I have an apple that was
to be MY evening meal....for I
had given you up for lost...
but, since you have repaired
your ways and are willing to
be a well behaved lad, I shall
give it to you....

(PINOCCHIO grabs the apple and starts to eat.)

Also, I shall give you this book...
so that you may go to school and he
intelligent like the other children.

Pin: What is. . . .being intelligent,
father?

Gep: Intelligence is something that
is hard to acquire and easy to
forget....it's very wonderful.

Pin: I'm sure it is..I should love
to be intelligent !

Gep: I shall leave you now to eat
your apple and read your book..
but when the school bell rings
run to school and be a good little
boy.

Pin: Oh, I will, father.

(GEPPETTO kisses PINOCCHIO on the forehead...and enters the house., PINOCCHIO
sits, munches the apple and examines the book.

BOOBYLAND MAN Enters...a gaudily dressed, jovial
man with an evil expression...he laughs a great
deal...and not up his sleeve.. he prances about
PINOCCHIO awhile before stopping CENTER.)



Song

Man: Now, is it right for me to understand
That you would like to
go to Boobyland? Of
course, there are no
teachers there,
Or things like that, you know...
So, are you really very sure
That you w ld like to go.....,

Hmmmmmm?

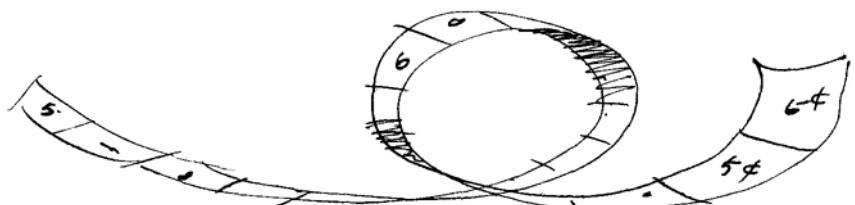
In Boobyland it's really very
gay..
There's nothing there to do but
run and play.
There's nothing there to eat,
you know,
But candy, pie and cake,
So, are you really very sure
This is the trip to take....

Hmmmmmm?

But if you'd rather be a little
fool
Just stay right here and run along to school.
And while you do your lessons
We will think of you and sigh...
Of how you missed the only chance
That you would have to buy....

(Chorus)

Tickets to Boobyland !
Tickets to Boobyland !
Easy to try...
Easy to buy...
Easy as pie...
To get there.
Tickets to Boobyland !
Come on and join band !
I know you'll try it!
So come on and buy !
Tickets to Boobyland !



(Chorus is repeated by children who enter ...MAN and CHILDREN get PINOCCHIO to join them in a dance...as they start to exit the school bell rings..PINOCCHIO turns and looks toward school...CHILDREN grab him and exit in Boobyland direction.. thereby clearing the stage for....

Interlude

(Stage is completely empty for a few seconds...the Boobyland theme recommences very slowly... four SOB SISTERS enter. . .they are dressed in black,,with large, horn-rimmed spectacles...in one hand they carry a long handkerchief and they daub their eyes and tearfully take CENTER.)

1st: Too bad !,

2nd: How sad !

3rd: How very...

4th: Too bad !,

All: How verily, very too bad !,

1st: Pinoc—

2nd: Chio.

3rd: will sure_

4th: Ly grow

All: Into a very bad lad !

1st: It's a shame !

2nd: Yes, it is...

3rd: Yes, indeedy...

4th: By gosh.....

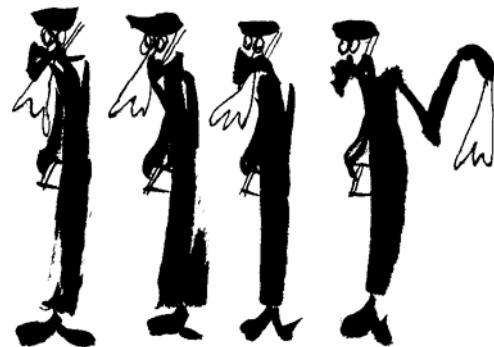
3rd: Yes, indeedy..

2nd: It is.....

1st: It's a SHAME !

He's gone

2nd: Away...



3rd: To Boo

4th: By Land !

All: Boo-Hoo
Boo-Hoo
Boo-Hoo
By Land !

1st: He's run away from school

4th: He'll turn into a mule

All: Hee Haw !
Hee Haw !
Hee Haw !
Hee Haw !
He'll turn into a mule j

1st: We really....

2nd: Don't want...

3rd: To say anything...

4th: BUT !

1st: Far be it...

2nd: From us...

3rd: To keep our mouths...

4th: SHUT !

1—4: Bzz ! Bzz !

2—3: Tut ! Tut
Bzz ! Bzz !

1-4: Tut ! Tut !

All: We really don't want to say anything.... BUT !



(Boobyland theme up...gaily..PINOCCHIO walks across stage....
whistling nonchalantly and perfectly normal...SOB SISTERS say "Hey "
...PINOCCHIO stops.)

All: Where is your tail?

Pin: What tail?

All: Where are your ears?

Pin: What ears?

All: Listen, you scalawag,
Don't you irk us

1st: It says in the book
you're sold to a circus !

4th: It says in the book.
That you're a mule !

2—3: It says in the book
That you're a FOOL !

All: you've broken the law !
you've beaten your pa !

1—2: It says in the book...

3—4; Blah ! Blah !
Blah ! Blah !
It says in the book...

1-2: Blah ! Blah !
Blah ! Blah !

1st: It says...

2nd: Blah ! Blah !

3rd: In the book...

4th: Blah ! Blah !

All: Blah ! Blah !
Blah ! Blah !



Blah ! Blah !
Blah ! Blah !

Pin: Listen You ol' busy crows

All: Oh !

Pin: You snippy, snoopy so-n-sos

All: Oh !

Pin: Get out !

All: Oh !

Pin: SCRAM !

All: Oh !

Pin: Before I tweak that busy nose !



(SOB SISTERS exit screaming... PINOCCHIO comes CENTER and talks to audience.)

Pin: What do they take me for... a fool?

(He pulls Pinocchio book out of his pocket.)

You see, I've read the book before...
Why should I play the sap?

(He yawns.)

I think that I will just go home And take a little nap.

(He exits as house lights fade for....)



Part Two

(GEPPETTO is discovered singing a lullaby to PINOCCHIO. Stage is dark except for a pin spot on the rocking chair in which GEPPETTO sits holding PINOCCHIO. The chorus of children grouped about the stage can hardly be seen. Lights up as the scene progresses.)

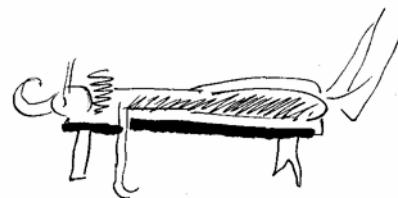
Song

GEP: You're just a little
Wooden headed puppet.
You're just my Lilttle
Wooden headed doll...
So close your wooden eyes
And I wouln' be surprised
If very soon asleep
You're going to fall.

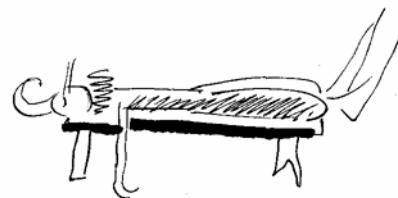


(At the conclusion of the song GEPPETTO places the sleeping PINOCCHIO on a bench...children tiptoe off...BLUE FAIRY appears.. she a GEPPETTO talk in a loud whisper.)

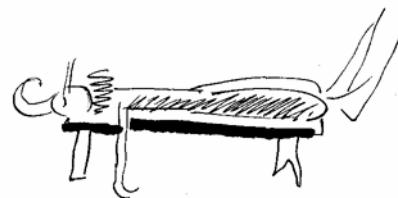
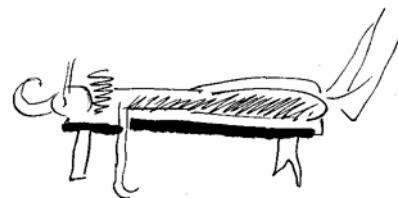
Fairy: Pinocchio I understand,
Did not run off to Booby.Land
As I presumed he would.



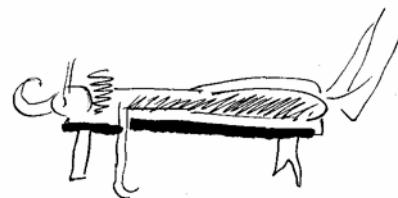
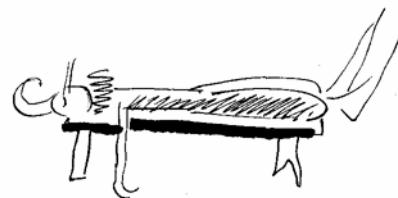
Gep: Oh, no, indeed...
He did concede
To be extremely good.



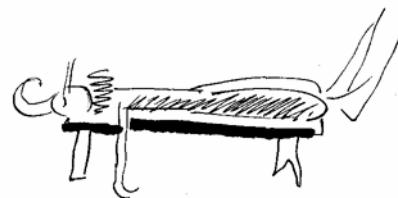
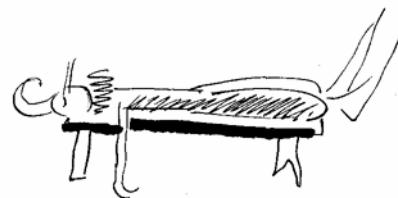
Fairy: I'm glad.



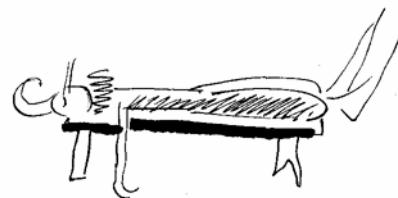
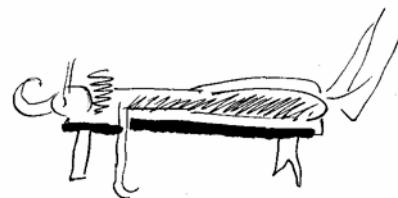
Gep: Me, too.



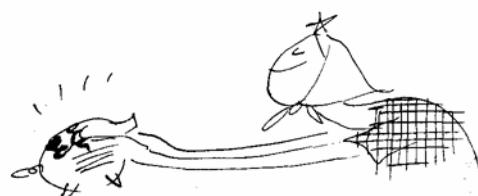
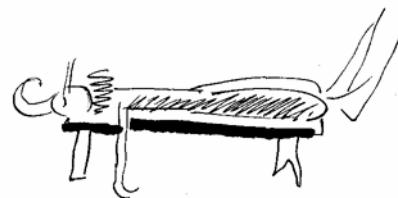
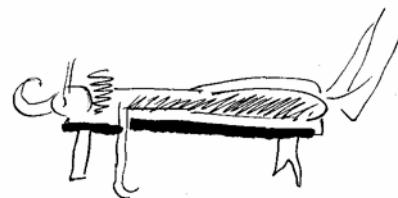
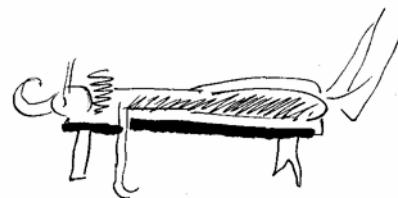
Fairy: To recompense His new found sense,
For which I'm very thankful... I bring
this pleasant Little present... brand
new, shiny bank full of pennies...



Gep: A penny bank
Oh, many thanks



Fairy: That's all right... Keep the change.





(She disappears...the lullaby is repeated during the following pantomime. . . GEPPETTO awakens PINOCCHIO and gives him the bank...he is very happy with it.. he goes back to sleep holding the bank.)

(GEPPETTO, with much beaming, enters the house...lullaby out, villian music up...heads of CAT and FOX appear...they dash quietly and quickly across stage and off...they appear again and come CENTER slowly.)

Cat & Fox:



Shush ! Shush ! Shush !
Two villians mysterious,
One look at us and you can see
We're just as bad as we can be.
Shush ! Shush ! Shush !
Two villians mysterious are we...
So SHUSH !

Fox: I am the fox,
of whom everyone talks...
As foxy a fox
As can be.
I chisel my friends
Out of their dividends.,
While sipping
Their five o'clock tea.



Cat: I am the cat...
Though, to some, I a rat
As catty a cat
As can be.
I spy on my neighbors,
In backs I thrust sábres
And twist them
With kittenish glee.



(Fox points to PINOCCHIO)

Fox: As a fox to a cat
I am fully aware
That a fortune in pennies
Reclines over there...

Cat: As a cat to a fox
It is money that talks !

Fox: Then you're worth a
fortune, my dear !



Cat: You flattering beast !

(She points to PINOCCHIO.)

Here's a friend to be fleeced.

Fox: You're foxy by proxy I fear !

Cat: We must work out a plan
To convince this young man
That a stroll down a dark street
with us....

Fox: Would not be outrageous,
But QUITE advantageous,
of course, not to him...but To us !

(They approach PINOCCHIO. He awakens with a start.)

Fox: Don't be afraid,
This is not a parade...

Cat: We are buying up Second-hand mops.

Fox: We thought we'd inquire
If you had some to hire...



Cat: And whether you like
Lollipops?

Pin: I'm sorry that I have no mops,
But I sure do like lollipops !

Fox: How wonderful !
How marvelous !

Cat: How simply too, too, TOO !

Fox: We know where you can get them...

Cat: A penny for twenty two.

Pin: Where?

Fox: Down the street
and to the left...



Cat: Then two blocks
To the right !

Pin: It's very dark...

Fox: Don't be afraid,
'Cause we'll be there...

Cat: And it will be all right.

Fox: Just shake the pennies
From your bank...

Cat: Take everyone that's in it.

Fox: Such lollipops !
It's us you'll thank !

Cat: We'll see you in a minute !



(The CAT and FOX hop and skip around PINOCCHIO singing... "Fresh lime lollipops... yum ! yum ! ..they exit... PINOCCHIO watches them. he sees GEPPETTO is asleep...he throws aside his book and starts to shake the pennies from the bank.)

(Three COQUETTES appear and admonish PINOCCHIO.)

1-2-3:

Song

Don't shake the pennies
From your penny bank
To go to the candy shop !
Don't shake the pennies
From your penny bank
To buy a lollipop !
Times are bad
And you'll wish you had
your penny, shiny and bright.
Don't be mad,
'cause You'll soon be glad
And the world will be all right!



Don't shake the pennies
From your penny bank
To go to the candy shop.
Don't take the pennies
From your penny bank
To buy a lolli- Tra-la-la-lolli-
Buy a lollipop-pop-POP
Buy a lolli-
Tra-la-la-lolli-
Buy a lollipop !
(PINOCCHIO makes the GREAT DECISION !)

Pin: I WON'T shake the pennies From my little penny bank !



1st C: Hurray !

2nd C: Hurray !

3rd C: Hurray !



(GEPPETTO who has heard all the racket...who wouldn't?... comes out of the house.)

Gep: What's going on out here?



1-2-3: He didn't shake the pennies from his little penny bank !

Gep: You didn't shake the pennies?

Pin: No, I didn't shake the pennies.

1-2-3: Oh, he didn't shake the pennies
From his little penny bank

Gep: Well, I guess it is the Fairy
Whom you'll really have to thank.

1-2-3: Yes, I guess it is the Fairy
Whom you really have to thank.

Pin: I know it is the Fairy
Who has made us all so merry....

1-2-3: Cause he didn't shake the pennies
From his little penny bank !

(MASTER CHERRY enters.)



Ant: I guess I'll join the party..
But I thought he as a smarty
who was always into mischief,
Always playing little pranks.

Gep: You can come and join the party...

1-2-3: But he's NOT a little smarty...

(Enter BLUE FAIRY)

Fairy: 'Cause he didn't shake the pennies...

Pin: No ! I didn't shake the pennies....

1-2-3: OH, HE DIDN'T SHAKE THE PENNIES
FROM HIS LITTLE PENNYBANK !



(At this point the penny Bank song is repeated with as much gusto as possible...and all characters in the play..and any others that can be found... enter, singing and dancing with ecstatic abandon.....

and now,

unable to withstand such quantities of joy....
the . . .

Curtain Closes!





CAST OF CHARACTERS

Three Coquettes
Geppetto
Blue Fairy
Master Cherry (Antonio)
Pinocchio
Hen
Chick
Boobyland Man
Four Sob Sisters
Fox
Cat
Children

