mosphere in the snow-covered mountains and the peasant huts, redolent of baked apples, so aptly.

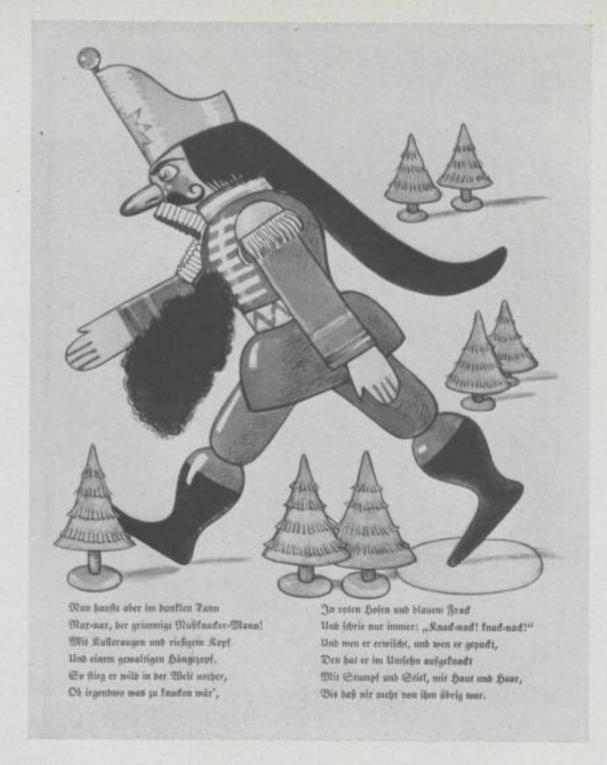
What, on the other hand, captivates us in the coloured wood-cuts by Emile Lahner, the French graphic artist, is their extremely fascinating daintiness and simple clarity. The small pictures of flowers, birds and butterflies with which the text of "The Proud Poppy" is interspersed open up the whole wonderland of nature to the child as he reads.

Fedor Rojankovsky whose gaily coloured, quaintly—alive drawings of animals are not unknown to the readers of "Gebrauchsgraphik" is responsible for new illustrations of animal and circus stories. Italian and Japanese children's books show pictures of soldiers and naval battles from which all horror has been taken by marionette-like drawing of types.

There are many ways of making good children's books. For one thing it is indispensible to bring the artistic formulas into harmony with the world of the child. Nor must it be forgotten that picture books afford the first opportunity of awakening and developing the aesthetic sense and artistic feeling of our little ones.

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