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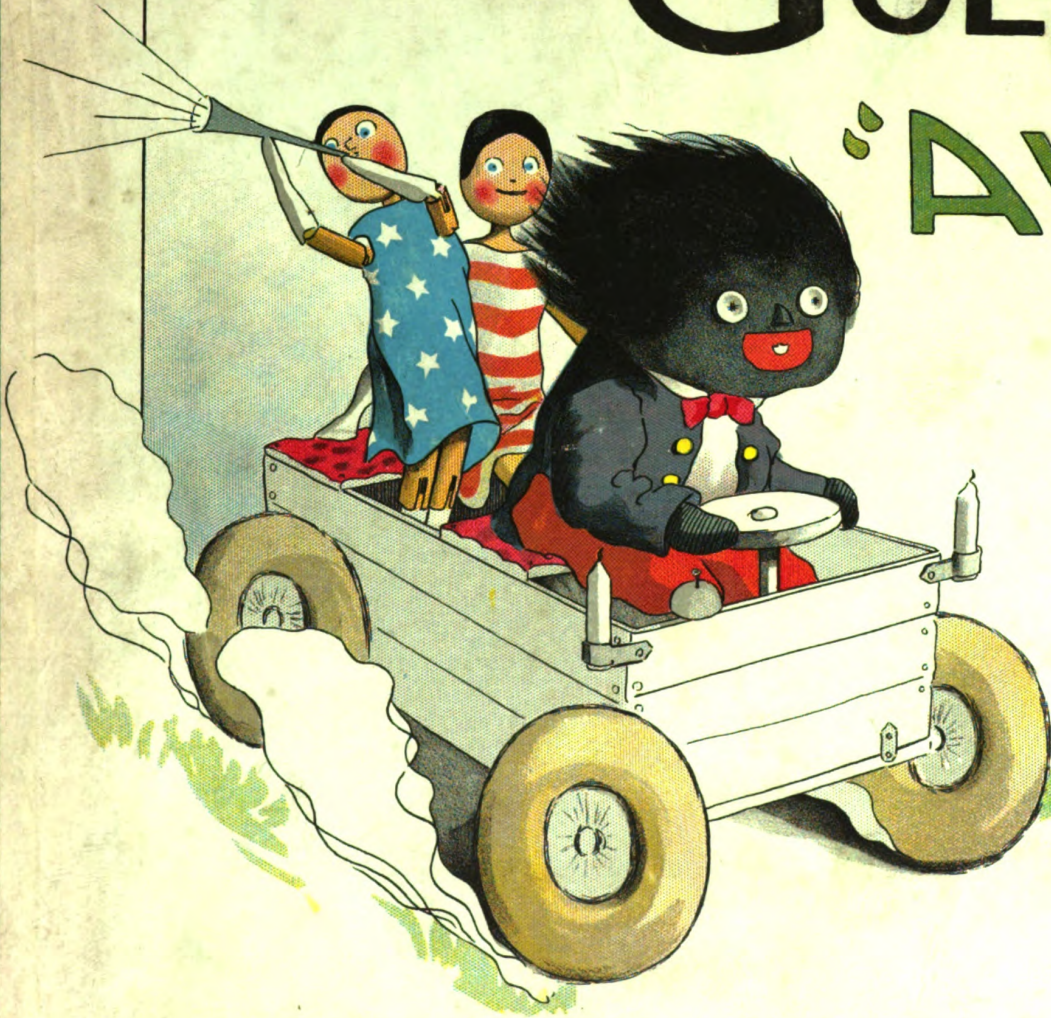
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"Hip, Hip! Hurrah! My spirits rise  
I feel as light as air!  
With dumb surprise five pairs of  
My secret soon shall share



This is a most progressive  
And with it we must  
That even toys are up to  
My master-piece sha





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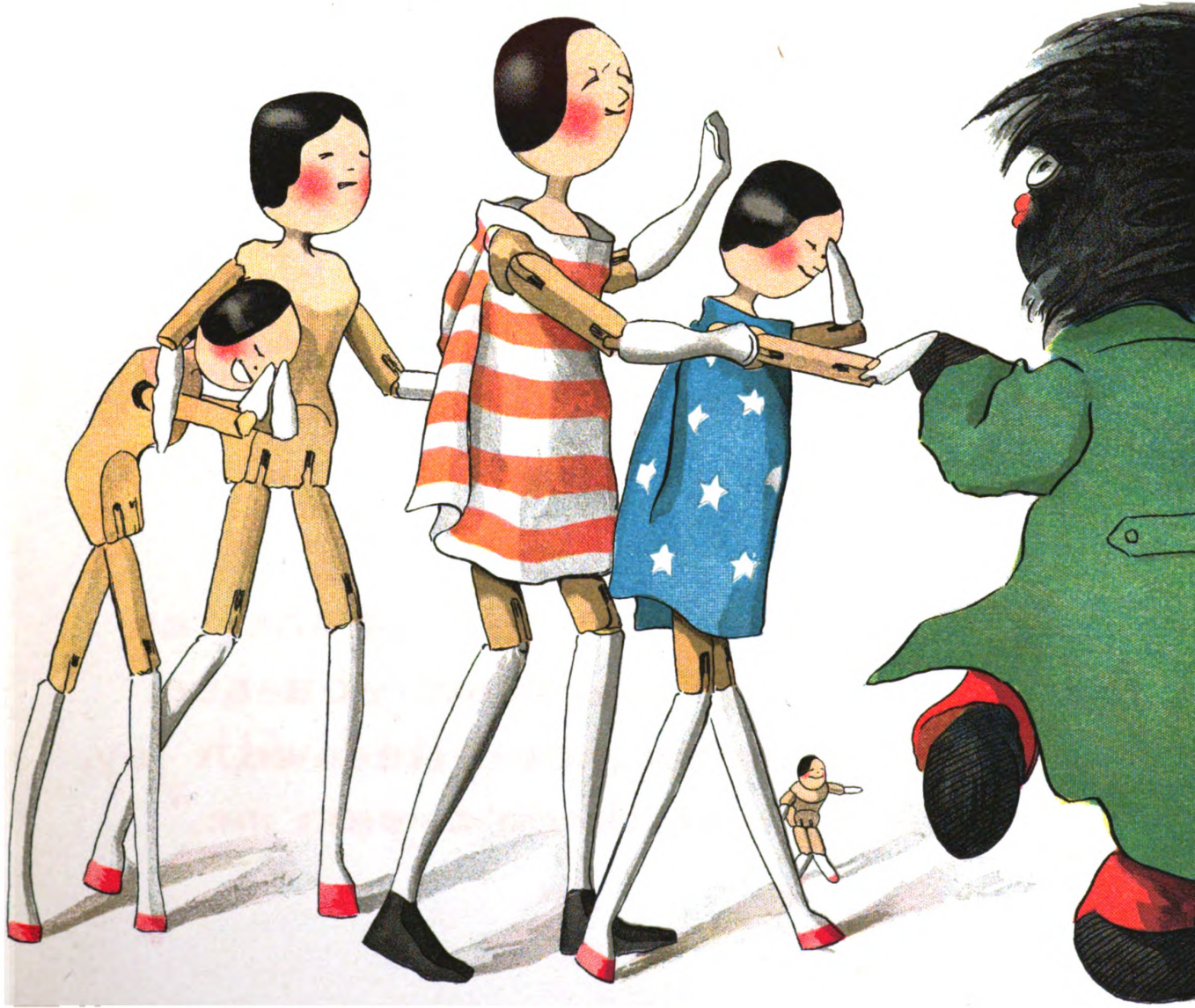
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"Here girls! come quick! but shut  
Be sure you close them tight  
I'll lead you safely down the  
And when I cry, *All right!*



Open as quickly as you can  
Look well at what you  
And if you are not filled  
Why - put the blame on



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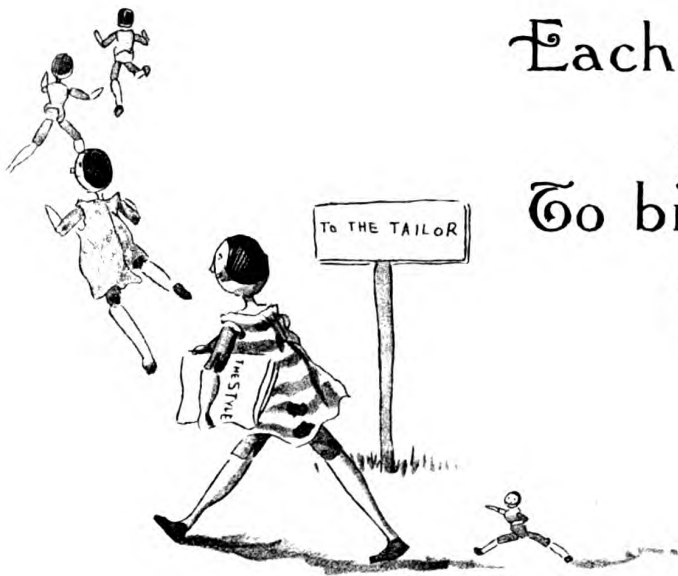
"All right! Now open wide your eyes  
Behold our *Auto-cart!*  
How's that for style? Well! I should  
No wonder that you start!



I've not a doubt we'll lead  
E'en with the smartest  
And what we mayn't expect  
Is not recorded yet



I see you like my driving coat  
With hat to correspond;  
I bore in mind your taste, dear gin  
Of green I know you're fond



Each one of you must cut a  
So go this very day  
To bid the tailor measure you  
And make without delay

No wonder, dearest friends, that you  
Stand speechless, staring still,  
But come! examine thoroughly  
And test it if you will.



We'll fly along with blowing ho  
And maddest echoes wak  
No obstacle need stay our pac  
While I am at the brake



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At last their stare grows less intense  
Their limbs more limber grow  
And of that auto-cart there's not  
A thing they'll fail to know.

But Peggy gives her eyes and  
To fashion's tempting page  
And smiles complacently to this  
How soon she'll be "the rag"





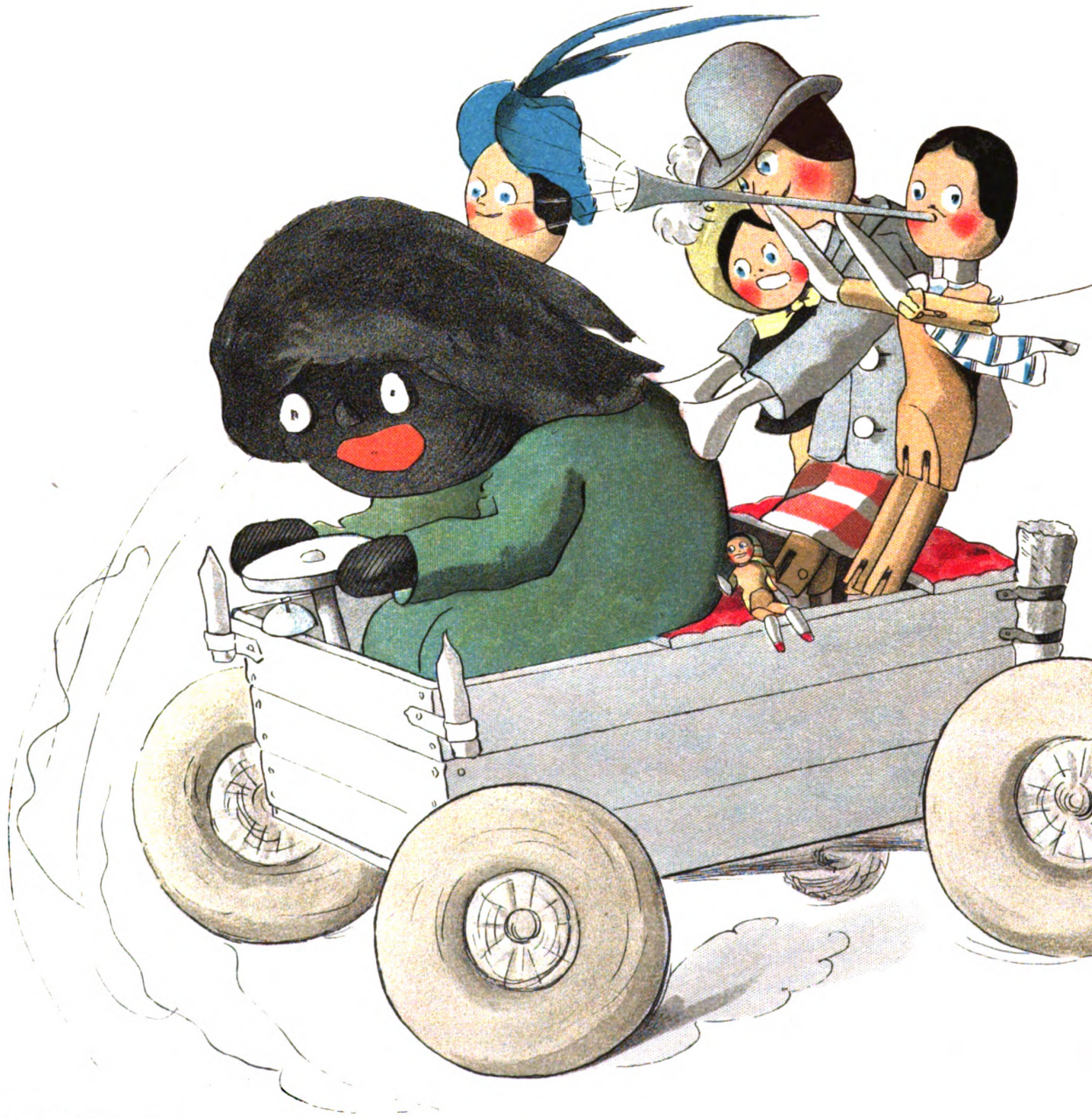


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"Dear Golliwogg," says Sarah Jane,  
"These clothes are ready made,  
We bought them at a moderate cost,  
Which Peggy kindly paid.



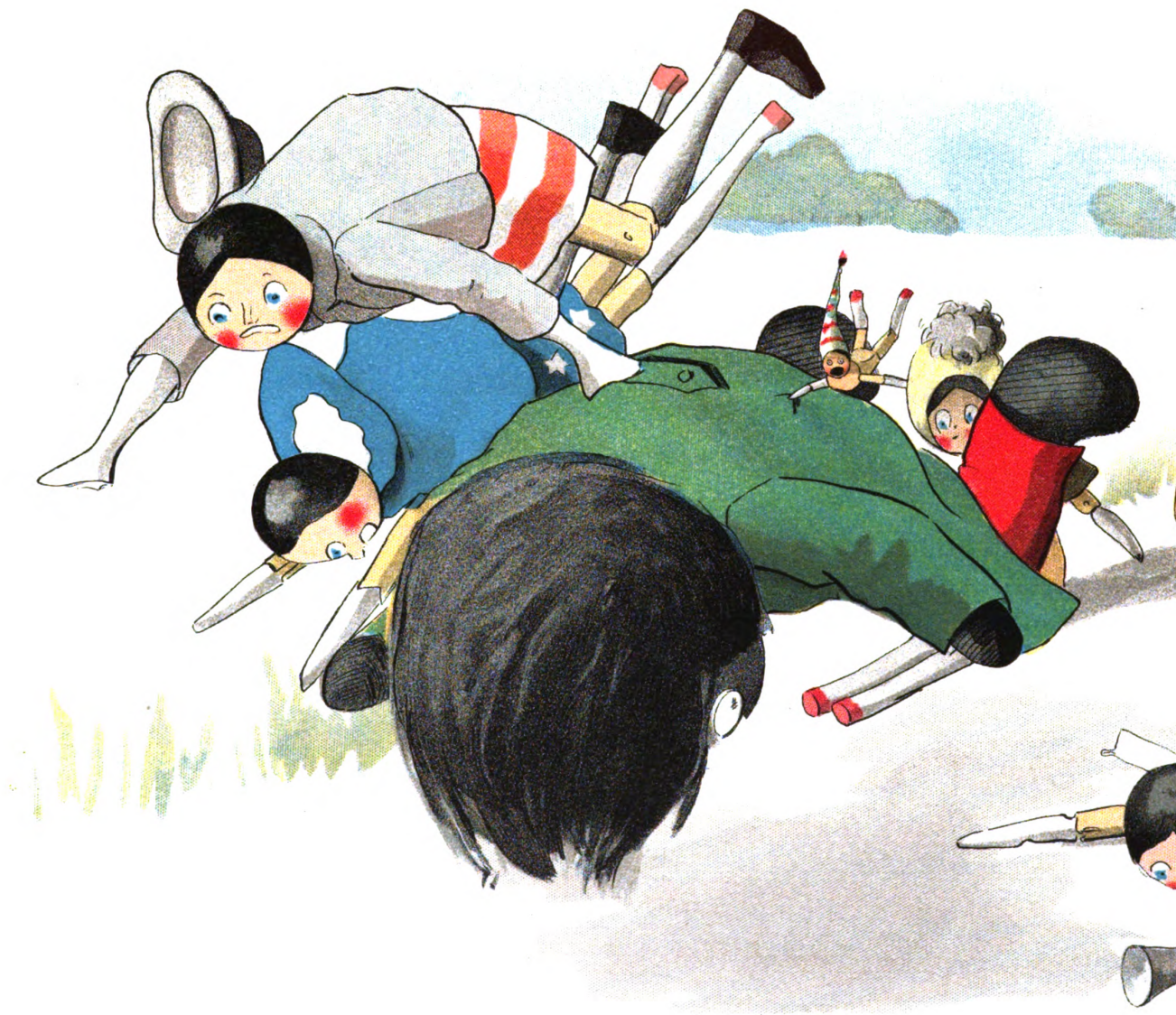
Grey shows her lovely color off  
While blue I much prefer;  
But Weg is irresistible,  
What do you think of her




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"I think I've got the *swellest* crowd  
That ever 'did' the town;  
We'll make a circuit of the place  
Before I set you down.

You, Meg, let forth a piping  
The tracks to safely cle  
I wouldn't kill a dog, you kn  
Upon our wild career.

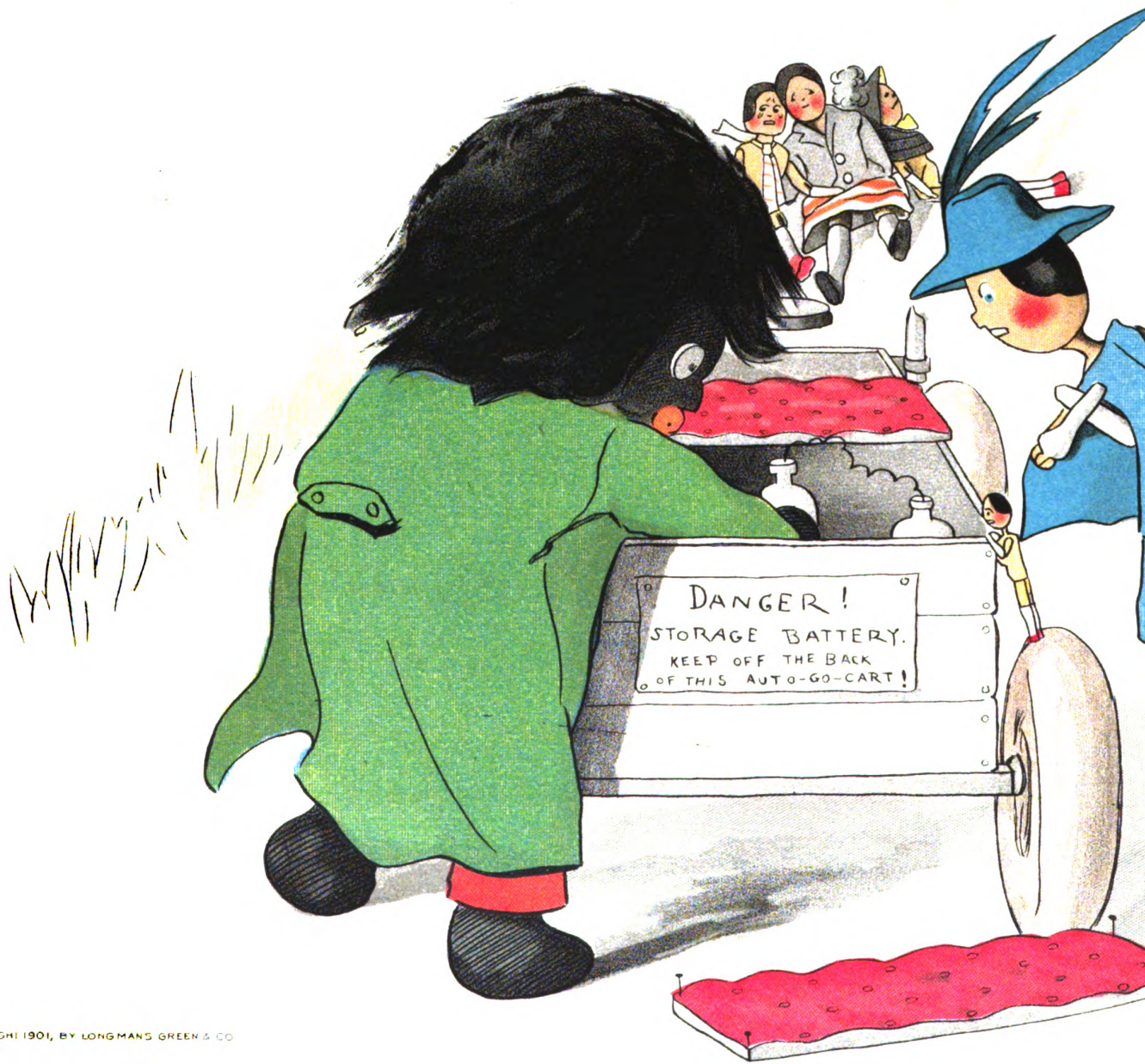


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*Sun! Moon! and Stars! What means this shock,  
This sudden growth of wings!  
Do Auto-Carts behave like this?  
Such peaceful-looking things!*

*A blessing 'twas, the ground was  
And that they lightly fell  
"Tis very strange" gasped Sara  
"I'm sure I rang the bell!"*



'Twas Golliwogg and Sarah Jane  
Who to the cart repaired,  
While at that awesome battery  
She and the Midget stared:

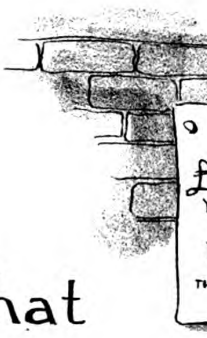
"Oh! Sarah Jane! To think we  
Upon those dreadful t  
It seems to me that 'up to d  
A lot of danger bring







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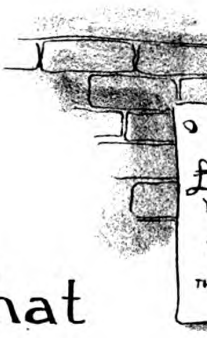


“Well! after all - a spice of that  
Is what we aim to get,”  
Said Golliwogg, as in a trice  
He had the battery set.

They started off through Matoc  
At such a frightful pace,  
The people stiffened right an  
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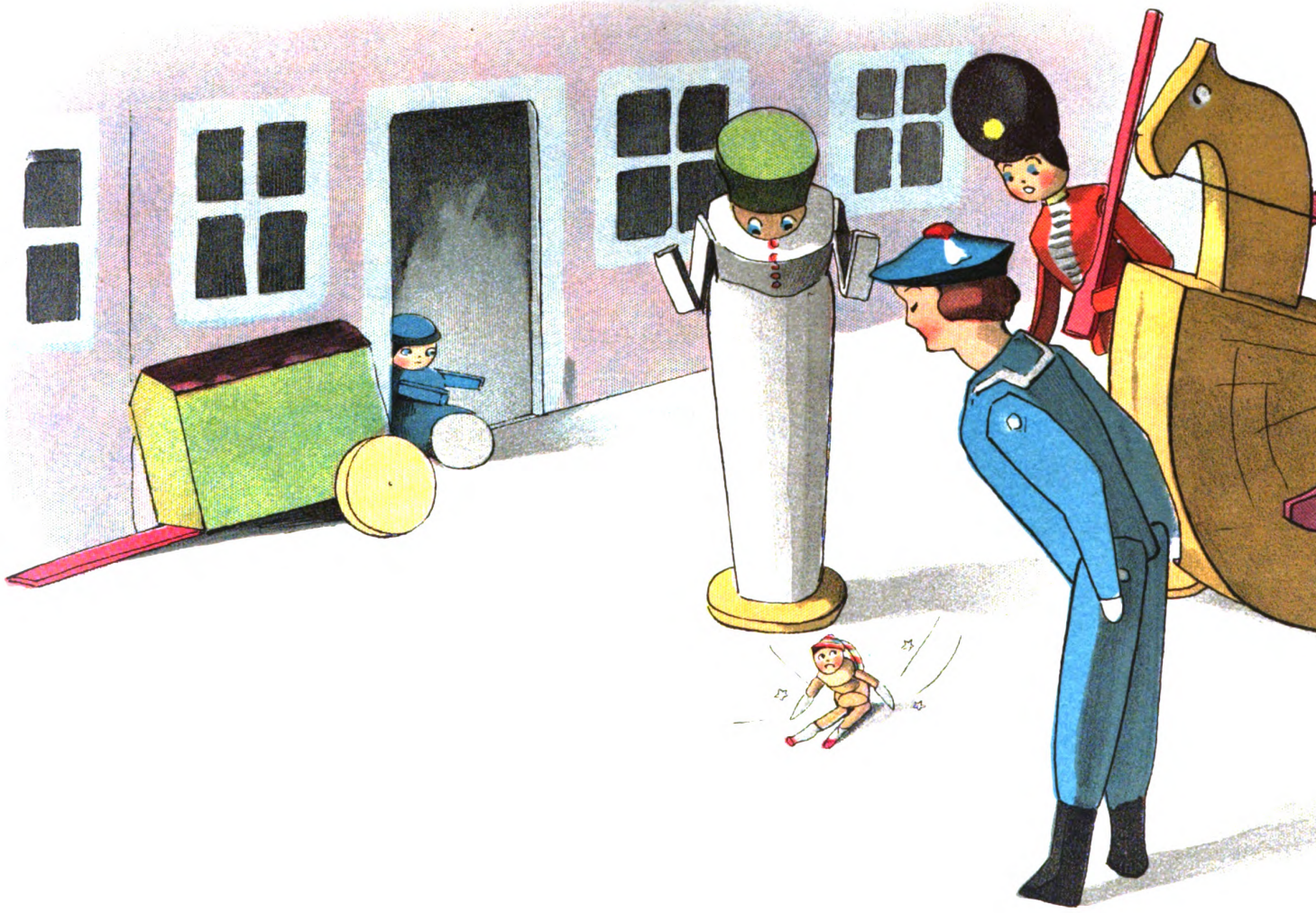


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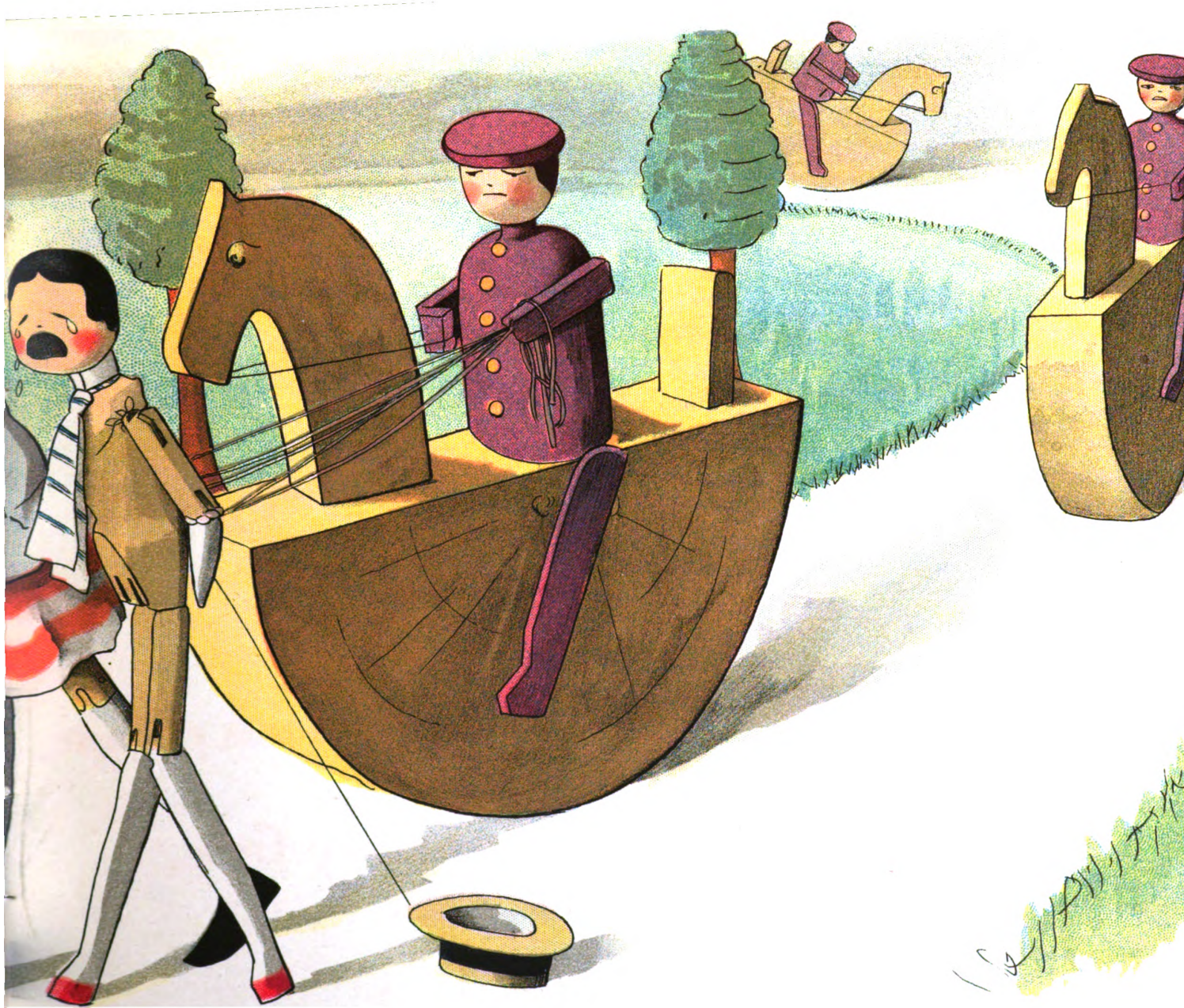
And some called out "*Police*  
As loud as they could y  
Still Sarah Jane cried, "Clear  
And thumped upon the bo



Meg blew a blast upon  
Enough to rouse t  
In fright, the Midget gav  
And landed on he



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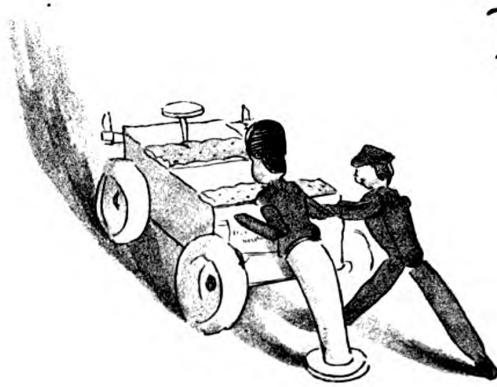
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The pause to save her precious  
Makes prisoners of the  
For mounted guardians of the  
Surround them on the spot

They drive them, tied with  
Into a darksome cell  
For "scorching" means a he  
Imprisonment as well





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But Midget, reconnoitring,  
Cries cheerily—"Oho!  
Our auto-cart is safe and s  
Upon the stones below

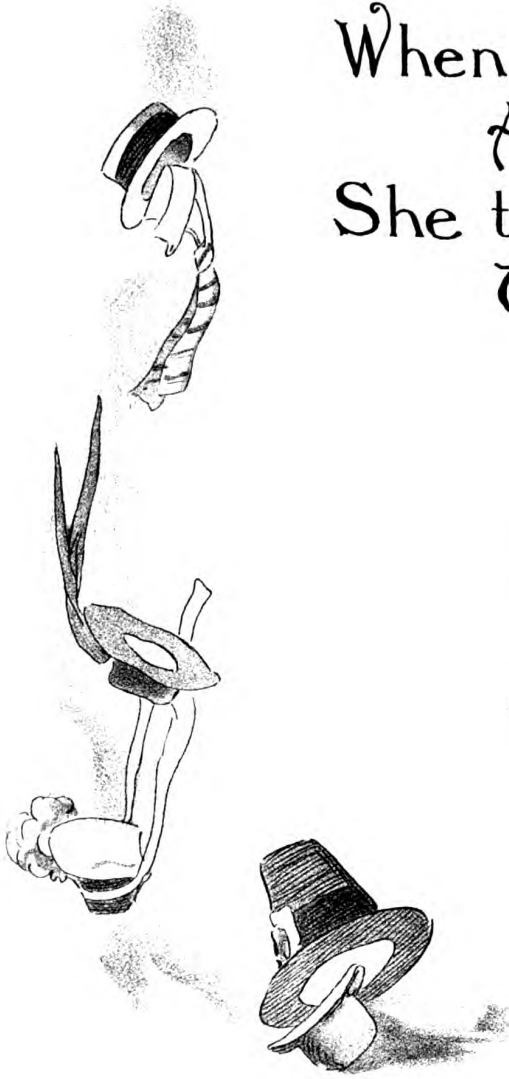


Strong Golliwogg! pull  
You, Sarah, make  
We'll get away ere dawn  
While they're asleep



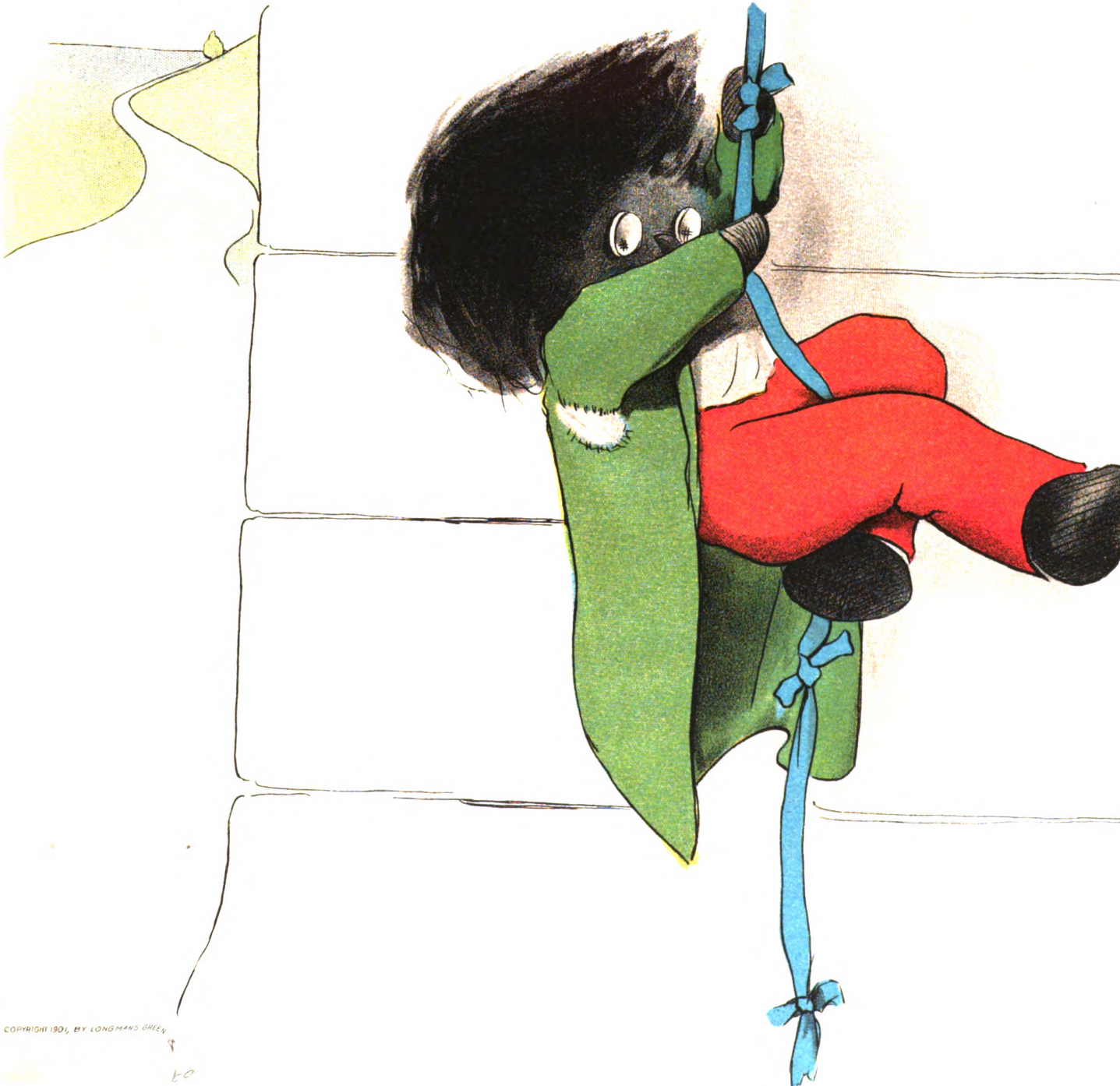
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When Sarah sacrificed her clo  
And tore each separate l  
She tied her knots so skilfull  
They added to its strengt

The girls slid first - brav  
Descended last of all  
His handsome coat got ba  
But no one had a f



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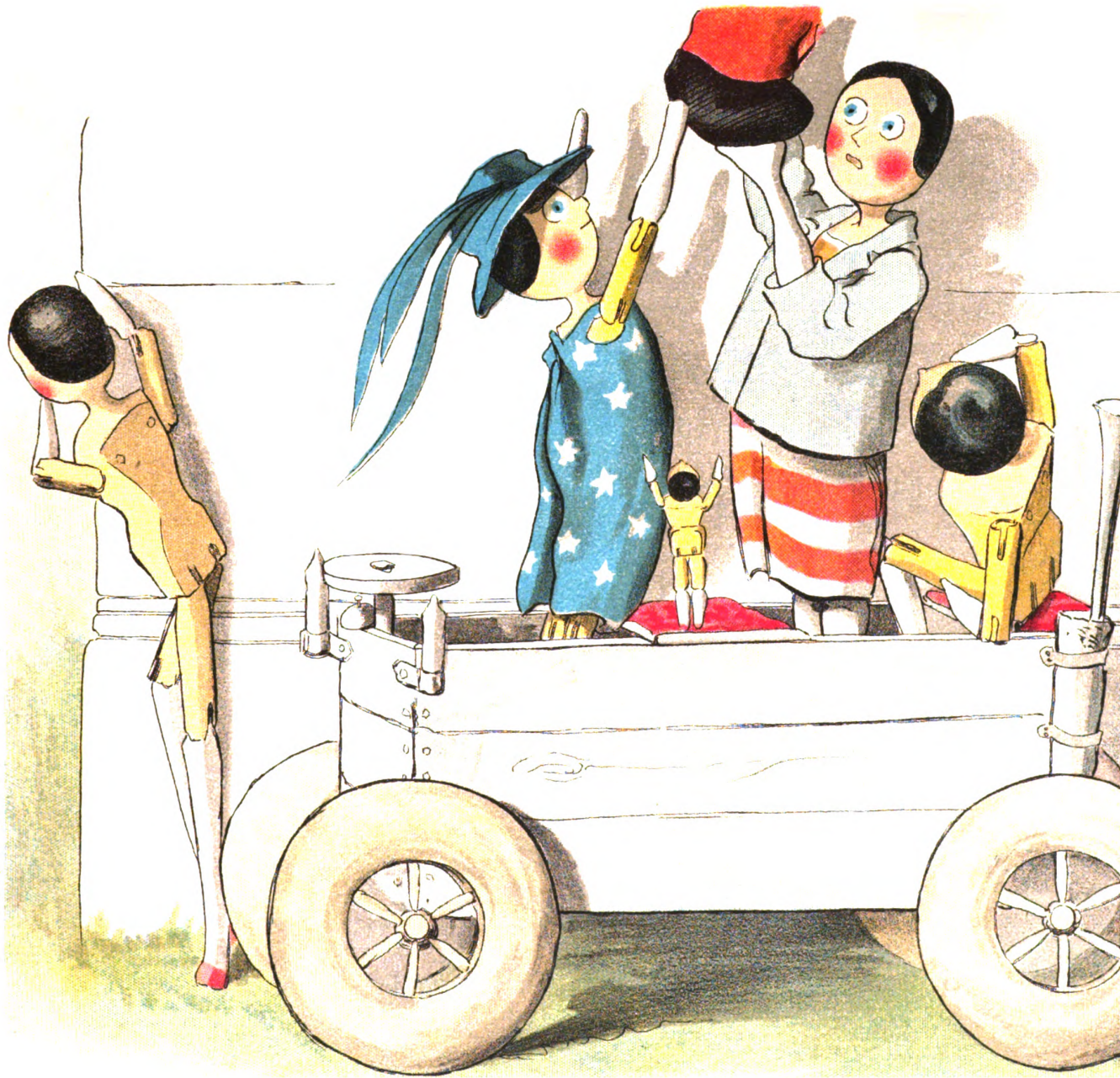
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Deftly they help their pilot  
Then tear the rope aw  
Weg stands on guard till all i  
And none their flight s



Gliding along the gras  
The watchman slum  
And creeping slowly up  
Soon cross the shelt





Obscured from sight, speed t  
For in the distant sky  
Storm clouds are gathering th  
Storm winds rush swishi

The forked lightning fla  
"The battery!" all cr  
"In case it strikes, we'd be  
'T would blow us ste





From sheltering trees the Mid  
And waves to Sarah Jane  
"Come faster still or you'll be  
In such a heavy rain!"



The thunder booms a ca  
Weg stops her ears  
Meg gently faints,- and to  
Is Peggy's stony sta

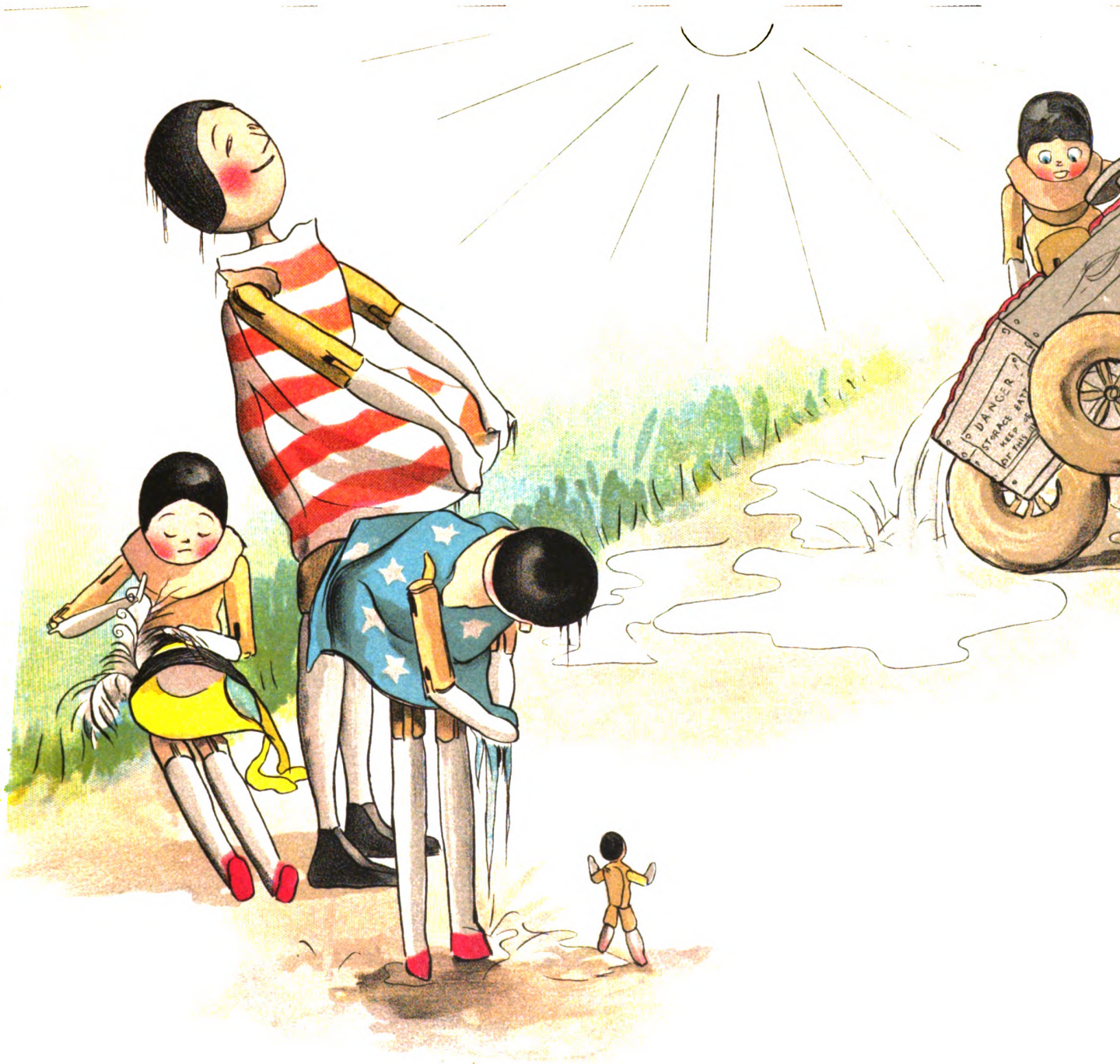


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"Oh! thank your stars, dear Sarah  
This shocking flood is o'er  
And when my stripes are full  
I'll be myself once more

"Our Auto-Cart's a water-  
Said little Sarah Ja  
"It looks as if we must ha  
A cistern-full of rain





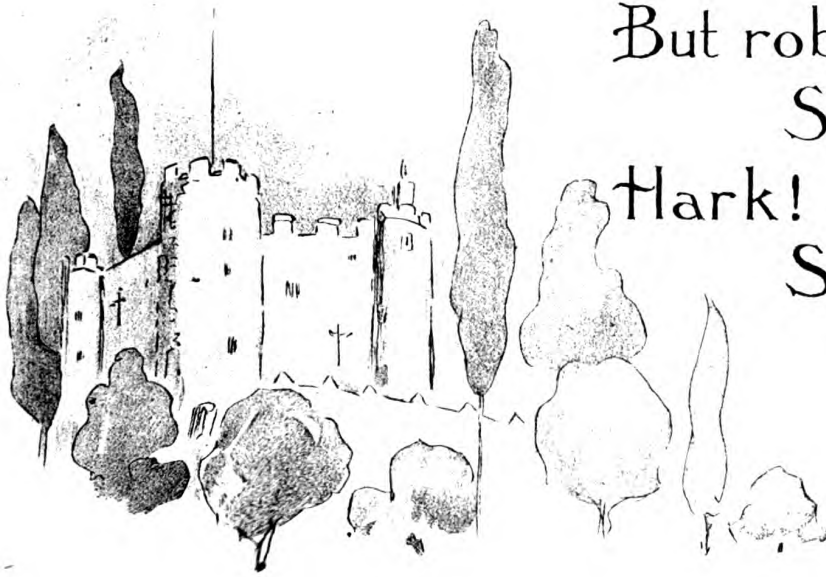




Said busy Weg, "We surely  
But then, who fears a  
Not I! if happily I make  
These feathers curl a

The sodden earth breathed  
Which hid the road  
"If weather clears," said G  
"There'll be a moon to

"In her full light we'll safely pass  
Through yonder darksome  
Where, I have heard, in days of  
A brigand's castle stood



But robbers are all dead  
Such tales as these  
Hark! did I hear a ho  
Sound faint on e



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"Ah well! at last we're off again  
I love a moonlight spin,  
Let's moderate our pace a bit  
Too hurry seems a sin!"

The first large tree was but  
Not one of danger or  
When something leaped across  
A nightmare black he saw



A gun he levelled at the break  
Of frightened Golliwogg;  
"Dismount! hand me your valuables  
You wandering minstrel

No fainting there! you silly  
Your lives are naught  
I only want all that you've  
Of gold and jewelr





"O! really Mr. Highwayman,  
We have no gold to give,  
We're just a simple set of friends  
Who quite haphazard live

We travel round from pole to pole  
With just enough to see  
We never make an enemy  
Yet often make a friend






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"A friend? Well! That's just what  
Pardon my first request,  
I'm only playing highwayman  
By way of change and rest

I'm sorry if I frightened y  
And '*au revoir*' will s  
"Goodbye! Goodbye! nice hi  
We'll meet some future

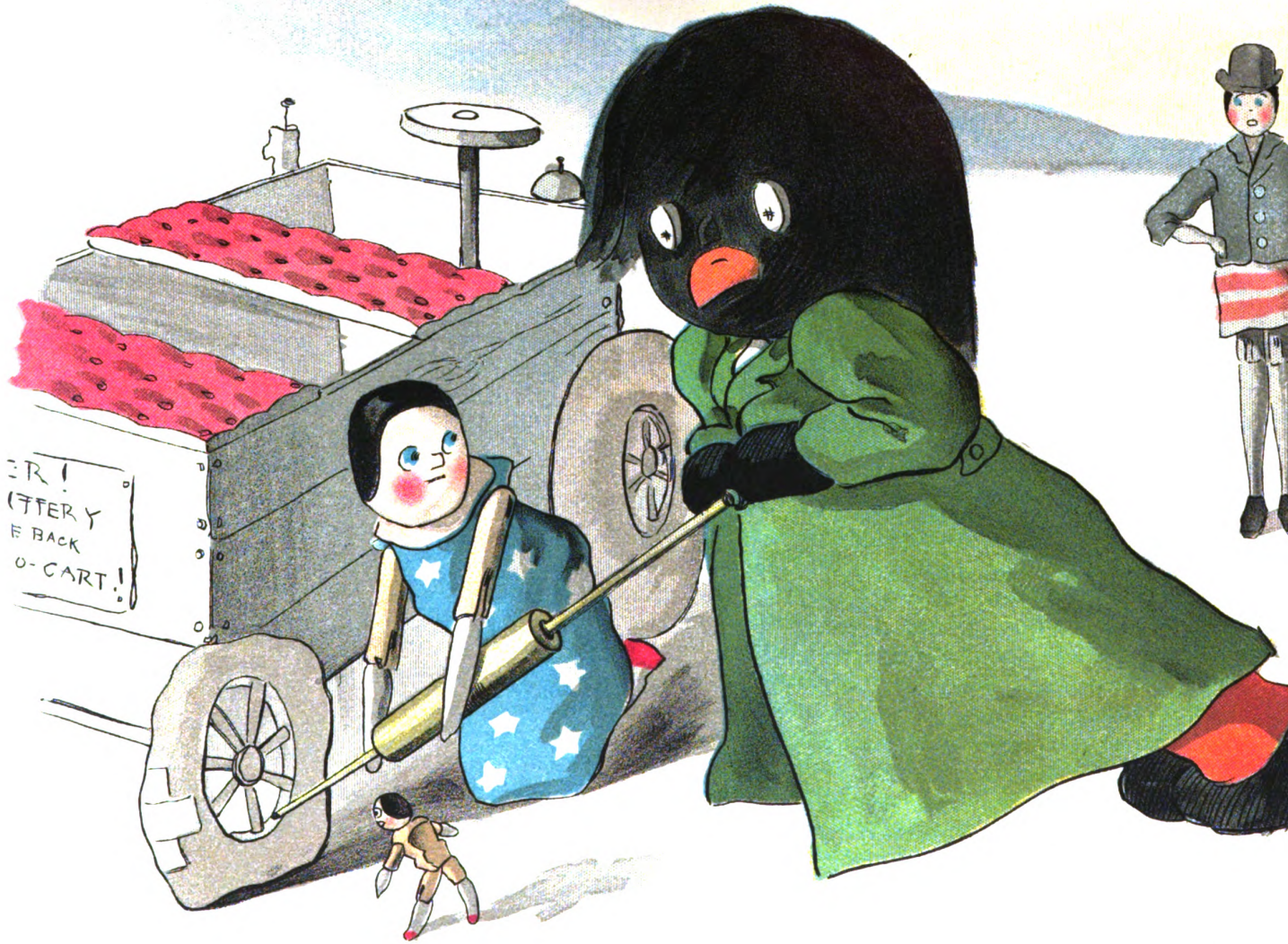






Who would have guessed that trouble lurked  
That morning ride to mar;  
Yet, punctured tire has often been  
To happiness a bar:

"There! calm yourselves!" says  
"I'll pump it up once mo  
This is a very simple thing  
Don't worry, I implore



Three girls stood back a little  
As if they feared 'twould ju  
While Golliwogg and Sarah Jan  
Applied the helpful pump.

"Hark Golliwogg!" breathed  
"What can that whirrin  
Are you quite sure our ba  
I beg you look and se





They crowded round that fateful car  
And stood upon the tires  
While Golliwogg was earnestly  
Examining the wires:

He thought he knew a thing or  
But electricity  
Is just one of those curious things  
Whose danger none may

A bang! A shower of splinters  
Six forms whirled in  
And where it stood, of Aunt  
You couldn't find a trace







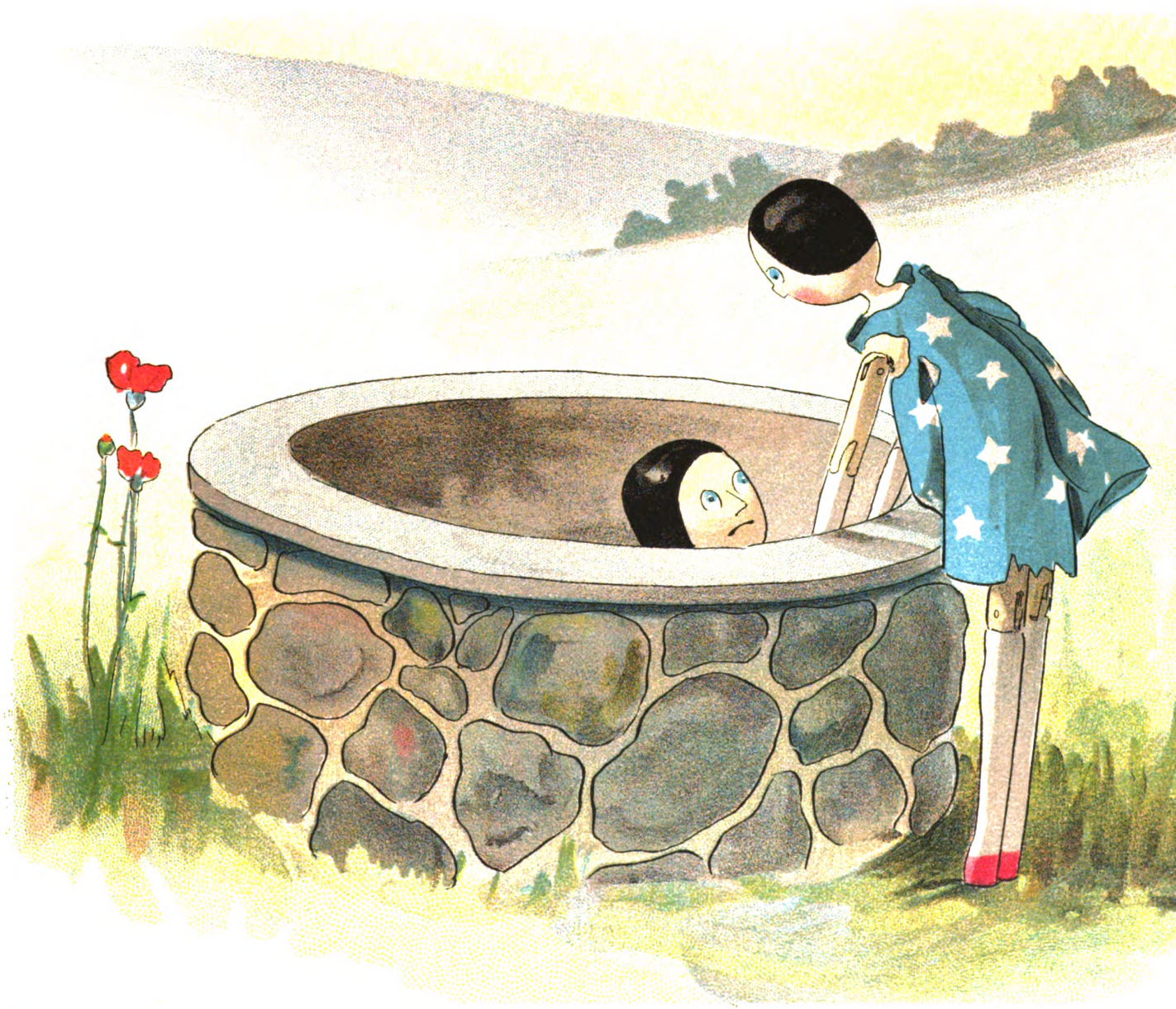
When little Sarah came to life  
And found she was alone  
Her heavy heart sank in her  
As if 'twere turned to stone

Then, melting into anxious  
Weeping she runs  
But not a sign of friend or  
Can her dimmed eyes

Coming at last upon a well,  
Of water almost bare,  
She sees, arising from the  
Pale Peggy's raven hair



With joy, each other they  
They start off hand  
Discovering poor Meg and  
Half buried in some



Setting them free, they hurry  
Eyes gazing everywhere  
Both utter suddenly a scream  
And through the rushes

Prone Golliwogg despairing  
For heart and hope  
He did not wish to live, but  
He thought the rest







The Midget, blown across the  
Like birdie, takes a ro  
Upon a lofty, branching tre  
Within a starling's nes

And shouting thence wit  
(Twas but a fairy s  
Laughs when they bring a  
And help her to the



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And now begins their homeward trip  
O'er many a weary mile;  
The girls all striving by the way  
To make their captain smile.

For thought of failure tries him  
Through him their clothes  
In splinters lies the Auto-Cart  
On which for weeks he'd

By argument, his downcast  
They very soon re-  
And many a harmless s  
Is used their case to



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I hardly need to tell you that  
The ladies won the day  
His jaunty look came back  
His step grew light and



He laughed about the affair  
And joked about the  
Till voting was unanimous  
To take the trip as

*Be...*





