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The Adventures
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“Twas on a frosty Christmas Eve
When Peggy Deutchland woke
From her wooden sleep
On the counter steep
And to her neighbour spoke.

“Get up! get up, dear Sarah Ja
Now strikes the midnight ho
When dolls and toys
Taste human joys,
And revel in their power.

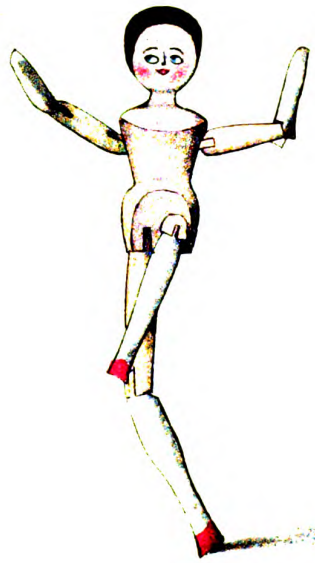
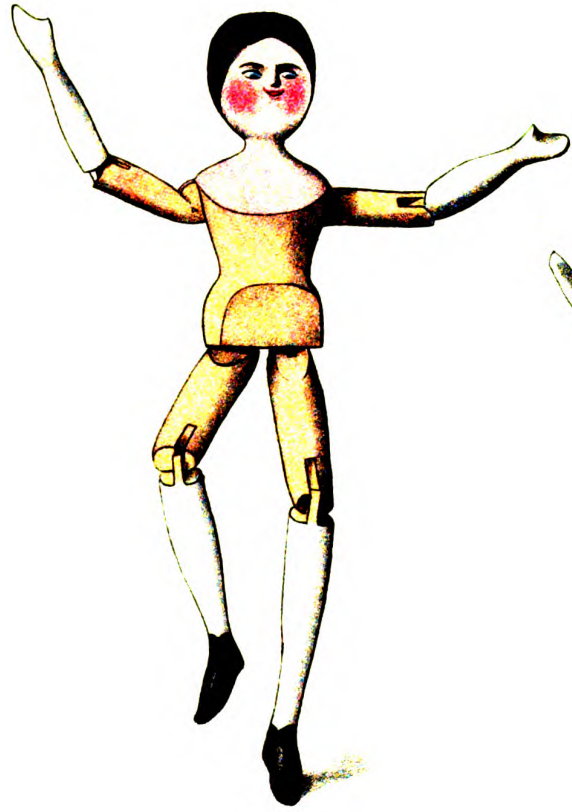




I long to try my limbs a bit,
And you must walk with me;
Our joints are good
Though made of wood,
And I pine for liberty.



For twelve long months we've
But we don't care a fig;
When wide awake
It does not take
Us long to dance a jig.

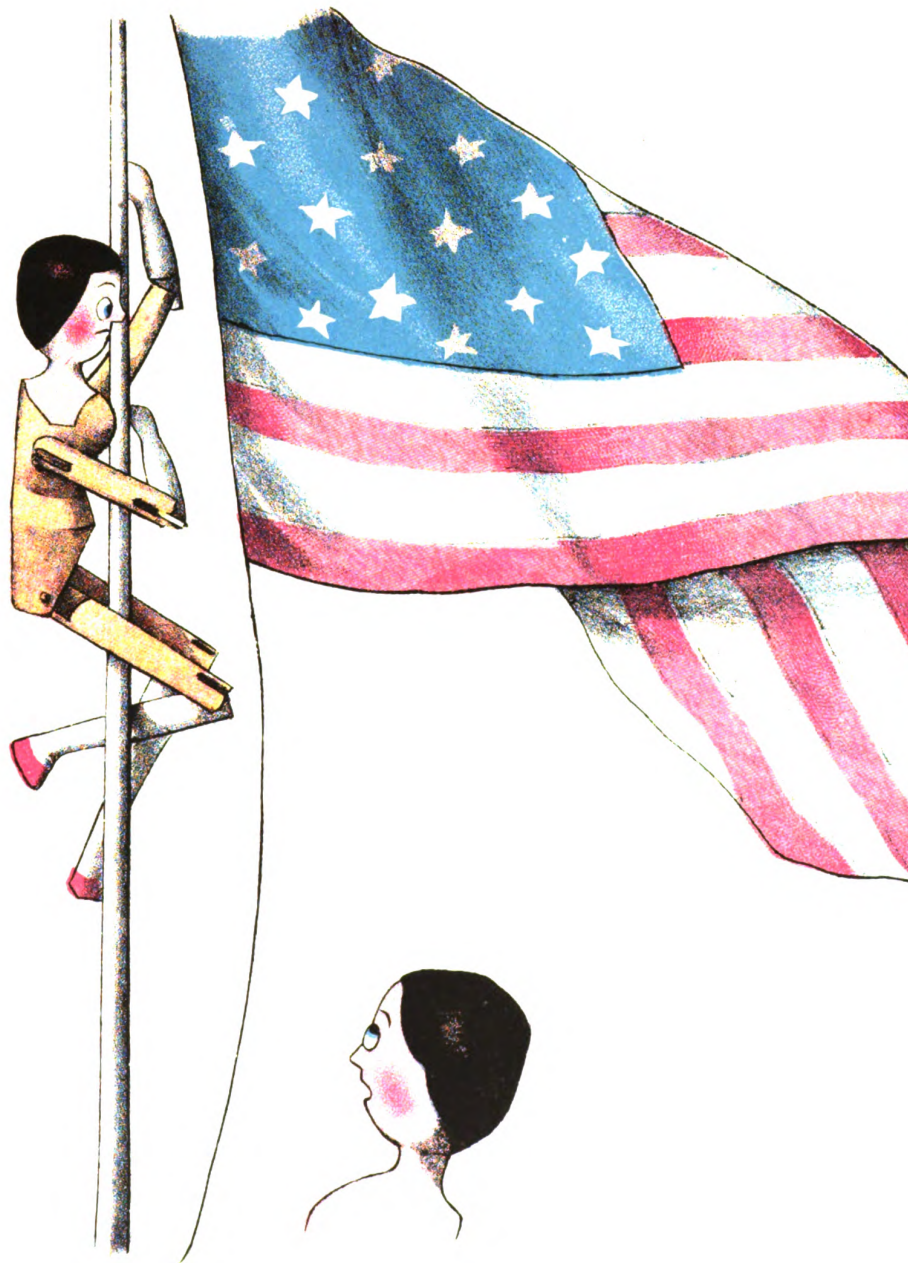


But who comes here across our path,
In gay attire bedight?

A little girl
With hair in curl,
And eyes so round and bright.



Good evening Miss, how fine
Beside you I feel bare;
I must confess
I need a dress
If I would look as fair.



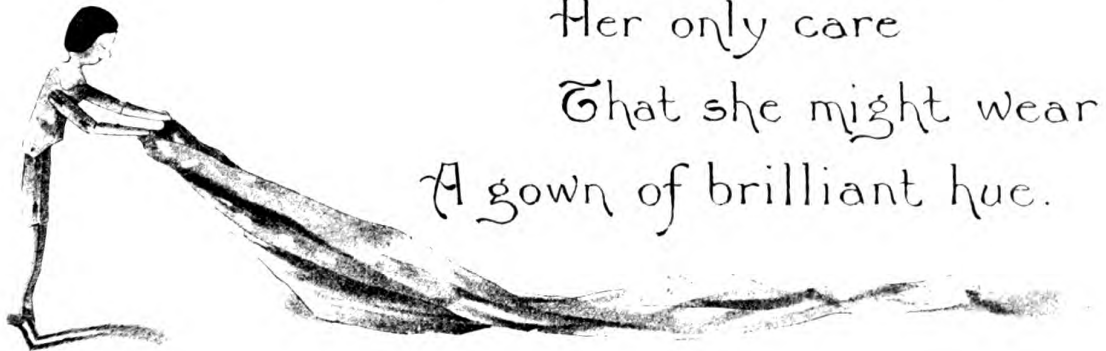
On that high pole I see a flag
With colors red and blue;
Dear Sarah Jane
'Tis very plain
A climb you'll have to do.

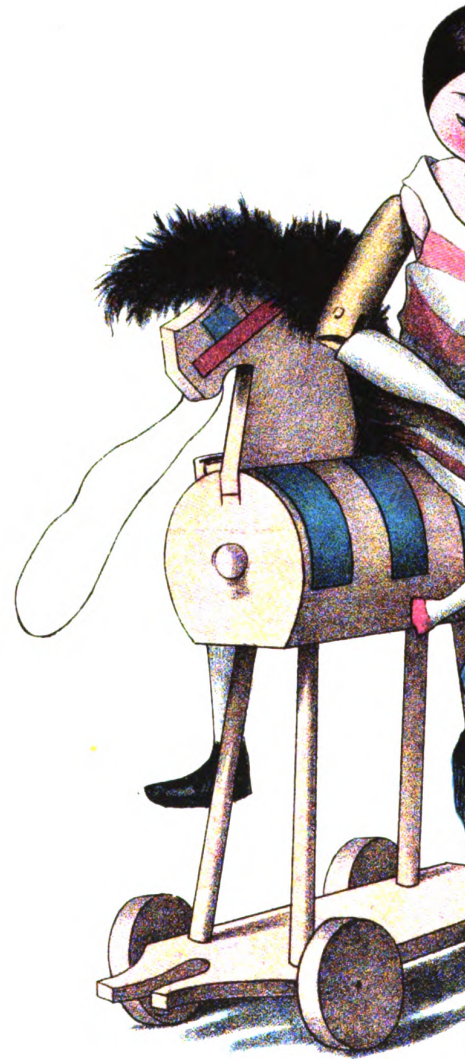
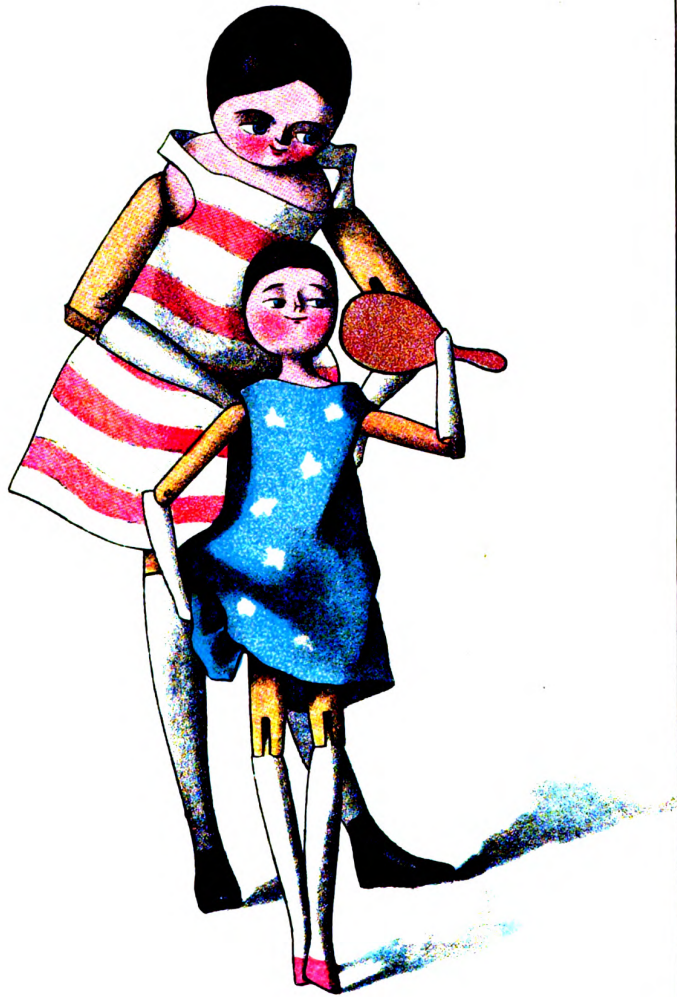


You're young and light-so now
Dear sister good and kind;
You look dismayed
Don't be afraid,
It's not so hard you'll find.

Then up the pole with trembling limbs,
Poor Sarah Jane did mount;
She dared not lag,
But seized the flag,
Ere you could twenty count.

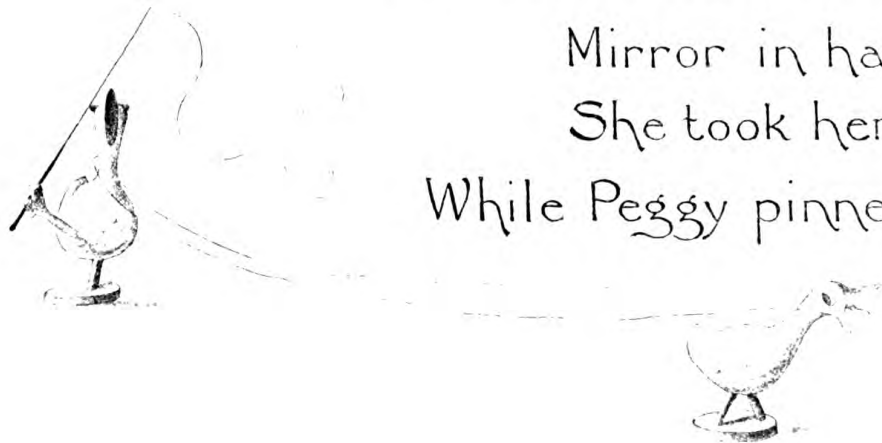
Big Peggy gazed with deep c
And mouth wide open too;
Her only care
That she might wear
A gown of brilliant hue.

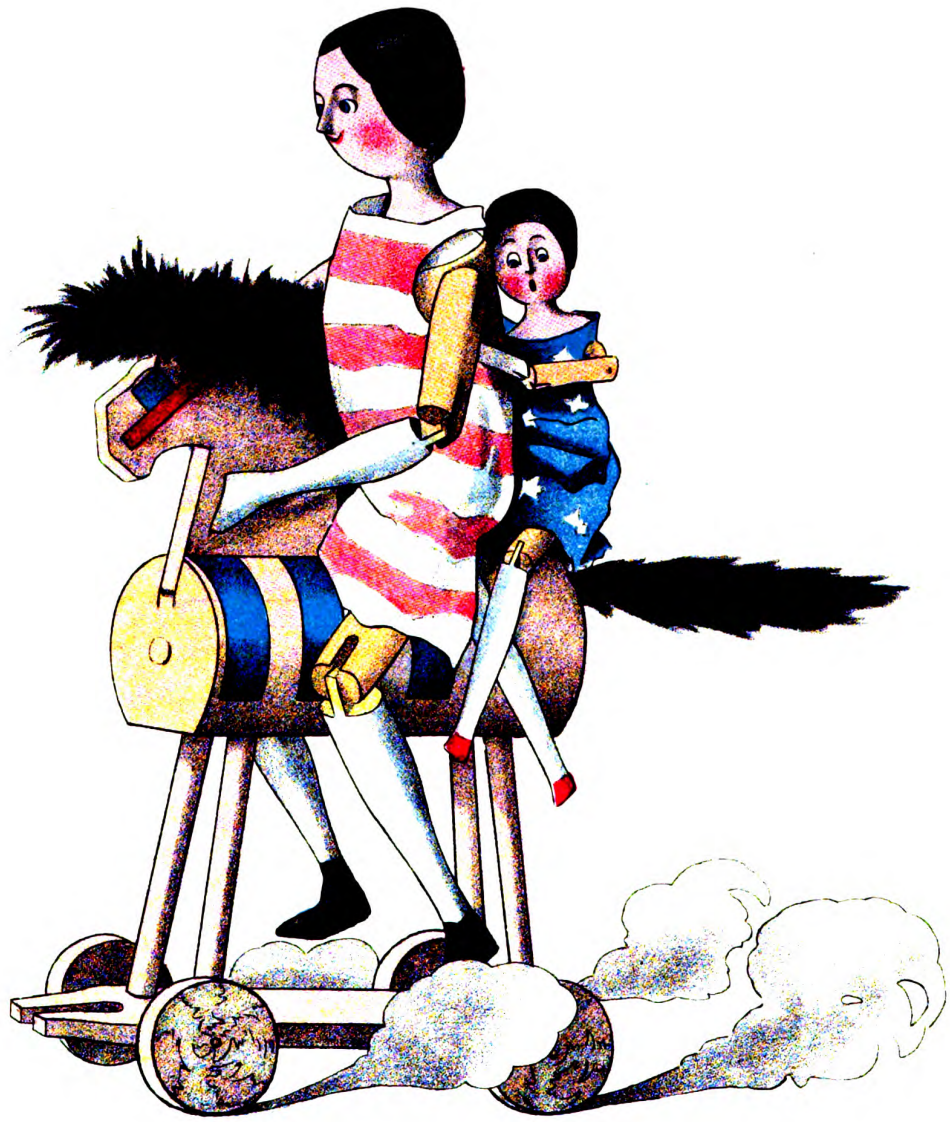




Now Peg' by instinct seemed to know
Where scissors might be got;
The "fits" were bad,
But then she had
No patterns on the spot.

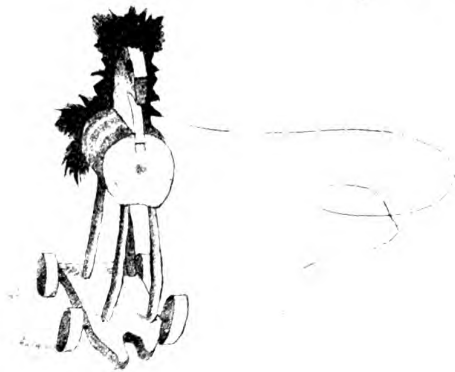
Soon were the garments hurried
Sarah looked well in blue:
Mirror in hand
She took her stand,
While Peggy pinned her's thr



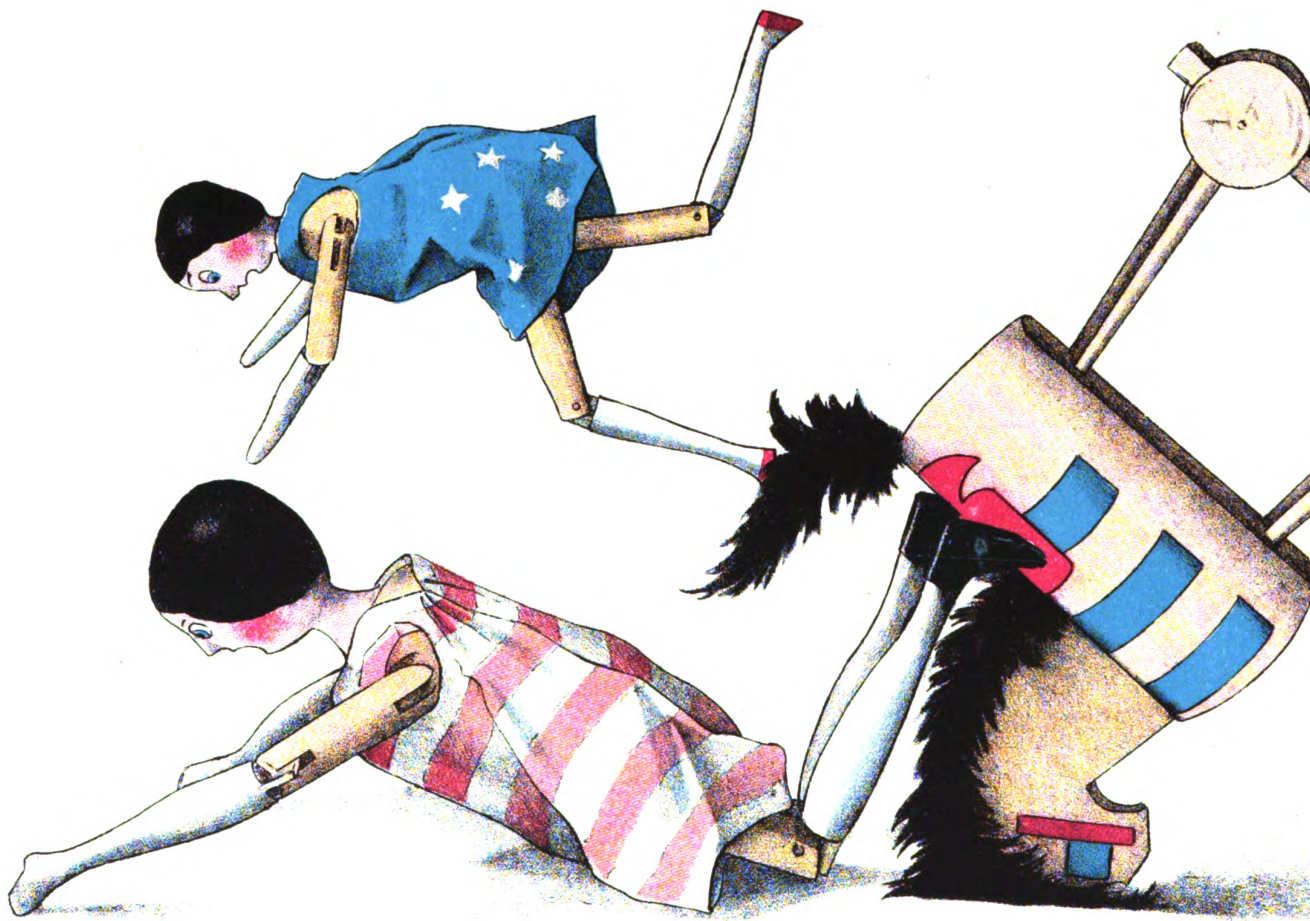


Said Peggy - "After work so hard,
I think a rest we need;
Let's take a ride
Seated astride
Upon this gentle steed."

Then simple Sarah Jane climbed up
Upon his wooden back;
With timorous heart
She felt him start
Upon the open track.



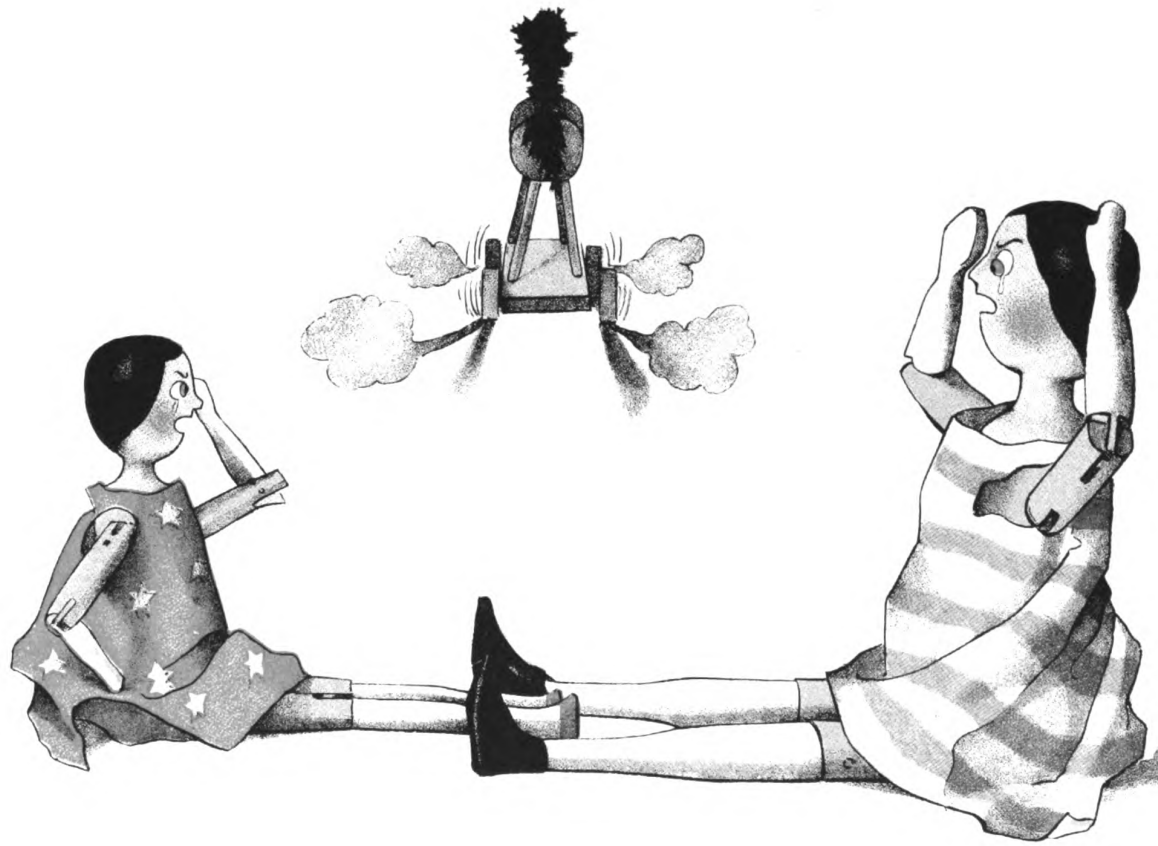
Ere long they knew that hidde
Beneath a stolid mien,
Dwelt a fierce will
They could not still
They rode as if by steam!



Peggy held on with tightening grip,
While Sarah Jane behind,
Having no hold
To make her bold,
To screaming gave her mind.

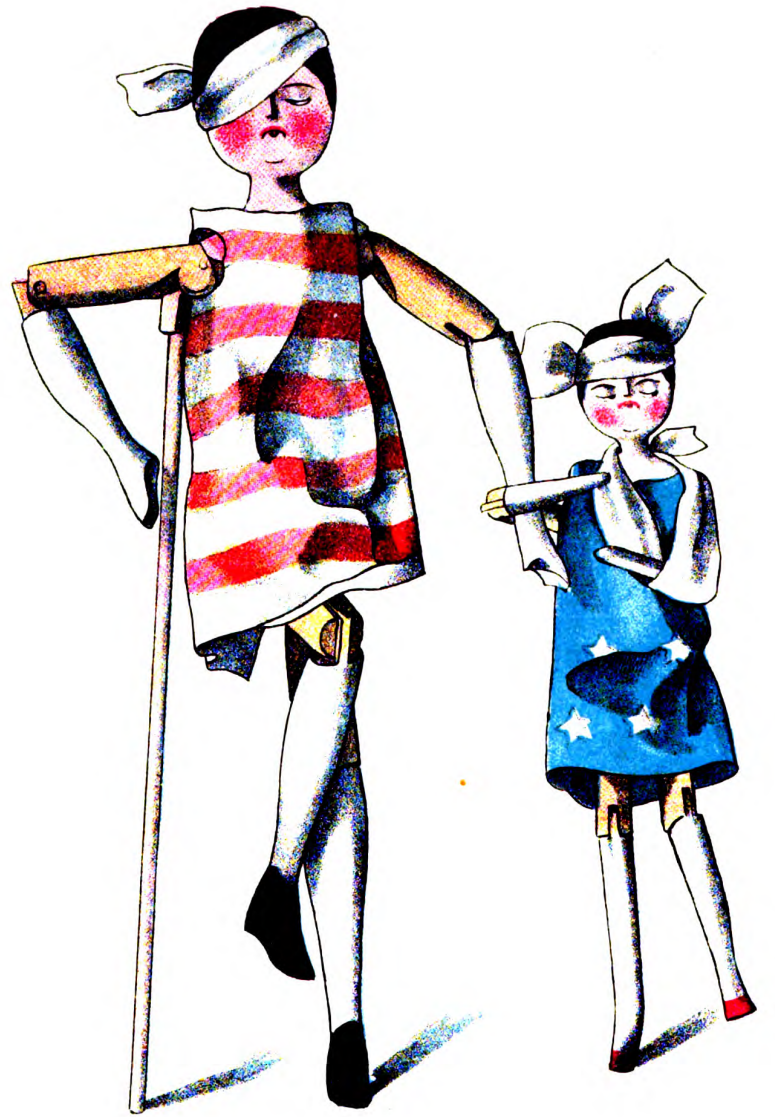
“O Peggy! put me down I pray!
I ride in mortal dread!
Do make him stop,
Or I shall drop
And break my wooden head!”

E'en as those piteous words sh
They struck a fearful “snag”
Their grips they lost,
And both were tossed
Upon the cruel “flag”.



Their senses for a moment gone,
They lay in ghastly plight;
 Their fiery steed
 From burden freed,
Maintained his onward flight.

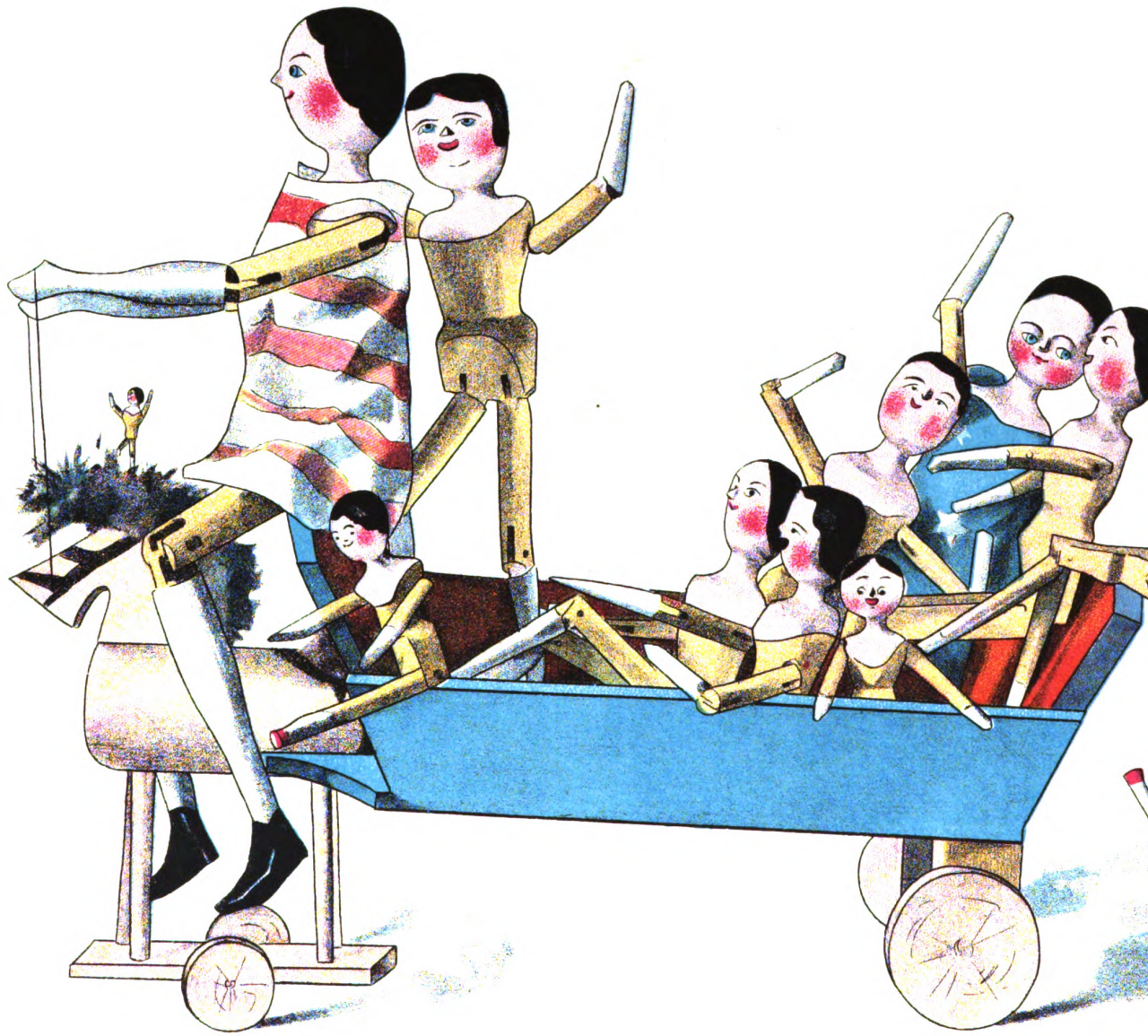
Then each, in aching consciousness
Rose slowly with sad groans:
 Next faced about
 With angry shout,
Followed by tears and moans



Each blamed the other for the fall;
Until, in gentler mood,
Their hurts they dress,
While both confess
The crying did them good.



A wooden crutch poor Peggy
To help her on her feet;
Both solemn-faced
Their steps retraced
To where they first did meet.





But sorrow's tears are quickly dried
With dolls as well as men.—

A jolly crowd

All laughing loud

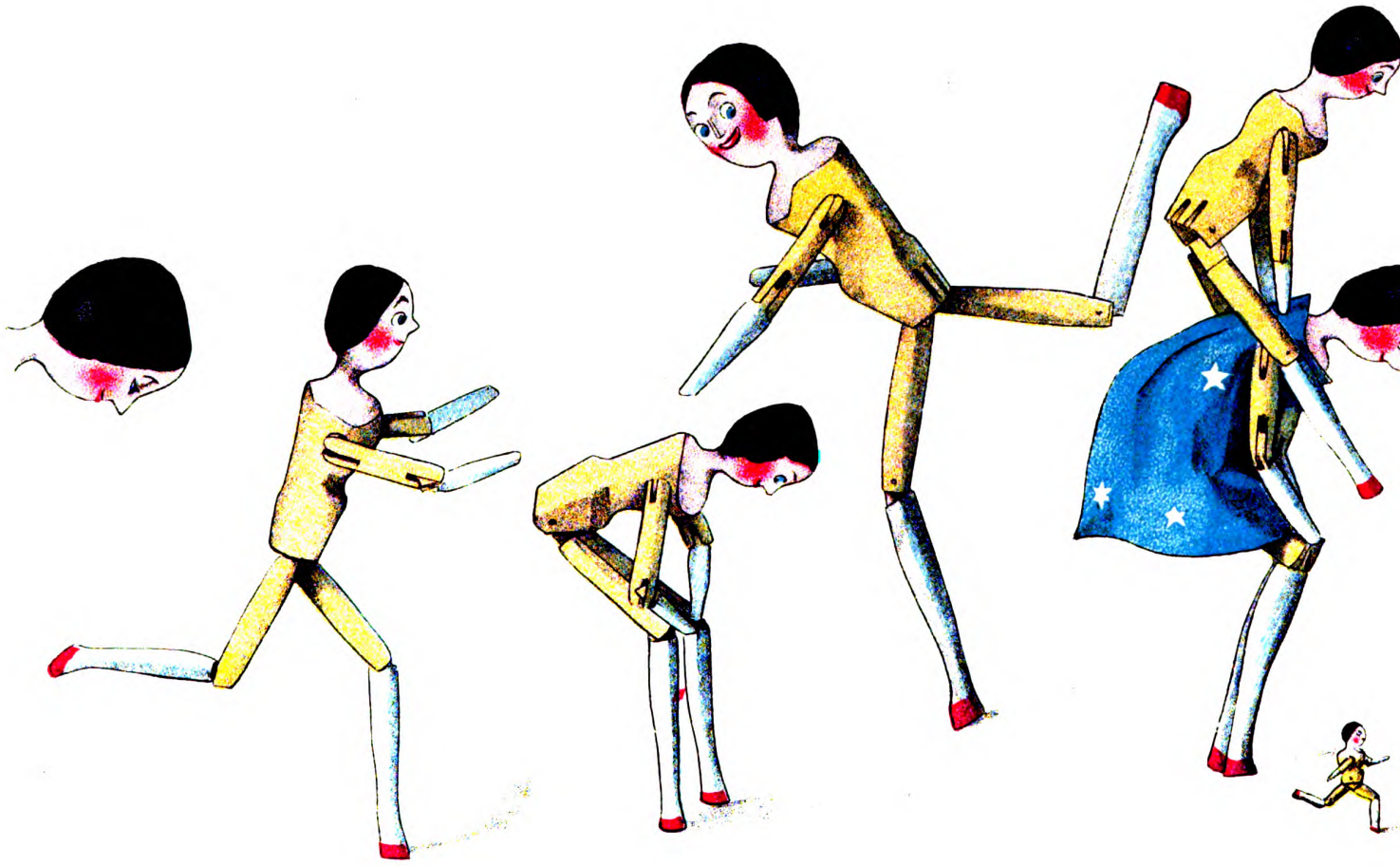
(I think you'll count just ten)

Mounted a little wooden cart
While Peggy, brave and tried

Got up in front

To bear the brunt

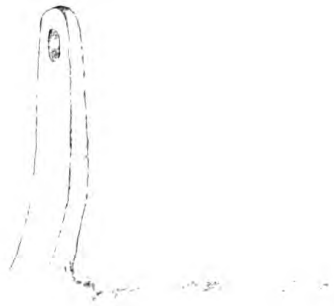
Of "Hobby's" mighty stride



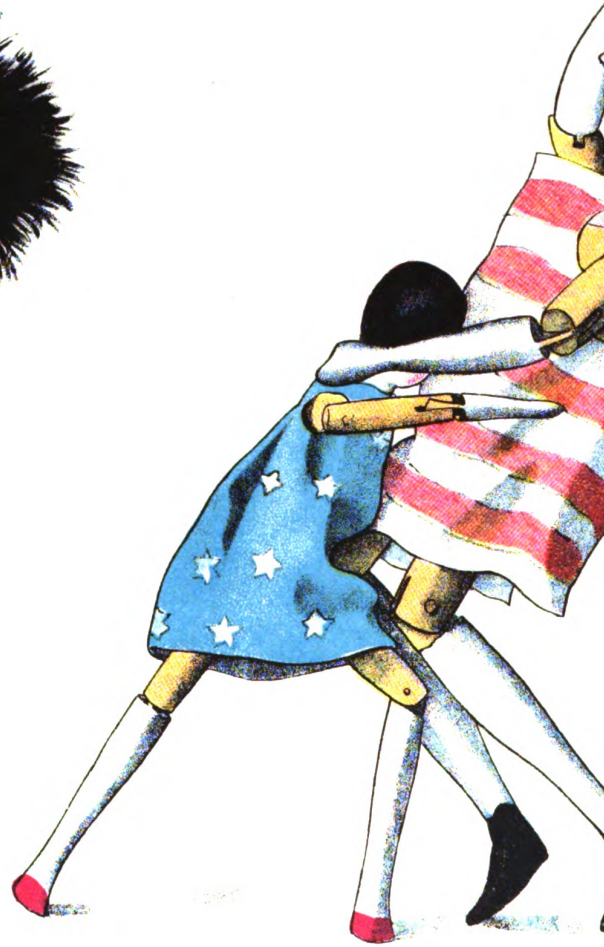
Finding a pleasant open space,
Gay Peg' unships her load;
Suggests a game
Which, it is plain,
Will soon be quite the "mode"



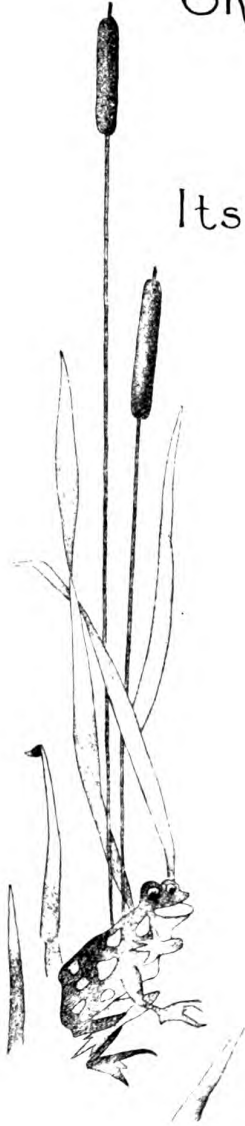
She tells of former Christmas nights,
When many of her kind,
At leap-frog played,
And merry made,
Fast running like the wind.



The happy moments swiftly pass
In unabated glee;
Their lungs were strong,
Their legs were long,
And supple at the knee.



But soon they hear the clock strike "two"
The hours are flying fast!
With much to do
Ere night be thro'
Its' pleasures overpast!



"Just one leap more!" cries Sarah Ja
"This fills my wildest dream!"
E'en as she spoke,
Peg' Deutchland broke
Into a piercing scream.

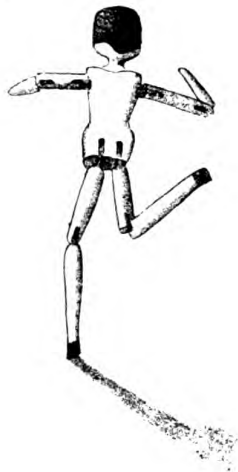
Then all look round, as well
To see a horrid sight!
The blackest gnome
Stands there alone,
They scatter in their fright

With kindly smile he nearer draws;
Begs them to feel no fear.

"What is your name?"

Cries Sarah Jane;

"The 'Golliwogg' my dear."



Their fears allayed - each ta
While up and down they wa
With sidelong glance
Each tries her chance,
And charms him with "small



Another wonder now attracts
The simple Sarah Jane;
 Upon one knee
 She drops with glee,
In case this box contain

 Some pretty thing to give her
 Some new-discovered treat!
 Old Peg', who planned
 The fun in hand,
Watches with face discreet.



The lock unlatched, the lid springs up,
Knocks Sarah on her back,
 With flying hair
 And trying stare,
Out of the box springs "Jack."

Our naughty Peg' enjoys the
Laughs long with fiendish gle
 Next takes to flight,
 Gets out of sight,
Fresh tricks to plan you'll see



Soon Sarah's heart new courage takes,
She hits upon a plan;
 Makes up her mind
 To run behind
And kill the staring man!

Attempts are vain, he will not
In terror Sarah flees;
 Meets a new toy
 Called "Scissors Boy,"
And begs him just to please







To help her pay bad Peggy back
For her malicious tricks ;
Nor does she see
That even he
Enjoys her woeful "fix".

Peg's pious face and peace
You'd think portended fair,
When like a flash
She makes a dash,
Sends Sarah high in air!





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Entangled in the "Scissors Boy",
Alas! death seems quite near;
Her trust betrayed,
This hapless maid
Sobs out her grief and fear.

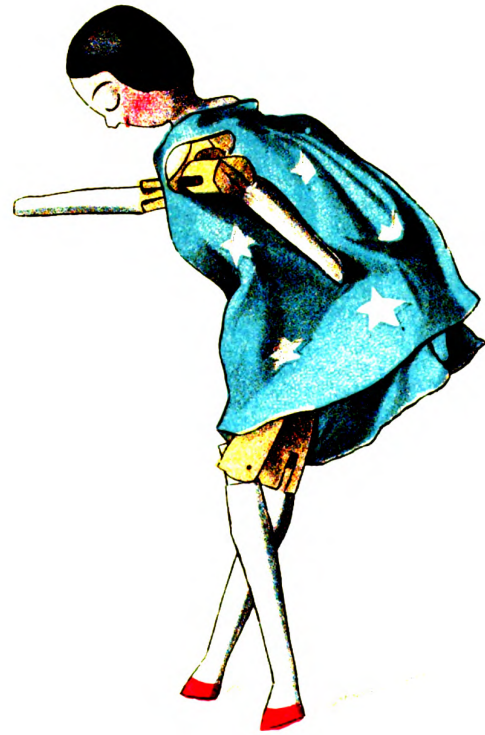
'Twas Peggy's fault the whole
The boy had meant no harm
Both ran away,
Nor thought to stay
Poor Sarah's fright to calm



A handsome soldier passing by,
His heart quite free from guile,
With martial air
And manner rare
Soon helped the girl to smile.

He said the Ball would now be
And begged her for a dance;
She bowed so low,
It looked as tho'
Her style had come from France.





A lively waltz the couple take,
While all admire their grace,
As round and round
Upon the ground
They spin with quickened pace.



And shameless Peg' sits on a ch
A true "flower of the wall".
While Sarah Jane,
'Tis very plain,
Need never rest at all.



With graceful compliment the Clown
Bows low before the belle,
Whose modest face,
And simple grace,
In starry robe looked well.



I know I'm but a stupid Clown
And play a clumsy role;
Yet underneath
This painted sheath
I wear an ardent Soul."

Just then a jovial African
With large admiring eyes,
Seizes her hand
Just as the band
To give them a surprise

Strikes up the "Barn-dance"; like
Both spring into their place!
Away they go
First quick, then slow,
Each movement fraught with grace



The jolly pair then pause to watch
A "Magnate" from Japan,
Who quite alone
So far from home
(Poor harmless little man)

Dances a curious Eastern dance
To many a jingling bell;
His brilliant dress,
They both confess,
Becomes him very well.





And now the Ball is at its height,
A madly whirling throng;
Each merry pair
A smile doth wear.
And Sambo sings a song.



While in their midst the artist h
Of "Golliwogg" appears,
With Peg beside,
Whose graceful stride
No criticism fears.



But even wooden limbs get tired
And want a change of play,
So "Golliwogg"
A "jolly dog"
Suggests they run away.

The big shop door is bolted fast
But through the yard behind,
Peggy has spied
One open wide,
Which she will shortly find.

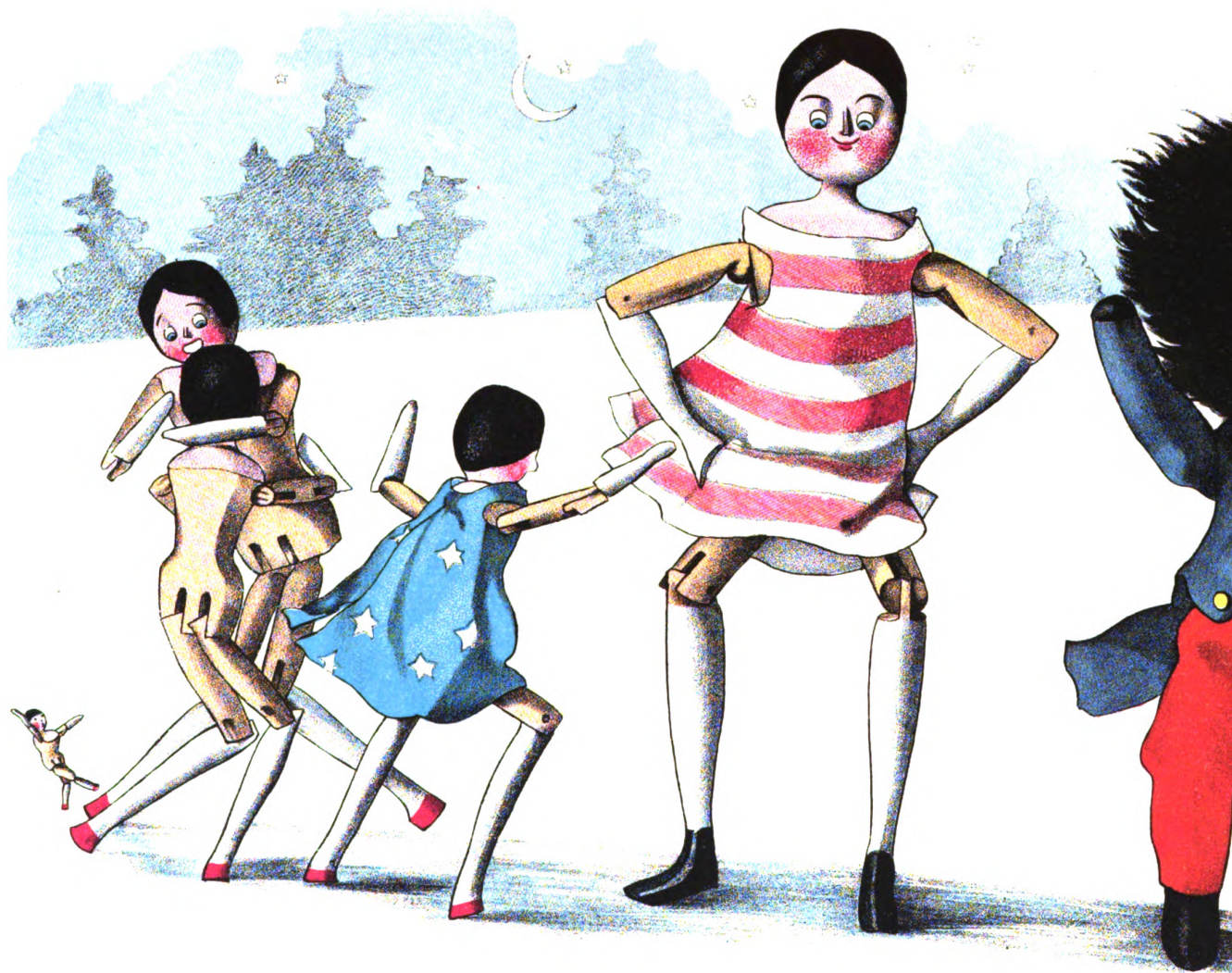




A touch-A push-and out they fly
Into the starlight night;
No one must know
The way they go
They cover up their flight.

And though their laughing faces
How they enjoy the fun,
No sound they make,
But quickly take
Unto their heels and run.





Nor stop until they reach a field,
And find a lovely slide;
No fear has Peg,
But Meg and Weg
Cling screaming as they glide.



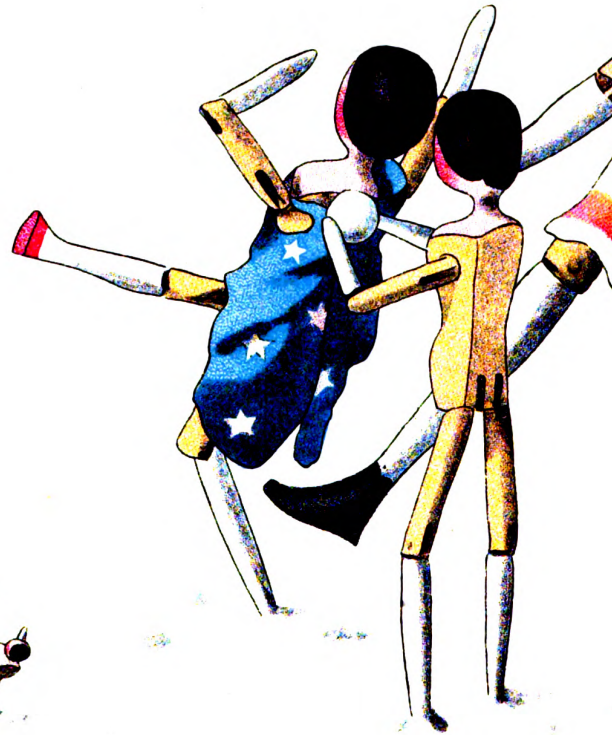
The "Golliwogg" with flying hair
Takes the first lead you see,
Nor minds at all
The "Midget" small,
Her arms outstretched in glee.



The sliders never dreamed of harm,
They sailed like ships at sea ;
 'Twas Meg and Weg,
 Who tripped up Peg,
And brought to grief their spree.

The wrong man often gets the blame,
 'Twas just so in this case,
 And balls of snow
 They madly throw
At "Golliwogg's" kind face.





He catches one in either eye,
And then turns tail to run;
The steady aim
Of Sarah Jane
Grows very serious fun.

He does not like the way girls
For five to one's not fair;
There's no escape
One hits his nape,
Another strikes his hair.



“Vengeance!” he cries, “I’ll pay them out!
If girls will play with boys,
There’s got to be
Equality,
So here’s for equipoise!”



And then some monster balls he
he does not spare the snow
And as each back
Receives a whack,
Like ninepins down they go.

In life we have our "ups" and "downs",
These dolls enjoyed the same;
Though down went Weg,
Dont think, I beg,
Twas due to Sarah Jane.

You see the sled was pretty
The hill was rather steep;
Weg was to steer,
But in her fear
She took a backward leap.





All reached the valley safe,
And skating longed to try;
The ice seemed good,
As each one stood
Upon the bank hard by.

While "Golliwogg", with cautious
Toward the middle skates;
They hear a crack!
They cry, "come back
To your devoted mates!"



Too late! alas their call is vain!
He swiftly disappears!
His kind forethought
Is dearly bought,
It melts them unto tears.

But sturdy Peg is quick to act
She gives an order clear,
"Creep on your knees,
And by degrees
We to the hole will steer."



They reach in time, Peg drags him out
With all her might and main;
Poor "Golliwogg",
A dripping log,
Must be got home again.

Behold sure signs of early
As down the field they start
A leaden weight,
This living freight,
With faintly beating heart.





In half an hour the sun comes up,
And shows a merry face;
He winks an eye
As passing by
He sees the skating place

And when he peeps into the
With jolly laughing eye,
Tho' he's not blind
He cannot find
A single toy awry!



