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For my grandson, Quentin

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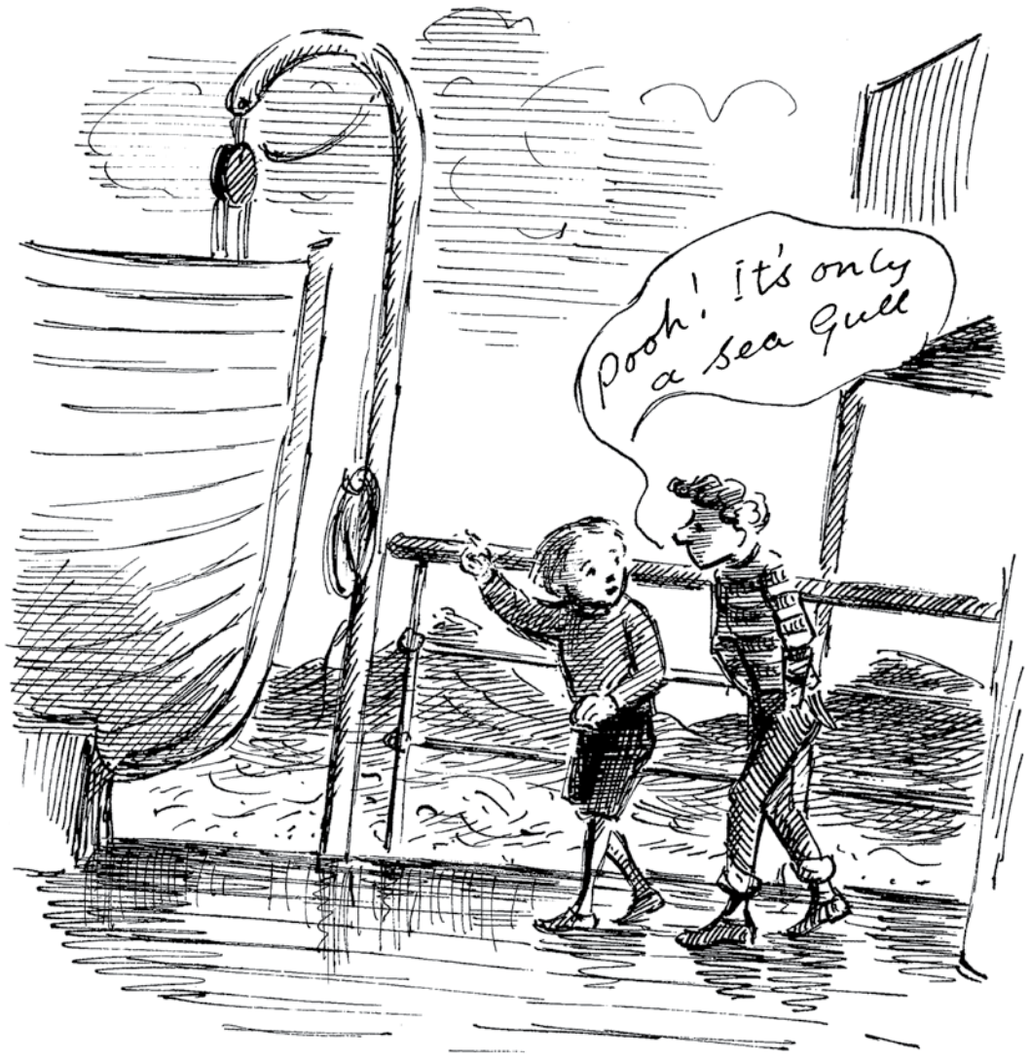


Tim and Ginger were cabin boys on the S.S. *Royal Fusilier* with Captain Piper in command.

Their first day at sea was a stormy one. The sea was rough, and, though it was cold, Tim and Ginger paced the deck in order to get a breath of fresh air.

Above the whistling of the wind they heard a strange little noise coming from one of the boats.

Ginger thought it was the crying of a seagull, but Tim said, "Nonsense, it is quite





different from that." So Ginger climbed up and looked into the boat.

In the boat was a tiny puppy. It was squeaking and squeaking because it was cold and hungry.



"Poor little thing," thought Tim. "We can't let the Captain see it." So he and Ginger decided there and then to hide it in their cabin and, when the ship stopped at the next port, they would take it ashore and try and find a home for it.

Now Captain Piper loved cats, especially his cat Tiger, but he simply hated dogs and heaven knows what he would do to one, even if it was only a puppy, if he found it on board.

