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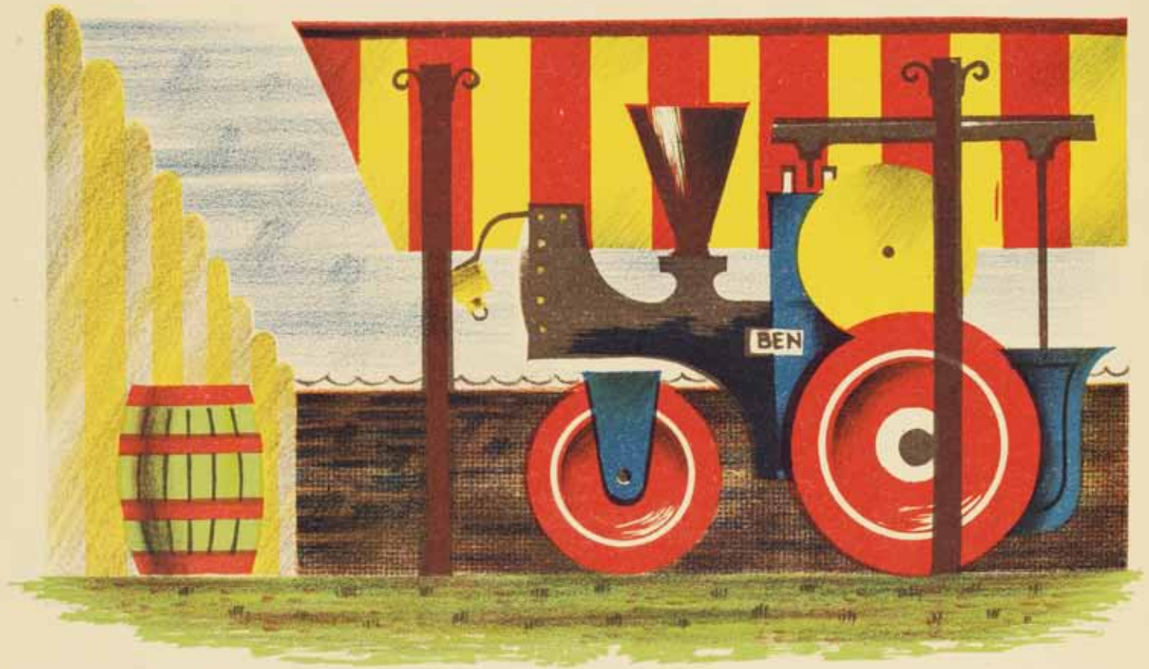
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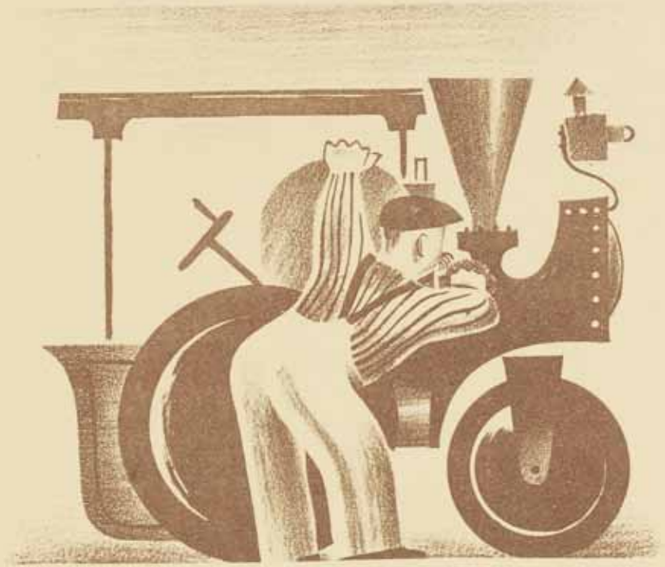
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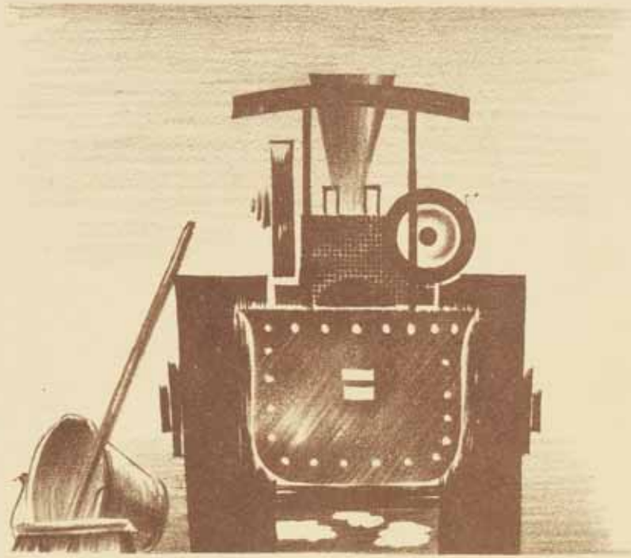


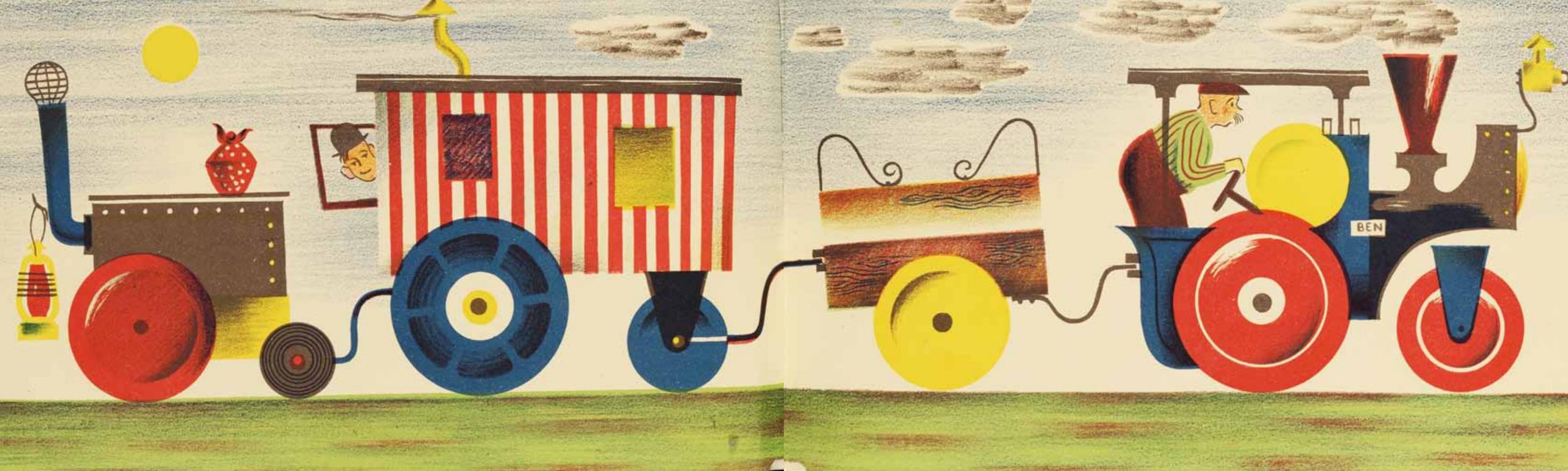
UNDER A SHED

in the corner of the Council yard at Upper Toddlington lived a steam-roller whose name was Ben. He was not a very happy steam-roller because never in all his life had he seen any of his brothers and sisters. He didn't even know if there were any other steam-rollers in the whole wide world and he often felt very sad as he sat there all by himself in the corner of the yard.



When Mr. Dodie was cleaning him up Ben felt much happier, but at night, when he was left alone, he always became sad again, and he often used to cry a little, leaving tiny pools of tears beneath his boiler. Then one day Mr. Dodie told Ben that the road from Upper Toddlington to Wibsey was to be made wider and that he would be needed to roll out the new road. Ben was so pleased at this, and next morning, when they set off, he felt very proud.




BEN

Through the town they went, Ben with his lamp high in the air, for he always held it like this when he was feeling happy. He had never been so far out of town before and he was thinking of all the new things which he might see. On they went until they reached the Wibsey road and here they stopped and set to work on the widening. Mr. Dodie put up a big sign saying, "DANGER, BEN AT WORK" just to warn anyone who might be coming along the road, and Ben laughed to himself as he rolled his way backwards and forwards over the stones.

