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Opening extract from
The Little Girl and the Tiny Doll

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There was once a tiny doll who
belonged to a girl who did not care
for dolls so her life was very dull.

For a long time she lay forgotten
in a mackintosh pocket until one
rainy day when the girl was
out shopping.

The girl was following her
mother round a grocer's shop
when she put her hand in





her pocket and felt something hard. She took it out and saw it was the doll.

‘Ugly old thing,’ she said and quickly put it back again, as she thought, into her pocket.

But, in fact, it fell unnoticed into the deep freeze container among the frozen peas.

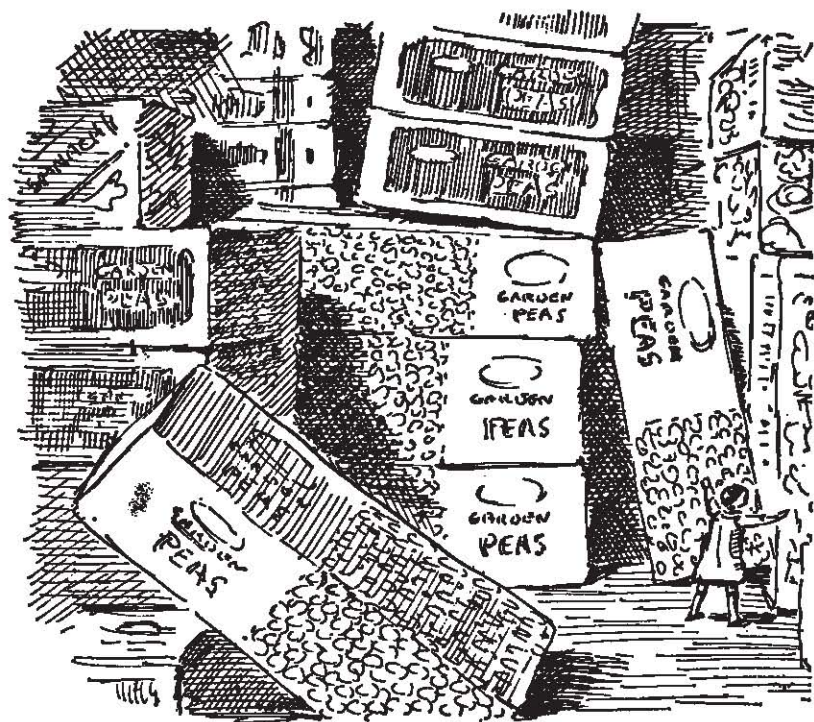
The tiny doll lay quite still for a long time,





wondering what was to become of her.

She felt so sad, partly because she did not like being called ugly and partly because she was lost.

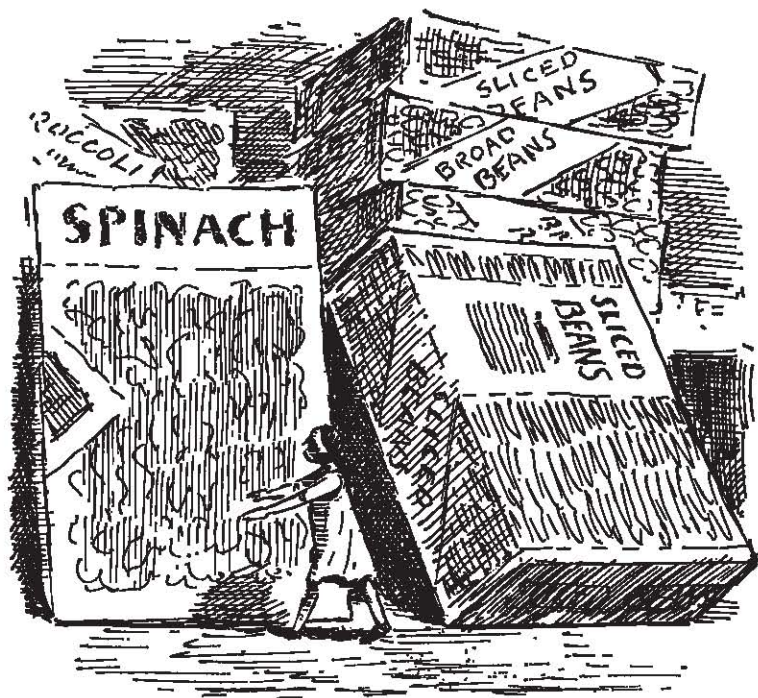


It was very cold in the deep freeze
and the tiny doll began to feel rather
stiff, so she decided to walk about
and have a good look at the place.

The floor was crisp and white
just like frost on a winter's morning.



There were many packets of peas
piled one on top of the other.
They seemed to her like great
big buildings. The cracks between
the piles were rather like
narrow streets.



She walked one way and then the other, passing, not only packets of peas, but packets of sliced beans, spinach, broccoli and mixed vegetables. Then she turned a corner

and found herself among beef
rissoles and fish fingers. However, she
did not stop but went on exploring
until she came to boxes of strawberries;
and then ice cream.





The strawberries reminded her of
the time when she was lost once
before among the strawberry plants
in a garden.



Then she sat all day in the sun
smelling and eating strawberries.

Now she made herself as
comfortable as possible.