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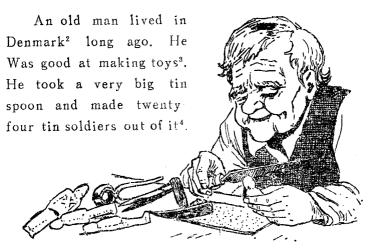
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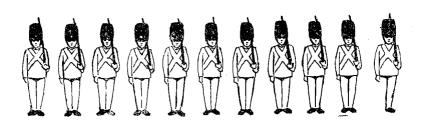
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## 1. She's Going to Be My Wife1



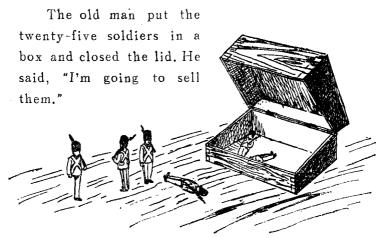
Then there was a little more tin<sup>5</sup>, and the old man made another soldier, but this one had only one leg, because there was no more tin<sup>6</sup>.

The twenty-five soldiers were brothers. They all stood very straight. They all had red coats and blue trousers, and each one held a gun in his hand.



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The last tin soldier stood on his one leg and was as brave and straight as his brothers.



A lady bought the soldiers and took them home to her youngest son.

"Look at my tin soldiers," the small boy shouted happily. He took them out of the box and put them on the table. The twenty-five tin soldiers stood very straight in their red coats and blue trousers, and all the children looked at them.



"That one's got one leg'," one of the children said.

"I like him best," the small boy said, and the small tin soldier was very happy.



There were other toys on the table. There was a black dog and a bird. The black dog had a key in his back, and the bird was in a cage. The small tin soldier did not like the black dog, and the black dog did not like the small soldier.





There was a pretty paper house too. It had a door, small windows and a garden. There were paper flowers and a piece of glass<sup>11</sup> like a pool in the garden. There were ducks on the pool.



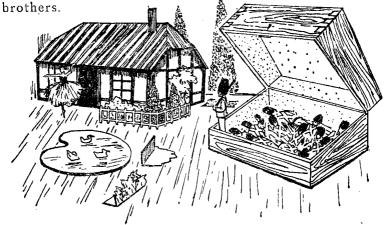


The paper house was very pretty, but the small paper lady was prettier<sup>12</sup>. She had a beautiful blue dress and wore a flower on her head. It was a tin flower, and it shone like a star.

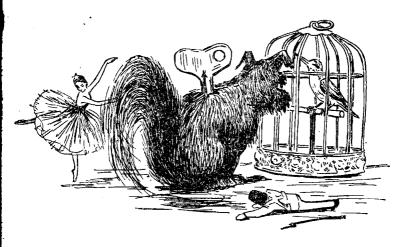
The paper lady was a dancer. One of her legs was on the ground, and the other was up in the air<sup>13</sup>. The small tin soldier looked at her a lot. He loved her. "She's like me<sup>14</sup>. She's got one leg," he said.

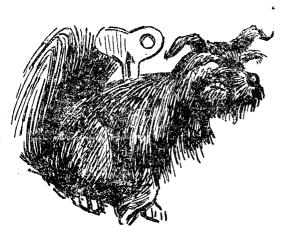


But they did not meet each other, because she lived in her pretty paper house, and the small tin soldier lived in a dark box with his twenty-four



The small tin soldier lay down behind the black dog 15 and looked at the paper dancer. She did not look at him, but he loved her more and more 18.



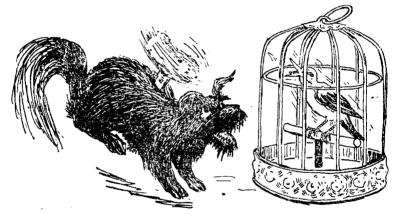


"She's the prettiest lady in the world', and she's going to be my wife," the tin soldier said, but the black dog laughed nastily.

#### 2. The Black Dog

In the evening the small boy put the twenty-five soldiers in the box and went to bed. At midnight the room was dark and everybody in the house was asleep. Then the toys woke up and played.

The black dog turned his key<sup>2</sup> and jumped, and the bird sang in its cage.



The tin soldiers did not play, because their box was closed. They kicked the lid. but it did not





There was a small hole near the small tin soldier, and he looked through its.

"The small paper lady's dancing by the paper house. I love her very much, and she's going to be my wife," he said very quietly, but the black dog heard him.



"She's mine," he said angrily. "Stop look ing at her<sup>5</sup>. I'm going to bite you tomorrow."

The tin soldier lay

very straight in the box and did not speak.



In the morning the small boy put the soldiers by the window. It was open, and the black dog was very near it.



"Ha, ha," the black dog laughed nastily. Did he push the soldier out?

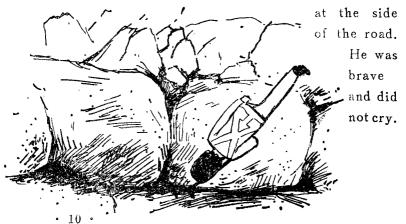
The small tin soldier fell a long way, and the ground was hard. The tin soldier's head hit the ground at the side of the road. His gun went into the ground, and he stayed there. His one leg was up in the air.



The small boy and a servant ran downstairs and out into the road. They looked everywhere for the small tin soldier<sup>8</sup>. They went quite near him, but



Then the small boy and the serven! went back into the house, and the small tin soldier was alone



### 3. A Long Journey

Then it rained. It rained very hard, and after a minute the small tin sol dier was very wet. The side of the road was full of water. It was like a small river.



Two boys came and played in the road.

"Look, there's a tin soldier here, and he's got one leg," one boy said.

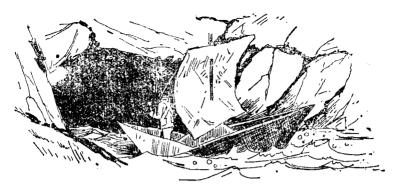


"I'm going to make a boat and put him in it," the other boy said.

The boy found a newspaper, and made a boat and a sail. Then he put the tin soldier in the boat.

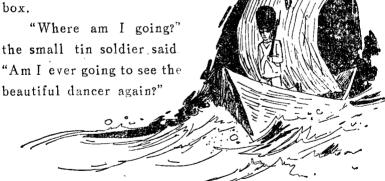


The boat sailed along on the water at the side of the road, and the boys ran along near it. The boat went up and down, and the small tin soldier was afraid, but he stood very straight in the boat and held his gun in his hand



Then the boat came to a bridge over the water<sup>3</sup>. The water went under the bridge, and the boat sailed under it too, but the boys did not follow it, because the bridge was very low.

It was dark under the bridge. It was as dark as the soldier's box.



A rat lived under the bridge. He looked out of his hole<sup>4</sup>.

"Where are you going?" he shouted angrily.