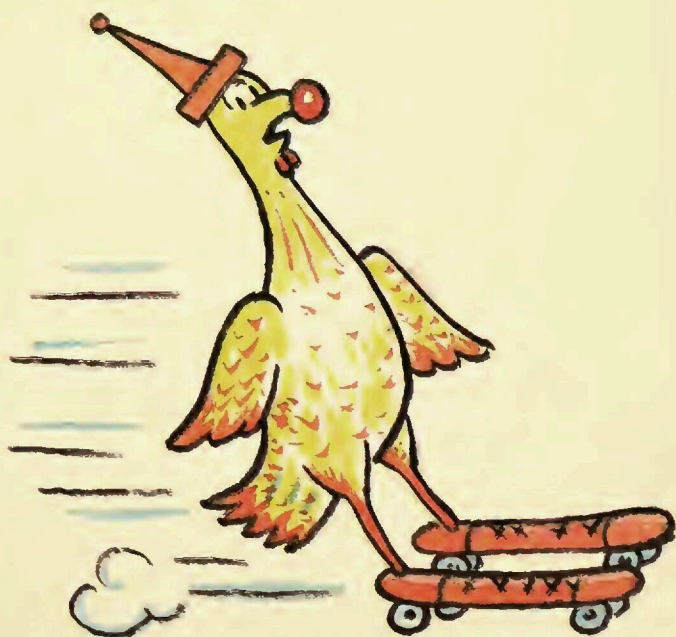


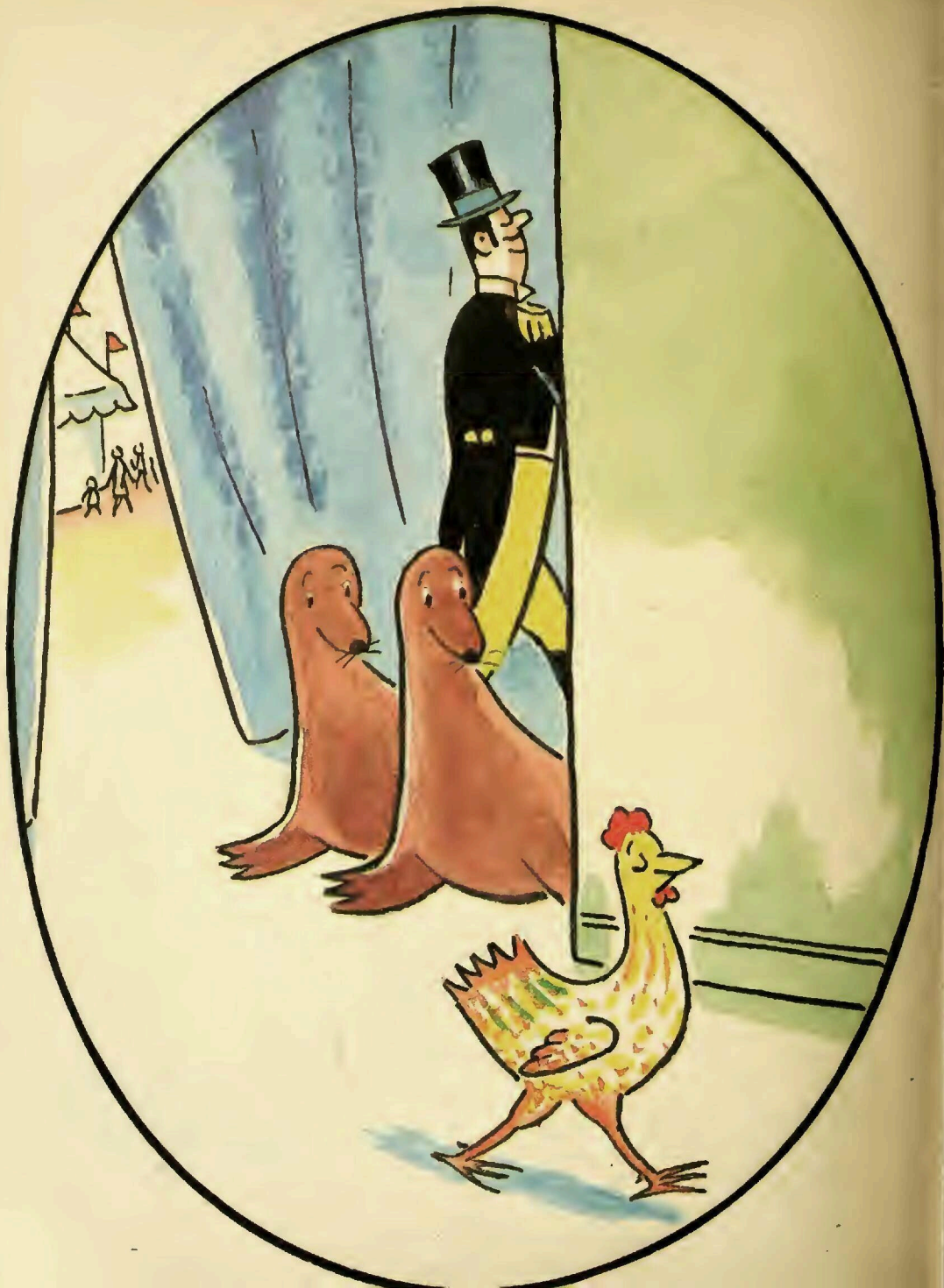
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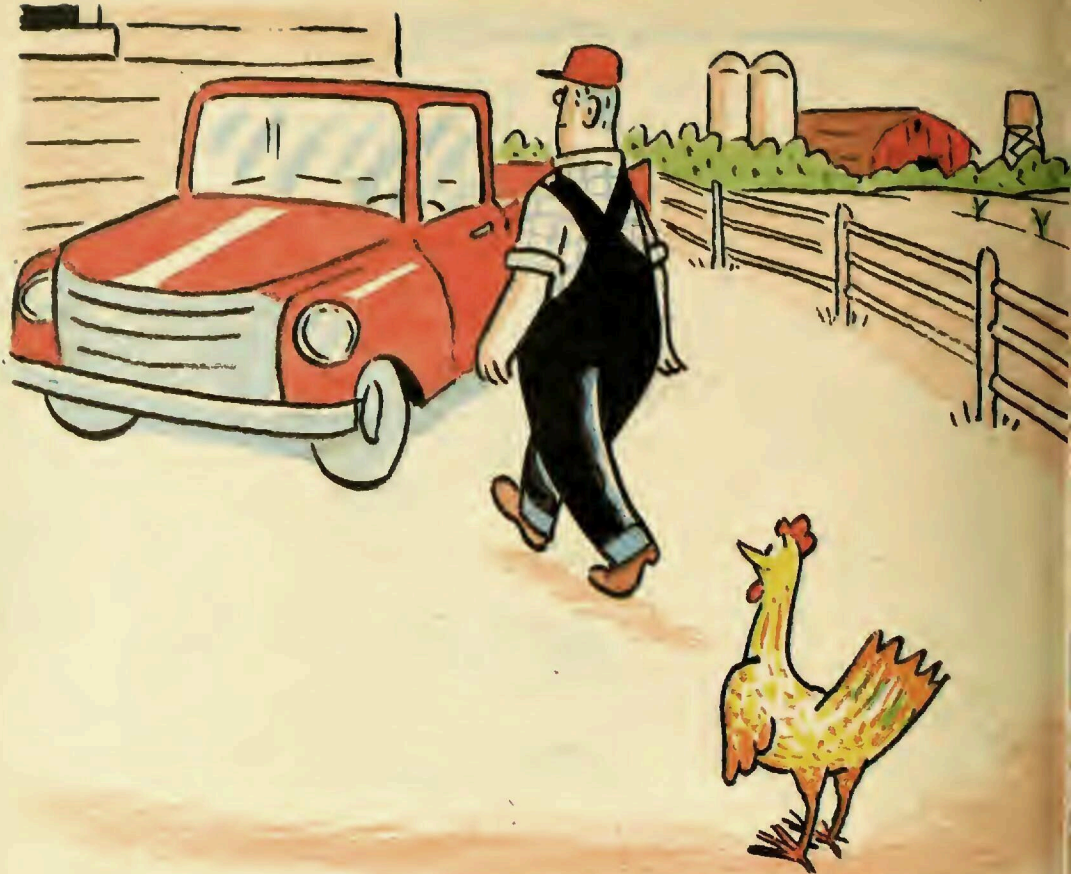
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“The circus is in town,”
said Mr. Gray.

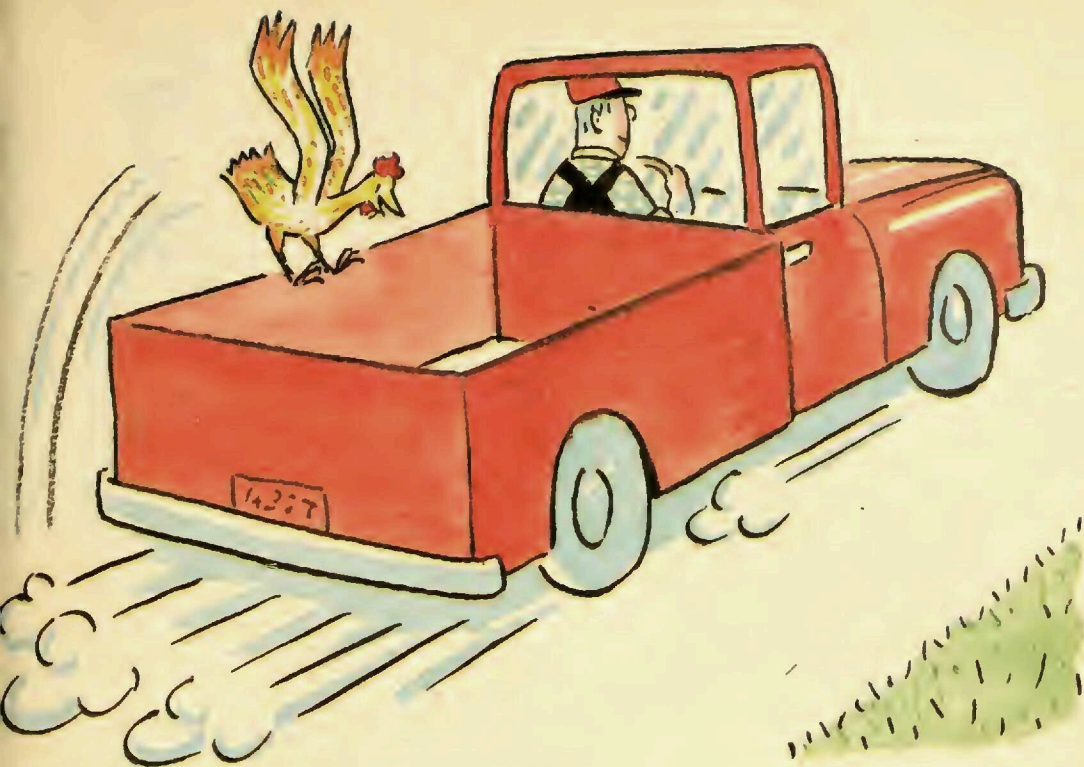
“I think I will go see it.”



Henrietta heard him.

“I’ve never been to a circus,”
she thought.

“Maybe I’ll go along.”



When Mr. Gray wasn't looking,
Henrietta jumped
into the back of the truck.
He didn't know
that she rode into town with him.

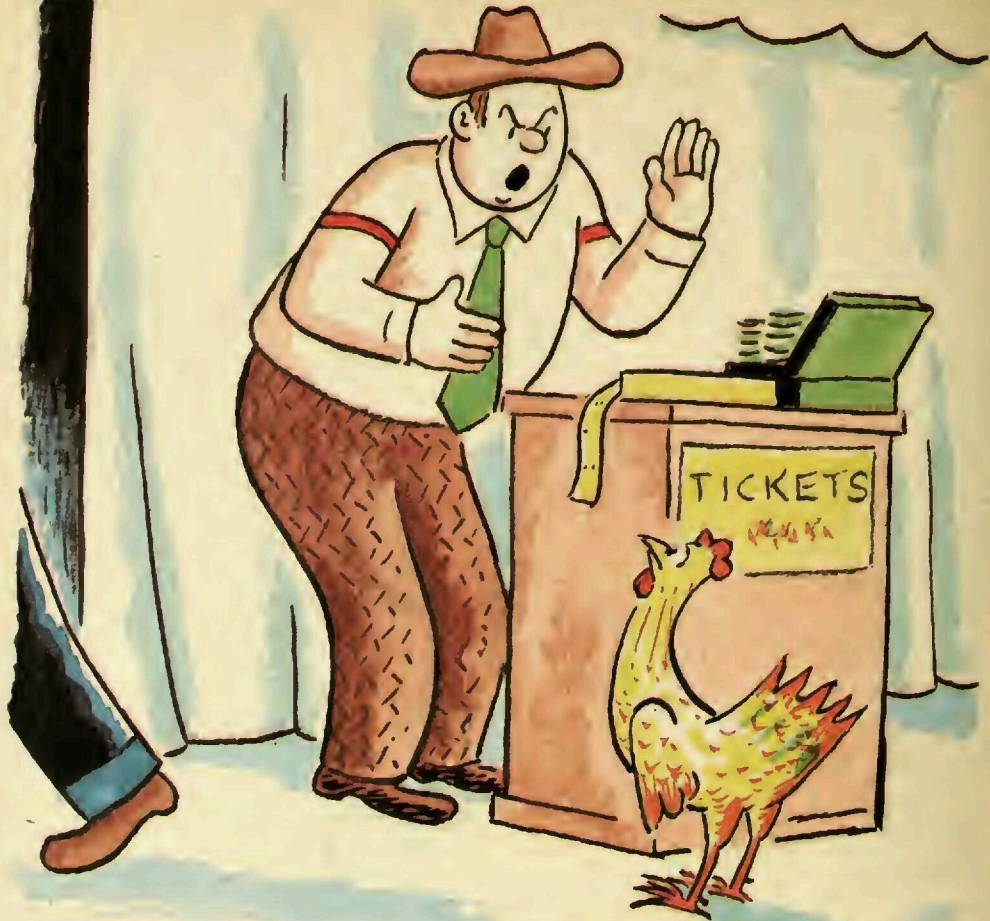


“Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
The big show is about to begin,”
said a man selling tickets.

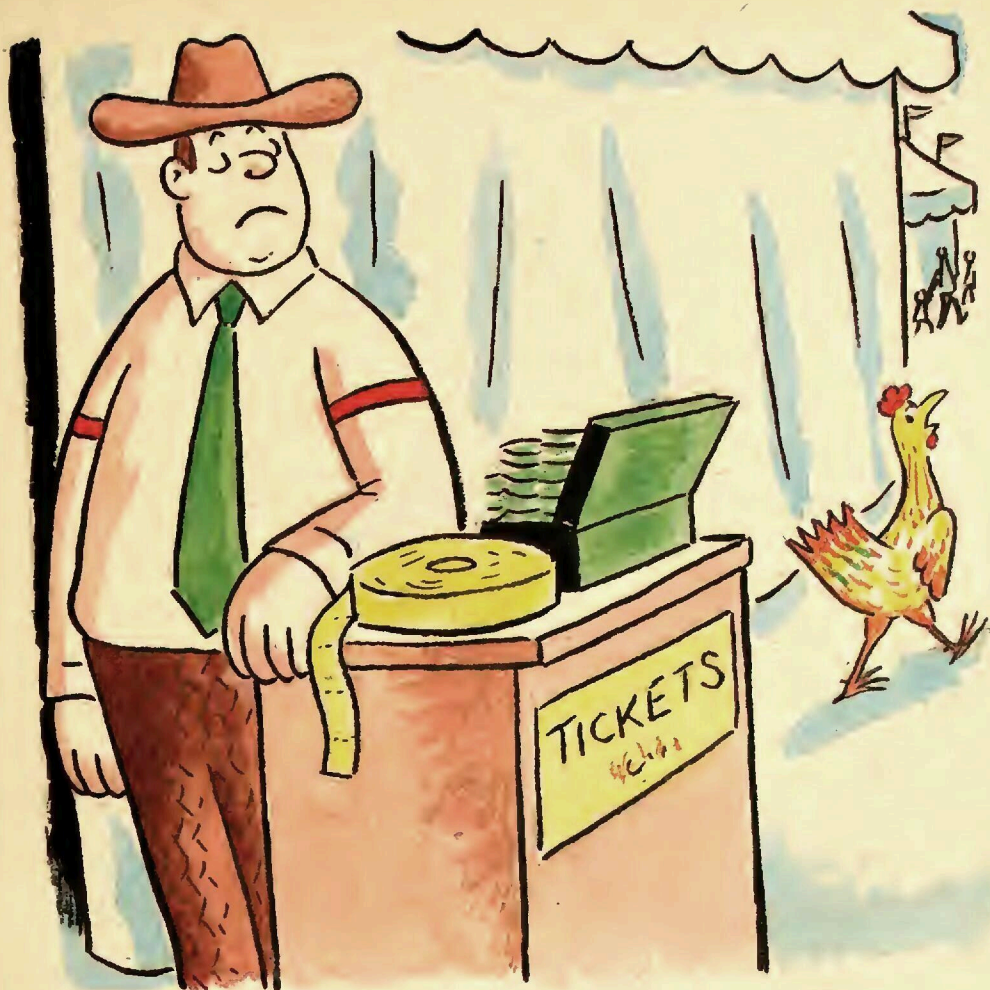


Mr. Gray got in line
to buy a ticket.

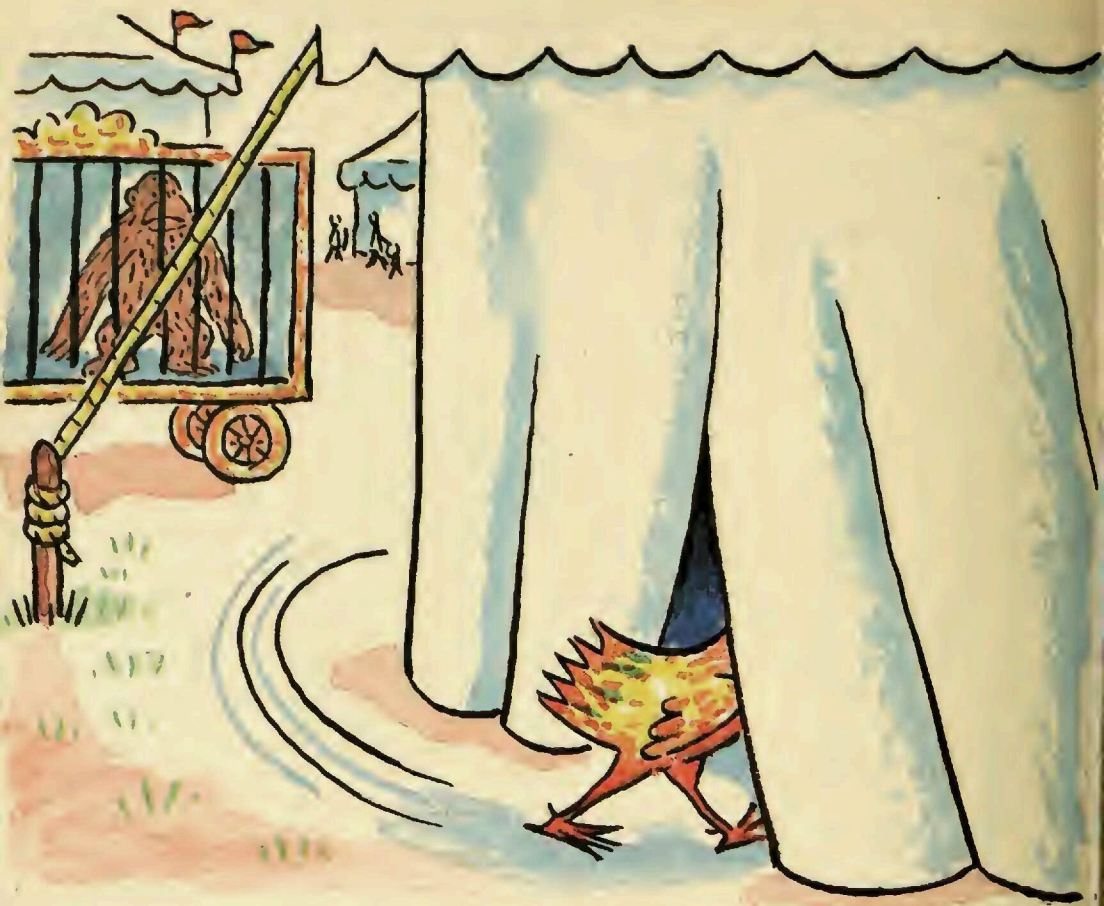
Henrietta got in line behind him.



“You can’t go in
unless you pay,”
the man said to Henrietta.



“I don’t have any money,”
Henrietta told the man.
She walked away.



She walked around
to the back of the tent.
Henrietta slipped in
when no one was looking.



She saw an open door.

Henrietta peeked inside.

It was the clowns' dressing room.

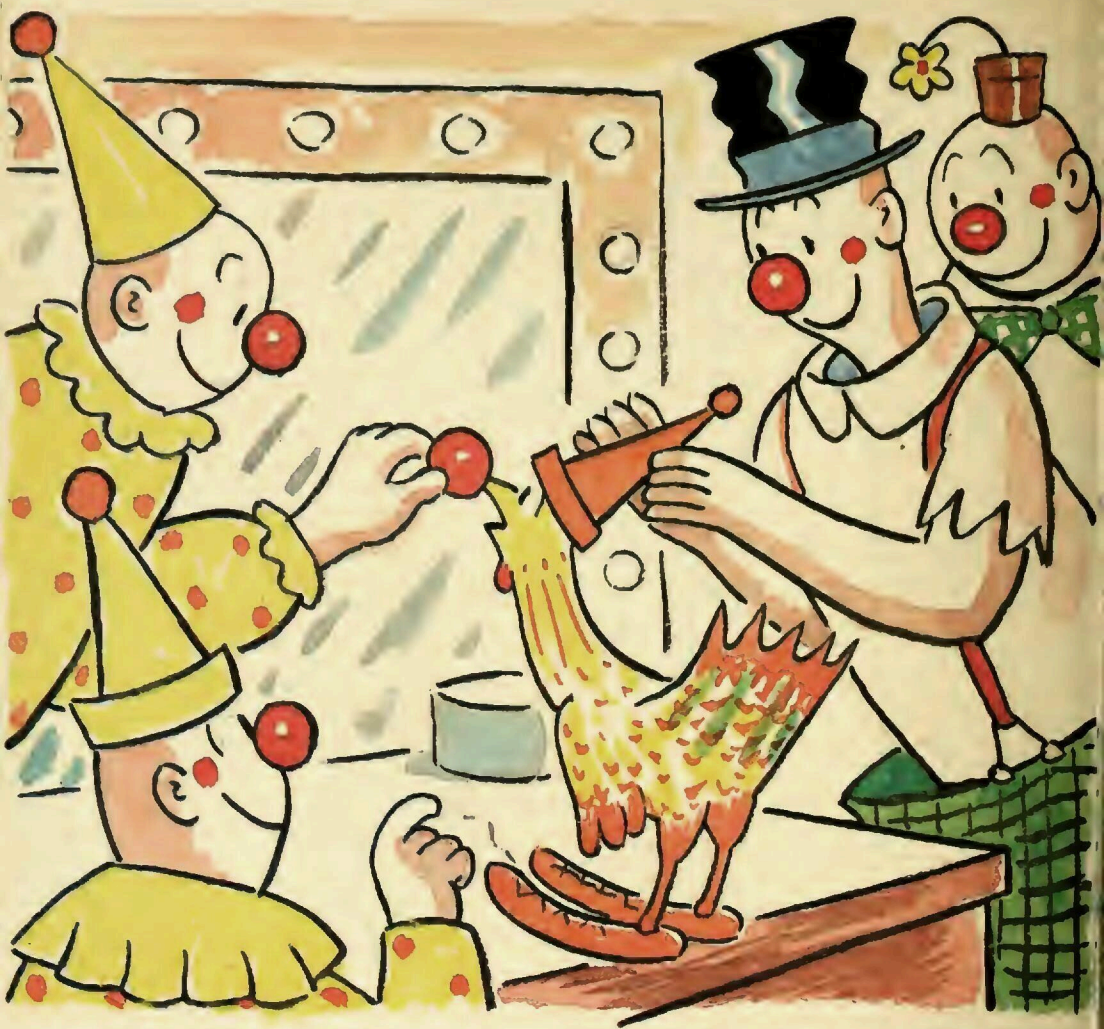


“Look who’s here,”
said the clowns.

“Would you like to be
a clown too?”



“Yes,” said Henrietta,
“if I can stay
and see the circus.”



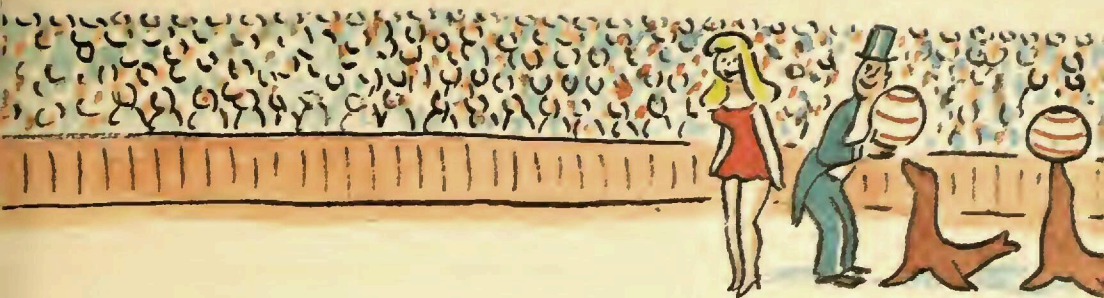
The clowns put a big nose,
shoes, and a hat on Henrietta.



“And now,” said the ringmaster,
“here are the funniest clowns
in the world.”



Out came Henrietta
and the clowns.



Everybody laughed at them.

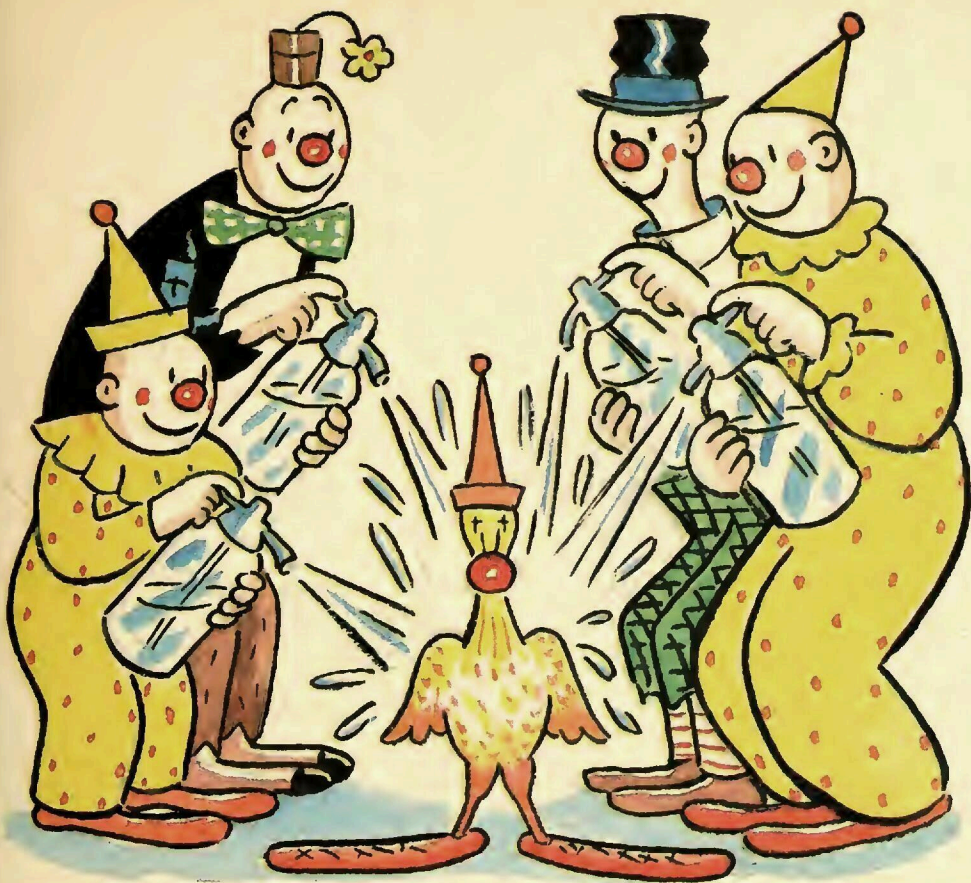


Mr. Gray was laughing too.

“Don’t you know me?”

asked Henrietta.

But he did not hear her.



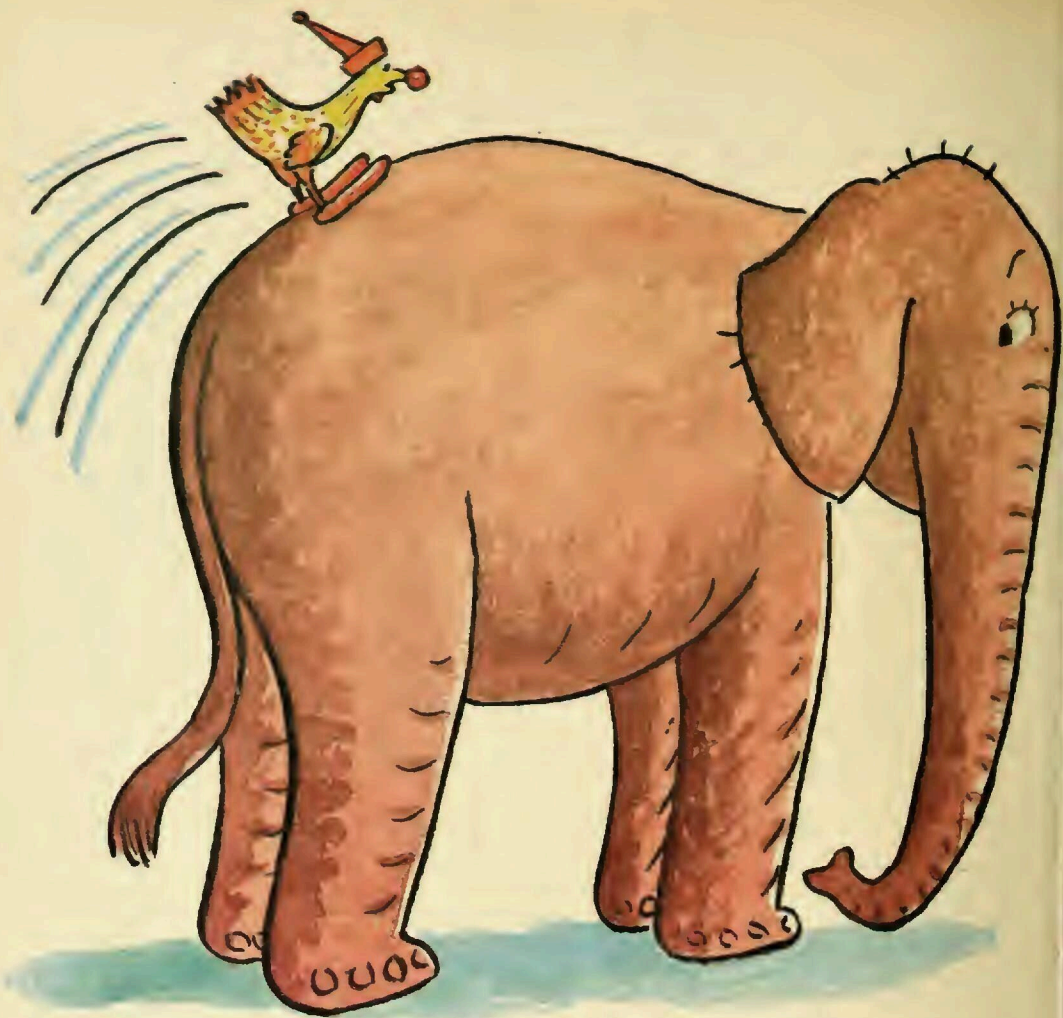
Henrietta did tricks
with the clowns.
She let them
squirt water on her.



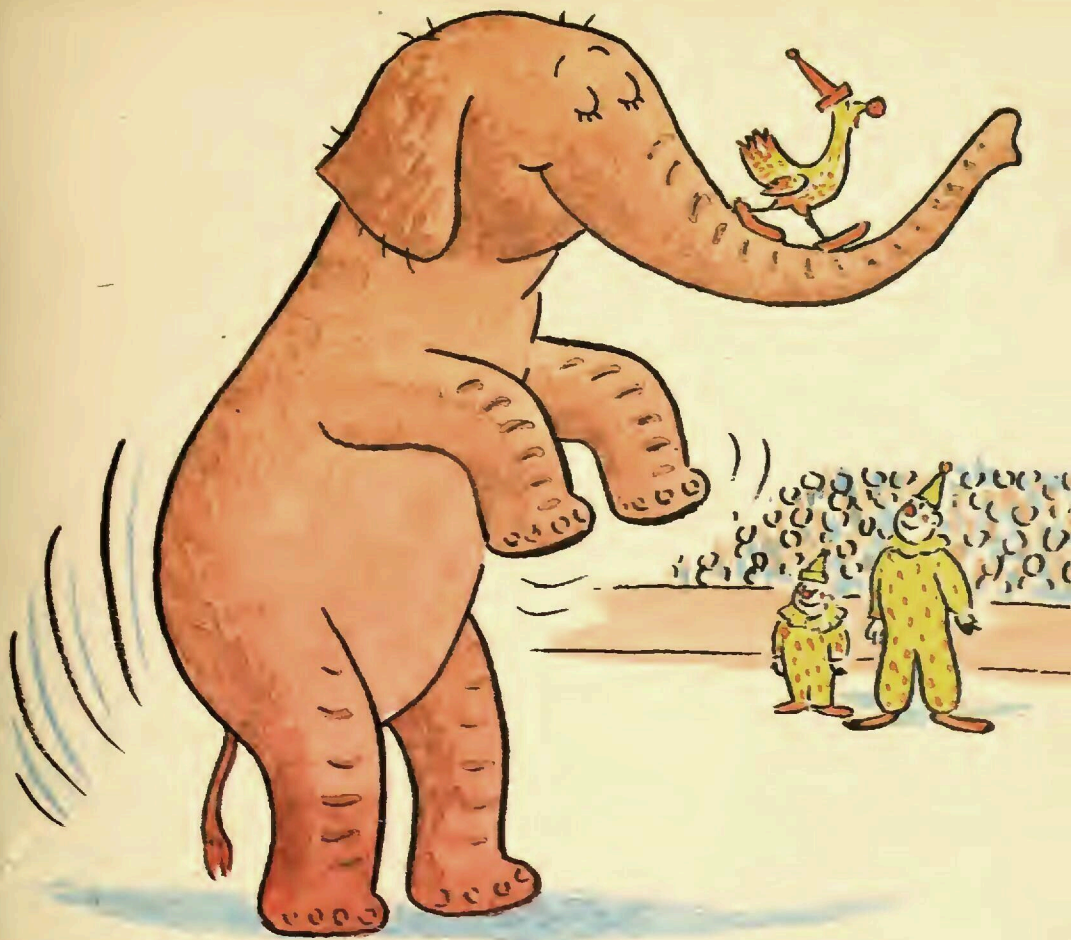
Then the clowns
threw pies at each other.



“I don’t want
to get hit with a pie,”
said Henrietta.
She flew away.



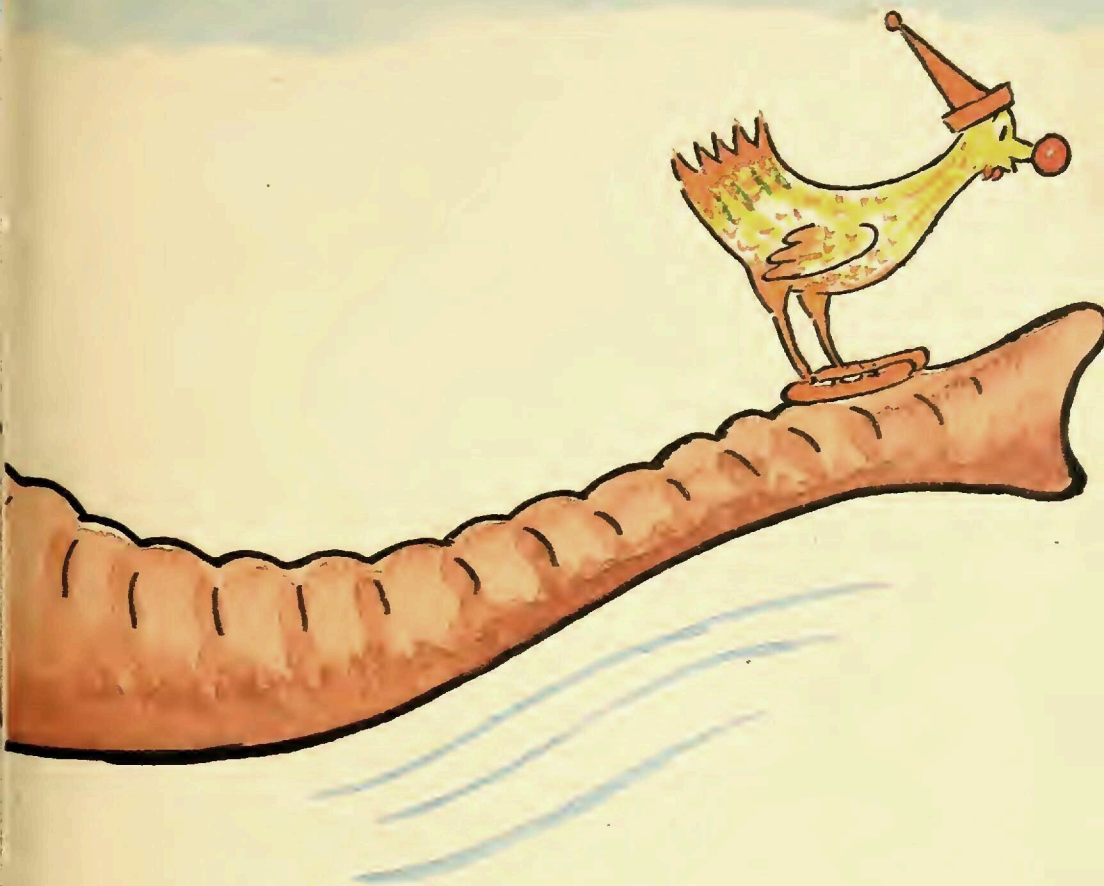
She landed
on an elephant's back.



The elephant stood
on his two back legs.
Henrietta walked out
on his trunk.



“Do you like it out there?”
asked the elephant.



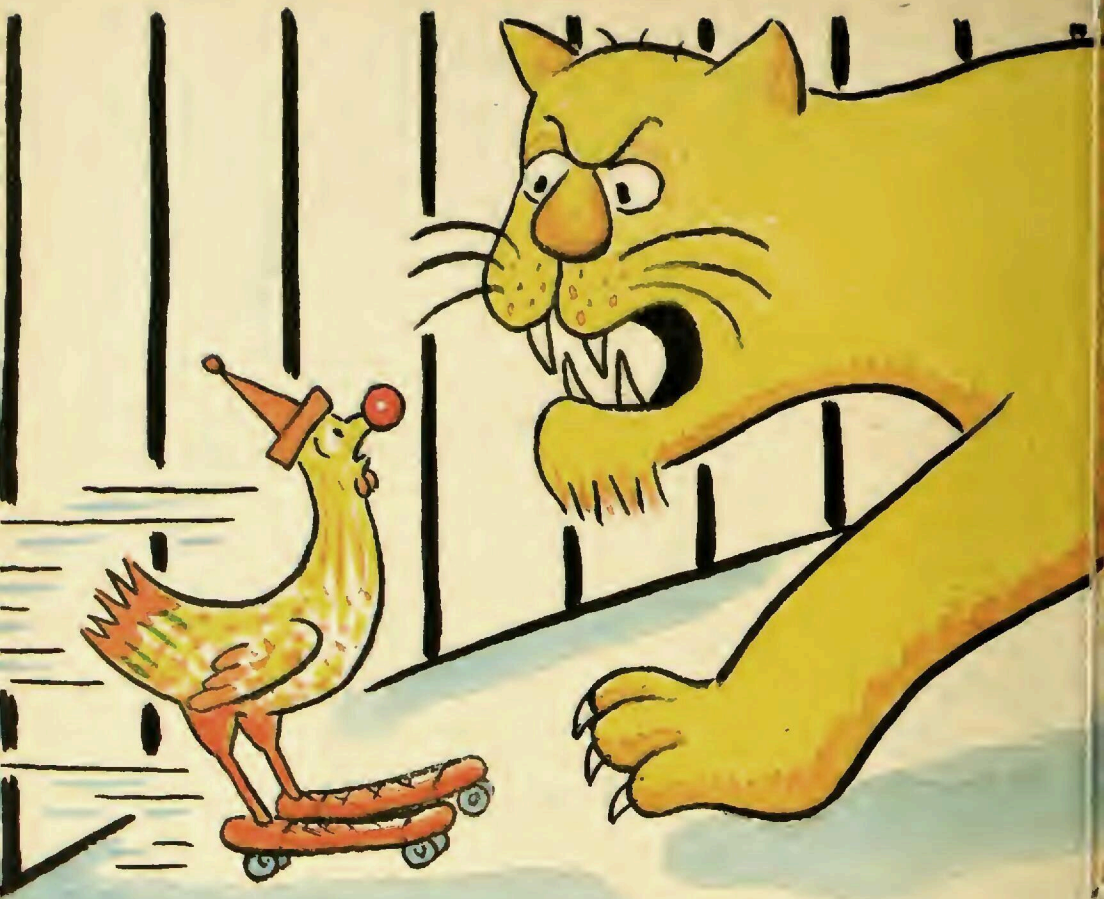
“Yes, I can see
what’s going on,”
said Henrietta.



She saw a bear on roller skates.



“I want to do that,”
said Henrietta.
She flew down
from the elephant.
She put on roller skates, too.



But Henrietta
had never been on skates before.
She skated into a big cage.
Out came the lions and tigers.



They saw Henrietta.

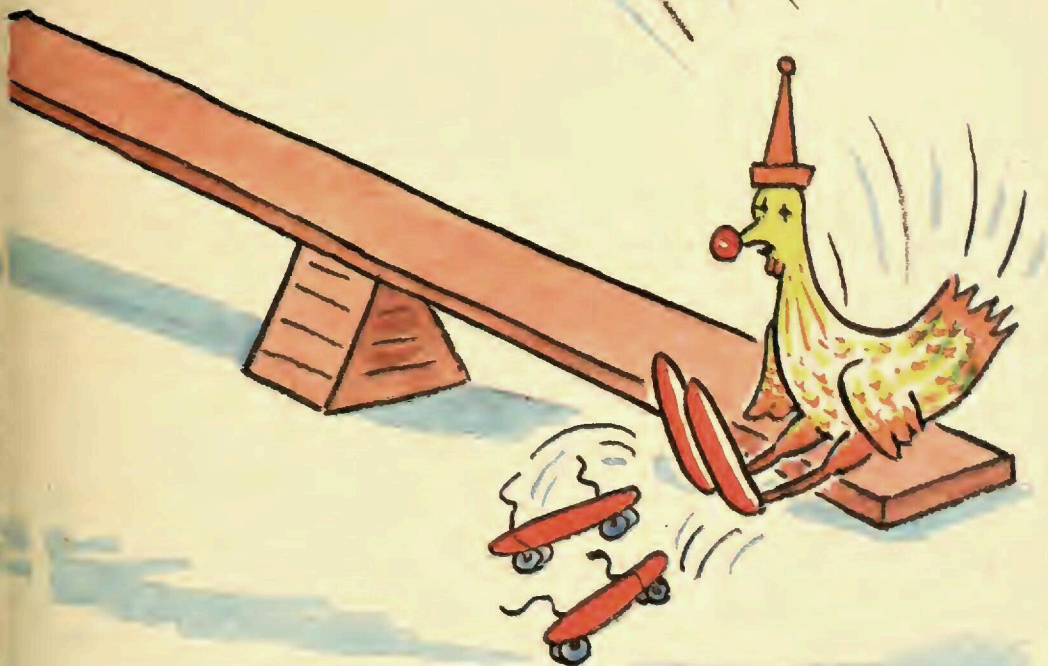
They growled.

They opened their mouths wide.

They wanted chicken for dinner.



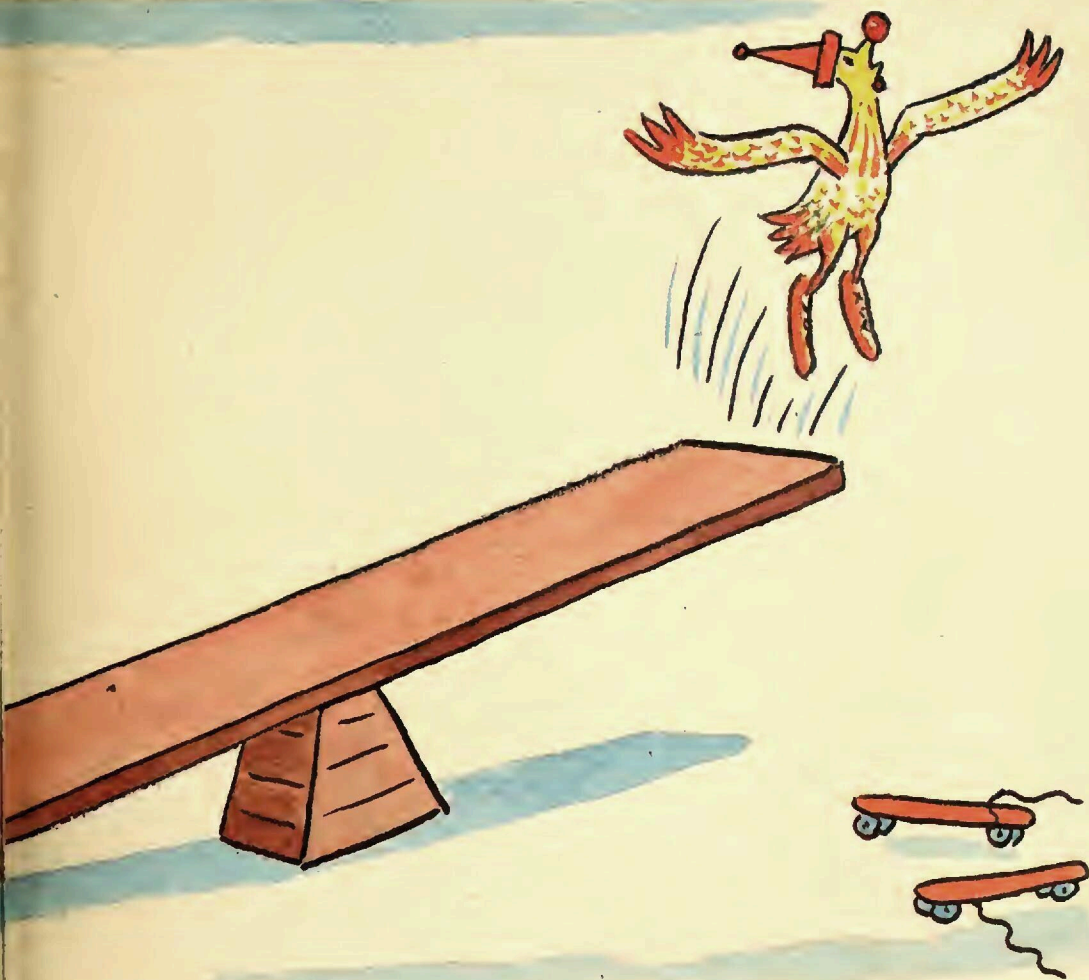
“I only train lions and tigers,”
said the trainer.
He tossed Henrietta
out of the cage.



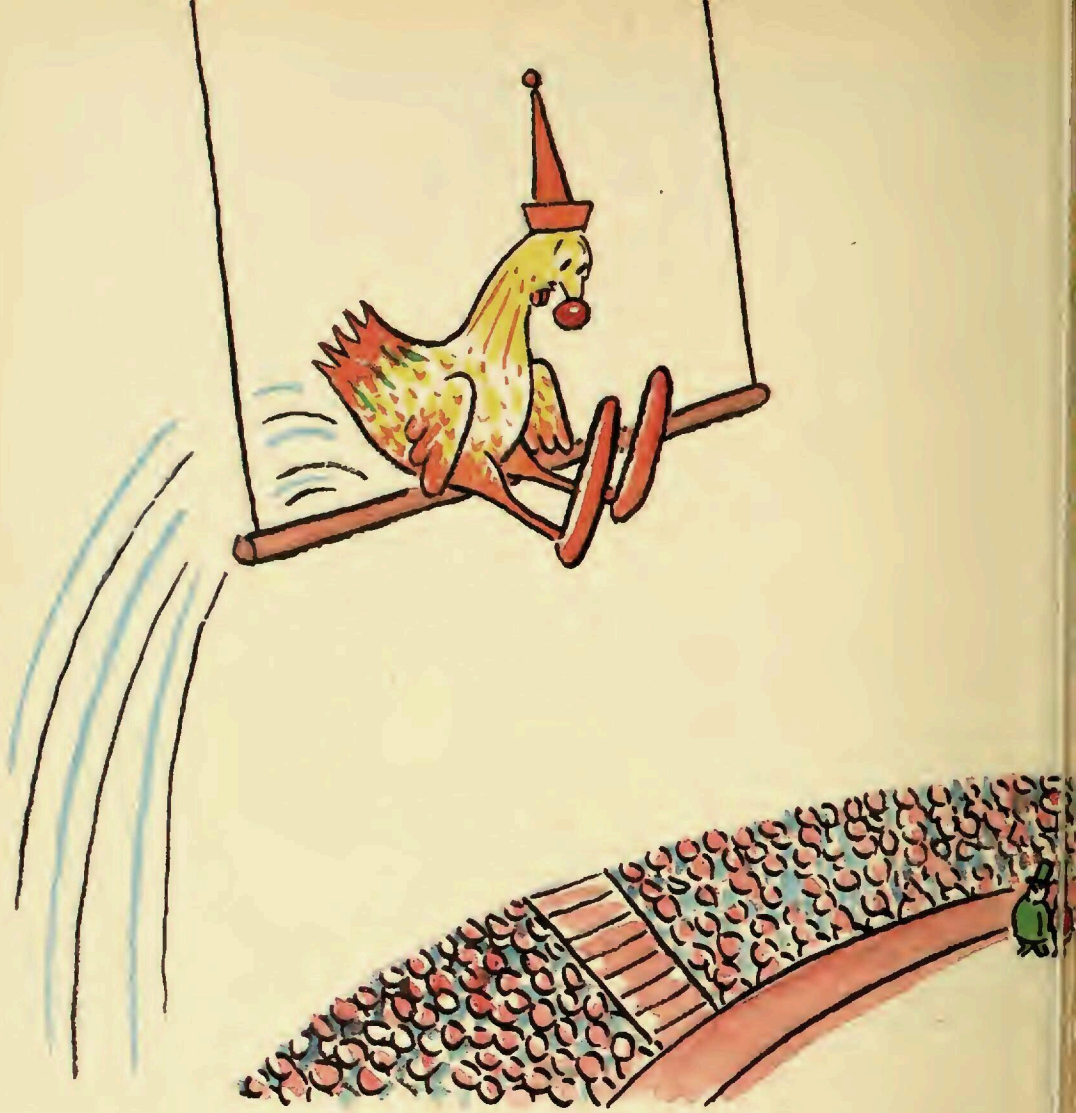
Henrietta landed
on a teeter-totter.
“Maybe I can rest here,”
she thought.



But an acrobat jumped down
on the teeter-totter.



Henrietta flew up
into the air.



She landed
on a high bar.



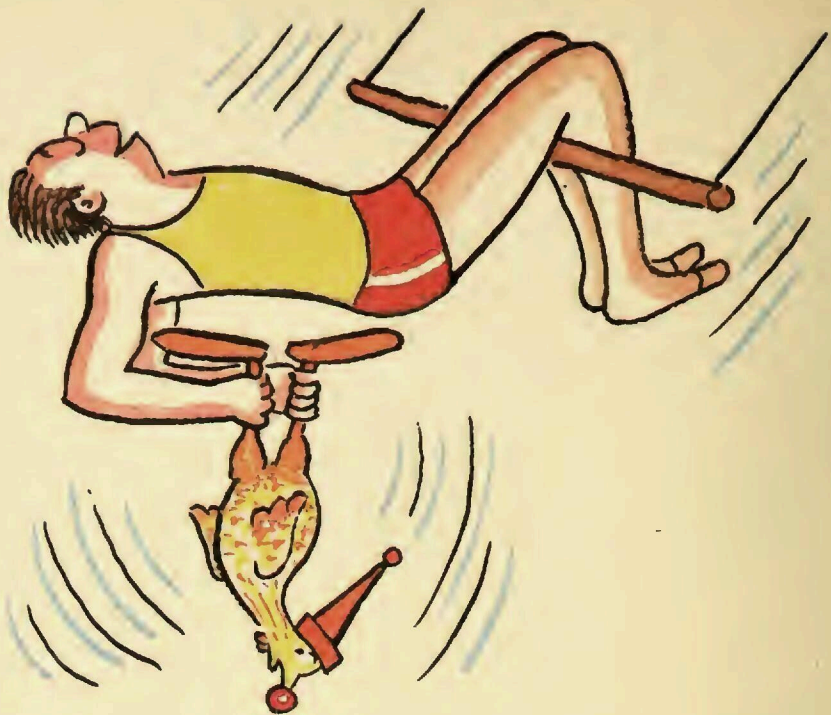
“And now, you will see
the daring young man
on the flying trapeze,”
said the ringmaster.



Henrietta jumped off the bar.
She flew out into space.



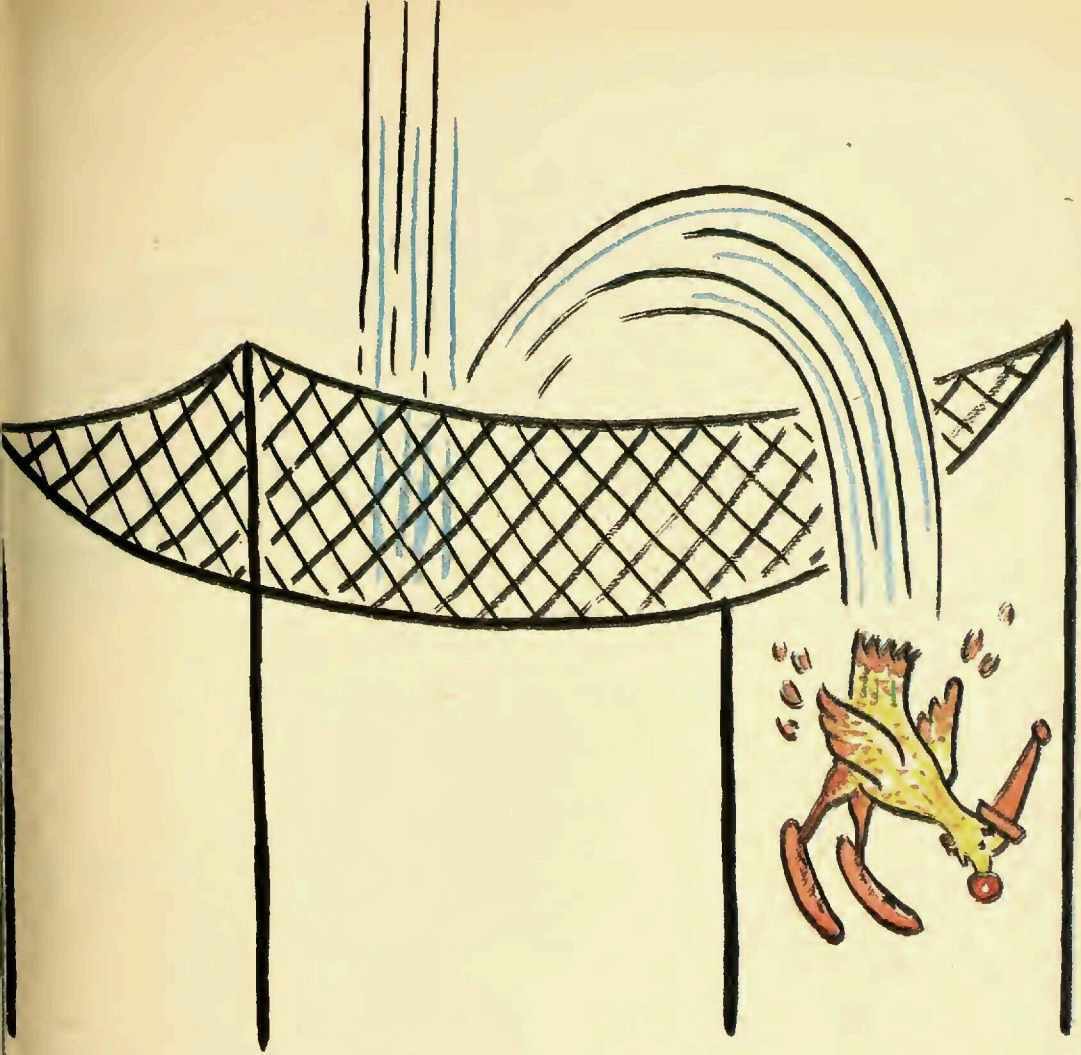
At the same time
a man swung over
from another bar.



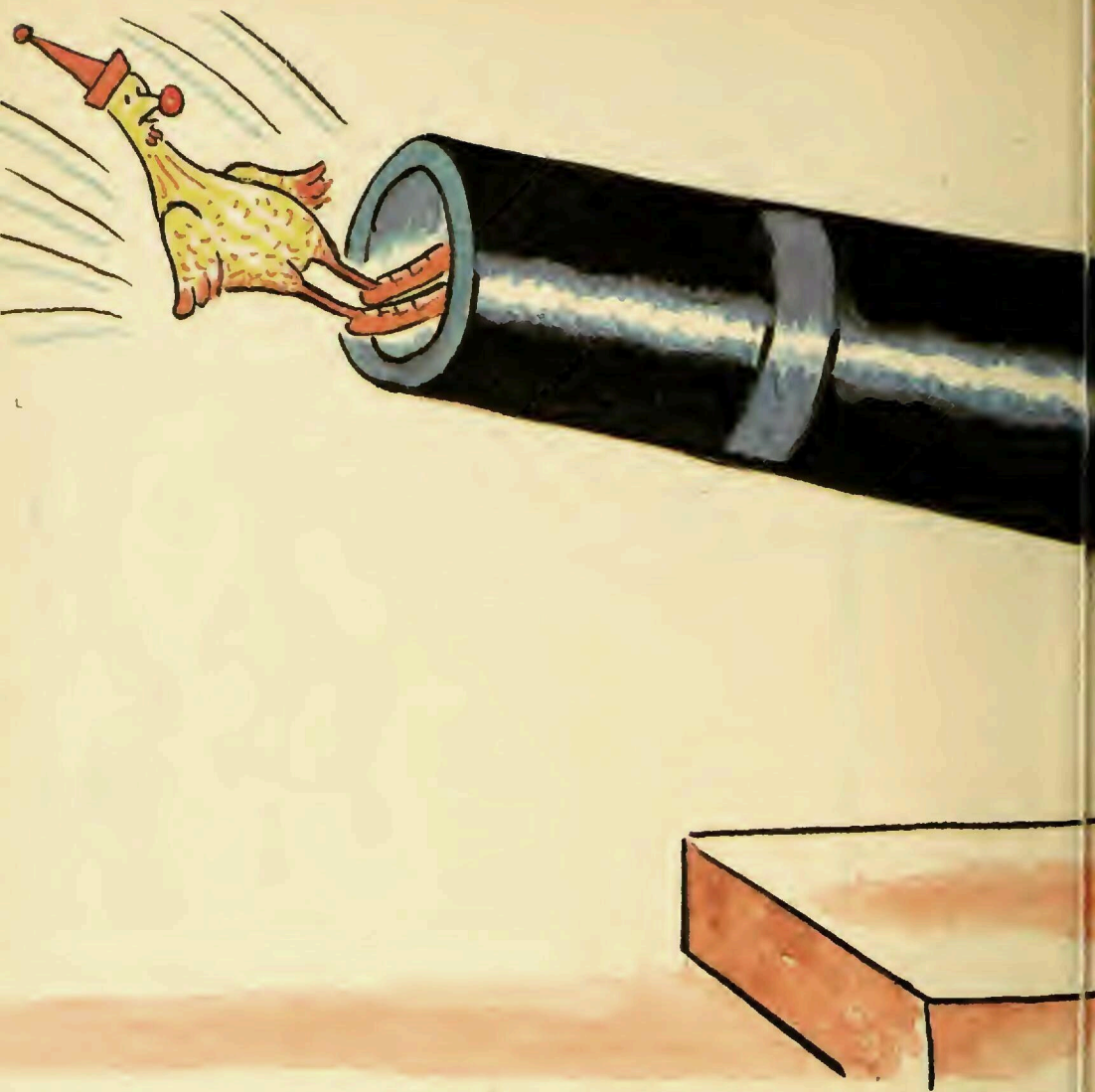
He caught Henrietta
in the air.

“Your hands are cold,”
said the man.

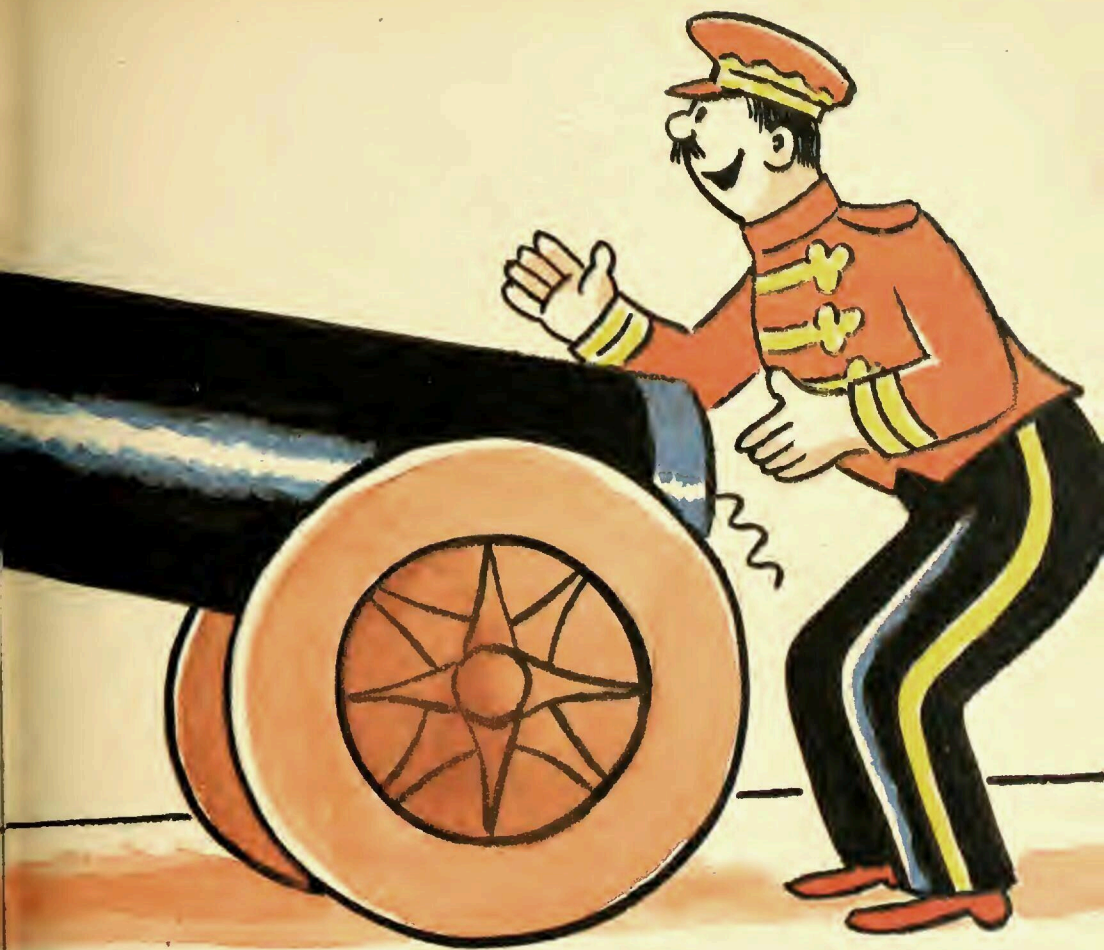
“Those are my feet,”
said Henrietta.



The man let go.
Henrietta fell into a net
and bounced out.

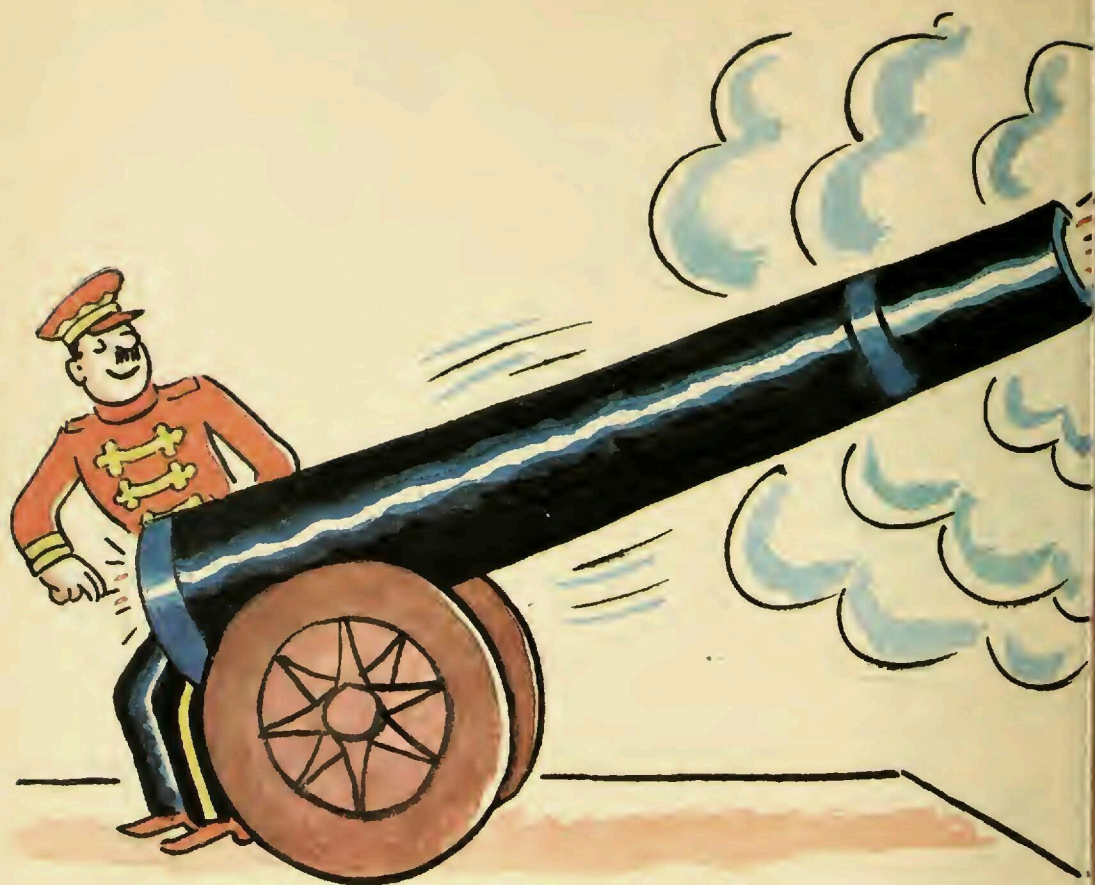


She bounced
into the mouth of a cannon!



“You’re just in time,”
said a man.

“The human cannon ball
is not here today.”

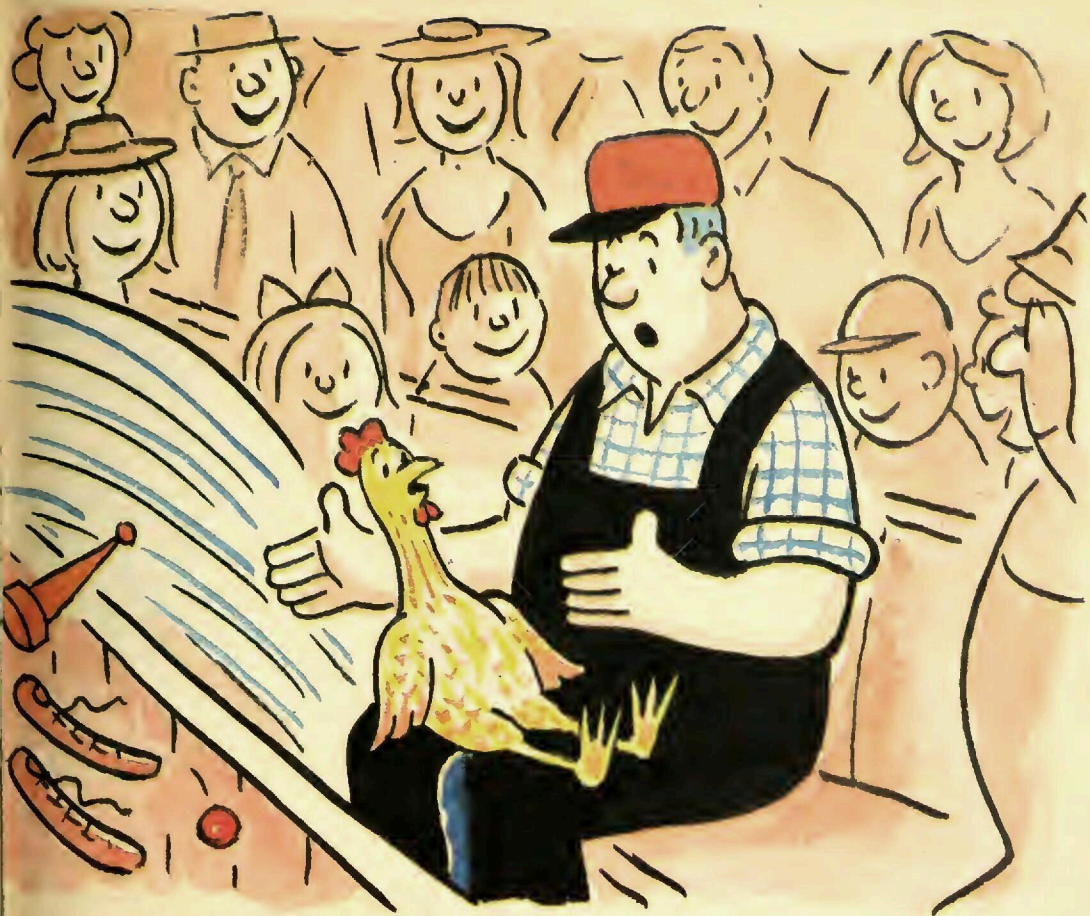


“I’m not a cannon ball,”
cried Henrietta.

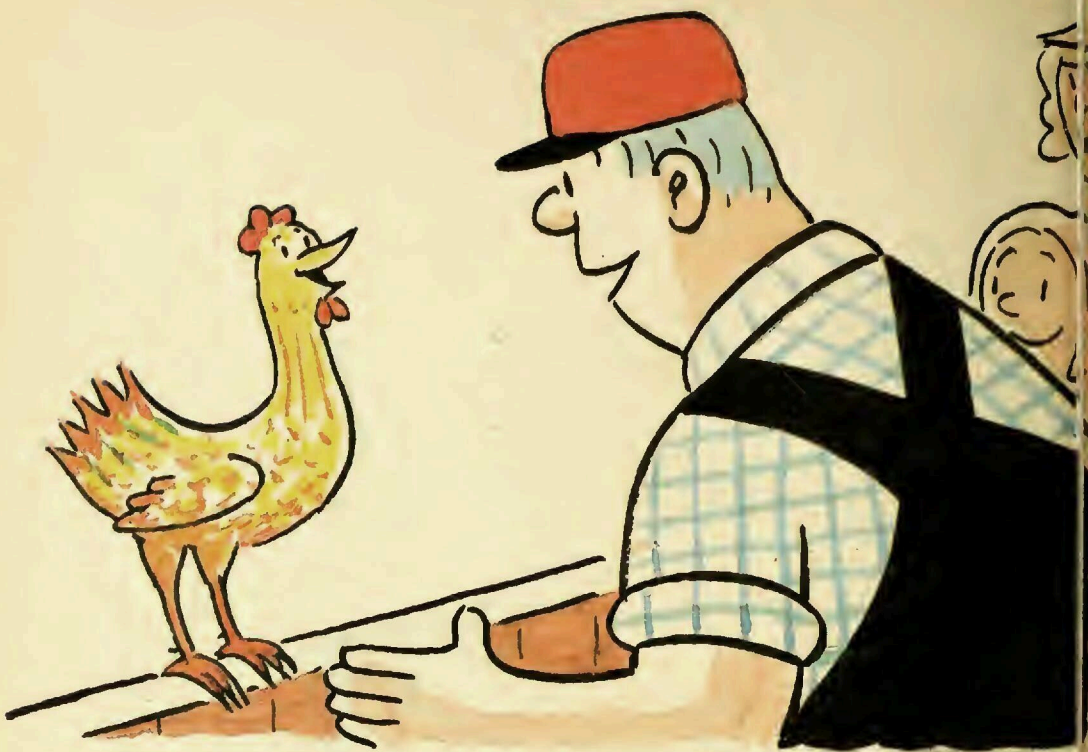
The man lit a match.

Boom! Boom!

Henrietta shot out of the cannon.



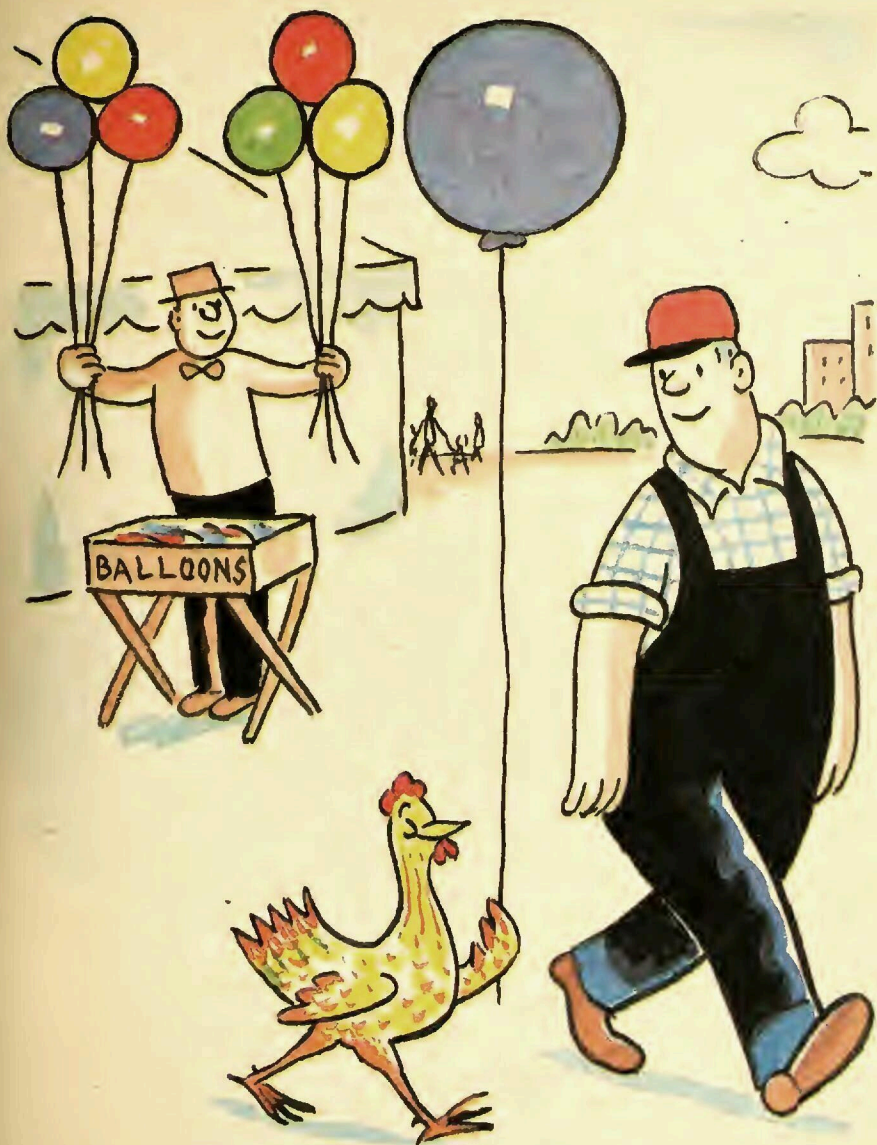
Her nose, hat, and shoes flew off.
She landed in Mr. Gray's lap!
“Why, Henrietta,
what are you doing here?”
asked Mr. Gray.



“I’ve been clowning around,”
said Henrietta.

“And I got to see the circus.
But now I’m tired
and ready to go home.”

“I’m ready too,”
said Mr. Gray.



He bought Henrietta a balloon.

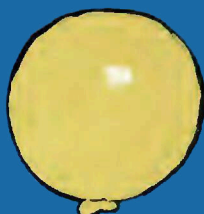


They rode home together.



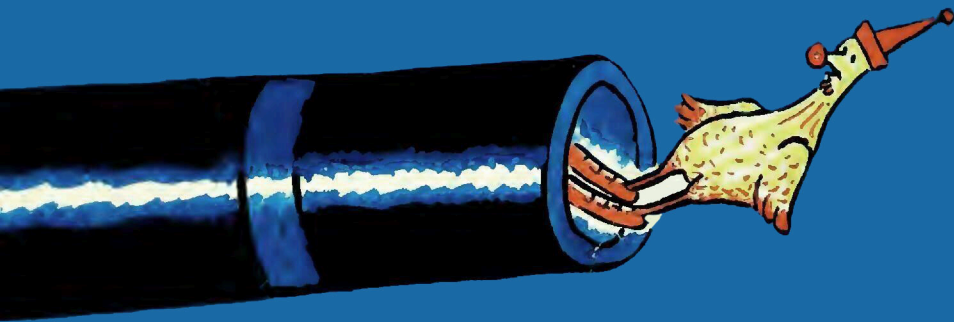


Have you seen Henrietta Chicken?



She went to see the **Circus**

and now she is **IN** the circus.



She even gets shot out of a cannon!



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