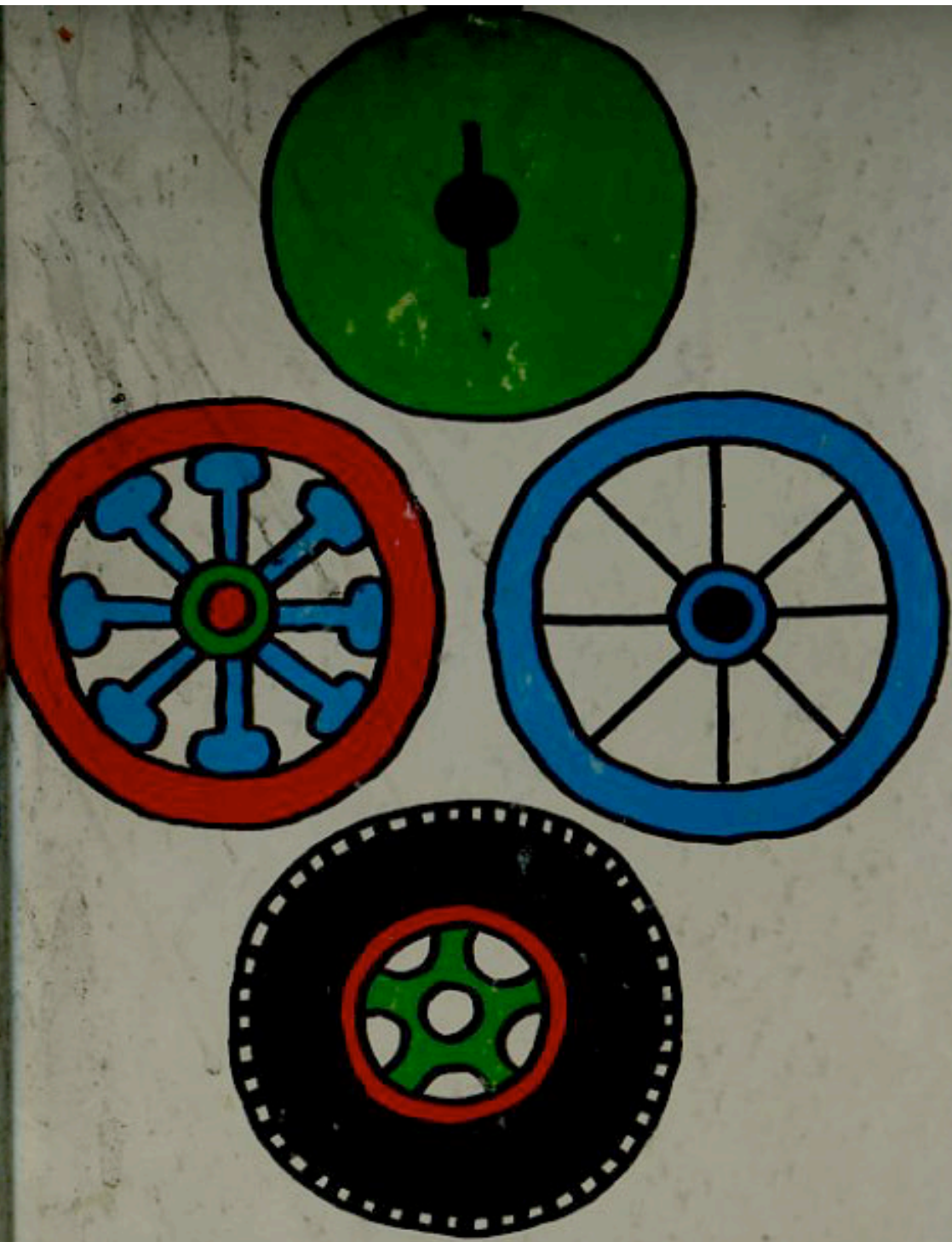


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**D**edicated to the children  
and grandchildren of  
the men who are building  
our Transportation Industry



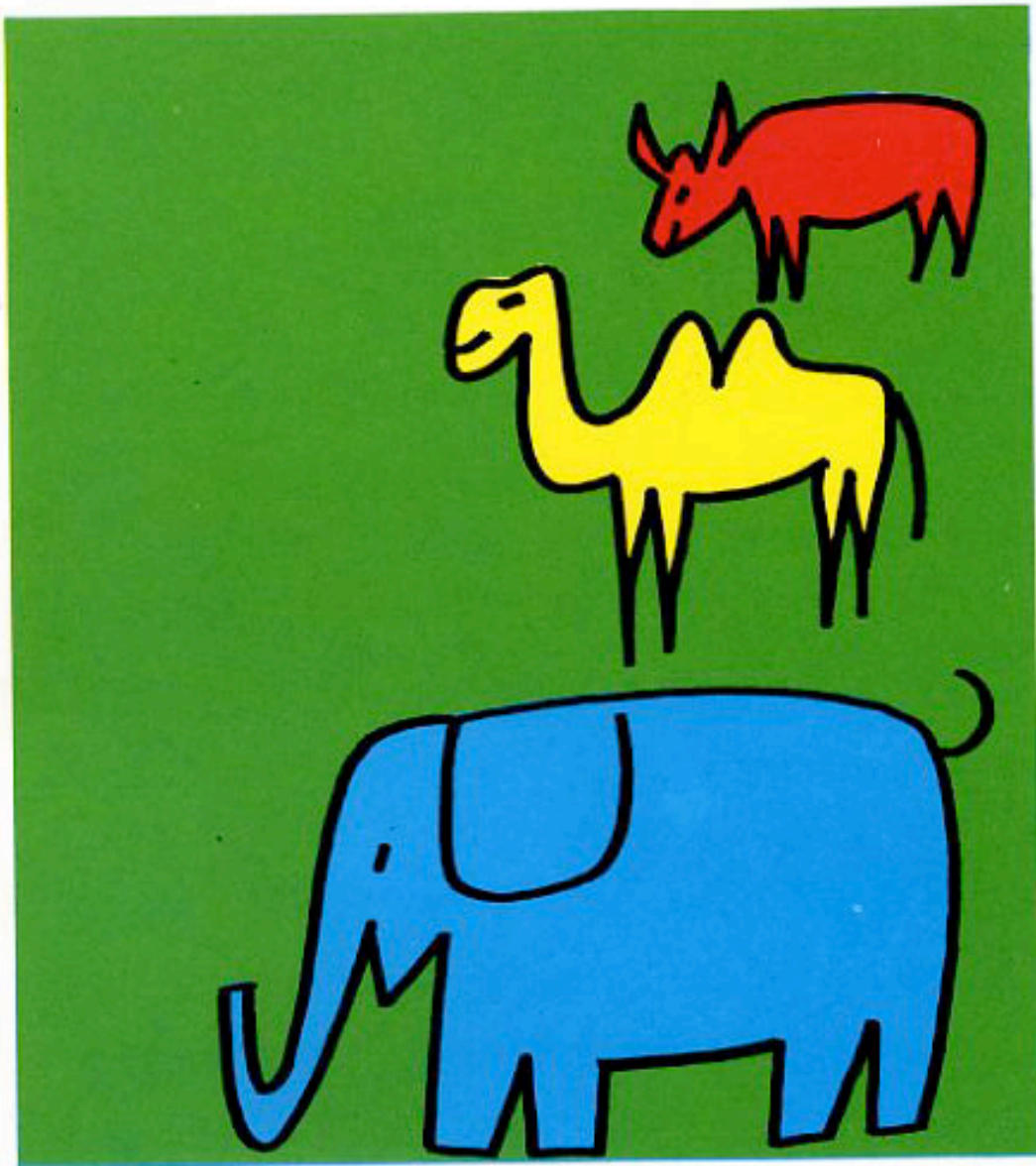


**E**ver since the dawn of time

(that's going way, way back)

Man could carry anything

that fit into a pack.



**A**nd when he found that animals  
could help relieve his load  
Imagine all the creatures  
that came trotting down the road.



And as the loads got greater

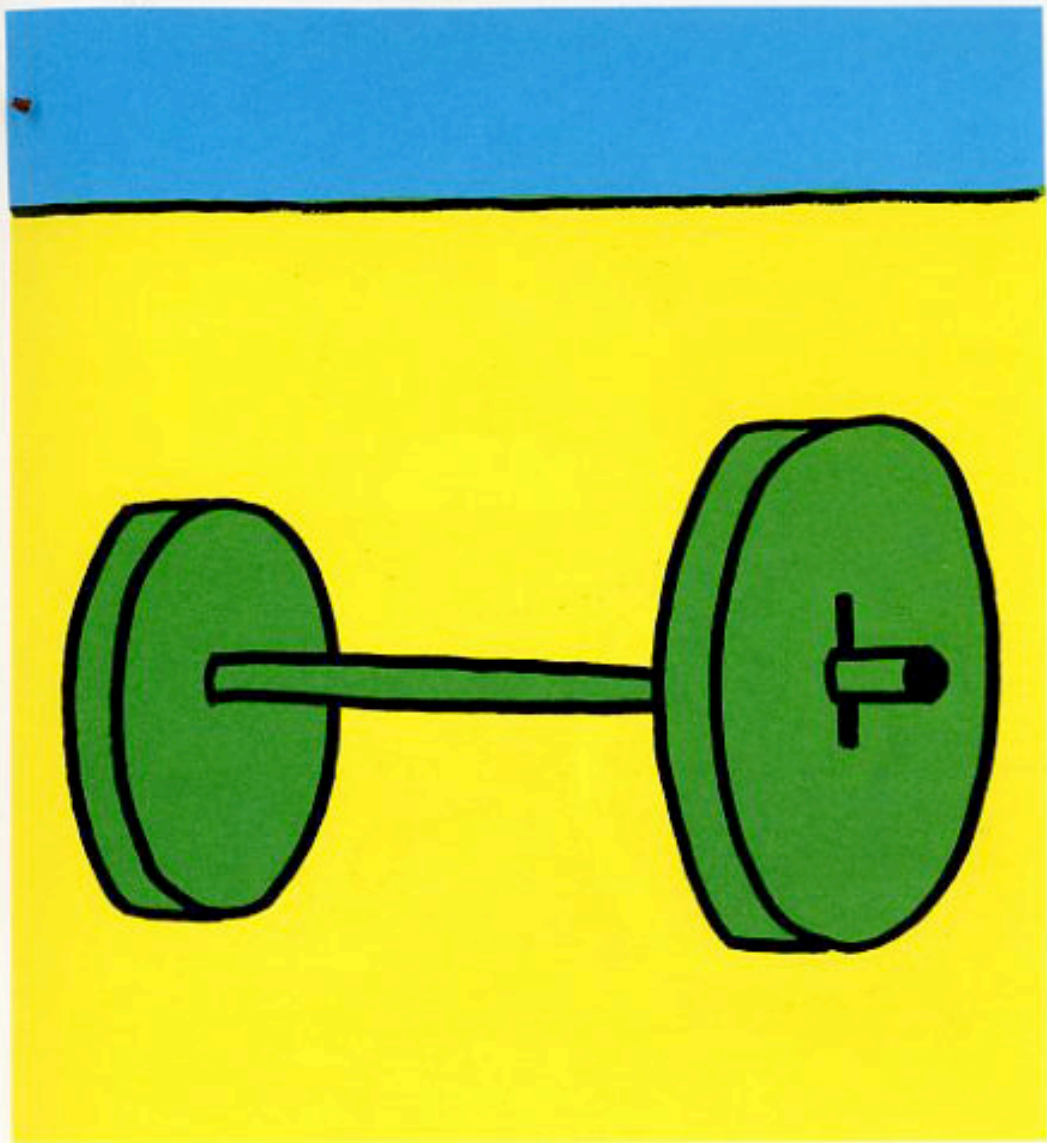
he devised a better way

To drag his load behind him

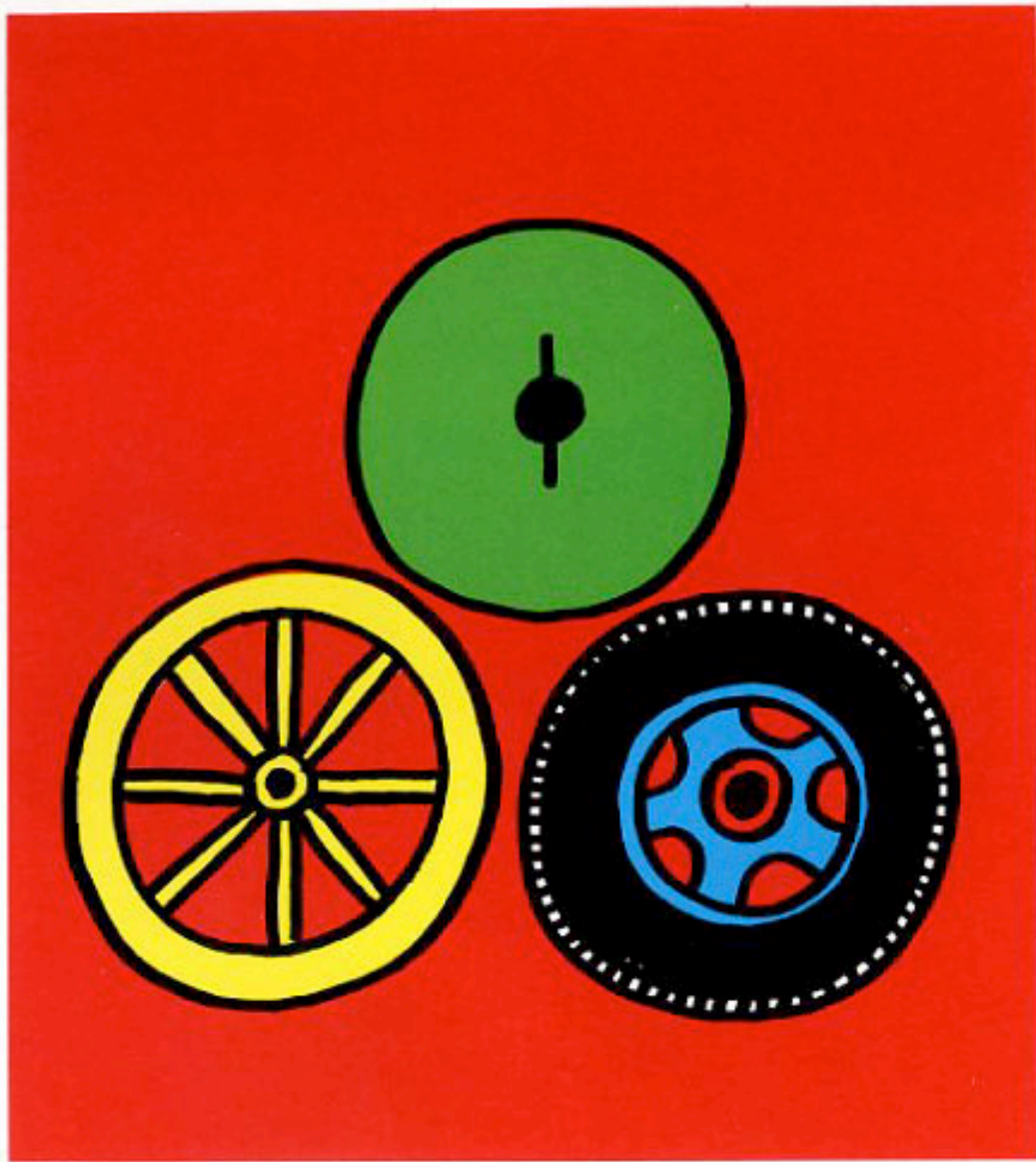
on a simple sled or sleigh.



**W**hen loads became so heavy  
that they couldn't leave the ground  
He found that he could roll them  
on some logs that he had found.



**T**he logs were sliced in sections,  
then were pierced by one strong pole.  
The wheel was thus invented  
from the roundest logs to roll.



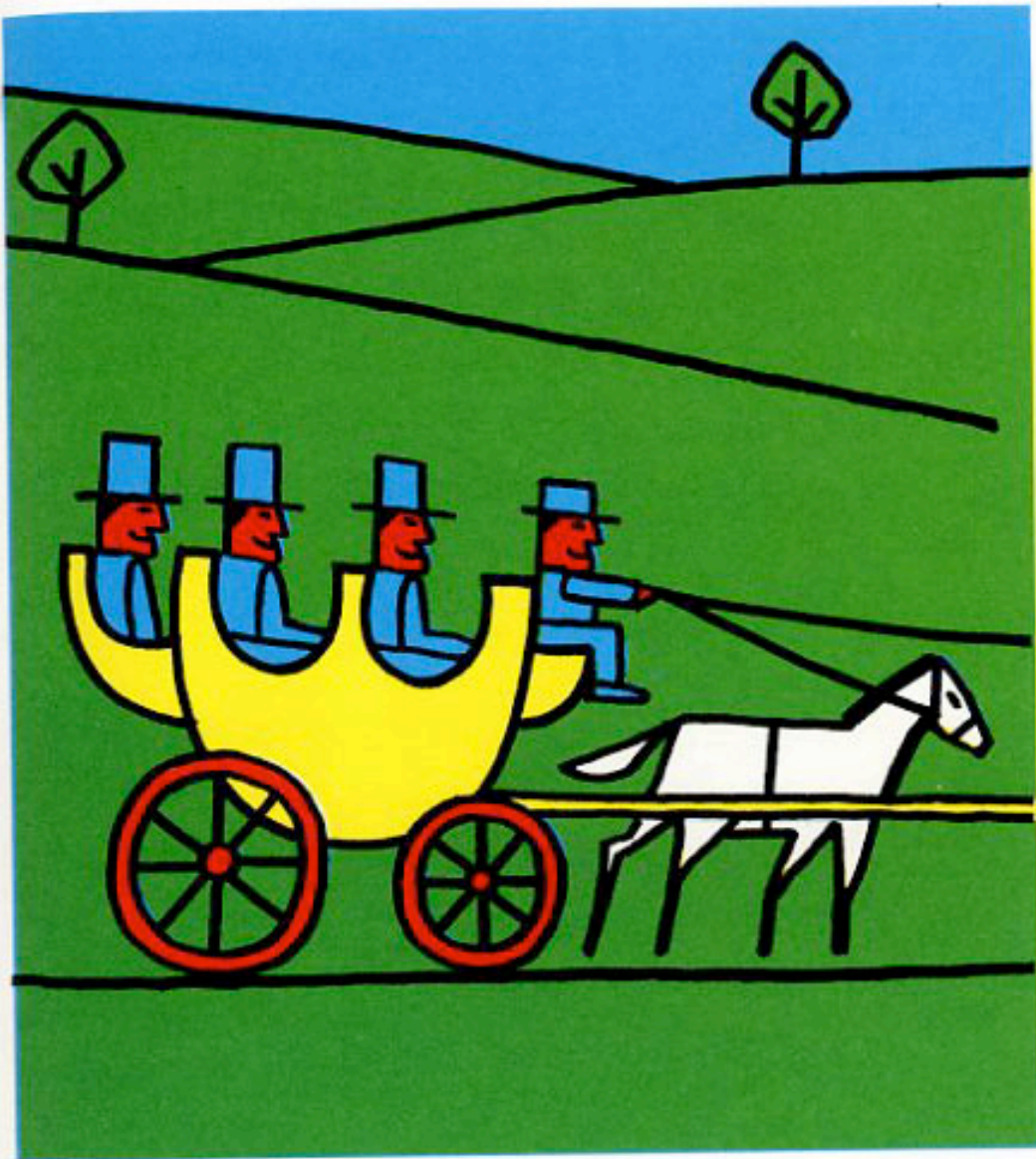
**T**his wheel was much too clumsy  
as it turned and it revolved,  
So modern wheels with spokes  
and tires eventually evolved.



**T**he wheel grew up quite nat'rally  
when teamed in pairs of two,  
And so the chariot was the car  
the Ancient people knew.



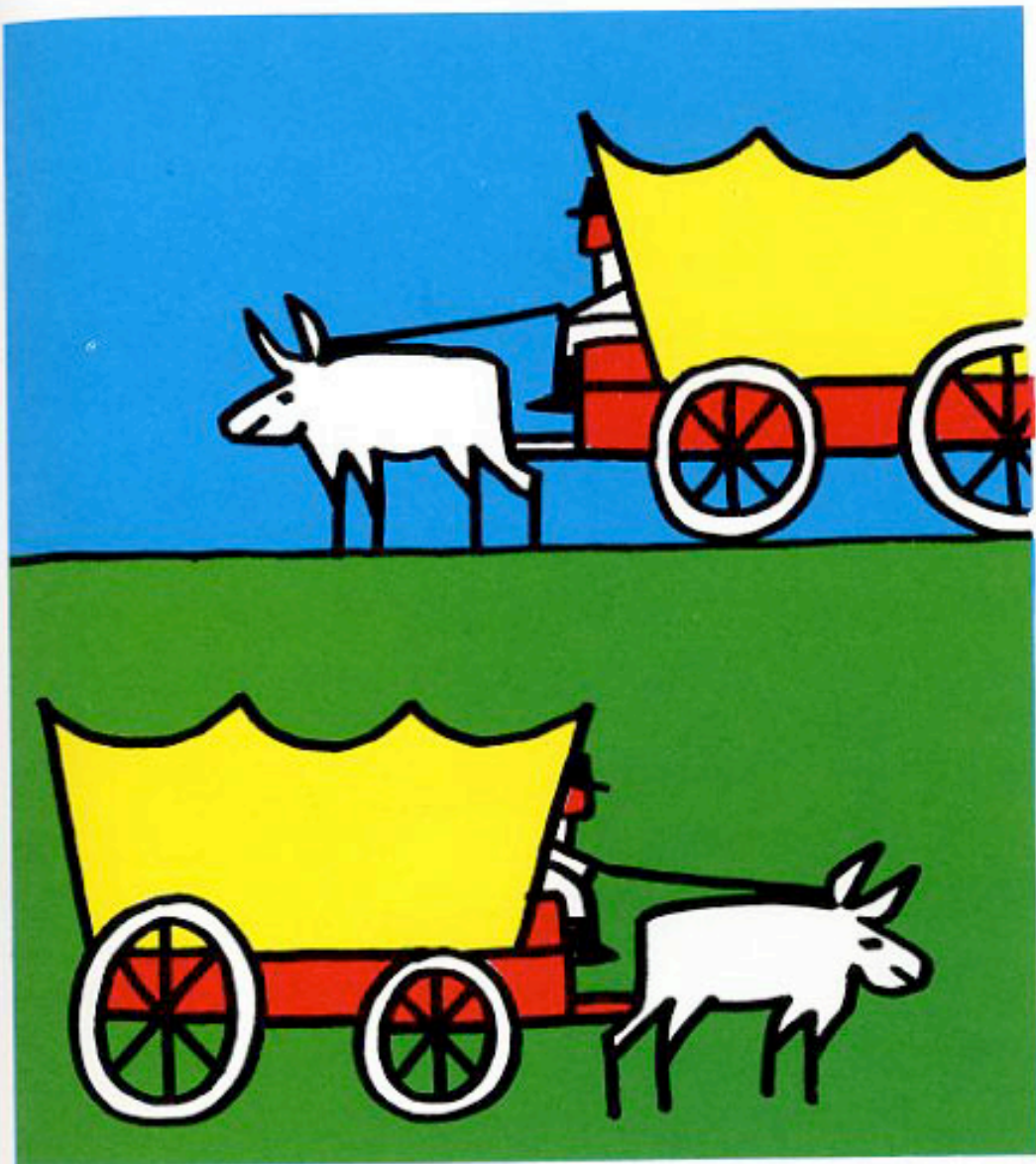
The chariot was popular  
for forty hundred years,  
When in the 15th Century  
the four-wheeled coach appears.



**D**riving for short intervals,  
and also changing horse,  
Coaches travelled far and wide  
through fair and muddy course.



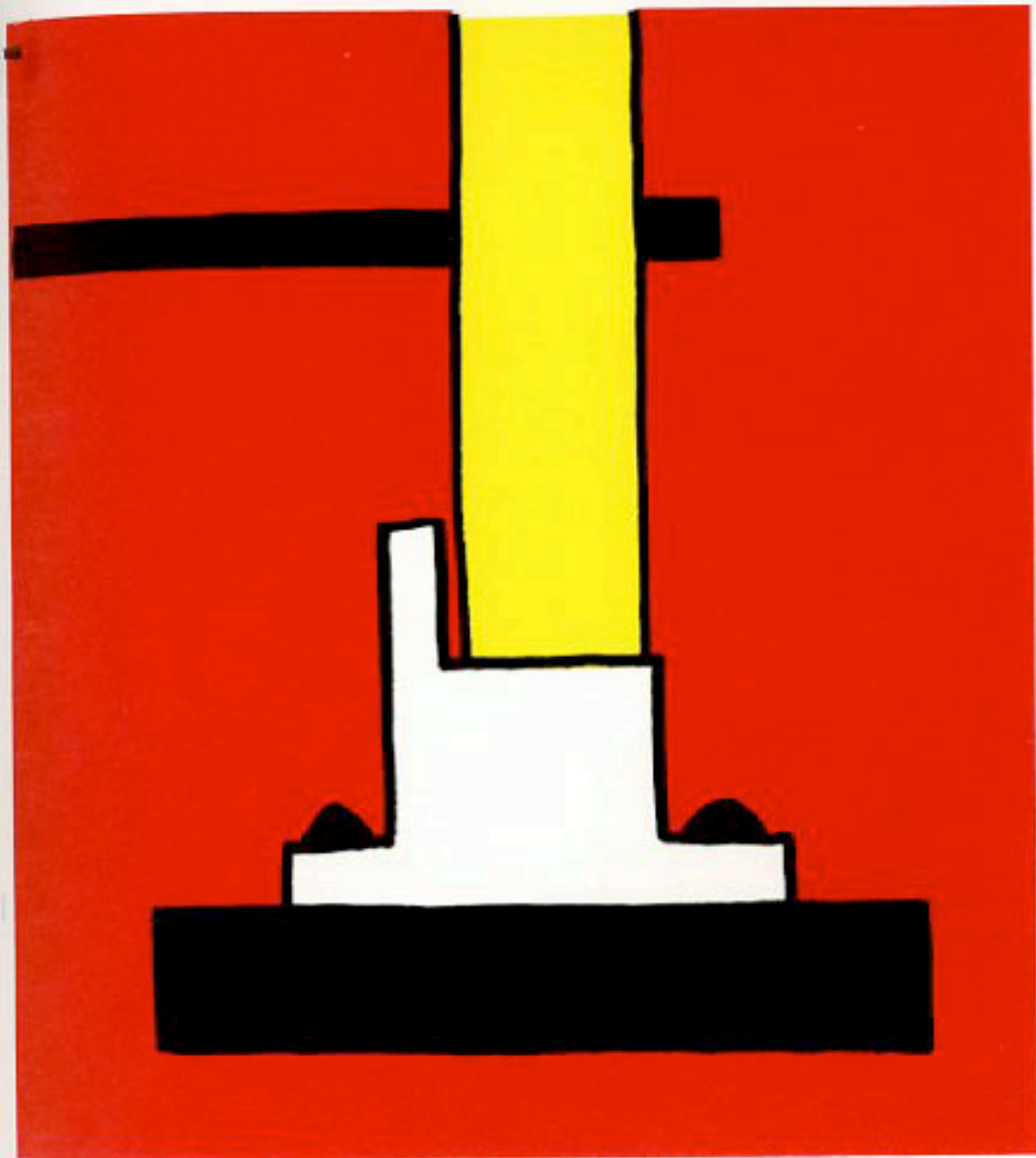
As they'd proceed at breakneck speed  
they also made their name.  
The human race raced forward  
in the coach of stagecoach fame.



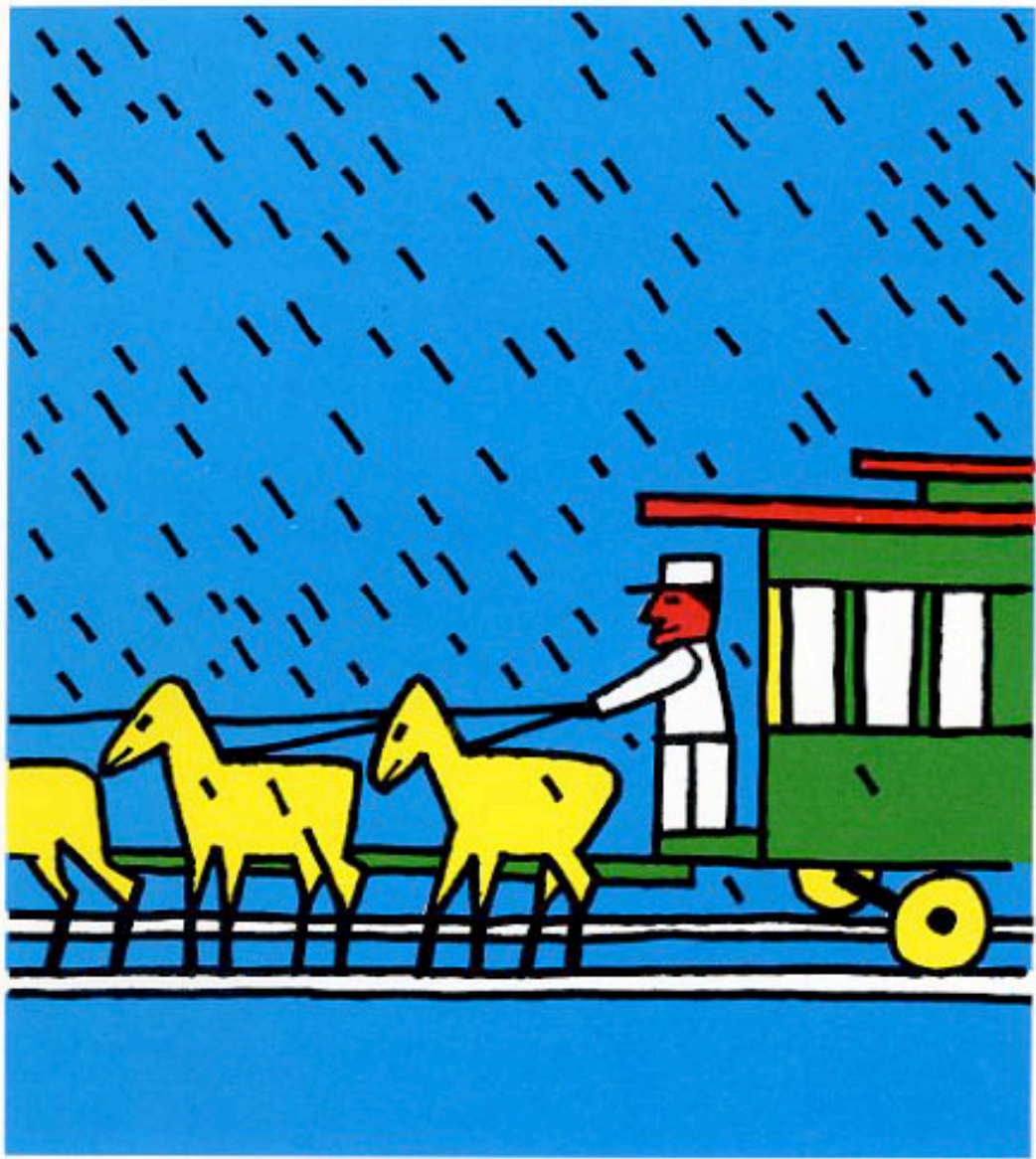
**T**hen came the great discov'ry  
of our country and its West.  
For hardy pioneering,  
covered wagons served the best.



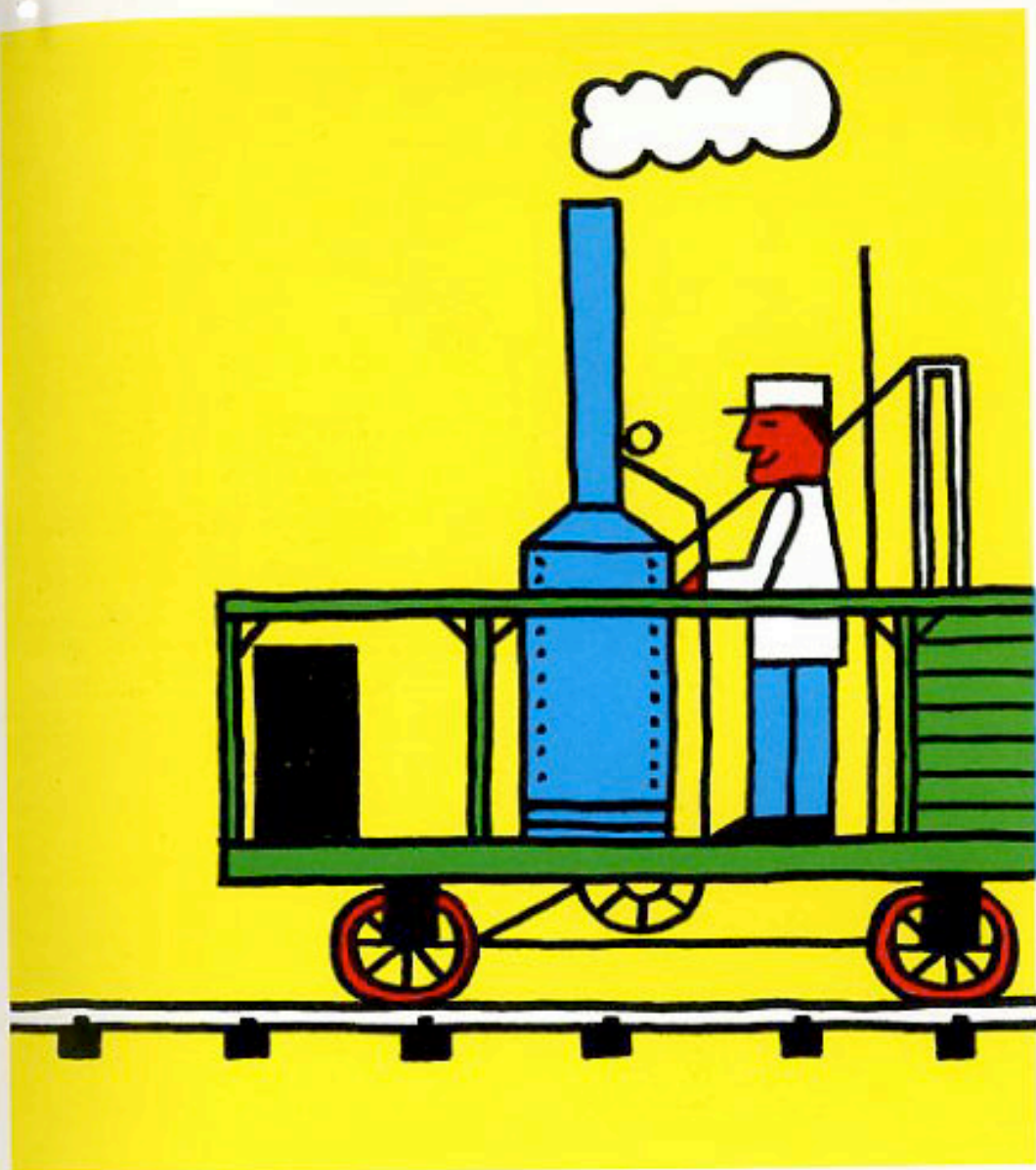
The railroads meanwhile started  
from the rails in rutted roads  
That helped the horse-drawn carriages  
to move their heavy loads.



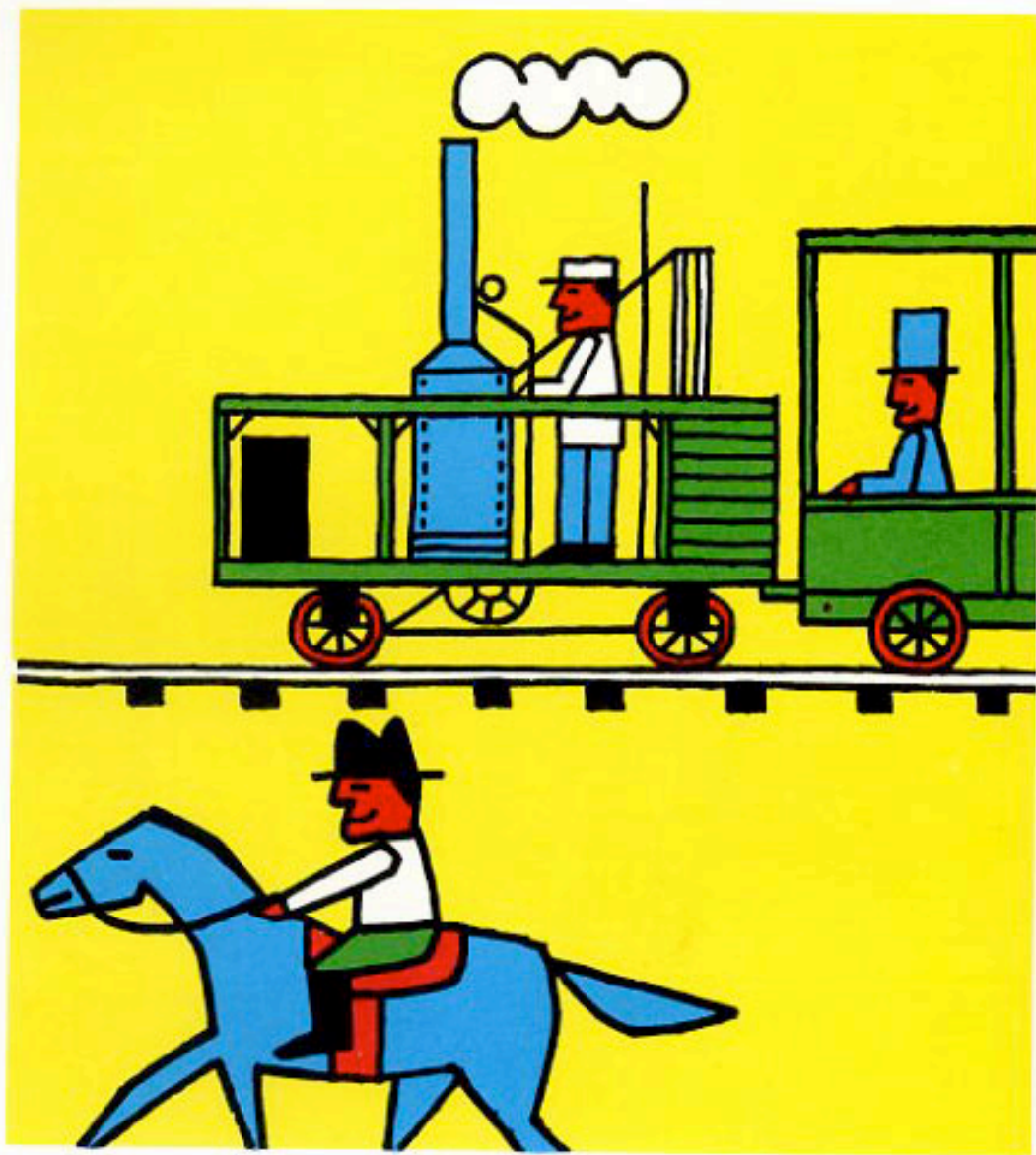
**T**he rails were made with fins or flanges  
turned up on the side  
To guide the four-wheeled carriages  
and make a smoother ride.



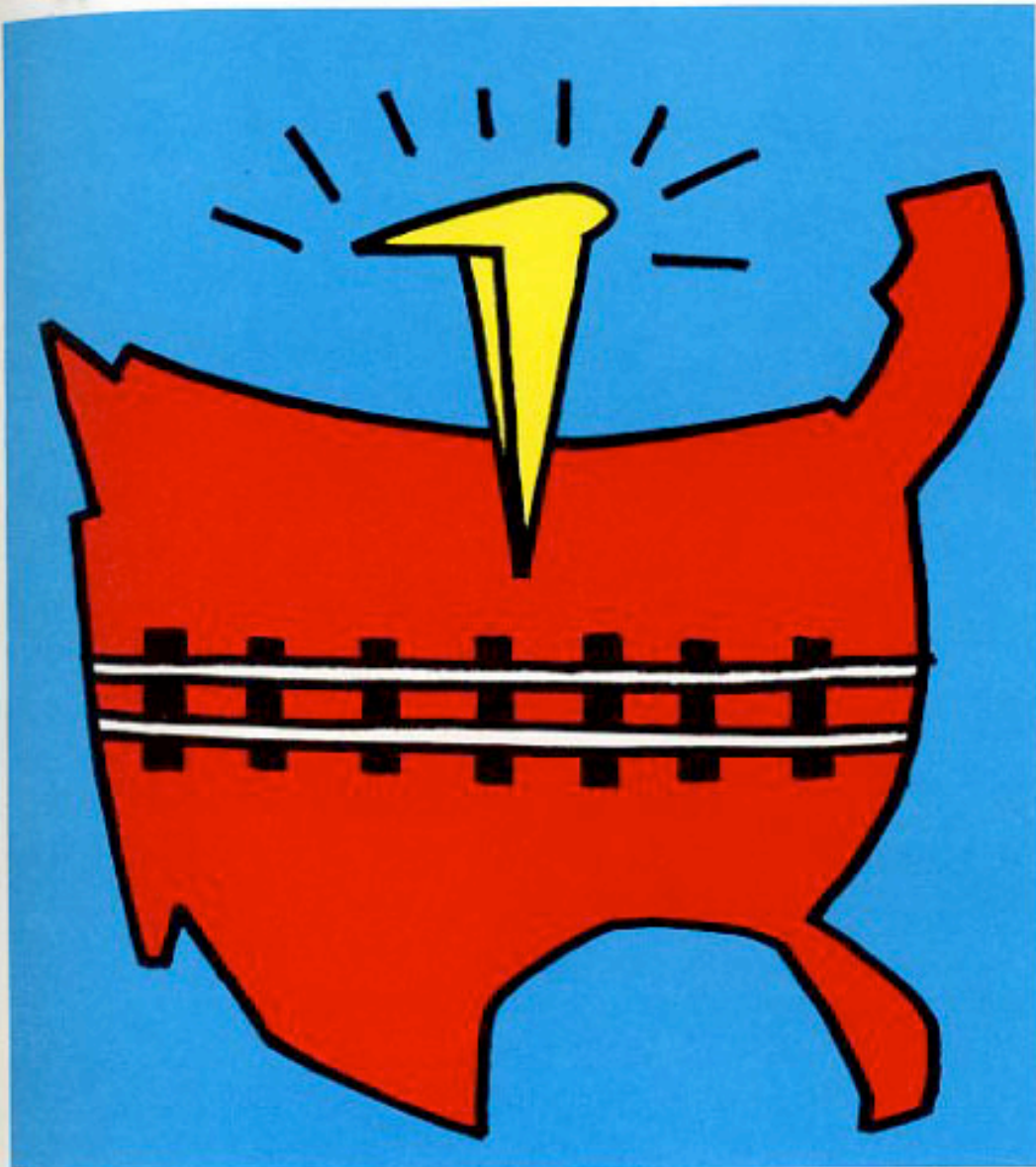
**T**hree teams of horses pulled the cars  
that moved along the rail,  
And horses pulled the buses  
through the city's sleet and hail.



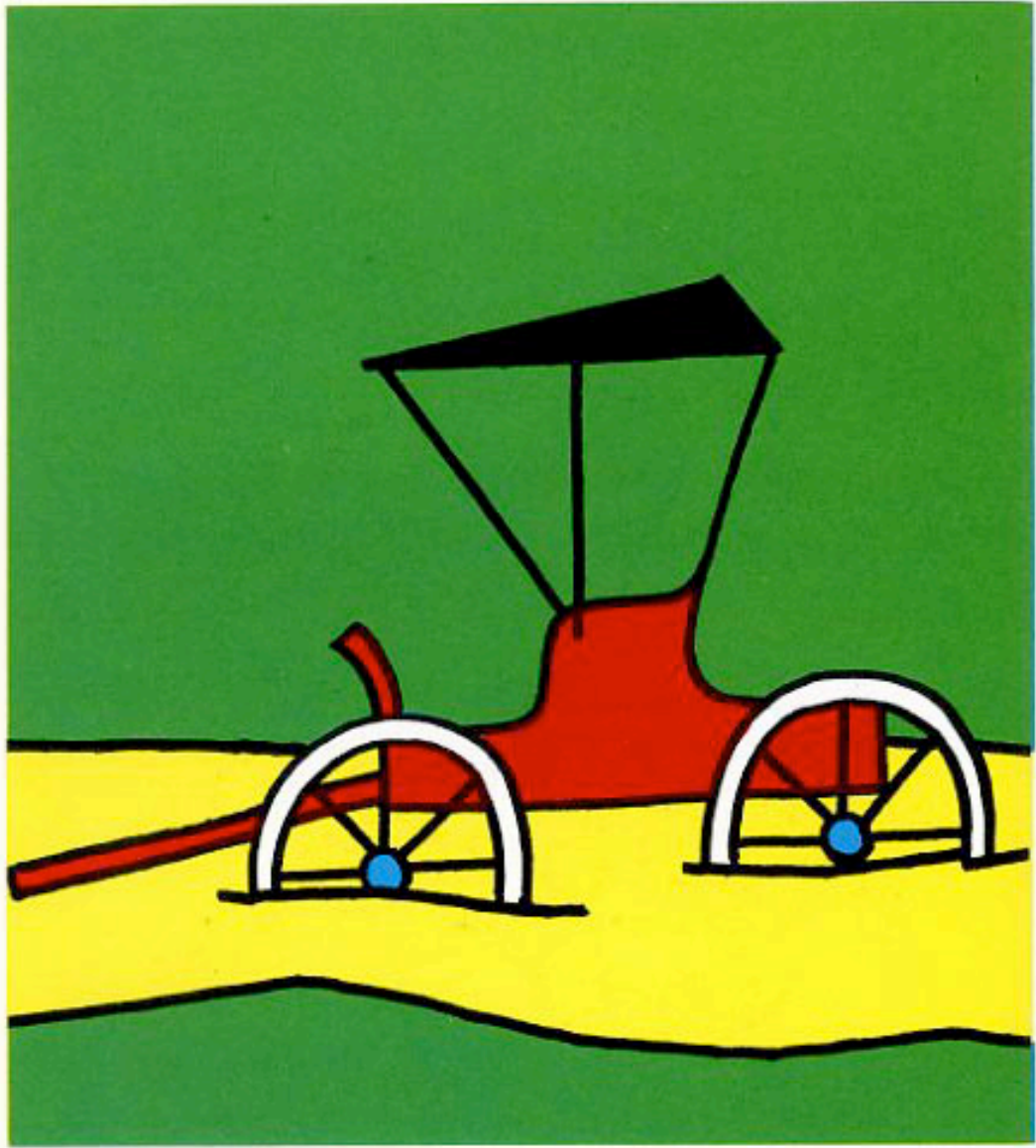
**B**ut then a new invention helped  
fulfill man's fondest dream  
As horses were replaced by  
locomotives pow'ered by steam.



**T**he horse had served man well  
but yet his strength was not undone.  
He proved he still had vigor  
when he bested young "Tom Thumb."



**E**ventually the railroads crossed  
our land from East to West.  
The Golden Spike exemplified  
how transport had progressed.



**H**ighways were neglected

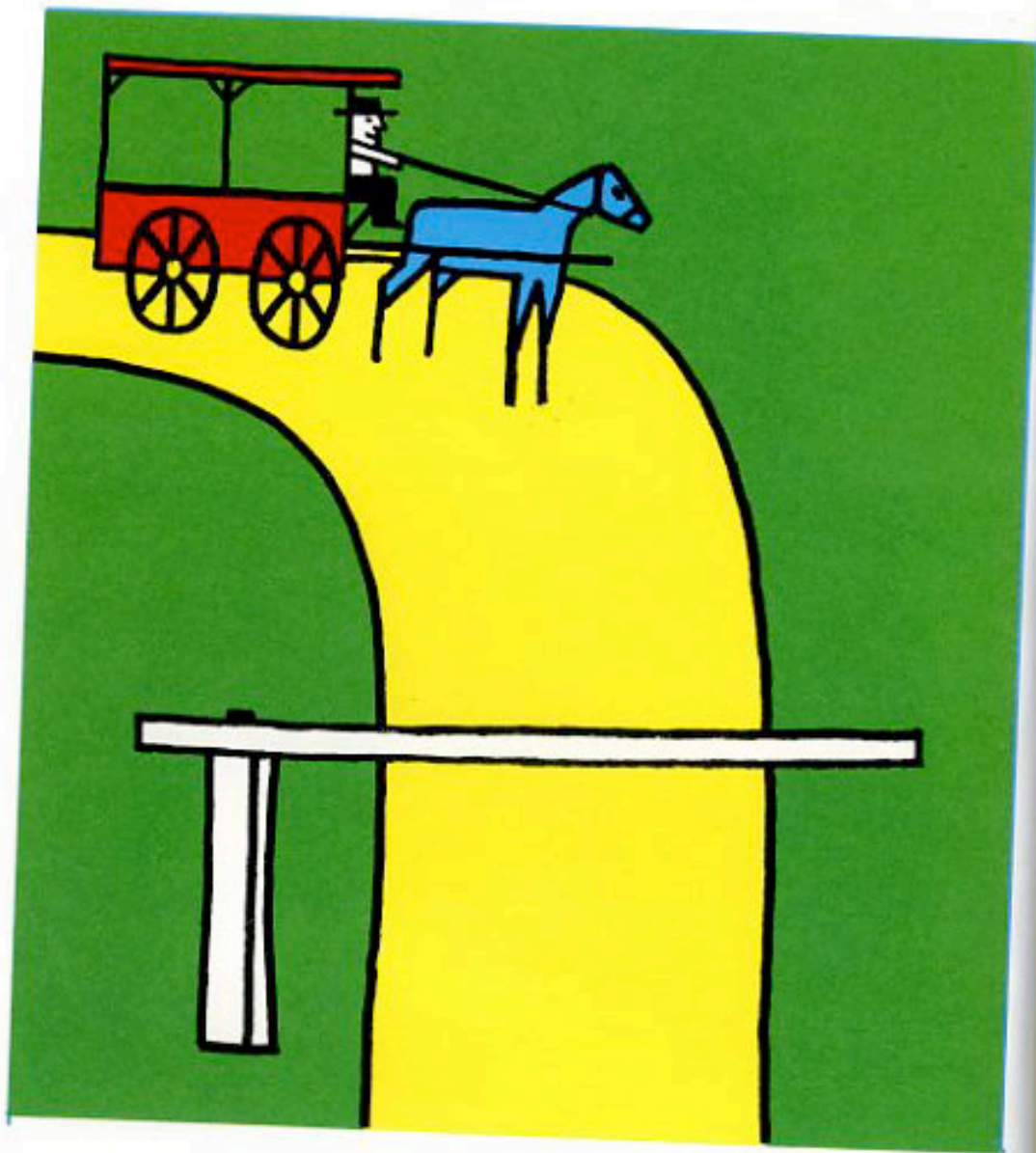
while the railroads forged ahead.

Rough and muddy roadways

kept folks safe at home in bed.



**T**he highways were improved a bit  
by laying logs and planks.  
Uneven "corduroy" roads  
seemed to call for little thanks.



**T**rav'lers on a toll road had

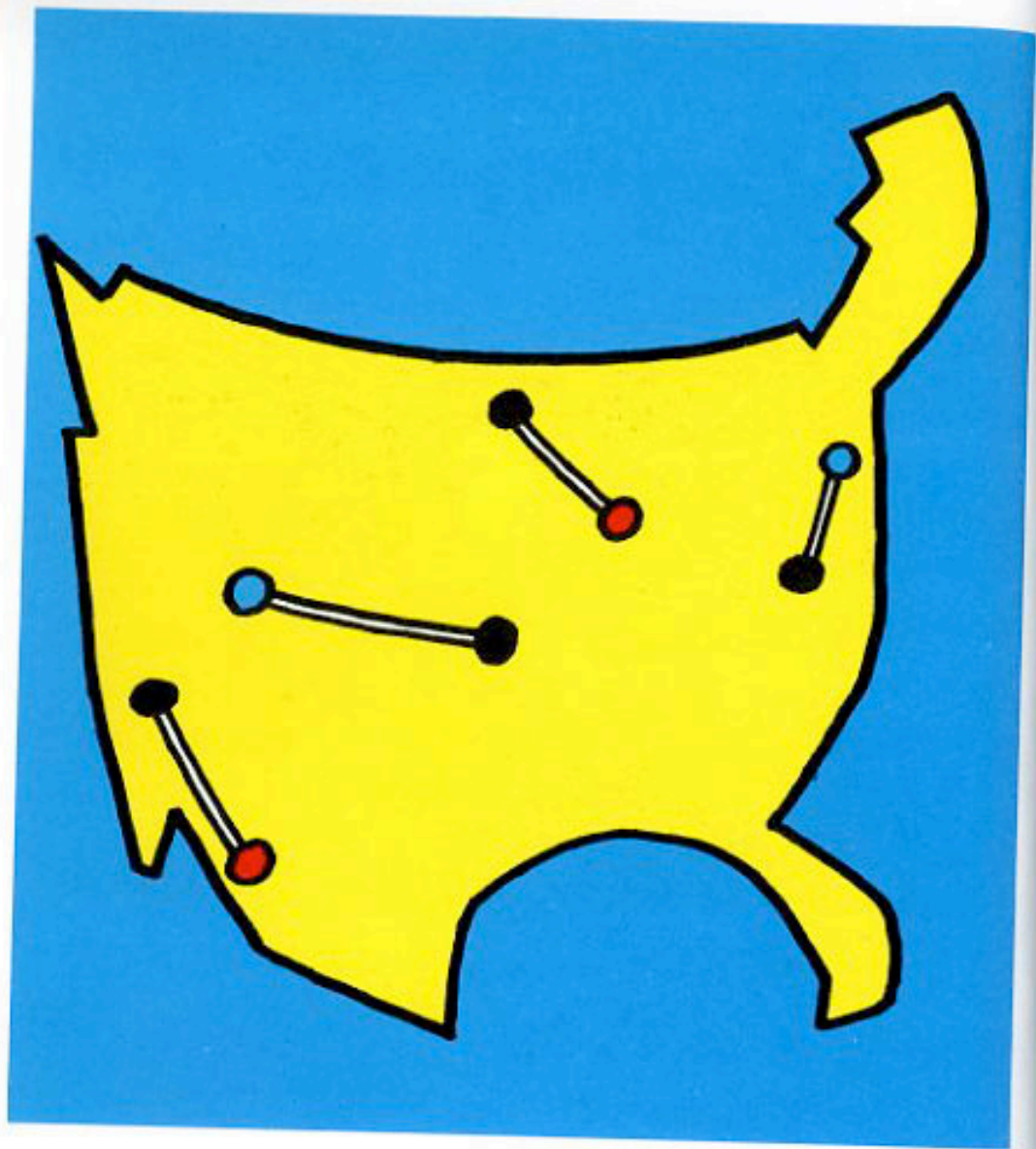
a rough road just the same

Passing through a pike that turned,

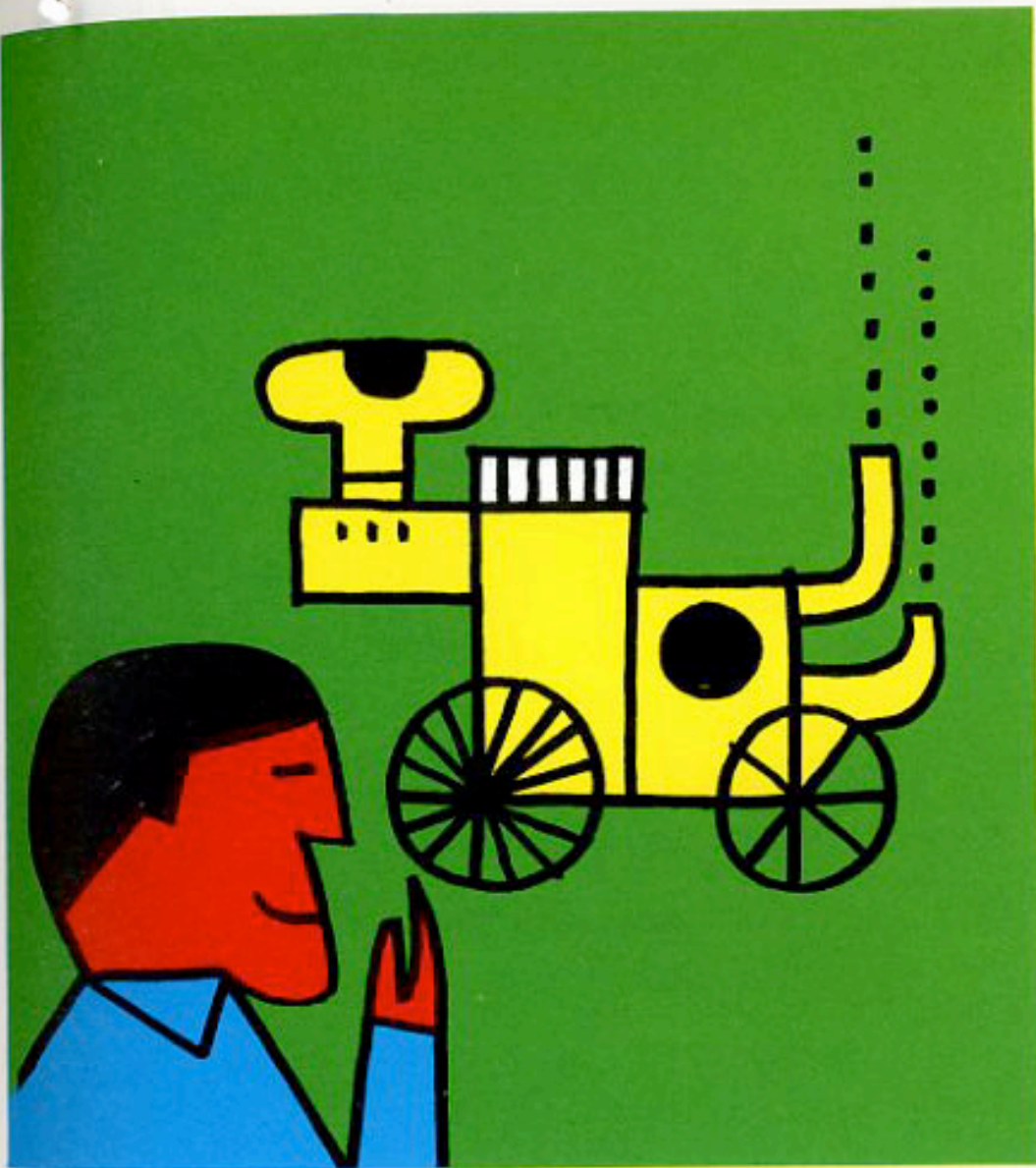
the turnpike got it's name.



The bicycle's invention brought  
demands for better streets  
From all the clubs of cyclists  
who attempted racing feats.



**B**ut roads were not improved 'til man  
produced a new machine.  
The auto brought an urgent need  
to press upon the scene.



**I**nventors worked for many years  
fulfilling mankind's need  
For engines strong and powerful  
and capable of speed.

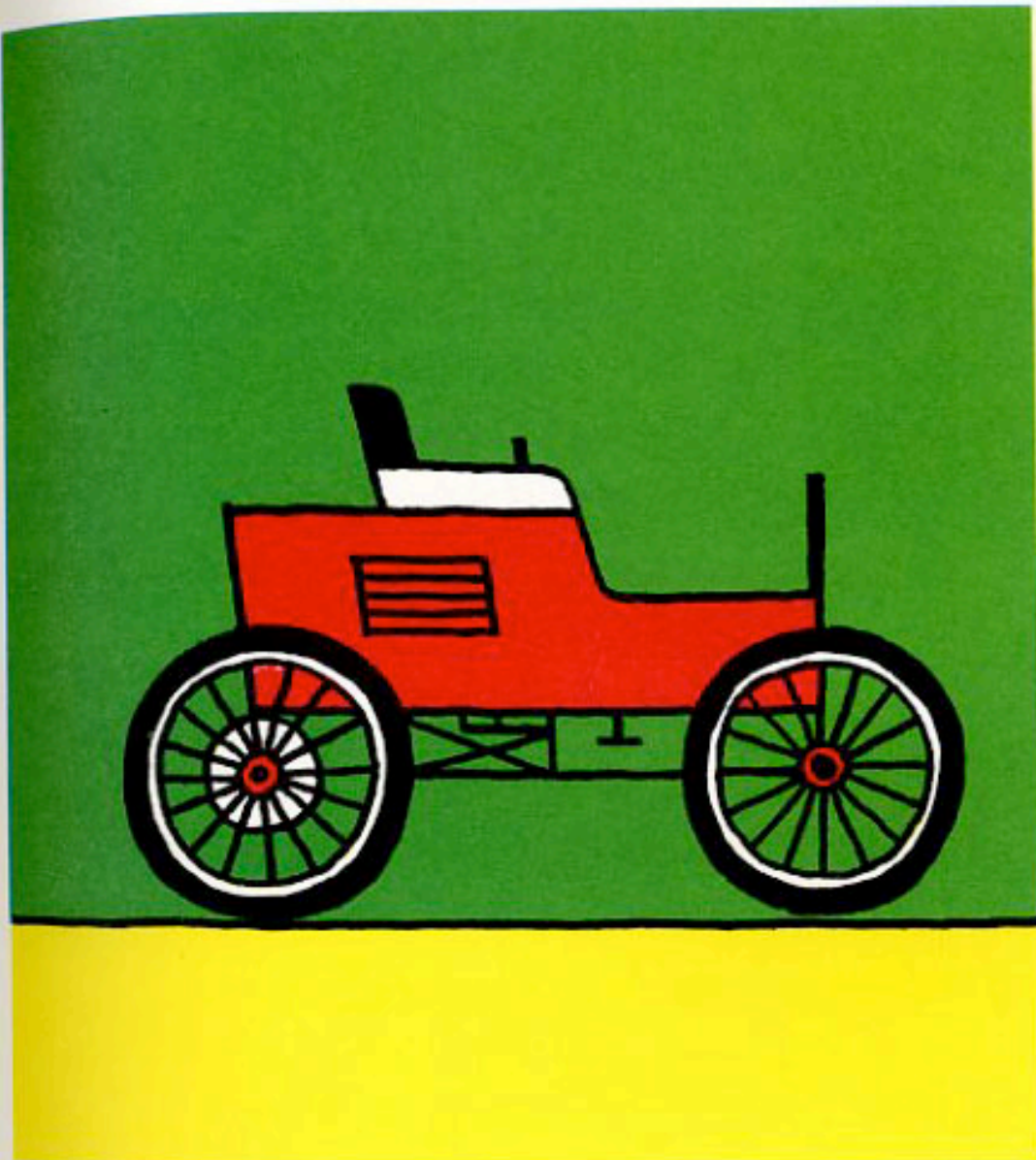


**T**he first design for engines

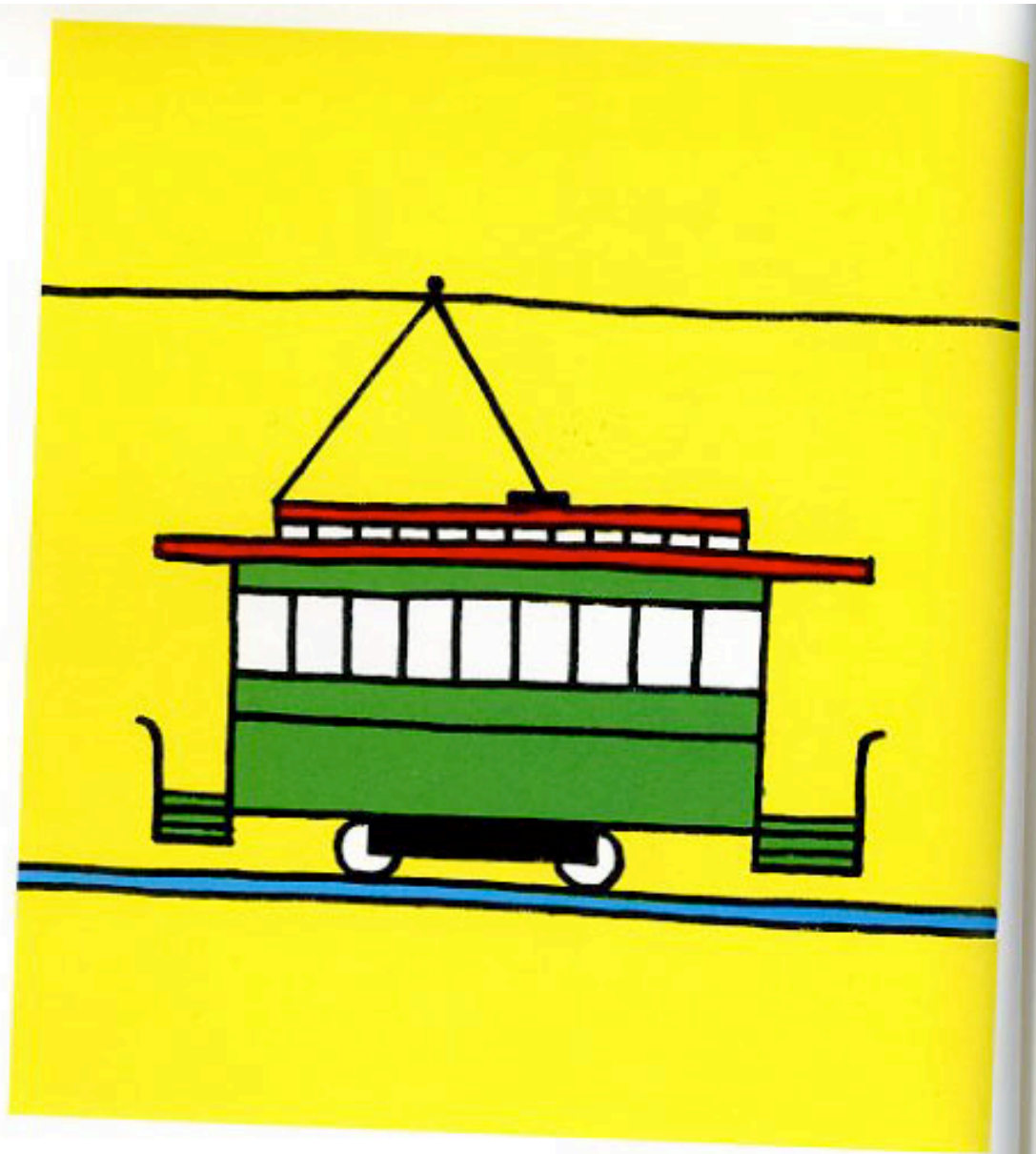
was to pull artillery.

A Frenchman in the army

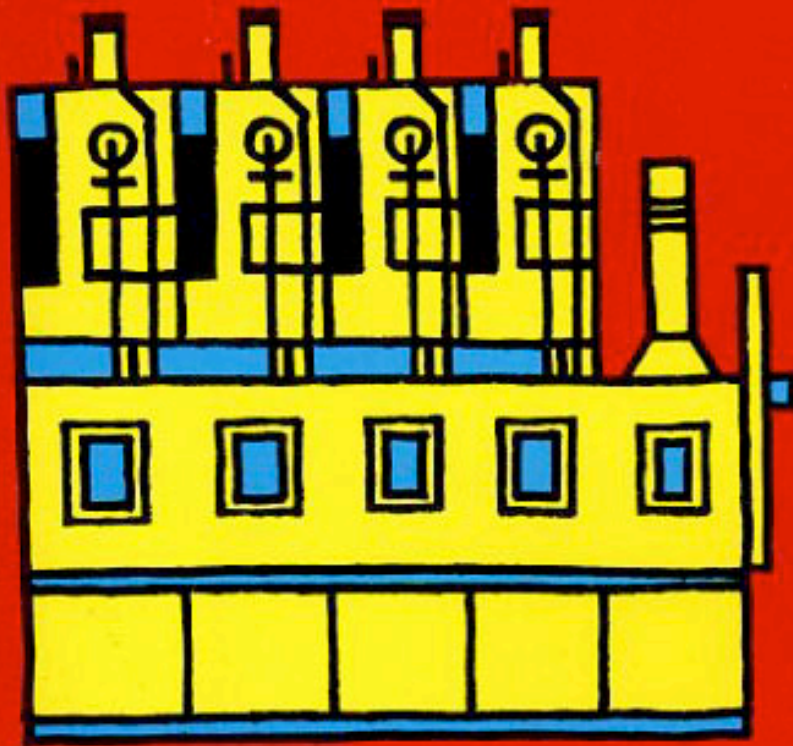
set the stage for history.



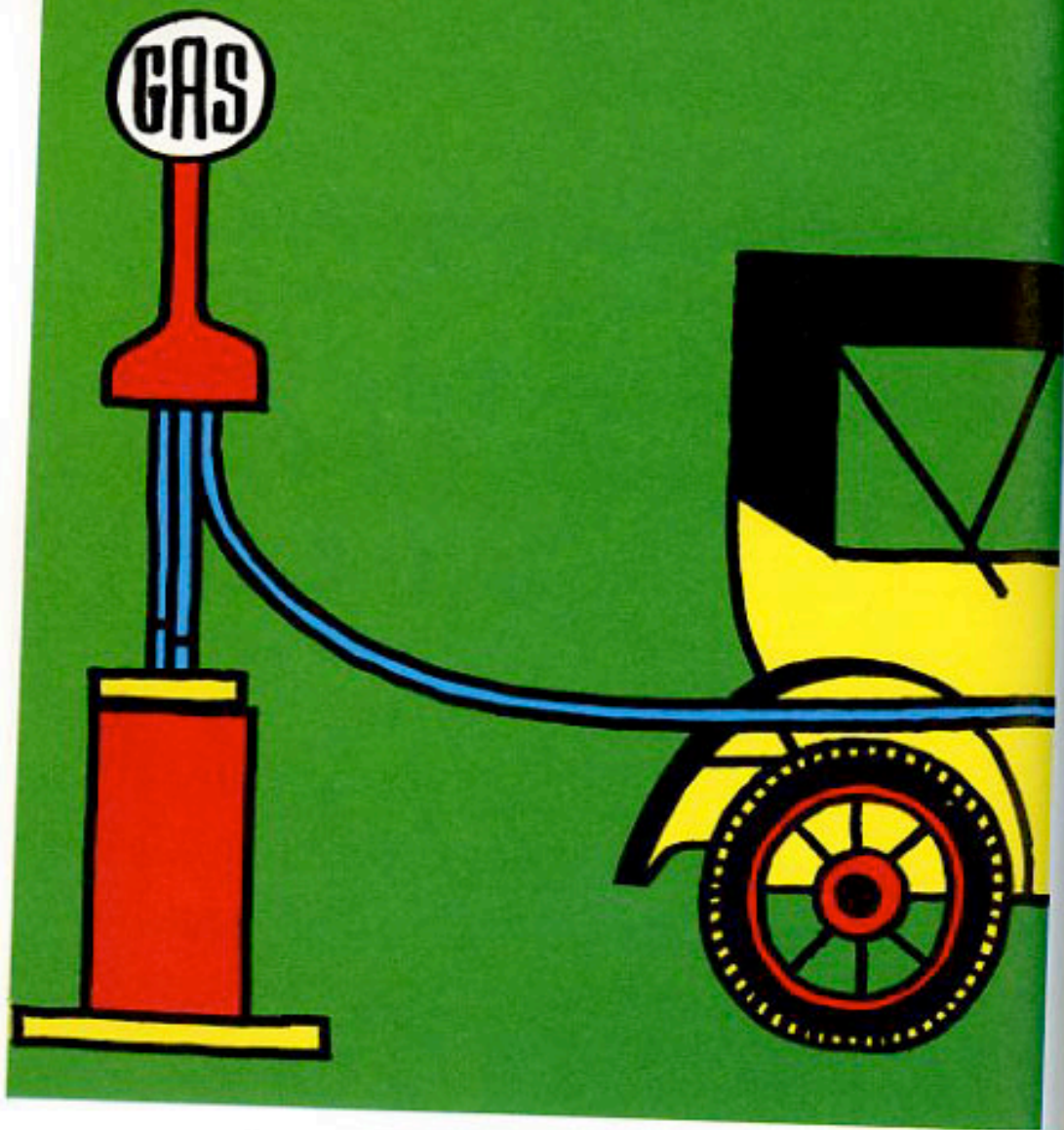
**T**he Stanley Brothers harnessed steam  
as engines for their drive.  
Too bad their Stanley Steamers  
thru the years did not survive.



**E**lectric engines serve a need  
and some folks think them fine  
Especially for subways  
and our modern streetcar line.



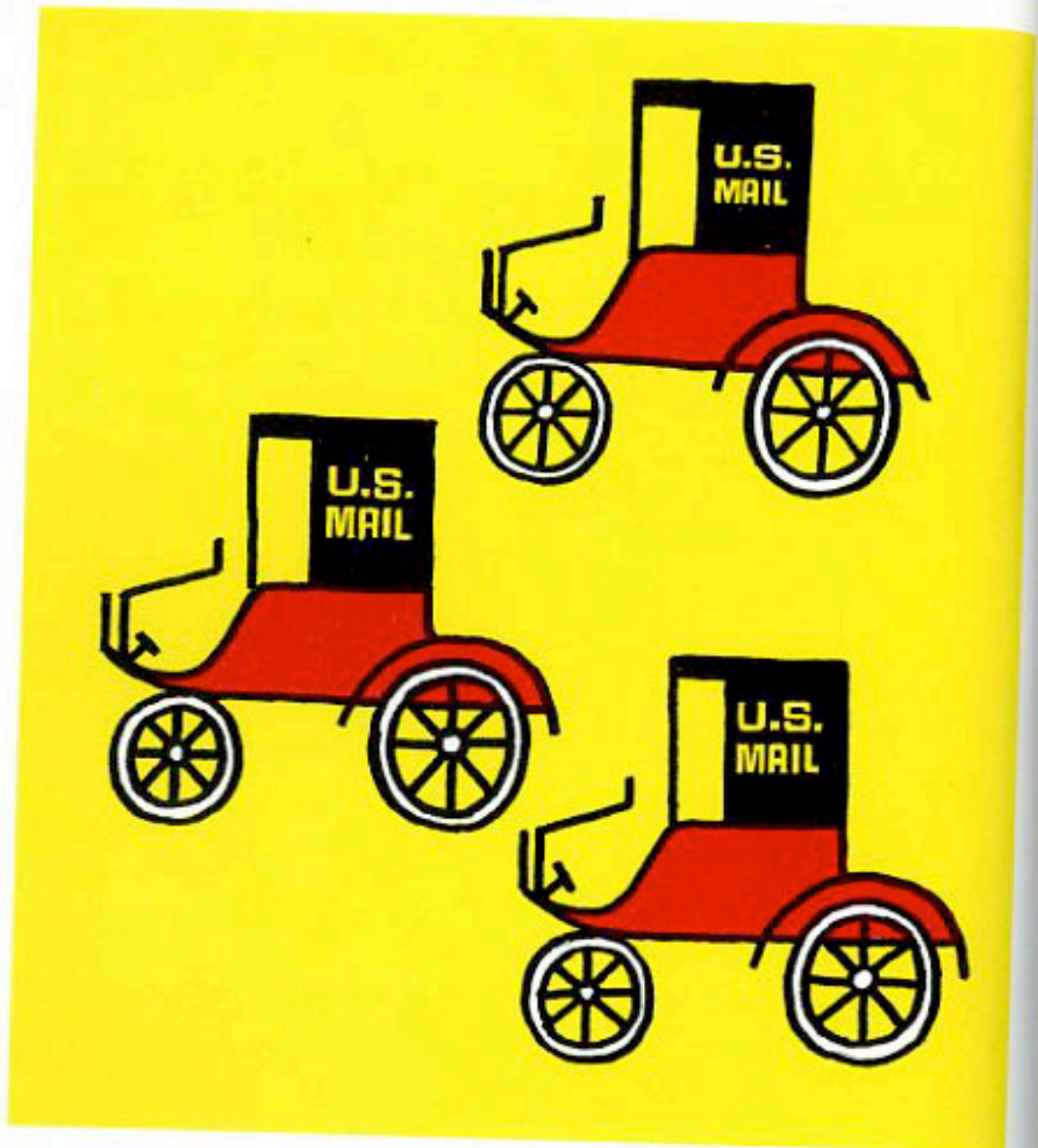
The diesel engine, fed with oil,  
can travel very far.  
It carries heavy loads and runs  
more cheaply than a car.



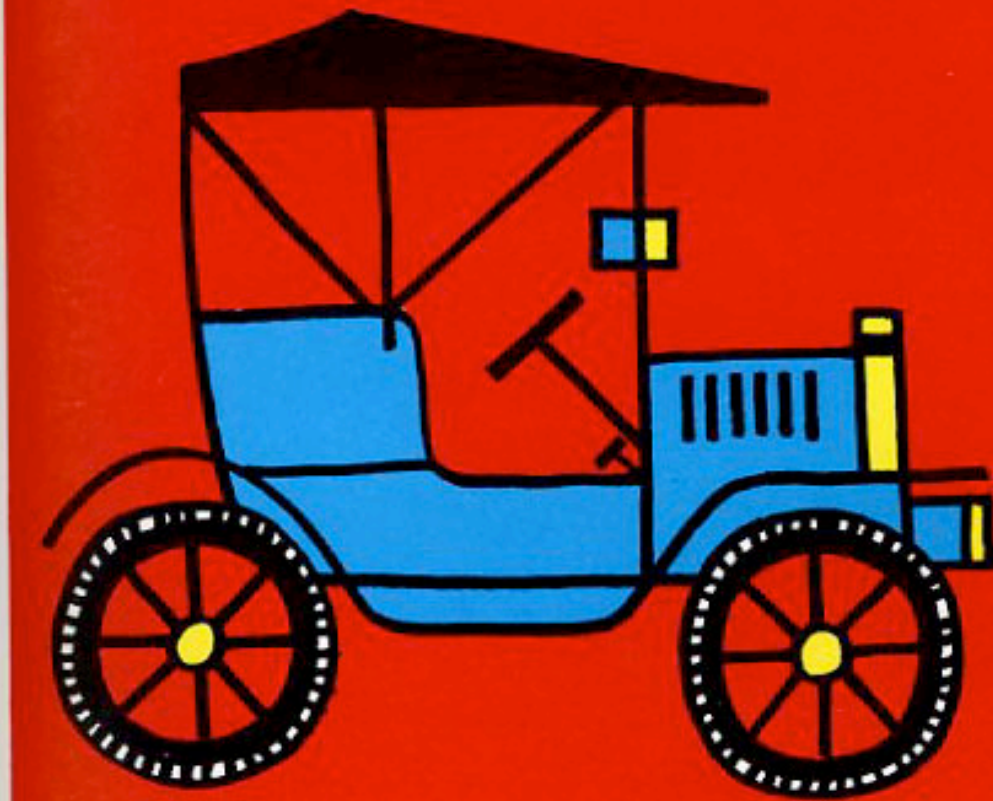
The automobile has proved to be  
a specialized machine  
Which seems to function best of all  
when fed with gasoline.



The horseless carriage brought some fun  
but also wrought some fright.  
Its use was strictly limited  
to days the sun was bright.



The Fed'ral Gov'ment bought three trucks  
to help deliver mail,  
Assured they could be drawn by mules  
if ever they should fail.



C ar-men got their courage up  
and finally designed  
A car with engine up in front,  
and left the horse behind.



**A**utos were improved and then  
their bodies covered tight  
So anyone could start them  
if they pushed the button right.



Assembly line production

brought the prices way down far

Now many people can enjoy

a brand new streamlined car.

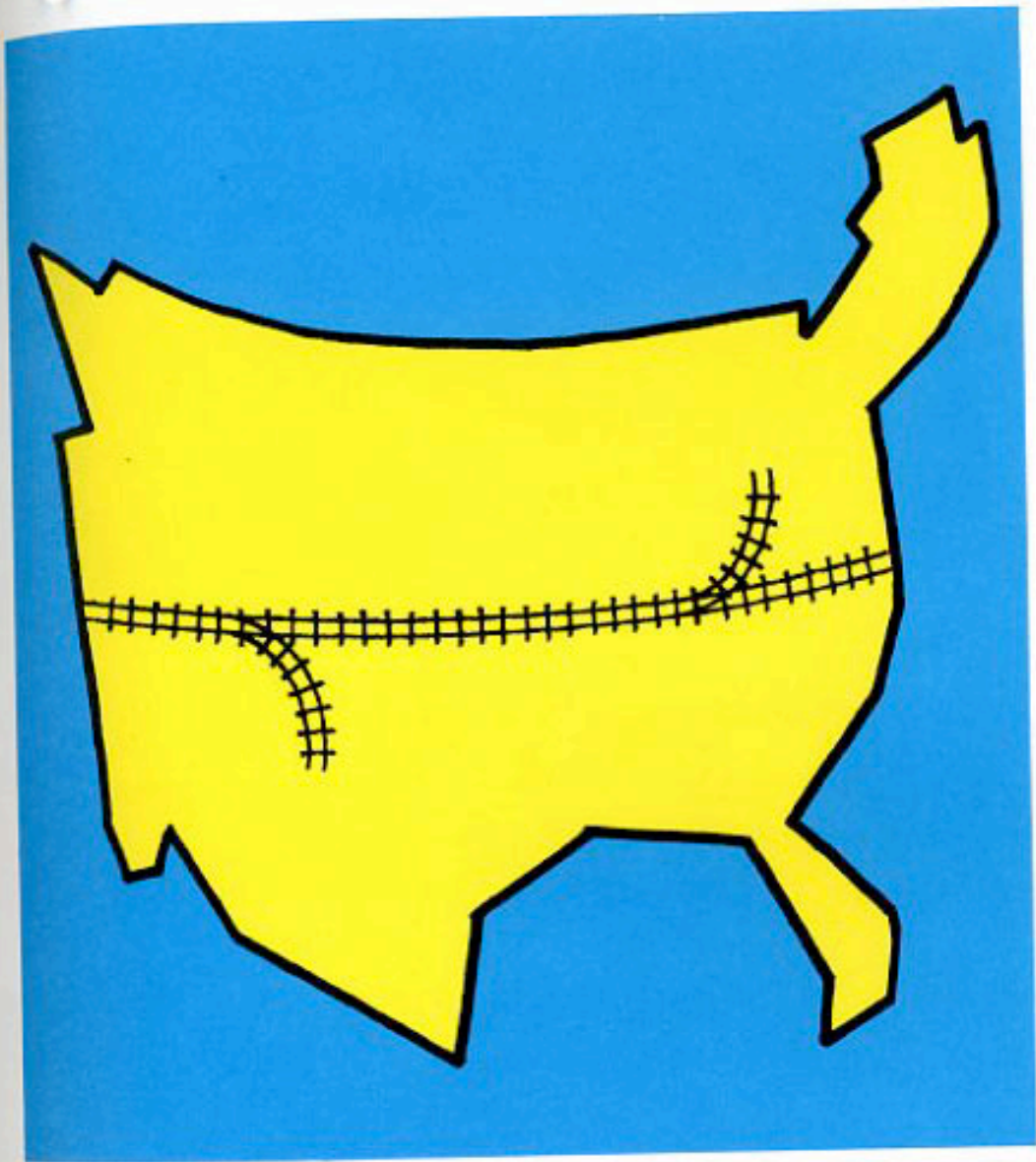


**I**n World War I supplies were low

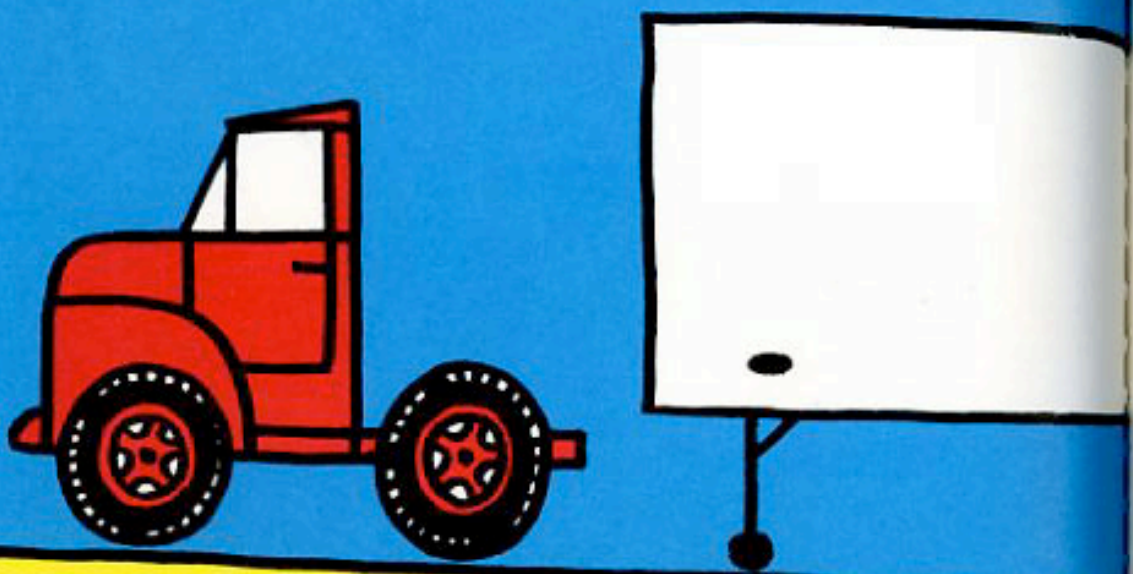
until the final truce

And thus all kinds of vehicles

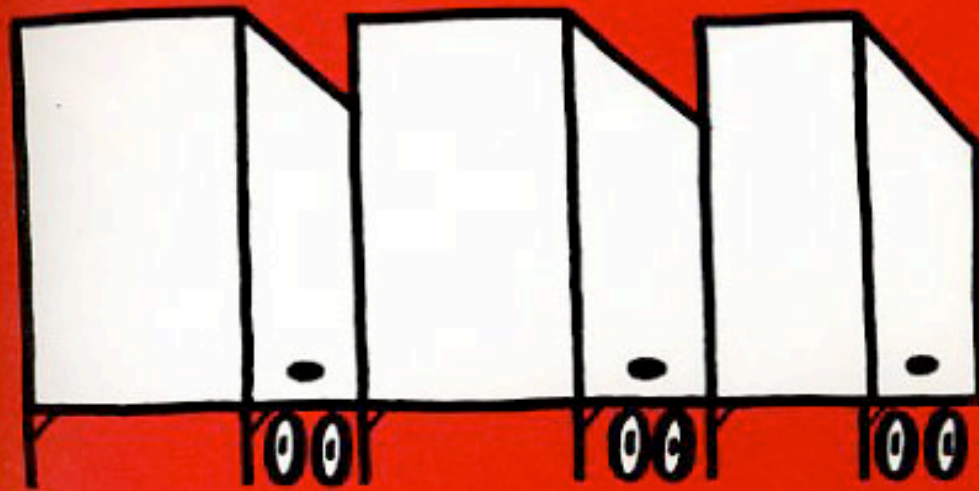
were drafted into use.



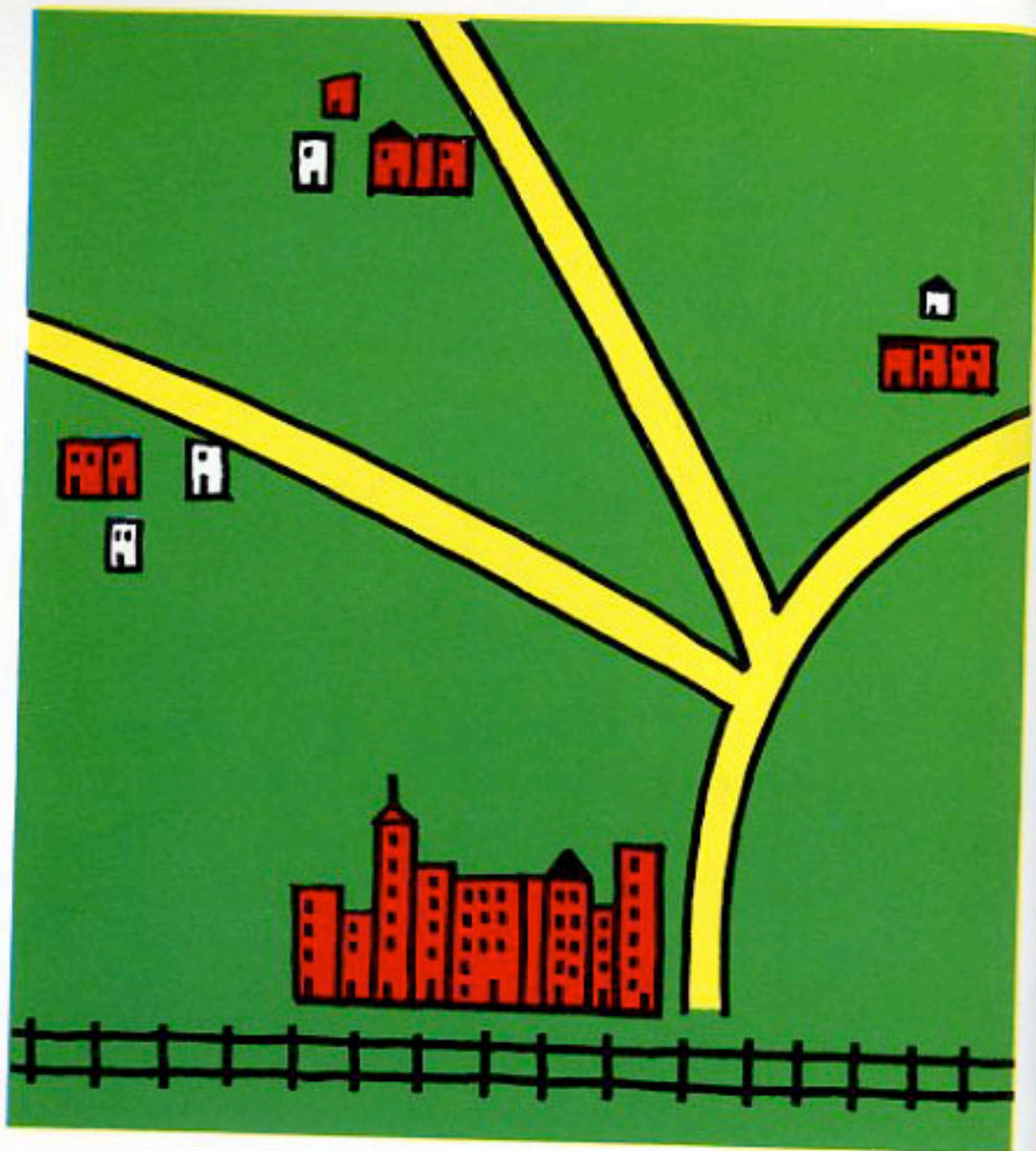
**T**he railroads tried both day and night  
to cover all the map,  
And trucking firms were started up  
to help to fill the gap.



**T**was then somebody saw that truck  
and man could both be free  
The day that man discovered  
this detachability.



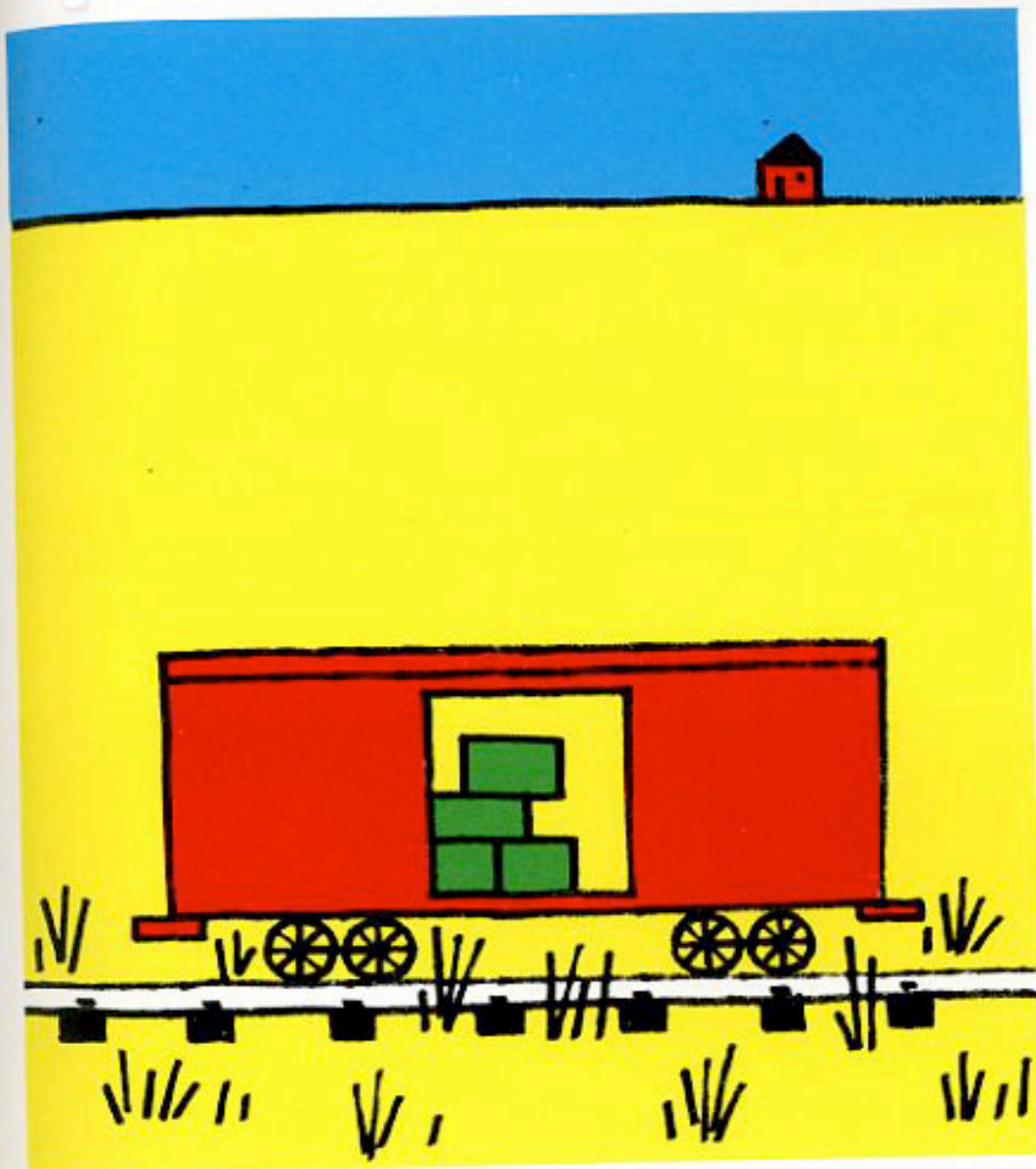
A tractor with a driver now  
can serve exactly three,  
And so our nation brought about  
the trailer industry.



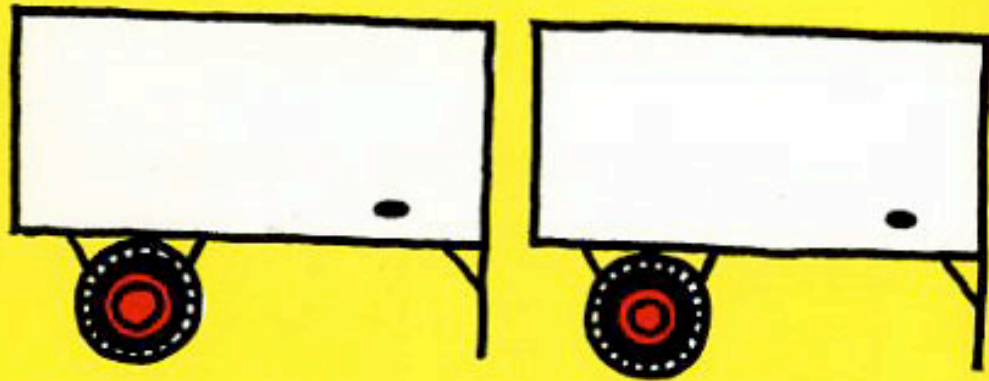
**T**hroughout the 1920's

all our highways grew and grew,  
And trucks could service inland towns

that no one ever knew.



While many people wished  
that railroads tried to serve them more,  
The railroads lost much valued time  
before they reached the door.

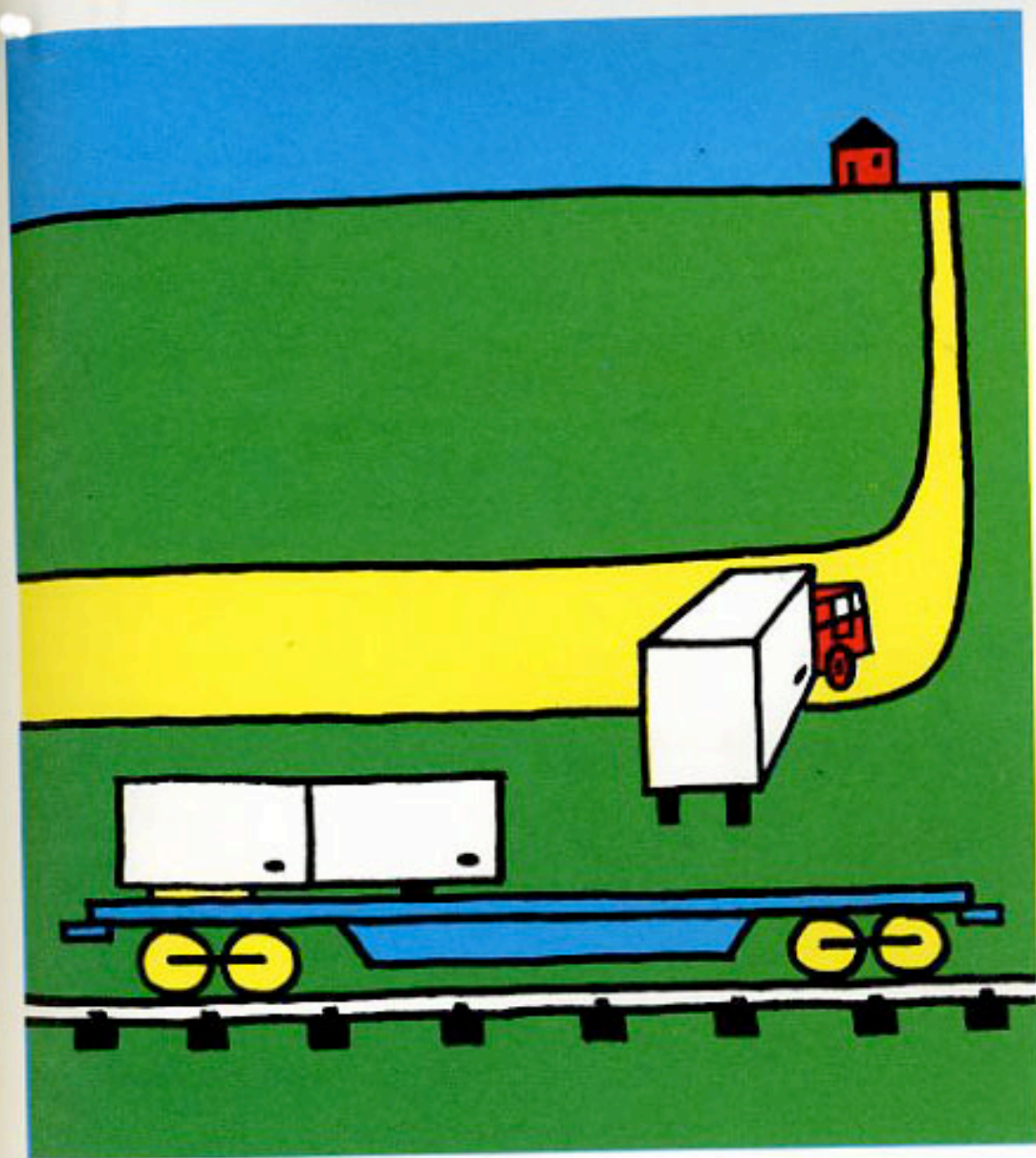


**M**an devised Stricktainer

to fulfill his latest need

To bring him his commodities

with safety and with speed.

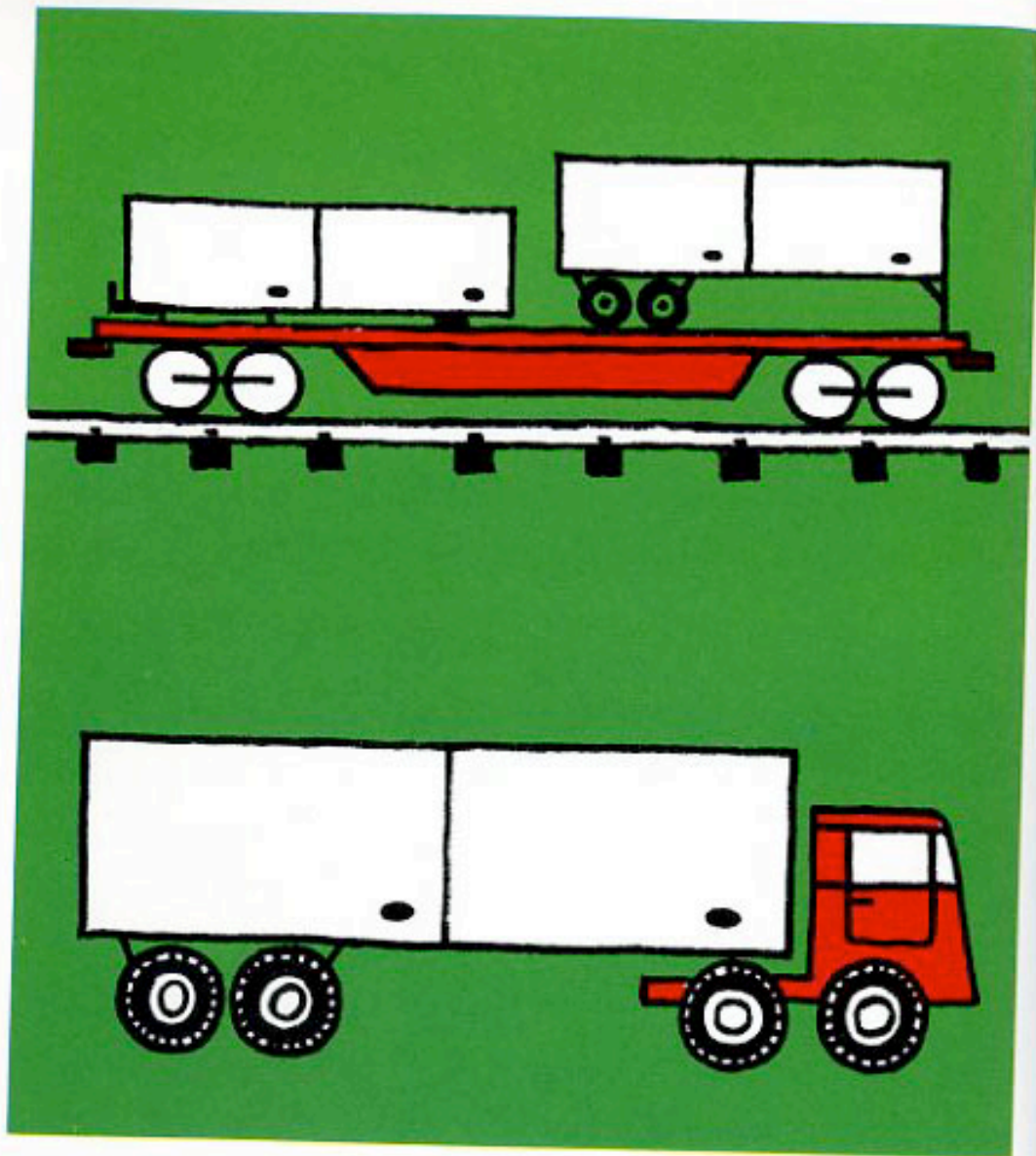


**N**o need for valued shipments

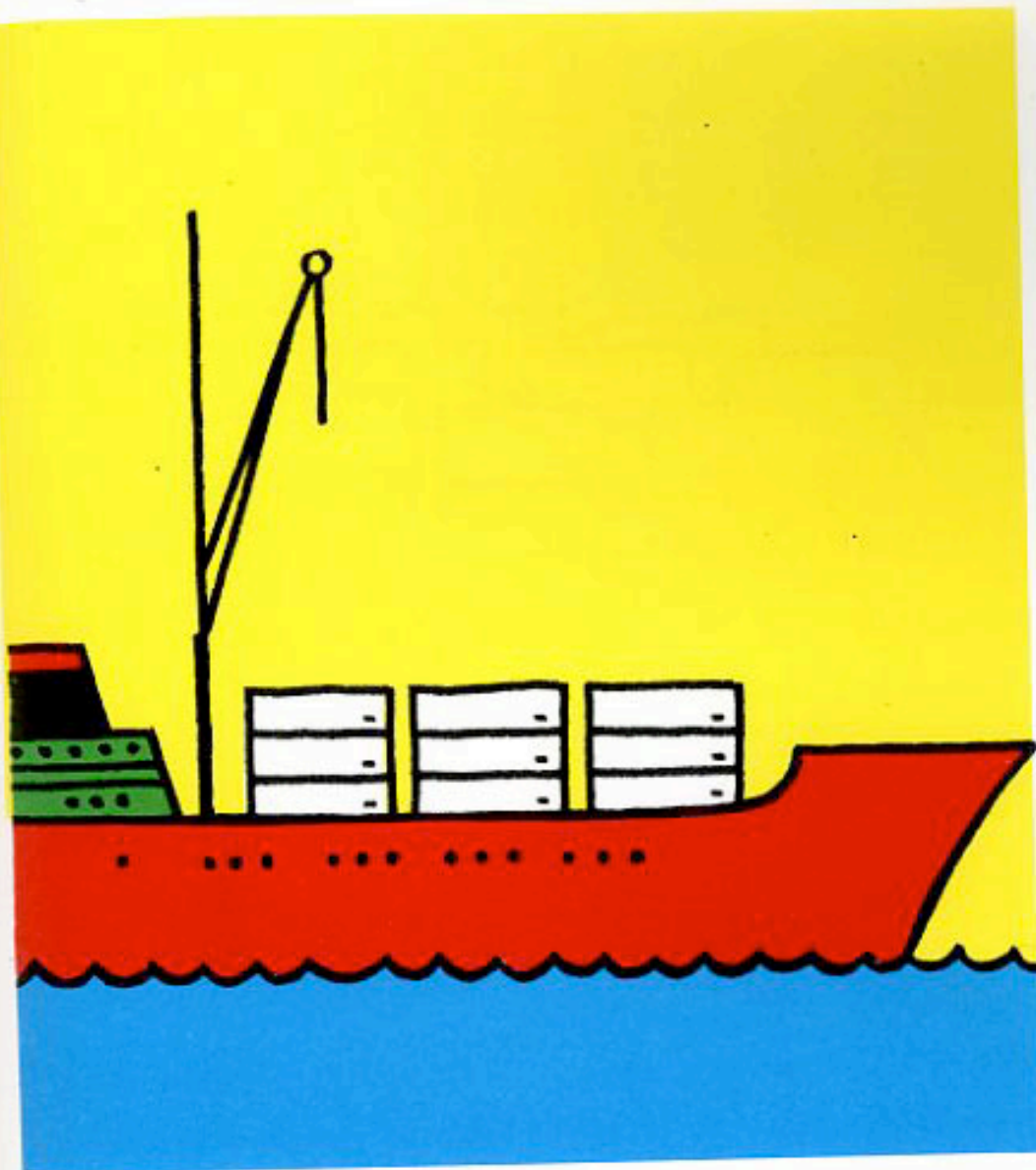
to stand idle on the rail.

Deliv'ry is so easy

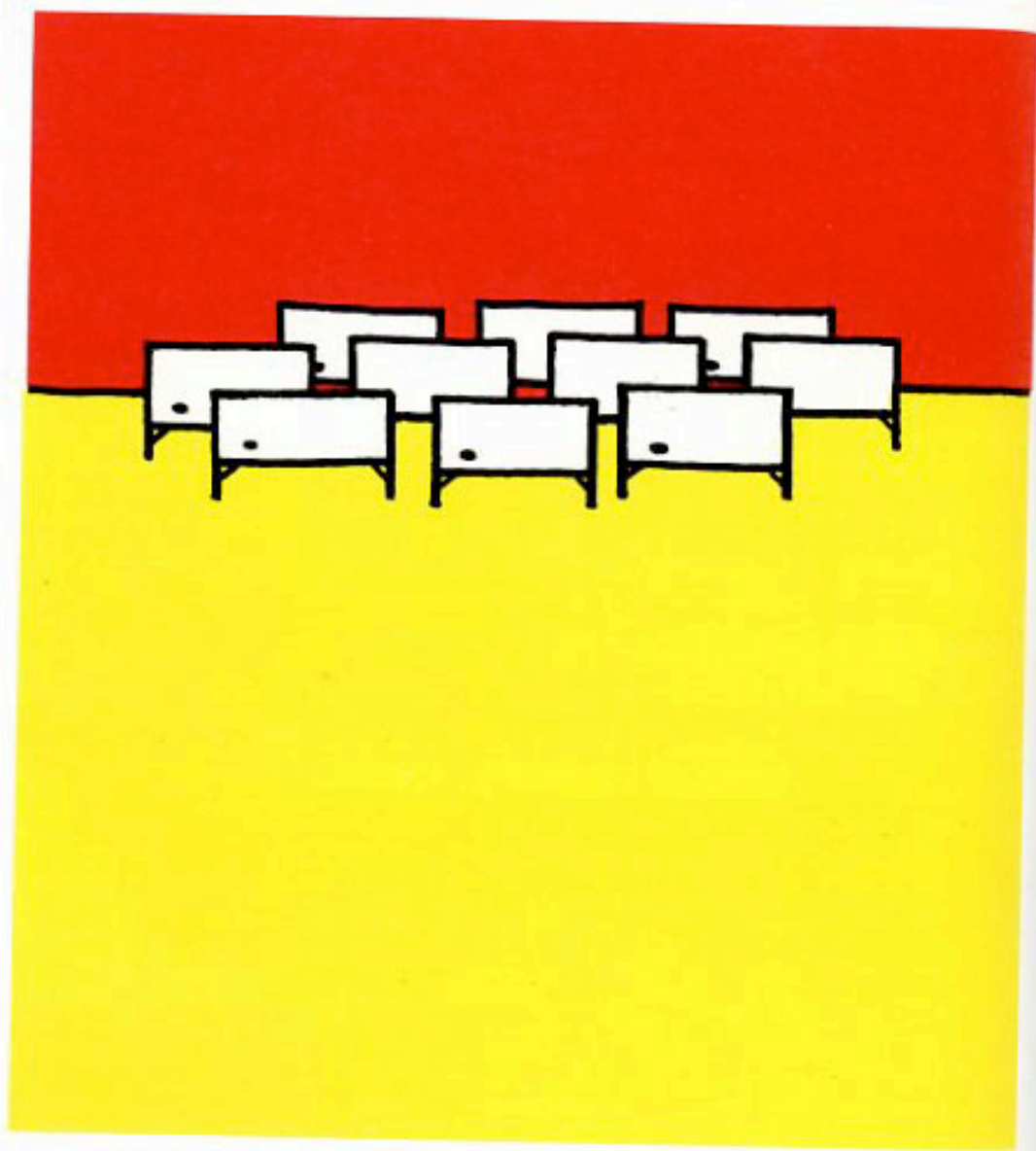
with Stricktainer on the trail.



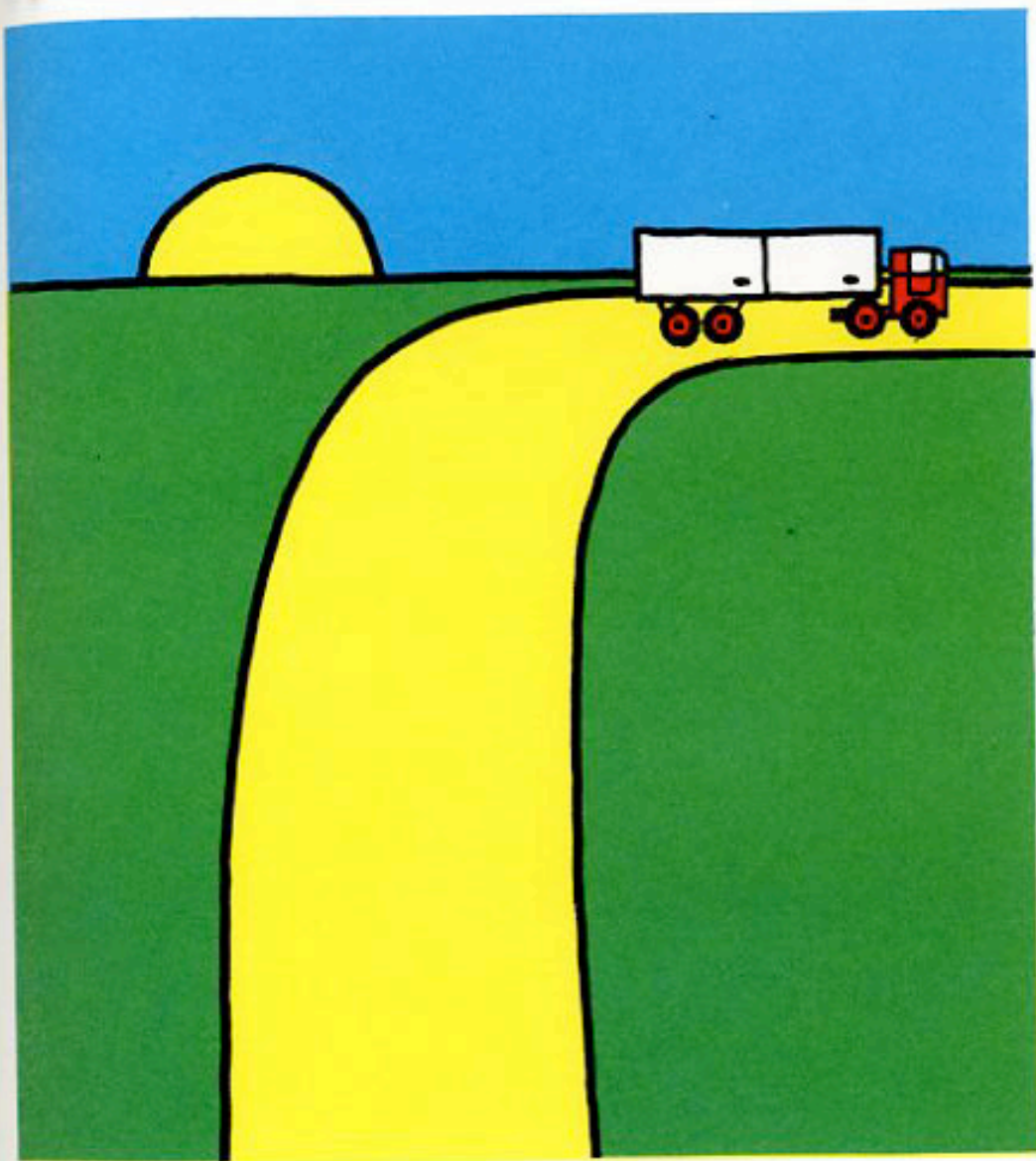
**S**tricktainers can be pulled by truck  
and fit upon the rails.  
They join together simply  
since their coupler never fails.



**A**nd if they should be sent to sail  
beyond the seven seas  
Stricktainer wheels come off and then  
stack simply as you please.



And when you take the bogie off,  
you know what it reveals,  
Stricktainer stands the boxes  
like a warehouse without wheels.



**T**hough some may sit and wonder  
what the future may portend,  
Stricktainer is the first and yet  
we know that it's the end.

**STRICK**