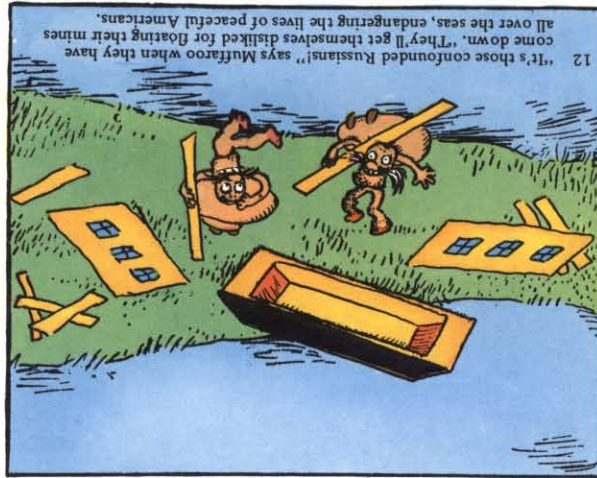


UPSIDE-DOWNS OF LITTLE LADY LOVEKINS AND OLD MAN MUFFAROO

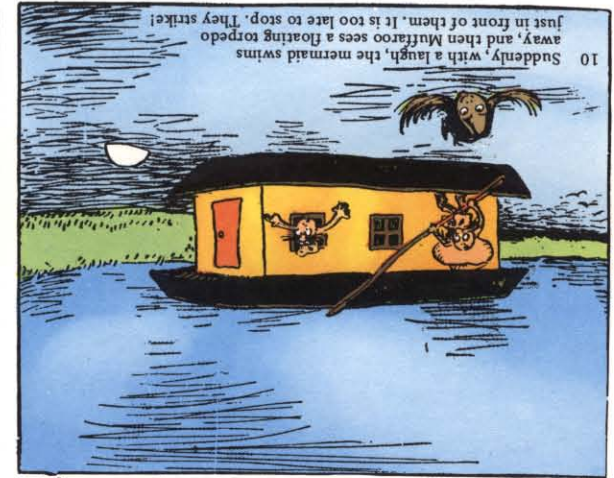
THE MERMAID AND THE FLOATING MINE.



1 Here are Lovekins and Muffaroo building a house-boat.



2 Now it is finished, and supper is cooking in the wigwam which they have built also.



3 After supper they try the house-boat. The moon rises, the owls fly overhead, and everything is so delightful they decide to pass the night on the water.



4 A mermaid climbs on the roof of the house. "Play with me," she says, but Lovekins has always heard that mermaids were treacherous, so she drives her off the boat.



5 The next morning they pass an island on which is an aged sailor who touches his cap to them. "Beware of the mermaids," says he. "They will lure you into dangerous waters"



6 They go on until they come to a place where the shore is strewn with coral and pearls and precious stones of all sorts which they gather together in two huge piles.

12 "It's those confounded Russians!" says Muffaroo when they have come down. "They'll get themselves disliked for floating their mines all over the seas, endangering the lives of peaceful Americans."

11 Boom! The torpedo explodes, and up in the air they go, boat and all.

10 Suddenly, with a laugh, the mermaid swims away, and then Muffaroo sees a floating torpedo just in front of them. It is too late to stop. They strike!

9 "Play with me," she says at last, and he plays with her, not noticing that as the hours go by, the mermaid is steadily pulling the boat out of its course.

8 As they push off, a mermaid swims after them. Muffaroo keeps her back at first, but she looks so harmless and pretty and tired, and seeing no sharp rocks or whirlpools to be afraid of, he finally allows her to cling to the side of the boat.

7 These they lift to their heads and carry on board. Little do they know that all their work is for naught!