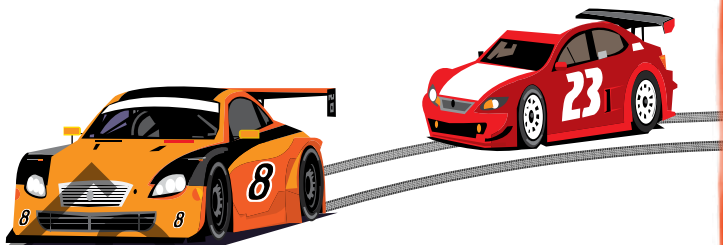


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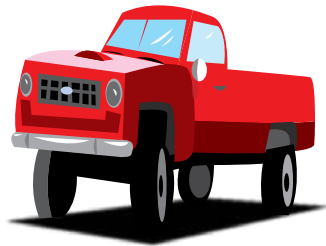
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Fire Engine

“Come and see the flashing light
On the fire engine bright!
See it racing down the road
Carrying its heavy load!”
So said Thomasina Brown
Just before it ran her down.

Doug MacLeod



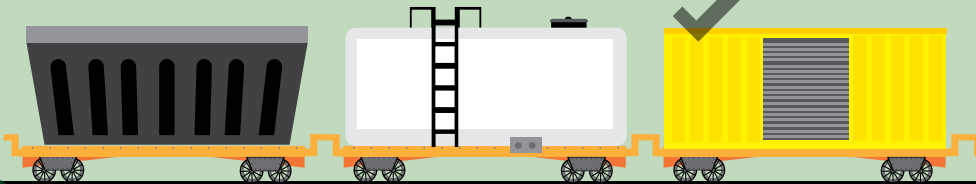




What a Load!

A monster that traveled by rail
Turned porters and
train drivers pale.
He had to be stuck
on a very large truck
While another one
carried his tail.

Max Fatchen

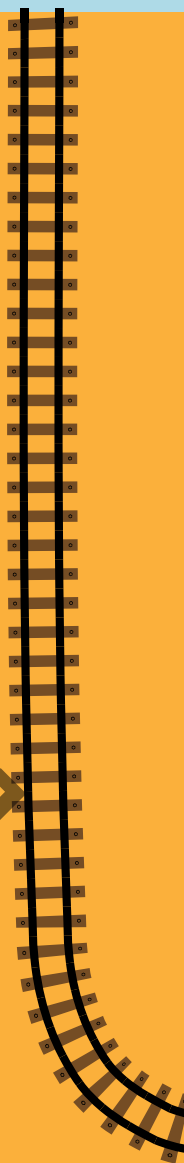




Song of the Train



Clickety-clack,
Wheels on the track,
This is the way
They begin the attack:
Click-ety-clack,
Click-ety-clack,
Click-ety, clack-ety,
Click-ety
Clack.

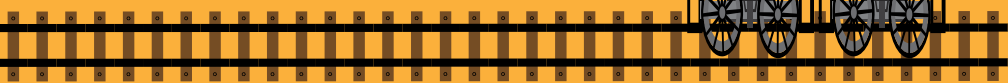
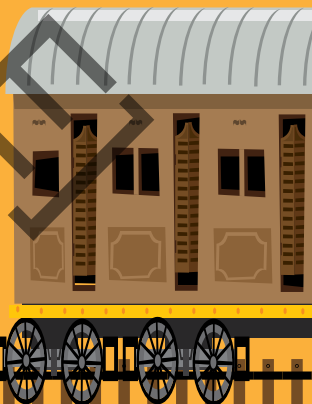


Clickety-clack,
Over the crack,
Faster and faster
The song of the track:
Clickety-clack,
Clickety-clack,
Clickety, clackety,
Clackety,
Clack.



Riding in front,
Riding in back,
Everyone hears
The song of the track:
Clickety-clack,
Clickety-clack,
Clickety, clickety,
Clackety,
Clack.

David McCord

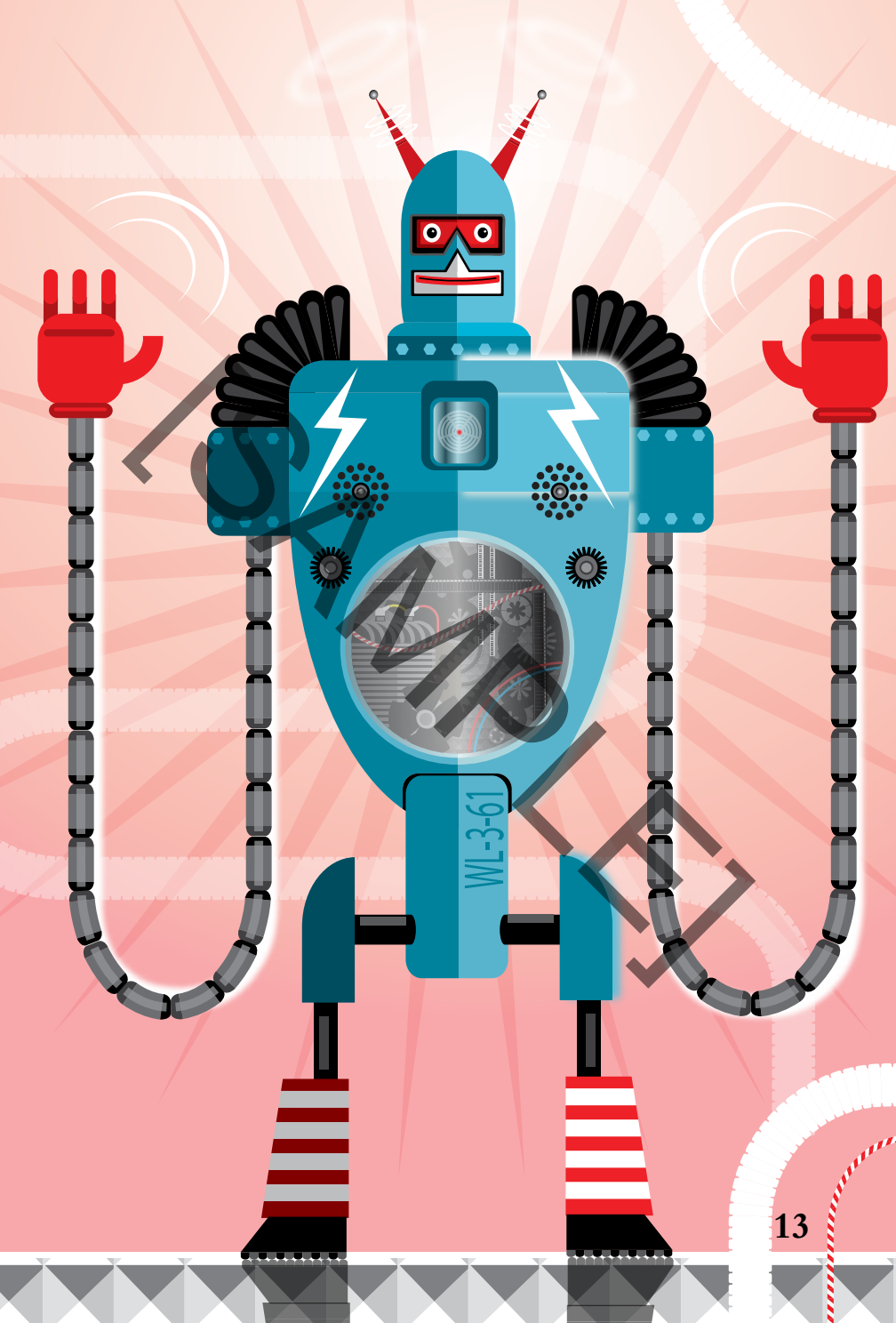




The Robot

My switch clicks on,
My eyes light up,
My motor starts the rumbles.
My cogs and gears all creak
and crank.
My radar turns and tumbles.
My program data bank boots up,
It tells me what to do...
I'm WL-3-61.
Now, how can I help you?

Mark Carthew



The Yellow Bus

Step aboard the yellow bus
and bump along the road with us.
Every day, at every stop,
the bus pulls up and on we hop.
Along the same route every day,
it motors on its merry way.
Here it comes along our street,
full of laughter, friends, and feet.

Mark Carthew



The Wondrous Crane

No need to explain
the wondrous crane;
it lifts and lowers
fast and slower
stops and goes
again and again!

Janeen Brian



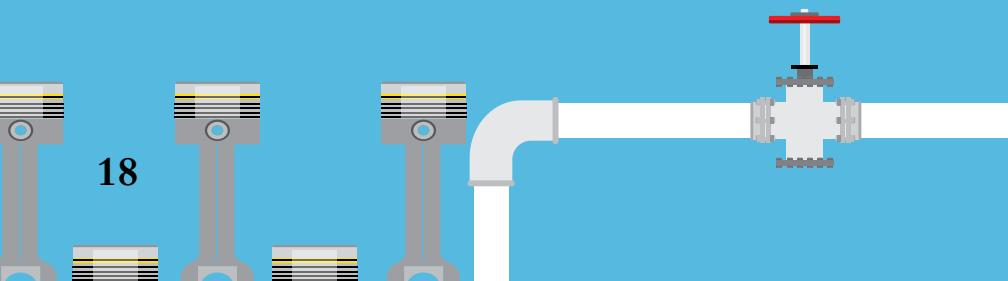


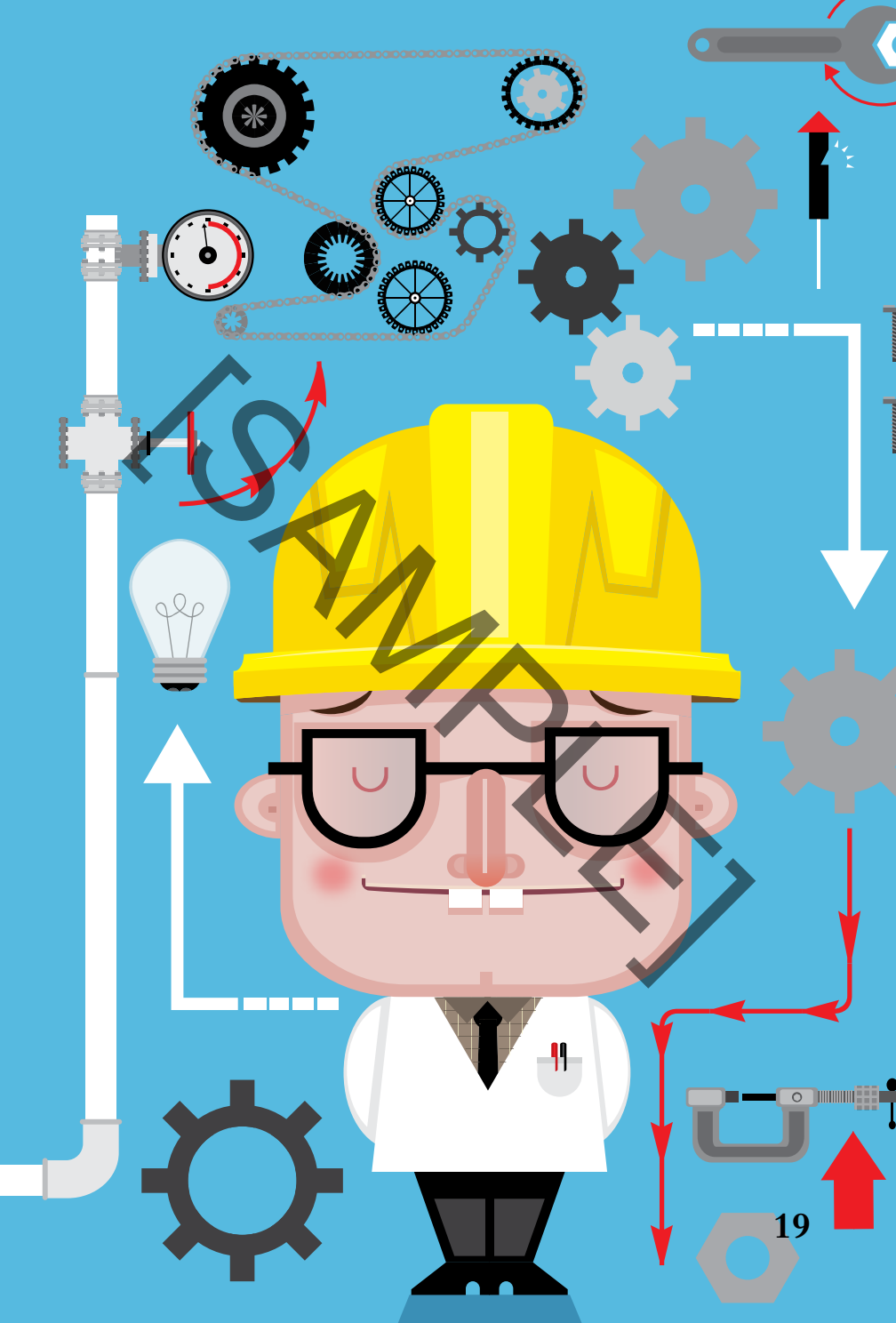
Engineers

Pistons, valves, and wheels and gears—
That's the life of engineers.

Thumping, chunking engines going,
Hissing steam and whistles blowing.
There's not a place I'd rather be
Than working 'round machinery,
Listening to that clanking sound,
Watching all the wheels go 'round.

Jimmy Garthwaite





Vroom, Vroom

Where do the cars all come from,
Where do the cars all go?
Zooming down the highway
to the city through the snow.
There are shiny shapes
and colors,
Red, yellow, black, and blue.
Vroom! Vroom!
Engines roar
through a street near you.

Mark Carthew





Tractors, Trucks, Trains, and Trams

Tractors,
Trucks,
Trains, and trams,
In the city,
Traffic jams!

Mark Carthew



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