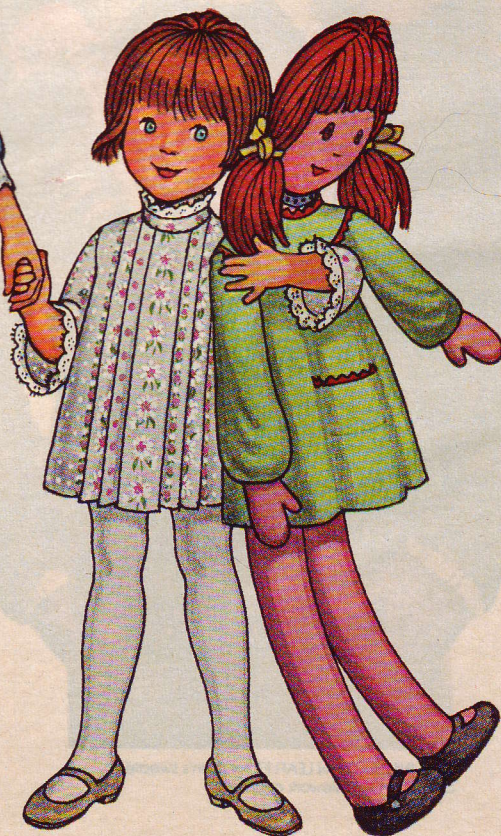
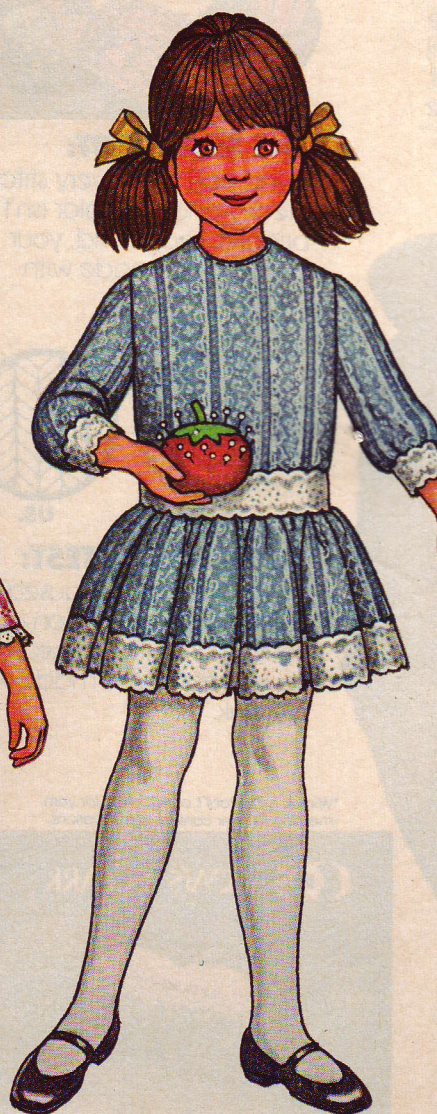




Actually, it's the doll that's big, not the robbery. The doll is ENORMOUS, the biggest one I've ever seen. Mommy made it from a pattern for my school's holiday bazaar; she did all the cutting and the sewing and the clothes and the hair, and let me stuff the body and press on the face. (If you and your mother want to make one, turn to page 154.) We worked in the sewing room, next to the playroom where the twins, Merry and Kerry, play, and we kept the door shut so they wouldn't track bits of wool and stuffing all over the house. Mommy said, "The doll reminds me of somebody we both know well!" She marched me to the mirror: "There!" And you know what? It looked like *me*. Then

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Mommy touched it with her yardstick and said: "I dub thee Betsy the Second!" We left it in an armchair till it was time to go to the bazaar. But when I went to get it, it was GONE. Who could have taken it, I asked. "Nobody in the world could walk out of here unnoticed with a doll that size," Mommy said. "*Unless nobody did.* I think I have an idea." I followed her into the playroom, and there was Merry, wearing the doll's dress and trying to put one of her own dresses on the doll. You've *never* seen such a happy smile! "It's for ME, Mommy?" she asked. "After the bazaar I think it will be," Mommy said. "I know just the man who'd love to buy it for you!"



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