

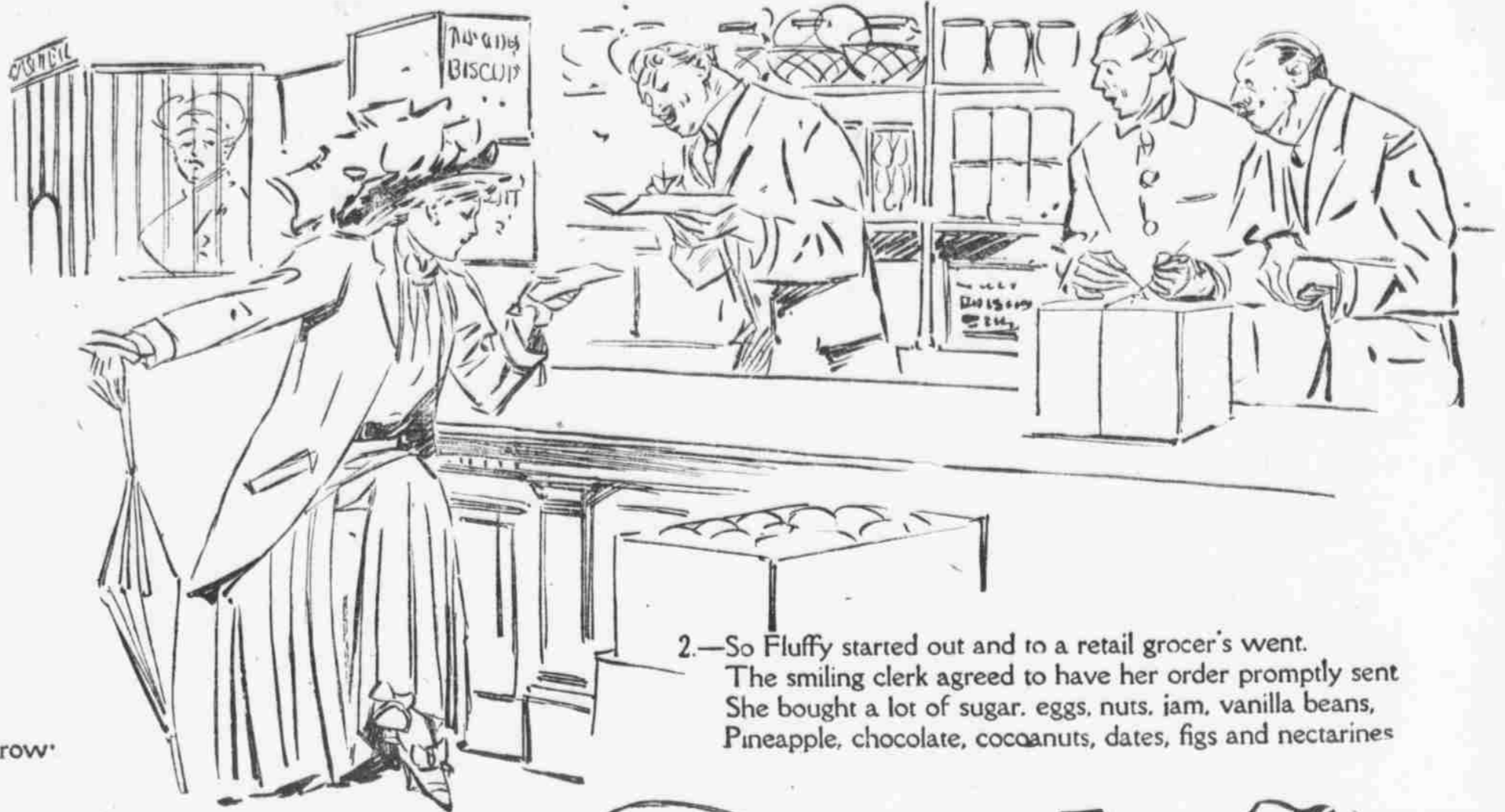


FLUFFY RUFFLES

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1.—A smile appeared on Fluffy's face, the frown cleared from her brow:
"I think," she said, triumphantly, "I see my way clear now.
I'll have a candy kitchen! Unless I much misjudge,
The public will be very glad to buy my walnut fudge."



2.—So Fluffy started out and to a retail grocer's went.
The smiling clerk agreed to have her order promptly sent
She bought a lot of sugar, eggs, nuts, jam, vanilla beans,
Pineapple, chocolate, cocoanuts, dates, figs and nectarines



3.—Upon a fashionable street she rented a small store,
Had "Candy Kitchen" painted in gilt letters on the door.
She had it furnished daintily, in nickel and white tile;
"For much depends," Miss Ruffles said, "upon its tone and style."



4.—She had a few assistants—some girls all garbed in white;
But Fluffy made the candy, as she wished to have it right.
She boiled the sugar to a thread, the fondant stirred with care;
While the nuts and fruits and chocolate she let her aids prepare.



5.—The customers came flocking in, the candies quickly sold,
And Fluffy's little shop was filled as full as it could hold
Of children with their nurses, school girls of dainty grace—
And when the men discovered it they simply stormed the place!



6.—They bought sweets for their lady friends; but when the box was weighed
And wrapped and tied and paid for—they stayed and stayed and stayed!
Till Fluffy grew indignant, and, with a haughty air,
She shut the shop, dismissed the girls and went home in despair!