

Please choose the proper word for the blank below.

the moving van  China,  
the Greene family loaded up their  
station wagon  five big suitcas-  
es. Then they  a lawn mower  
that they had forgotten to  in the  
moving van, a cooler full of ham sand-  
wiches and iced tea, a -up stack  
of *National Geographics*, and an orange



and white cat named Catman,  had no tail because he had flicked his former tail once under the lawn mower. The  thing they put into the station wagon was a rolled-up rug  the front porch of their house. It was  long to fit. They  it sideways, and folded, and upside down, but it still wouldn't .

"Let's  it behind," Mr. Greene .

But Mrs. Greene  to cry. "It was my mother's," she said. "There's a stain on it where my mother spilled some black bean soup forty years . I  sentimental about this rug."