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email.

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

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

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

But Mrs. Greene began 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 ago. I feel sentimental about this rug."