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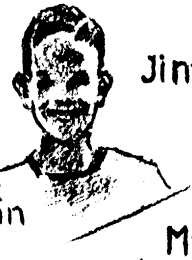

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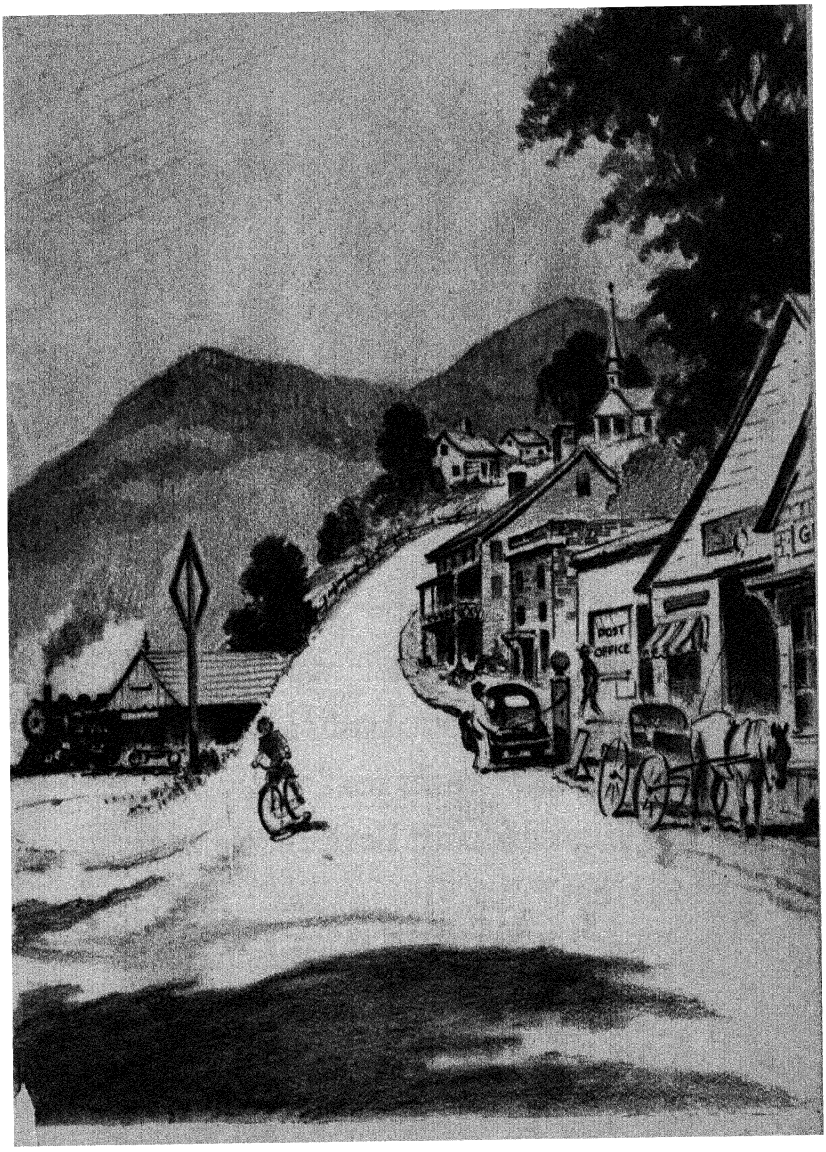

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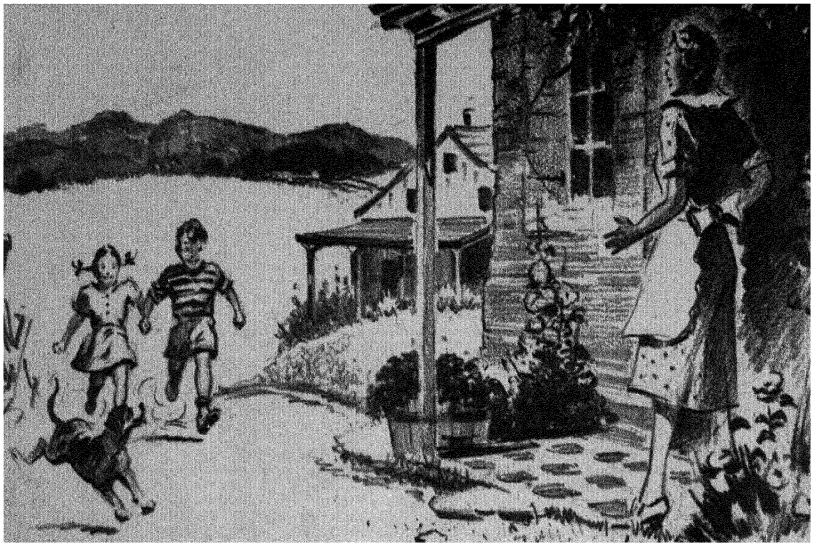


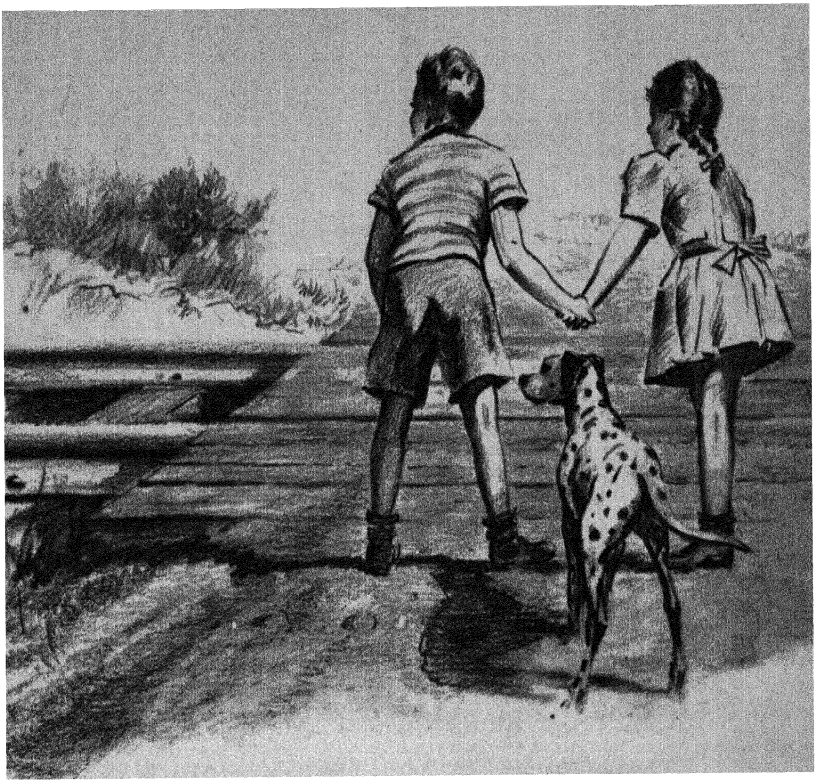
Dave and Mary Ann

"Come here, Dave!" said Mother. "Come here, Mary Ann! I want you to go to the store for me."

"Oh, good!" cried Dave. "We want to do that."

"Yes! Yes!" cried Mary Ann.

Dave and Mary Ann always liked to go to the store. They did not know that this time they would get some good news there.



Dave and Mary Ann went on their way to the store.

They liked to walk in the village.

They came to the station.

Sometimes they saw a train there. They stopped, and looked, and listened.

But no train was coming, and so they went on.



Dave and Mary Ann had a big brother. His name was Joe.

He worked at Mr. Field's store.

Dave and Mary Ann soon came to the store. It was the only store in Glenville. But it had many things for people to buy.

The store had food and dresses and boots. It had seeds and books and fruit. It had many other things, too. Sometimes it had ice cream.

"Hello, Dave. Hello, Mary Ann," said Mr. Field. "How are you?"

"All right, thank you," said Dave.

"We have some butter for you," said Mary Ann.

"I am glad to get some fresh butter," said Mr. Field. "Do you want to buy something from the store?"

"Not today," said Dave. "We will take money for the butter today."

"All right," said Mr. Field.

And he gave them some money.



Then Mr. Field said, "Mrs. Hill has come to Glenville for the summer. She came to her cabin today. She has some children with her this year."

"Are they boys?" asked Dave.

"Are they girls?" asked Mary Ann.

"A boy and a girl," said Mr. Field. "They are about as big as you and Dave. Do you want to see them?"

"Yes," said Dave.

"Oh, yes!" said Mary Ann.

"Then maybe you will take this butter to Mrs. Hill for me," said Mr. Field.

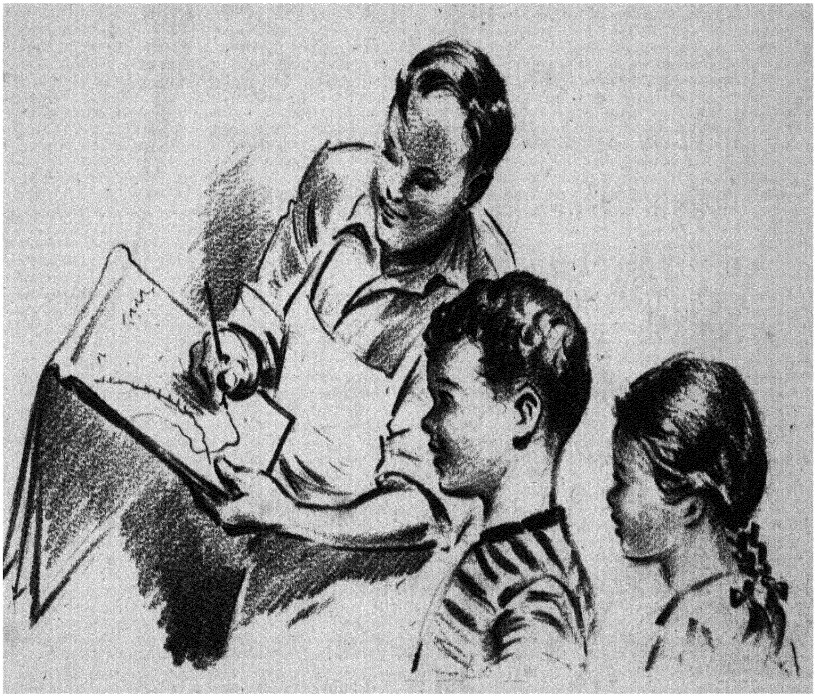
"She wanted some fresh butter this morning, but I did not have any. You can ask your mother about it."

"We would like to take the butter," said Mary Ann.

Dave said, "We do not know the way to Mrs. Hill's cabin."

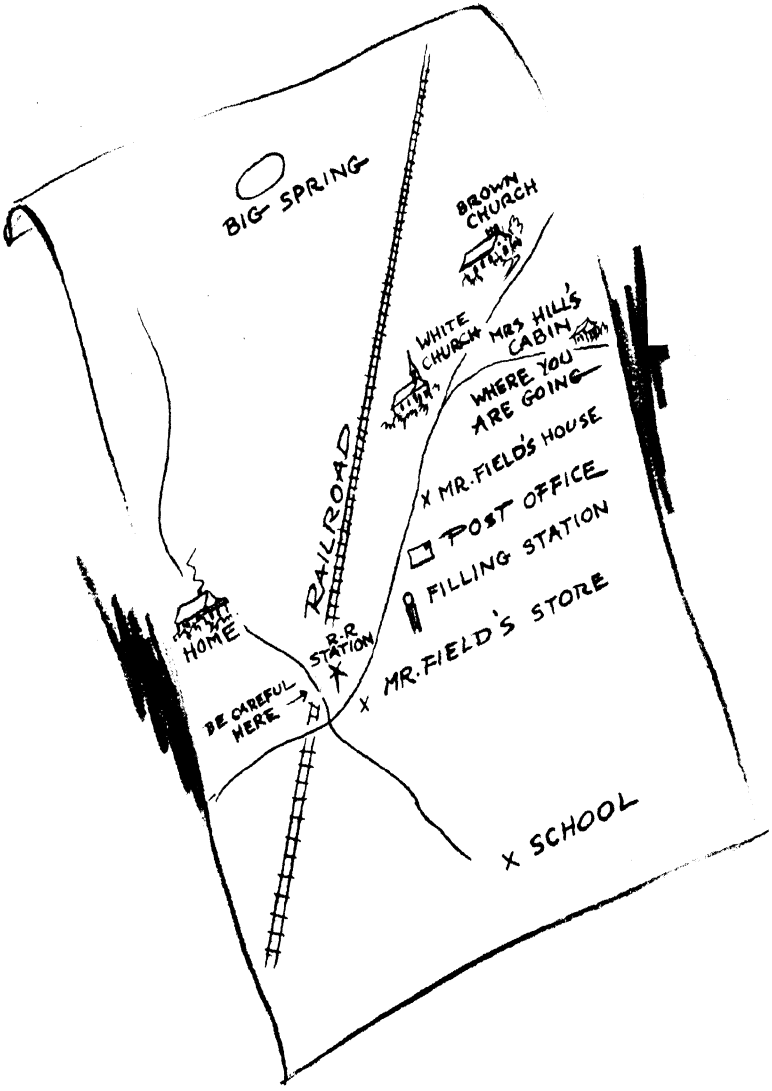
"I will show you," said Joe.

"I will make a little map and show you the way."



"Now we can find it," said Dave.

"Yes," said Mary Ann. "I know we can find it. We will go ask Mother."



A Map of Glenville.

Dave asked his mother, "May we take some butter to Mrs. Hill for Mr. Field?"

"Oh," said Mother. "So Mrs. Hill has come for the summer!

"You may take the butter. I am glad that we can do something for Mr. Field. He does so much for us."

"He buys butter from us," said Dave. "And sometimes he buys fresh vegetables from us."

"And he gets things from town for us to eat and wear," said Mary Ann.

"He helps the people of Glenville in other ways, too," said Mother.

"Run on and take the butter. Do you know the way?"

"Joe made a map to show us the way," said Dave.

Things to Talk Over

Is the place where you live much like Glenville? How is it like it? How is it not like Glenville?

Some Things to Do

1. Look at the map on page 8. Find Mr. Field's store on the map. Look at the picture on page 1. Find the store in it, too.
2. Find Mrs. Hill's cabin on the map. Find it in the picture.
3. Make a map to show where your school is. Let the other children help you.
4. Put the things that are near your school on the map.



Friends from Other Places

Dave and Mary Ann quickly found Mrs. Hill's cabin. It was just where Joe's map showed them.

They looked for the children. They looked all around. But they did not see any children.

Dave gave the butter to Mrs. Hill. Then they were ready to go.

But Mrs. Hill said, "Come into the cabin, children. I have a surprise for you."

She called, "Flora! Edward!"

And two other children came into the room.

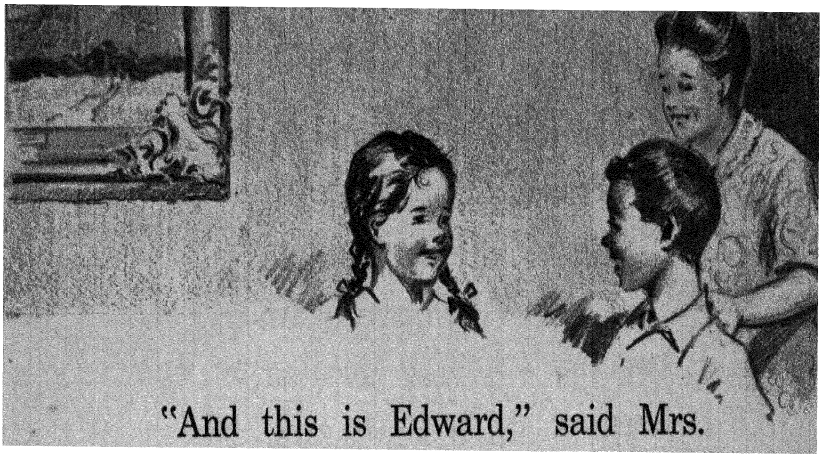
Mrs. Hill said to them, "Here are Dave and Mary Ann. They live in this village."

"Oh," said the girl. "They are the children that you told us about."

"Yes," laughed Mrs. Hill.

Then she said to Dave and Mary Ann, "This is Flora. She lives in a big city far away."





"And this is Edward," said Mrs. Hill. "He lives in a little town in the South.

"I am the children's grandmother."

"Can you play with us, now?" asked Edward.

"No," said Dave. "We did not ask Mother. Maybe we can come and play tomorrow."

"Come in the morning," said Flora.

"Thank you," said Dave. "I think we can."

Dave and Mary Ann said good-by. Then they ran down the road on their way home.

On the way home, Mary Ann said to Dave, "I am glad that Mrs. Hill comes to Glenville for the summer."

"So am I," said Dave. "And we can thank the new road for that."

"Why?" asked Mary Ann.

Dave said, "People did not have summer cabins at Glenville until we got the new road. The old road was not good enough for cars to go on."

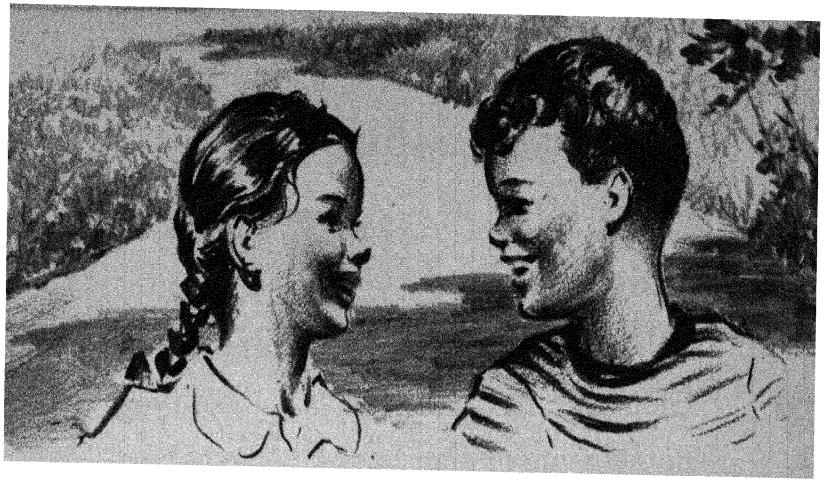
"Thank you, new road," laughed Mary Ann.

Dave laughed too.

"We will thank the people who made the road," he said.

"We thank all the families who paid the money for the men to make this road."

"I do thank them," said Mary Ann.



"Why do the people in the summer cabins go away in the winter, Dave?" asked Mary Ann.

"They go back to their homes," said Dave. "They live where it is hot in the summer time.

"It is not very hot up here in our mountains. So they like to come here in the summer."

"I am glad that Edward and Flora came," said Mary Ann.

"I am glad, too," said Dave. "We can have fun together."

Things to Talk Over

Why did Mary Ann say "Thank you" to the new road?

The new road helped the people of Glenville in many ways. Can you name some of the ways that it helped them?

The new road to Glenville helped other people, too. Do you know one of the ways that it helped them?

How do streets and roads help the people where you live?

How do they help you?

Do you know who makes them?

Something to Do

Find out all that you can about the streets and roads where you live.

Up the Mountain

The next morning, Dave and Mary Ann went up the road to see Flora and Edward and the boy in the cabin next to them.

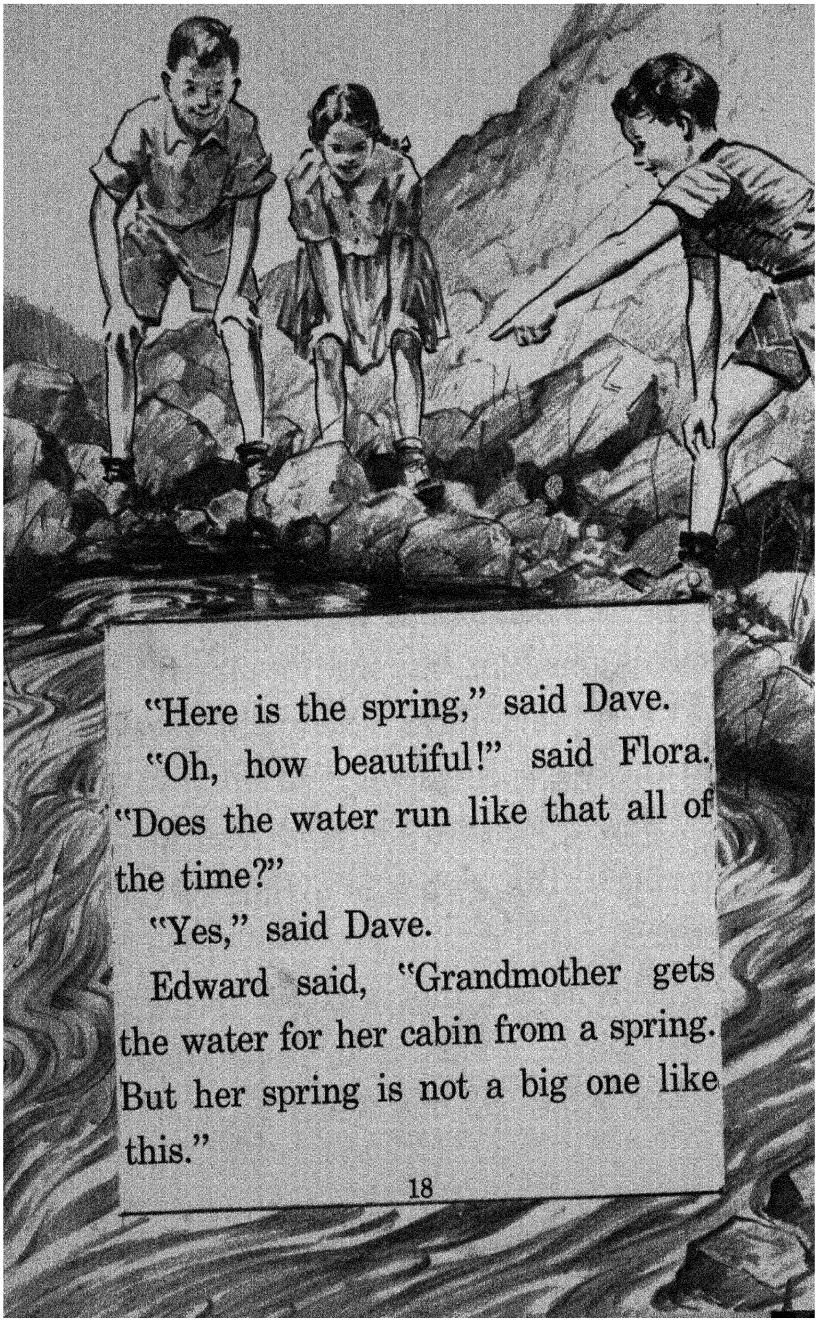
The other boy's name was Tom.

Edward said, "We want to walk in the mountains. But Grandmother thinks that we may not find the way. Can you find your way through the mountains?"

"Yes," said Dave. "We can go up to the big spring."

"Spring?" asked Flora. "What is a spring? The spring is a time of the year."

"This is not that kind of spring," said Dave. "This is a place where water comes up out of the ground."



"Here is the spring," said Dave.

"Oh, how beautiful!" said Flora. "Does the water run like that all of the time?"

"Yes," said Dave.

Edward said, "Grandmother gets the water for her cabin from a spring. But her spring is not a big one like this."

Mary Ann said, "The people in Glenville get all of their water from a spring. How do you get water at home if you do not have a spring?"

"I live on a big farm," said Tom. "We must have wells in the ground to get water."

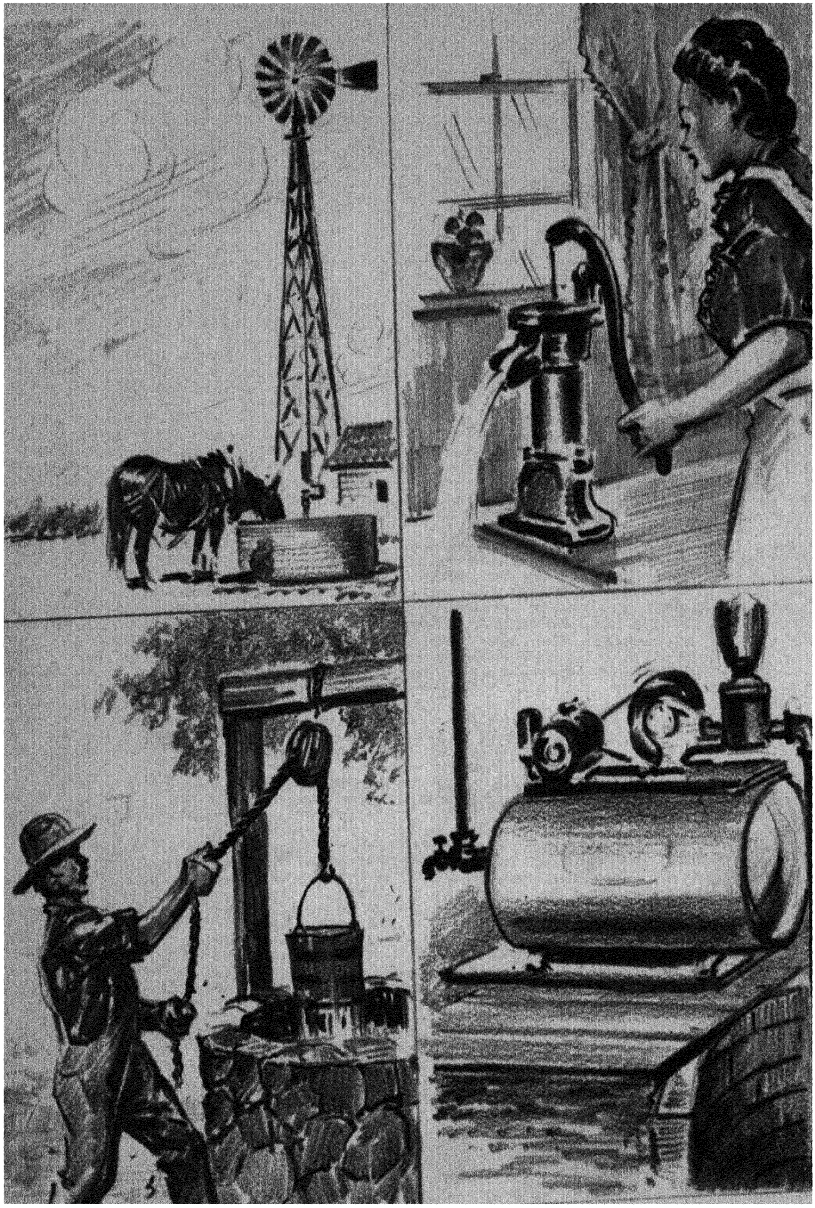
Edward said, "Our town has one big well for all of the people.

"The water comes through pipes from that well to our houses."

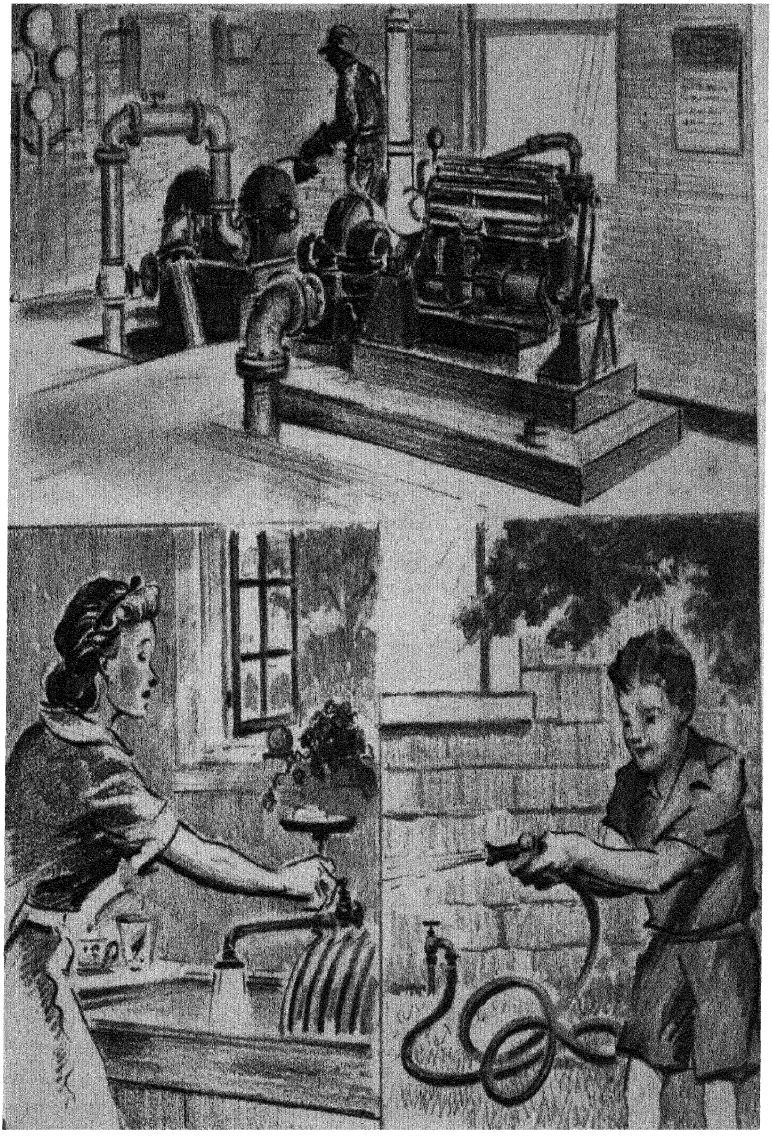
"Water comes through pipes into our houses in the city, too," said Flora.

"But I do not know where it comes from. I am going to find out after I get home."

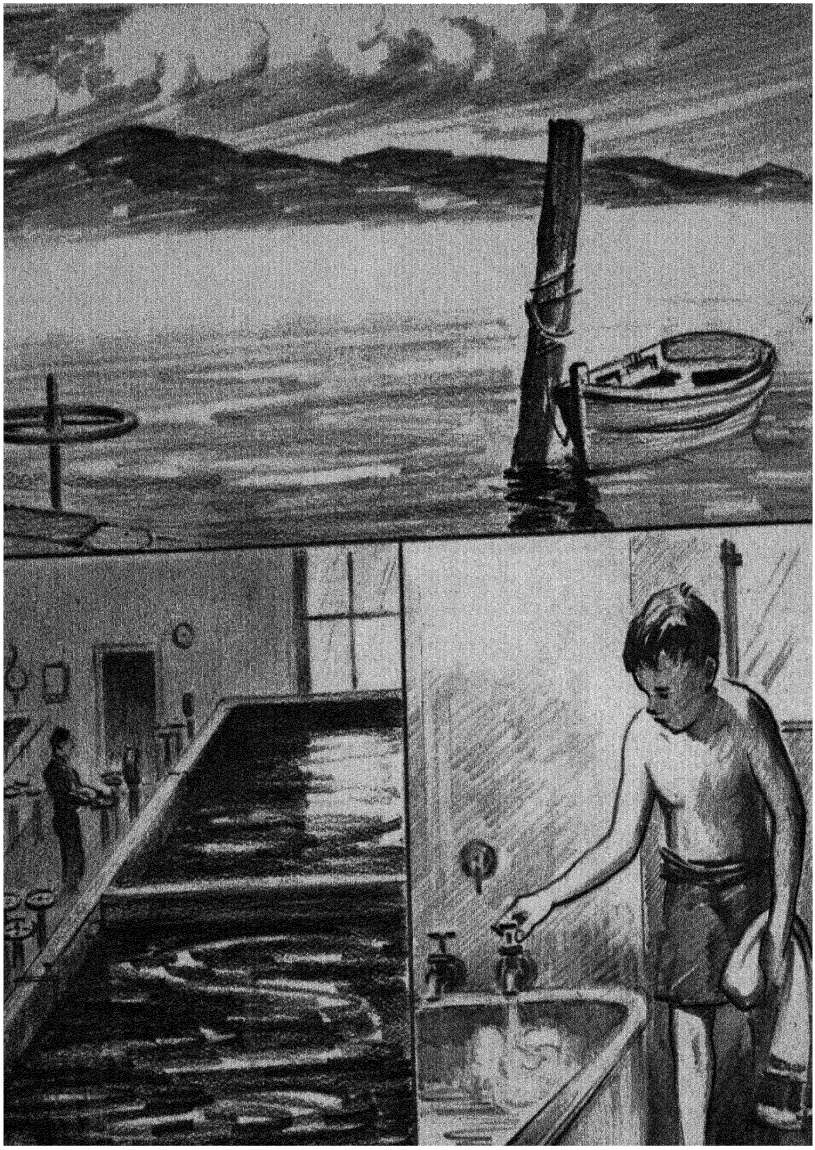
"I would like to know where it does come from," said Mary Ann.



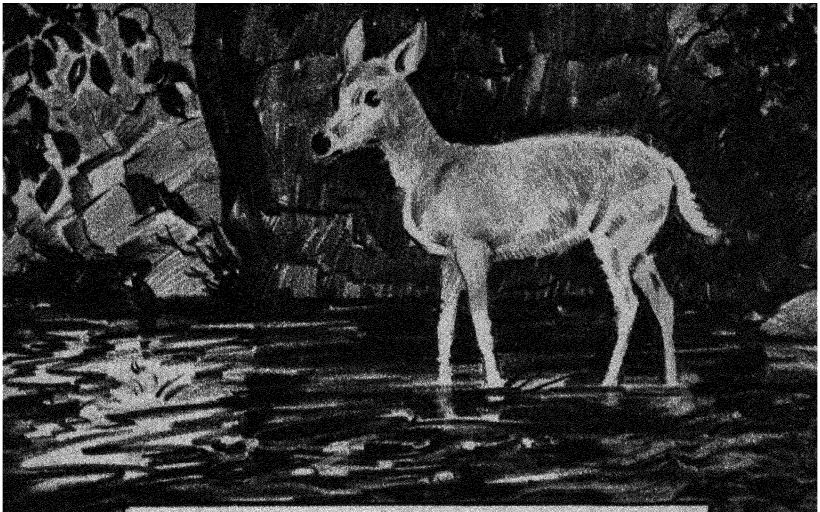
Getting Water on Some Farms.



Getting Water in Edward's Town.



Getting Water in Flora's City.



The Spring *

When I see the bright spring rising
And bubbling from the ground,
I wonder where it comes from
With its cool and silver sound.

I wonder why it hurries
With its ever-busy flowing,
And why it never, never stops,
And where it can be going.

* *To be read by the teacher.*

Things to Talk Over

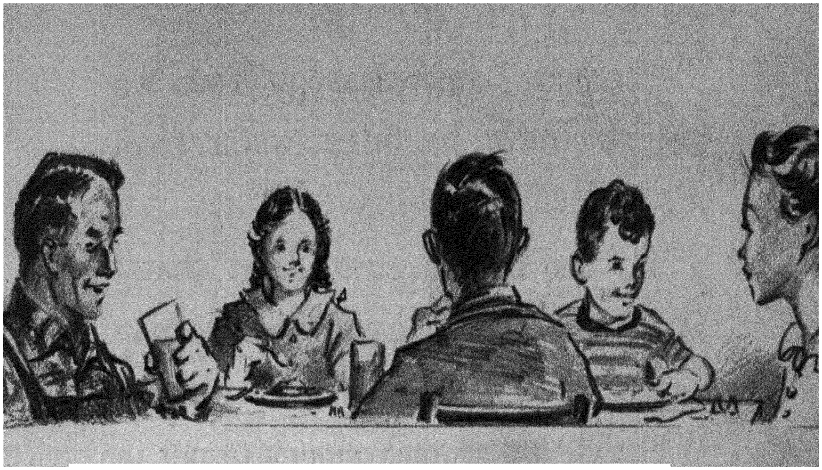
How do you get water at your home?

How do you get water at school?

What workers help you to have water?

Some Things to Do

1. Find out all you can about how you get water.
2. Make a book about it. Let all of the children help you.
3. Make pictures of the workers who help you get water.
4. Make stories about them, too.
5. Put the stories and pictures into your book.
6. Put the book on your reading table at school.



Working Together

One day Joe said to Father, "Mr. Field wants you and Mother to go to his house tonight. Other people of our village will be there. They want to talk together about water."

"Water!" said Dave and Mary Ann. "What about it?"

"Mr. Field wants to have water come into our houses through pipes," said Father. "Through pipes from the big spring on the mountain."

"Oh, good!" cried Dave. "Then we will not have to bring water from our spring."

"Do not be too sure about that," said Father. "Some of the people may not want to do it.

"It will take much money to put in the big pipes. But if every family helps a little, we can buy the pipes. Then the pipes will take water to all of the houses."



At Mr. Field's House.

The next morning Dave asked, "What about the water? Must we keep on bringing our water from the spring?"

"No," said Father. "The people in Glenville will work together.

"Some of the people do not want the water pipes. But many people do, so we will have enough money to buy the pipes."

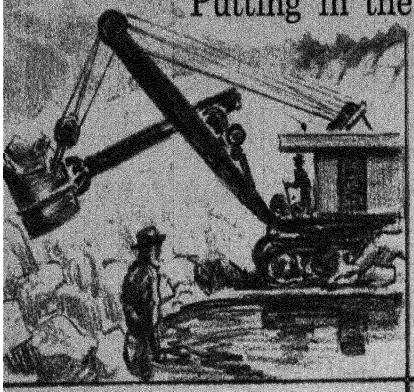
"Somebody must take the people's money and buy the pipes," said Dave. "And they must pay men to put the pipes in. Who will do that?"

"We will have three men to take care of that," said Mother.

"Mr. Field is one of the men. The mailman is one of them. And your father is one, too."

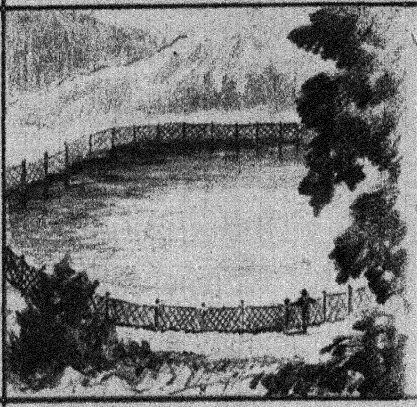
"Maybe I can help," said Dave.

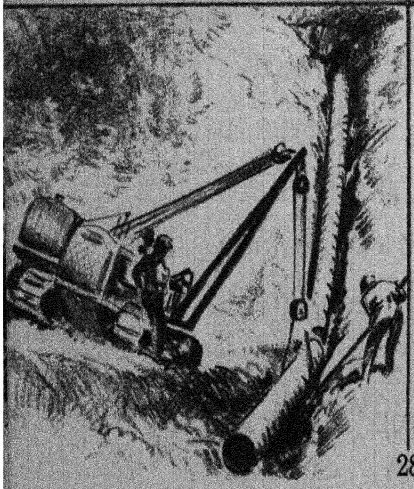
Putting in the Water Pipes



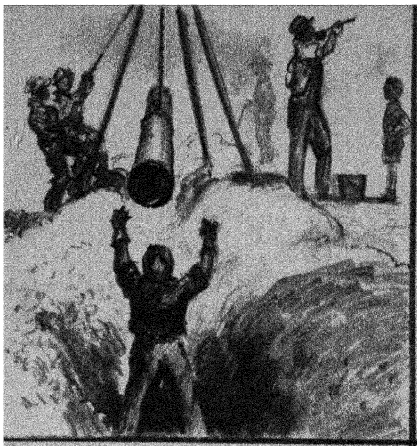
Making the reservoir at the big spring

How the reservoir looks after it is made





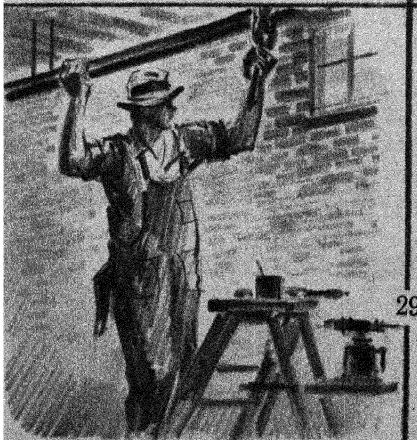
Putting water pipe from the reservoir to Glenville



Putting water pipes down in the streets of Glenville

Other pipes will go from the street pipes to the houses





Putting water pipes into Mr. Field's house



Water in the Houses of Glenville!

Things to Talk Over

People can sometimes do things by working together when they can not do them without help.

How did the people of Glenville work together to pipe water into their houses?

Why did they want to pipe water into their houses?

Do the people where you live work together to do some things?

What are some of the things they have by working together?

Some Things to Do

1. Find out more about the things that you and your family have by working with others.
2. Find out how others help you by working with you.



Father's Work

Dave went to see Tom and Edward.

"Tomorrow I am going to help my father," said Dave. "He works in an apple orchard."

"I help my father on the farm," said Tom.

"My father is a fireman," Edward said. "I can not help him at the fire station.

"But I help him with his work at home."

"They have some fire stations at Topton," said Dave. "Topton is a big town near Glenville."

"Let's go to Topton to see a fire station," said Edward. "I want to see if it is like the one where my father works."

"Let's go tomorrow," said Tom.

"I can not go tomorrow," said Dave. "I must help Father. Maybe I can go the next day."

"All right," said Tom and Edward. "We will see if we can go then."

And they did go then.



Things to Talk Over

What work does your father do?

How does your father's work help other people?

Do you help Father with his work?

How do you help him?

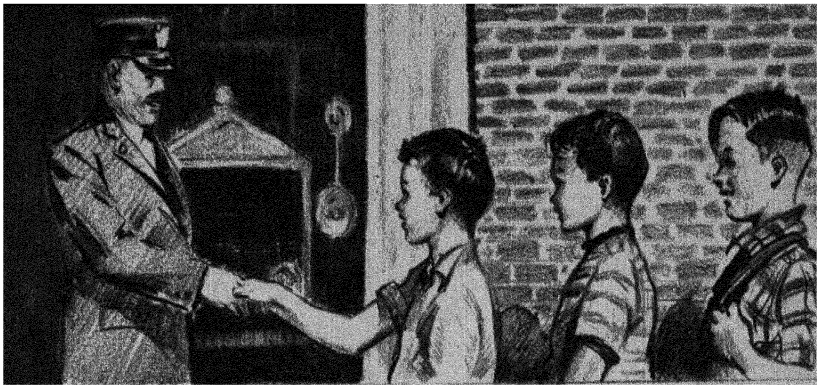
Why was there no fire station where Tom lived?

Why was there no fire station where Dave lived?

Why could the people of Topton have a fire station?

Some Things to Do

1. The next story is about the Topton fire station. Read the story.
2. Then go to see a fire station.
3. See if it is like the fire station in the story.



At the Fire Station

"Good morning," said Edward.

"My name is Edward, and my father is a fireman.

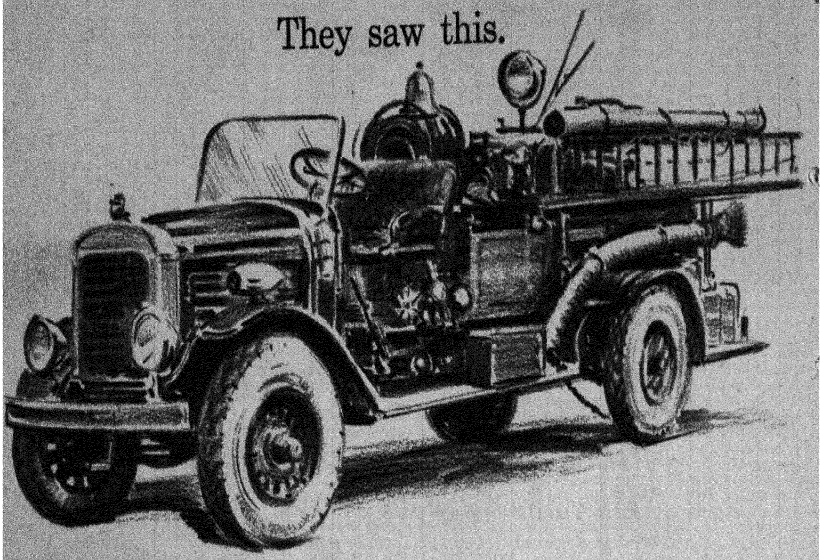
"Here are my friends, Tom and Dave. They have not seen a fire station."

"Well! Well!" said the Fire Chief. "So your father is a fireman! Tell me about your father's fire station and then I will show you this one."

Edward told the Fire Chief about the station where his father worked.

Then the Fire Chief showed the boys the fire station at Topton.

They saw this.



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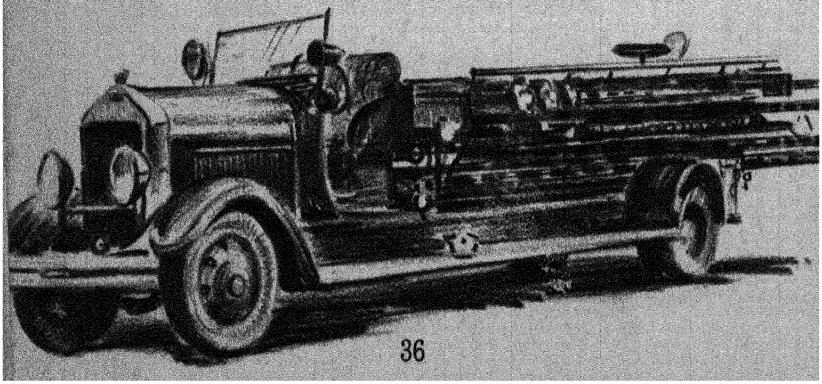
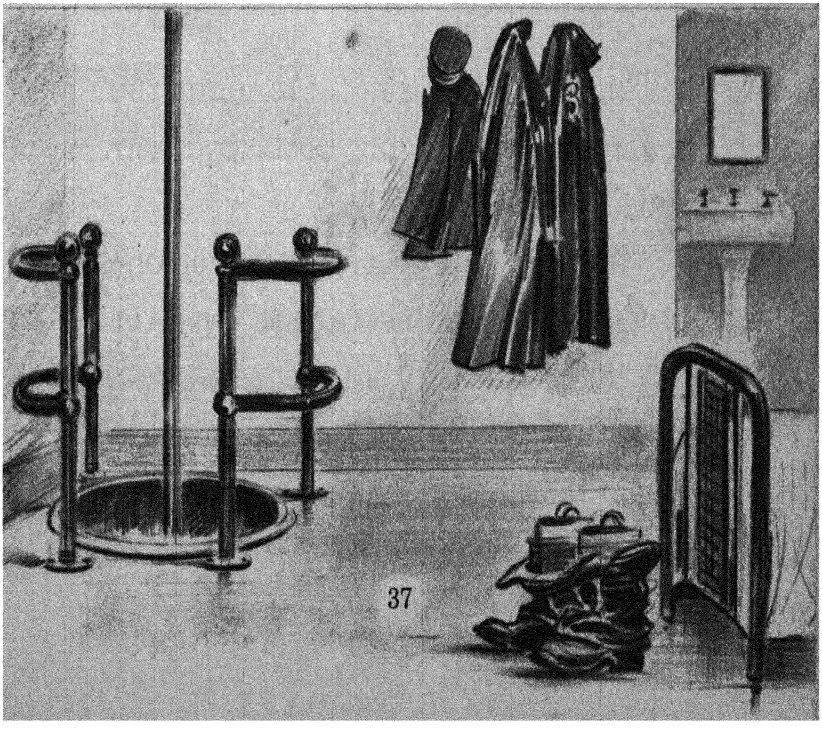


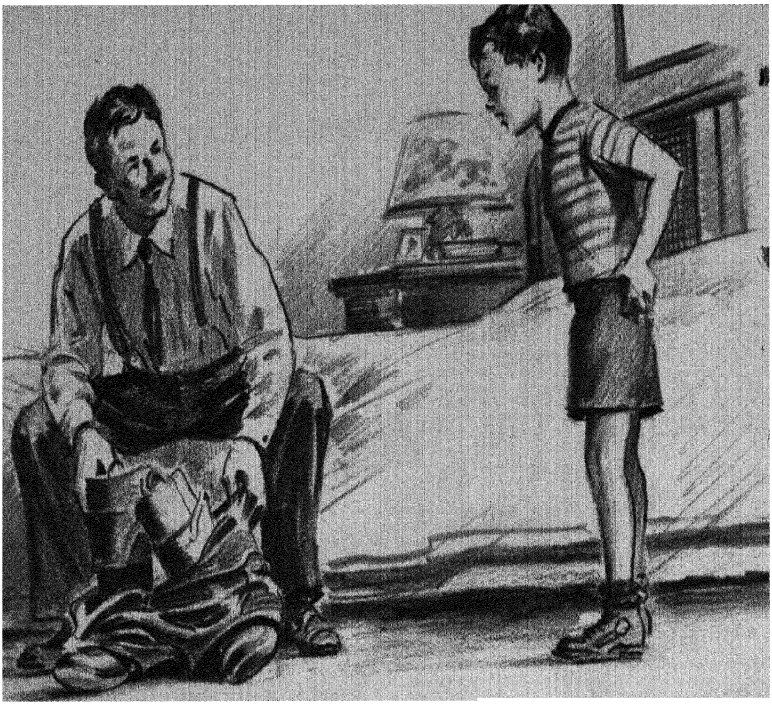
Then the boys saw the room where the firemen sleep.

"We must always have some firemen at the station, day and night," said the Fire Chief.

"So the firemen take turns sleeping at the station."

"My father sleeps at his station some of the time," said Edward.

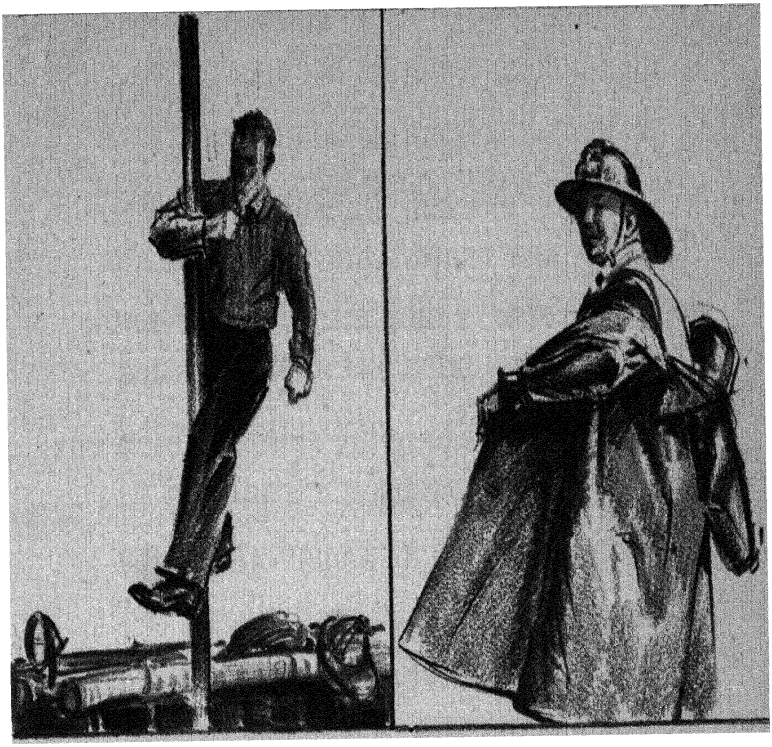




The Fire Chief said, "At night the firemen put their big boots by their beds, like this.

"They put one trouser leg over one boot. They put one trouser leg over the other boot.

"Then they can put them on quickly when there is a fire. They run to that pole and slide down it."



A fireman came into the room.

The Fire Chief said to the fireman, "Please show the boys how you slide down the pole."

"Yes, sir," said the fireman.

And he did.

"Do you boys know what to do if you find a fire?" asked the Chief.

"No, sir," said Tom and Dave.

"Yes, sir," said Edward. "I would go to the nearest fire alarm box. I would send a fire alarm to the fire station."

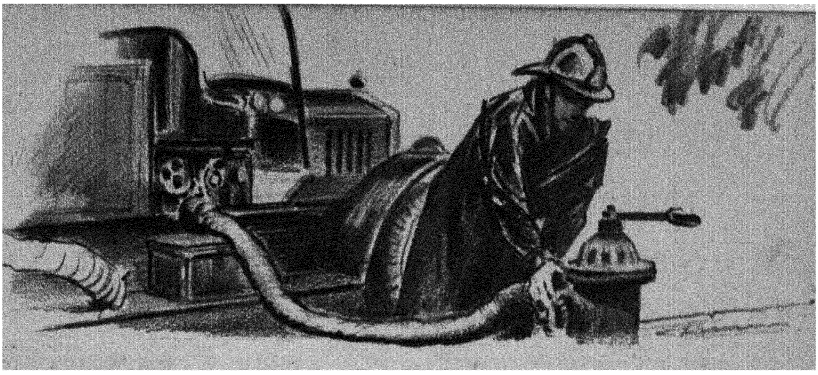
"We do not have fire alarm boxes in Glenville," said Dave.

"In Glenville I would call to the neighbors for help," said Edward.

"Then I would go to a telephone and ask for the fire station at Topton. Topton is not very far from Glenville. Maybe they would send help, too."

The Fire Chief laughed. Then he said, "Edward, you are a good little fireman."

"Thank you, sir," said Edward.



Dave said, "My brother, Joe, helps put out fires in Glenville. We do not have a fire station.

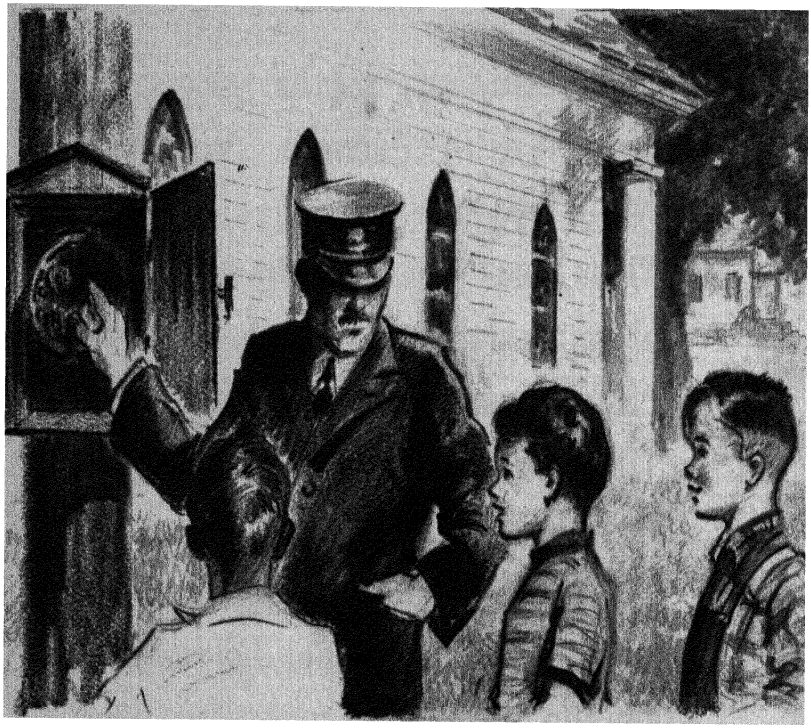
"But there are some firemen's hats and coats and boots in the back of Mr. Field's store.

"When Joe puts them on, he looks like a fireman."

"He *is* a fireman, too," said the Chief. "I am glad that he helps at Glenville."

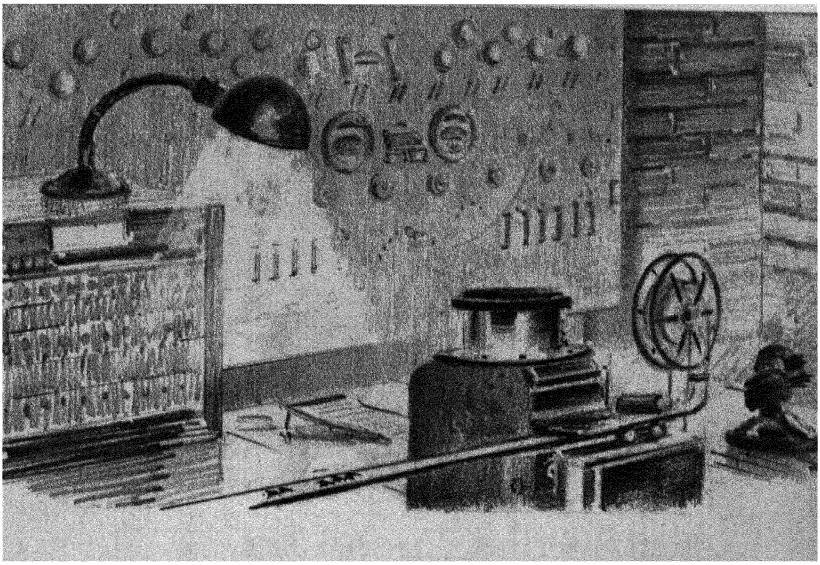
"They can put out a fire quickly, now," said Dave. "We have water in pipes. We do not have to bring water from the springs to put out fires."

"Come," said the Chief. "We will show the boys a fire alarm box. Then we will show them how the fire alarm comes into the fire station."



"You must never touch a fire alarm box if there is not a fire," said the Chief.

"Oh, no, sir," said Edward.



"This machine tells us where the fire is," said the Chief.

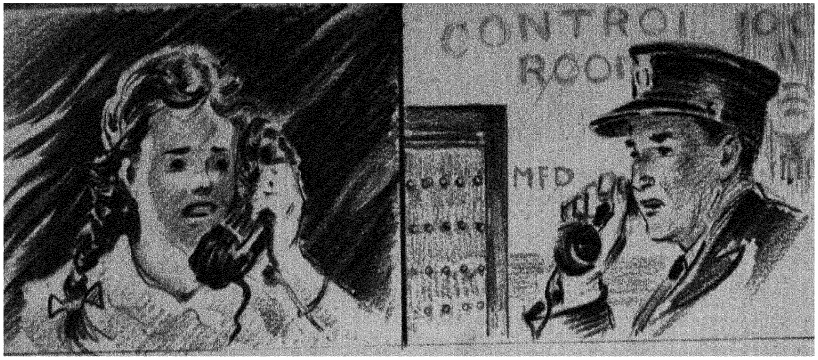
"How?" asked Dave and Tom.

"It makes holes on this paper when a fire alarm comes in.

"See these two holes? And here are three more holes. That is Station 23.

"When the machine makes two holes and then makes three holes, we know the fire is near Station 23.

"Then the firemen at Station 23 go quickly to the fire."



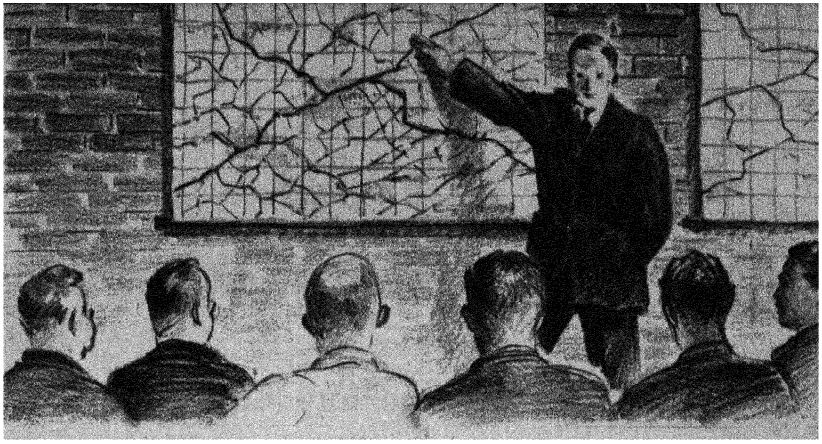
"Does that machine work when somebody telephones to the fire station for help?" asked Tom.

"No," said the Chief. "It works with the fire alarm boxes.

"When an alarm comes into the station by telephone, a man answers the telephone and finds out where the fire is.

"Then he telephones to all of the other fire stations. He can call all of them at one time.

"They all find out where the fire is. Then the men at the station that is nearest the fire go to it quickly."



"Get into my car," said the Chief. "We will go to see the station where new firemen go to school."

"School!" cried Tom and Dave. "Do firemen go to school?"

"Oh, yes," said the Chief, and he showed them the firemen's school.





The boys and the Fire Chief got into his car again. The boys liked the Fire Chief's car. It was red and shining. It had a radio.

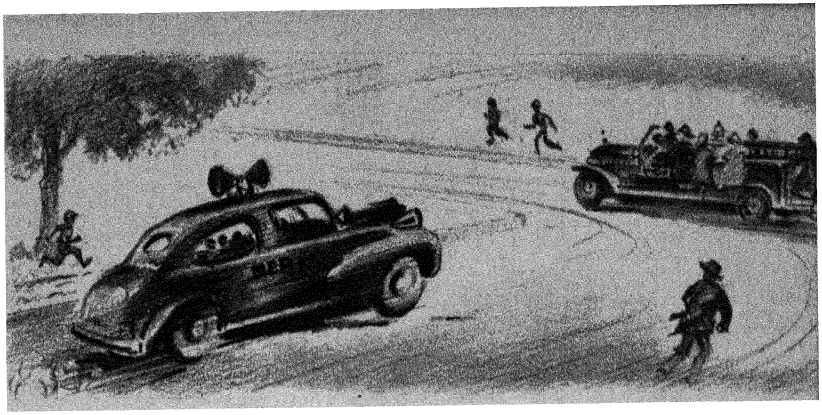
"This radio tells me when there is a fire," said the Chief.

Just then somebody said on the radio, "Fire at 10 Lee Street! Fire at 10 Lee Street!"

The Fire Chief quickly turned his car around.

"We are on our way to a fire," he said. "You boys must stay in this car. You must not get in the way."

"Yes, sir," said the boys.



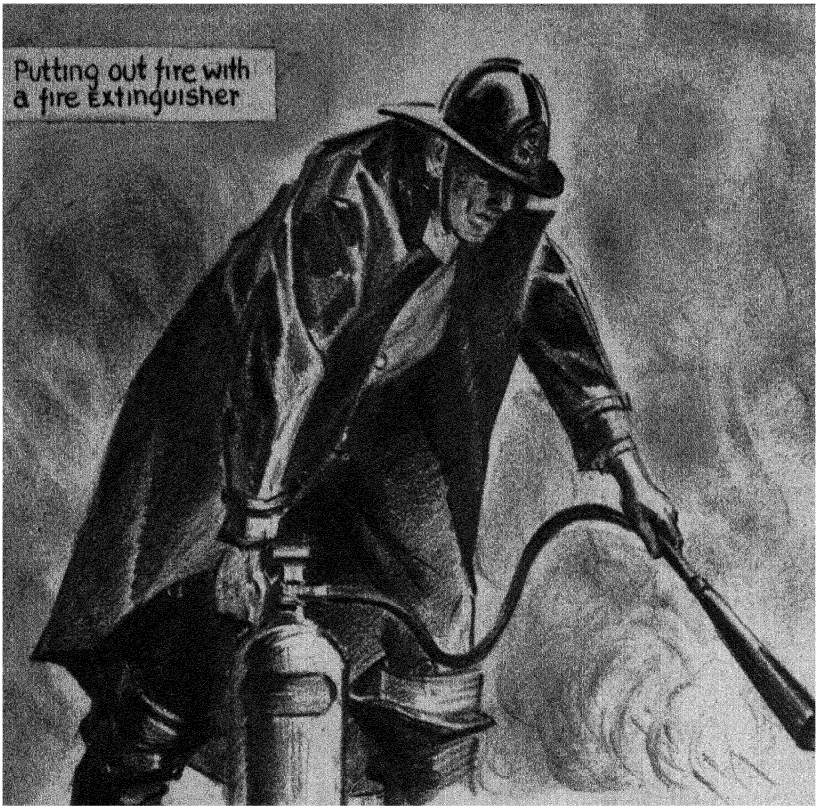
"There go the firemen!" said the Chief.

The Chief's car went very fast. All of the other cars got out of its way. They went quickly to 10 Lee Street.

A fireman ran to the car.

"The fire is out," he said. "The man had a fire extinguisher. So he put out the fire before we could get here."

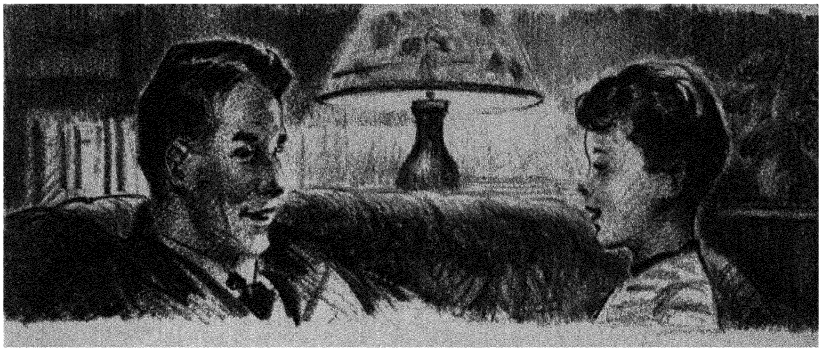
"Good!" said the Chief. "I am glad that he had a fire extinguisher. They are good things to have around."



The Fire Chief and the boys went back to the fire station.

"We must go now," said the boys. "Thank you for showing us so many things."

"I was glad to do it for you," said the Fire Chief. "Come again."



Policemen at Work

"Father," said Dave. "It was fun to see how the firemen work. I want to see how a policeman works, too."

Father said, "I am glad that you want to see how men work. You will be a man some day and must have a man's work to do.

"I must go to Topton tomorrow to get some things. I will take you to see the policemen."

"Oh, good!" cried Dave. "Thank you, Father!"

So Father and Dave got up early the next morning. They went on the bus.

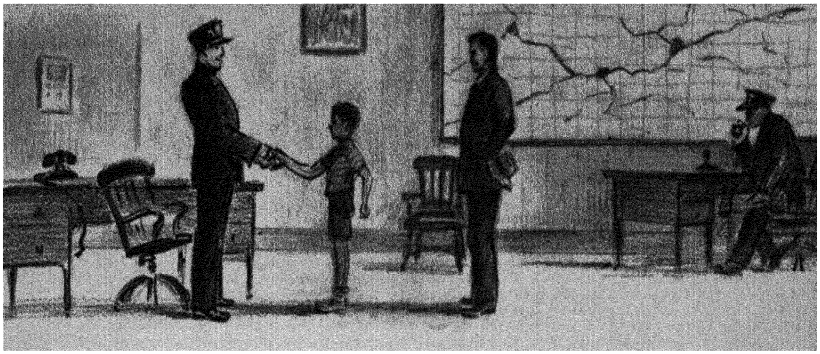


They went to a big building.

"We will go in here, Dave," said Father.

Father and Dave went into the





Father said to a man in the room, "I am Dave Bird, from Glenville. And this is my boy. His name is Dave, too.

"He wants to see how policemen work. We do not have policemen in our town."

"I am glad to see you," said the Chief of Police. "We like to have boys and girls know about our work.

"Then they will know more about how policemen can help them and their families."

Then the Chief of Police told them about the work of the policemen.

"In this room the new policemen go to school," said the Chief.

"Policemen, too?" said Dave.

"Yes," said the Chief. "A new policeman must learn many things. The first thing that he must learn is about being polite."

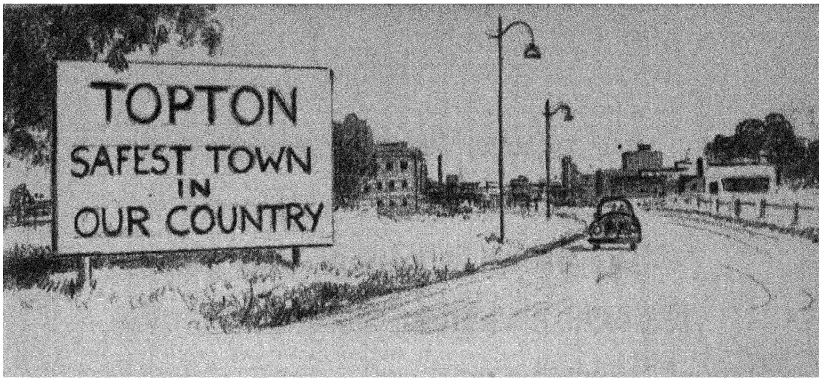
"Being polite!" said Dave.

"We can always learn more and more about that," said the Chief.

"A good policeman must be very polite. He must learn how to help people."

"Topton has many people, so we have many rules to help us get along well together. A policeman must know all of the rules.

"And he must help people to do what the rules say."



"I know you have good policemen in Topton," said Father.

"When we came into town we saw this by the road: 'Topton: Safest Town in Our Country.' "

"But how do you know it is the safest town?" asked Dave.

The Chief answered, "Every year some people in our country give prizes to towns. The prizes are for the towns where the fewest people get hurt.

"One prize is for towns about as big as Topton. We got that prize."

"How did you do it?" asked Father.

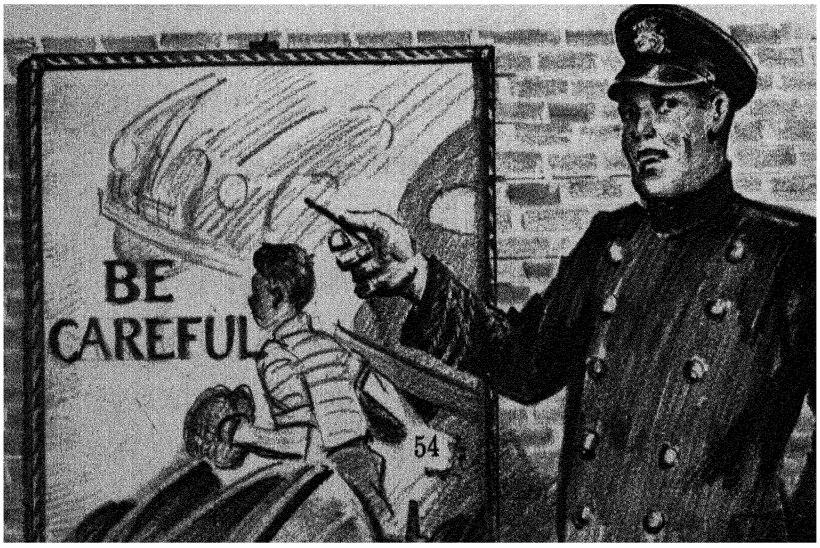
"All of the people helped," said the Chief.

"The people who have cars helped. The school children helped, too. We all worked together."

"How did the school children help?" asked Dave.

"They stayed out of the way of cars," said the Chief.

"They crossed the streets at the right time. They crossed the streets at the right place, too. They did not do this."



The Chief went on talking.

"The children learned when and where to ride their bicycles. They learned when to put lights on their bicycles.

"They did not ride their bicycles at all on some of the streets.

"They did not play in the streets.

"The boys at school have a Boy Patrol, too. The boys who work on the Boy Patrol are like little policemen. They help the other children to be safe."

Dave said, "We could have a Boy Patrol when school begins."

"Yes," said Father. "Many cars come through Glenville, now that we have the new road. We must make our village safe, too."

Things to Talk Over

Why did Topton get a prize?

Who helped to get the prize?

How did the children help?

Do you have a Boy Patrol at your school?

How do the boys who work on the Boy Patrol help other children?

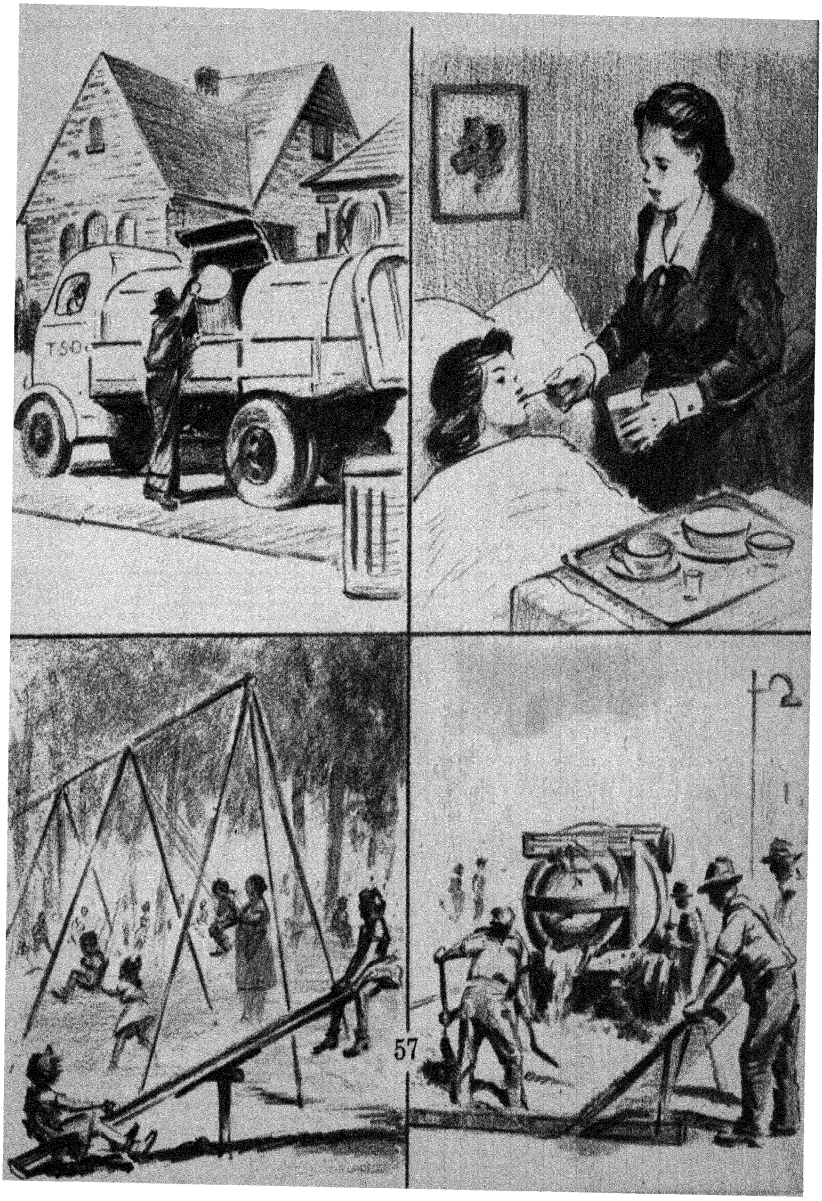
How can other children help them?

Many people are hurt by cars. But people get hurt in other ways, too.

Name some other ways that people get hurt.

How can you help to keep these things from happening?

Some Other Things People Have By Working Together



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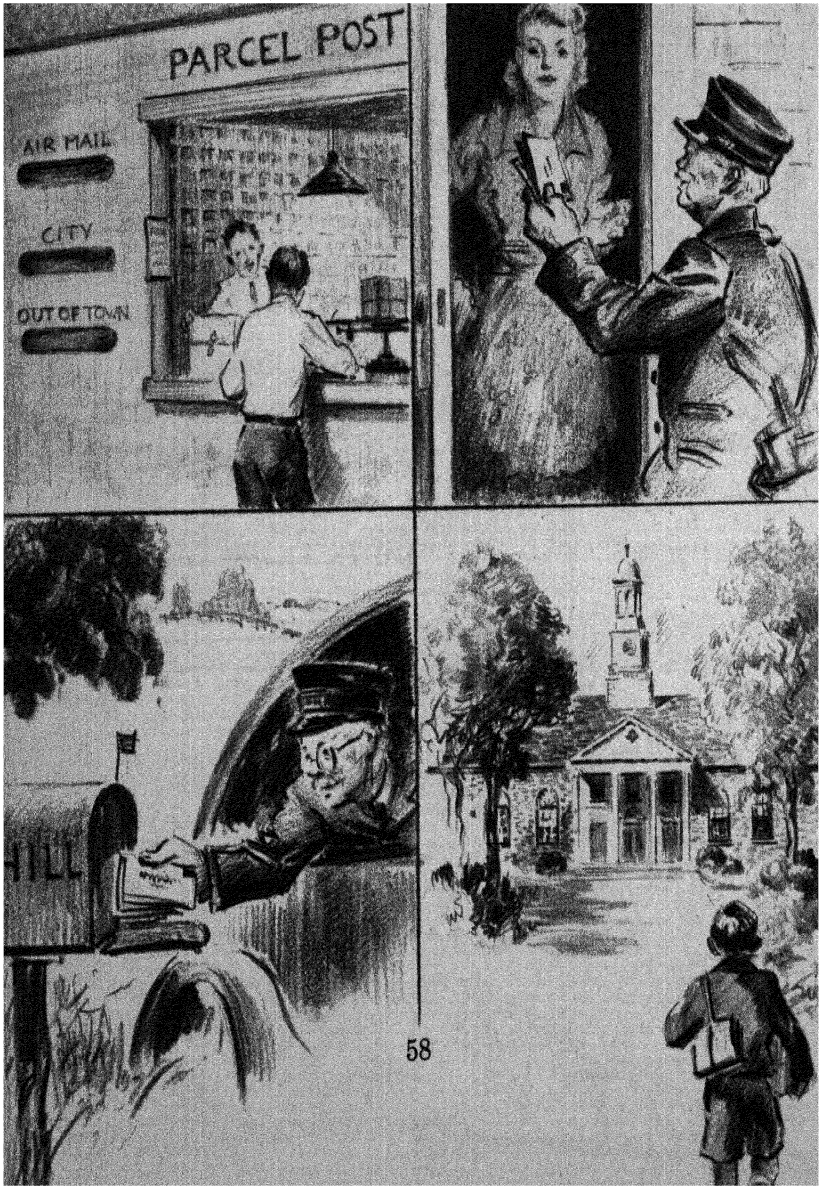

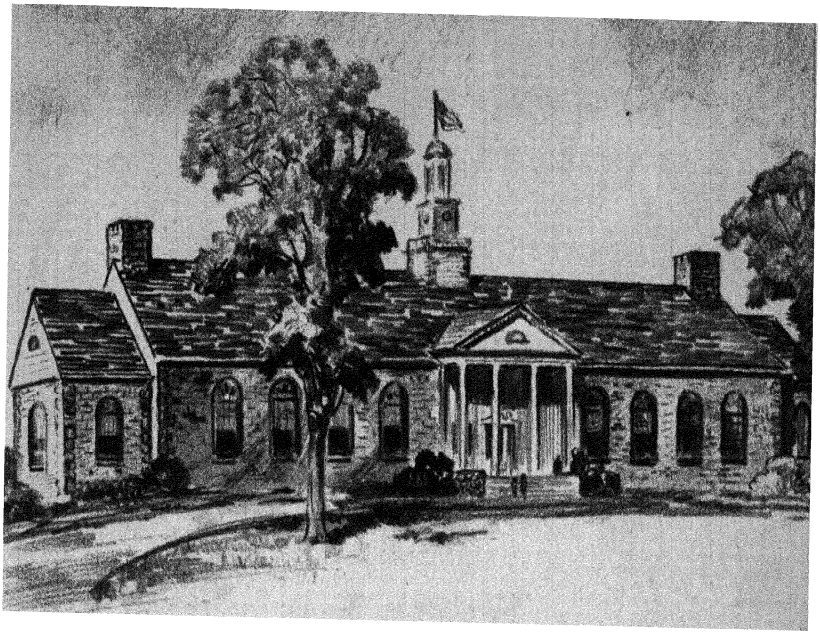

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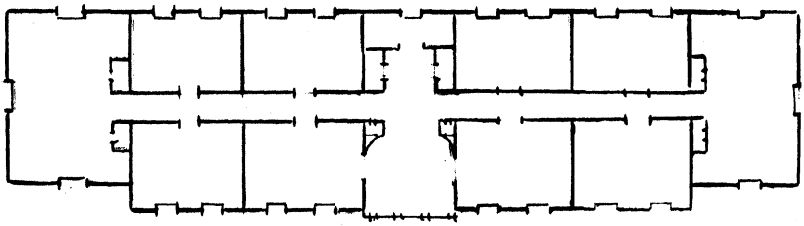
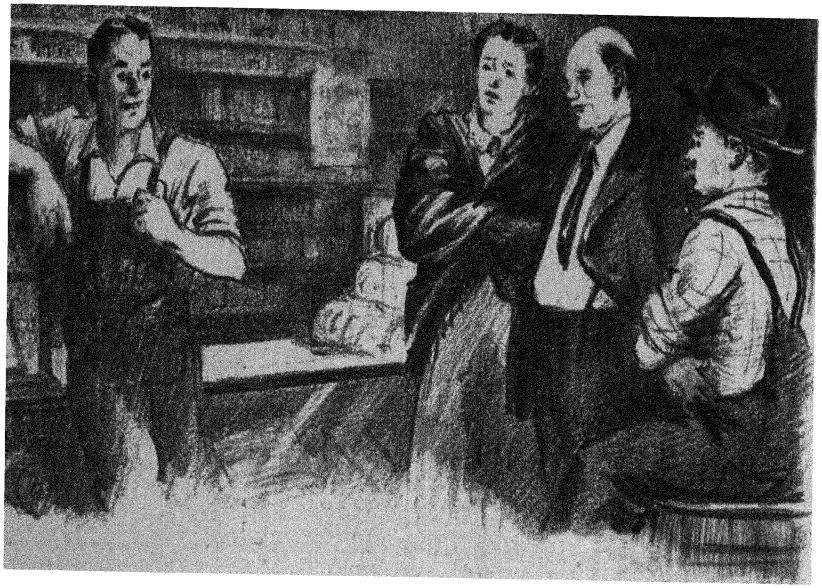




Father's News

On his way home from work, Father stopped at Mr. Field's store.

Some other people were there. They all talked together.

At supper Father said, "We may have a new school at Glenville."

"A new school!" cried Dave and Mary Ann.

"Yes," said Father. "A new school. People have been talking about it."

"A big new school would take much money," said Mother. "And there are not many people in Glenville."

"I know that," answered Father. "But people in other villages around Glenville may help. The farmers may help, too.

"We may all build a new school together."

Joe said, "We have a new road now. School buses can bring the children a long way."

"That is right," said Mother. "If many people help to build the new school, we can have a better school."

"We can have a better schoolhouse, and more teachers," said Father.

"I would like a big new school," said Dave.

Dave asked Father, "Will all of the people come to Glenville to talk it over?"

"No," said Father. "They will talk it over in their homes and villages."

"How will they all know about it?" asked Mary Ann.

"They will learn about it from the newspaper and from the radio," said Father.

"When they have had time to think it over, we will all say what we want to do about it."

"How can you do that?" asked Dave.

"We will vote on it," said Father. "There will be a day to vote. We will write what we want to do about it on a paper and put it in a box."

"If more of the people say that they want a new school, then we will build one. But if more of the people say that they do not want the new school, we will not build it.

"That is the way we vote."

"Oh, we know how to vote," said Dave. "We vote about things at school."

Mary Ann said, "One day we voted about who would be the policeman in a play.

"Some of the children voted for Dave. But more of them voted for another boy. I wanted Dave to be the policeman."

"Did you keep happy about it and help, anyway?" asked Father.

"Oh, yes," said Mary Ann. "I did."

"That is the way we do at school," said Dave.

"That is the way people do things in our country, too," said Father. "It is a good way for people to get along well together.

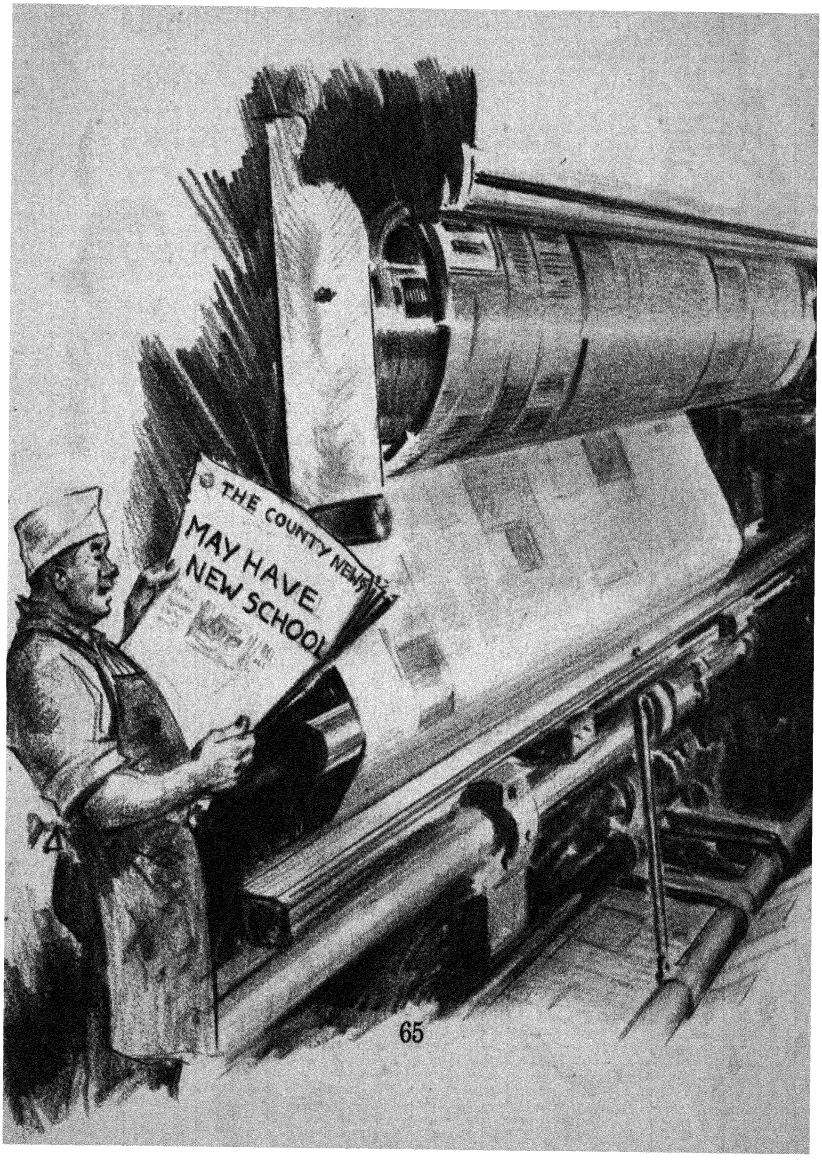
"In some countries, the people can not say what they want to do about things. They must always do what somebody tells them to do.

"In our country we can always talk things over. We can say what we think is the right thing to do. I am glad that you children have learned to do things that way."

"I think it is a good way," said Dave.

"So do I," said Mary Ann. "We get along well together at school."

The Newspaper Tells People About the New School



People Read about the New School



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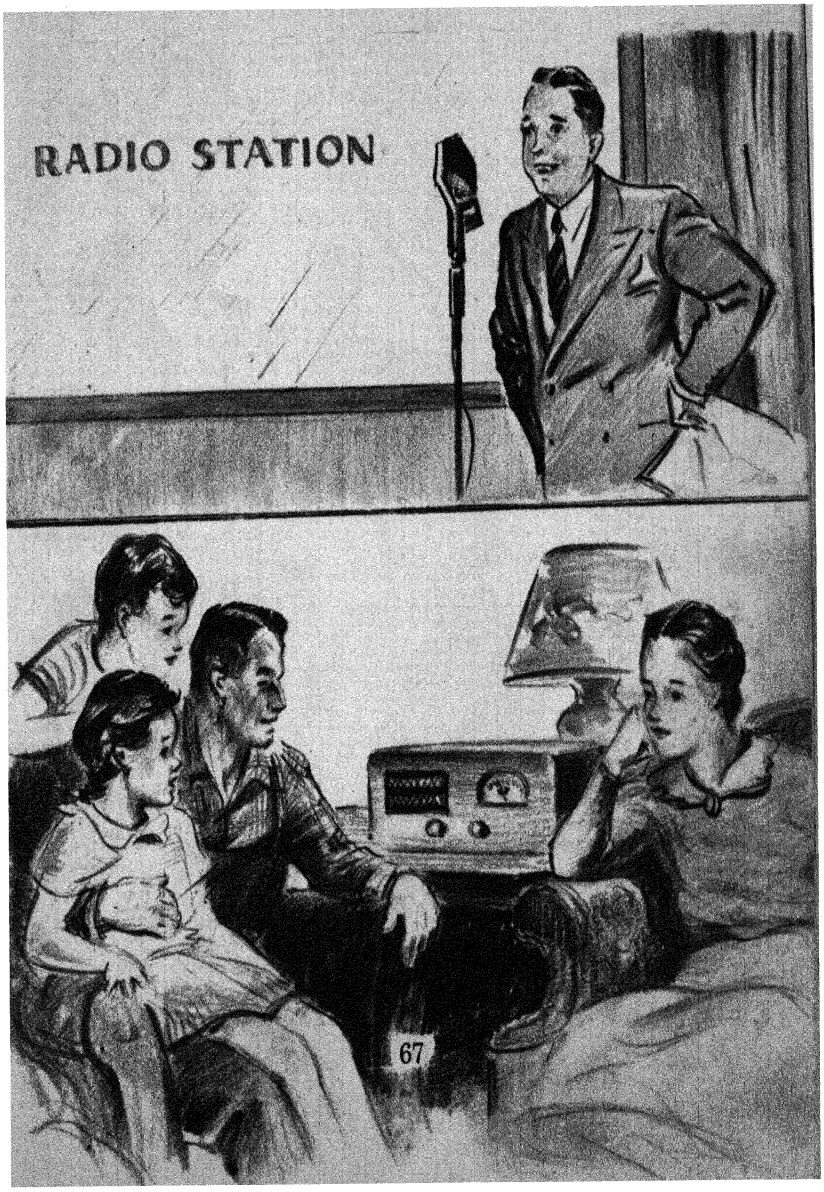
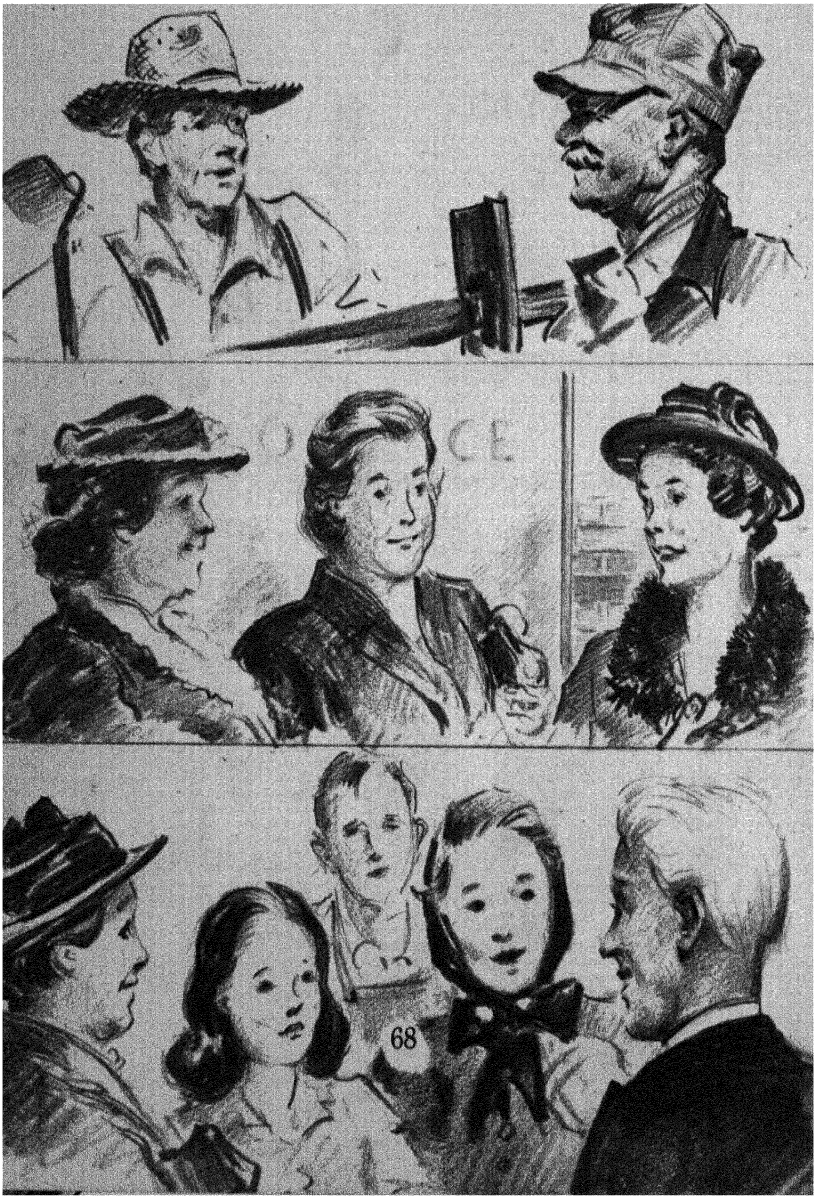


People Talk Together about the New School



Talking Together

"What are people saying about the new school, Father?" asked Dave. "Do you think that more people will want it?"

"I think that the people want a new school," said Father. "But some of them do not want to build the school at Glenville."

Joe said, "Some of the people at Oak Hill want to build the new school there."

"Oh, good!" cried Mary Ann. "Then Dave and I can ride on the bus!"

"It is not far to Oak Hill," said Dave. "It is a good place."

Father said, "No, it is not far for Glenville children. But some others would have a long ride."

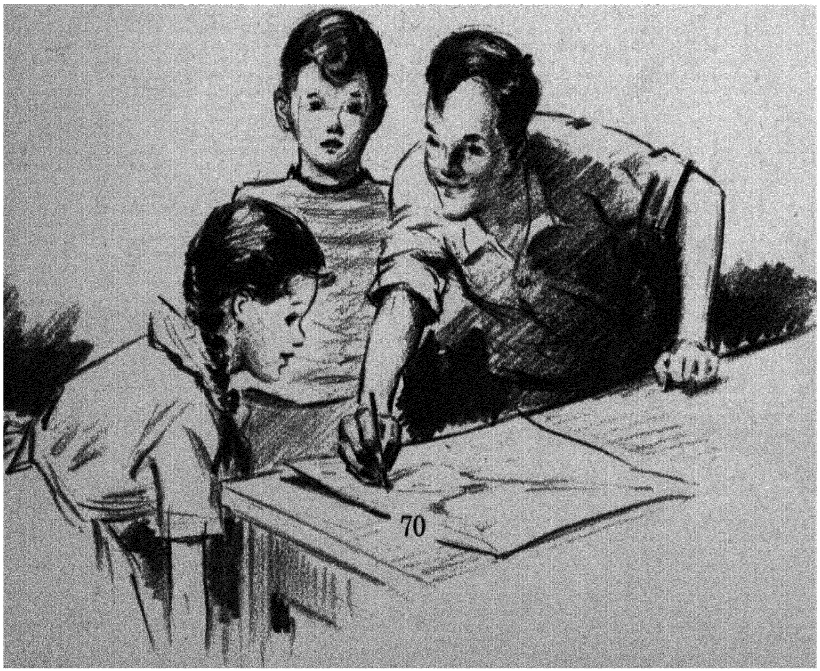
"What other children will go to the new school?" asked Dave.

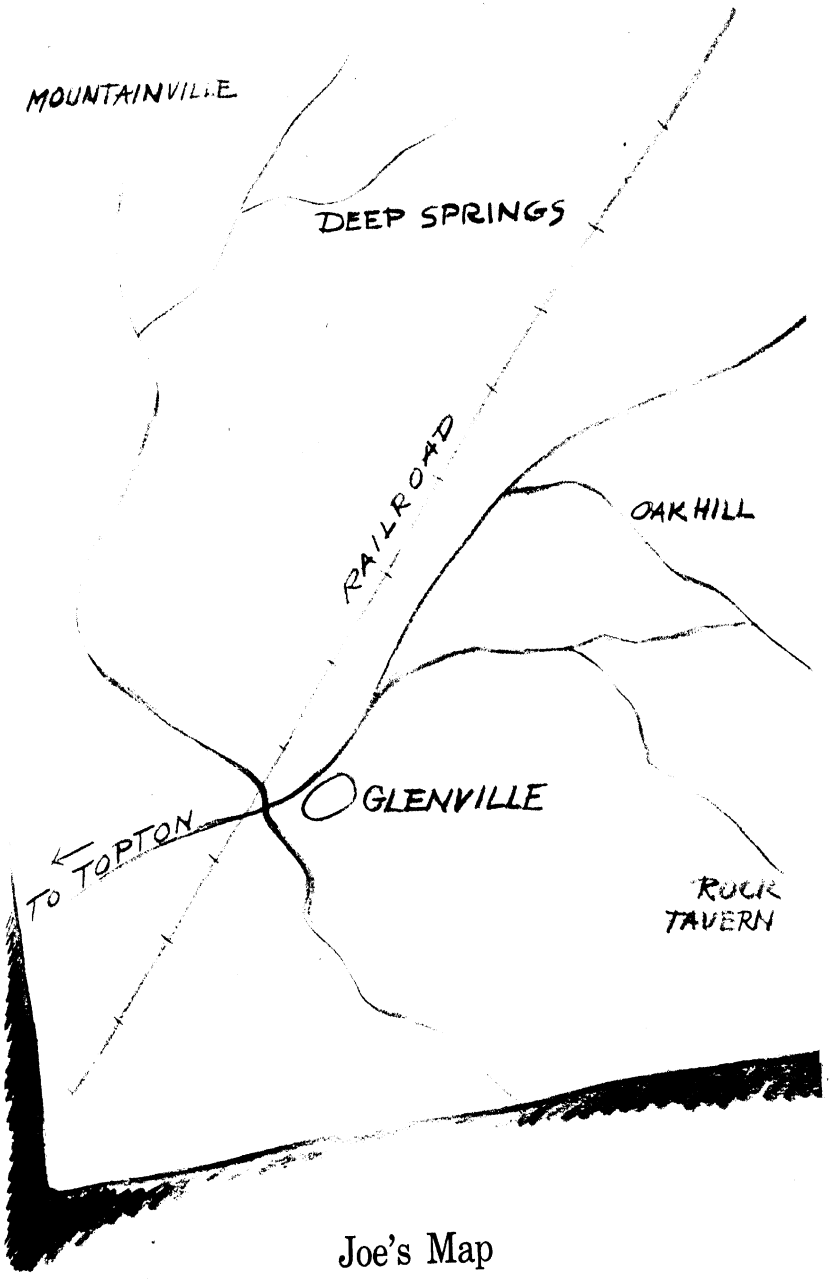
"I will show you," said Joe.

Then Joe made a map. He put the villages around Glenville on the map. He put the roads on it, too.

"The children from the villages on this map would go to the school," said Joe.

"The children from the farms around them would go, too."

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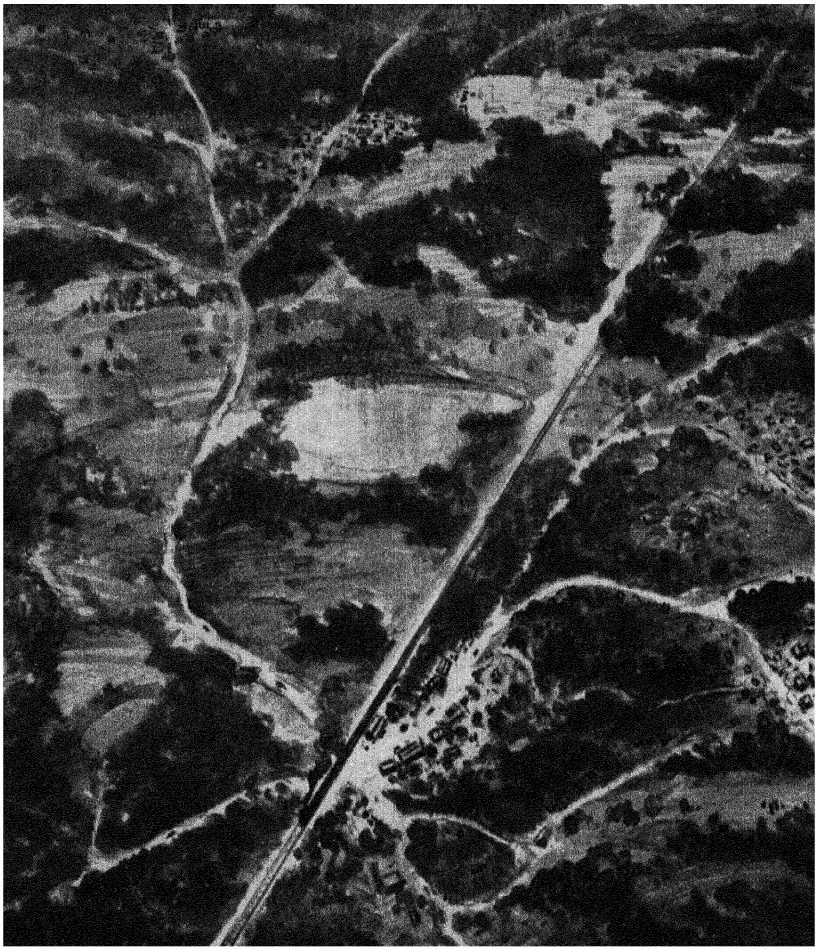
Joe's Map



This picture shows how the country around Glenville looks from an airplane.

Find the places on Joe's map in this picture.

Dave and Mary Ann looked at Joe's map.

"I think that the new school should be at Glenville," said Dave.

"I wanted to ride to school on the bus," said Mary Ann. "But I think the new school should be here."

"We could see the workmen build the new school in Glenville," said Dave.

"Yes," said Mary Ann. "That would be fun."

"Well," said Father, "if more of the people want the school here, we will be happy about that. If they want it at Oak Hill, that will be all right, too."

"How will you vote?" asked Dave.

"To have the school at Glenville," Father answered.

Things to Talk Over

Why do people vote?

Do you vote on things at school?

If you want to do things one way, and more of the children want to do them another way, what will you do?

Ways of Talking Things Over

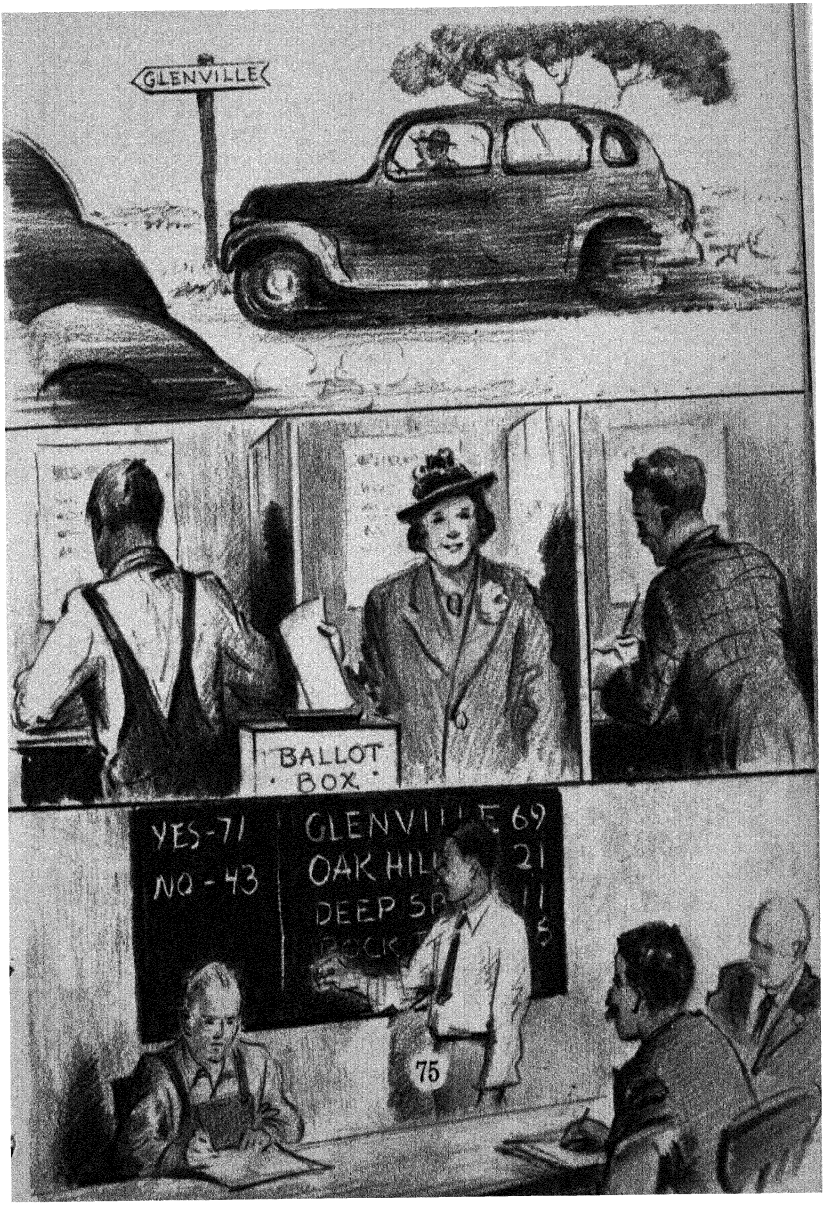
People in our country can always talk things over together. They can talk things over in the newspaper and on the radio.

How does the newspaper help people to work together?

How does the radio help people to work together?

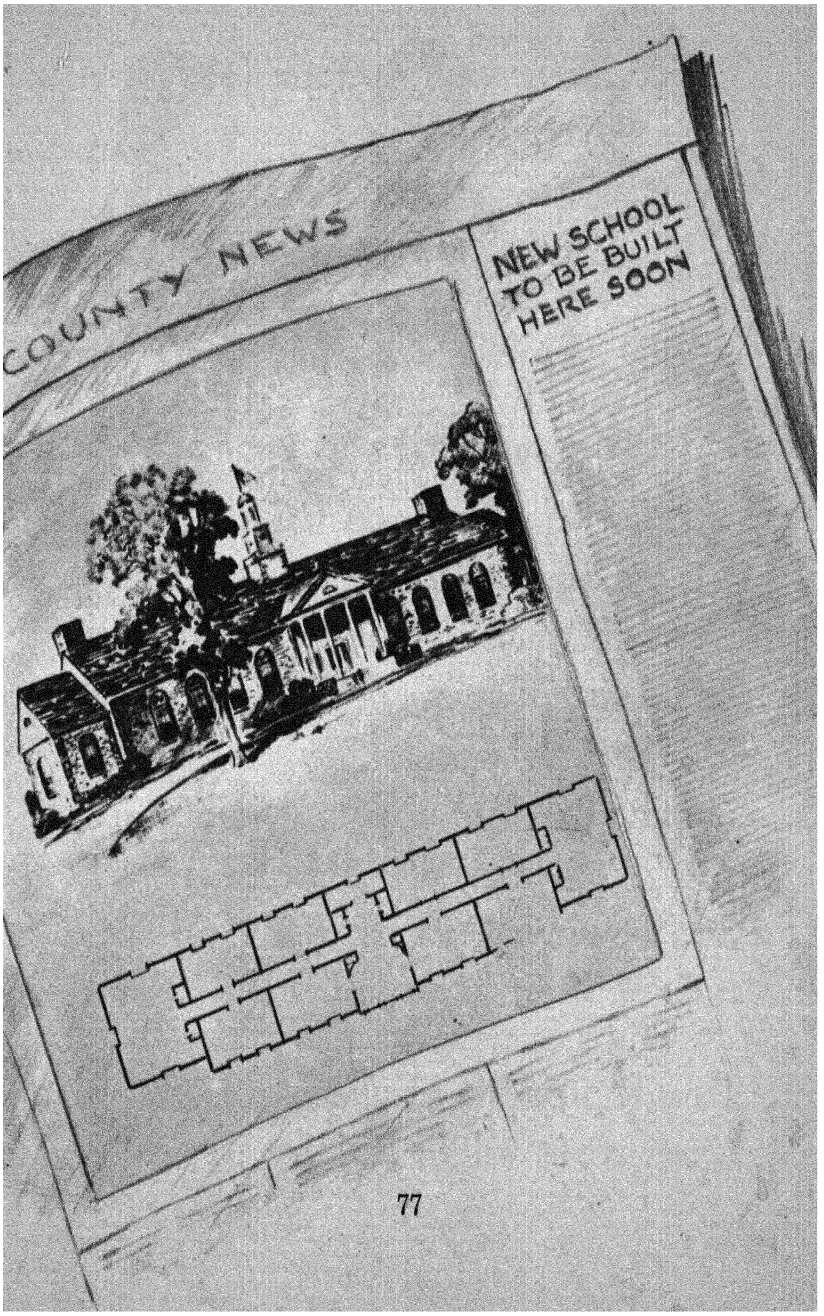
Can people talk things over in all other countries? Why not?

Time to Vote about the New School



Good News in Glenville

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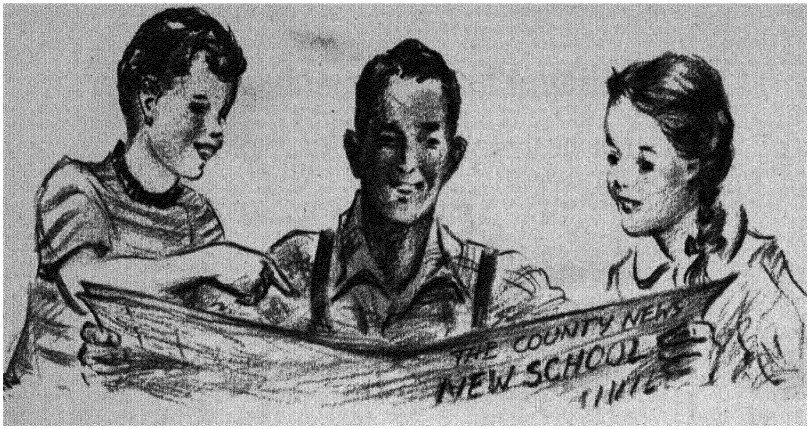
NEW SCHOOL TO BE BUILT HERE SOON



Getting Ready to Build

"Look, Father," said Dave. "Here is a picture of the new school that we are going to build. Will it be like this?"

"Yes," said Father. "That picture shows the plans of the school.

"A man at Topton made the plans. He makes plans for new houses. That is his work.

"He helps the men to make the house like the plan, too. So your new school will be like that picture."

Just then Flora, Edward, and Tom came to see Dave and Mary Ann.

"Come in," said Mary Ann.

"Come and see the plans for the new school building," said Dave.

All of the children looked at the picture.

"Ten rooms!" said Tom. "My school near our farm has only one room."

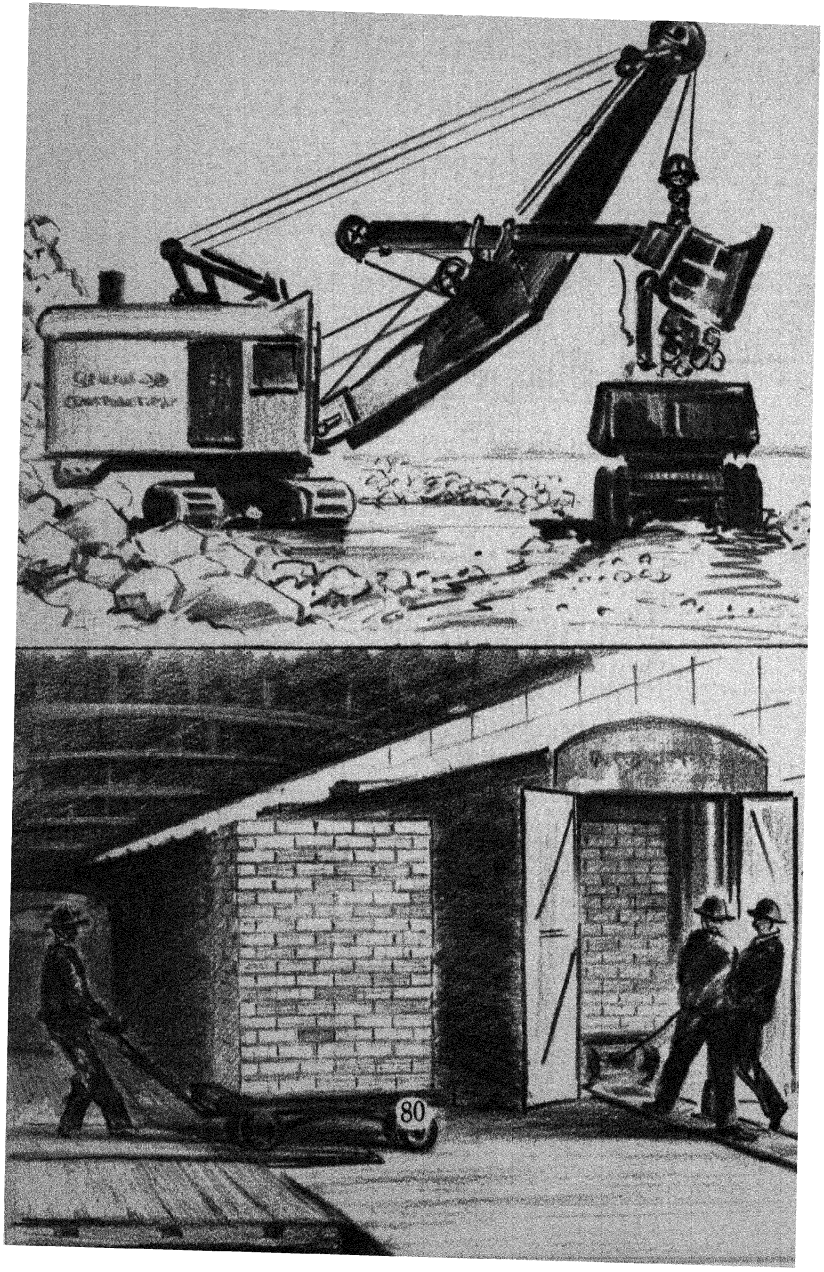
"My school in the city has many, many rooms," said Flora.

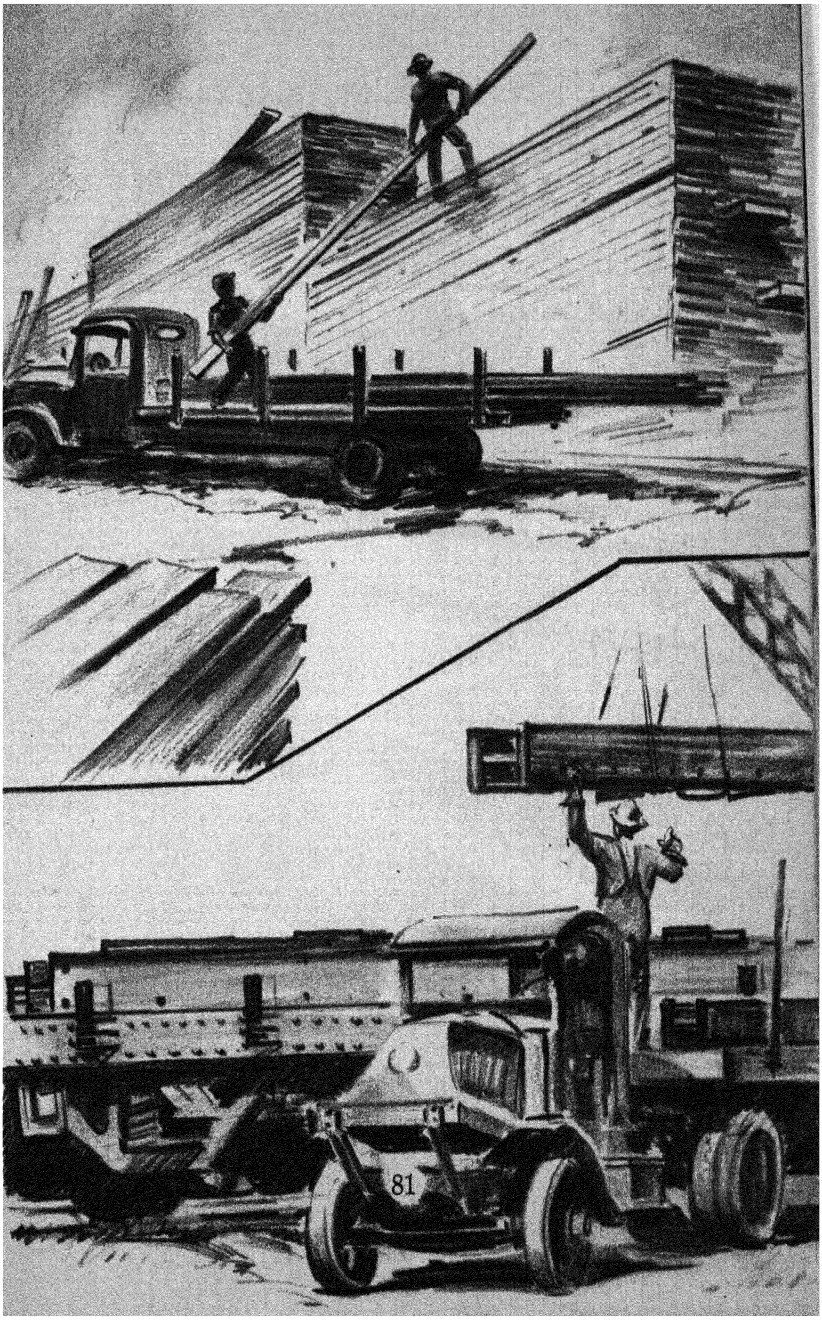
"Our old school has just one room," said Mary Ann. "The big children and the little children were all in one room together."

"We had only one teacher, too," said Dave. "But we had good times together."

"Oh, yes," said Mary Ann.

Work Begins on the New School

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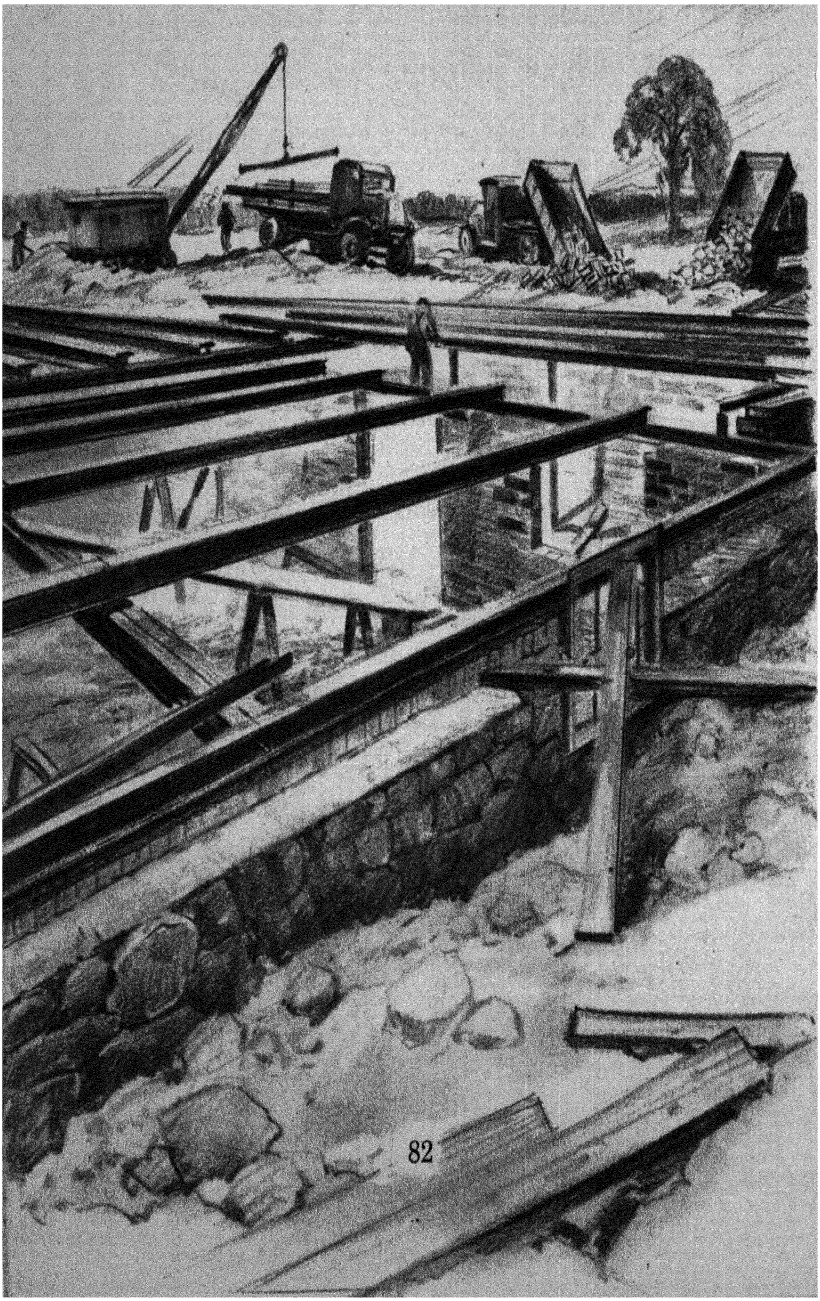


Things to Talk Over

Can you name some things that the new school building was made of?

What things is your schoolhouse made of?

Do you think some of them came on the train?

Are any of them made near where you live?

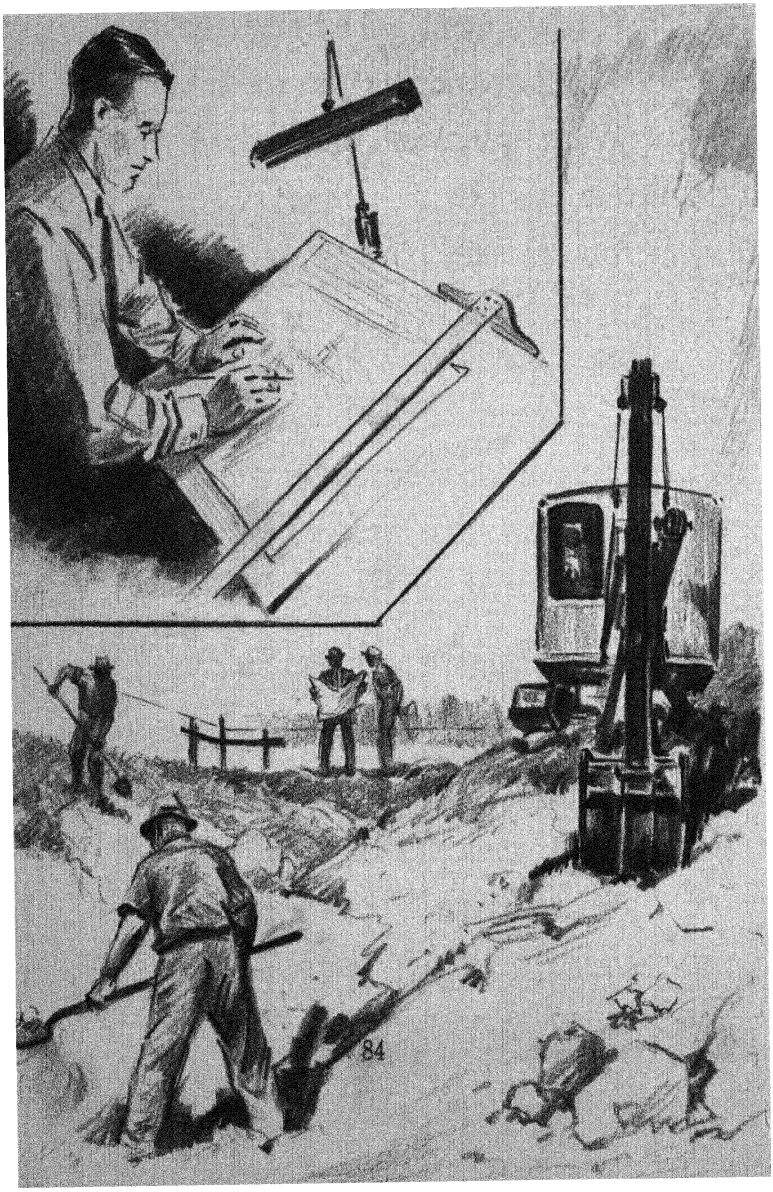
Do you know how they are made?

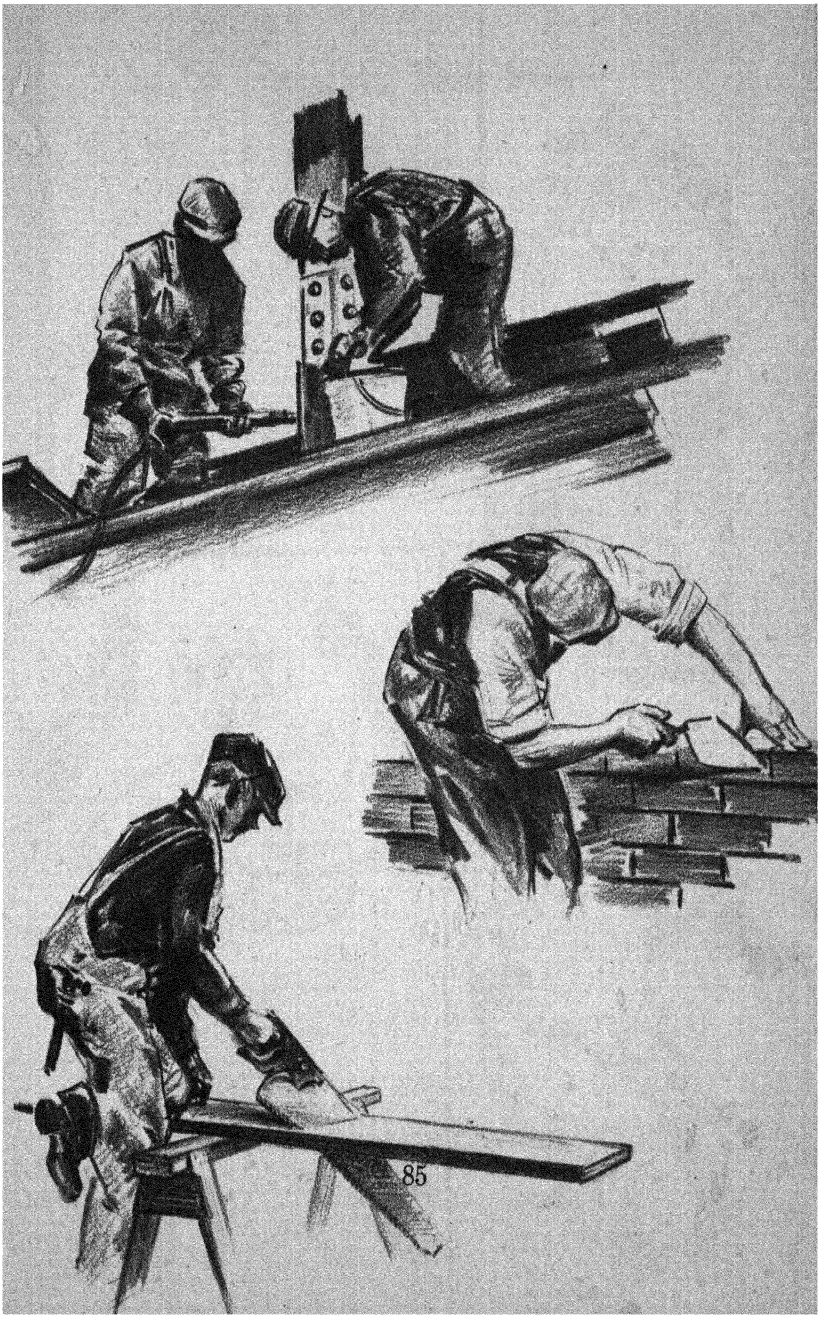
Tell the other children about it.

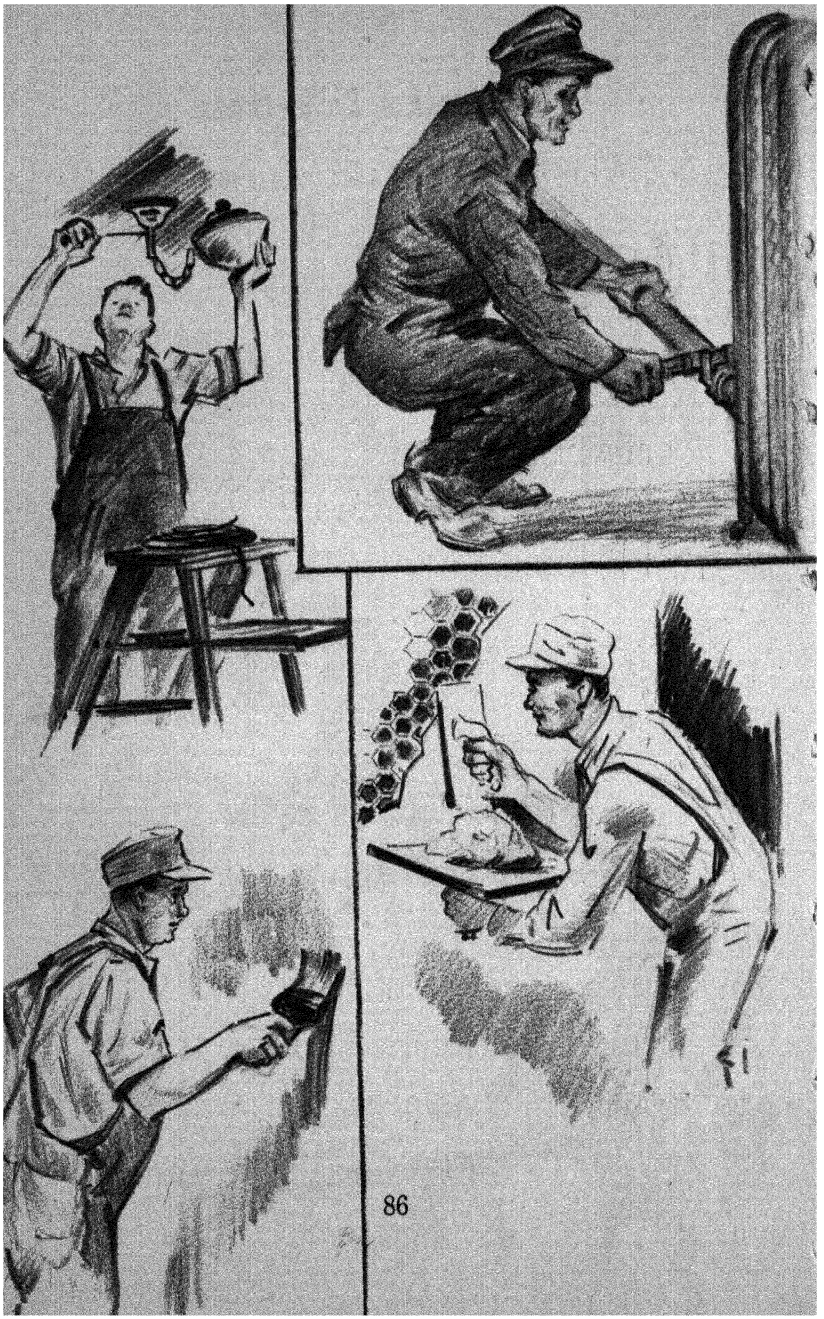
Some Things to Do

1. Go to see men building a house if you can.
2. See what kinds of things the house is made of.
3. Find out where these things come from.

Workmen Building the New School







Things to Talk Over

What workmen did you see in the pictures of the new schoolhouse?

What workmen helped to make your school building?

What workmen have you seen building a house?

Tell about the work that they were doing.

Some Things to Do

1. Make pictures of workmen building a house.
2. Put all of the pictures up in your room at school.
3. Make stories about the workmen. Put the stories with the pictures.

"Now the schoolhouse is ready," said Mother. "Many workmen have helped. They got it ready quickly."

"The building is ready," said Joe. "Now we must make the grounds around the building look good, too."

Father answered, "The people will all go to the schoolhouse one day soon.

"The fathers will plant trees on the school grounds. The mothers will take good things to eat. We will all have a picnic together."

"Oh, my! Oh, my! A picnic!" cried Dave and Mary Ann.

How Dave and Mary Ann did like a picnic!

Joe liked a picnic, too.



The day for the picnic soon came.

All of the people went to the new schoolhouse.

The people from Glenville were there. The people from Oak Hill were there, too. People from the farms were there. And people from other villages were there, too.

They worked together all day. They planted some trees and flowers to make the school grounds beautiful.

They had a picnic dinner together. They had it in the new schoolhouse.

The mothers had good things to eat. And how the people did eat!

"I did not know that I could eat so much," said Joe, when they were at home again.

"It was all so good!" said Dave and Mary Ann.

Father said, "The school grounds will be beautiful if the things that we planted will live and grow."

"We will take good care of them," said Dave.

"Yes," said Mary Ann. "We will."

And they did.

Things to Talk Over

Why did the people have a picnic at the new schoolhouse?

What did the fathers do?

What did the mothers do?

How did the children help?

Do you think they made the school grounds more beautiful?

Do the people where you live have picnics together? How do they have good times together?

Do they work together to make the school more beautiful?

What can you do to make your school more beautiful?

What can you do to make your home more beautiful?

Why should you take good care of your home and your school?

A Good Neighbor

"Please come and help me," called Mother.

"I am going to get some flowers. I want to put them in our church."

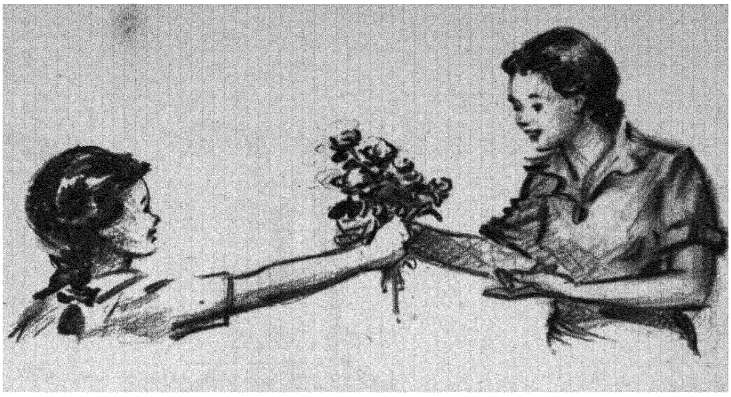
Mary Ann ran to help.

As they were getting the flowers, Mary Ann asked, "Why don't we see Mrs. Field at our church?"

"She goes to another church," said Mother. "She goes to the brown church on the hill."

Then Mother said, "In our country people may choose their church.

"They don't have to go to just one church. They don't have to go to any church. They may do what they think is right. It is not like that in all countries."



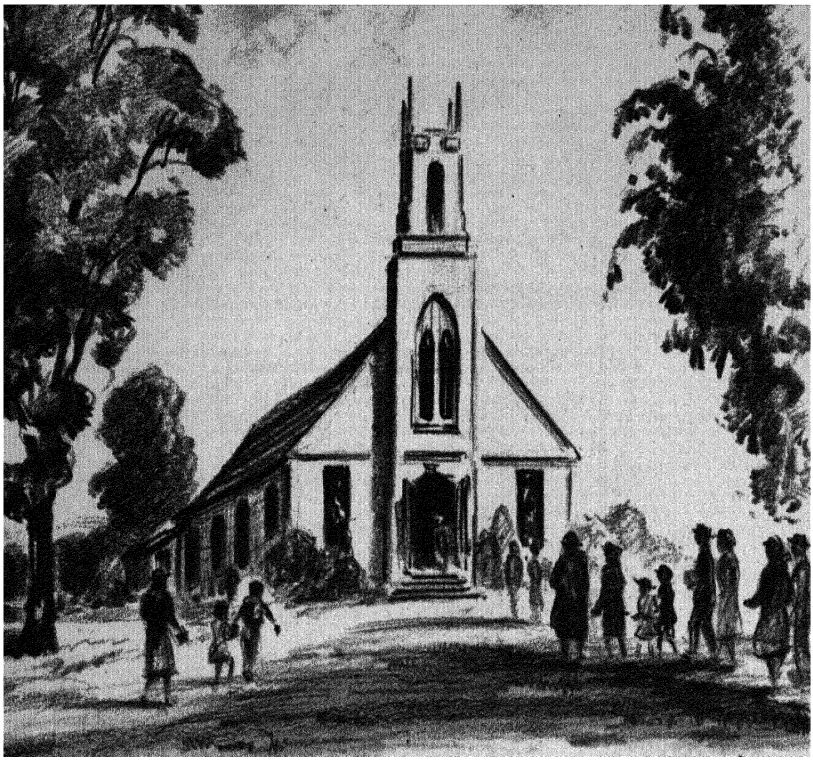
"I am glad that we can go to our church," said Mary Ann.

"Yes," Mother answered. "That is one of the many fine things about our country."

"Mother, may I take some of these flowers to Mrs. Field for her church? She does not have many flowers now," said Mary Ann.

Mother answered quickly, "Yes, Mary Ann. I am glad for you to think of that. Here, take these. They are very beautiful."

So Mary Ann took the flowers to Mrs. Field.



"Oh," said Mrs. Field. "What a happy surprise!

"You are a good little neighbor, Mary Ann."

Mary Ann went on her way home. She liked to think about what Mrs. Field had said. It made her happy.

The New Flag

"What do you think?" said Father. "We are to have a new flag for our schoolhouse, after all!"

"But there was not enough money for a new flag," said Mother.

"Mr. Field was one of the men to look after building the schoolhouse. He said we could not have a new flag now."

"Yes," said Father. "That is what I am talking about. We were going to have to get the new flag some other time.

"But Mrs. Hill wanted to do something for the new school. And she is getting the new flag.

"It will be a fine big flag. And it will be on a big flag pole."

Soon the new flag came.

The men of Glenville put up the flag pole and the flag.

All of the people in the village went out to look at it.

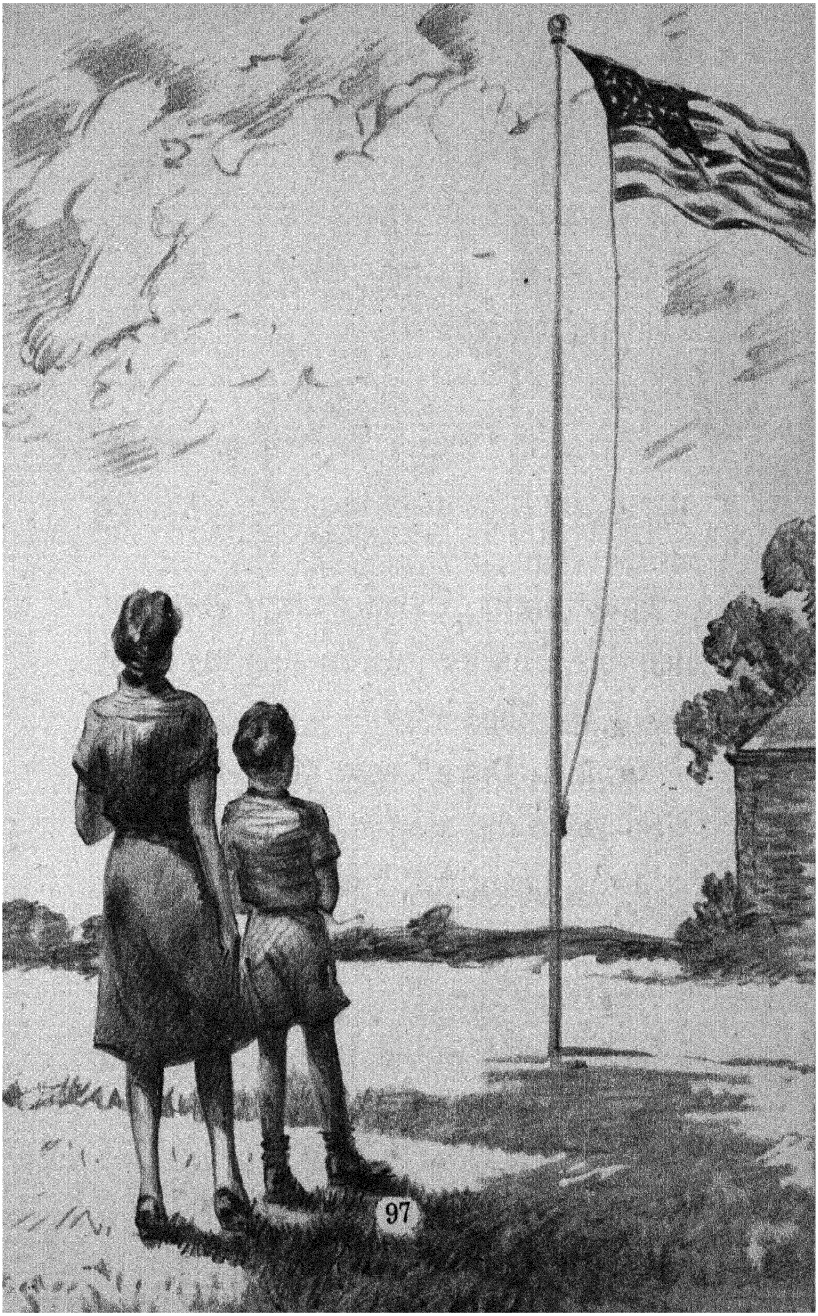
Dave and Mother and Mary Ann looked at the flag a long time. Then Mary Ann ran on home. But Dave and Mother stayed to look at the flag.

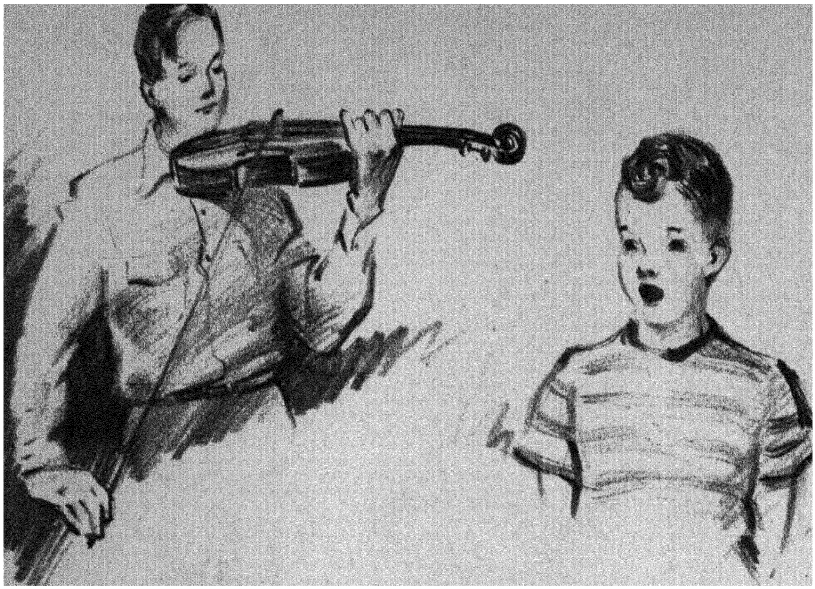
Dave said to Mother, "When I see the flag looking like that, I want to sing about it."

"Sing, then," said Mother.

"I don't know the song I want to sing," said Dave. "I want to sing the things that the flag says to me."

"Oh, *do* sing them, Dave," said Mother. "Get Joe to help you. He is good at making songs."





That night Dave said, "Joe did help me, Mother. I can sing my song about the flag, now."

"Sing it, Dave," said Mother.

So Dave did sing it.

"It is beautiful!" said Mary Ann. "Let's all learn to sing it."

And they did.

Maybe you would like to learn to sing it, too.

Here it is.

My Flag

Mae Knight Clark — Catherine Allison Christie

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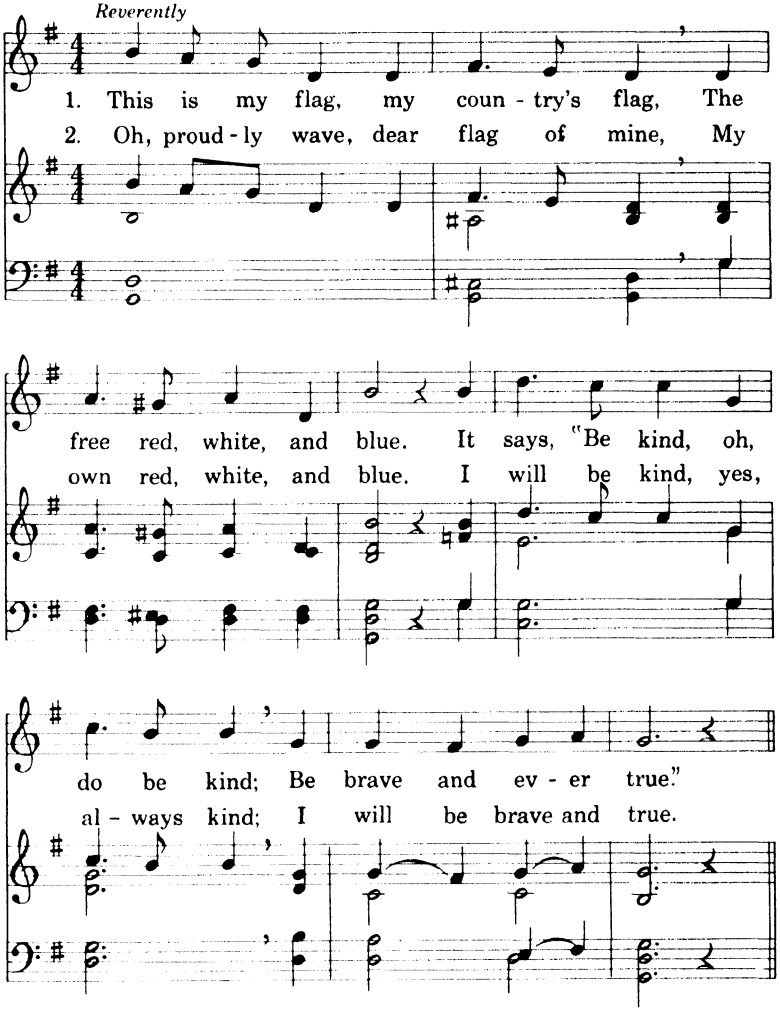
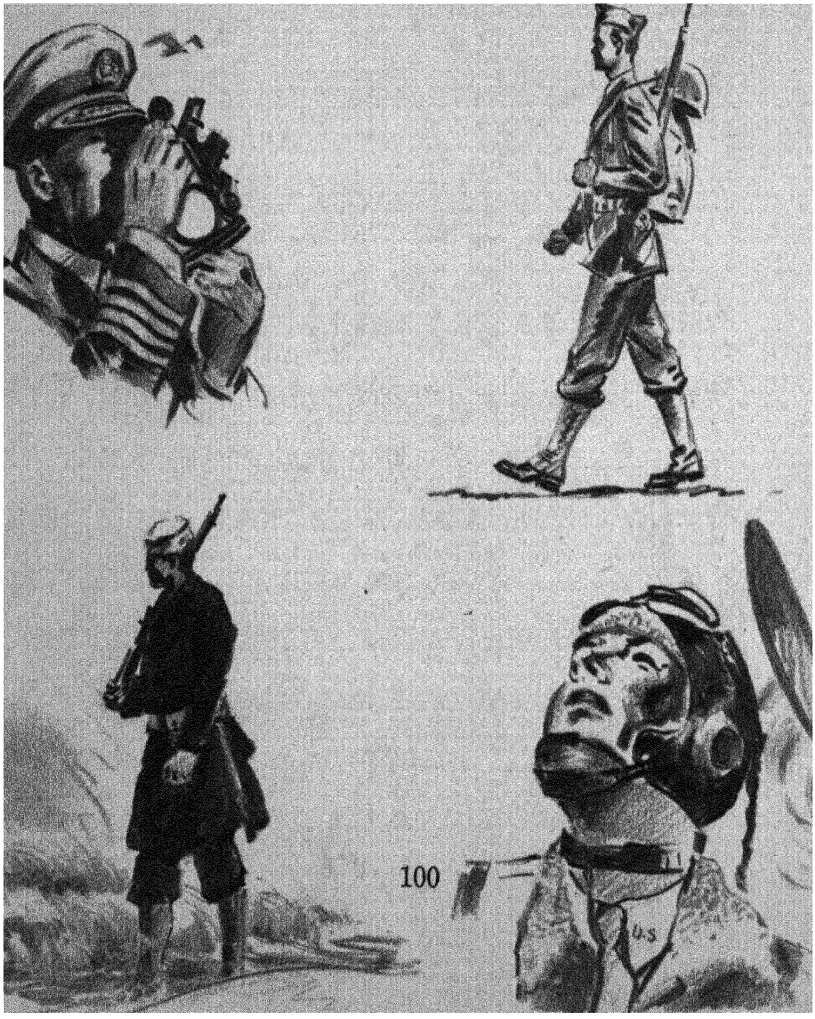


Our country protects its people.

Here are some of those who help to protect you. Find out all that you can about their work. Your teacher will help you.



Things to Talk Over

What colors are in your country's flag?

What is the name of your country?

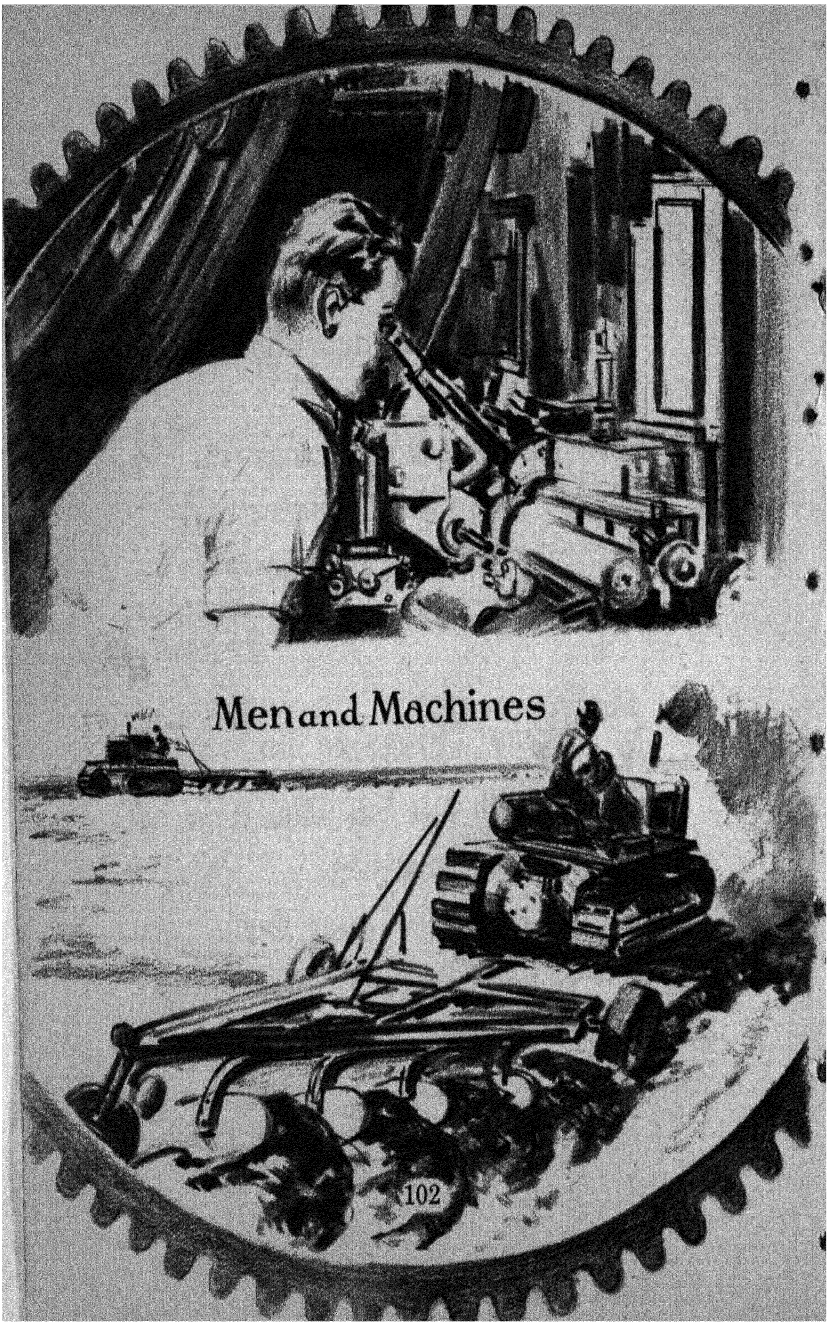
Tell some fine things about your country.

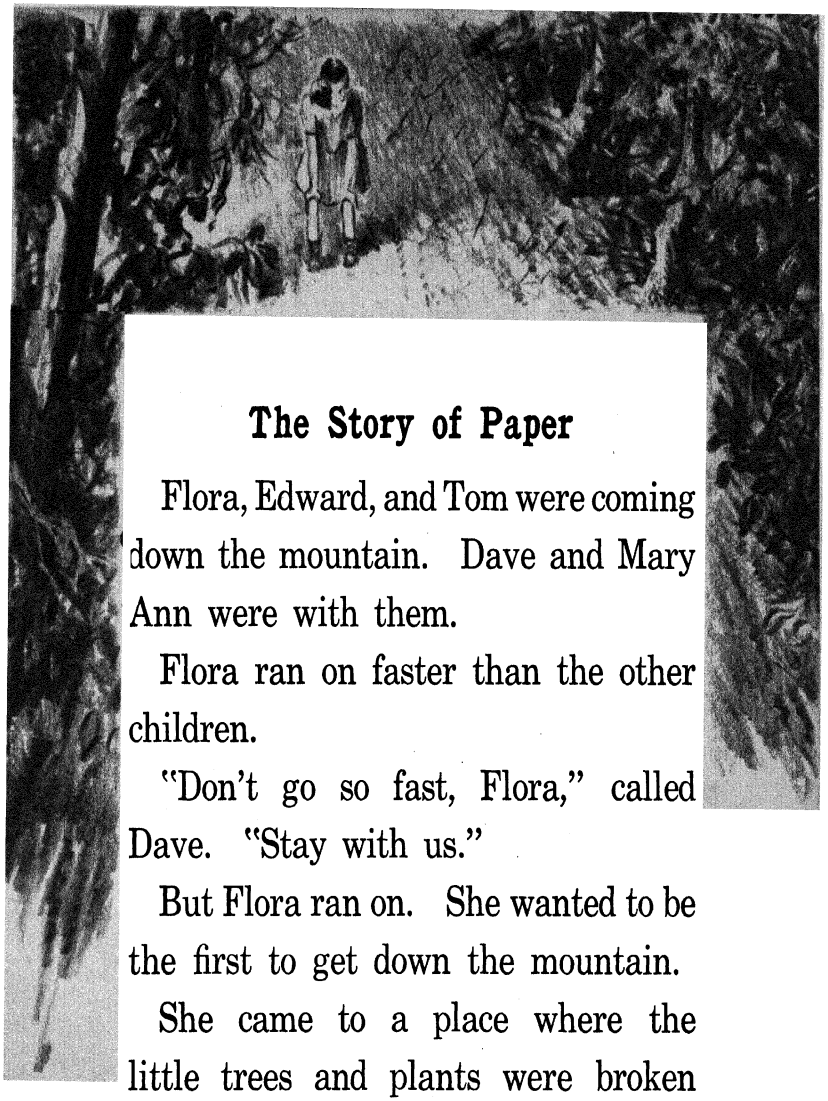
What are some of the things you can do to help make your country fine?

How does your country protect its people?

Some Things to Do

1. Find out all you can about how to take care of your flag.
2. Make a picture of your flag.
3. Learn more about what your country does for its people.
4. Do all you can to make your country a finer place to live.


Men and Machines



The Story of Paper

Flora, Edward, and Tom were coming down the mountain. Dave and Mary Ann were with them.

Flora ran on faster than the other children.

"Don't go so fast, Flora," called Dave. "Stay with us."

But Flora ran on. She wanted to be the first to get down the mountain.

She came to a place where the little trees and plants were broken down. Something had been sliding down the mountain and had made an open way down it.

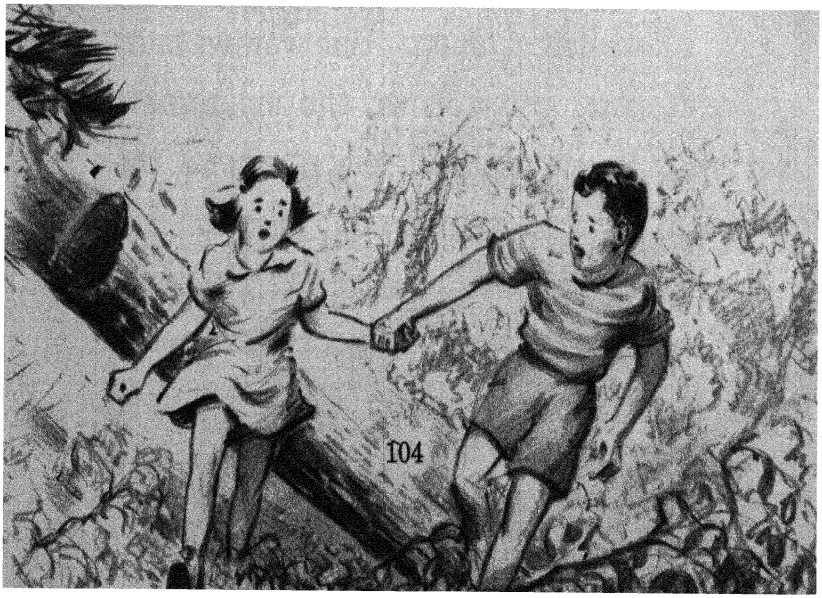
Flora stopped to see why the little trees and plants were broken. She stopped in the open way and looked up and down the mountain.

Just then somebody called out, "Timber! *Timber!*"

"Run, Flora! Run!" cried Dave.

"Run!" cried Mary Ann.

But Flora did not run. She was afraid. She was too much afraid to know what to do, so she stopped right where she was.



Dave ran very fast. He got to Flora quickly, and he pulled her on with him. He was just in time.

For just then a very big tree came sliding down the mountain. It went right over the place where Flora had been. It went sliding on down the mountain.

"Oh, Dave!" cried Flora. "Where did that tree come from?"

"From up the mountain, where men are cutting trees," said Dave.

"You should have run when the men called 'Timber!'

"That is what they say when they send a tree sliding down. Then the people get out of the way."

"I did not know why they called 'Timber!'" said Flora.

"Why do they cut down the trees?" asked Tom. "The trees are beautiful. We don't have trees on our farm in the West."

"No trees!" cried Mary Ann. "I have not seen a place without trees."

"Around our house we have some trees that we planted," said Tom.

"But we don't have any woods.

"In some places in the West there are many big trees. But they don't grow where I live."

"I can not think what it is like without trees," said Dave.

"We have big fields of wheat," said Tom. "I like them, too. When I go home, I will send you some pictures of our wheat farm."

"Good!" said Dave and Mary Ann.

Then Tom said, "I want the men to stop cutting these trees."

"Oh, no, Tom," said Dave. "The men don't cut all of the trees. They cut some of them and let others stay to grow.

"And the men must cut the trees to get money. That is the way they get money for the things their families must have."

"How do they get money from trees?" asked Flora.

"They send some of them to the lumber mill," Dave answered.

"The lumber that the workmen put into our new schoolhouse came from these trees.

"They cut some of the trees up and send them to the paper mill, too."

"Does a paper mill make paper?" asked Flora.

"Yes," Dave answered.

Then Edward said, "I have seen a lumber mill, but I have not seen a mill that makes paper."

"Mr. Field gets rolls of paper from a paper mill at Oak Hill," said Dave.

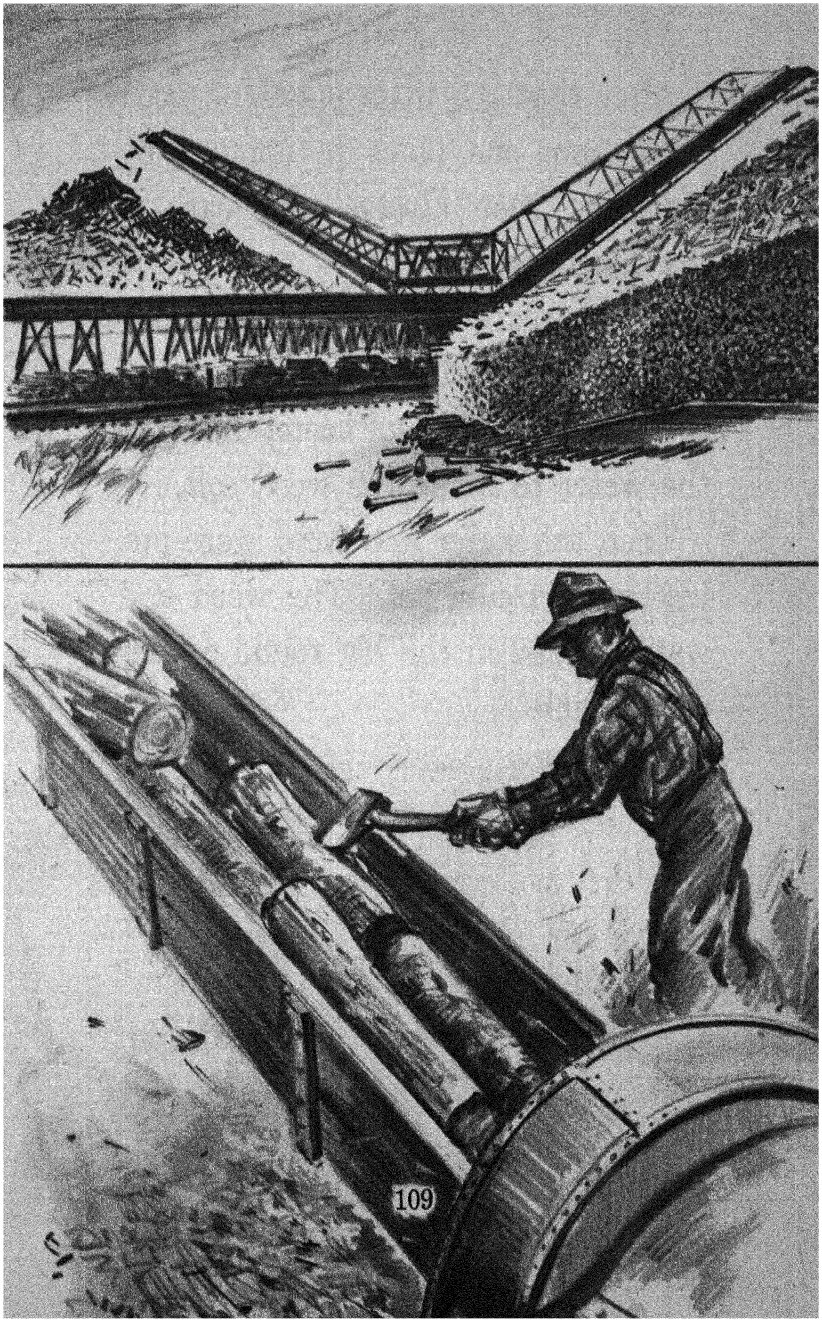
"Let's go to Oak Hill to see the paper mill," said Flora.

So the next day Mrs. Hill took them to see the paper mill at Oak Hill.

A very kind man showed them around.

First he showed them the big pieces of wood as they come to the mill.

Then he showed them a machine that was cutting the wood into very little pieces.

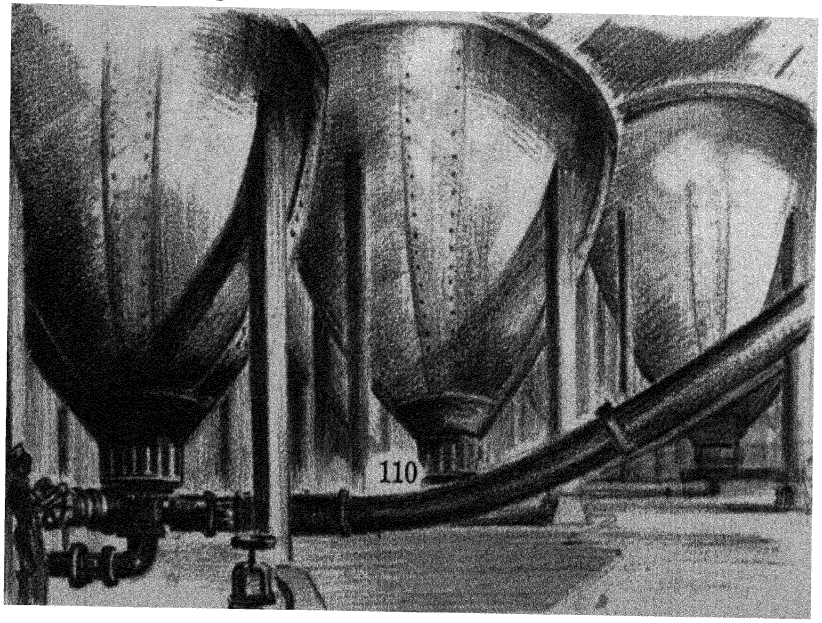


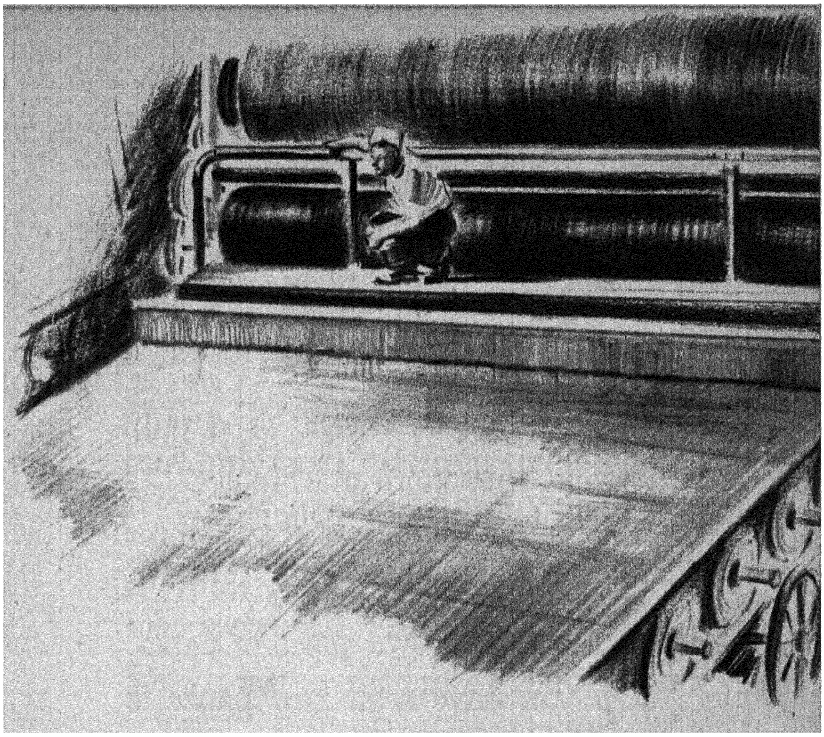
After that the little pieces of wood went from one place to another by machine. Men always took care of the machines.

At one place a machine put water with the little pieces of wood.

Other machines put something into the water to make the wood soft.

Then the water and wood were put into a big round pot. The wood and water cooked in the big round pot for a long time.

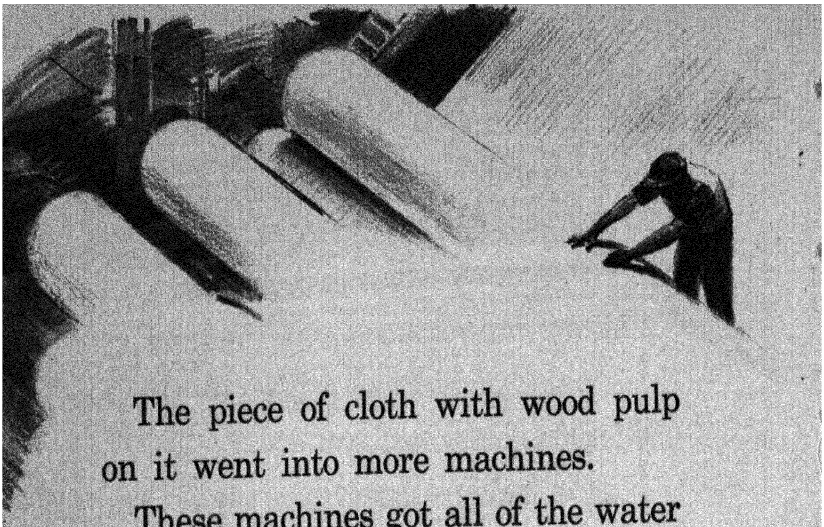




The wood and water cooked into a kind of thick brown soup. The men called this brown soup "wood pulp."

When the brown wood pulp had cooked long enough, it ran into another machine.

It came out of the machine on a long piece of cloth.

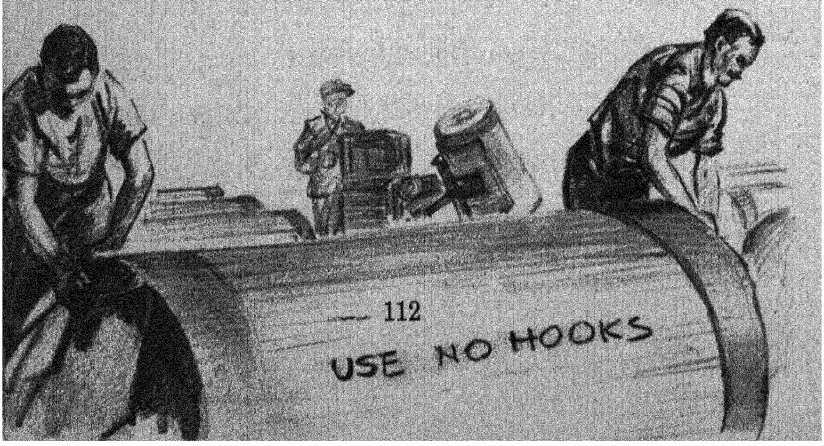


The piece of cloth with wood pulp on it went into more machines.

These machines got all of the water out of the wood pulp. They rolled it out into a long brown piece of paper.

"Now you have seen how paper is made," said the man.

"Oh, yes! Thank you very much!" said the children.



USE NO HOOKS

"We have had a good time," said Flora. "I did not know that paper is made in this way. I did not know that it is made from trees."

"Many, many things are made from trees," said the man. "We get many good things to eat from trees, too.

"We should always take good care of trees and help them to grow."

"I guess all people do that," said Tom.

"No," the man answered. "Not always.

"People like to have picnics in the woods. Sometimes they make a fire there and cook something.

"Then they don't take care to put out the fire. The woods get on fire. And the fires burn many trees."

"We like to have picnics," said Dave. "And we like to cook in the woods.

"But we will always take care to put out the fire. We will not burn the trees."

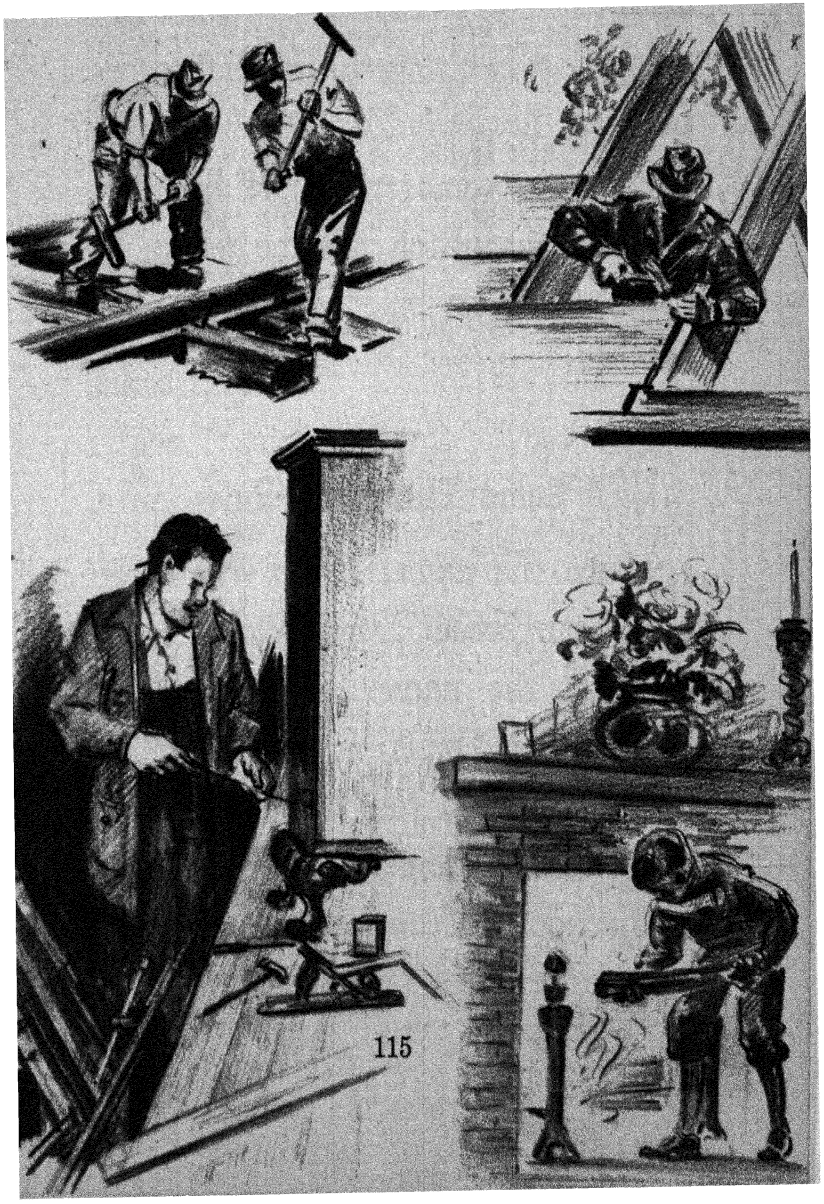
On their way home, Mrs. Hill and the children stopped at Mr. Field's store.

Mrs. Hill got some things. Mr. Field put some brown paper around them.

Flora said, "When I see that paper, I think of all the men and all the machines that helped to make it."

"And of the trees," said Tom. "It was a tree first of all."

Some Things That People Do With Wood



Things to Talk Over

Name some things that are made of wood.

Name some things to eat that grow on trees.

We grow some trees just because they are beautiful. Name some of them.

Some Things to Do

1. Learn the names of all the trees on your school grounds.
2. Learn the names of other trees near your home.
3. Find out all you can about how trees help people.
4. Find out all you can about taking care of trees and making them grow.

Edward's Story

"I like that paper mill," Edward said. "When I get home, I will tell Jimmy about it."

"Who is Jimmy?" asked Mary Ann.

"He is my friend," said Edward. "He lives on a farm."

"Is it a wheat farm, like Tom's?" asked Dave.

"No," said Edward. "They don't grow wheat on the farm where Jimmy lives. But they grow cotton."

"Why do they grow cotton?" asked Mary Ann.

"People must have cotton for many, many things," said Edward.

"Your dress is made of cotton, Mary Ann."

"So is my dress," said Flora.

"My mother made my dress," said Mary Ann. "How can a dress grow on a farm?"

Edward laughed.

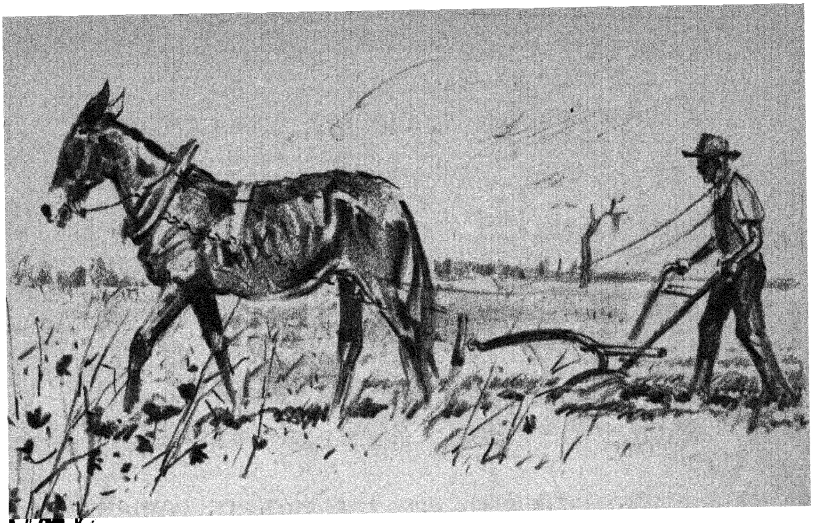
"The farmer does not grow a dress," he said. "But I can tell you how he grows something that helps to make it."

"Good!" cried the children.

So Edward told them about how cotton grows. He told them about his friend's farm near his home in the South.

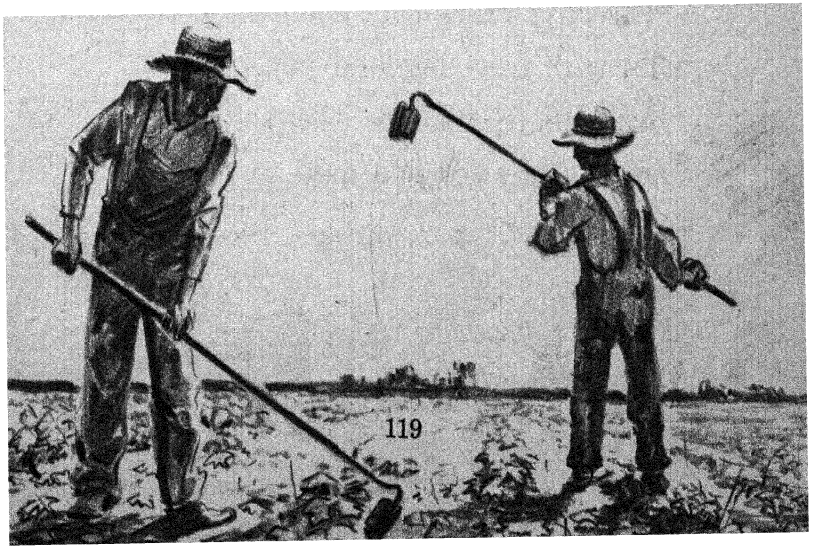
Edward began his story.

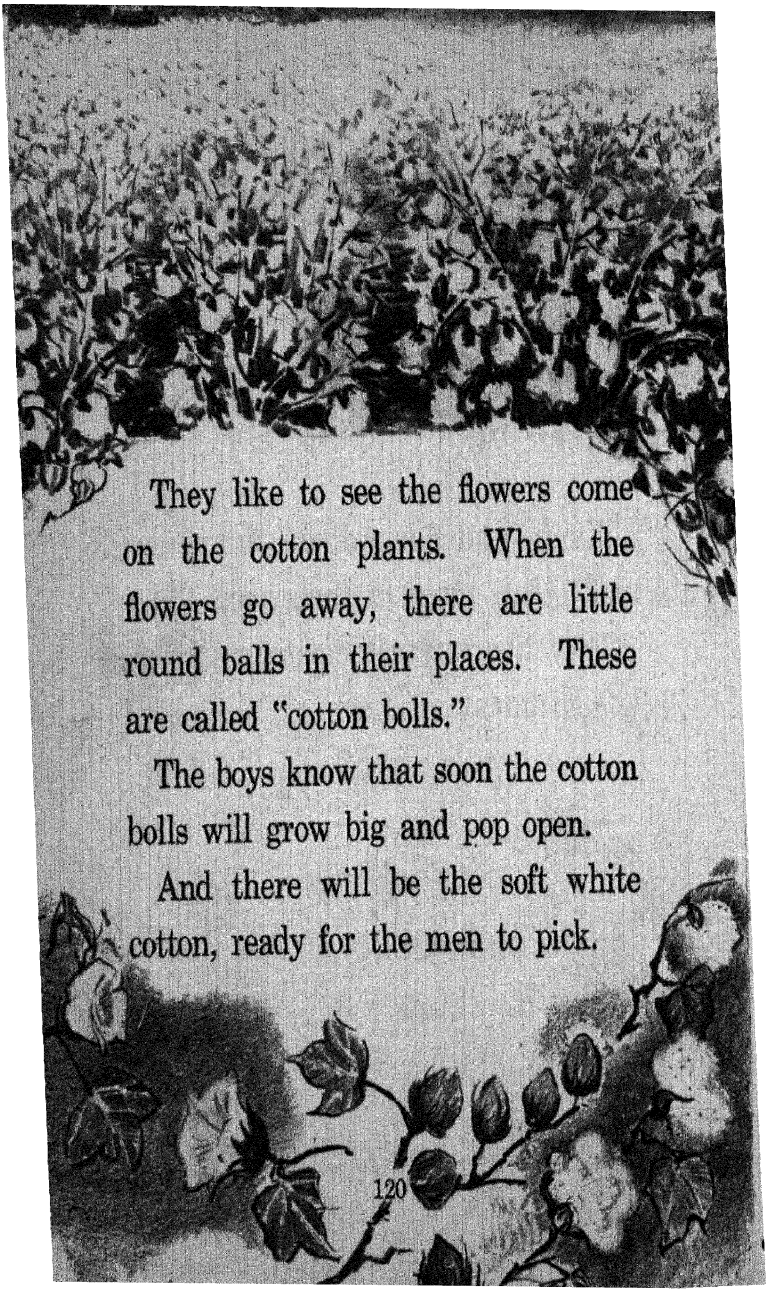
It takes long, hot summers to make cotton grow. So it grows well in the South.



Jimmy and Edward like to see the men plant cotton in the spring.

They like to see them take care of it all summer.

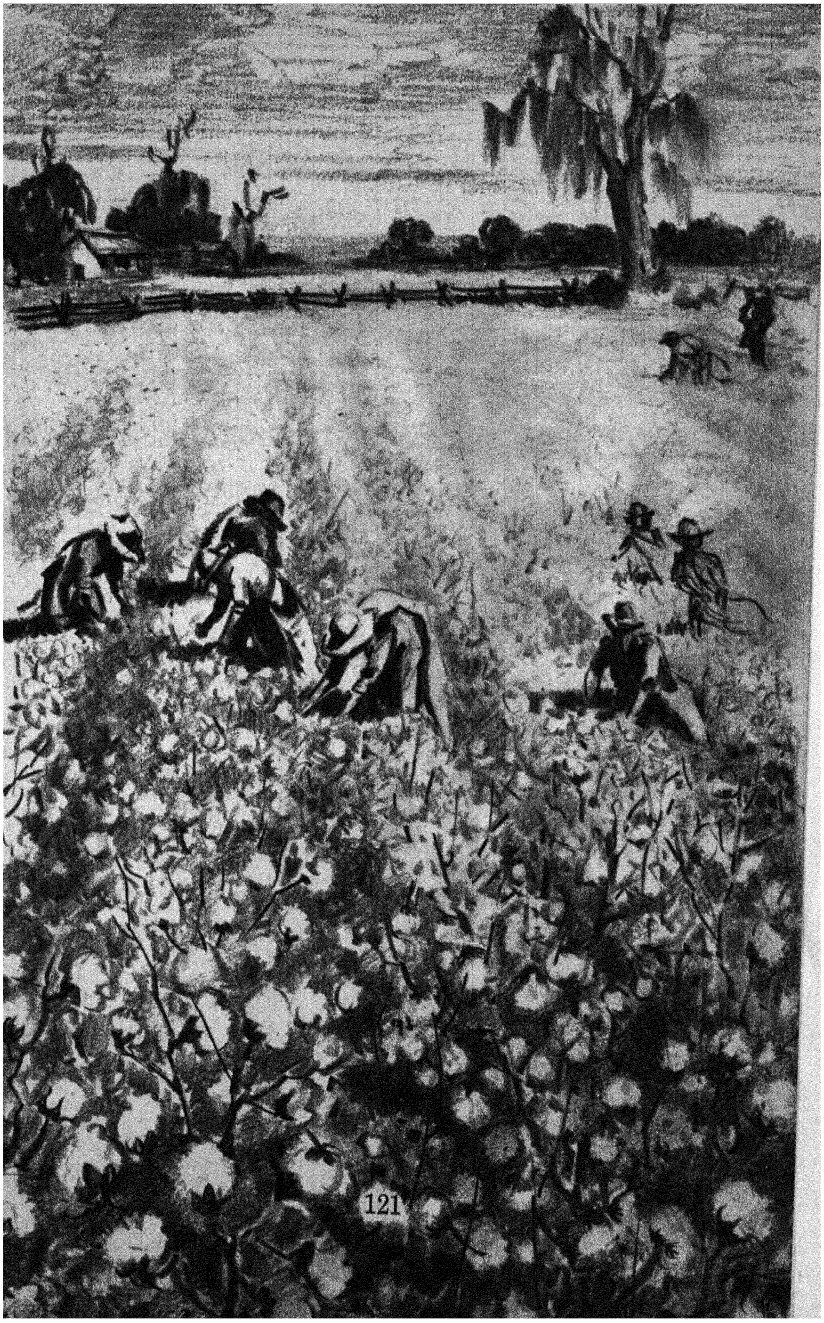




They like to see the flowers come on the cotton plants. When the flowers go away, there are little round balls in their places. These are called "cotton bolls."

The boys know that soon the cotton bolls will grow big and pop open.

And there will be the soft white cotton, ready for the men to pick.

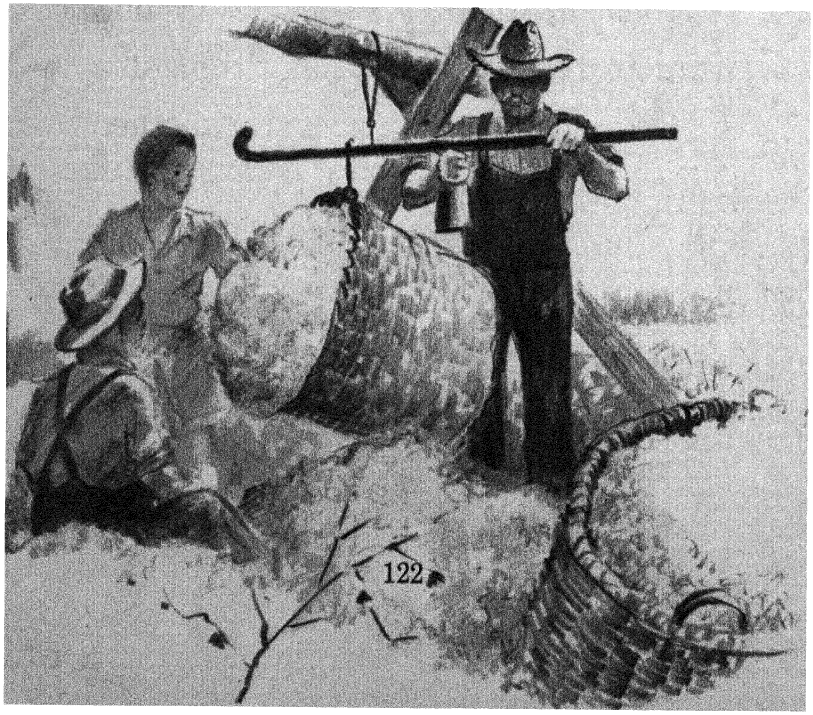


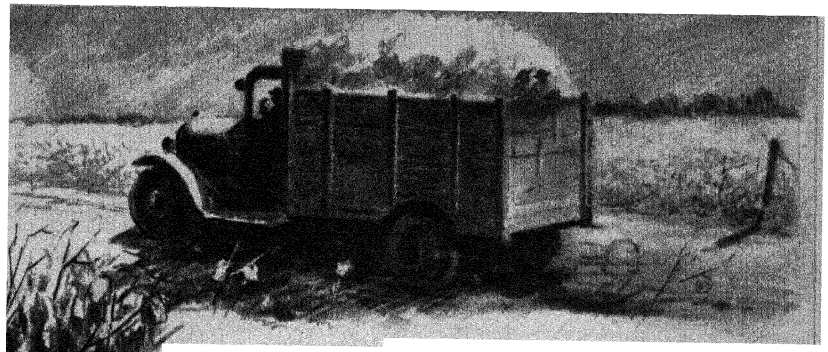
Then the farmer and all of his helpers go to the white fields.

They must pick all of the soft white cotton from the plants.

Jimmy and Edward like to help pick the cotton. Jimmy's father gives them money for helping.

Jimmy can pick cotton faster than Edward. He picks more cotton, and so he gets more money.



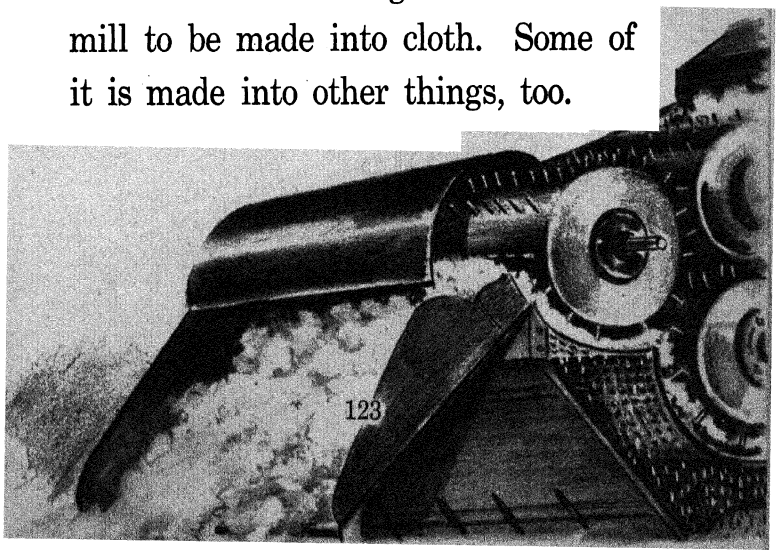


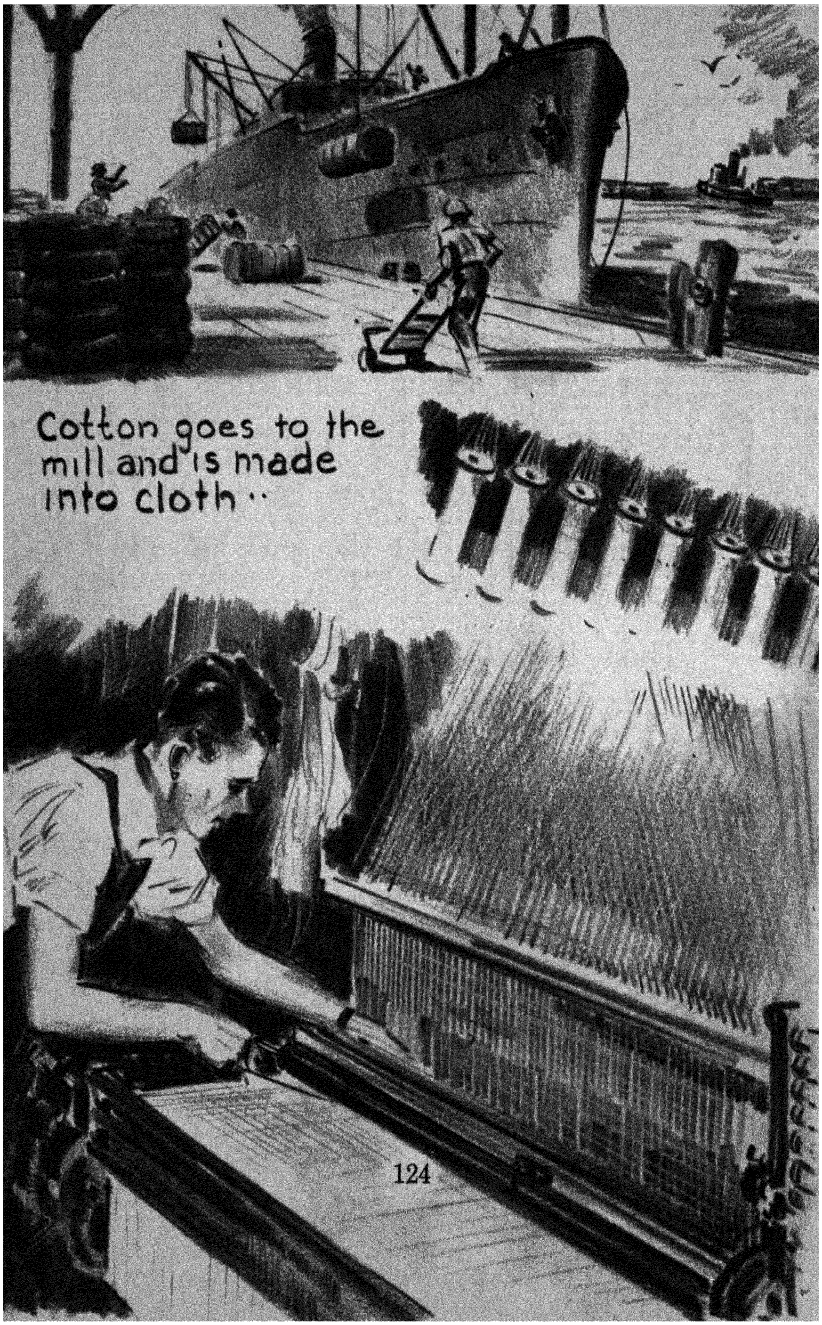
Edward and Jimmy sometimes get to ride to town on the cotton.

First the cotton goes to a place where machines take the seeds out of it.

Then the cotton seeds go to one mill to be made into many things.

The white cotton goes to another mill to be made into cloth. Some of it is made into other things, too.




Cotton goes to the mill and is made into cloth..

Some Things That Are Made of Cotton



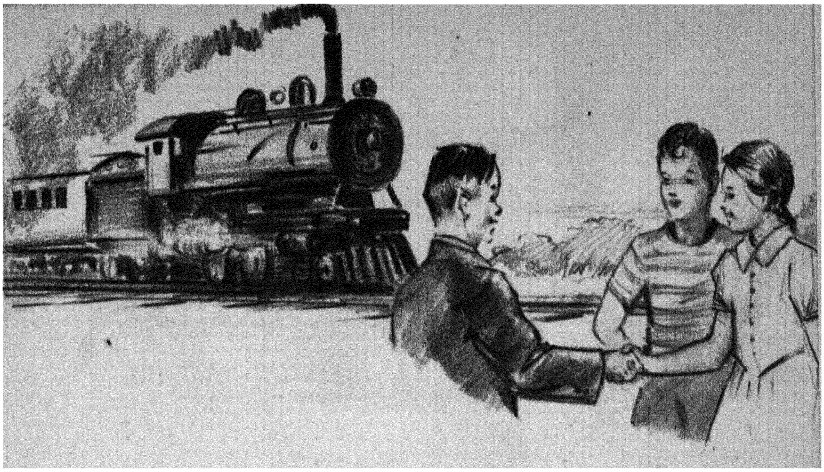
Things to Talk Over

Do the farmers near you grow cotton?

Name some things that are made of cotton.

Some Things to Do

1. Get a piece of cotton. See how soft and white it is.
2. Look at a piece of cotton cloth. Find out about other things that are made of cotton.
3. All cloth is not made of cotton. Find out what some other kinds of cloth are made of.
4. Find out all you can about how your clothes are made.
5. Find out something about what is made from cotton seed.



The Box from Tom

It was time for Tom to go home.

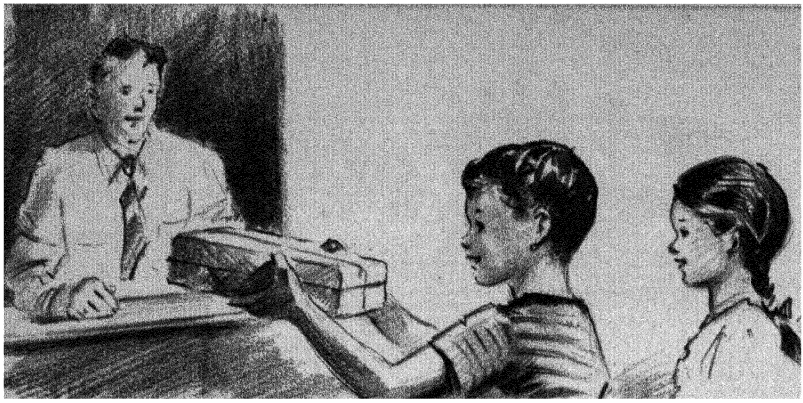
Dave and Mary Ann, Edward and Flora all went to the train to see him off.

"Good-by!" said Tom. "I have had a good time in the mountains this summer."

"You have helped us to have a good time, too," said Mary Ann.

"Be sure to send us the pictures of your wheat farm," said Dave.

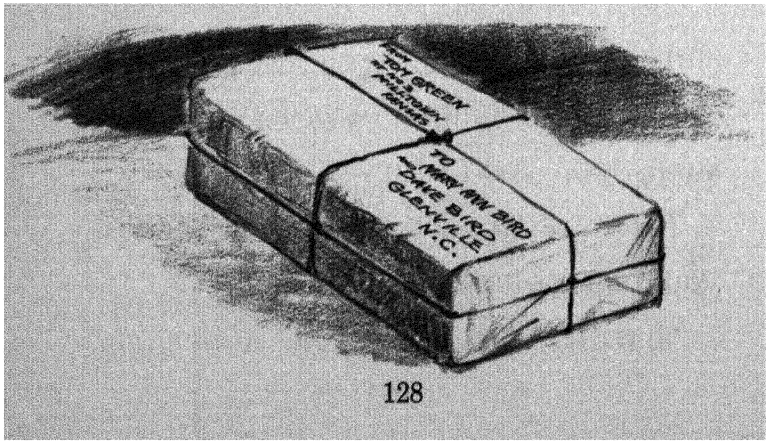
"I will," Tom answered.



Sure enough, a box soon came for Dave and Mary Ann.

"This has come a long way," said the mailman.

"Yes," said Dave. "Our friend in the West sent it to us. Here is his name on the box."



Dave and Mary Ann opened the box quickly. In it was a big book.

"Tom must have made this book," said Mary Ann. "See what it says on the outside."

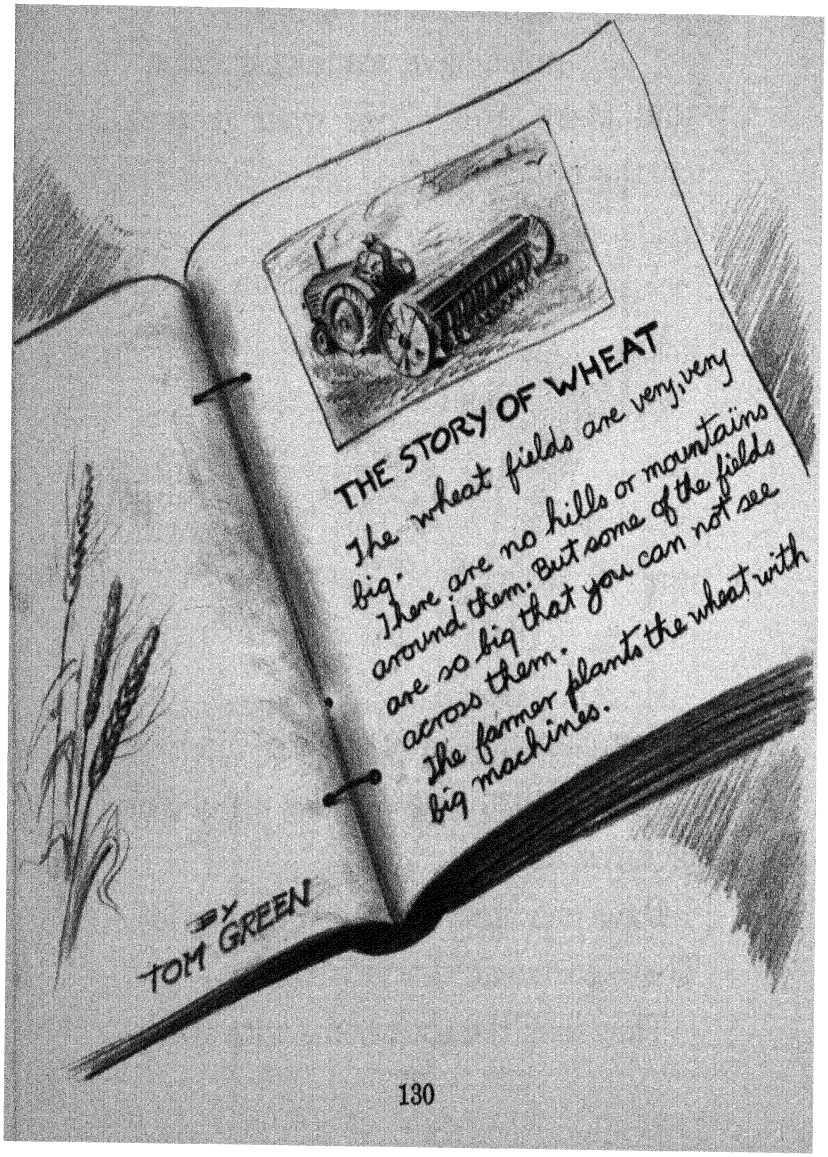


Tom had put many pictures into the book. He had made stories about the pictures, too.

Dave and Mary Ann read the stories. They looked at the pictures.

They took the book home with them.

Tom's Book


THE STORY OF WHEAT
The wheat fields are very, very big. There are no hills or mountains around them. But some of the fields are so big that you can not see across them.
The farmer plants the wheat with big machines.
BY TOM GREEN

Mother and Father and Joe looked at the book Tom had made.

"My, it is a beautiful book," said Mother.

"Tom did some good work when he made that," said Joe.

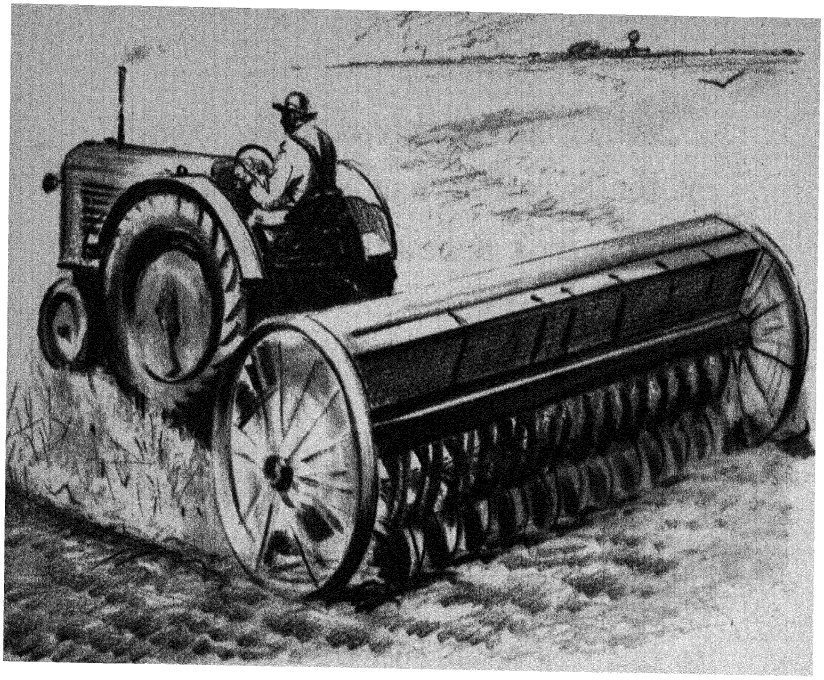
Father said, "Tom's wheat farm is not much like the farms around here."

"When school begins, we are going to take the book with us," said Dave. "I know that the other children will want to see it."

Maybe you would like to see the pictures that were in Tom's book.

Maybe you would like to read the stories that were in it, too.

Here they are.



The Story of Wheat

The wheat fields are very, very big.

There are no hills or mountains around them. But some of the fields are so big that you can not see across them.

The farmer plants the wheat with big machines.

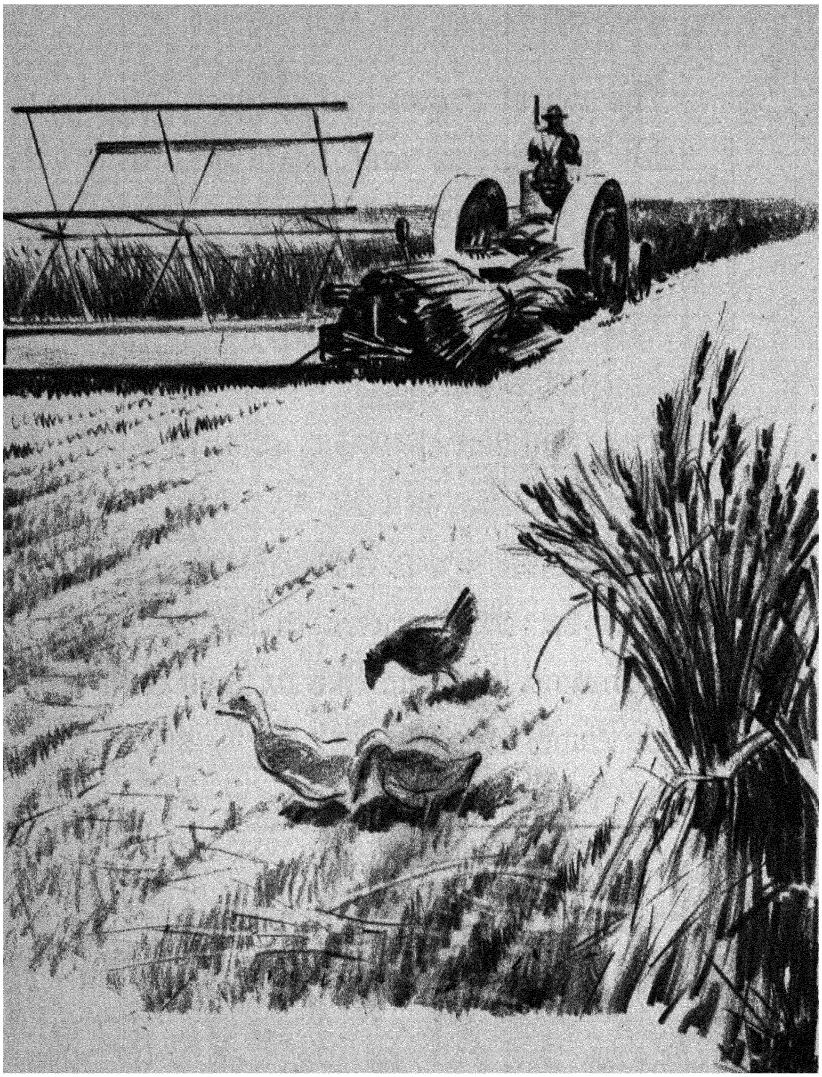
The wheat grows and grows. The fields are green and beautiful. As far as you can see, there is not anything but wheat.

When the wheat is ready to cut, it turns light brown.

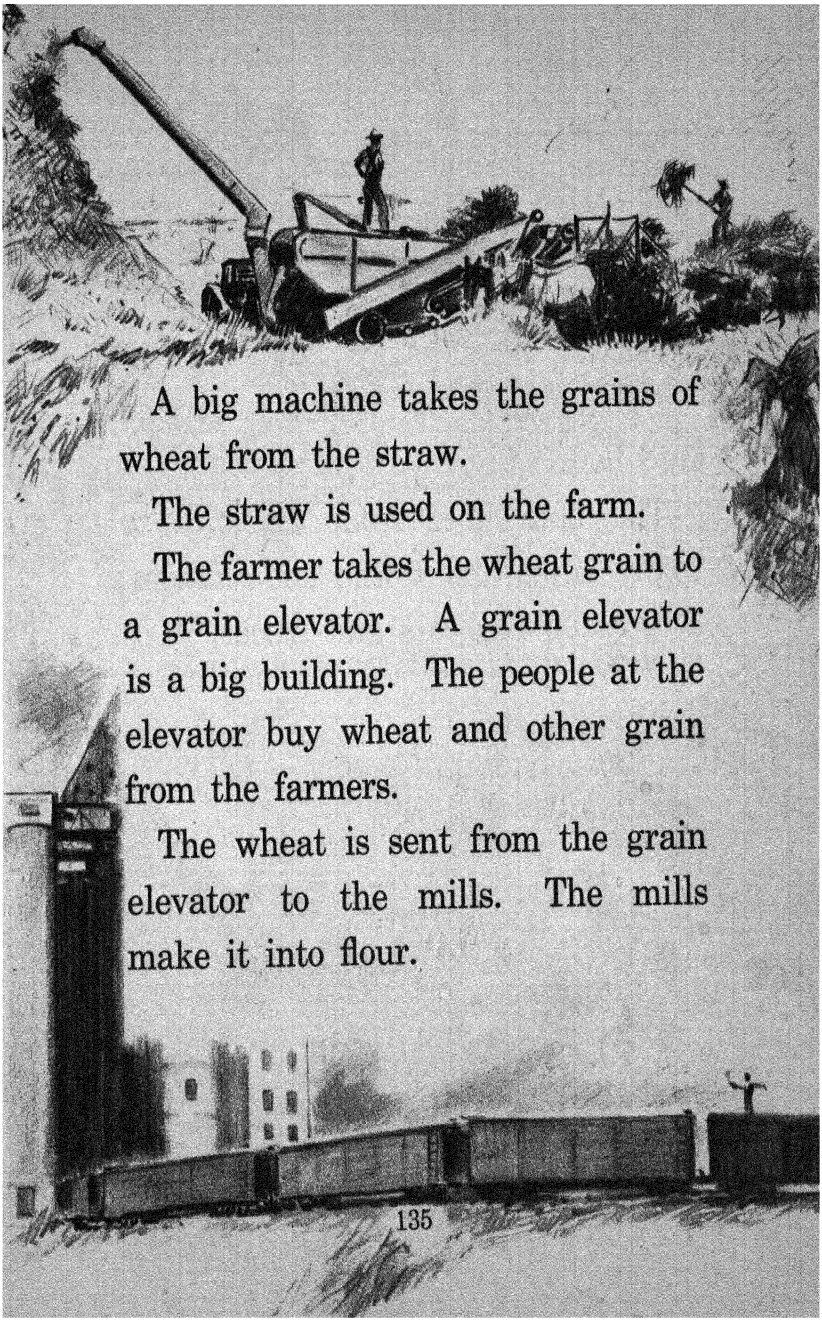
Then many workers come to help the farmer.

The farmer's wife cooks many good things for the workers to eat. The children on the farm like to have this time come.





A machine cuts the wheat and puts it into bundles.

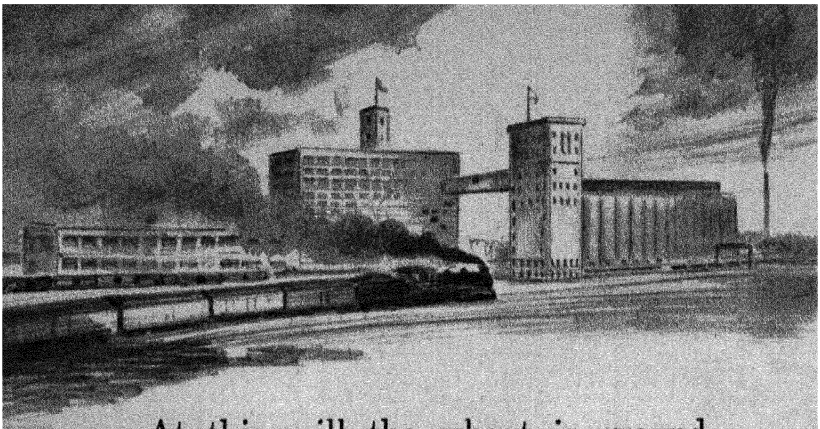


A big machine takes the grains of wheat from the straw.

The straw is used on the farm.

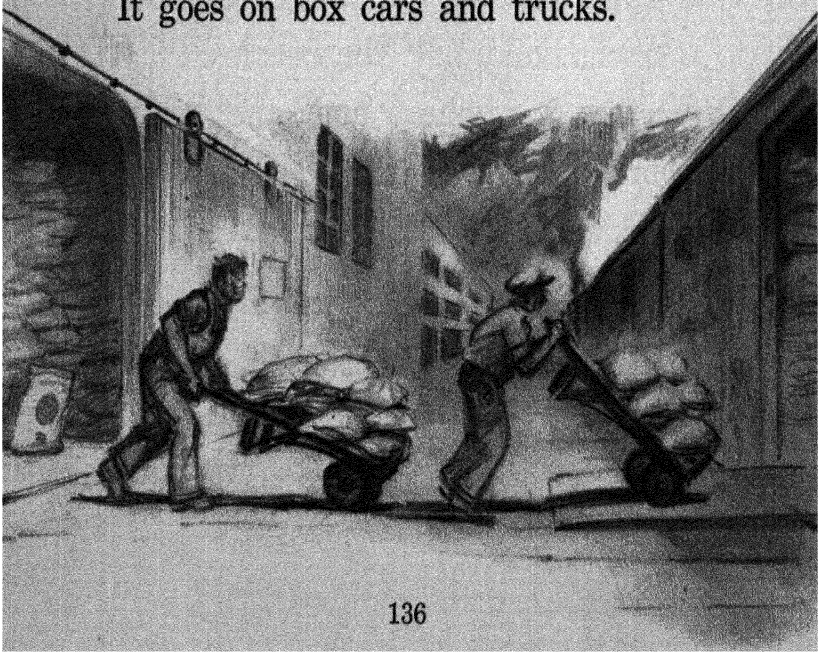
The farmer takes the wheat grain to a grain elevator. A grain elevator is a big building. The people at the elevator buy wheat and other grain from the farmers.

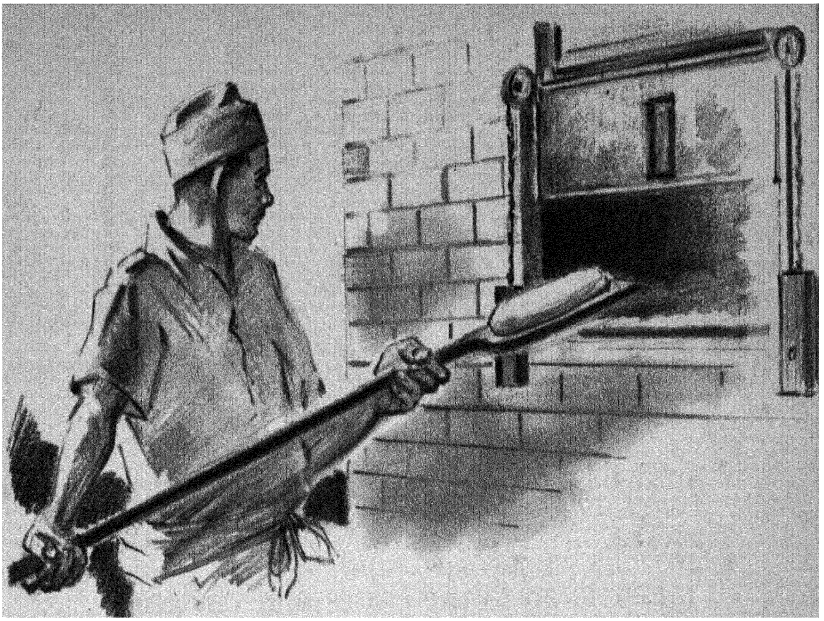
The wheat is sent from the grain elevator to the mills. The mills make it into flour.



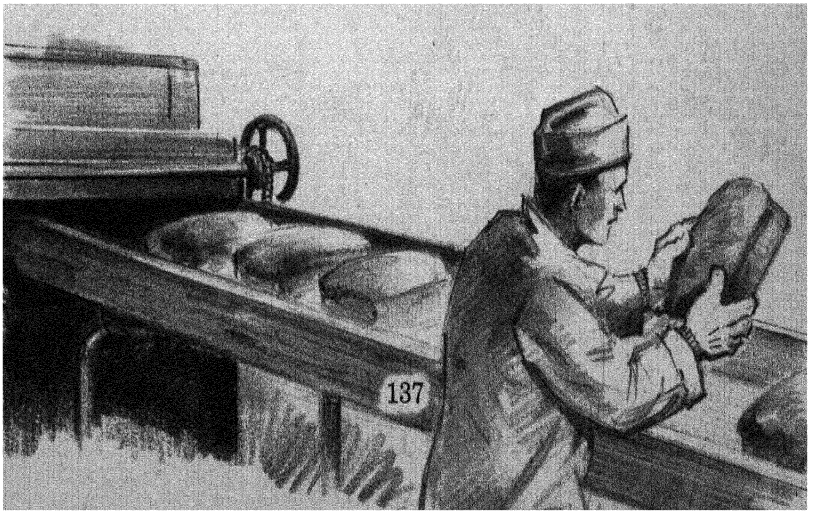
At this mill the wheat is ground into flour.

The flour goes from the mill to many cities and towns and villages. It goes on box cars and trucks.





At the bakery, some of the flour is made into bread. It is made into other good things to eat, too.

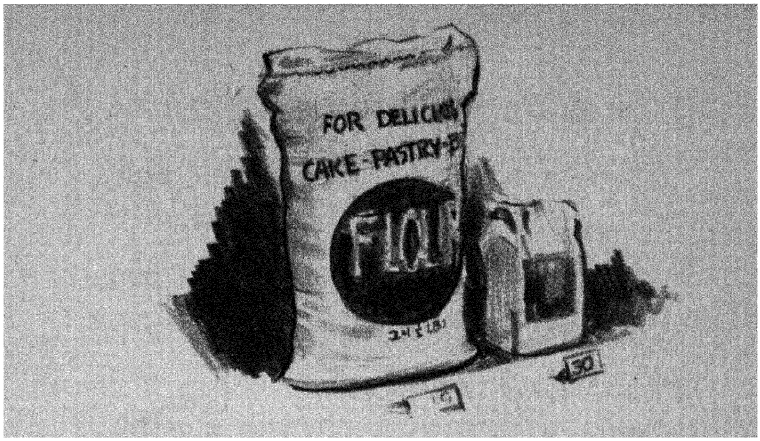




The bakery sends the bread to the stores.

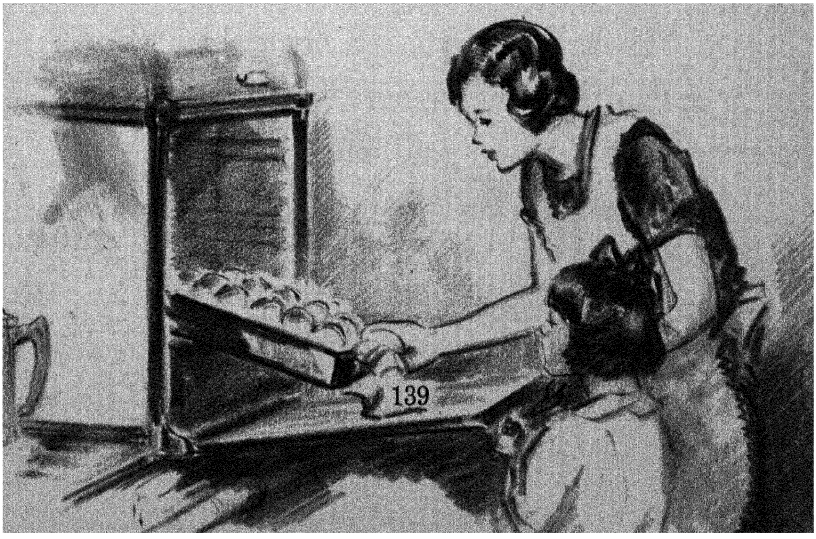
People go to the stores and buy the bread. They buy other good things that are made with flour, too.





The stores get some of the flour, too. People buy the flour at the stores. They make it into bread at home.

They make other good things with the flour.



A Farm Near the City

Dave and Mary Ann showed Flora the book about wheat.

Flora said, "We talked about farms at school. We went to see a farm. It was near our city.

"But the farm we went to see does not grow wheat. It does not grow cotton.

"That farmer has many cows, and he sends milk to the city. He grows many vegetables, too. He sends them to the city."

"There are cows and vegetables on the farms around here," said Dave.

"The farmers sell milk. But they sell some of their cows for meat.

"They sell some vegetables to be put into cans."

Mary Ann asked Father, "Why don't we see cotton and wheat growing on farms around here?"

Father answered, "All plants don't need the same things to make them grow.

"Some plants need much rain. Some do well without much rain.

"Some plants need hot sun and long summers. Some grow well where it is cold.

"Some plants need one kind of soil. Other plants need another kind of soil.

"So the farmer grows the things that do well where he lives."

"The farmer plants things that others near him want to buy, too," said Dave.

"You are right," said Father. "The farmer must think about where he will sell the things he grows.

"The farmer near a city can sell many vegetables.

"All of the people in the city need vegetables. And not many city people have room to grow gardens.

"But farmers far from the city can sell vegetables, too. They can send them on trains, now. The trains have cars that keep the vegetables cold and fresh."



Things to Talk Over

Tell the story of wheat.

Do you know how people grow some other food? Tell the others about it.

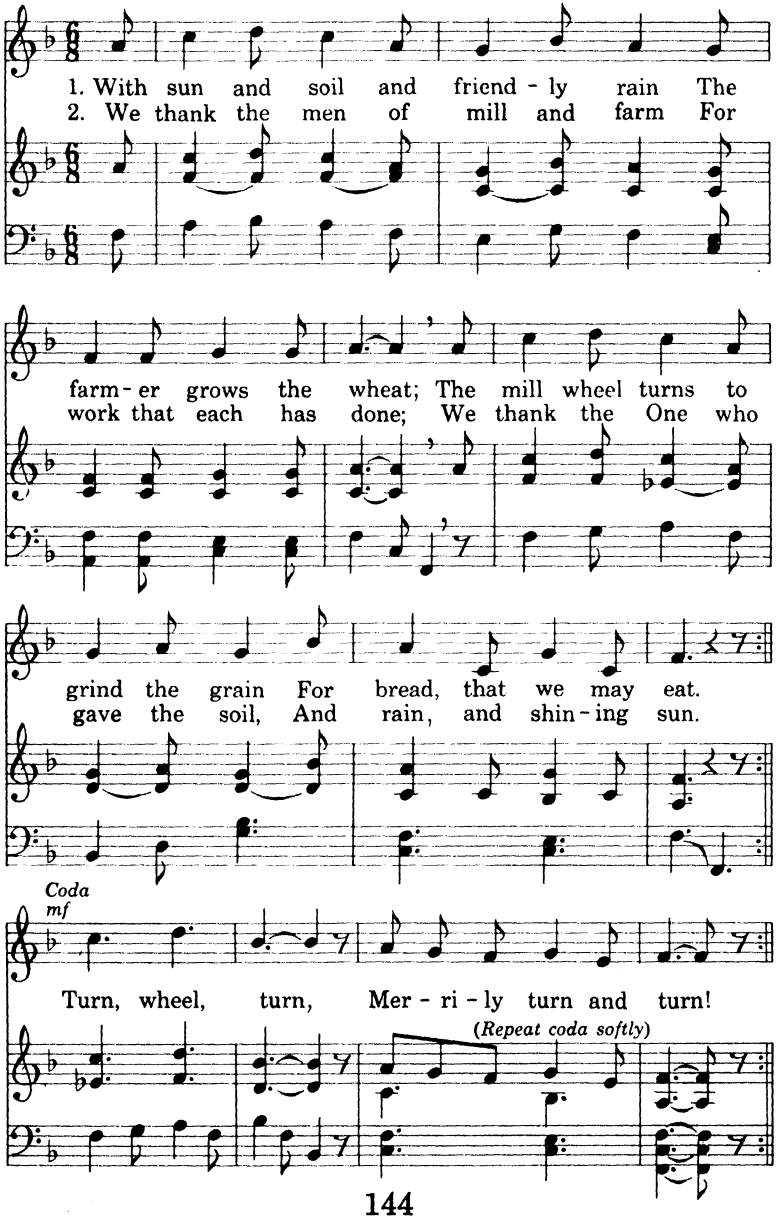
Some Things to Do

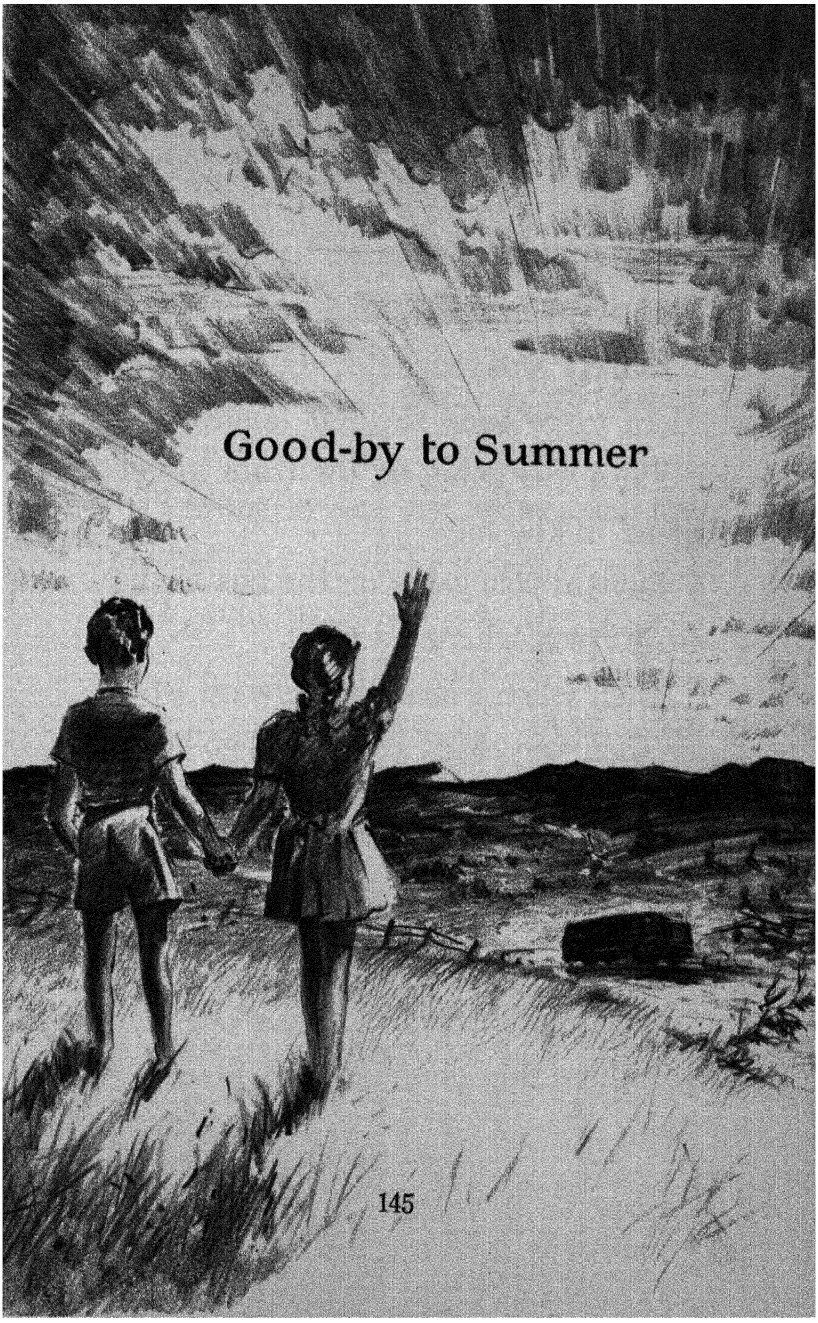
1. Go to see a farm near you.
2. Find out what the farmer grows.
3. Find out how the things he grows are used.
4. Find out where he sells them.
5. Find out how they help the farmer.
6. Find out how they help others.
7. Make a good story about something that the farmer grows. Tell the story to others.

Song of the Wheat

Mae Knight Clark

Catherine Allison Christie




Good-by to Summer

Going Home

Summer was over.

The new schoolhouse at Glenville was ready for the children.

And it was time for Edward and Flora to go back to their homes.

Flora was going on the train to her home in the city.

Edward was going on the bus to the little town where he lived.

Then when Flora and Edward were on their way, Mrs. Hill would go home in an airplane. Her home was far in the South.

Dave and Mary Ann did not want to see them go.

"We have had such a good time together this summer," said Mary Ann.

Dave said to Edward, "I wish that you could stay here all winter. I wish that you could go to the new school with us."

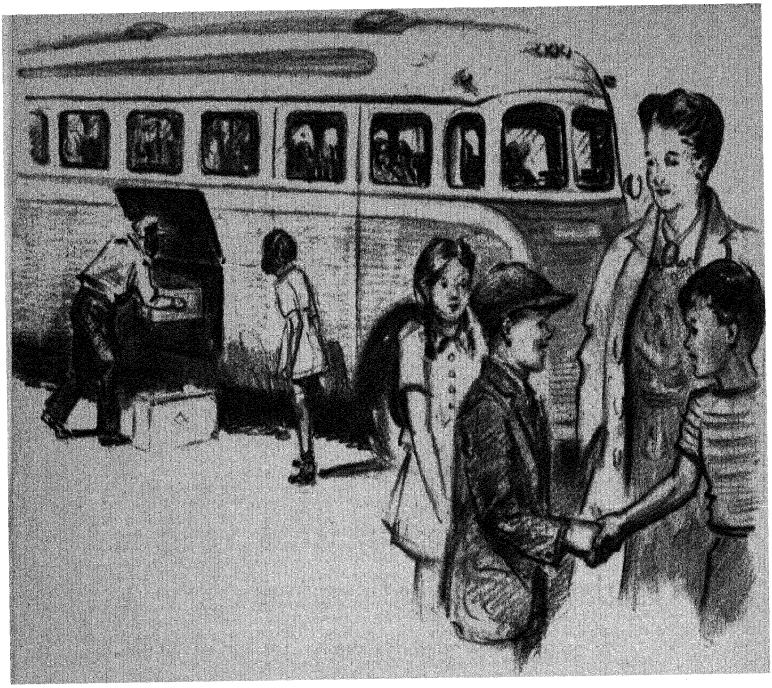
"I would like to do that," said Edward. "But I want to go home, too.

"I want to see my father and my mother and my little sister.

"I want to go to see Jimmy, too. Maybe I will get there in time to pick a little cotton. I want some money for Christmas."

So the day came for Edward to go home. Dave and Mary Ann went to say good-by to him at the bus.

The big bus came down the new road. It stopped at Glenville, and Edward got on.

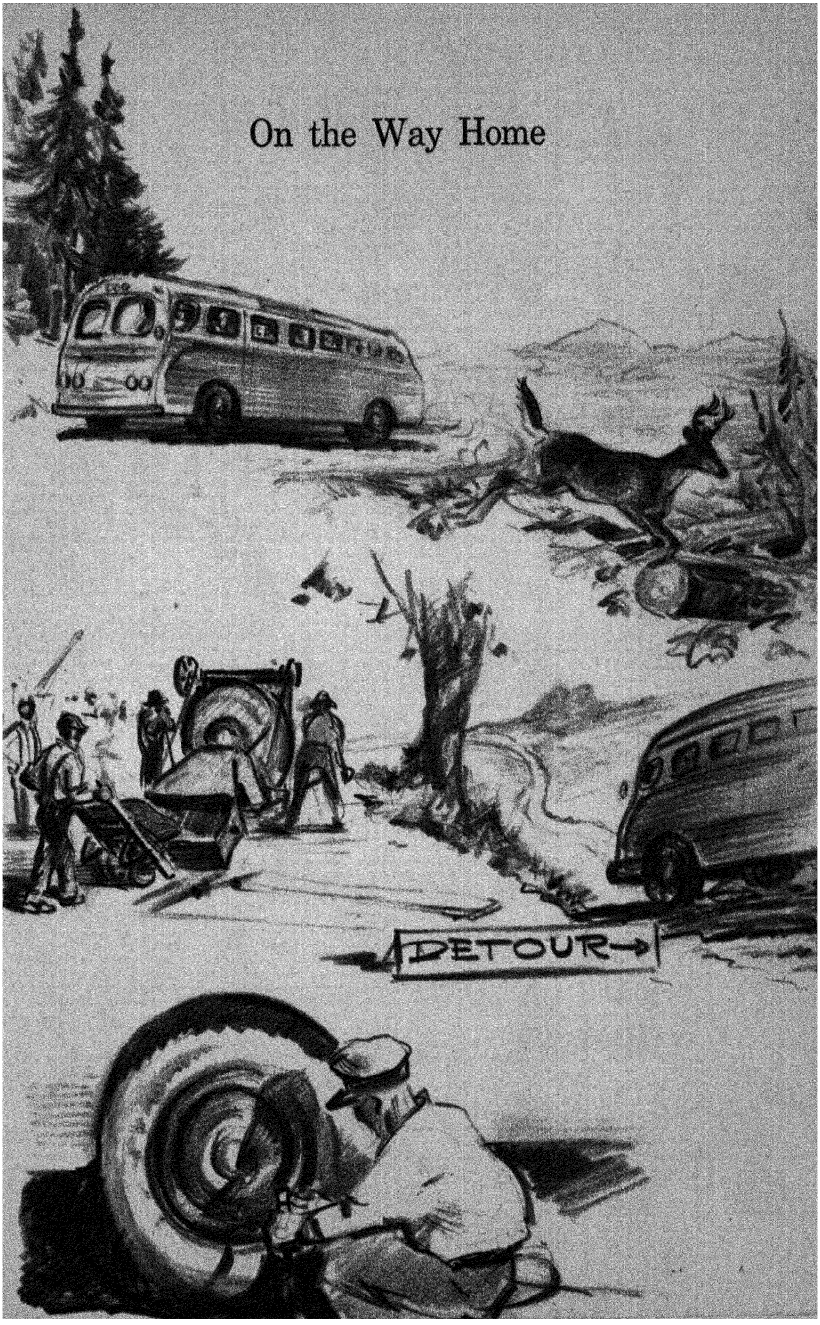


Soon Edward was on his way home.

Dave said, "I have had a bus ride. And I have been to Topton on the train. But I have never been in an airplane."

"Well, you may, some day," said Mrs. Hill. "There is a new airport at Topton."

"Yes," said Dave. "I may, some day."


On the Way Home
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Things to Talk Over

Where did the bus man put Edward's things?

Where did Edward eat dinner?

Look at the pictures and see what workers helped Edward to get back to his home.

How did they help?

Buses take people from place to place. But they help in other ways, too. Sometimes they take the mail.

Some Things to Do

1. Find out how buses help the people where you live.
2. If you have had a long bus ride, make up a good play about it. Let the other children help you play it.

More Good-bys

Flora and Mrs. Hill were ready to go home.

They went to Topton together, on the train that came through Glenville.

Dave and Mary Ann went to the station to see them off.

At Topton, Flora got on another train that went very fast.

It was a long, long way from Topton to the city where Flora lived. But that train would take her there very quickly.

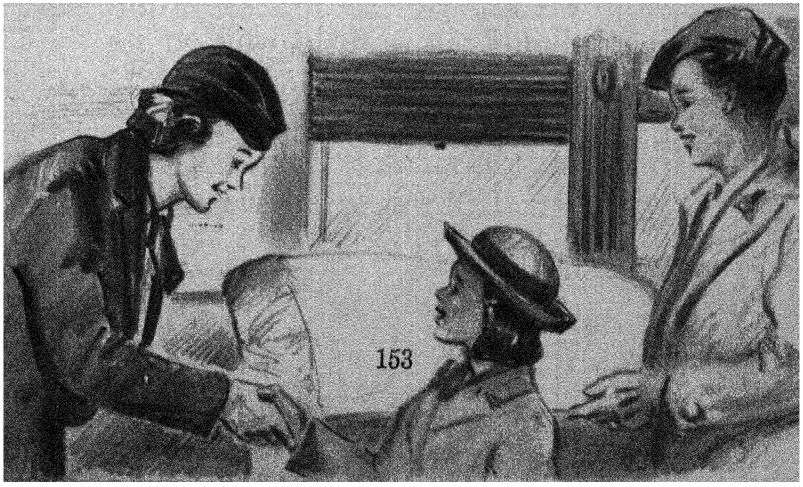
She would have her supper on the train. She would sleep on the train that night. And the next day she would get to the city.

Flora wanted to see her father and mother very much.



"I know that Father and Mother will be at the station when I get there," said Flora.

"They will be there, all right," said Mrs. Hill. "I have just sent them a telegram. It tells them when your train will get to the city."



"Thank you for a fine summer, Grandmother," said Flora.

"I saw many new things around Glenville. And I made some new friends."

"It was a good summer for all of us," said Mrs. Hill.

Then she told Flora good-by and got off the train.

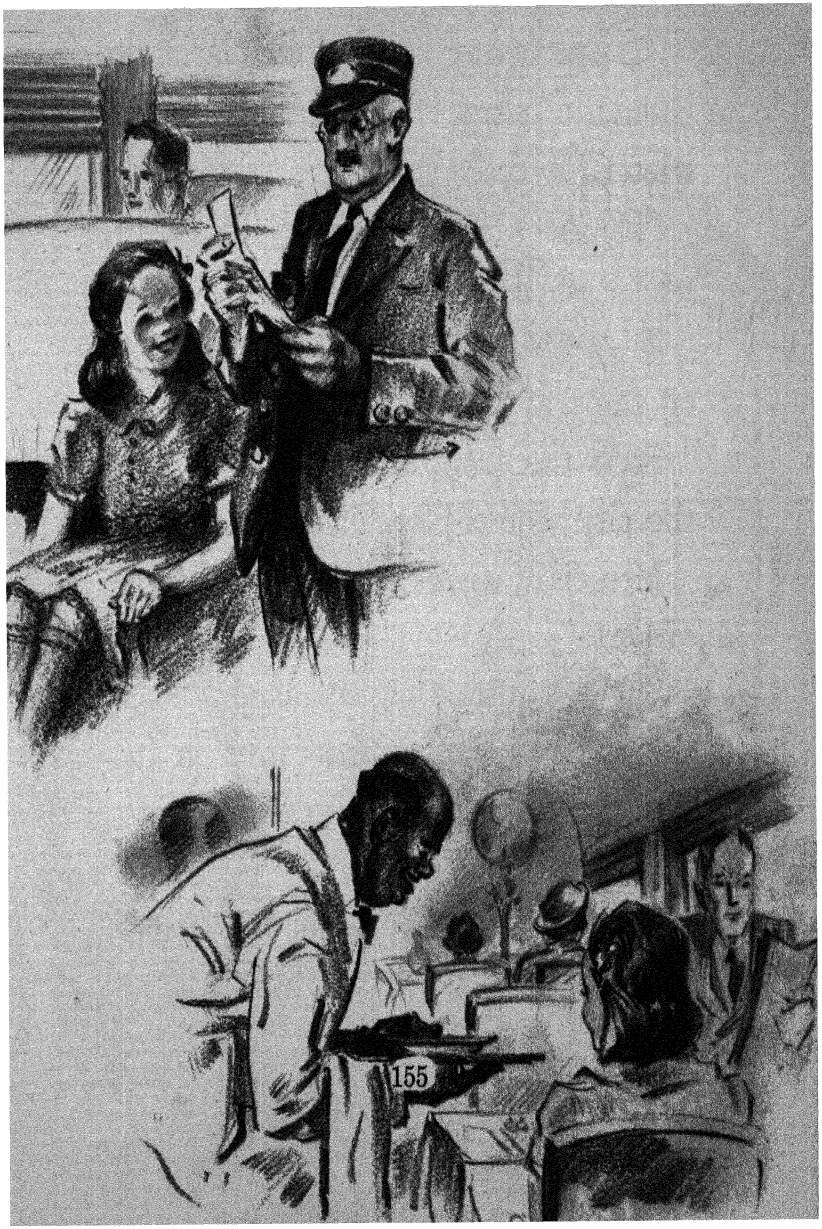
Soon the train was on its way to the city where Flora lived.

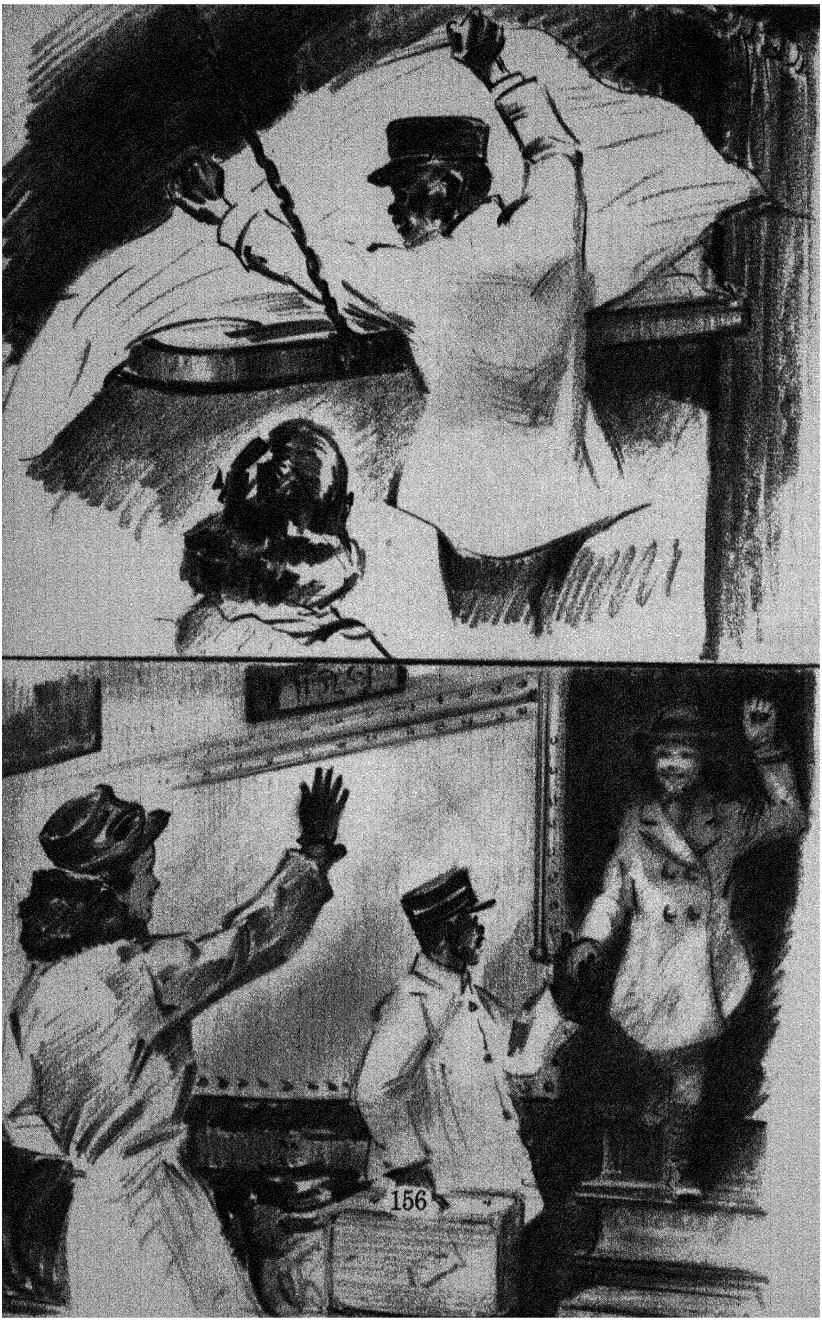
Mrs. Hill took a taxi to the big airport.

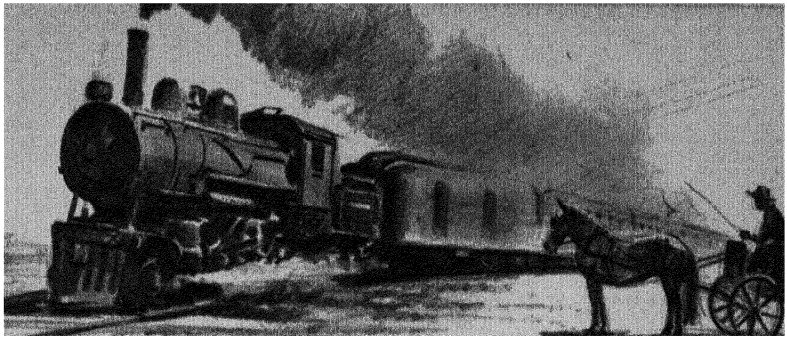
She got into a big airplane. Soon the airplane ran a little way on its wheels. Then it went up, up, up into the air.

And Mrs. Hill was on her way home, too.

To the City by Train

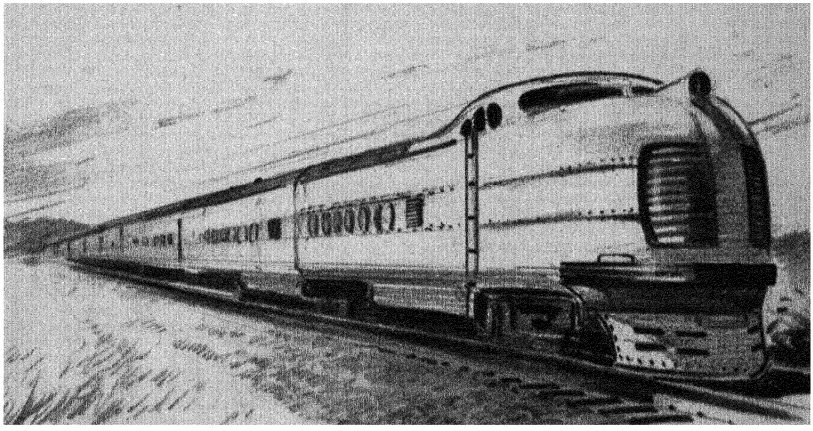






This is the train that goes through Glenville.

Do you know what makes it run?



This is the train that took Flora from Topton to her home city.

Find out what makes it run.



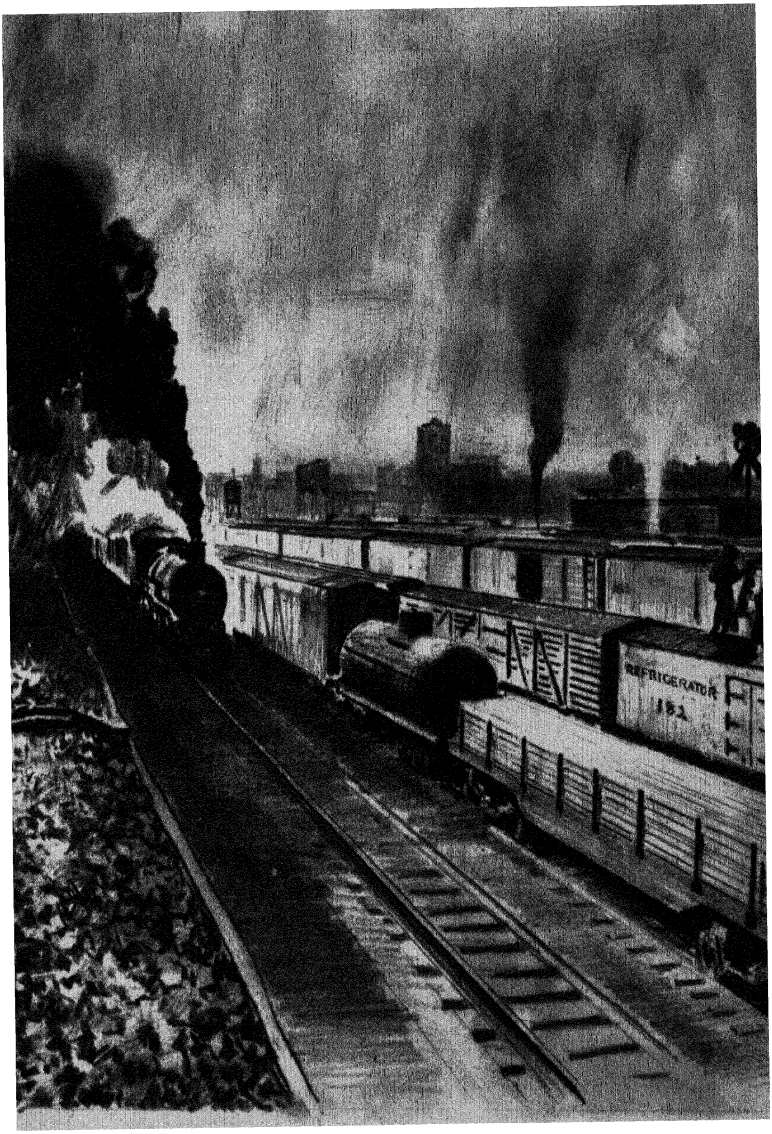
Trains have many kinds of cars.

Here are some of them.

Do you know the names of all of these cars?

Do you know how they are used?

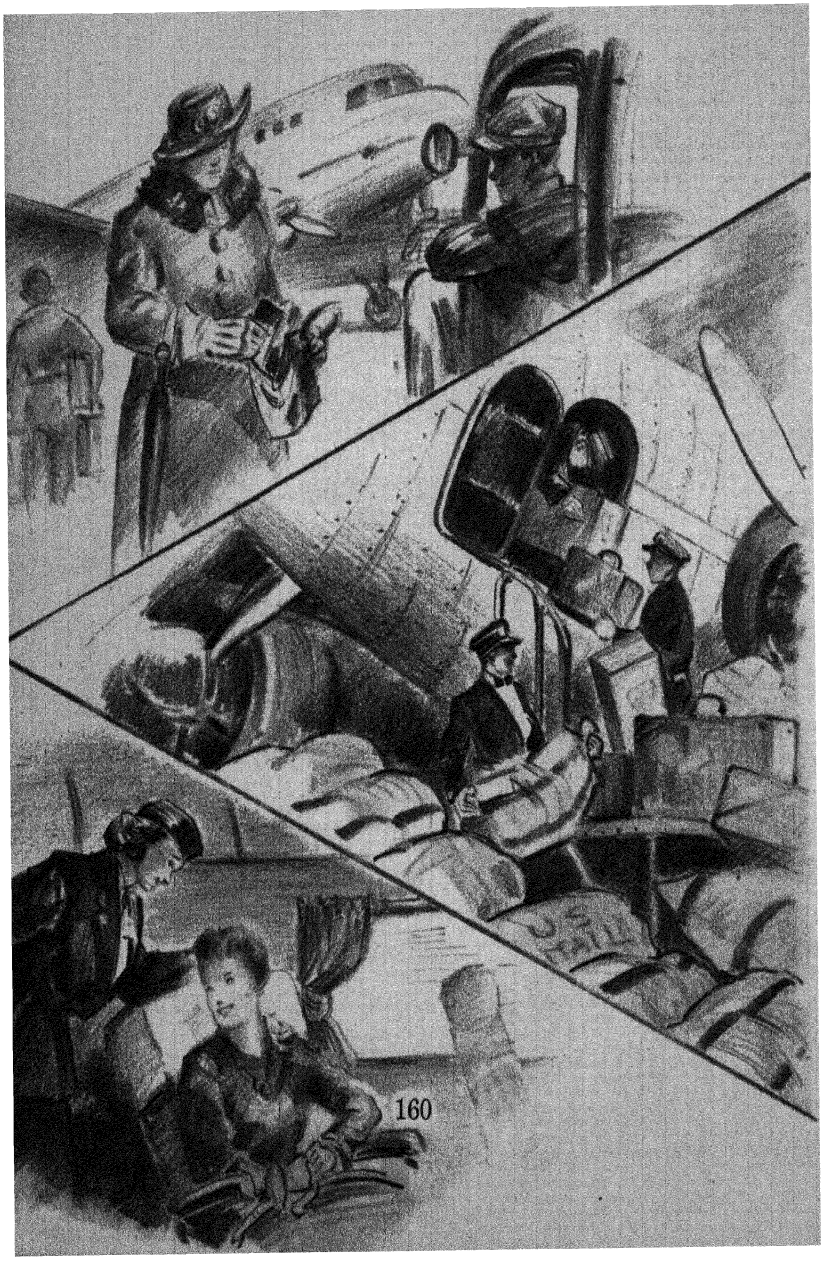


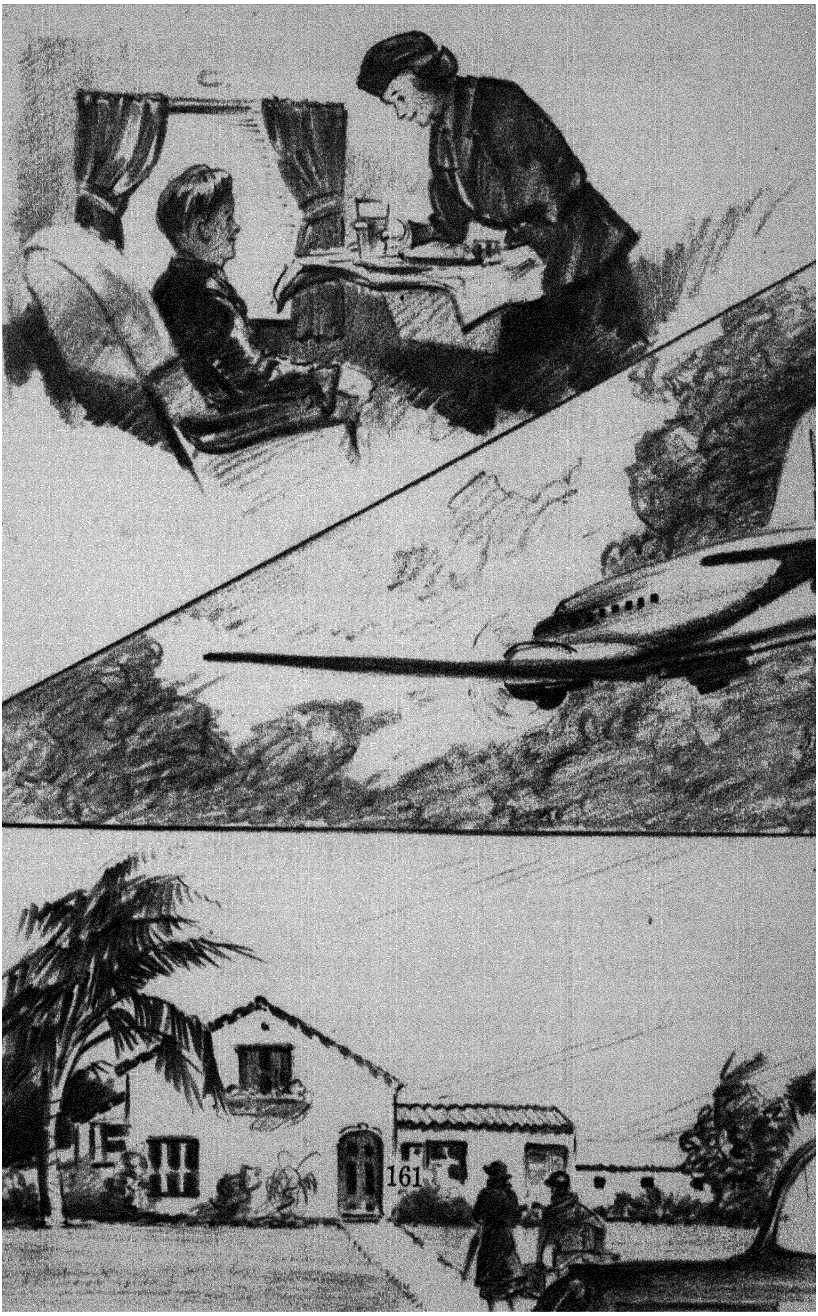


Find out the names of these cars.

Find out how they are used.

Mrs. Hill's Airplane Ride

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Ways to Go from Place to Place

How did Edward go home?

How did Flora go from Topton to her home in the city?

How did Mrs. Hill go to the airport at Topton?

How did Mrs. Hill go from Topton to her home town?

How did children at Oak Hill go to the new school at Glenville?

Something to Do

Have you had a ride on a train or in an airplane?

Have you been to an airport?

Have you had a ride in a taxi?

Write a story about it. Read it to the other children.

Fall Comes to Glenville

Fall had come now. Mary Ann and Dave were in school again.

They liked the new schoolhouse. They liked the new teachers.

And they liked the many new friends who came to school from farms and other villages.

They liked to come home to their warm house on cold days. What good smells came from the hot suppers that Mother cooked!

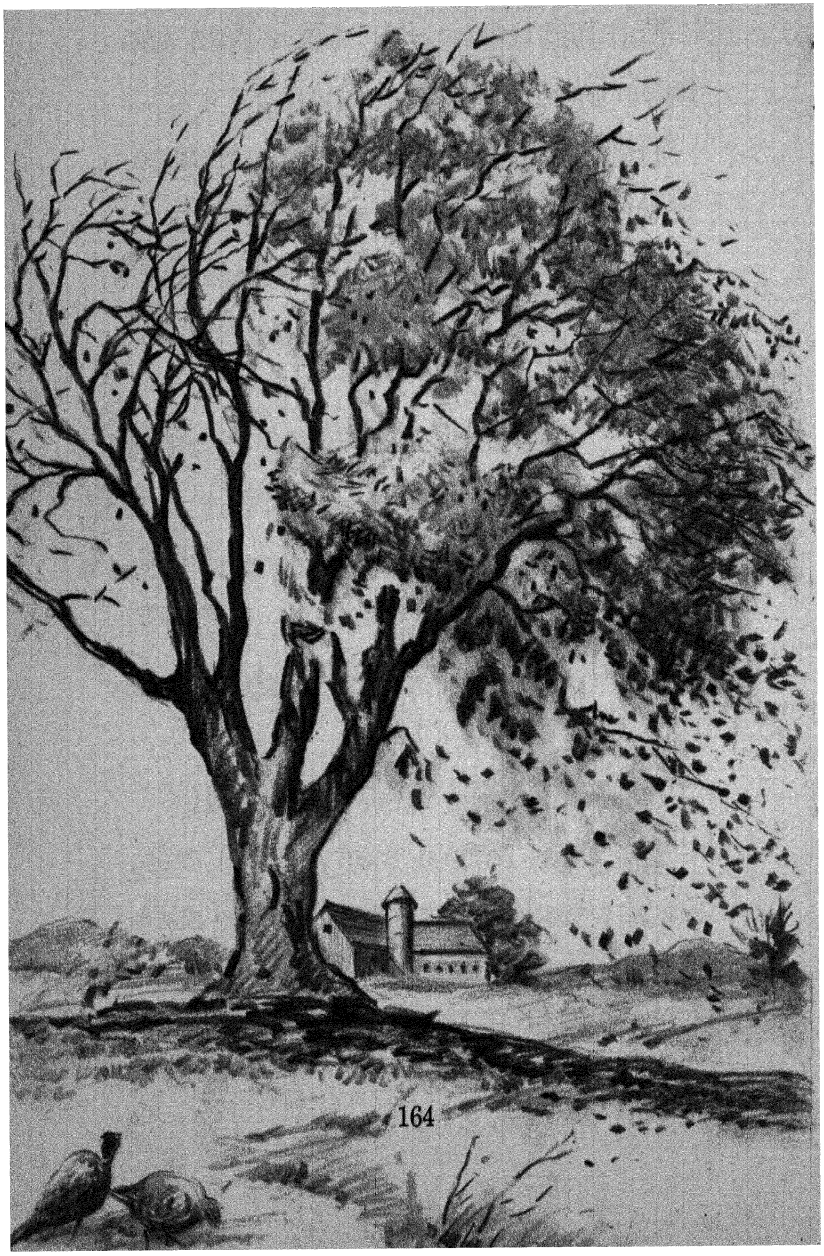
Oh, they liked many things about fall days.

They liked the trees in the fall.

The trees turned many colors then. Some were red, some yellow, and some brown.

The trees were beautiful.

A Tree in the Fall



"I wish Tom could see our trees now," said Dave. "He liked them in the summer. I wish he could see how bright their colors are in fall."

"Oh, Dave," cried Mary Ann. "Let's make a book about the trees in the fall! And send it to Tom!"

"Good!" said Dave. "I think the other children at school would like to help us."

"We can make colored pictures of the leaves," said Mary Ann. And we can make stories about the kinds of trees they grow on."

"I want to make pictures of the apple trees," said Dave.

"And of the nut trees," Mary Ann answered. "Tom can not go to the woods to get nuts as we do."

"Oh," said Dave. "Tom will like the nut trees!

"I want to make a picture of some squirrels putting nuts away for the winter.

"I may need help with a picture like that."

"Our teachers will help us," said Mary Ann.

And they did. So did the other children.

It was a beautiful book.

They sent it on the train to Tom.

How happy Tom was to get it! He showed it to his father and mother. He looked at every picture and read every story. And then he did the same thing over and over again. How Tom did like that book!

Something to Talk Over

How do you know when fall comes?

Do you see trees lose their leaves in the fall? Name some trees that do this. Name some that do not.

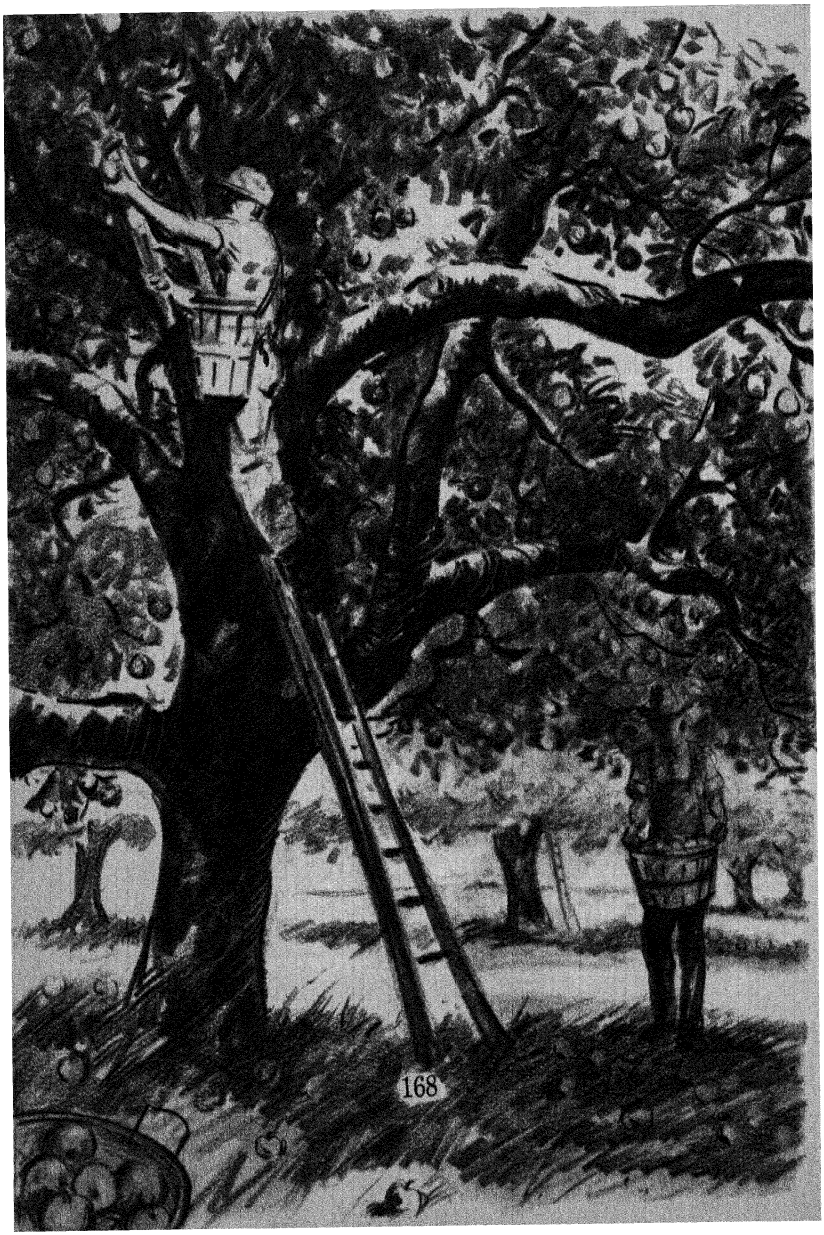
How does the squirrel get ready for winter?

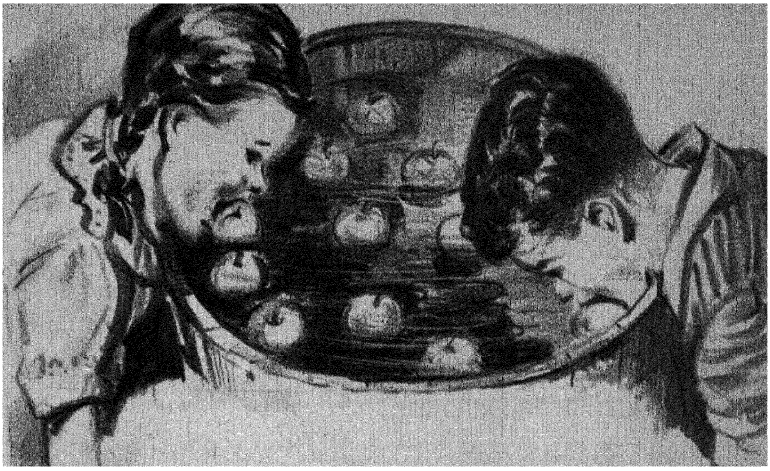
How do people where you live get ready for winter?

Some Things to Do

1. Find some stories and pictures about the fall of the year.
2. Put them on your reading table at school.
3. Read them and talk about them with the other children.

Mr. Lee's Apple Orchard





Early Winter

Father was working at Mr. Lee's apple orchard.

Father went to the big orchard every day. He looked after the men who picked apples. He helped them to know what to do.

One Saturday it began to grow colder.

Mother turned on the radio.

"I want to know about the weather," she said. "Let's see what the weather man has to say."

The weather man at Topton was talking over the radio.

"It will be much colder tonight," he said. "Farmers should get ready for some freezing weather by early tomorrow morning."

Mother said to Dave, "You must go to Mr. Lee's orchard.

"Father will not take time to come home for his dinner today. You must take him a hot dinner."

"Father always comes home to eat," said Mary Ann. "Why will he stay away today?"

"It will be very cold by tomorrow," Mother answered.

"If the apples freeze on the trees, they will not be good to eat. So Father will work fast today."

"Maybe I can help," said Dave.

"May I go, too?" asked Mary Ann.

"Yes," Mother answered. "But don't get in the way. You may stay and help if there is anything you can do. Ask Father."

Dave and Mary Ann took the pail filled with hot dinner and went down the road to the orchard.

They found Father at the packing shed. He had come from the orchard to find out about the weather.

Father was glad to get the warm dinner.

"We can not take much time from work today," he said. "It will be very cold before tomorrow."

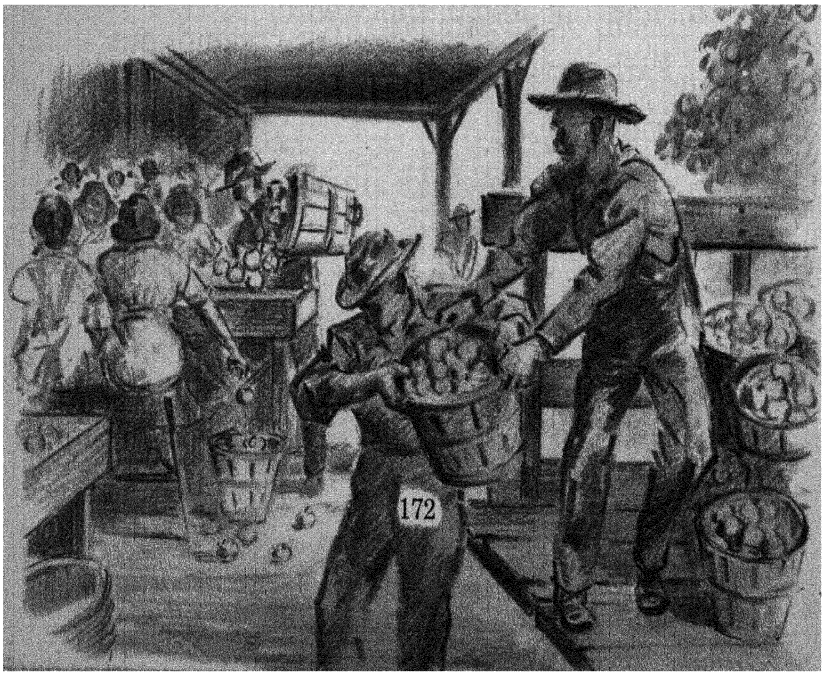
"Yes," said Dave. "That is what the weather man said over the radio."

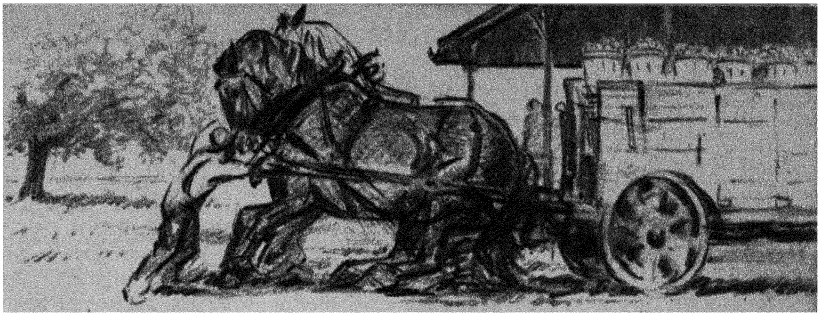
Then Dave asked, "Can we help, Father?"

"Yes," answered Father. "We need all of the help we can get. You and Mary Ann could help.

"Stay here until I eat my dinner. Then you can go back to the orchard with me."

Dave and Mary Ann stayed by the open packing shed and saw the men packing the apples.





Dave and Mary Ann saw the wagons come in with baskets of apples from the orchard.

Some of the men put the apples into a big machine. This machine had many little brushes on it.

The machine took the apples over the brushes. The apples came out red and shining.

Then the machines put all of the big apples together in one place.

They put smaller apples together in another place.

They put the smallest apples together in another place, too.



Workers were packing the apples into big boxes.

"Where do the apples go now?" asked Mary Ann.

"They go to the cold room," said Father. "Then the trucks take some of them to the train.

"The trains take them to many cities and towns and villages. There the stores sell them to people who want to buy apples.

"But some of them stay in the cold room a long time. They keep there until they are needed."

"Now," said Father. "We must get back to the orchard."

He put Dave and Mary Ann up on a wagon.

They sat on the apple baskets. The men were taking the baskets back to the orchard to be filled again.

The horses pulled the wagon through the orchard. The sun was very bright and the air was cold. How good the apples smelled!

"I think I am going to fall off these baskets," said Mary Ann.

But she did not fall off.

They came to the pickers.

Some of the pickers got up into the trees and filled their pails. How did others get apples from the trees?

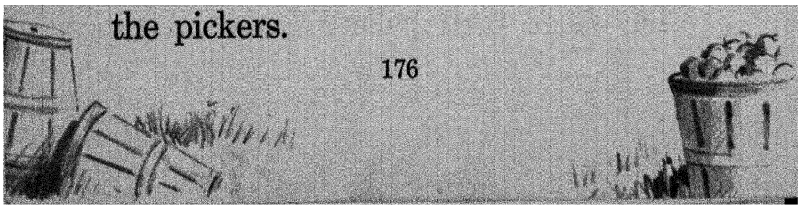
Look on page 176 and see.



Other men picked up apples from the ground. They did not pick apples from the trees.

Some of the men did not pick apples at all. They took the pails as fast as others filled them. They put the apples into the baskets, ready for the wagons.

Then they took the pails back to the pickers.





Father said, "I want the men who are picking up apples from the ground to help the other pickers.

"A freeze is coming tonight. We may not save all of the apples. So we will save the best ones first.

"The best apples are on the trees. We must all work very fast and save every apple that we can."

The pickers all began to hurry.

They worked faster and faster. They filled their pails quickly.

"Here, Dave," said Father. "You and Mary Ann can pick apples that grow near the ground."

So Dave and Mary Ann began to work very fast, too.

All afternoon they picked apples.

The men put the apples into the baskets, and the wagons took them to the packing shed.

When night came, all the apples were in the packing shed. And the workers were very glad to stop work.

"Now let the freeze come!" said Father. "Now it will not hurt the apples.

"Many children will have apples to eat this winter."

"I am glad of that," said Dave.

Mr. Lee said to Father, "You did some fine work!"

"All of the men worked well," said Father. "They all worked together."

"I see you had two new pickers," said Mr. Lee.

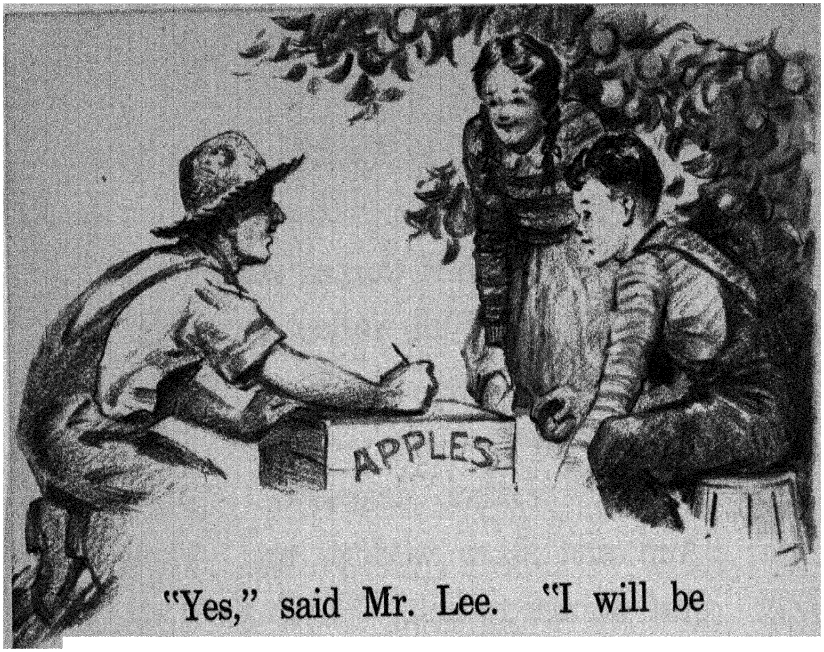
"Yes," Father answered. "Mary Ann and Dave worked, too. They just wanted to help."

Mr. Lee asked the children, "Do you have apples at home?"

"Yes, thank you," said Dave. "We have some apple trees. They grow all the apples that we can eat."

"We send apples away to other places," said Mr. Lee. "Maybe you would like to send some to a friend."

"Oh, could we do that?" cried Dave and Mary Ann.



"Yes," said Mr. Lee. "I will be glad to send them. What is your friend's name?"

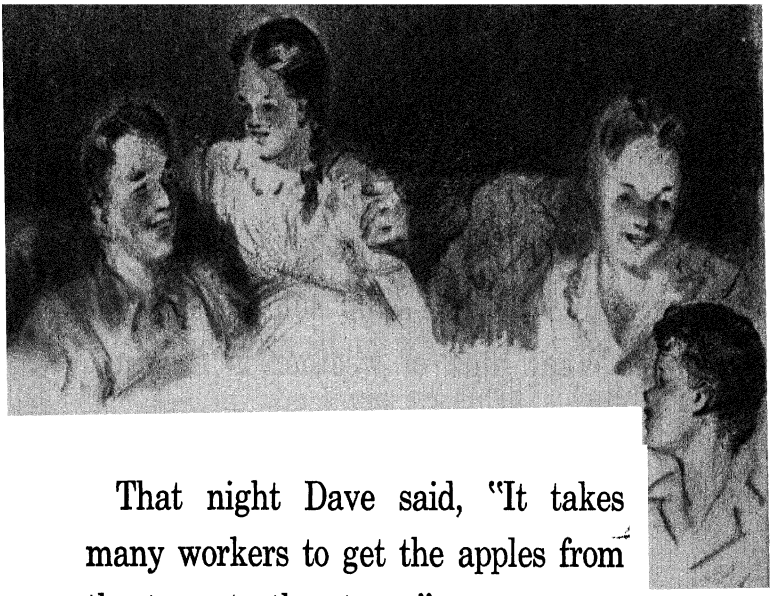
"Flora," said Mary Ann.

"Edward," said Dave.

Mr. Lee laughed.

Then he said to Mary Ann. "You may send a box of apples to Flora. And Dave may send a box to Edward.

"But you must tell me how to address them. We want the apples to be sure to go to your friends."



That night Dave said, "It takes many workers to get the apples from the trees to the stores."

"Many workers help to plant the trees and take care of them while the apples are growing, too," said Joe.

"It takes many workers to give us all of the things we eat and wear," Father answered.

"And the houses and buildings we need," said Mother.

"And many other things we have," said Mary Ann. "Think of all the workers who help to make paper."

Things to Talk Over

How did the weather man help Father save the apples?

How did the radio help?

What kind of weather is freezing weather?

Do you ever have freezing weather?

How do people around you get ready for cold weather?

Some Things to Do

1. Go to see a radio station. If no radio station is near you, write a letter to one. Ask how the radio helps people.
2. Why do people want to know what the weather will be like?
3. Find out how the weather helps people where you live.

Things to Talk Over

We have read stories about spring, summer, fall, and winter. They are the four seasons of the year.

How do you know when it is spring?

How do you know when it is fall?

How do you know when it is summer?

How do you know when it is winter?

What changes do the seasons make in the food you eat?

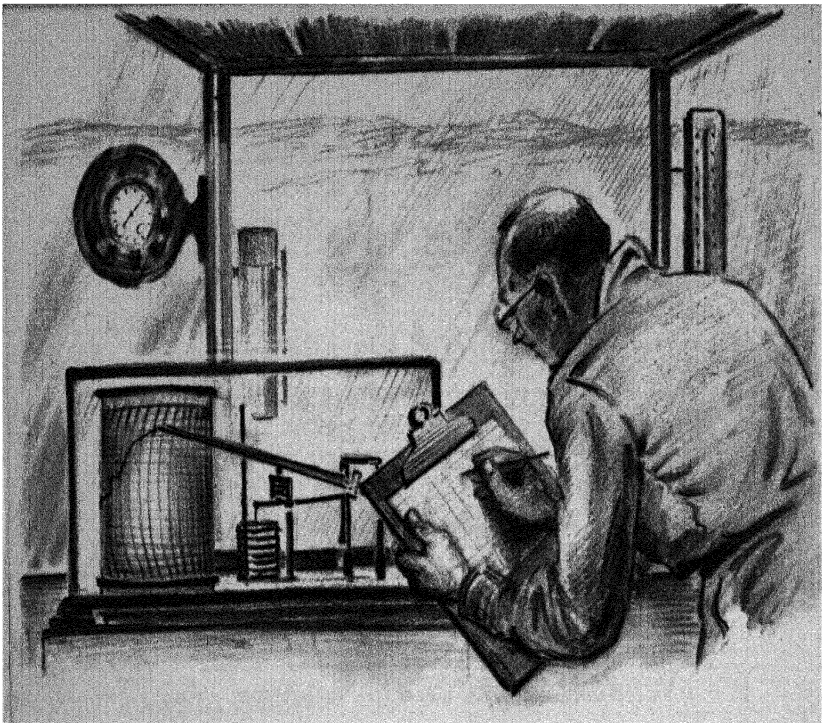
What changes do they make in the clothes you wear?

What changes do they make in your homes?

What changes do they make in the kinds of work people do?

Something to Do

Make pictures of the four seasons.



The Weatherman*

How can you tell what the weather will be,
Wise Mr. Weatherman?
That is a troublesome question to me,
Wise Mr. Weatherman.
I can not tell if the cold winds will blow,
If it will rain, or if it will snow;
So I keep wondering: How do *you* know,
Wise Mr. Weatherman?

**To be read by the teacher.*



A Wish Comes True

The Big Surprise

Dave and Mary Ann always wanted to get the mail. They went to the post office for it every day.

They often got letters now.

Tom sent a letter to thank them for the book about trees.

Flora and Edward sent letters to thank them for the apples.

And Jimmy sent them a picture of a field of cotton.

But the big surprise came in a letter to Mother.

That day the mailman said, "No mail for you, Mary Ann. No mail for you, Dave.

"But I do have a letter for your mother. Take care, now. Don't lose it on the way."



"Oh, no!" said the children. "We will take care of the letter."

Then they ran to take it to Mother.

Mother looked at the outside of the letter.

"It is from Mrs. Hill," she said. "And it came by air mail. What can she be wanting to say in such a hurry?"

"Open it, Mother!" cried Dave and Mary Ann. "Please open it."

Would Mother never get that letter open?

But she did. And what do you think Mrs. Hill said in it?

The letter said:

Dear Mrs. Bird,

I had a letter from Flora. She said, "I want to see Mary Ann." I had a letter from Edward. He said, "I wish that I could see Dave."

I would like to give the children a surprise for Christmas. Will you let Dave and Mary Ann go to see Flora and Edward? I will send the tickets.

They could go when school is out for Christmas.

Mary Ann would go to the city where Flora lives.

But Dave would come to my house. Edward and his family are coming here for the Christmas vacation.

Is this plan all right with you?

Jane Hill

Mother read the letter to herself.

"Well!" she said. "Well! Well! Did you ever know of a thing like that!"

"Like what, Mother?" cried Dave and Mary Ann.

So Mother read Mrs. Hill's letter to them.

At first they were just too much surprised to say anything.

Then they began to laugh and sing. They were so happy!

They ran to tell Joe about it.

"Did Mother say you could go?" asked Joe.

"If Father says so," said Dave.

"Oh, he will!" cried Mary Ann. "I *think* he will."

And he did!

Mother sent a letter to Mrs. Hill. Dave and Mary Ann sent letters to her, too. They thanked her for the big surprise.

Mrs. Hill sent the tickets. And they were *airplane* tickets!

"Oh, my! Oh, my! Oh, my!" sang Dave and Mary Ann.

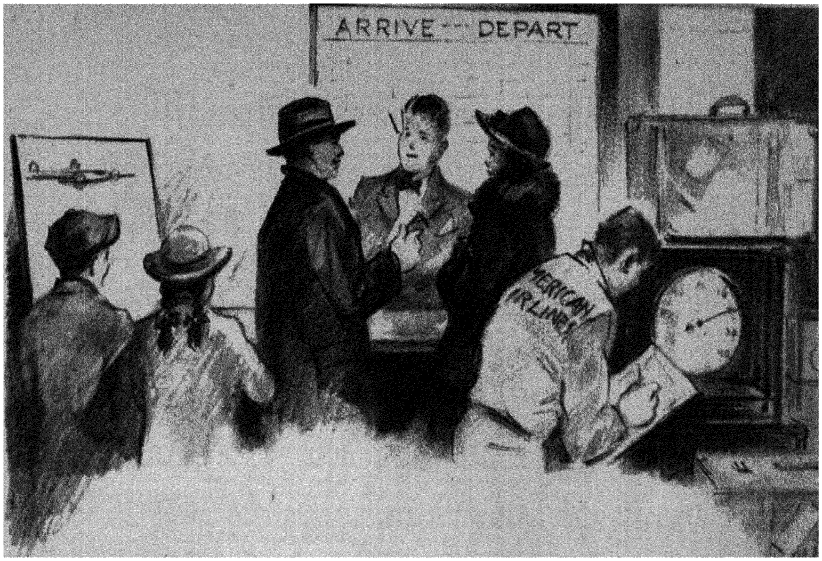
"Airplane tickets for us! Airplane tickets!

"We will fly like birds!
Like birds! Like birds!
We will fly like birds
In the air!"

They sang and sang and were so happy!

"Goodness me!" said Mother. "How you do go on!"

"A wish has come true!" said Dave.

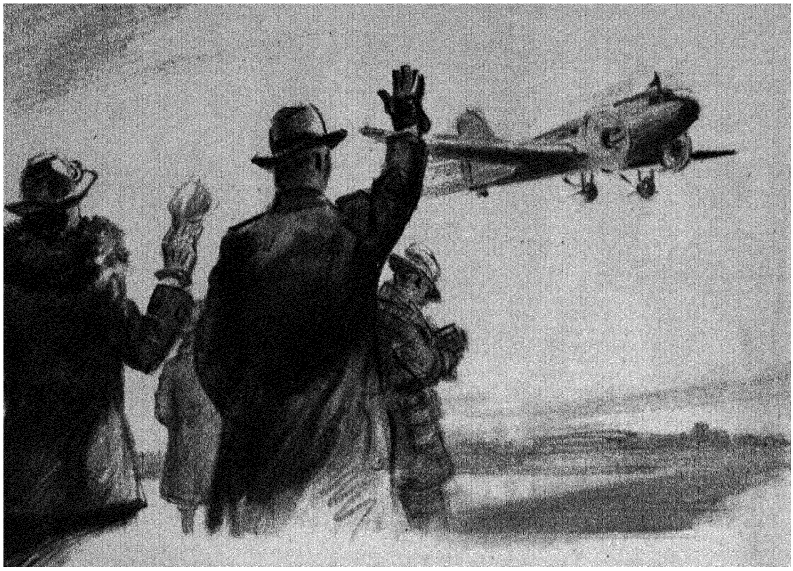


The Christmas vacation came at last. Dave and Mary Ann were ready to go.

Mother and Father and Joe went with them to Topton. They went together to the big airport.

Father showed the tickets to a man at the airport.

The man showed them the airplane that was going to Flora's city. He showed them another airplane that was going to Mrs. Hill's home by the sea.

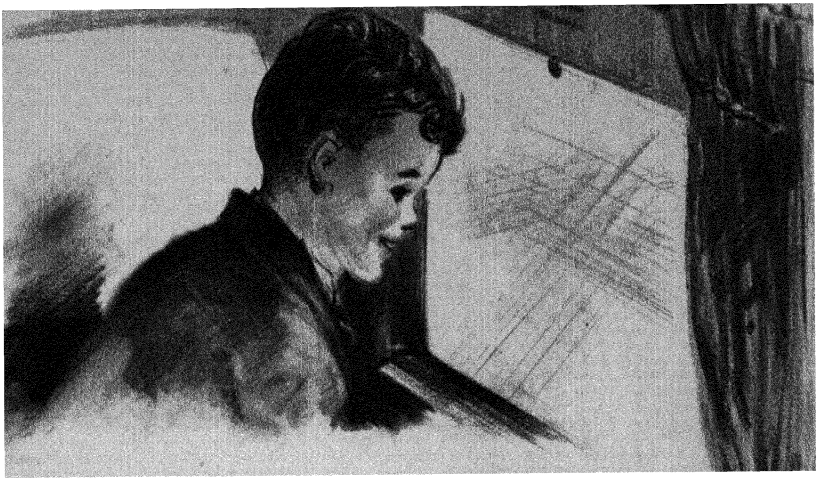


They put Mary Ann on the airplane first.

Father said to the man at the airplane, "Please take good care of her. She has never been in an airplane."

"We will," the man answered. "We will be sure to do that!"

Soon the airplane went up, up, up into the air.



"Oh," cried Dave. "I want to go, too! I want to go right now!"

"Don't be in such a hurry!" said Father. "You will go soon enough."

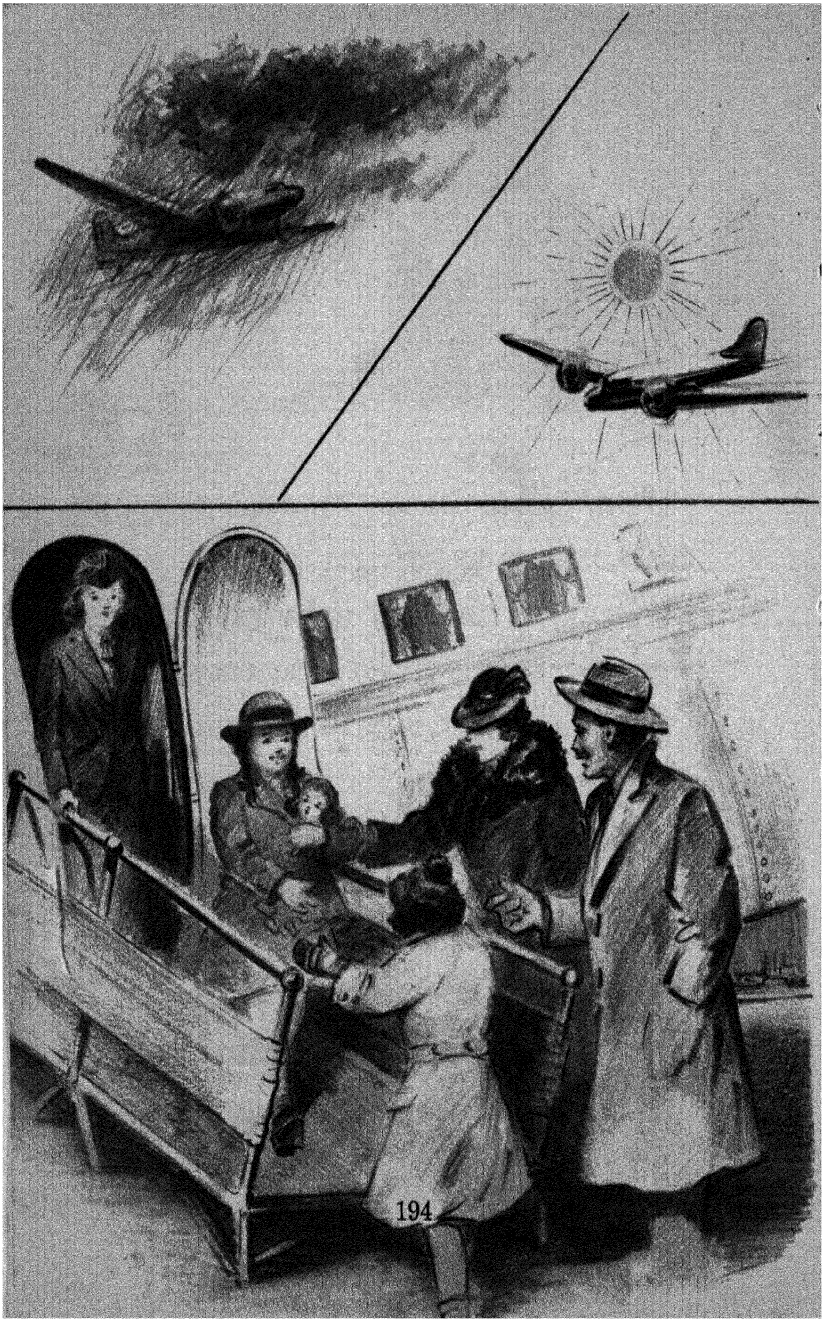
"It is time for him to get into the airplane," said Joe.

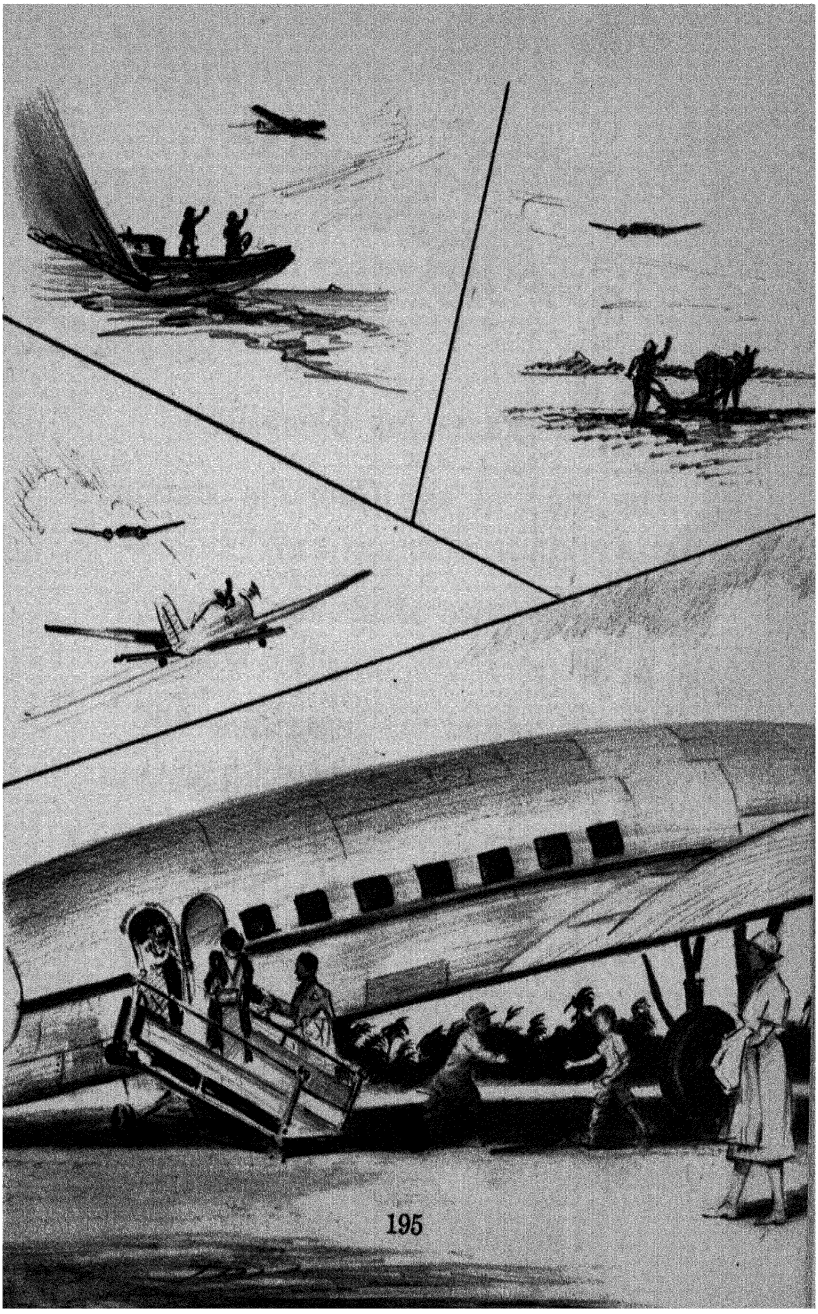
And it was.

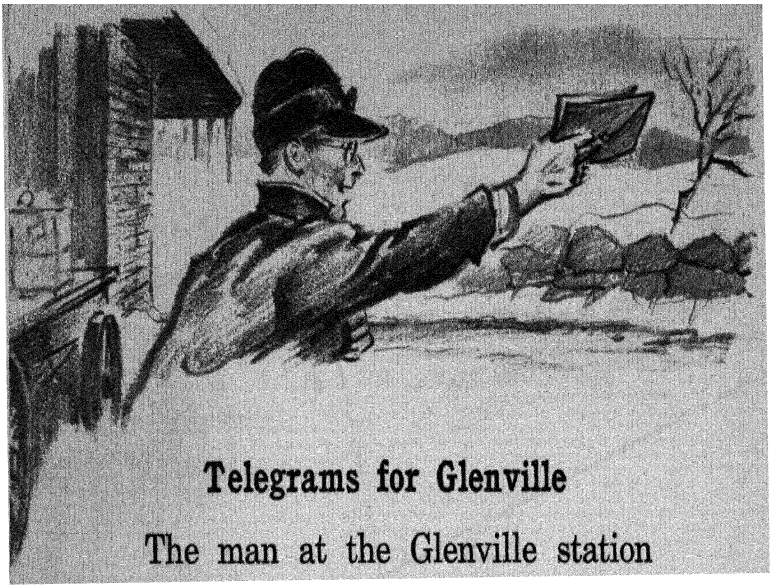
Soon Dave, too, was in an airplane. He was going up, up, up.

Dave looked down through a window. He could see Mother and Father and Joe. They looked so little!

Soon he could not see them at all.







Telegrams for Glenville

The man at the Glenville station called Father.

"Here are two telegrams for you," he said.

Father opened the telegrams.

One was from Mrs. Hill. It said,

> Dave got here all right.
> His airplane was on time.
> Jane Hill

The other telegram was from Flora's mother. It said,

> Mary Ann is here. She is fine. She liked ride.
> Mrs. Head



Father went quickly to take the telegrams to Mother.

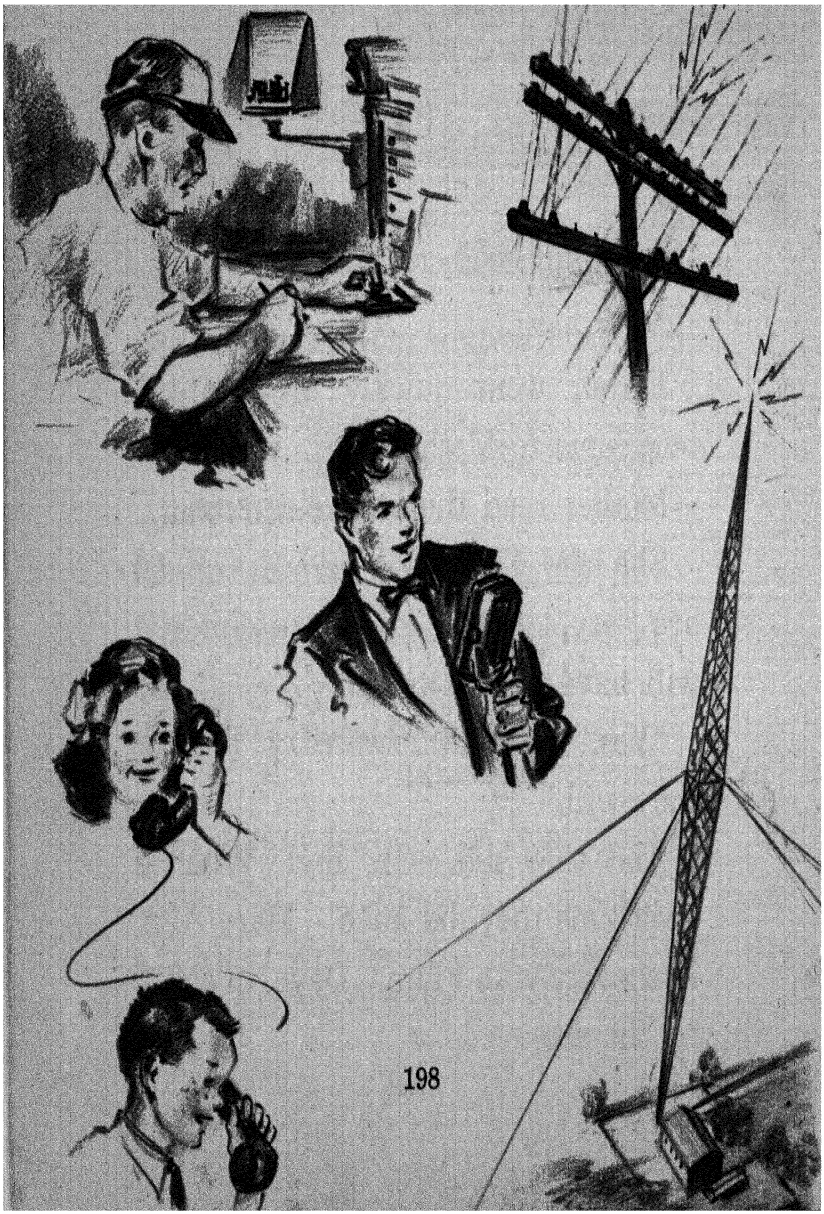
Mother read the two telegrams.

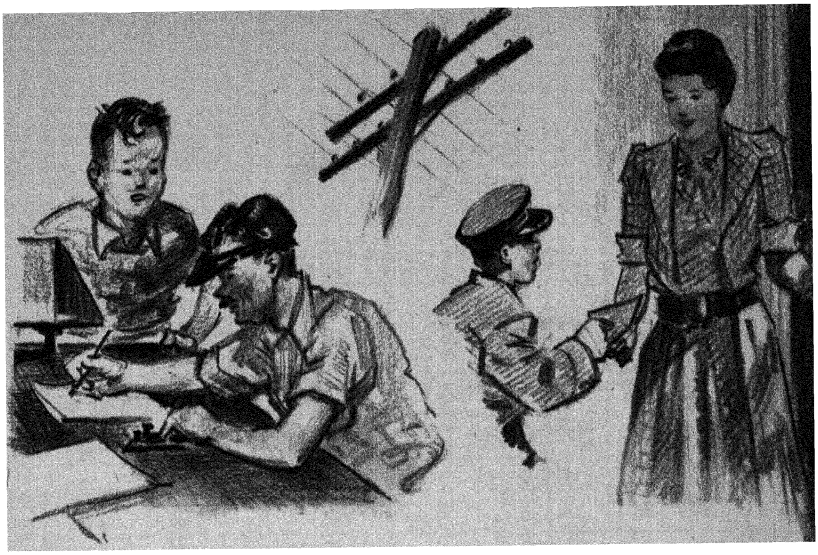
She said, "Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Head are very kind. I know the children will have a good time."

"Yes," Father answered. "I know they will."

And they did. Oh, my! What a good time they did have! Mary Ann, in the city with Flora. Dave, in a city by the sea.

Ways to Send Messages Quickly





The Telegram

I had ten little words to say
To someone far away;
They couldn't wait, they couldn't wait,
Oh, not a single day!

I said them to a busy man
Who wrote them on a pad;
He tapped a tap, and tapped a tap
On a machine he had.

Then quickly those ten little words
Ran over many a mile
Along a wire, a shining wire,
And made that someone smile.

* *To be read by the teacher.*

Things to Talk Over

Can you name some ways that the mail helped Dave and Mary Ann?

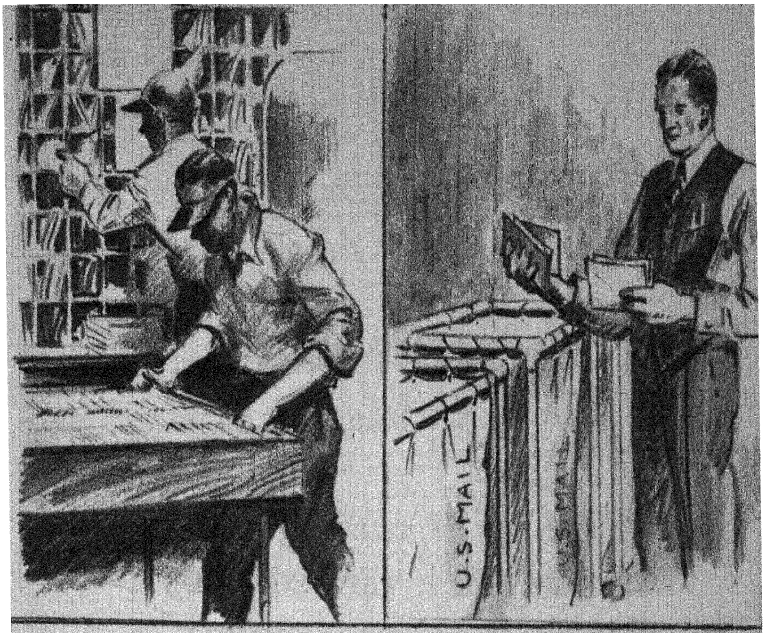
Where did they get the mail?

Where do you get your mail?

Who pays the people who work with the mail?

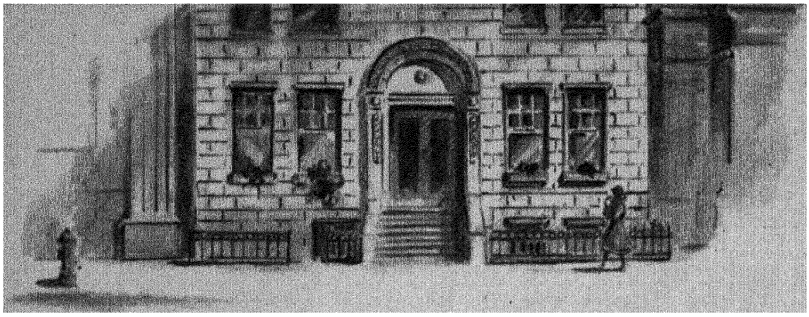
Some Things to Do

1. Go to a post office. See how our country takes care of the mail.
2. Find out what happens to a letter when it is not addressed right.
3. Find out how a letter should be addressed.
4. Find out how to send a letter by air mail.
5. Find out more about other ways to send messages quickly.



Working with the Mail





Mary Ann in the City

Mary Ann saw many new things in the city.

Flora's house came right to the street. A house was next to it on one side. A house was next to it on the other side.

It had no garden. It had no trees or flowers around it. But it was a good house.

"Don't you ever play outside?" asked Mary Ann.

"Oh, yes," Flora anwered. "But we can not play in the streets. We have parks and playgrounds."

"What are parks and playgrounds?" asked Mary Ann.

Flora said, "Many city children don't have room to play outside at home.

"So people of the city pay money to make places for the children to play.

"These places to play are called playgrounds.

"Workers are at the playgrounds to take care of the children. They help the children to get along well together.

"We have fun at the playgrounds."

"I would like to see a playground," said Mary Ann.

"We will go there to play," said Flora.

"We have parks, too," said Flora.

"The parks have trees and flowers in them. Workers plant the trees and flowers.

"The workers take care of the parks. The people help, too."

"How do you help?" asked Mary Ann.

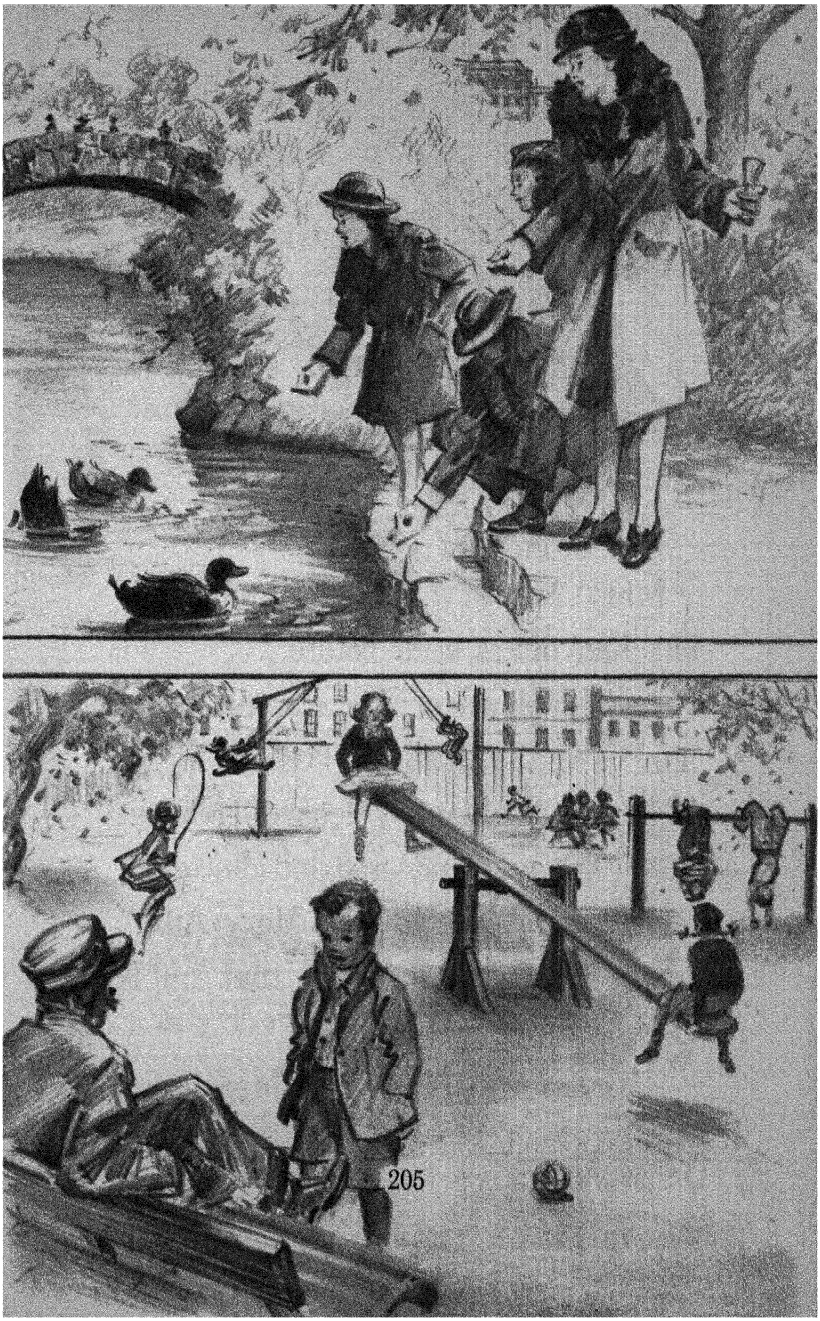
Flora answered, "We don't walk on the green grass. We don't pick the flowers. We don't put old papers on the ground.

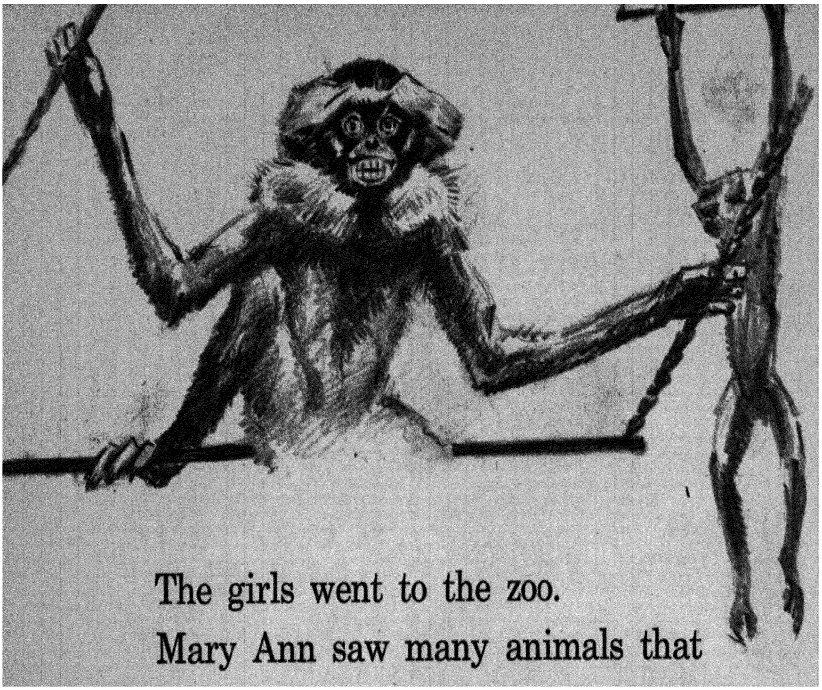
"We keep the parks beautiful."

"When do you go to the parks?" asked Mary Ann.

"We often go there," said Flora. "Sometimes we have a picnic at the park. We take our supper and eat it there."

"That must be fun," said Mary Ann.





The girls went to the zoo. Mary Ann saw many animals that she had never seen before.

She liked all of the animals. But she liked the monkeys best of all.

One little monkey looked right at Mary Ann and chattered and chattered.

"He is talking to you, Mary Ann," cried Flora. "He thinks that he is telling you something!"

"Maybe he is," laughed Mary Ann. "But I don't know what he says."

Down Town

"Good-by, girls," said Mr. Head. "Have a good time today."

Mr. Head was going to work.

"Where does your father work?" asked Mary Ann.

"He works at a big store down town," said Flora.

"Oh," said Mary Ann. "He sells things, as Mr. Field does."

"No," Flora answered. "Father does not sell things. He is a buyer. He buys the things for the store to sell. Other people sell them."

"It must be a very big store," said Mary Ann.

"It is," Flora said. "It is a very big store. We will go there and let you see it."

That night, Flora said to her father, "I wish that we could show Mary Ann all of the store where you work.

"You took some children from my school all through the store. Could we take Mary Ann through it, too?"

"Yes, I think we can," said Father. "Be ready to go with me tomorrow morning.

"We will go a little early. I will take you through the store before it opens for the day."

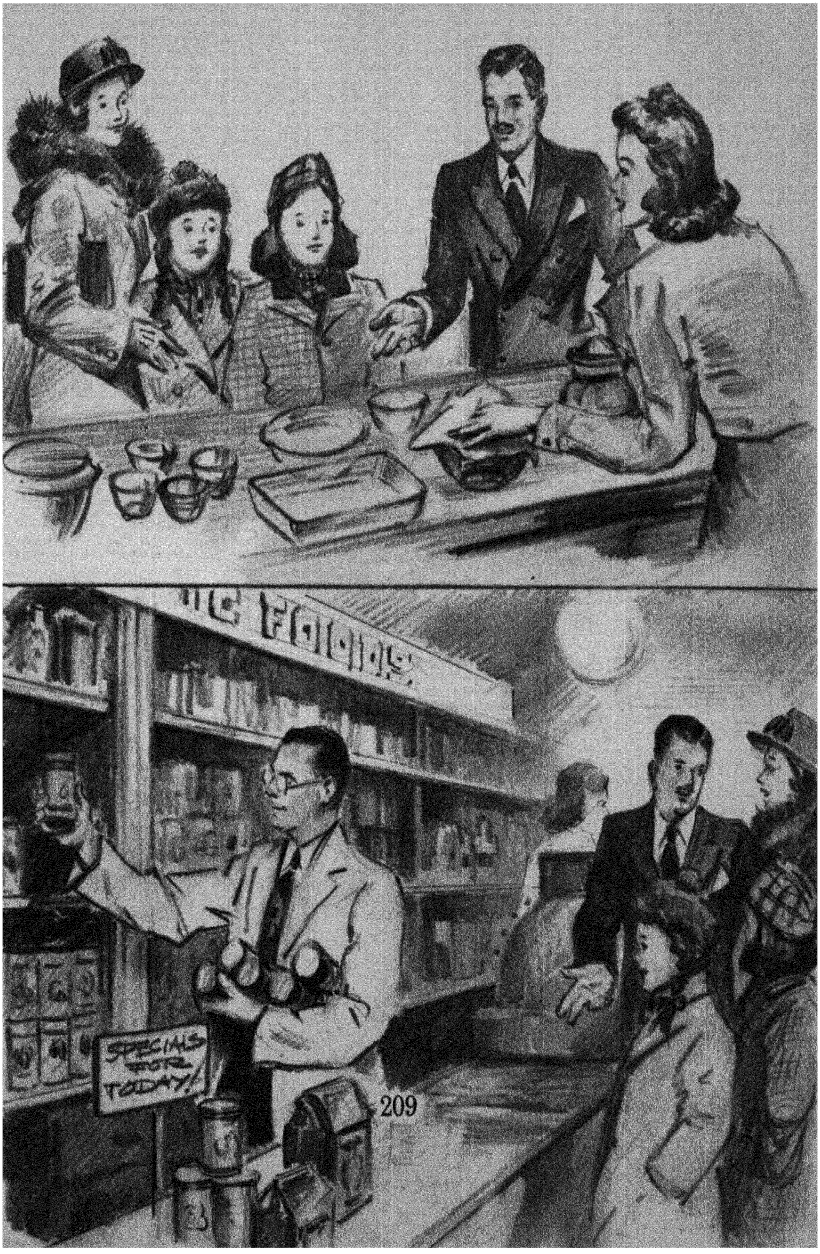
Flora and Mary Ann were ready to go with Mr. Head the next morning.

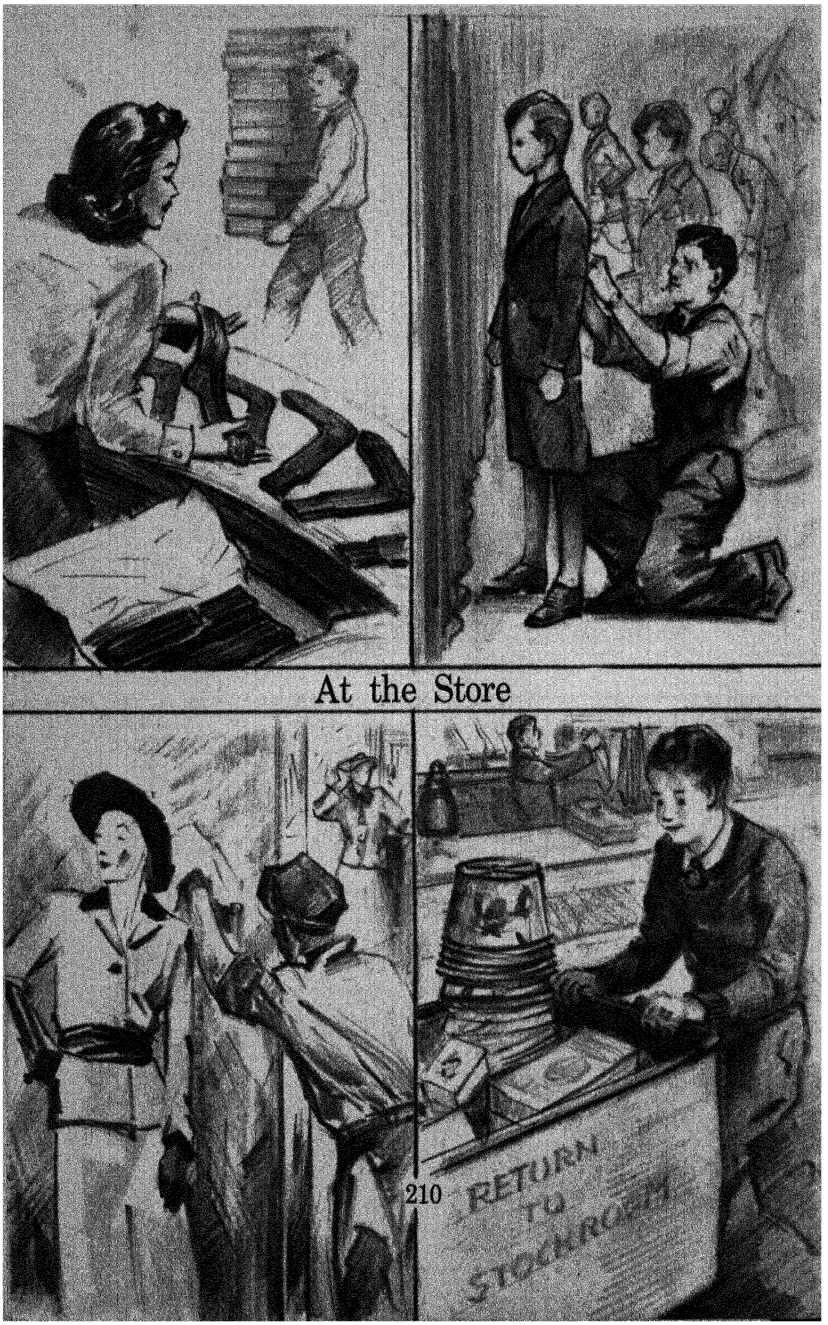
Flora's mother was ready, too.

They all went together. They went on a street car.

Mary Ann liked the street car.

At the Store





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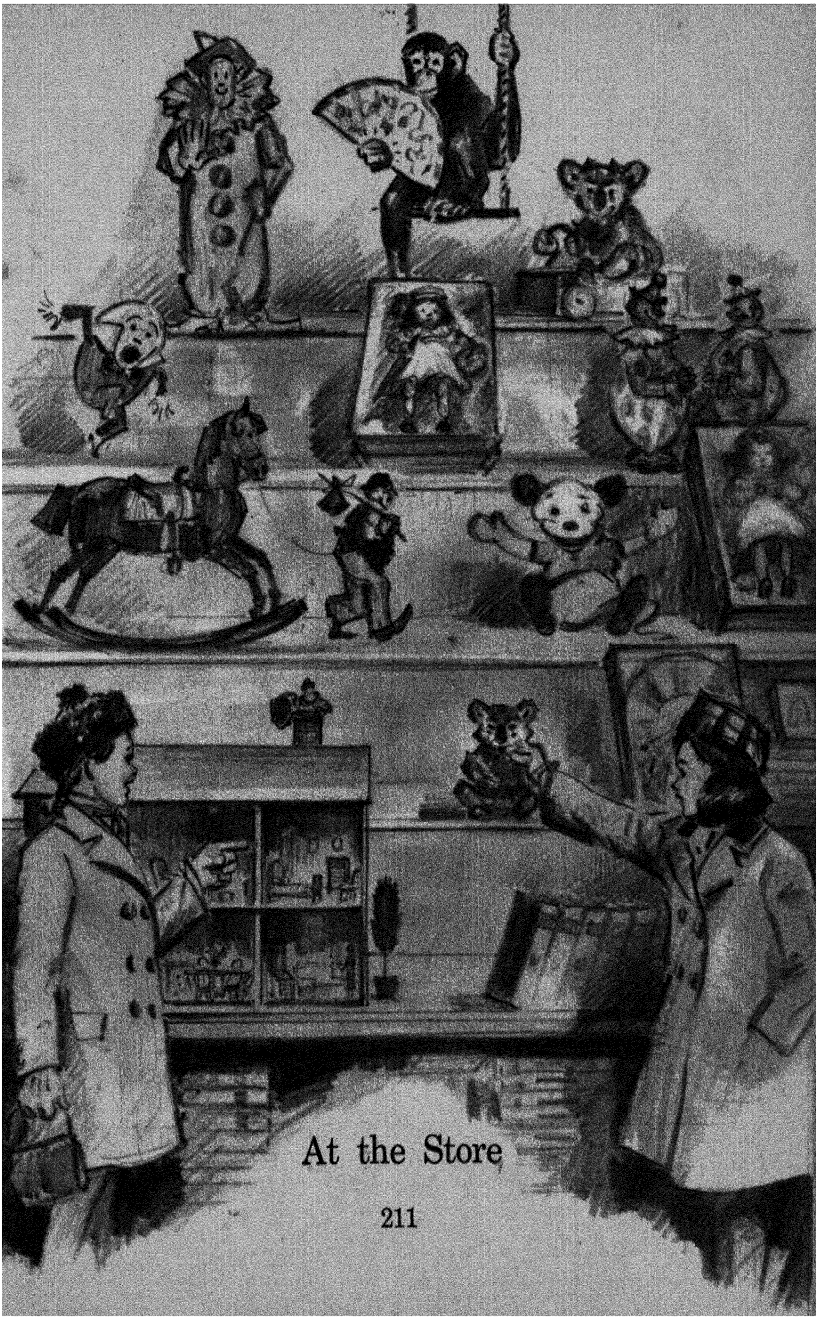


At the Store



After they went all through the store, Mrs. Head took the girls to see a picture show.

They saw a picture about animals.

Mary Ann said, "My, I liked that picture show. I would like to go every day."

"Oh, no," said Flora. "We don't go to the picture show too often. It is not good for children to do that.

"My mother finds out about the pictures that are good for us to see. We don't go to see any others."

"Now we will eat something before we go home," said Flora's mother.

"We will have lunch with Father."

"Does he take his lunch to the store from home?" asked Mary Ann.

"No," said Mrs. Head. "He buys a good hot lunch in town."

They all had a good lunch together.

Mary Ann liked to have lunch in town.



Going to the Library

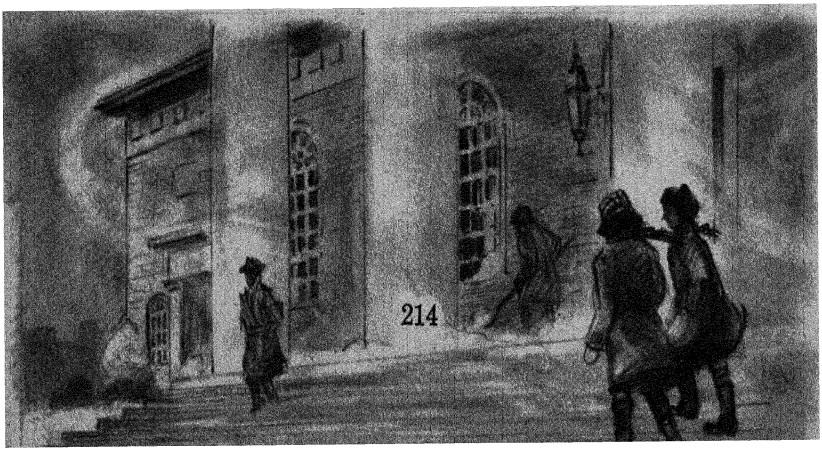
Snow was falling. The weather was very cold.

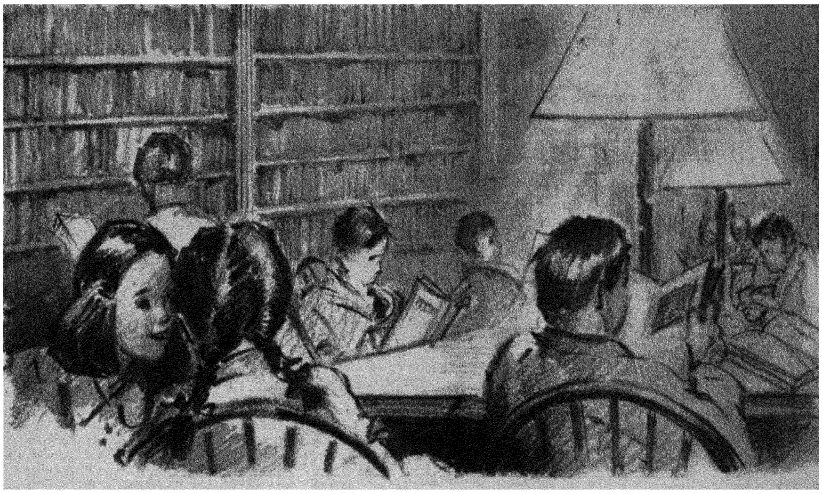
"You girls must not play outside today," said Flora's mother.

"I wish I had a new book from the library," Flora said. "Mary Ann and I could read it together."

Mother answered, "I think you may go to the library. It is not far. You can put on coats and hats to keep you warm."

So Flora and Mary Ann went down the street to the library.





Mary Ann and Flora went into the children's room at the library.

Beautiful books were everywhere.

"How do they get all of these books?" asked Mary Ann.

"The people of the city buy them together," Flora answered. "They are for all of us."

Then Flora said, "We will choose one and take it home with us. I have a library card. So we can take it home."



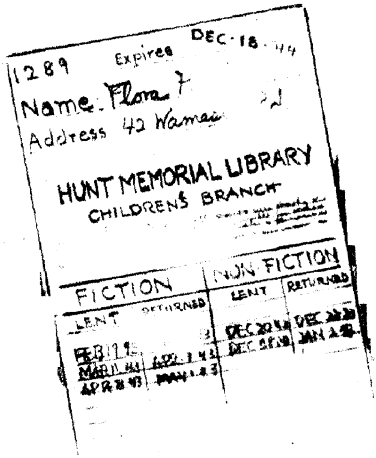
"I like this book," said Mary Ann.

She showed Flora a book about a monkey. He looked like the little monkey that had chattered at Mary Ann in the zoo.

"All right," said Flora. "That book does look good. We will take it.

"But we must have it put down on my library card."





Flora and Mary Ann read the book together.

It *was* a good book.

How they laughed and laughed at that little monkey!



Mary Ann said to Flora, "How did you get a library card?"

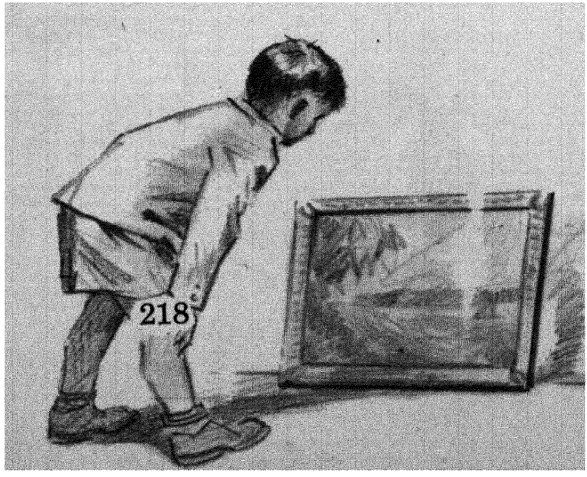
"I asked for it at the library," Flora answered. "One of the workers there gave it to me."

"We are going to have a library at our new school," said Mary Ann.

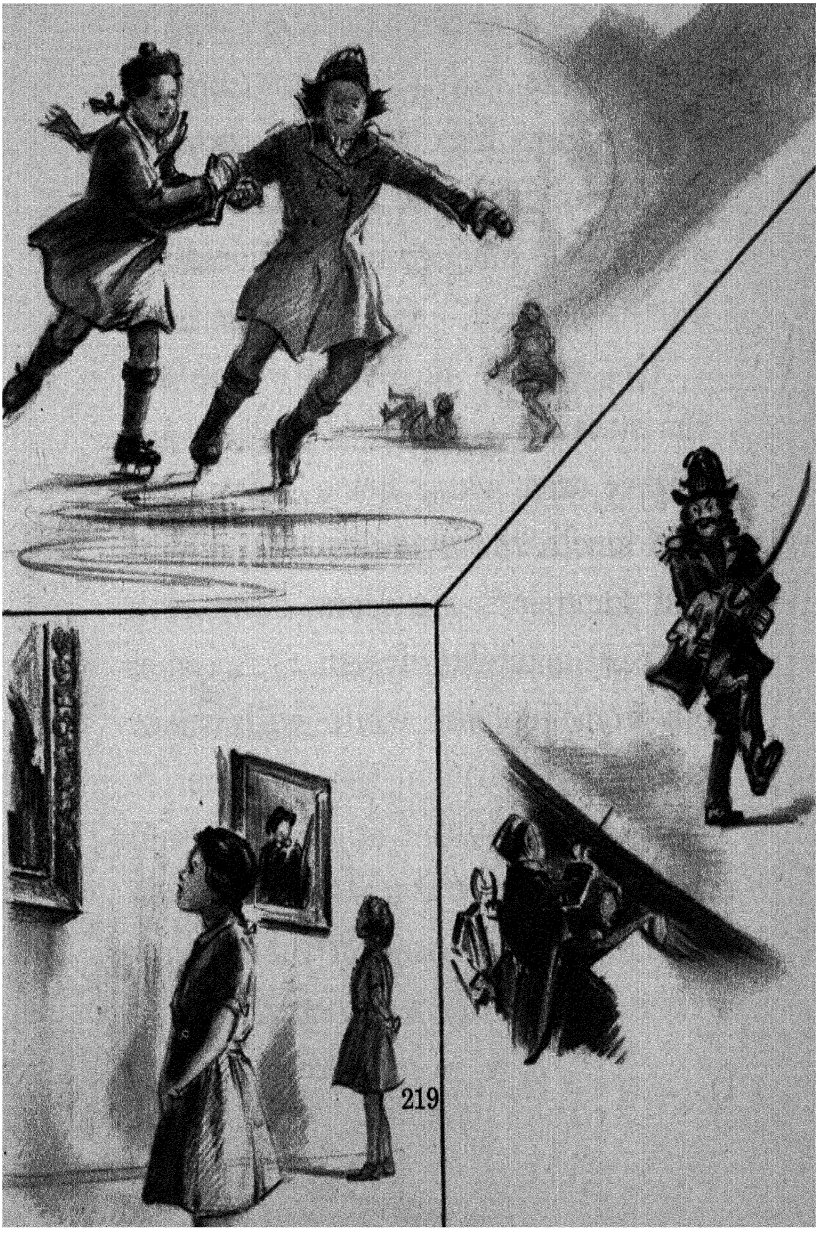
"The people in Glenville will buy the new books. Then I will have a library card, too."

"I saw a library truck at Glenville last summer," said Flora.

"Yes," said Mary Ann. "It comes out from Topton sometimes."



Some Other Good Times in the City



Time to Go Home

Soon the day came for Mary Ann to go home.

Mary Ann liked the good times in the city. But she was glad to go home, too. For tomorrow would be Christmas day!

She wanted to be at home for Christmas.

Dave was going home today, too. How much she would have to tell him!

Mr. and Mrs. Head and Flora took Mary Ann to the airport.

Everything was white with snow. But it was warm in the airplane.

The airplane went up, and up, and up. Now she could not see the white streets, or the houses, or the trees.

She was on her way home.

Things to Talk Over

What were some of the things that people in Flora's city had together?

Do you have any of these things in the place where you live?

How did the people help to take care of the parks?

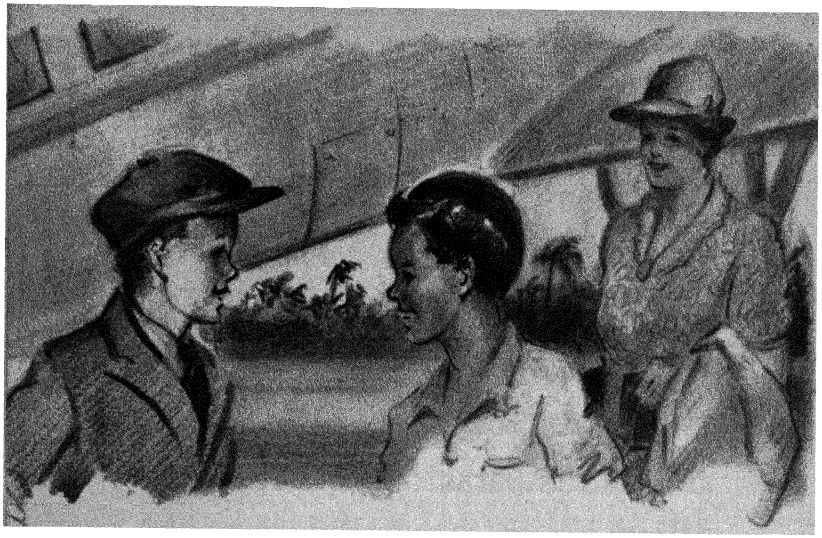
How do you think they helped to take care of the library?

How do you think the children could help on the playgrounds?

Talk over the ways that you can help to take care of things you have with others.

Some Things to Do

1. Go to the nearest library. Get a library card.
2. Choose a good book.
3. Read the book.



Far in the South

While Mary Ann was with Flora, Dave was with Edward.

Here are some of the things that happened to Dave.

The airplane took Dave to a city far away from Topton. It was in the South. Mrs. Hill lived in that city.

When they got there, Dave got out of the airplane.

He saw Edward and Mrs. Hill. How glad he was to see them!

They got into Mrs. Hill's car. They went through the city.

The windows in the car were open. The sunshine was very bright.

"I am hot," said Dave. "How can it be so hot in winter?"

"Take off your coat, Dave," said Mrs. Hill. "You have on your warm winter clothes.

"It is never very cold in this city because it is so far in the South. Here we wear summer clothes in the winter time."

"It is not like this at home," said Dave.

Dave took off his warm winter coat.

As they went through the city, he saw many trees and flowers.

The trees did not look like any that Dave had seen before. There were many new kinds of flowers, too.

Dave asked Mrs. Hill about this.

She said, "These trees and flowers need much hot weather. They can not grow where it is cold."

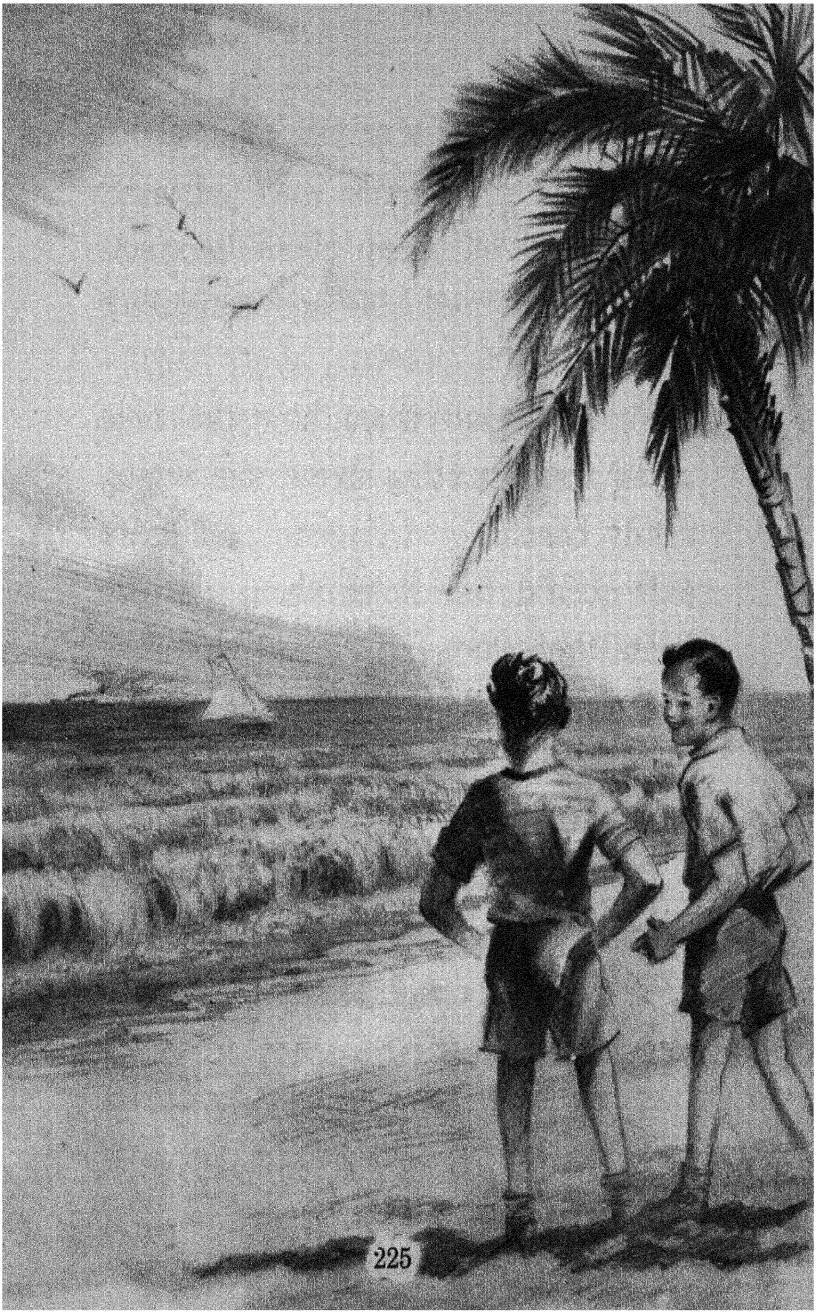
Mrs. Hill's house did not look like any that Dave had ever seen. But Dave liked the house very much.

And it was by the sea!

Dave looked and looked and looked at the sea.

He must tell Father and Mother and Joe and Mary Ann just how it looked.

They had never seen the sea.



How could he ever tell them about this sea?

He could tell them about its color. It was sometimes blue and sometimes green.

He could tell them how the blue water came rolling in on the white, sandy beach.

He could tell them about the big boats that were far out at sea.

And he could tell them about the little boats that went over the water like white birds.

But he could never tell them how beautiful it was.

"I think I could look at this sea always," said Dave.

"Yes," Edward answered. "But your mountains are just as beautiful."

That afternoon Mrs. Hill told the boys that they could go for a swim in the sea.

"Swim!" said Dave. "In winter?"

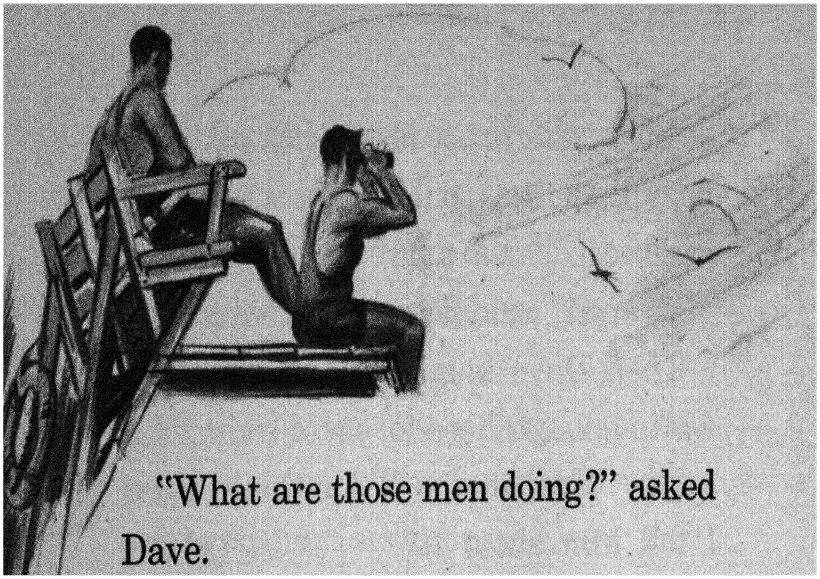
Then Dave laughed. "I know it is warm enough here for us to swim," he said. "But what will Joe think when I tell him about it?

"At home we swim only in the summer time."

The boys did swim in the warm sea. They played on the white, sandy beach.

"Is the sea always warm, as it is today?" asked Dave.

"It is here," Edward answered. "But it is not like this everywhere. In many places the sea is very cold in winter. People can not swim in it then."



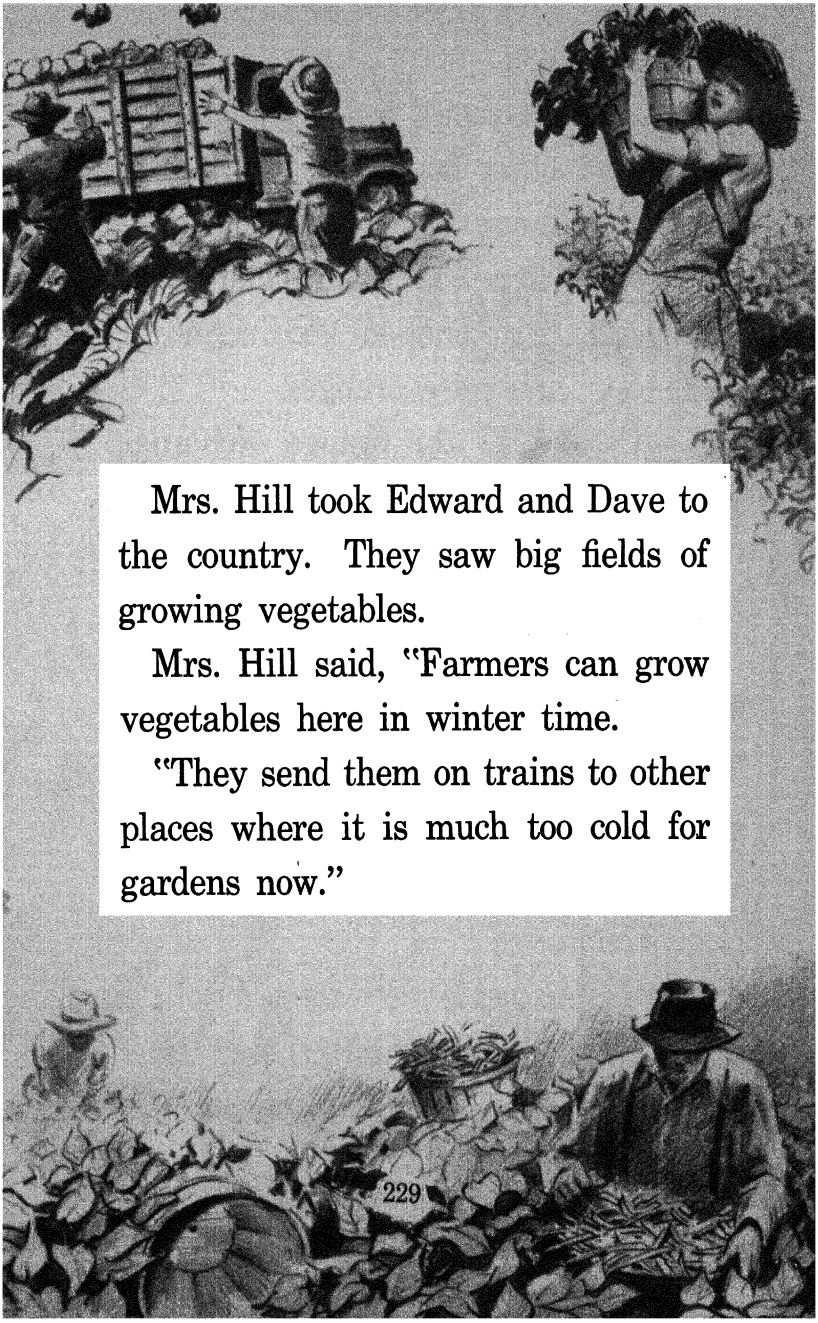
"What are those men doing?" asked Dave.

"They take care of the people who go into the water," answered Edward.

"Sometimes people go out too far into the water. These men can swim very, very well. They swim to the people and bring them out of the water.

"The people of this city work together to have these men here."

"I am glad they are here," said Dave. "I can not swim very well. But I am not going out very far."



Mrs. Hill took Edward and Dave to the country. They saw big fields of growing vegetables.

Mrs. Hill said, "Farmers can grow vegetables here in winter time.

"They send them on trains to other places where it is much too cold for gardens now."

Dave saw many, many orange trees. He saw other fruit trees, too.

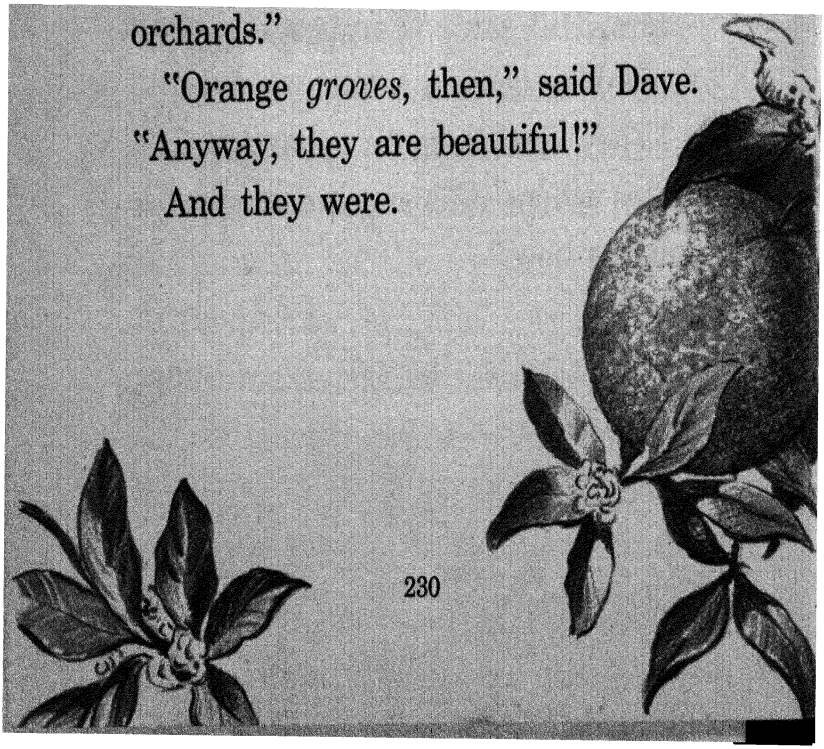
The orange trees had very green leaves. Some of them had white flowers that smelled good. And all of them had many oranges.

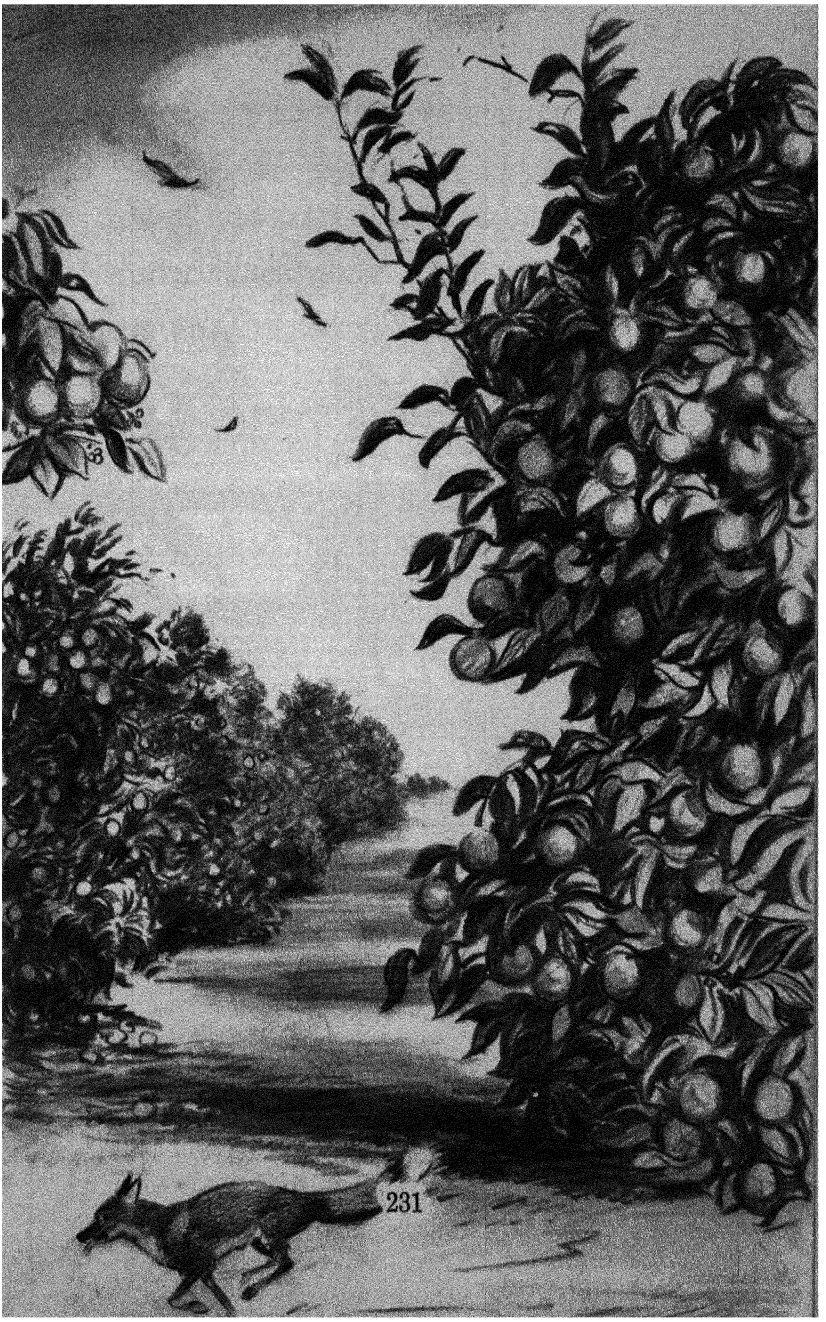
"Oh, I like the orange orchards!" cried Dave.

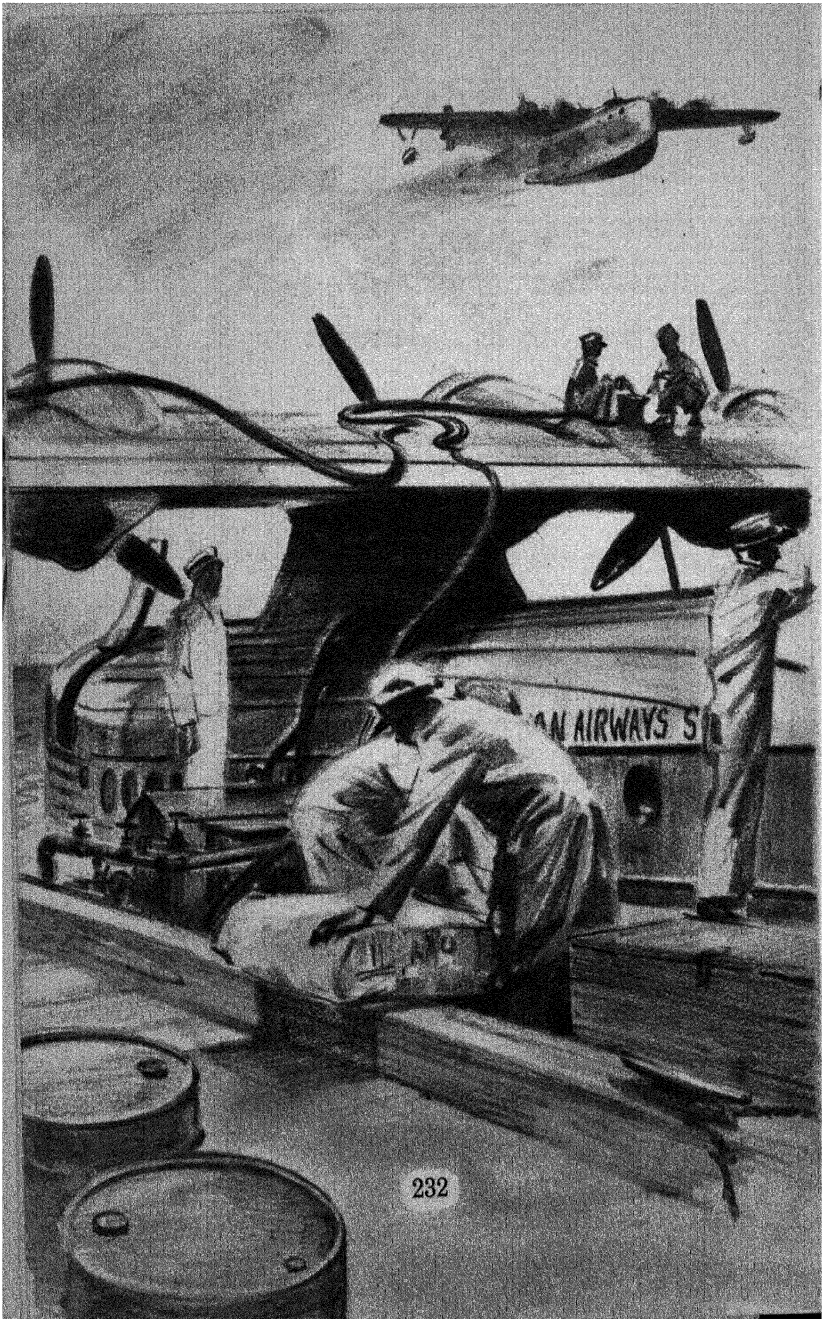
"People call them orange groves," said Edward. "But they are like orchards."

"Orange *groves*, then," said Dave. "Anyway, they are beautiful!"

And they were.






AN AIRWAYS S

Mrs. Hill took Dave and Edward to an airport. It was not the one where Dave had come into the city.

Airplanes went from this airport across the sea. They went to far countries.

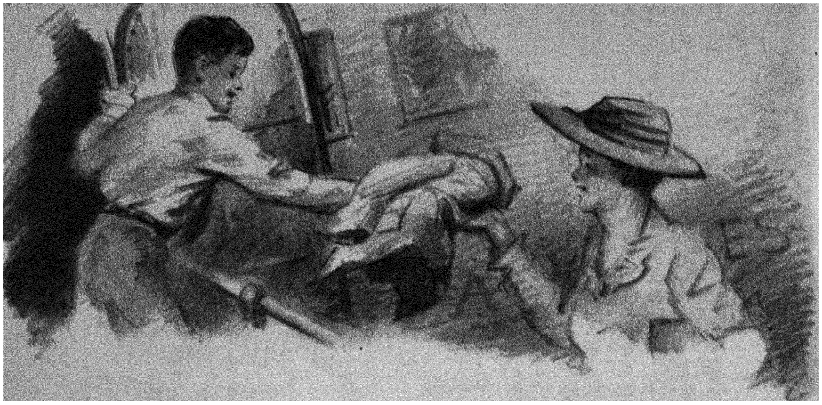
Dave and Edward liked to look at the airplanes fly out over the water. They liked to think of far countries.

They always looked and looked until the airplane could no longer be seen.

Oh, Dave had a good time. He had a very good time! So did Edward.

But the day soon came for Dave to go home. Dave wanted to get home, for the next day would be Christmas.

"It will take me a long time to tell Mary Ann about all I have seen," said Dave.



Dave said good-by to Mrs. Hill and Edward at the airport.

He thanked Mrs. Hill for the ticket and the good time in the city.

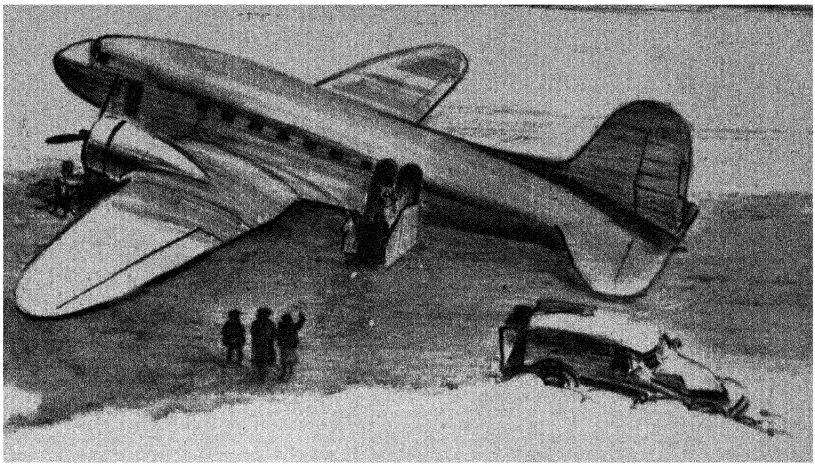
Then he got into the airplane.

"Here, Dave. Take your coat," said Mrs. Hill. "It will be cold when you get home, you know."

"I can not think it is cold at any place now," laughed Dave.

But it was.

When Dave got to the airport at Topton, everything was white with snow.



There were Father and Mother and Joe!

And very soon, there was Mary Ann, too. For it was not long until her airplane came.

Then they all went home together.





Home Again

How good it was to be at home again!

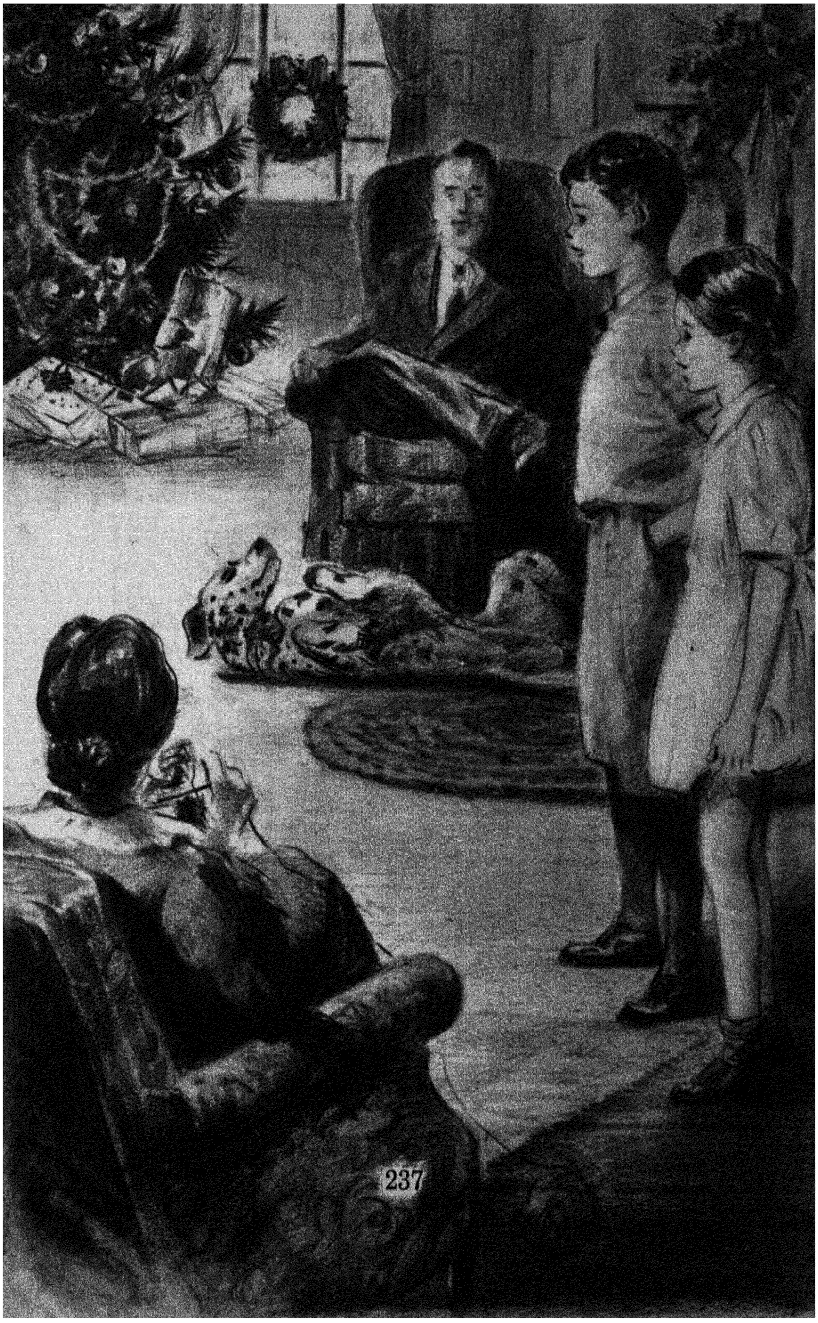
Everyone laughed and laughed, and talked and talked!

After a time, Father said, "Joe has a surprise for you. He has made a new song. Sing it for us, Joe."

So Joe did sing his new song. Dave and Mary Ann liked it very much.

"It is beautiful, Joe," they said.

Maybe you would like Joe's song, too. It is on page 238.



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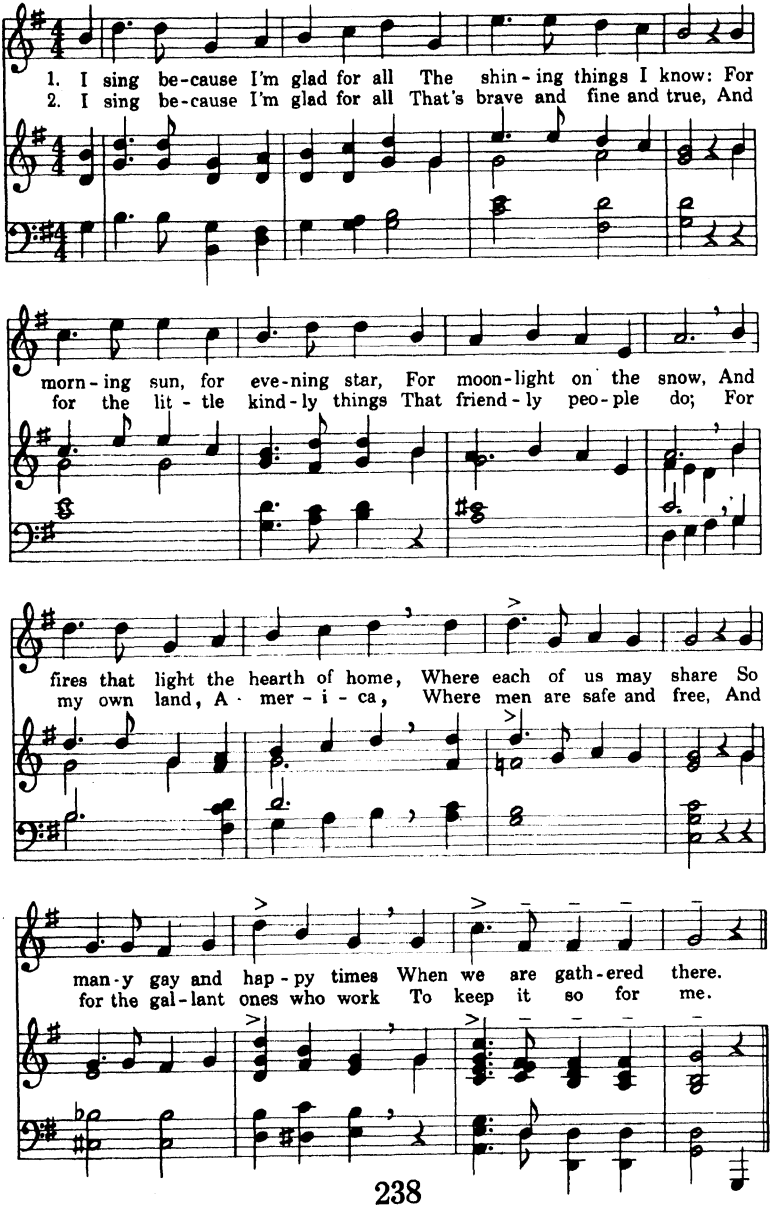
Mae Knight Clark — Catherine Allison Christie



VOCABULARY

The following list contains all the new words — 262 in number — occurring in *Living Together in Town and Country*, aside from those previously introduced in *Living Together at Home and at School*, the first reader in the *Elementary Social Studies Series*. Variants formed by the addition of *s*, *'s*, *s'*, *d*, *ed*, *ing*, *er*, and *est* are not considered new if the root forms were previously presented. However, variant forms are considered new if presented prior to the presentation of the root word. Compounds are not considered new words if their component parts have been previously presented.

The vocabulary selected for this book was derived from vocabulary studies of the social studies field. The authors selected from these basic sources those words of special social studies significance which, according to standard reading lists, are judged appropriate to teach to children of the second grade.

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