

classes at church. Fern and Gladys were so great because they played with paper dolls with me. Vern and Fred loved baseball; they also played "Indians" and had paths through the tall grass that they crawled through. Raymond took us to the creek to catch frogs and cut them up.

There was an orchard, with apple, peach, cherry, apricot and plum trees. There were also grapes, raspberries and blackberries. "Gra'ma" would scold us if we ate fruit off the tree as she wanted to can it all. She would go out in the hot sun to work in the orchard and garden, taking with her to quench her thirst a jar of water with some vinegar in it, also sugar, I think. Perhaps lemons were not so easy to get. We made kraut from the cabbage and kept it in the cave we entered on the east side of the house.

Our drinking water was carried into the house from the old "oaken bucket well" south of the house. I was so glad when I was big enough to be allowed to lower the buckets and bring up the cold good water. It was traumatic when the chain broke and the buckets fell into the well. We also used the well to keep our cream and butter cold.

While we had electricity for as long as I can remember, "Gra'ma" tried to economize by unplugging the

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