



Farming the Past Quest

Morse Farm, Montpelier, Vermont

Difficulty: Easy

Equipment Needed: Cross country skis.

Estimated Time: 1 hour

Open Winter Solstice through Vernal Equinox. Bring a pencil to fill in the letter clues.

How to get there: I-89, exit 8 Montpelier. Follow Main Street through the town and up a steep hill. Main Street becomes County Road. After Center Road, Morse Farm is on your right.

Clues:

Look for something that sits on three wheels

It used to work in farms & fields

After horses, smiles did bring

This mighty, modern

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This horse-drawn machine replaced the hoes

For bigger fields with rows and rows

It turned the soil – and weeds – of course

This old machine was pulled by

6

Plant food was scattered with this machine

Across the fields that you've just seen

In order to grow the green stuff better

Farmers use the fertilizer

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This contraption, peddled like a bike

It sharpened axes, scythes & the like

A motor was added to quiet the groans

And so into the woods went this _____ stone

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Hay grows tall and when the summer comes

To chop it by hand was less than fun

Was better to follow a horse who would strut
Pulling this mower the hay it did _____
2 & 8

Small fields were used as well as big
To grow a crop you have to dig
The crop we mean is not tomatoes
This machine would dig _____
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Before it rains you harvest the hay
Because in the fields it cannot stay
So it lies in the sun and starts to bake
While placed in rows by this old _____
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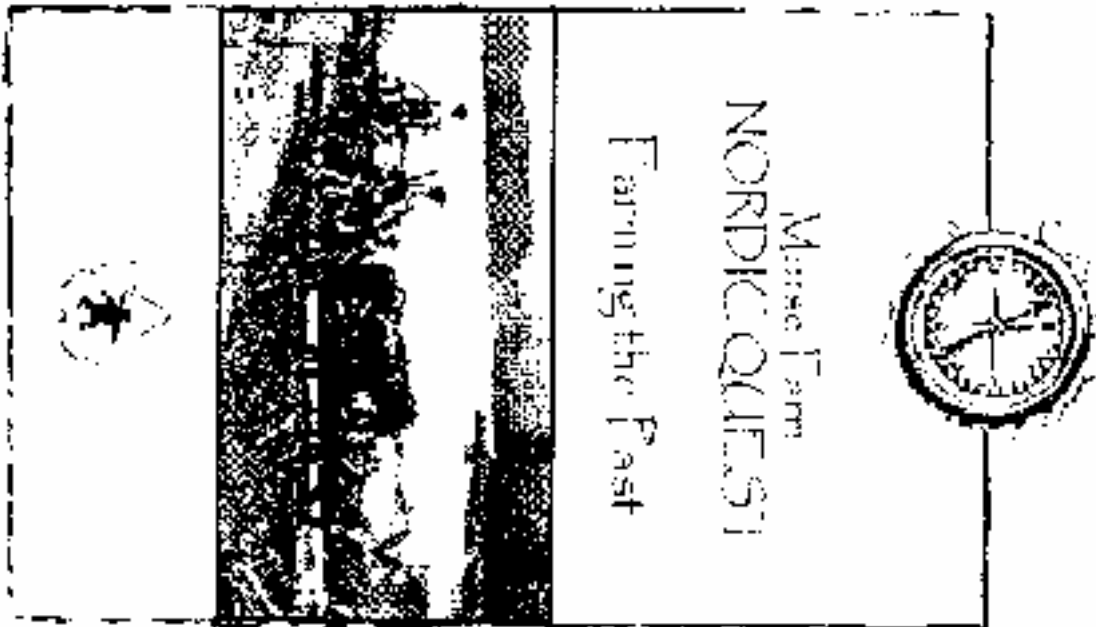
Milking cows once lived on this here farm
So they had to move hay to yonder barn
They say farming progress never fails
Along came this machine for making

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In the barn all winter the bales are based
So in the field on the wagon they're placed
By a tool that follows the baler later
We call it the trusty hay _____
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To find the treasure at the end of the quest
Go back to the farm, take your skis off and rest
Then fill in the blanks and please don't grouse
Just look under the window in the.....

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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