

# NEW FRIENDS



## Greener Grass

It was Monday afternoon. Barbara and Freda were in the front room of the basement, crating eggs again. And since they never crated eggs on Sunday, they always had twice as many to do on Monday.

Outside the open cellar door a warm, steady rain was falling. It was the kind of rain that made the grass a few shades greener and added brightness to the tulips which were blooming at the edge of the garden. It was the kind of rain that made the robin sing merrily from the top of the maple tree, and put song into the heart of the farmer. He knew that rainy days such as this would make the seeds grow.

Freda, however, did not have a song in

her heart, nor did she notice the green grass or the bright tulips. She was too busy feeling sorry for herself. There she was, standing in the gloomy cellar with what seemed like an endless task in front of her. Today she didn't even care if Barbara worked twice as fast as she did. "Let her work fast," thought Freda. "If she does more, I won't have to do as much."

It was almost as if Barbara had heard her thoughts. "Freda, hurry up," she said. "I'm not going to crate more than my share of the eggs. When I have six empty baskets on my side of the table, I'm going to quit. I don't care how long it takes you to do your share."

Freda didn't feel like taking a scolding from her sister. And she didn't feel like getting into an argument either. She just felt like biting her lips together and not

saying a word. But at the same time she made sure Barbara knew she was displeased.

"What's wrong? Did you eat too many pickles?" asked Barbara, looking at her sister's sour face. When she didn't get an answer, she tried again. "Smile," she said, looking Freda straight in the eyes. "You'd look a lot better."

It is hard telling what would have happened if Dad had not walked into the cellar just then. "I don't want to hurt your feelings or make you feel your work hasn't been good enough," he said slowly. "But I thought I'd give you a hand with these eggs this afternoon. That is, if you don't mind."

"I'm afraid Freda will mind," teased Barbara. "She's not very happy right now."

"Maybe it's your company she doesn't like," said Dad. "Some people aren't very pleasant to work with."

Freda couldn't help but give Dad a smile. He was sticking up for her and giving Barbara a hard time. The three worked in silence for a while. With Dad helping, Freda knew it would not be long until the eggs were all crated.

Dad had big hands and could easily pick up six eggs at a time — three in each hand. He had a way of dropping them all at once, letting each one drop easily into its place. She tried doing the same thing with two eggs in each hand. Sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. Dad saw what she was trying to do and smiled at her across the table.

"Dad, why don't we sell our layers and raise broilers like Uncle Henrys do?" asked Freda.

"Why would we want to do that?" asked Dad.

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Learn the new words. Then write them on the blanks.

- steady
- tulips
- merry
- gloomy
- task
- scold
- pickles
- sour
- broilers
- cute
- herd
- manure
- grind
- tiresome
- imagine

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8. sad; dark or dimly-lit
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| 4. The children read three _____ today.      | story   |
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## Thinking about the Story

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Note to the Teacher:

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The children's answers will reveal which one of the girls their sympathy is with. Since the children are asked to say how they feel, it will be hard to count them right or wrong. Their answers will reveal attitudes and personality traits.