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1. What did Ma do to the straws that she soaked in water?

   a) she braided them to make a small mat

   b) plowing the ground for planting

   c) she burned them in the fire

   d) she braided them into a long rope

2. *T* *F* **True or False:** Ma used the straw braids to make a new hats for everyone.

3. One morning, bright colors appeared among the green leaves of the woods. According to Laura, who brought them as he passed by the night before?

   _____

4. **Fill in the Blank:** "Everyone was busy now, for all the garden vegetables must be _____ away."

   _____

5. *T* *F* **True or False:** Ma never let them play with their food. Even making pretty shapes with their pumpkin was not allowed.

6. During Harvest time, what did they often have for supper?

   a) smoked ham and potatoes

   b) bread and water

   c) fresh butter and muffins

   d) hulled corn and milk

7. How many horses did it take to bring the machine up the road to the big woods?

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8. What did Pa call the men that came with the machines?

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9. What was the big machine called? What was the little machine called?

a) separator, horsepower
b) harvester, horsepower
c) combine, separator
d) tractor, tumbler

10. **Fill in the Blank**: This was a(n) _____ machine. It had eight horses hitched to it to make it run.

a) eight-horsepowered
b) sixteen-horsepowered
c) motorized
d) horse-operated

11. What was the job of the little machine?

a) to harvest the fields
b) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine
c) to thresh the wheat
d) to keep the horses in shape

12. What was the job of the big machine?

a) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine
b) to grind up the wheat into meal
c) to keep the horses in shape
d) to separate the wheat from the straw

13. ***T*** ***F*** **True or False:** Even with all of the men working as fast as they could, they could barely keep up with the machines.

14. What was the job of the man sitting on the little machine?

a) to keep the horses moving
b) to collect the wheat in large barrels
c) to manage everyone else
d) to turn the tumbling rod

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15. What was Ma doing while all the men were in the fields?

    a) caring for Baby Carrie, who was ill
    b) collecting more wheat
    c) doing the daily chores
    d) preparing dinner for everyone

16. **Fill in the Blank**: Ma supposed that johnny-cakes were named after the Johnny Rebs, who were the _____ soldiers.

    _____

17. How did Pa pay the men before they moved onto the next farm?

    a) room and board
    b) sacks of wheat
    c) cash money
    d) animal furs

18. How long would it have taken Henry, Peterson, and Pa to do the work that the machines did that day?

    a) a few hours
    b) a couple of weeks
    c) two days
    d) a month

19. **Fill in the Blank**: Pa said, "Other folks can stick to old-fashioned ways if they want to, but I'm all for _____. It's a great age we're living in."

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