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On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 17

- Fill in the Blank:** Ma removed the ashes from the stove in the dugout. She asked Pa if he remembered to get more _____.
 - stovepipe
 - glass
 - silverware
 - buckets
- What did Ma, Laura, and Mary have to cross in order to take things to the new house?

- When Pa gives Ma her surprise, he says not to worry about the expense. What will pay for the new stove?
 - Sam and David
 - Spot
 - oat field
 - wheat field
- What did they do after dinner in the new house?
 - sat outside while Pa played his fiddle
 - sat at the table enjoying themselves
 - everyone helped Ma do the dishes
 - went to bed early because they were so tired
- What had Ma made from worn-out sheets and starched crisp and white?
 - chair cushions
 - new aprons
 - curtains
 - dish towels

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6. What did Ma use to edge the curtains in the big room?

- a) pink strips from Carrie's torn dress
- b) red strips from Laura's dress
- c) blue strips from Mary's dress
- d) store-bought lace

7. What did Ma use to edge the curtains in the bedroom?

- a) red strips from Laura's dress
- b) store-bought lace
- c) pink strips from Carrie's torn dress
- d) blue strips from Mary's dress

8. Ma used the brown wrapping-paper that she had saved to line the shelves behind the stove. What shapes did she show Laura and Mary how to cut out?

9. What did Ma use in the corner of the bedroom to make a place to hang clothes?

- a) Pa's extra lumber
- b) clean sheet
- c) her favorite quilt
- d) her old dress

10. **T F** **True or False:** Ma made another closet up in the attic for Mary and Laura's clothes.

11. **T F** **True or False:** Pa made a bracket to hang right by the stove for Ma to set her china shepherdess on.

12. **T F** **True or False:** Ma has had the china shepherdess since the Ingalls lived in the Big Woods. It has traveled from the Big Woods, to Indian Territory and to Plum Creek in Minnesota.

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13. Why did Mary and Laura not have curtains?

- a) they had not decided what colors they wanted
- b) Mary and Laura did not want curtains
- c) Ma didn't have any more sheets
- d) they would buy some in town

14. What did the girls hang their dresses on when they changed clothes?

- a) a little chair
- b) a metal rod
- c) a nail
- d) a clothes line

15. What was the one problem with Mary and Laura's room?

- a) Carrie would sleep up there with them
- b) They had nowhere to put their treasures
- c) Jack could not climb the ladder
- d) They had to share

16. What sound woke Laura up on their first night in the new house?

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