

than that myself. But *jolly*, isn't it? Listen! 'After serving the men's lunch in the fields comes the week's ironing, after which I take a turn for three hours on the self-binder.' "

"Mrs. Bolton has one of those on her new machine. It's a Singer," Aunt Mary said with fresh interest.

"A self-binder is to cut the wheat," Alberta explained. "This one is worked by four horses. Where was I? oh—self-binder. 'After that comes a busy spell in the kitchen, for there are ten hungry hired men to provide for. Afterwards all the boys help to wash up, and after milking and attending to the dairy, my day concludes with a joy-ride into town or a lively surprise-party at a neighbouring farm. Dancing and merry-making go on to a late hour, but nevertheless everybody is up and doing at five the next morning.' Fancy that! And she's only a mother's help. Pretty different from the lot of an English governess. I saw Edna Jones taking those Bedale kiddies out to-day, and I did feel sorry for her. She was simply green with envy when I told her our plans."

"It sounds rather hard work," said Aunt Mary.

"But, of course, that doesn't exactly apply to us. I was only reading that to give you some idea of the *life*. See, there's a house. And there's another. That's right in Sunshine. Isn't it nice?"

"There seem to be a great many steps," said Aunt Mary, examining the picture. "Oh, there's a dentist. We shall be able to have Betty's teeth attended to."

"And that is an ice-cream parlour," cried Betty. "And it says chewing gum is a benefit, not a habit. I wonder if it's nice."