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its interior ^{well} all fire. The sky would be as still and clear blue as a summer sea. A stillness pervaded over all—the brooding hush of the ended day.

~~The country seemed to me like some vast cathedral stilled to silent~~

~~prayer.~~ Came the great harvest. Men, two and two, following the binder binders, ~~going down the fields with their wings whirring around.~~ ^{The} rising and bending stalkers, stacking the sheaves together. It was like a vast canvas — a masterpiece that no human hand could ever hope to copy.

The harvest meant incessant labor not merely on the land but in the house. It took me some time to acquire the "grain sense" — the feeling that no matter what, the grain ^{must come} ~~was~~ first of all. It was a living, vital, a thing that must be garnered before the encroaching hand of the fall frost ~~came like a thief in the night to blight it.~~

The men had colossal appetites. ^{a man} I've seen ~~men~~ eat eight eggs, bacon, porridge, potatoes, rolls and coffee for breakfast. And he was no exception. The cook made a pie ^{apple} ~~apple~~ for the men at harvest time.

Its all very well for food specialists to insist we eat too much. I'd like to put one of those specialists on a plow or set him to stacking in an Alberta harvest field. I'll wager he'd eat like a horse when he came to table. To use an expression of the ranching country, the men "packed down" their food. They would say: "Well that'll stay with me till next time". They ate food that "stuck". They were like growing boys, always hungry and never full.

In the following spring our herd of a hundred Hereford heifers presented us with a hundred Hereford calves, the prettiest little things imaginable. We were ^{much} Hereford breeders by the way. Our great Duroc sows — all pedigreed critters and weighing some of them all of 700 lbs. presented us with litters of from thirteen to eighteen each. Pigs is pigs! Ours bore Royal names. There were so many of them ~~several hundred~~ and each was a prize pig that we named them thus: Duke of York #1, Duke of York #2, #3 and so forth. Then Duchess of York #1, 2, 3. Up to twenty