

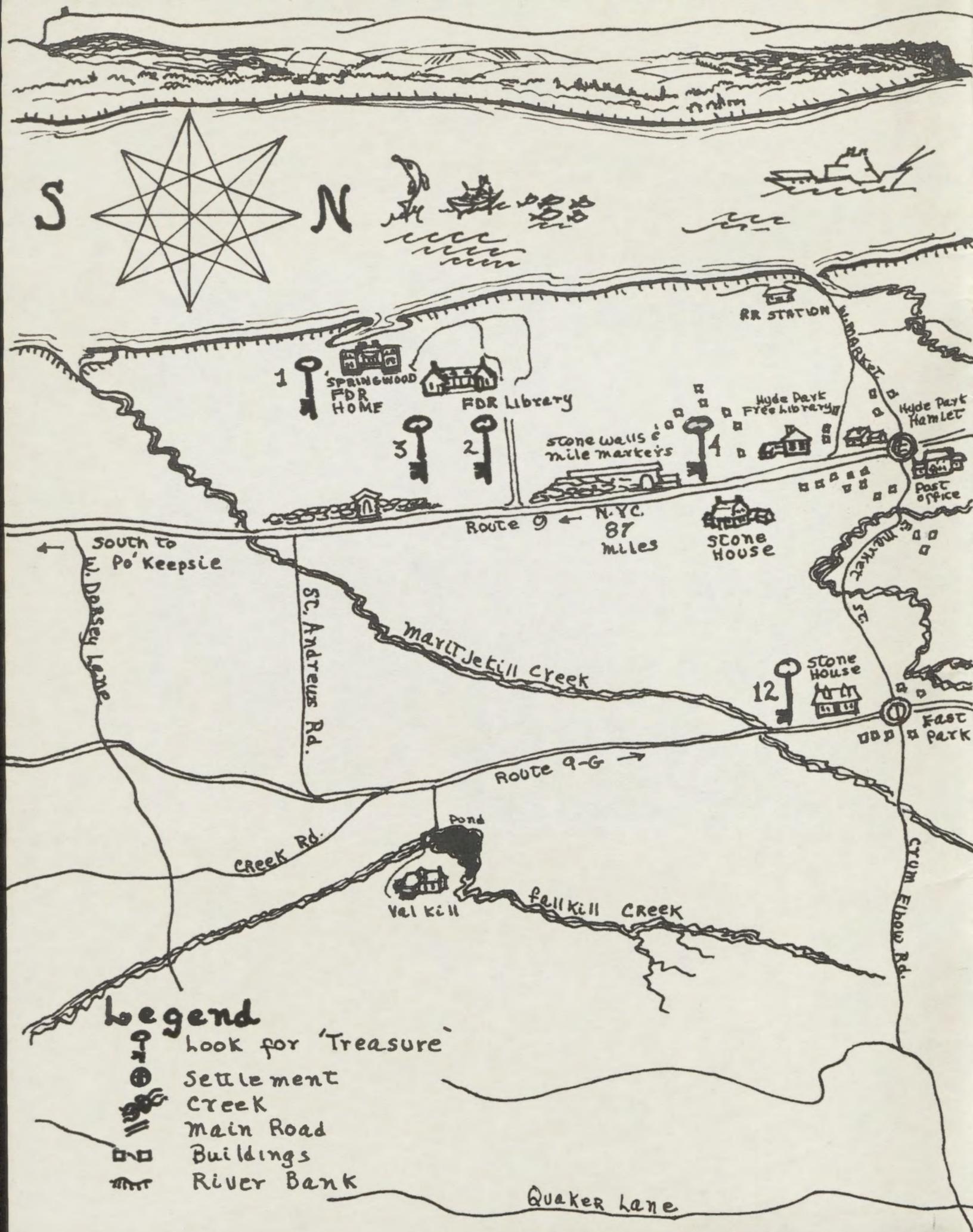
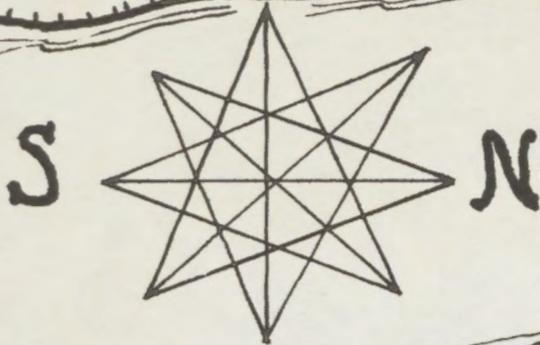
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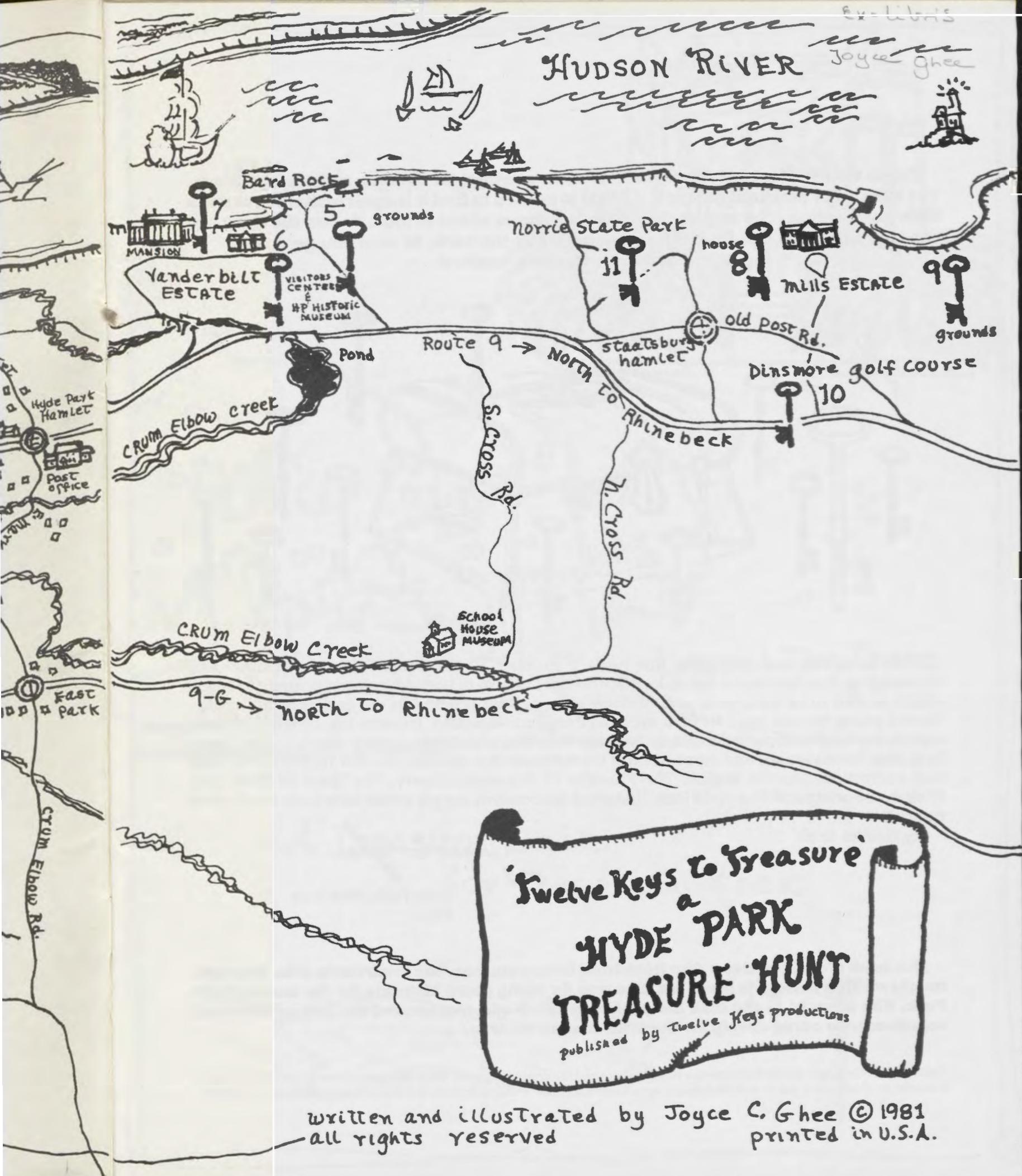
A Hyde Park Treasure Hunt

A History Mystery to Read and Color
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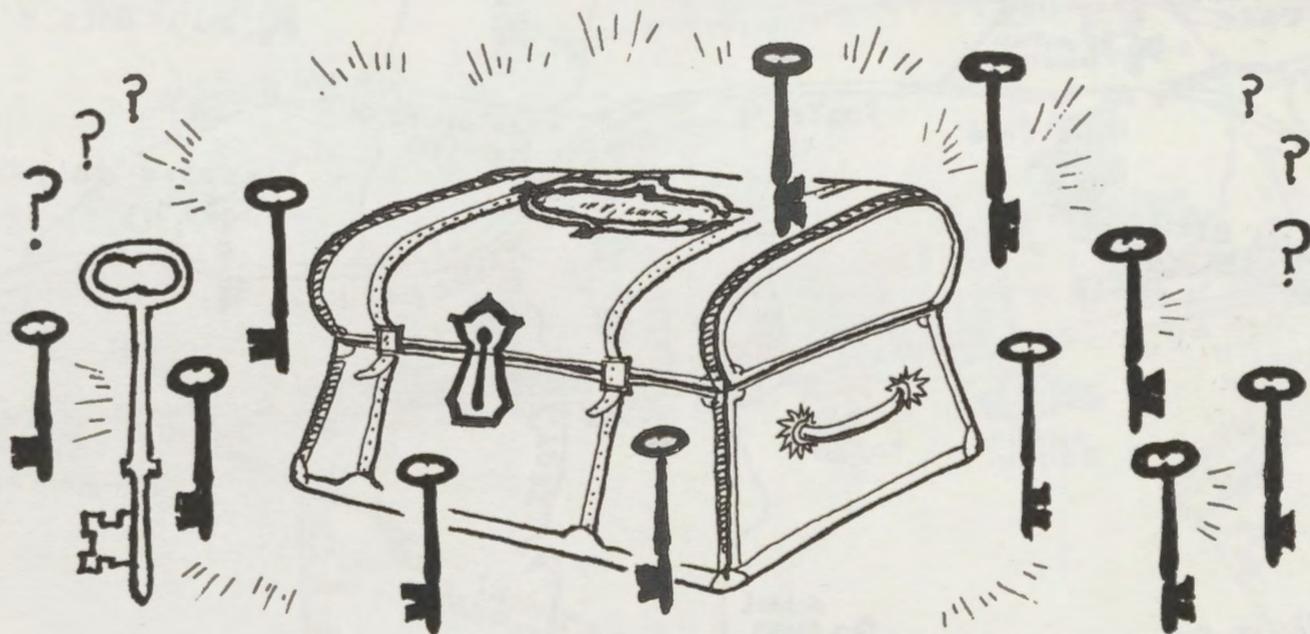
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-  Buildings
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This is a search for historic riches. It is a treasure hunt for children and adults to share. The treasure is here in Hyde Park. All that is needed to find it is a pair of sharp eyes and a little imagination. The map at the beginning shows where to look. Follow the clues and see how much you can find. (The answers are at the back, in case you get lost).

Good luck, treasure hunters!



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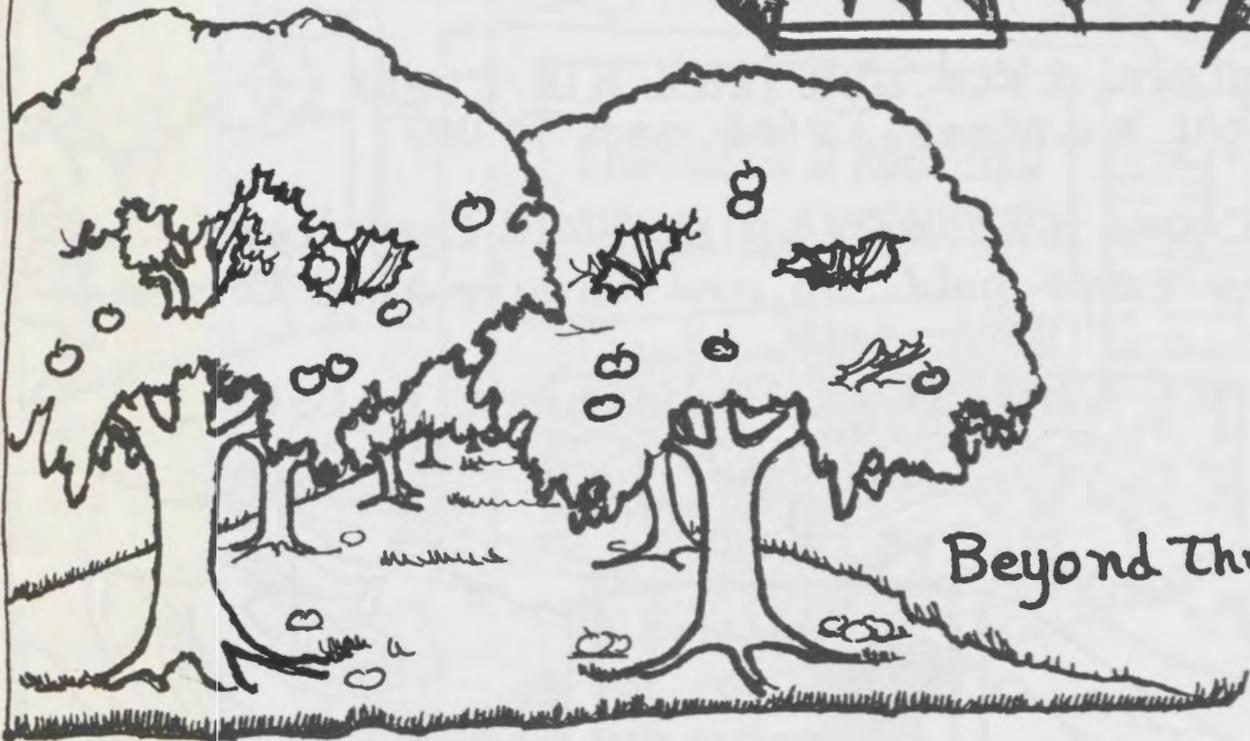
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This book is dedicated to a dear friend and former teacher, Bea Fredriksen, who, long ago, taught me that history is great fun. She was for many years historian for the town of Hyde Park. She brought to the task the professionalism of a teacher and the zeal of a devoted volunteer who cared deeply for the town and its citizens.

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Behind the doors



Beyond the trees

A treasure waits
for those who seek



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China elephants, A Wooden Cheese
A bell from the Orient - Old cars and T.V.'s

Things to Look at, things to touch
places to go - mansions and such.

Moss Covered Markers, Strange trees, rare books,
playgrounds and picnic groves, babbling brooks.

The captain, a Kid, will lead his crew
of happy hunters, Tried and True.

Some clues and a map are all they need
if their Legs hold up, and they're able to read.

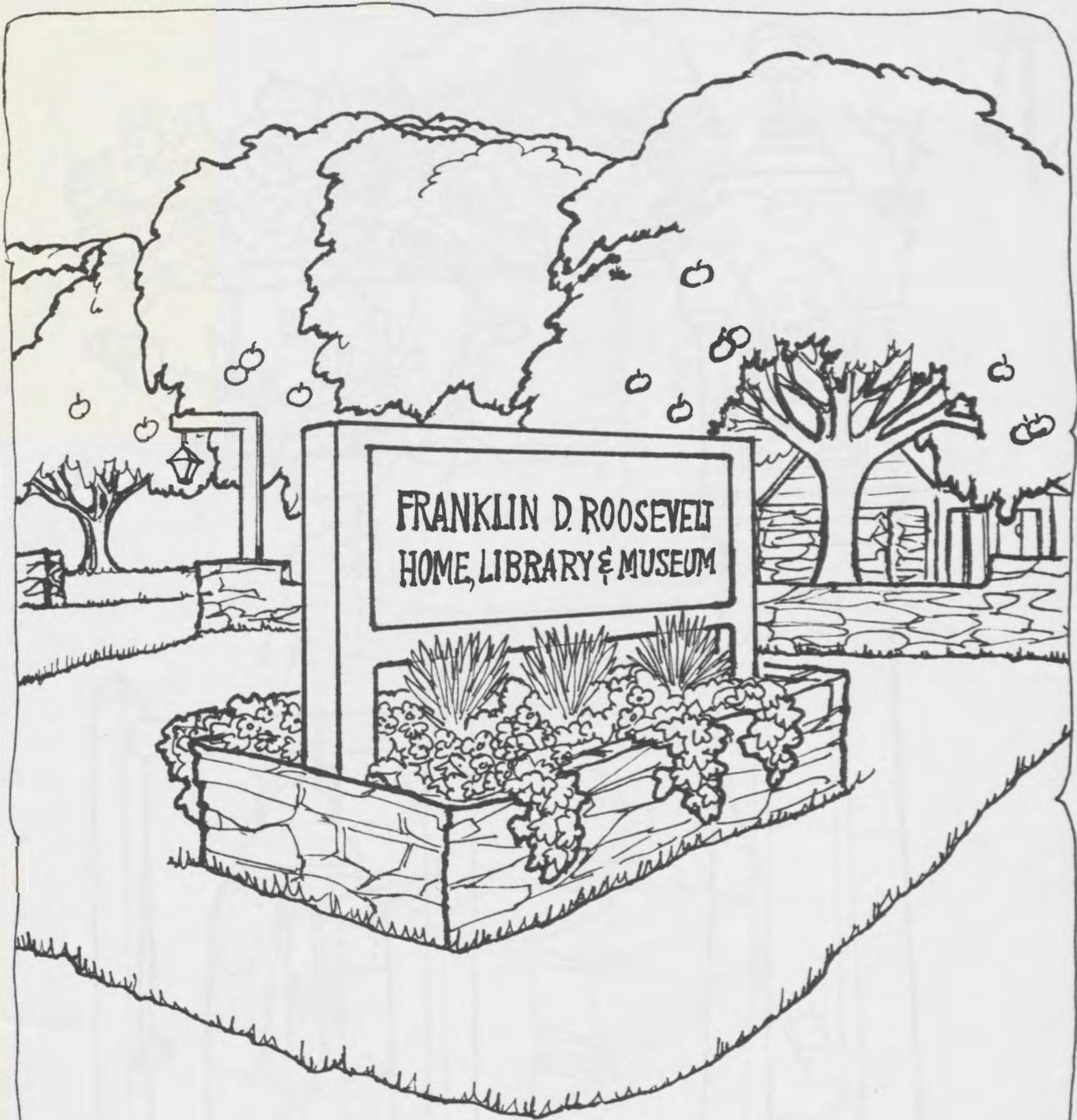
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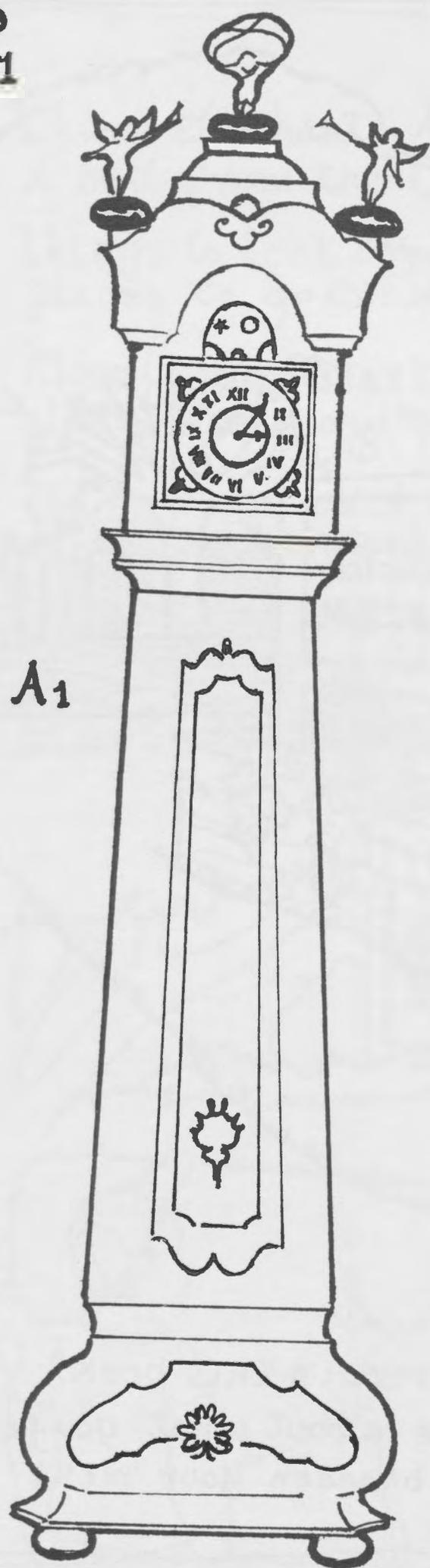
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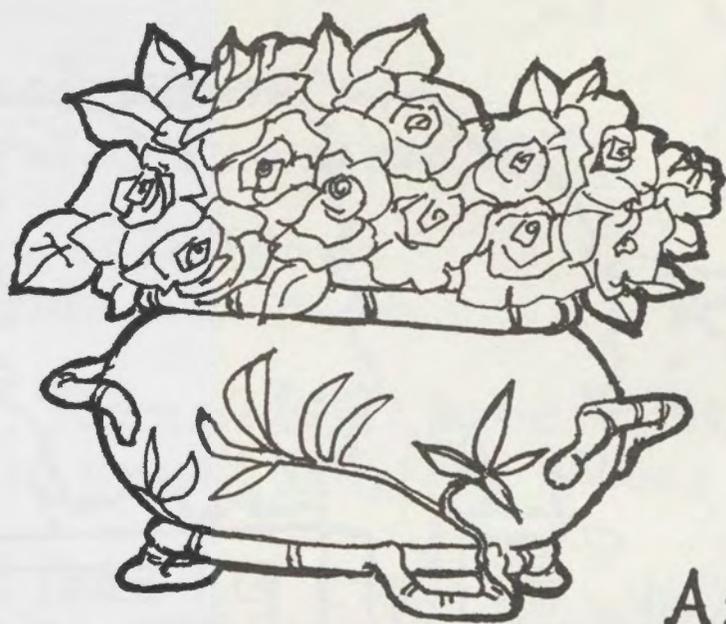
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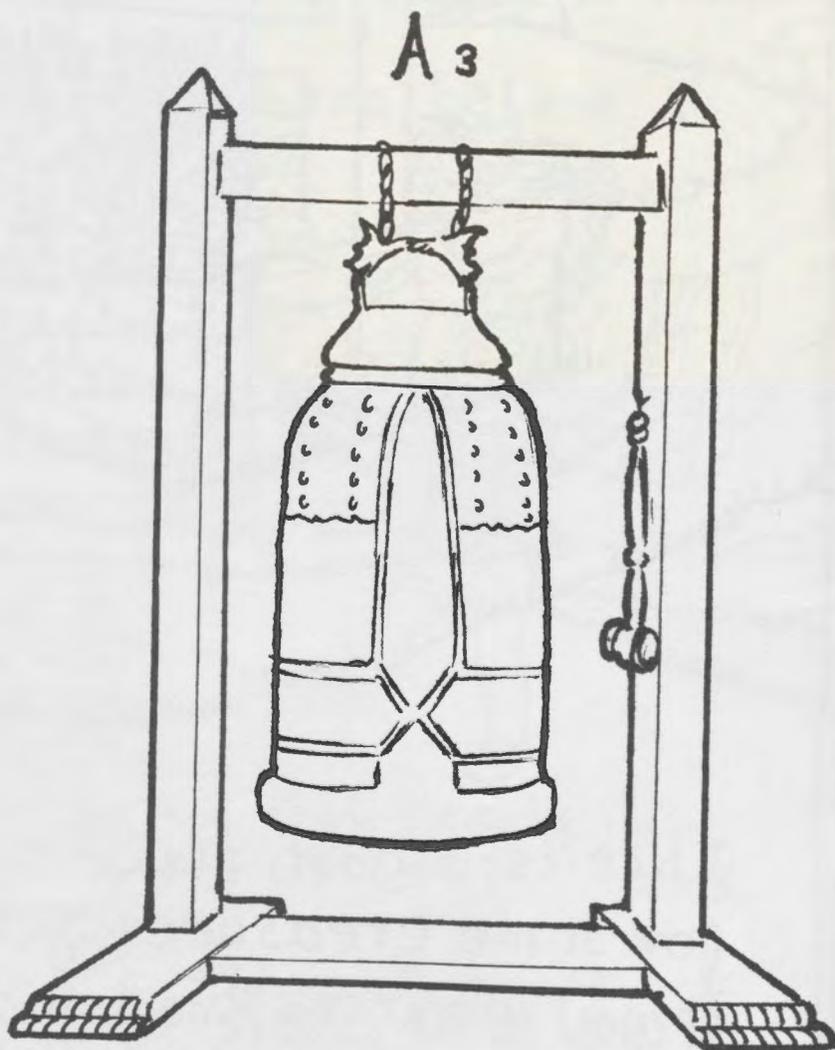
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for some treasures pictured in this book.
If you want to know more about what you find
The List at the back will broaden your mind



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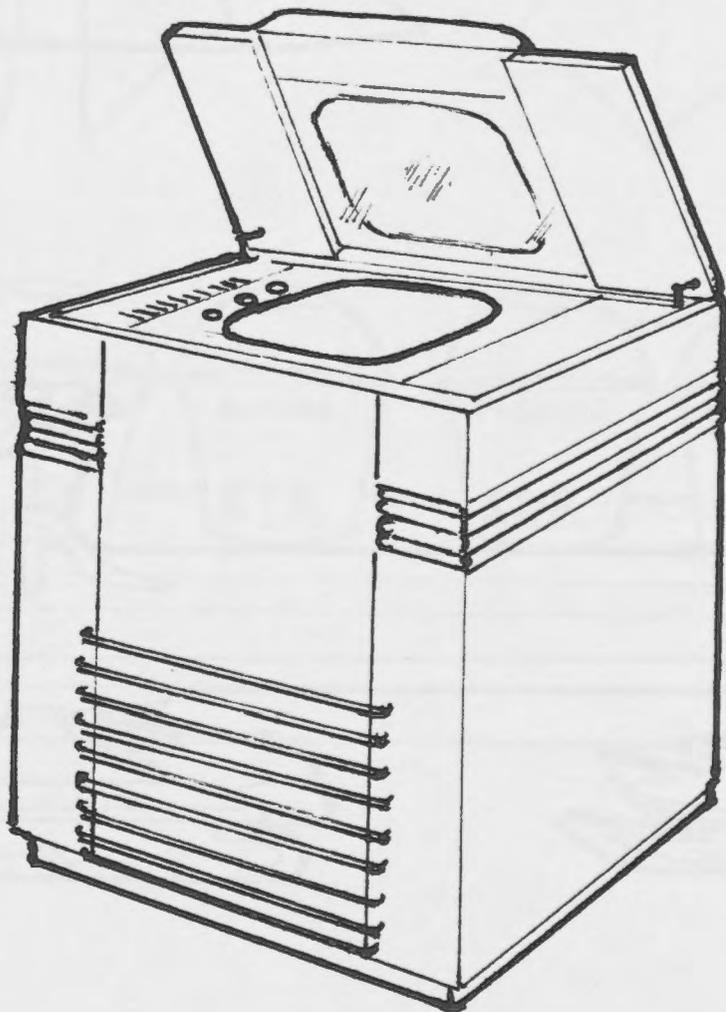
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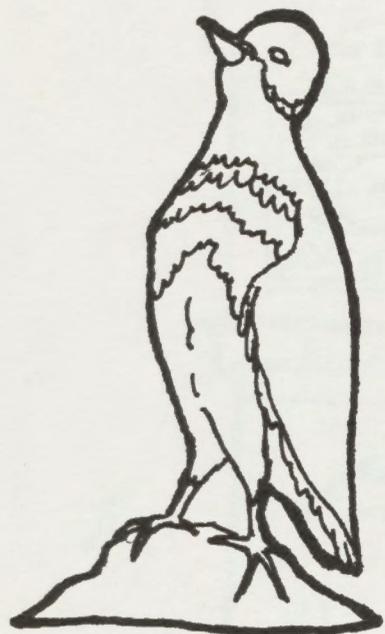
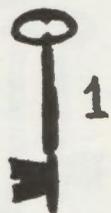
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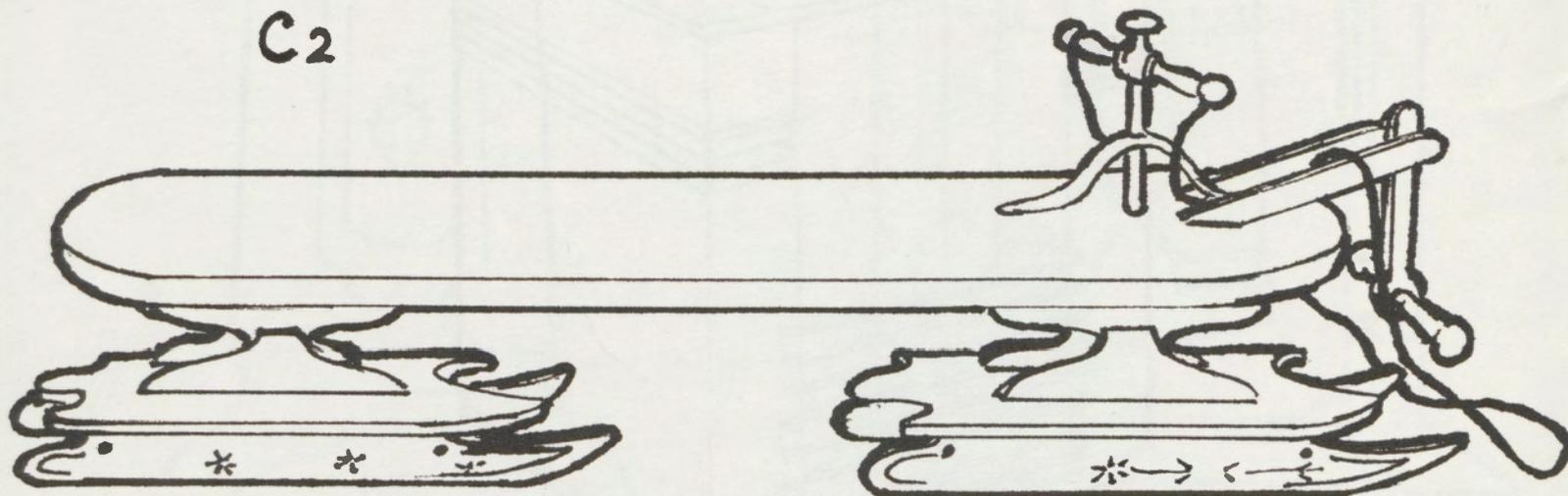


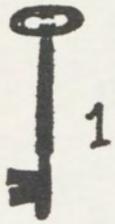


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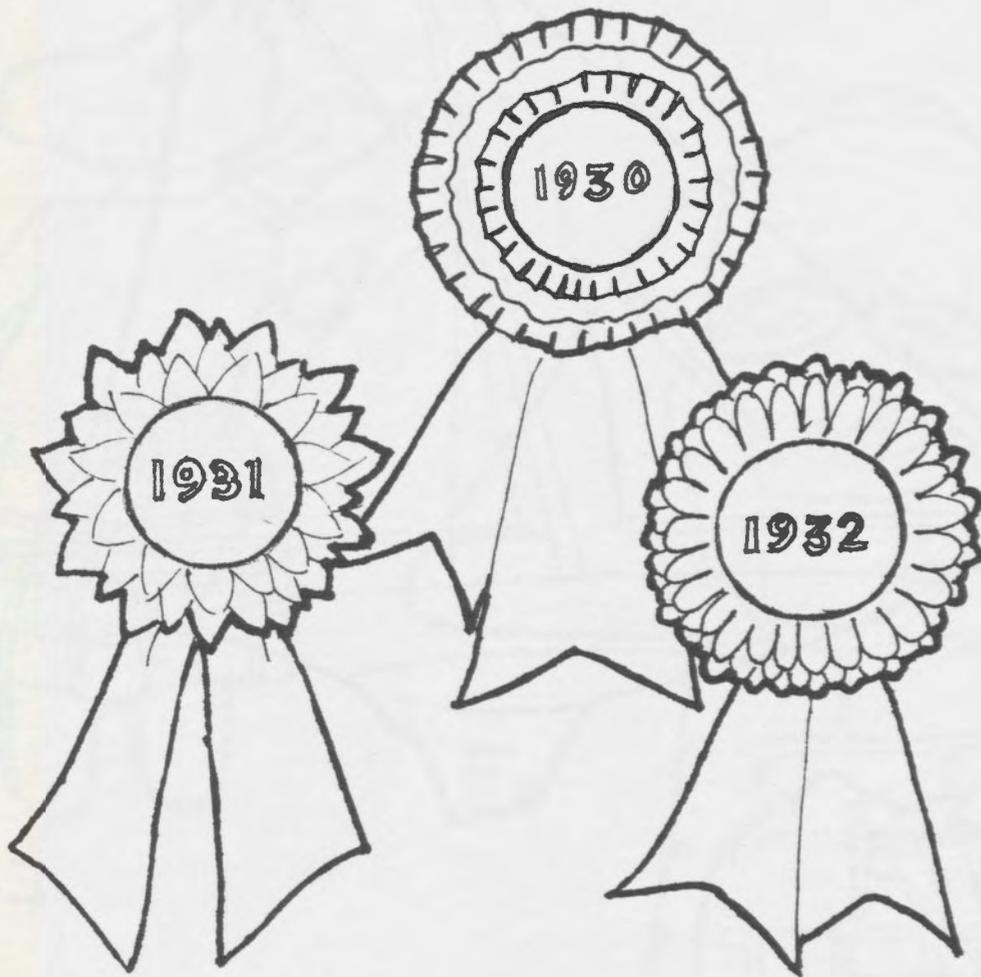
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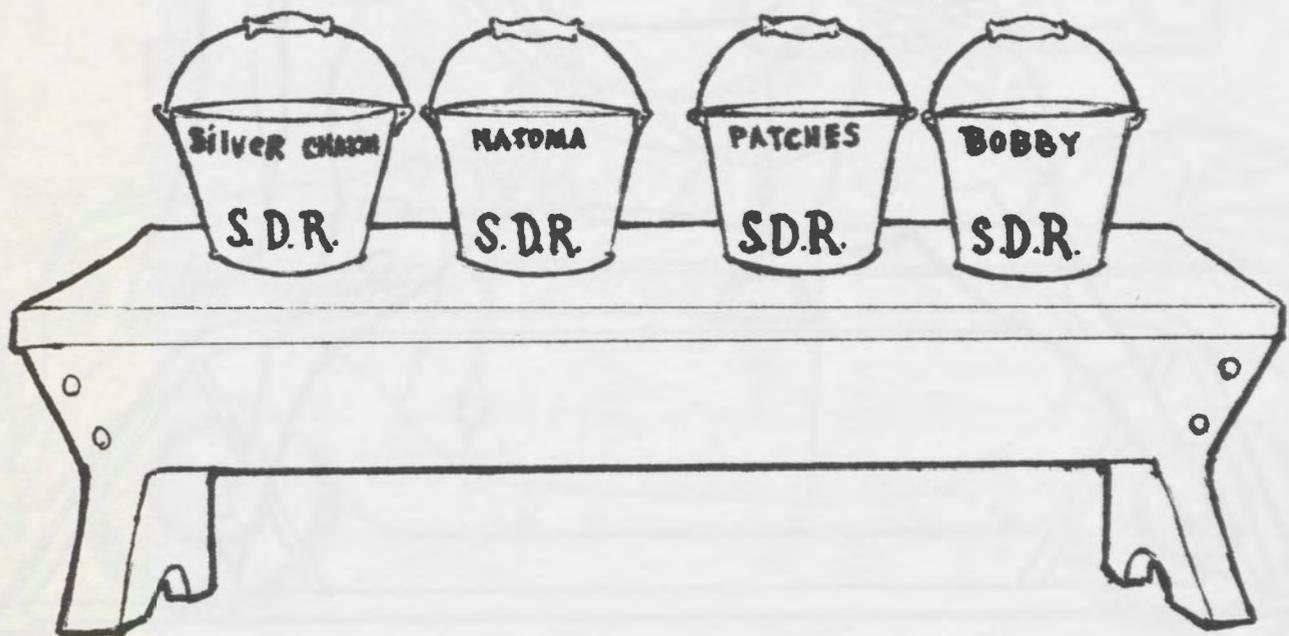


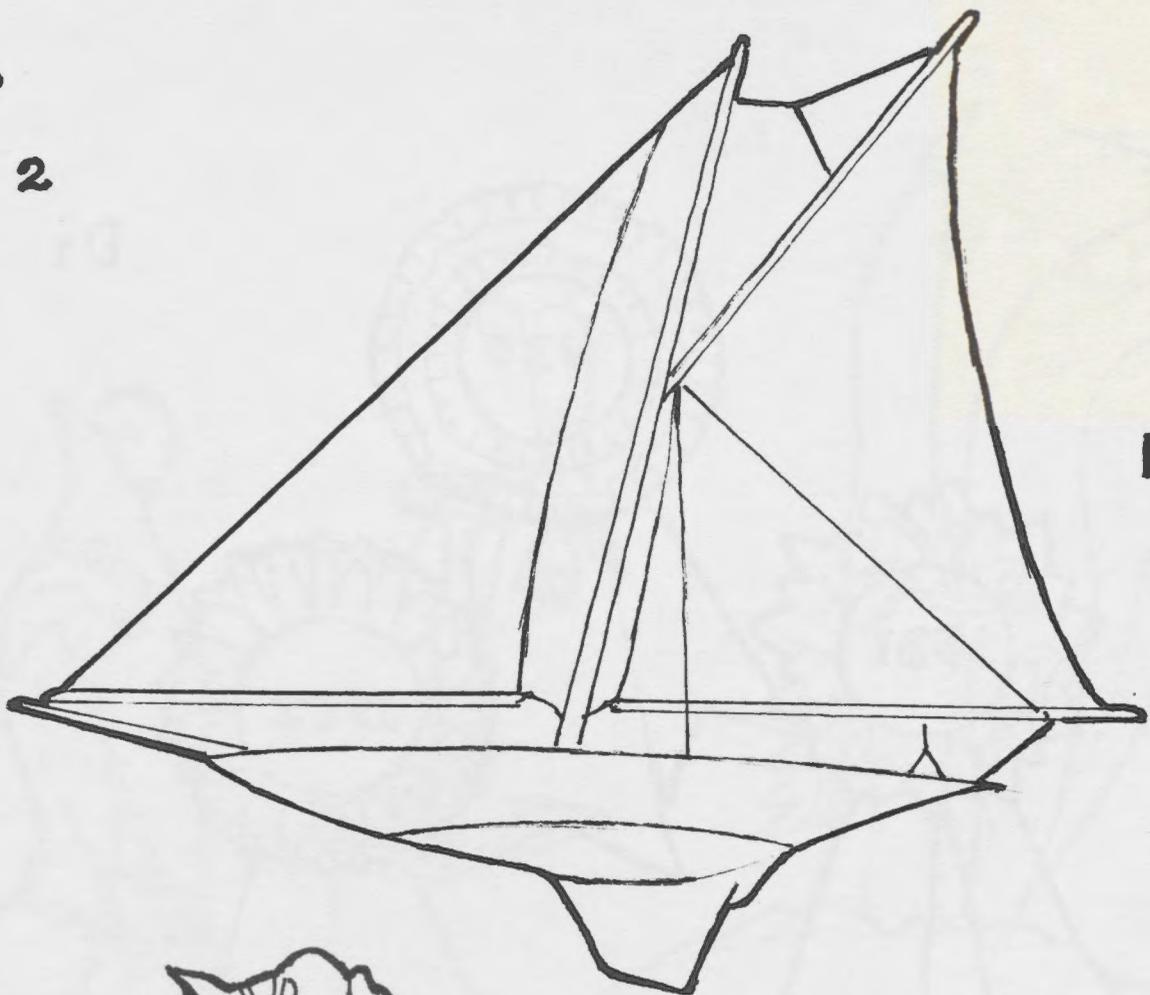
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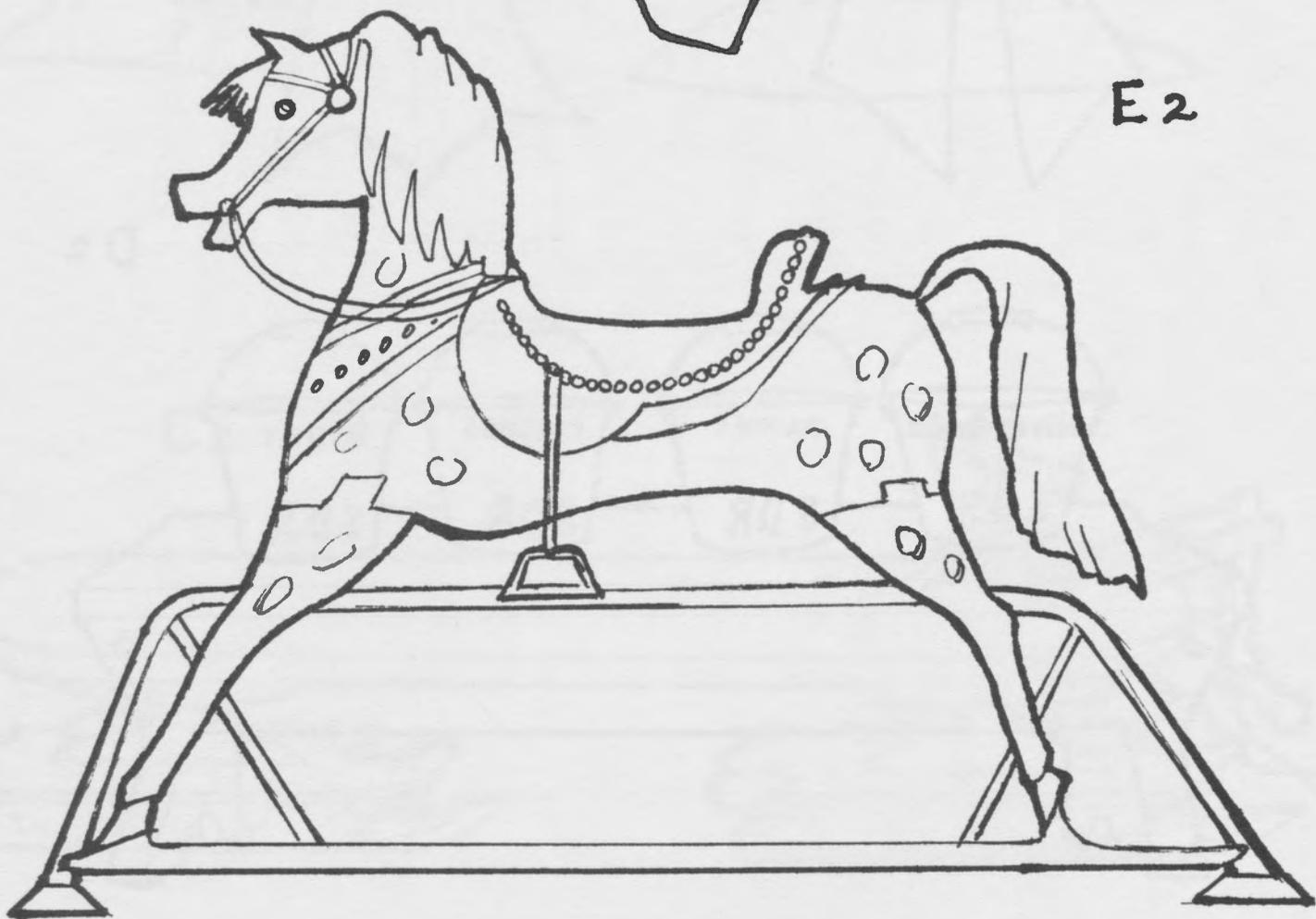


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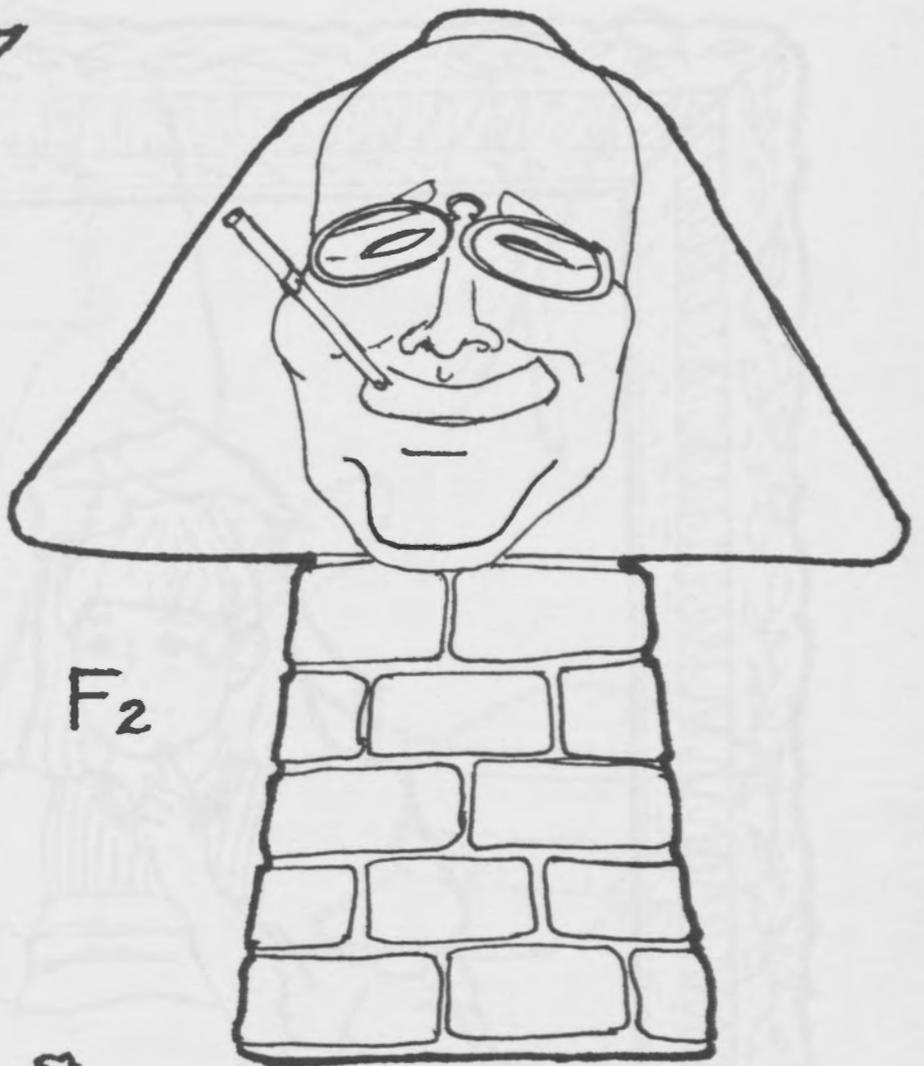
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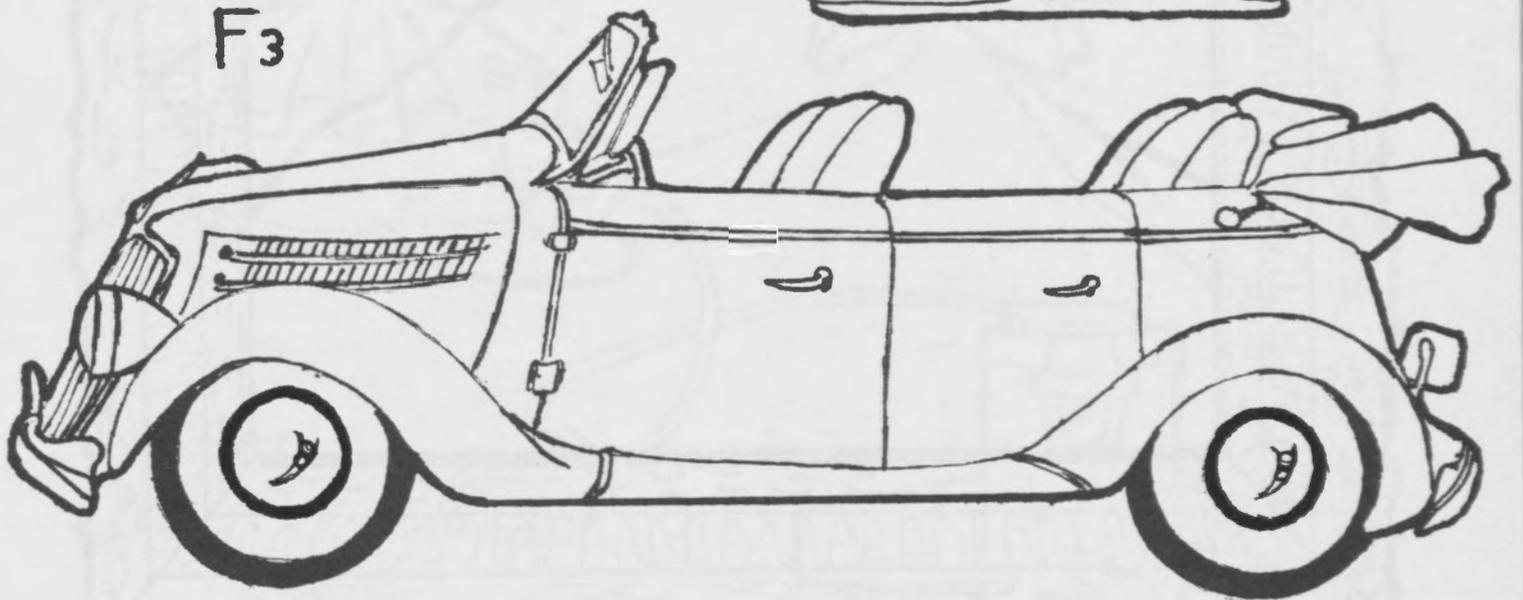
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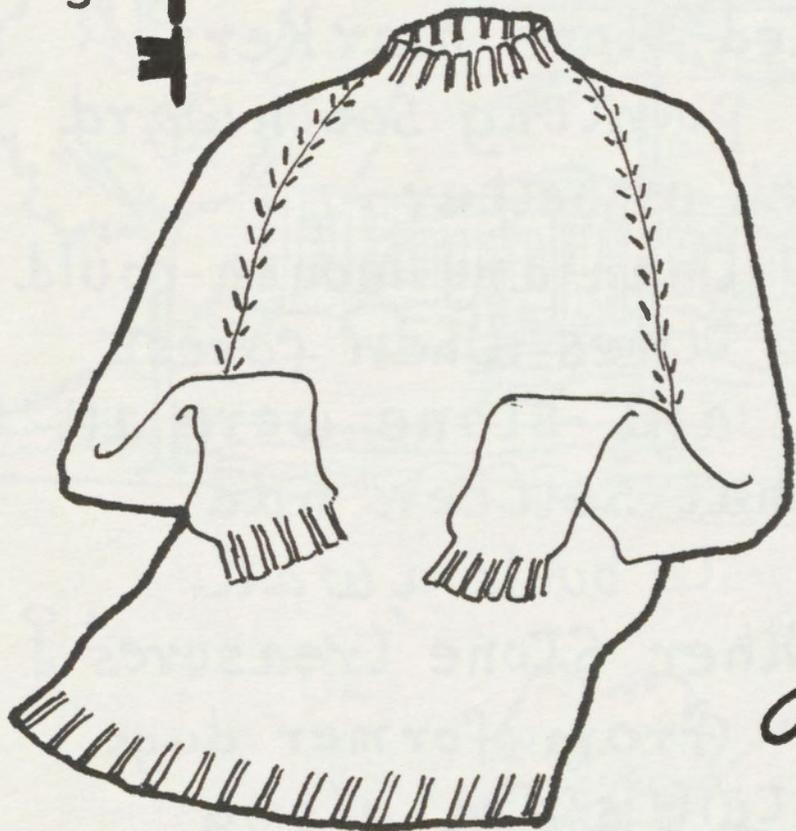


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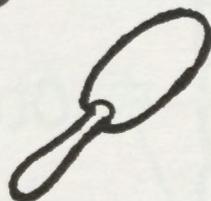
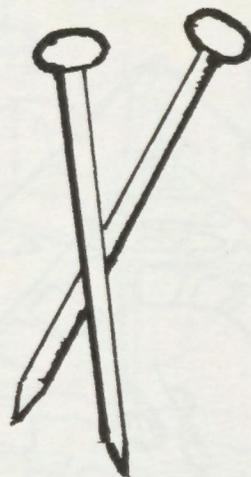
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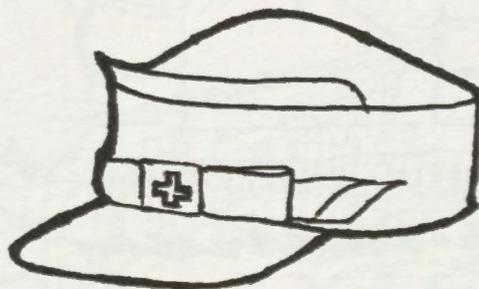
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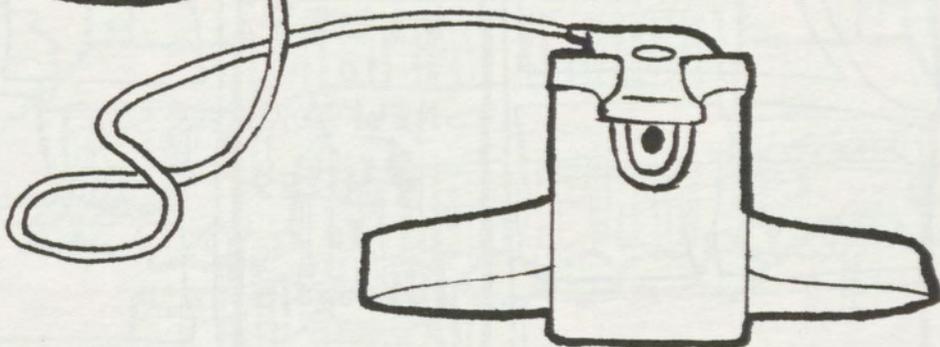
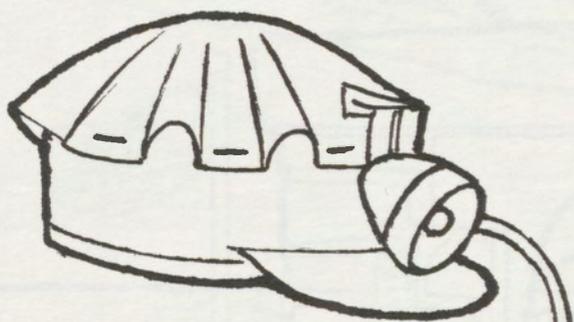
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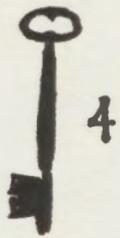


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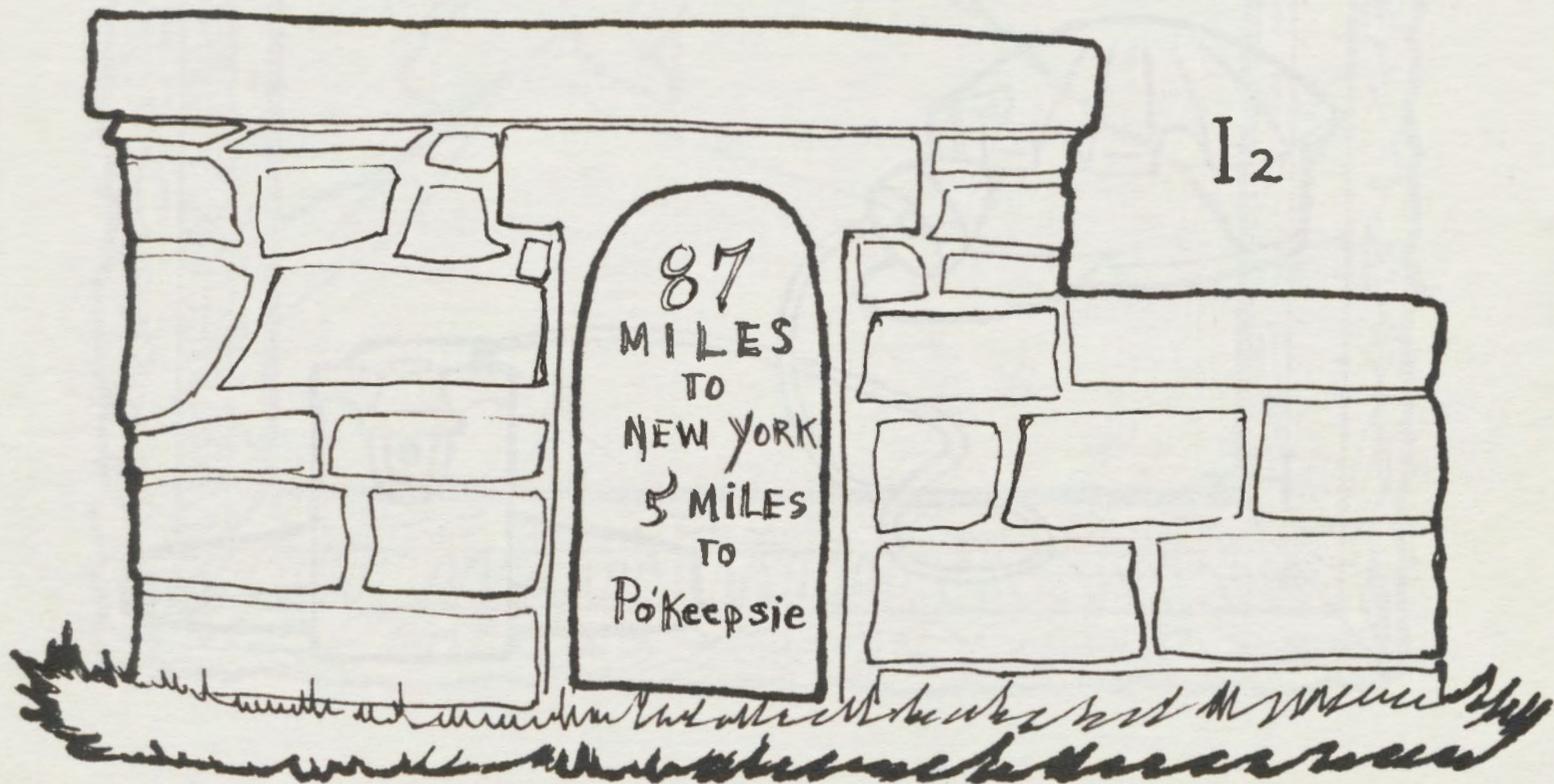
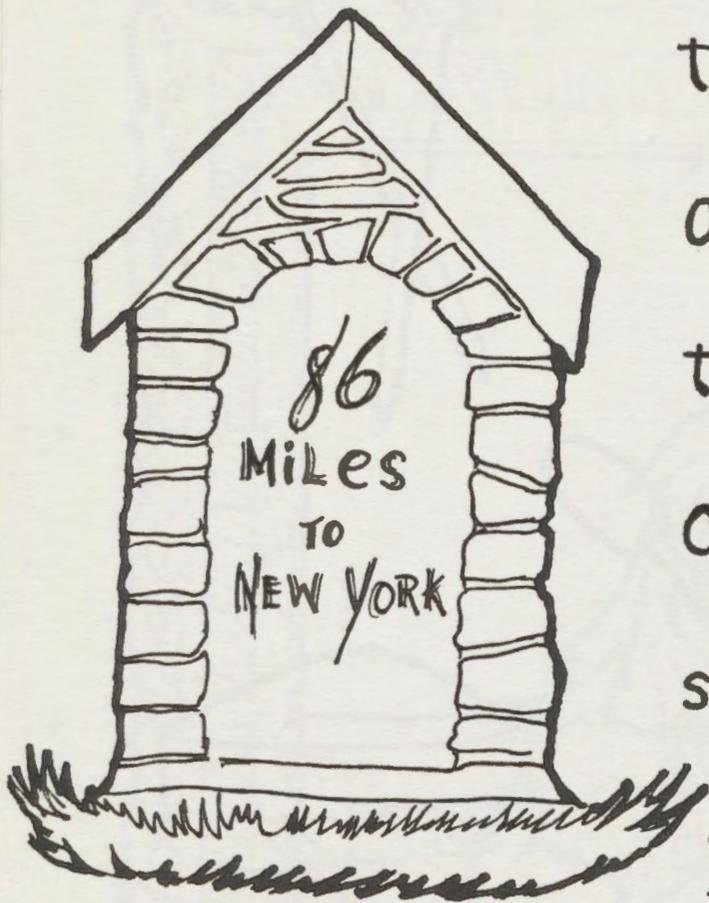


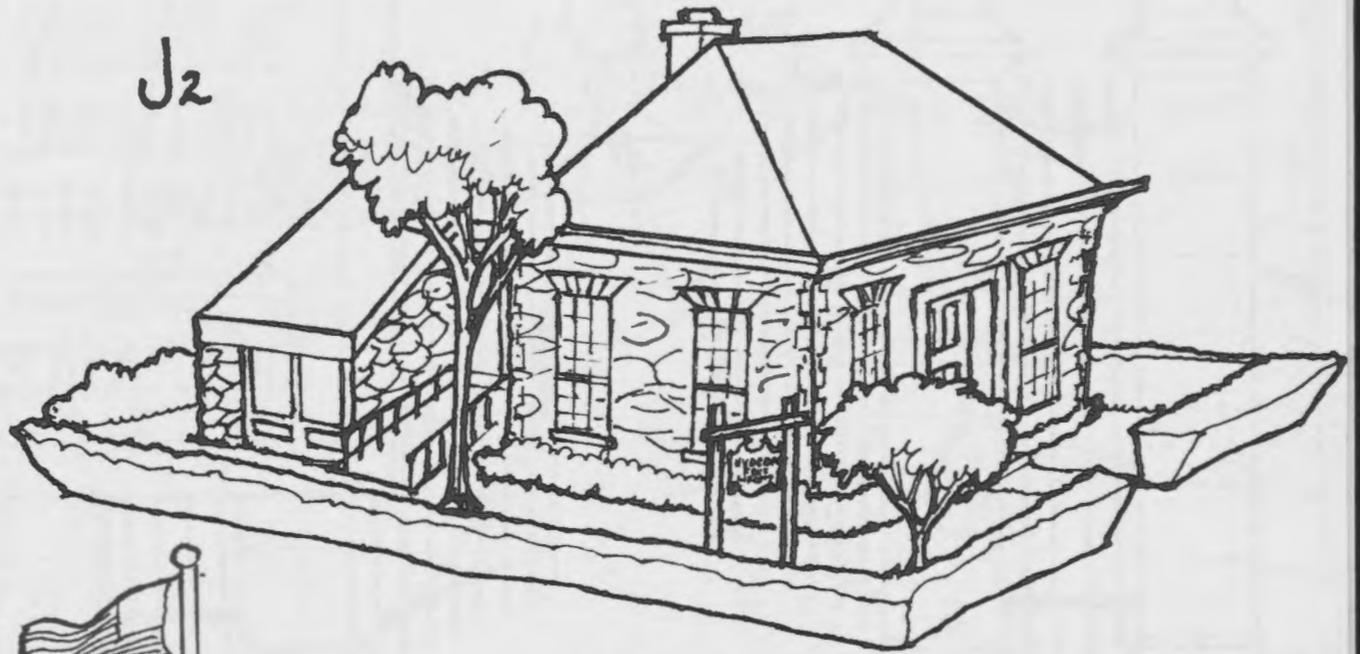
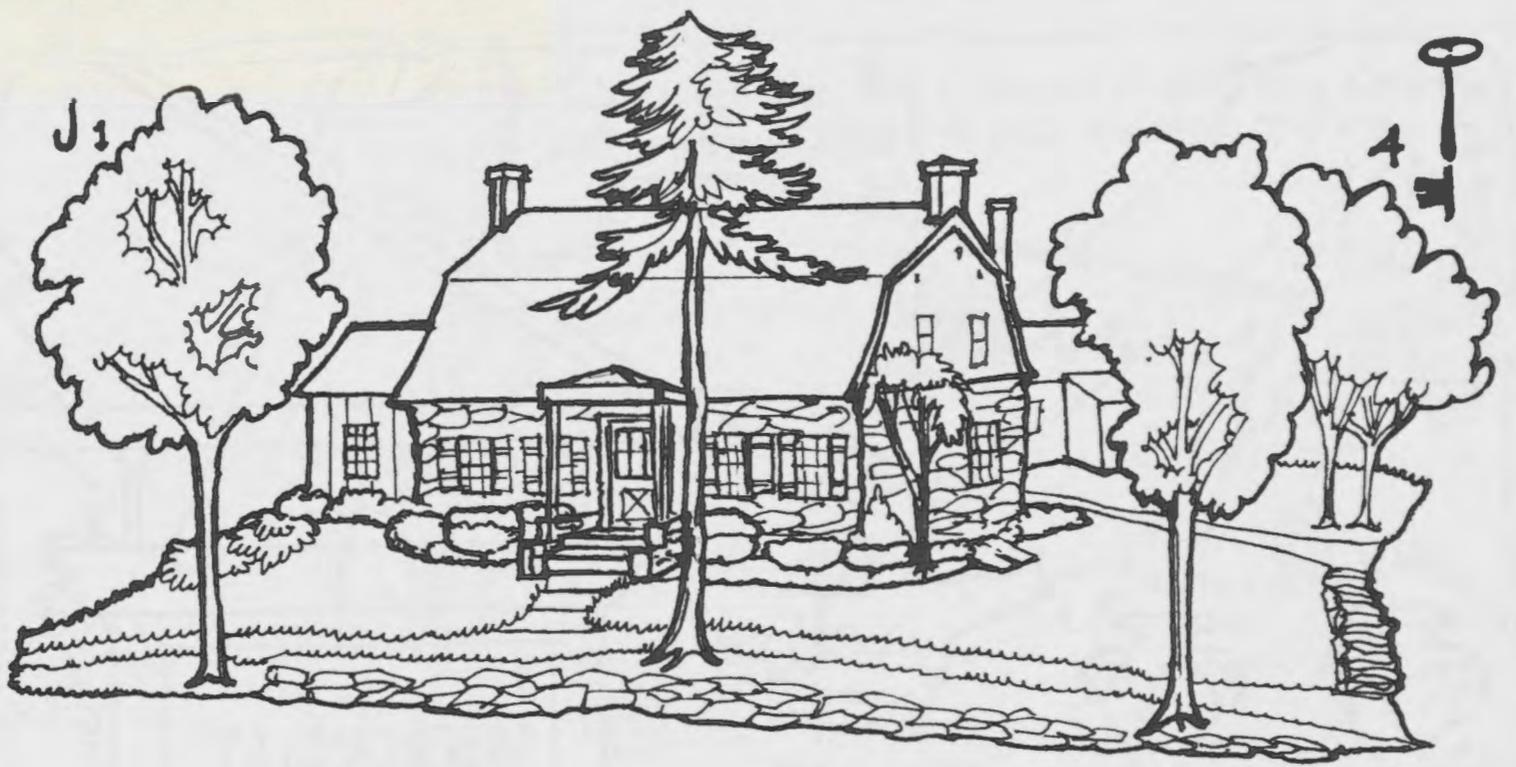
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Red stone markers
pointing southward
tell us better
than any mouth-could
of times when forest
and stone were all
that settlers had
to build a wall.
Other Stone 'treasures'
from former days
still stand along
the hi-and by-ways

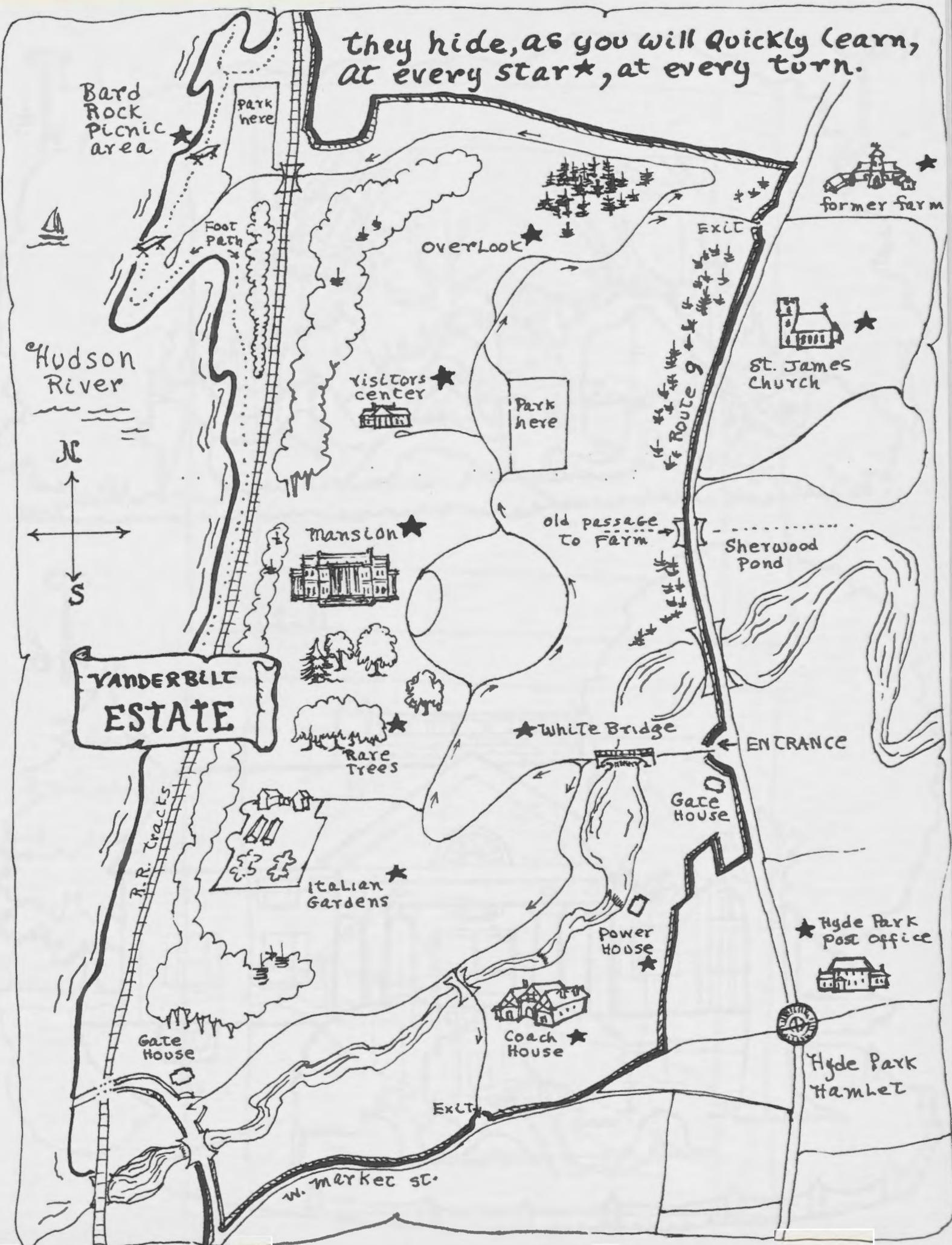






Beauty and surprises wait
Just inside the open gate.

They hide, as you will quickly learn,
at every star, at every turn.



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ESTATE**

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S

Hudson River

Bard Rock Picnic area

Park here

Foot Path

Overlook

Visitors center

Park here

former farm

St. James Church

old passage to farm

Sherwood Pond

Mansion



Rare Trees

White Bridge

ENTRANCE

Gate House

Italian Gardens

Power House

Hyde Park Post Office



Gate House

Coach House

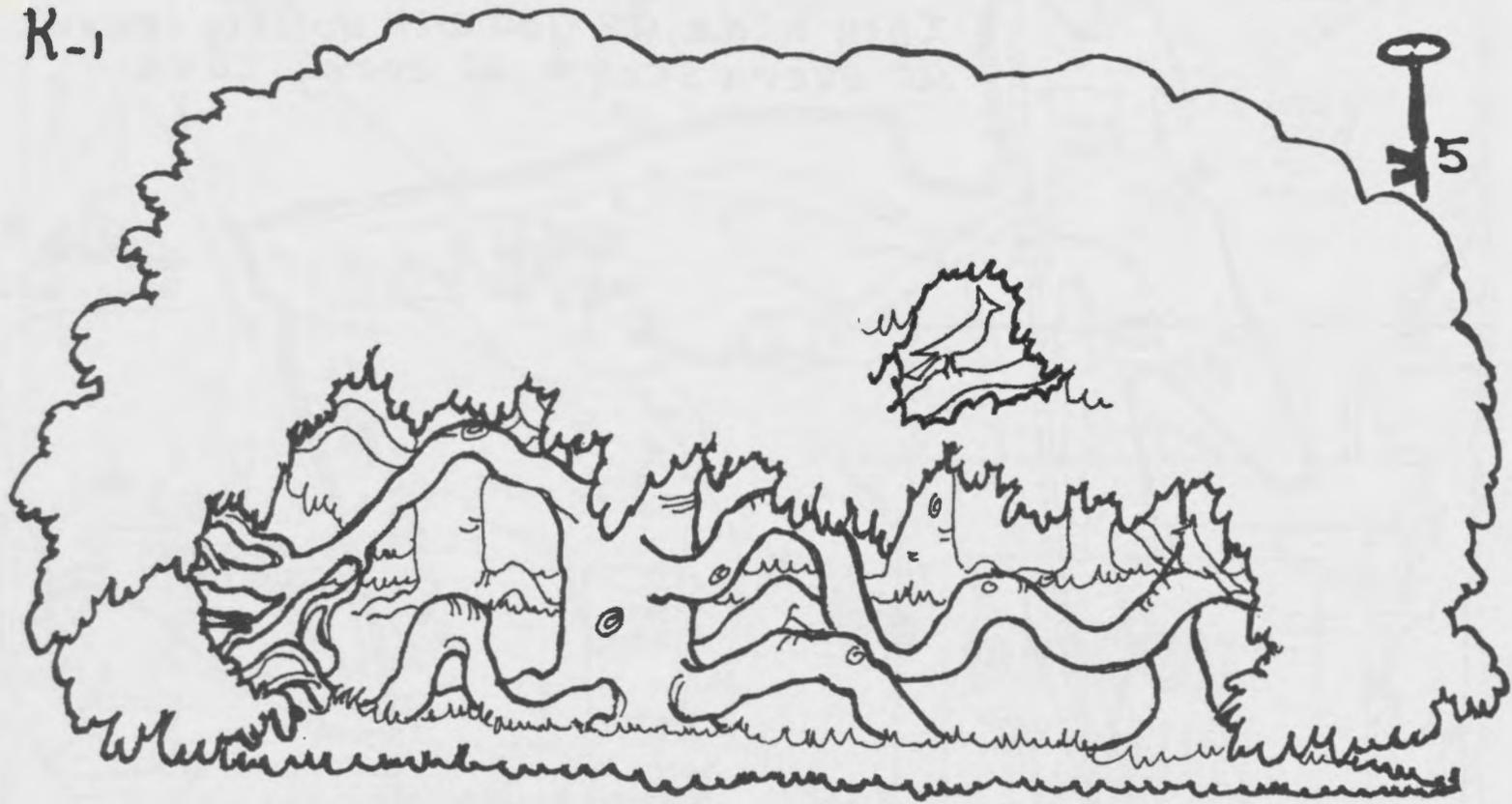
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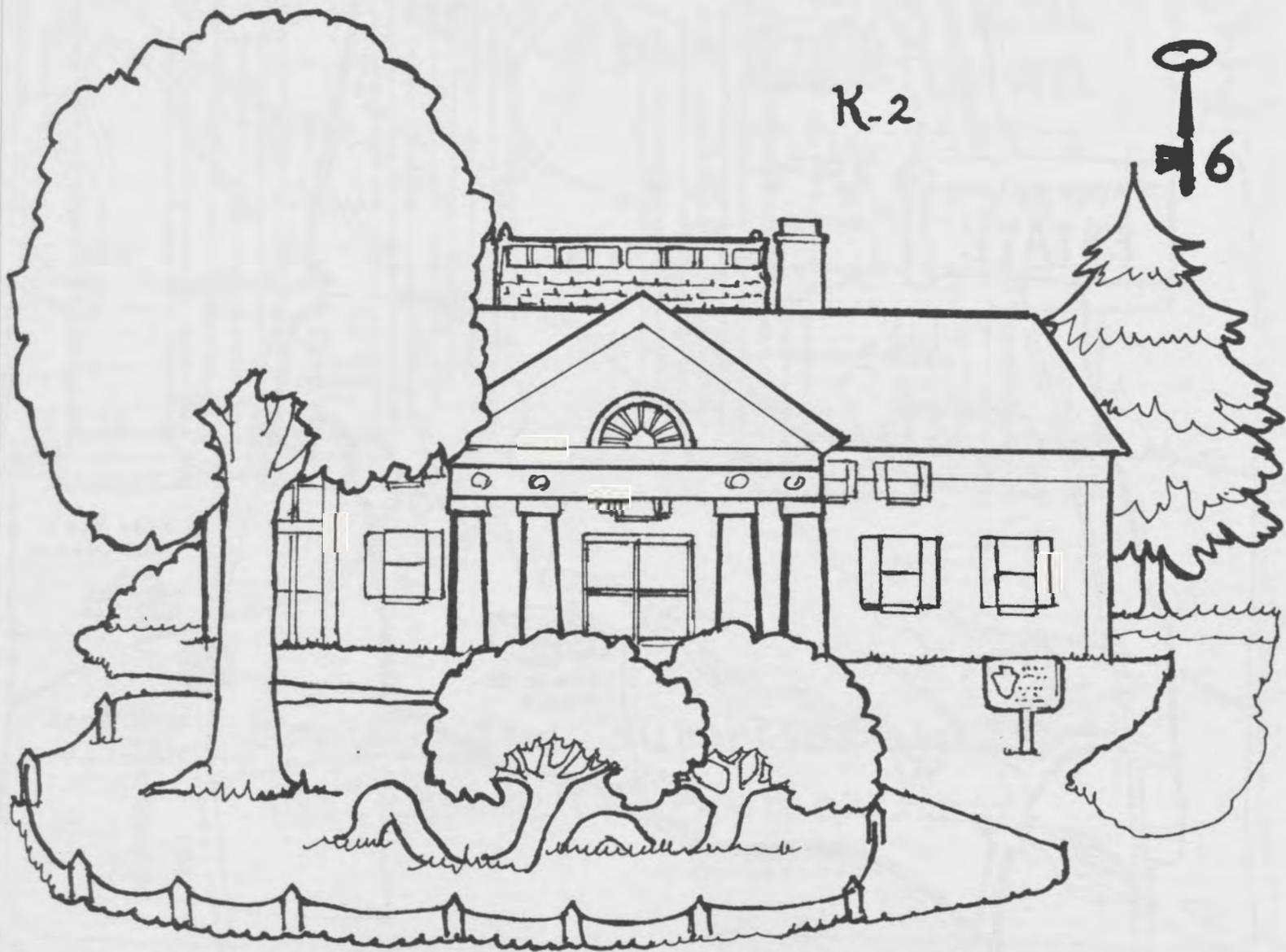
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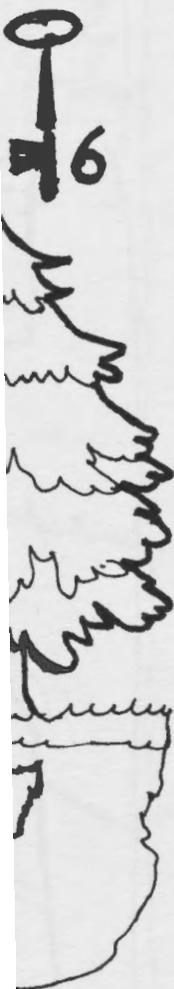
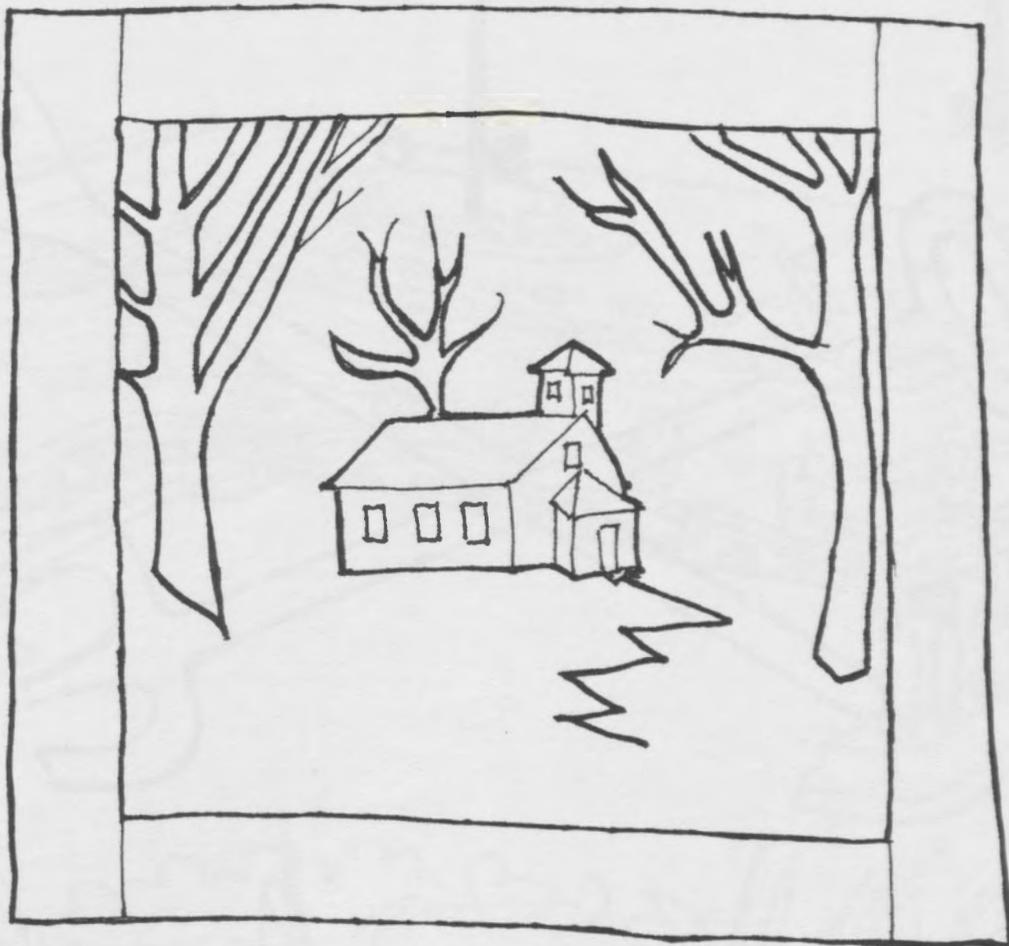


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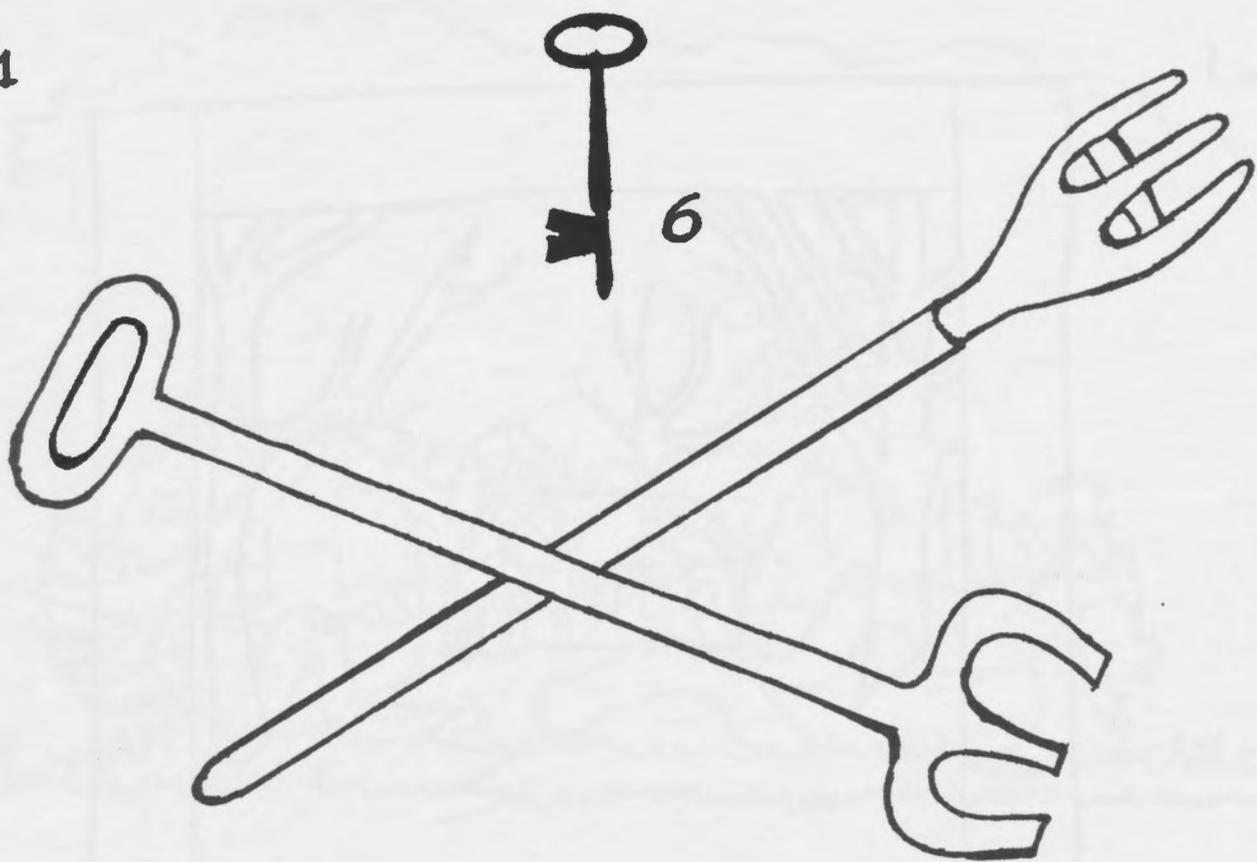
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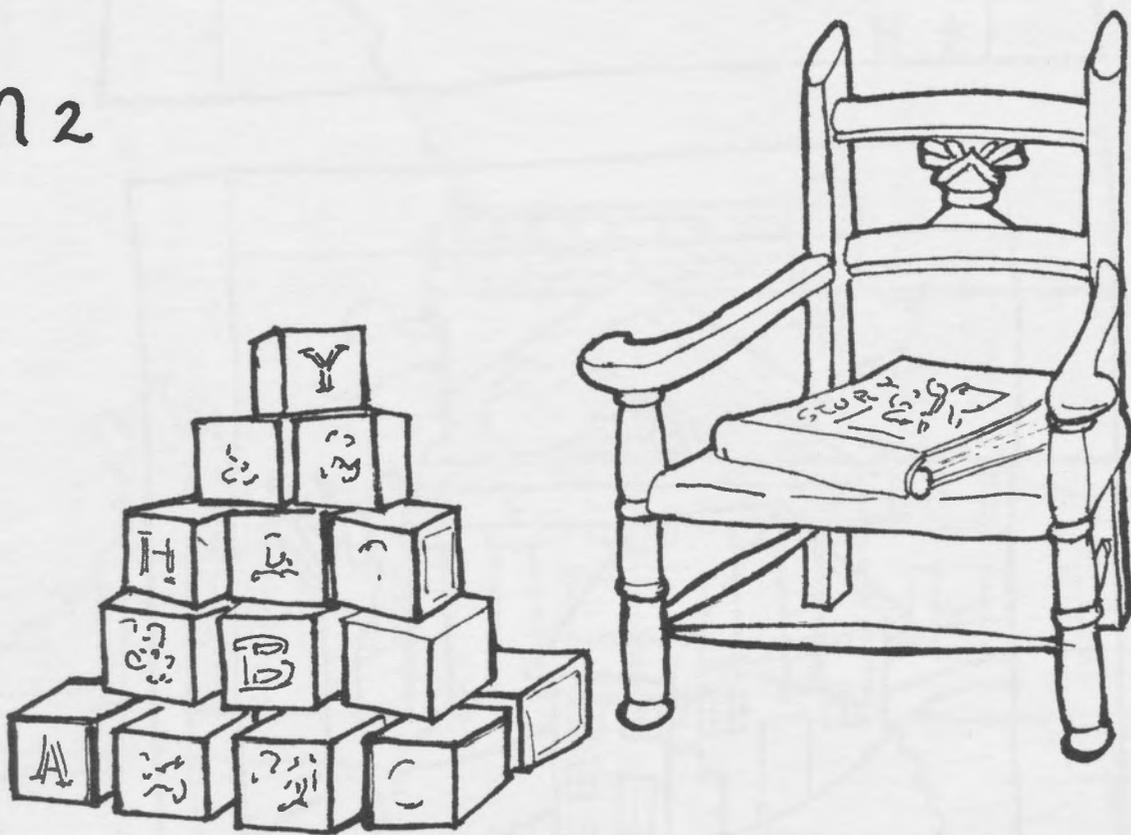
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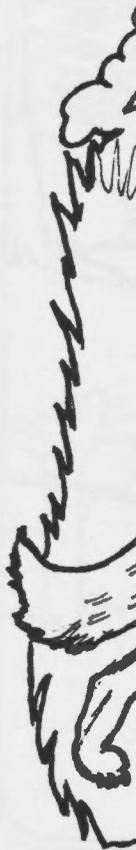
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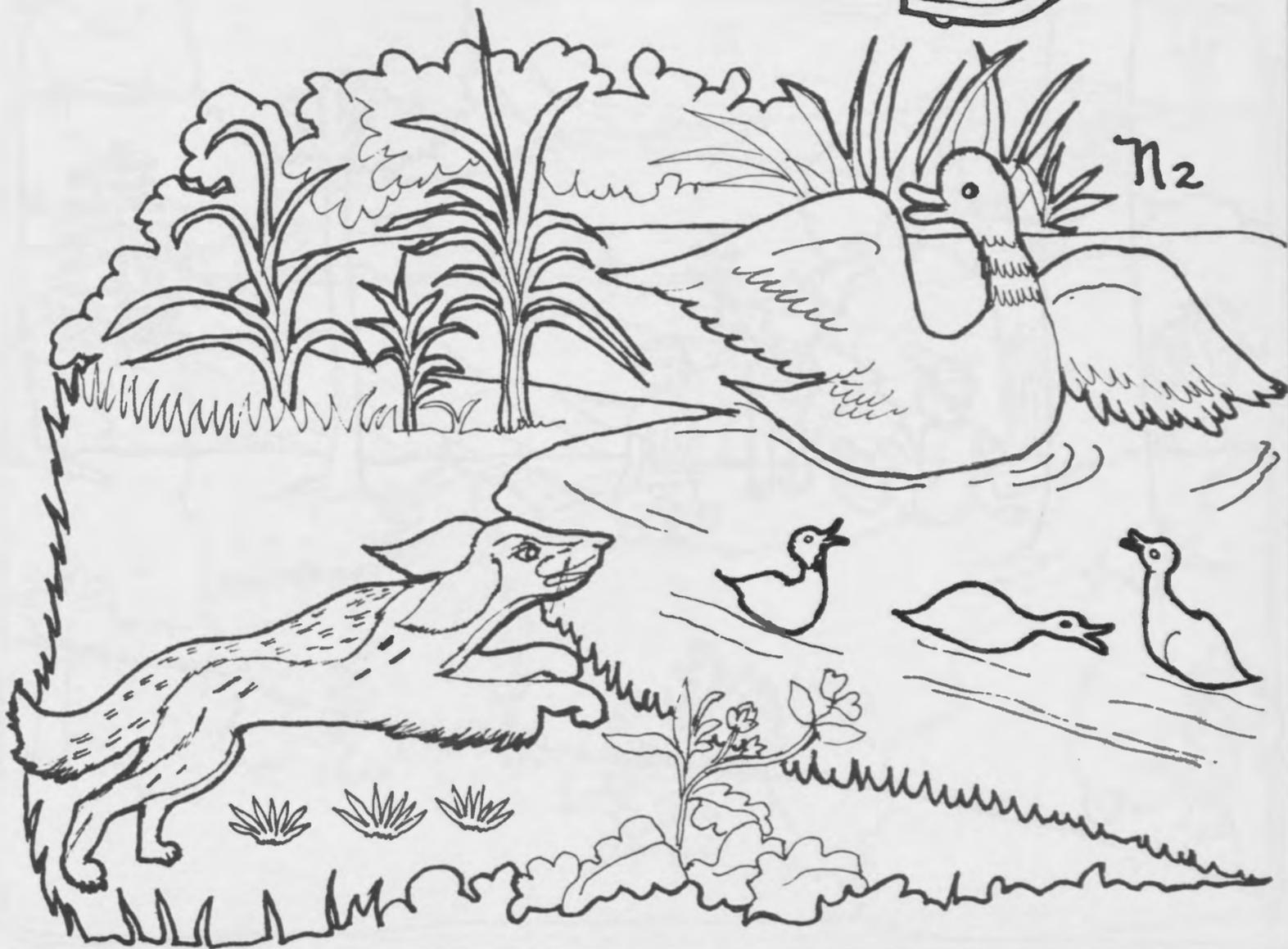
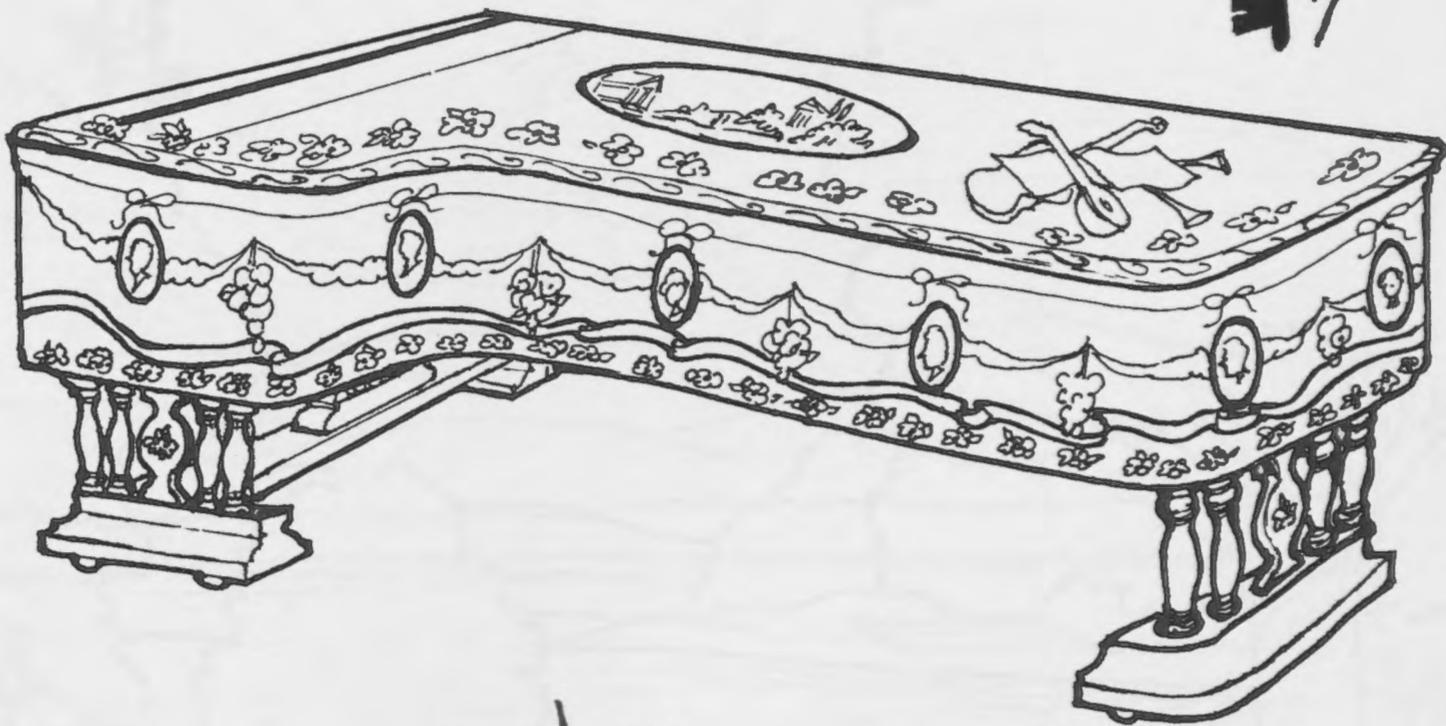


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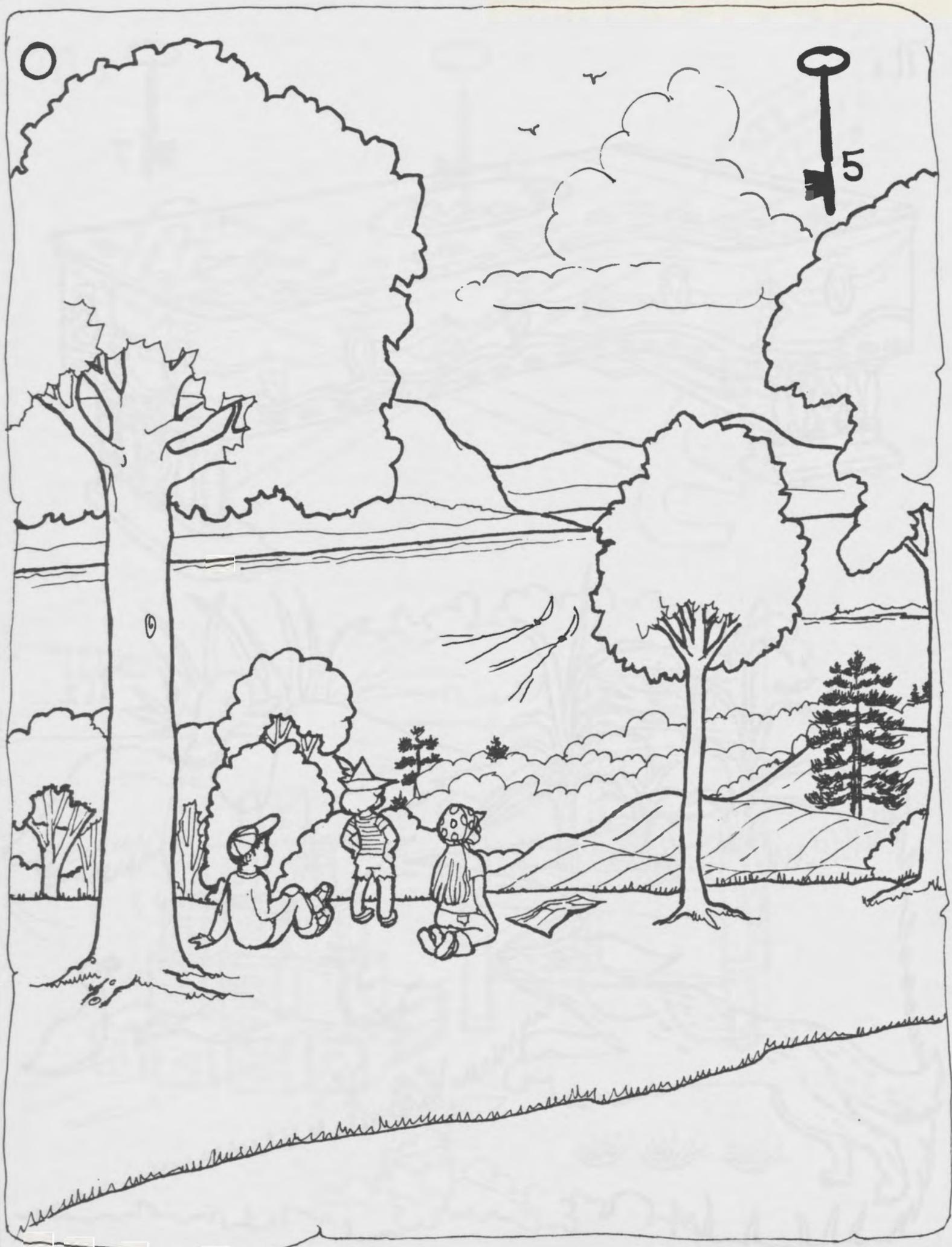


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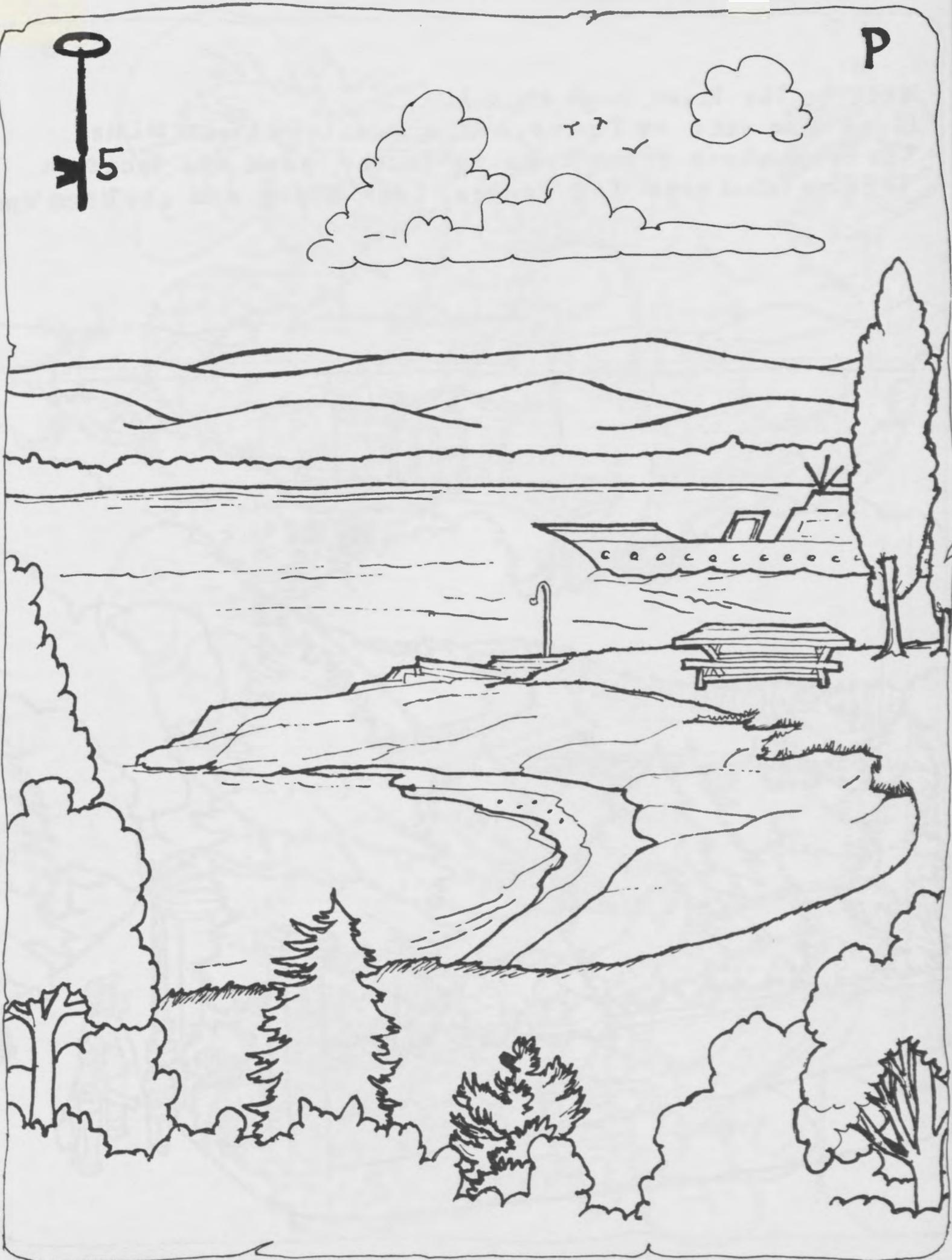


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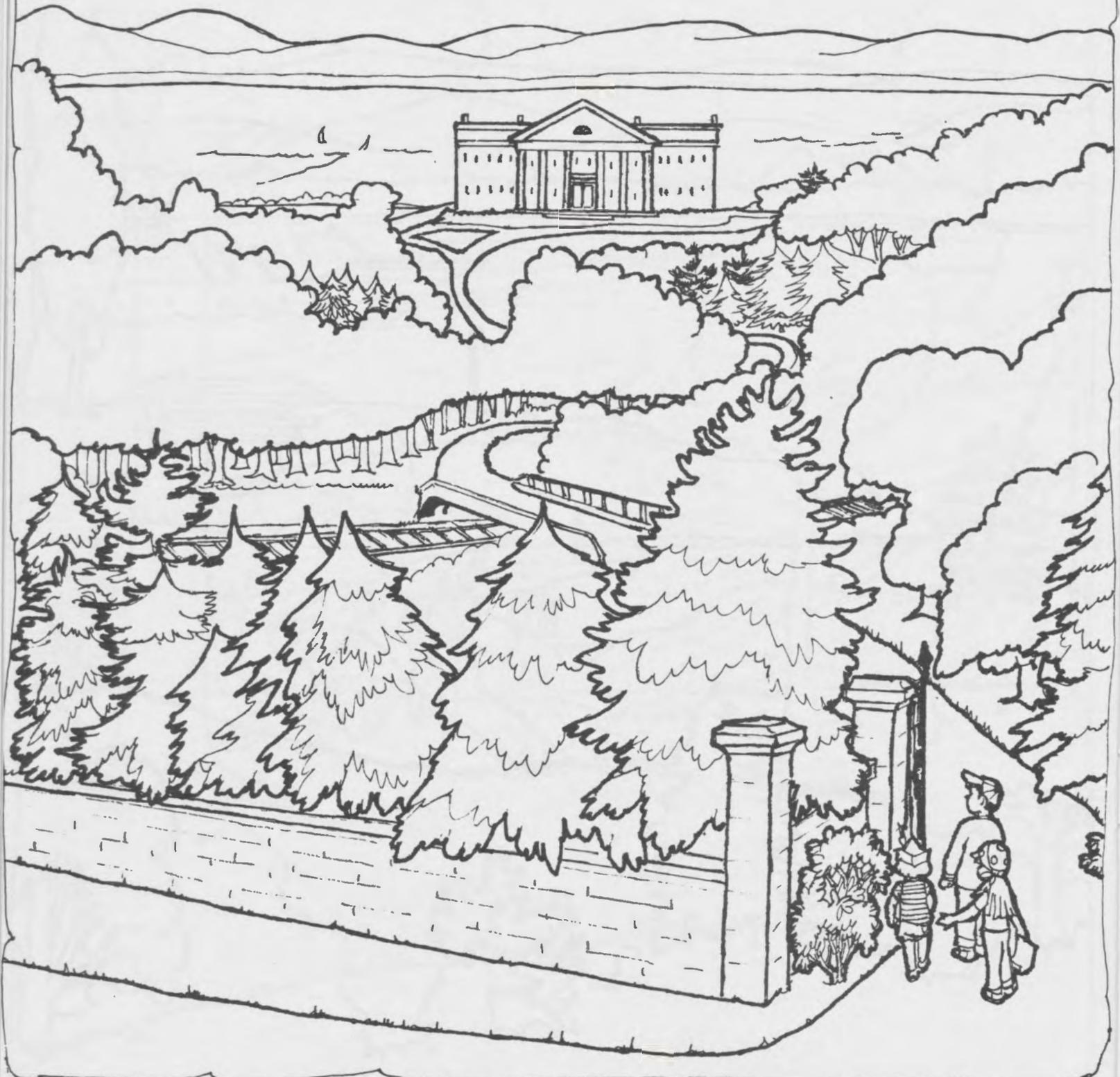




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Here, by the River, high on a hill,
lived two sets of twins, and a family named Mills.
Three hunters come trooping to the park and museum.
They're down in the corner. Look sharp and you'll see 'em.



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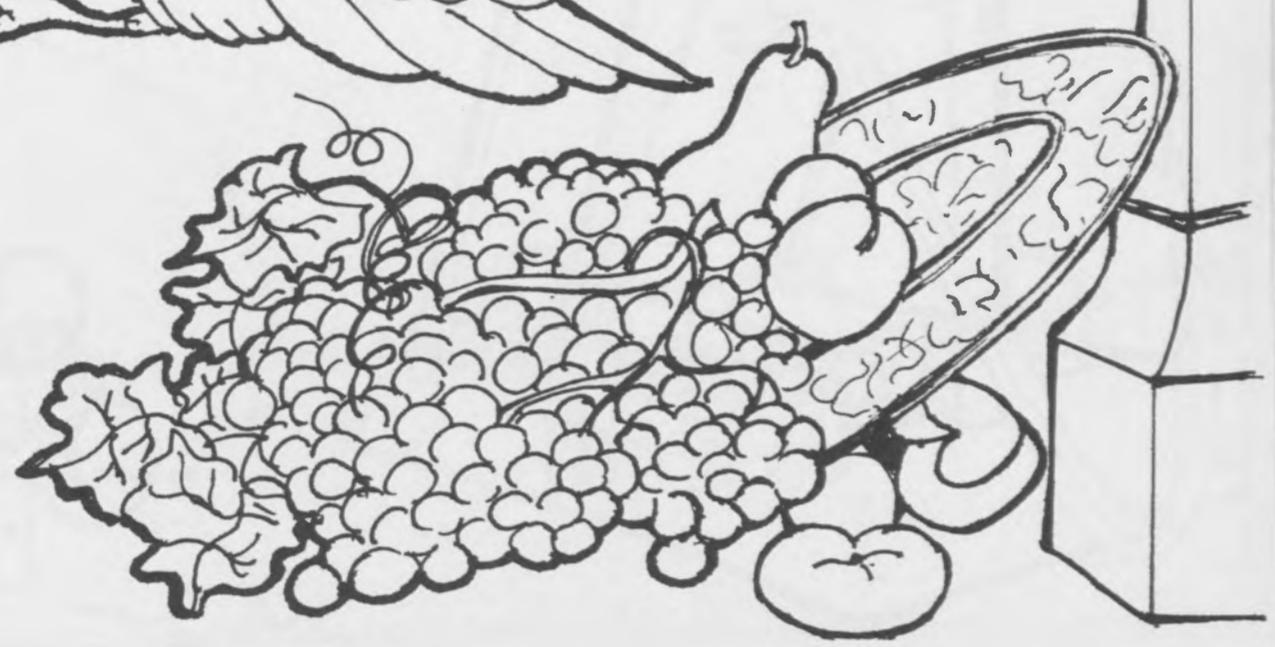
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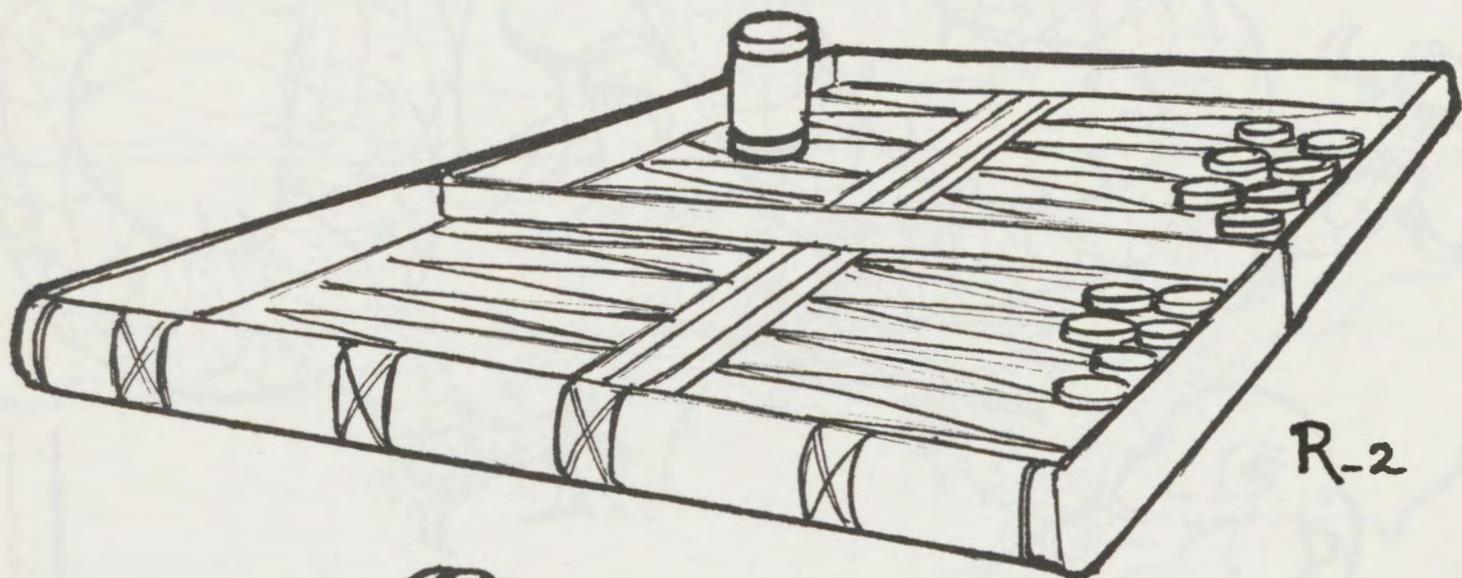


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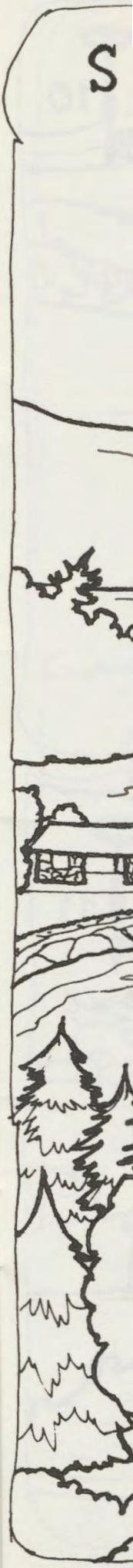
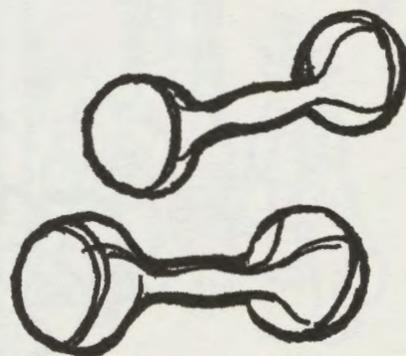
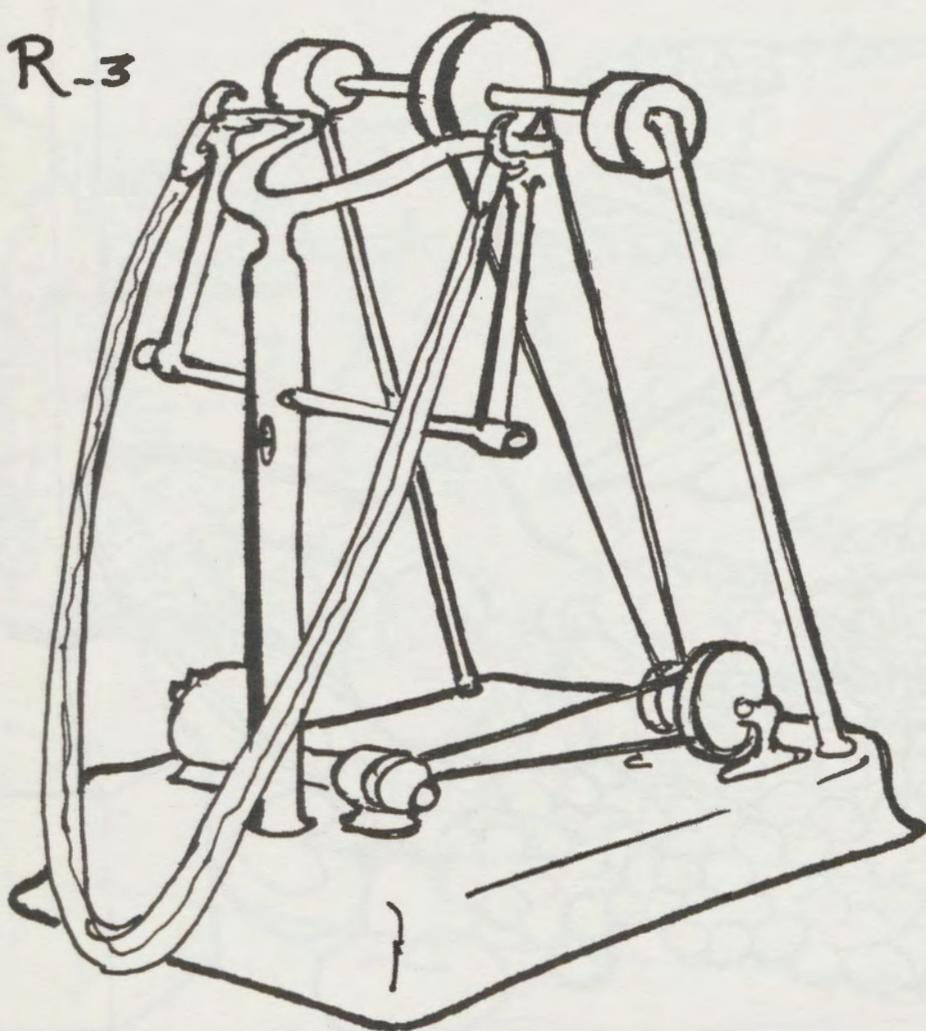


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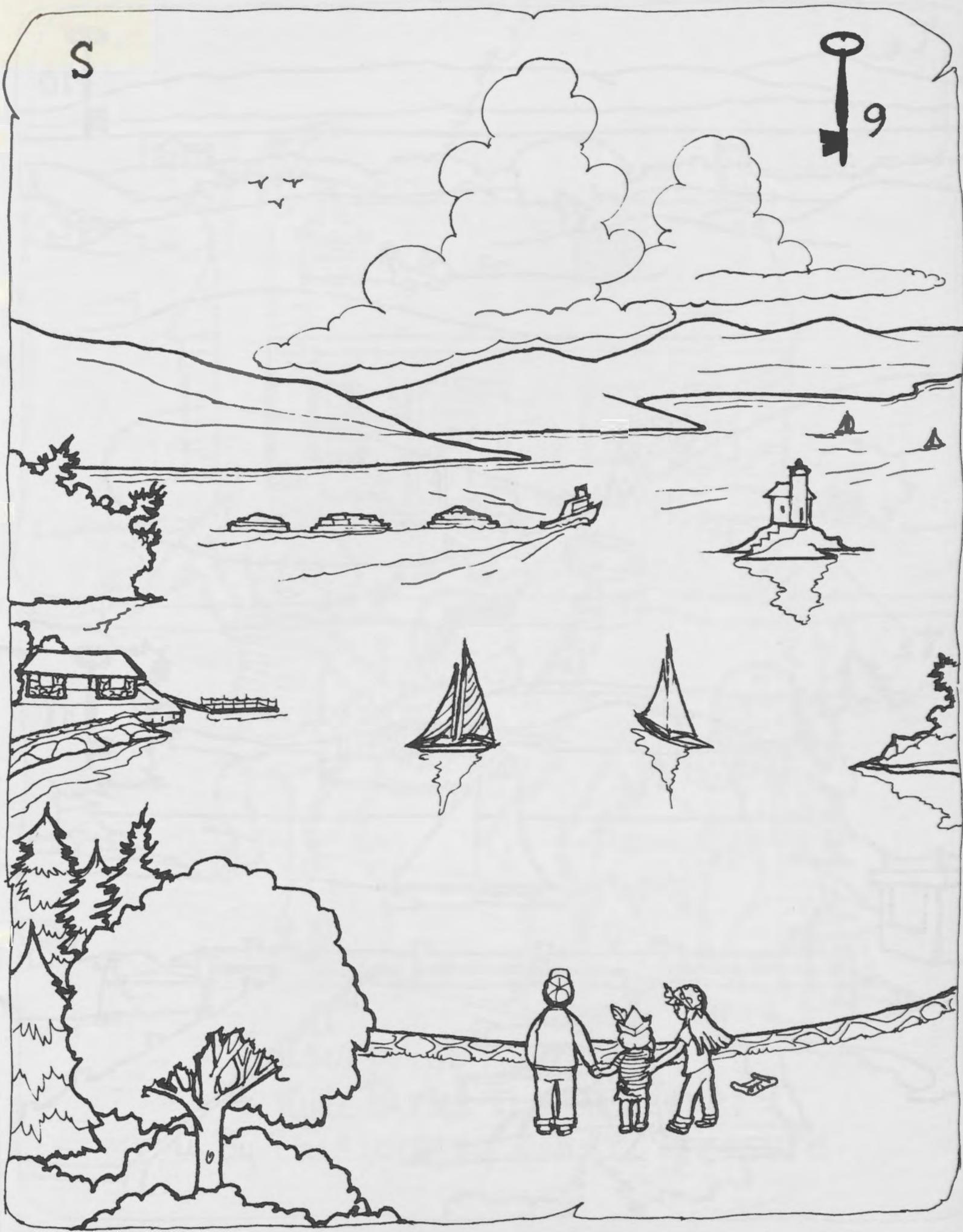
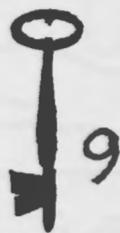


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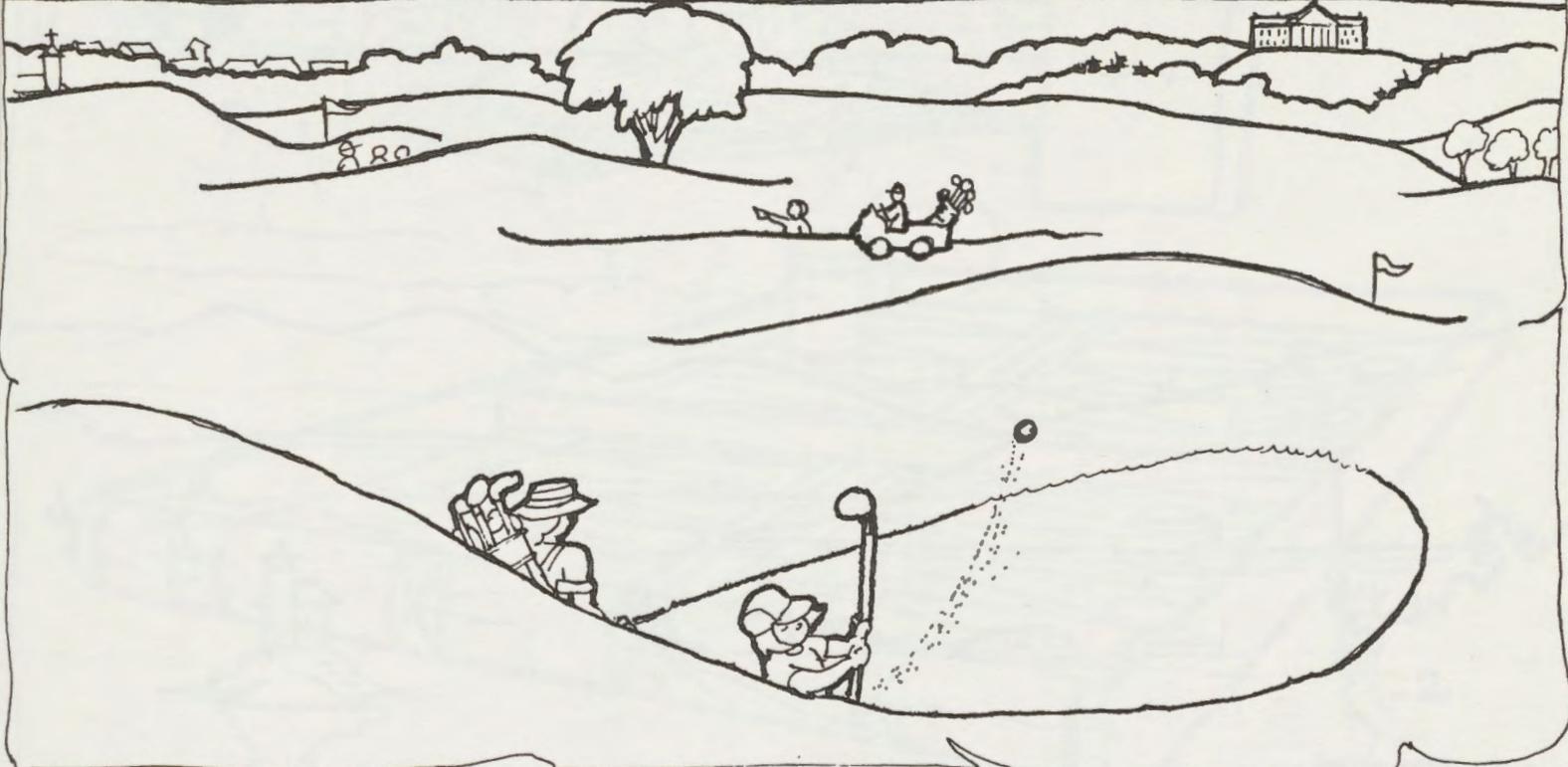
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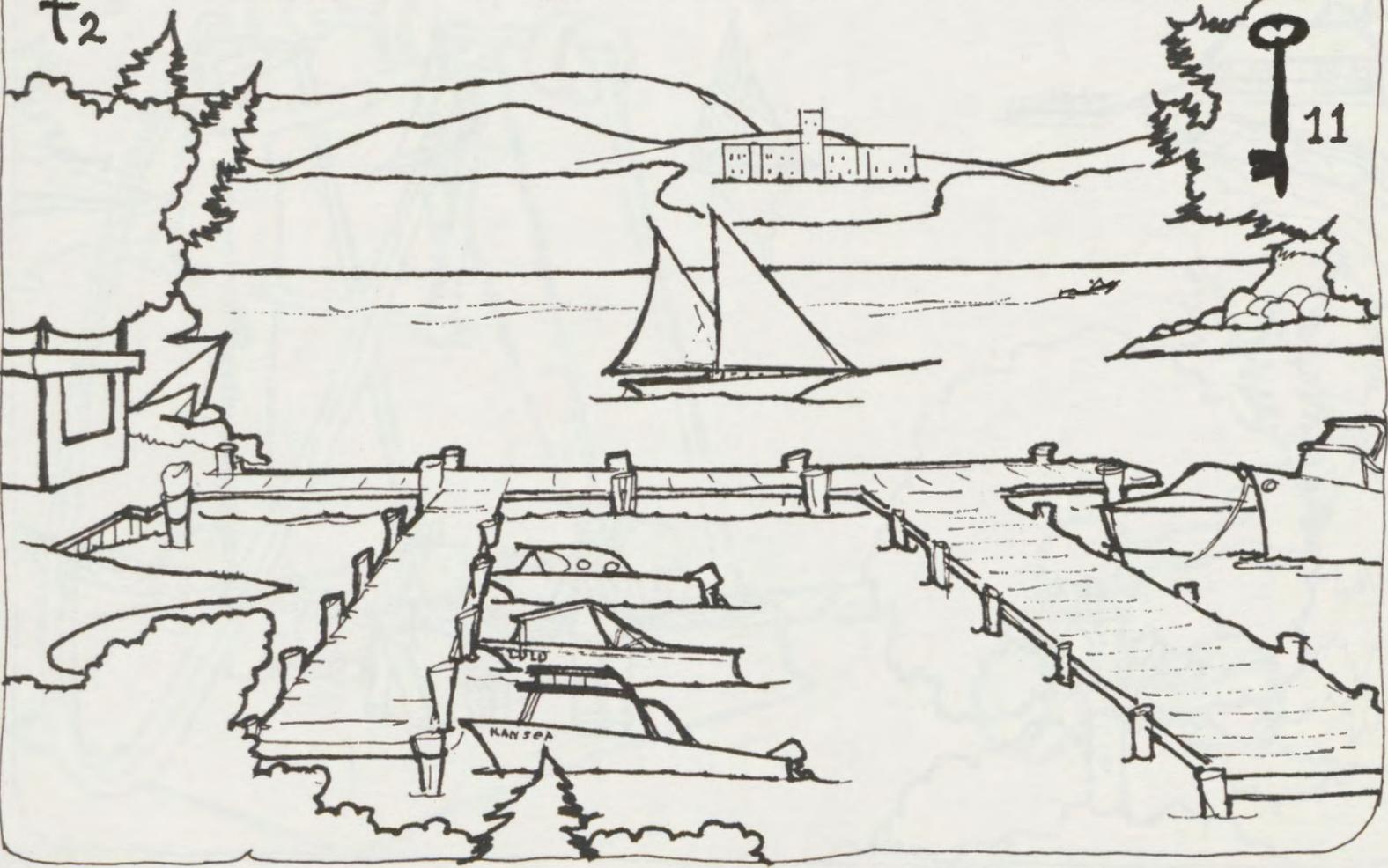
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surprise! surprise!
Hyde Park's the treasure!
By this, or any other measure



Treasure Hunters List

This list tells where the treasures lie. The numbered keys unlock the lettered treasures. How many have you found? Park rangers and museum guides are happy to help if you have difficulties.

Keys

Letters

1.



- A-D "Springwood," the home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "FDR," 32nd President of the United States of America.**
- A1. Dutch tallcase clock in the entry hall was brought home from Europe in 1881 by FDR's parents. Carved Gouda cheeses decorate the top. Inside is a poem.
 - 2. This low black and blue oriental vase on the dining room table was favored by his mother for her flower arrangements.
 - 3. Buddhist temple bell on the landing in the entry was used to call children to meals.
 - B1. Blue and white porcelain, "china" elephants are a reminder that early sea captains in the President's mother's family traded with the Orient.
 - 2. When this RCA console T.V. in the "Snuggery" was given to FDR in 1939 there were few stations. The President used it to watch election results in 1940.
 - C1. The plover, indigo bunting, and red-headed woodpecker in the glass case in the entry are part of a collection of native birds gathered and mounted by Franklin when he was a boy.
 - 2. This red bobsled in the carriage house to the rear of the "Big House" provided winter fun for young Franklin on the surrounding hills.
 - D1. Cases of red, white, blue and gold ribbons in the stable tell of prizes for horsemanship won by the Roosevelts at county fairs.
 - 2. Blue buckets near the stalls carry the names of horses stabled here. "Bobby" was Franklin's favorite.

2.



- E-F Main Gallery of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library**
- E1. FDR loved ships and sailing and served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. After he became ill with Polio, carving models such as this, gave him pleasure.
 - 2. Baby Franklin's hobby horse "Mexico" was a present from his parents when they visited that country.
 - F1. This little donkey on the White House desk was one of many given to FDR.
 - 2. James Preston built this large papier maché caricature to poke fun at the President's unwillingness to say if he planned to run for a third term.
 - 3. The 1936 Ford Phaeton, downstairs in the Library, has hand controls so the President, whose legs were paralyzed, could still drive himself.

3.



- G & H The Eleanor Roosevelt Wing of the Library**
- G. This is the portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt, the solemn, lonely little girl who grew up to be not only First Lady of the United States, but also as delegate to the United Nations, the beloved "First Lady of the World."
 - H1. Her busy life was matched by her busy fingers. She learned as a child to knit, crochet, sew and darn. She made this and many other sweaters for family and friends.
 - 2. This blue hat is part of the Red Cross uniform she wore when she visited wounded soldiers during World War Two.
 - 3. Mrs. Roosevelt's interest in people and their needs took her to many dangerous places. She wore this black hat with a lamp to go deep into a coal mine.

4.



I & J Along Route 9 as You Drive Through the Hamlet of Hyde Park

- I1.** Red sandstone markers were placed along the "king's" Highway around the time of the American Revolution. When he was governor of New York State, FDR had caps built to protect them. There are several. How many did you locate?
- 2.** This unusual marker, a mile beyond "Springwood" is built into one of the many stone walls which line the roads here. It is the only one to say "Po'keepsie."
- J1.** Just past this marker is the little stone house built by a Dutch family, the Stoutenburghs, who settled here in the mid 1700's. Dutch architecture has inspired other buildings in later years.
 - 2.** The Hyde Park Free Library, given to the town in 1926 as a memorial to FDR's father, was designed to look like an old colonial building.
 - 3.** At the cross roads in the Hyde Park Hamlet is the post office. FDR wanted it to look like the home of John Bard whose estate gave Hyde Park its name. FDR's neighbor, artist Olin Dows, painted murals in the lobby showing the history of the town.

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K-P The Vanderbilt Estate, Buildings and Grounds

- K1.** Early owners of the estate, the Bards and Hosacks, were horticulturists who planted many rare and strange trees. This European Weeping Beech near the gardener's cottage looks like a grove, but it is really only one tree.
 - 2.** A famous architect, Charles McKim, redesigned the estate when F. W. Vanderbilt, wealthy captain of industry, bought it. While work was being done (1895-1899) the Vanderbilt family stayed, when they visited, in the guest pavilion, now the National Park Service Visitors Center. On the second floor of the Visitors Center is the display area of the Hyde Park Historic Museum which shows the community around the River Estates.
- L1.** A quilt made during the Bicentennial has scenes from around the town. This square is of a little one room schoolhouse which was saved and restored by the Historical Society and the community. The real schoolhouse/museum is on Route 9G above East Park in front of a larger, present day school. (See map).
 - 2.** This square shows one of the many mills which in olden days served the town, grinding flour and cutting lumber. Such mills were powered by water from a number of swiftly flowing streams or "kills" as the early Dutch settlers called them.
- M1.** Workers used these tools to harvest not only hay, but ice too, in the days before refrigeration.
 - 2.** A story book and blocks were fun for the small children who used a chair like this one made by ValKill Industries.
- N1.** Inside the great mansion, life was very different. In the drawing room is this grand piano, decorated in gold leaf, with portraits of famous musicians painted around its sides. It was played at huge parties and dances for Vanderbilt guests, who came from near and far, in private railroad cars and chauffeur driven limousines.
 - 2.** Mansion walls are covered with priceless art tapestries brought from European castles. A dog and ducks from 17th century Flanders continue their chase in a hanging on F.W. Vanderbilt's bedroom wall.
- O.** Outside, too, were places to entertain. The "Overlook" was a special place for guests to stroll. This breathtaking view of the Hudson River has been made world famous by a number of artists.
- P.** Here, at Bard Rock, F.W. Vanderbilt docked his yacht. It was and still is a favorite picnic spot.

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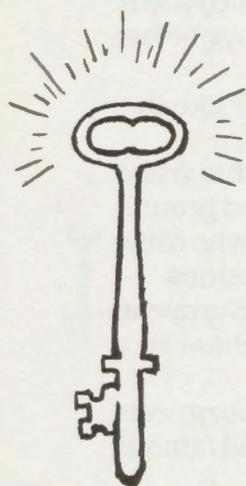
Q, R, S and T—Further North, In and Around the Hamlet of Staatsburg

- Q1.** The Mills Estate was the home of the third governor of New York State, Morgan Lewis. The house is now a museum and the grounds state park land. In the house, exotic birds, dragons and fruit hide in paintings and tapestries and other works of art. This blue and white dragon is on an urn in the reception hall.
- 2.** A green parrot perches in a painting in the "little round room."
- 3.** This luscious fruit seems to spill out of the painting over the high mantle at the north end of the dining room.
- R1.** When the Mills family lived here, they often gathered in the library where there are many rare and interesting books.
- 2.** Here they spent their evenings reading, playing the piano or testing their skills at board games such as this backgammon game on the table.
- 3.** They loved sports, horses and dogs. Mr. Mills used these weights and exercise equipment to stay in good health. Photographs outside the bedroom testify to their fondness for sport and animals.
- S.** One of the few views of the Hudson River with no railroad tracks in it is here at the Mills Estate. From the back lawn you can see the Esopus Meadows lighthouse, sailboats or an occasional tug boat on its way to Albany or New York.
- T1.** The Dinsmore Golf Course, east of the Mills Mansion, is said to be the second private course built in the United States. It was originally used by the wealthy river estate owners. Now it is a public course.
- 2.** Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park is just south of Staatsburg, on the river. Here at Norrie Point there is a mooring basin for boats and many lovely places to picnic or camp.

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East Park

- U.** The oldest stone house in the town still stands in East Park, just south of the cross roads of 9G and East Market Street. (See map). It was built by the Stoutenburgh family between 1750 and 1765 by one of their sons and is said to have provided a safe haven for them during the Revolution when their original family home along the Hudson was shelled by British gunboats.



There's more to see,
so come back soon
It's fun in October
or May, or June
One day is too little;
two would be better.
But if you come when it's cold,
don't forget a sweater

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