

Ida's Notebook

by

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where I was born, that had nine doors in one room. This room was used as a kitchen for many years. It was also our livingroom as other rooms were closed off during cold weather. Three doors led to two porches and three doors led to three stairways — two up and one down. One was a pantry door and two others led to different rooms. There are other kinds of doors in our lives that we must close when a relative or friend dies. Closing doors can be difficult and painful. When our oldest child went to New York state to college,

I was quite upset. It was several weeks before I felt like going in her room to clean it. It seemed to me as though we had broken the family circle. It was a lonely door to close. Sometimes we must close doors and not live in the past. Other times, we can open doors and find exciting adventures.

When you take a gift to a neighbor, a door of friendship is opened. And, when you get good news from a doctor, a door to a happy life is opened. One never knows how many doors are left for one to pass through. We must put our trust in the Lord.

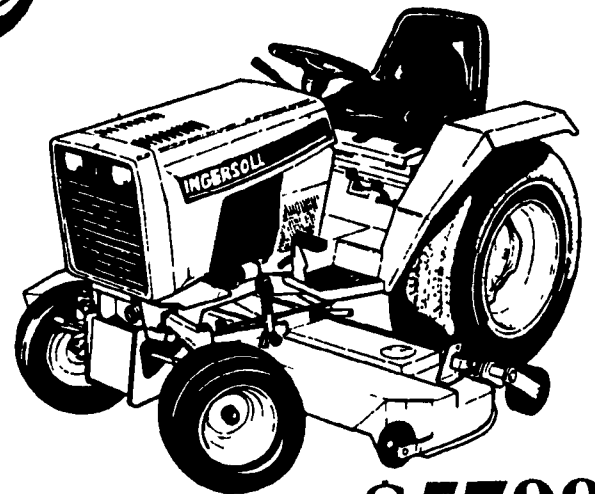
got milk?

How many doors do we pass through in a day, in a lifetime? It has been four years since we built a log house for ourselves in a corner of the meadow. But, I'm still not accustomed to the open area plan of our house. The television can be heard in every corner. Our 1813 farmhouse had a door to each room but here only the bedrooms and bathrooms have doors. Talking about doors, there was a room in the large farmhouse,

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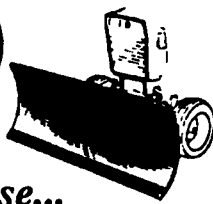


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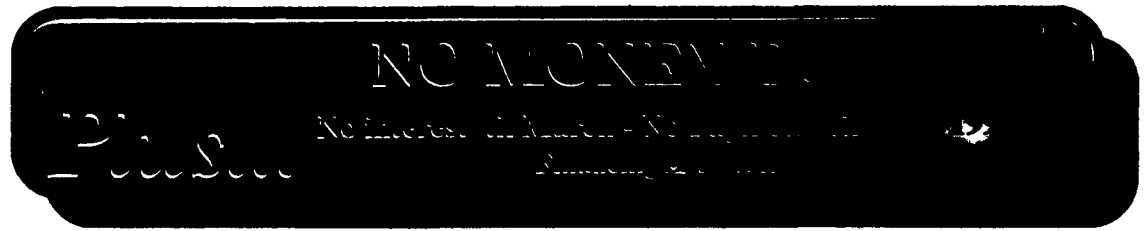
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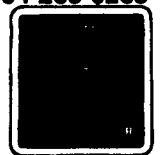
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