

Uncle Ab From Abington — June 23, 1976

Well, it rained last night. Too wet to work the fields and gardens. What do we do now??

The Good Wife had suggestions and a look around the place showed up a few more. Fix the cellar door-- it scrapes. Oil the hinges --they squeak. Scrape paint off the kitchen woodwork --only been at it a year or so and I'm gettin' tired of the mess. Glue down the cabinet top in the kitchen--that's taken a couple of years. Fix the porch roof leak --that's been there since we bought the place. I worked on it a couple of times -- don't care-- it still leaks. It only leaks in rainy weather and you can't fix the roof in the rain. Fix it when it's dry then. Don't leak when it isn't rainin'.

Need to put a motor on the old corn sheller to shell popcorn with this fall. Build a fanning mill for cleaning wheat for flour-- too much chaff and oats in it. Need to hook up a power drive for the flour mill --too lazy to crank it all the time. Turnips need thinning but its too wet --better let that go for a while. Rain barrel needs sealing up around the over- flow pipe. Can't do that in the rain either.

Help clean house -- that's wimmin's work. You helped make it dirty. Well, its clean dirt--from the garden and fields. It don't belong in the house and you tracked most of it in. Mebbe I did but you were out in the garden yourself. I'M A LADY and I don't track in dirt. Oh well.

Suppose I could go set on the porch and take a nap. Better not, porch roof leaks. Can't go in the house-- get put to work. If I go to the barn or shop there's too many things needing done to give one proper rest. Even the backhouse has lost its appeal since reading about the woman who was pecked on her dignity by an old hen who had nested down below.

Suppose better find something profitable to do and do it. Need the rain anyway. There'll be plenty to do after it dries up some -- the weeds haven't quit work. Guess I better not either.

By Jim Jones