

also fine and obliging. ~~permitted~~ It was a well carried out function. We ate our wheat with cardboard spoons and feasted on carrots and raisins. As yet my playmates were girls.

School was a real step into life. Older methods of teaching and yet very human teachers made me like school. Learning to read gave me a look into the world. I soon learned to love

books. Mrs. Blaine was my first teacher. As "Teacher's Pet" I took a ride to Montpelier in my first really "big" automobile ride. (It was either a 1915 or 1916 Model Studebaker)

Even though my teacher was over 60 she was my ideal of a woman. Who else ~~could~~ dared spank Agnes Hayes in front of the whole room? I was with Mrs. Blaine my second year also. She kept an especially fine pear handled pen knife <sup>with which</sup> to sharpen our large black pencils. ~~with~~

In the third grade I had Miss Kroque who gave me my first "lickin'". It was with a switch and I had ~~is~~ "tense" a