Valley Quest*

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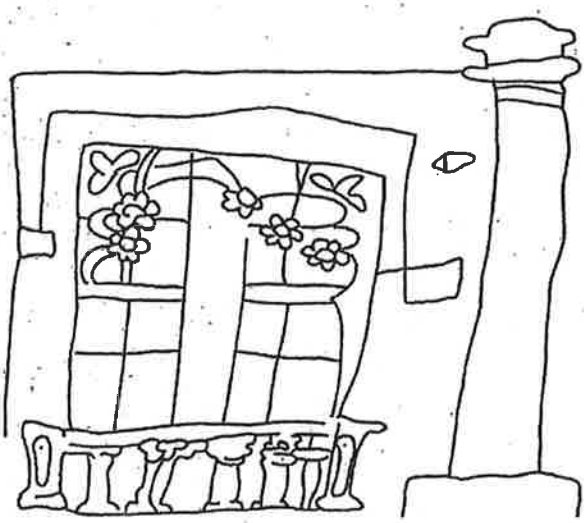
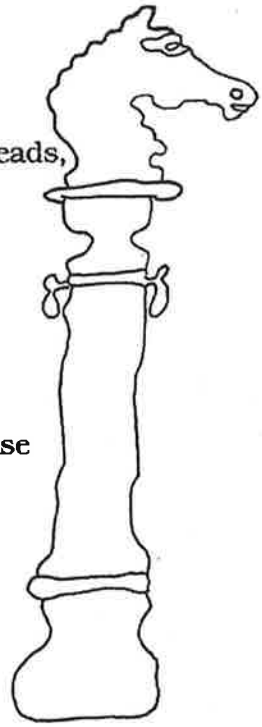
If you stand between two landmarks
One very tall, one very short, and look to the
rising sun and the bay
Into which the setting sun does stray
There you will find the very first clue...
But try as you might you can't peek through!

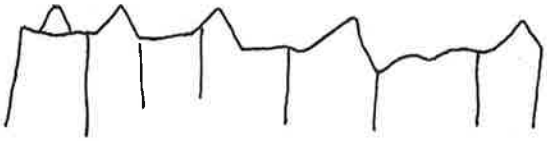


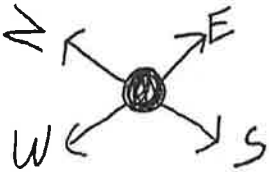
Next turn in place to where is featured
The horse rising from within the four lions' heads,
A parking place for four legged creatures
Visiting the Senator's homestead.
And there you will find the second clue,
But don't get tied up, there is more to do!



Next head up the hill to a door without a house
Where without a roof plants will get doused.
There you will see some rusty pipe
That kept the plants from getting frostbite
And now you have found the third clue,
You're just warming up, there is more to do!

Look uphill again to the red door in midair,
What could have ever lived up there?
Downstairs lived the bacon, upstairs lived the beef,
Aren't you sorry they aren't still here to eat?
And thus you found your fourth clue
Don't stop now, keep on the "moooo've".

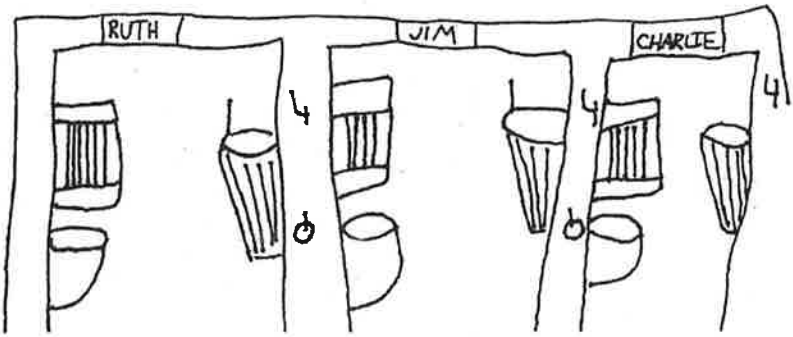




Head to the smaller of the storage places
Where the outside wall has lots of vertical spaces
Peek in the crib, you won't find a baby
Unless it's a baby ear of corn, maybe.
Now you've found the fifth clue
Are you ready to go where the ice blocks grew?

Now climb up the hill almost to the trees
But watch your step, you might fall in and freeze.
No fishing, no swimming,
No boating, no floating,
And in the water (there's probably no otter).
Now you found the sixth clue
Used for making ice cream for me and you.

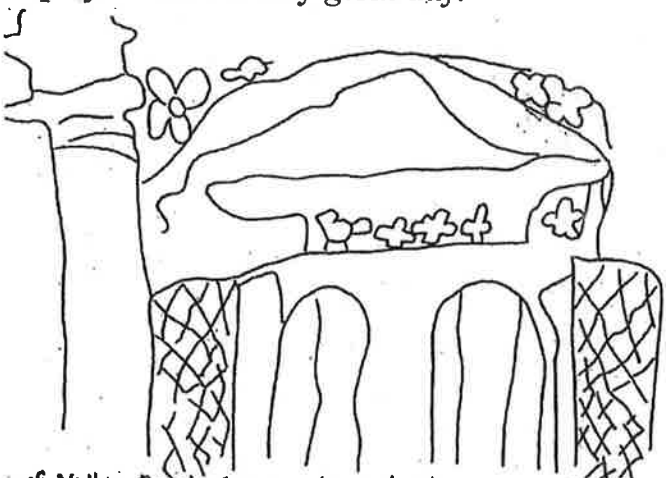
Roll down the hill to the first two buildings
"Baa" lived on the left, horshoes forged on the right.
Next is the home of Jim, Charlie, and Ruth
Each in their own spacious booth.
Now we'll move on to the next clue
Don't horse around there is more to do!



Go to the stage where games were played
To get there head left of the castle wall
Here they played shuffleboard
and hoped to get a really good score.
Now we'll meander on a path of gravel
For our very next clue to unravel.

To the front of the castle you should perambulate
And spy the oldest Norwegian in the state.
Spend a moment on the tour
To see plants that have been here before the Civil War.
Last and least there is a building we missed
For your last clue cross any bridge.

Now that you've done your very best
Look for a box that ends your Quest.
On a post much like Morrill's fence
Lift up the lid that you have sensed
Stamp your journal; you're on your way
Hope you have a very great day!



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