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## Millie Rides the Train





Today is an exciting day for Millie. Millie is going to see her grandma in Davenport. To get there Millie will ride the train from Stanwood with her mom. Millie can't wait for what she will see on the trip, she has never road on a train before.



Millie was very excited to get to her grandma's house and see her grandma. She told her grandma about everything she saw that day on the train ride to see her. Millie's grandma loved listening to Millie's story as much as Millie loved telling it.





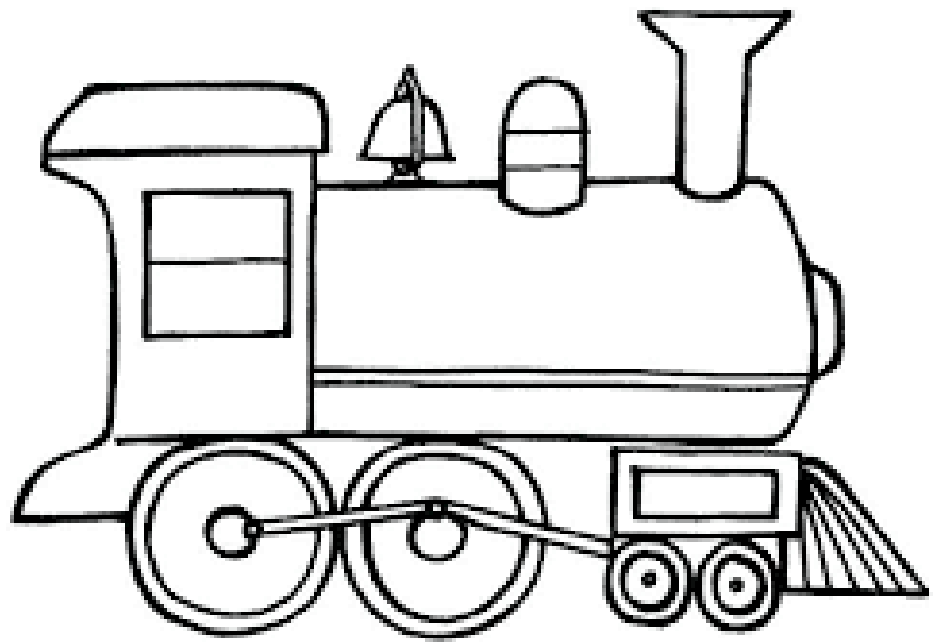
After getting off the train Millie and her mom walked to her grandma’s house.



To get to the train depo in Stanwood Millie’s dad drove them in the family’s horse drawn carriage.



When they got to the train depot Millie was surprised to see so many people there. Farmers had wagons with grain or animals. There were people with trunks and suitcases. Many men were moving crates on carts. All were waiting to get on the train. Millie knew this would be a fun adventure.



Millie was having so much fun looking out the window that she was surprised when her mom said the train was pulling into Davenport and it was time to get off.





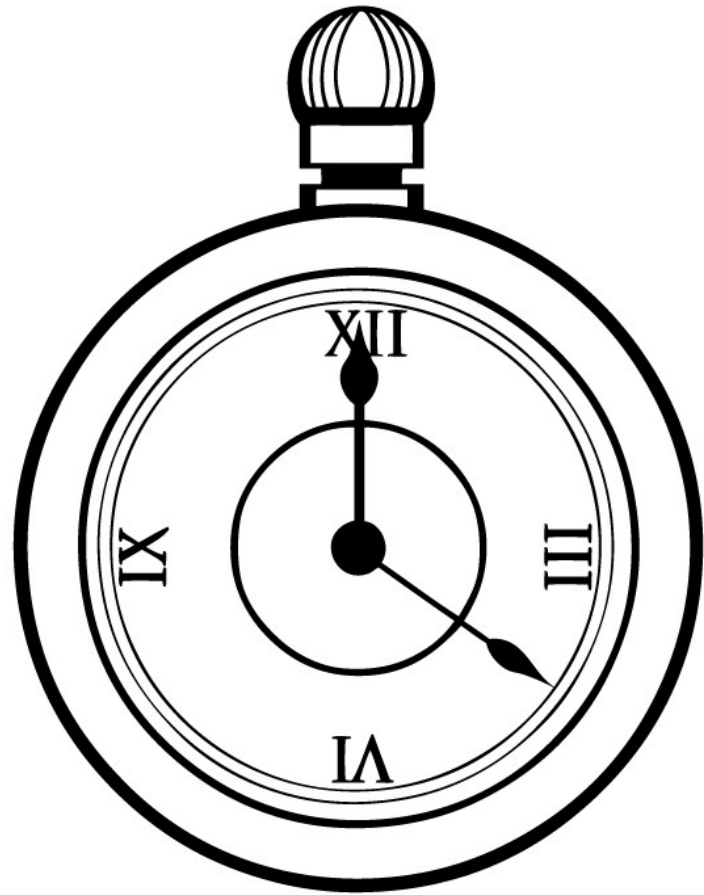
Then they crossed a small river.  
Millie liked the clickity-clack  
noise the train made as it went  
over the bridge.



As Millie and her mom entered the passenger car of the train Millie saw many rows of benches. Millie's mom selected an empty bench and let Millie sit next to the window so she could see everything the train passed during the journey.



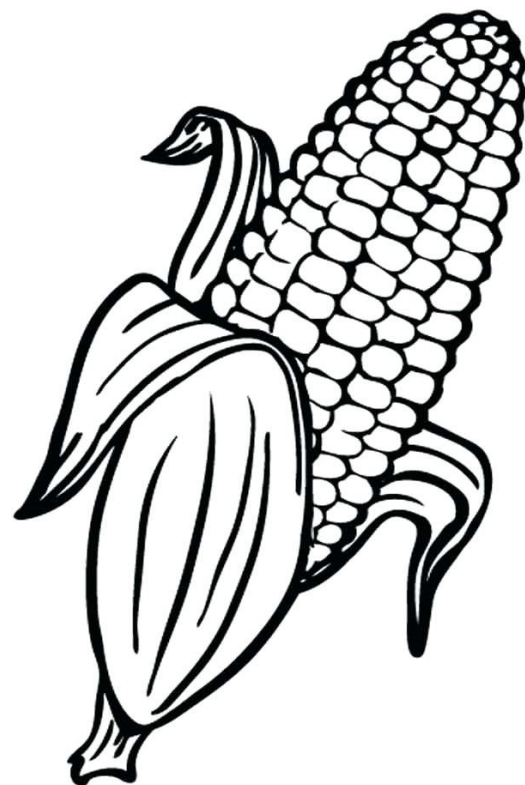
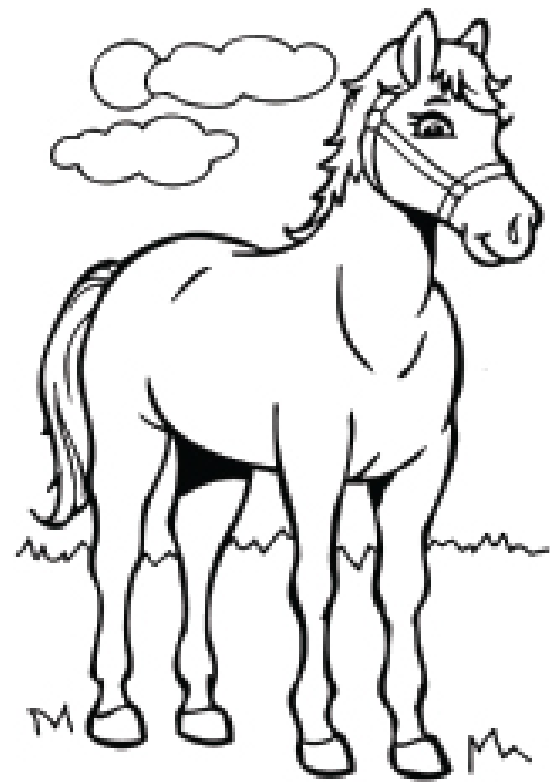
Outside her window Millie watched the conductor look at his watch often. Soon he was shouting "All aboard!" and started closing the doors to the passenger cars.



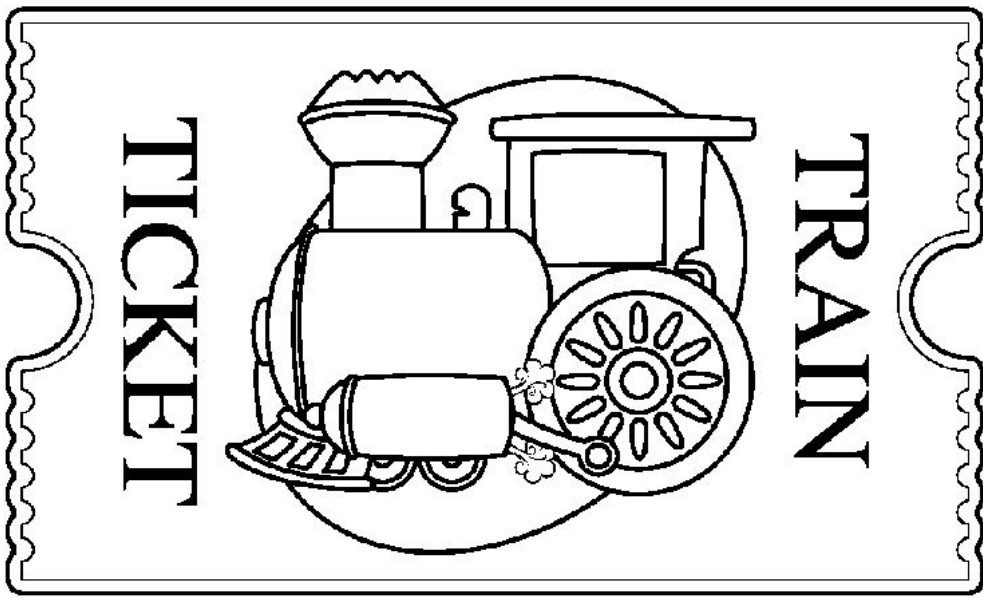
Next Millie saw a tractor, she had never seen one before but had heard her dad talk of wanting to buy one. Millie wondered how it could move without being pulled by horses.



... and a few horses.



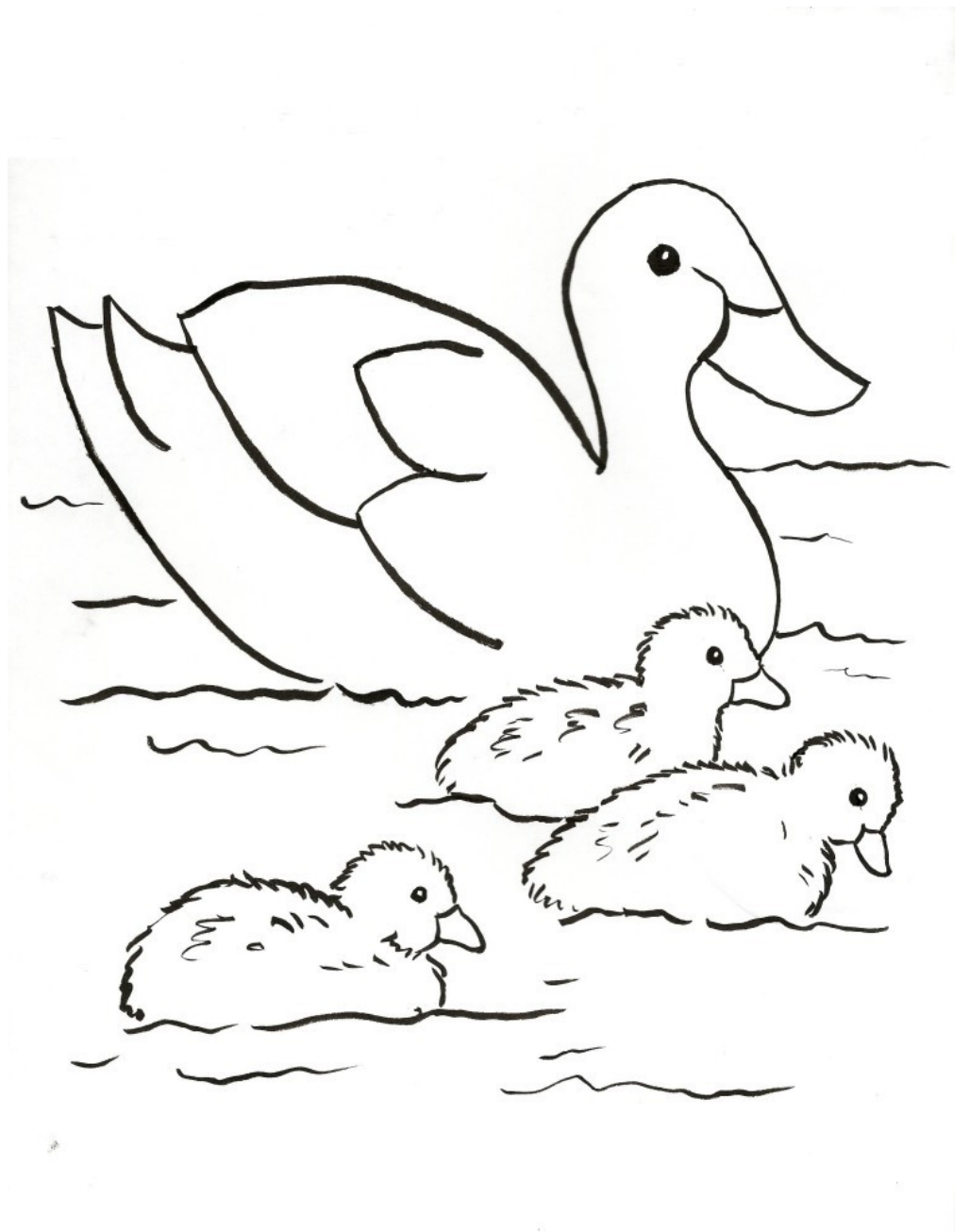
As the train pulled out of town Millie saw lots and lots of corn.



When the conductor stopped to punch the tickets Millie's mom had bought Millie asked why he looked at his watch so much. "We must stay on schedule" the conductor said.



... ducks on a pond,







... goats,

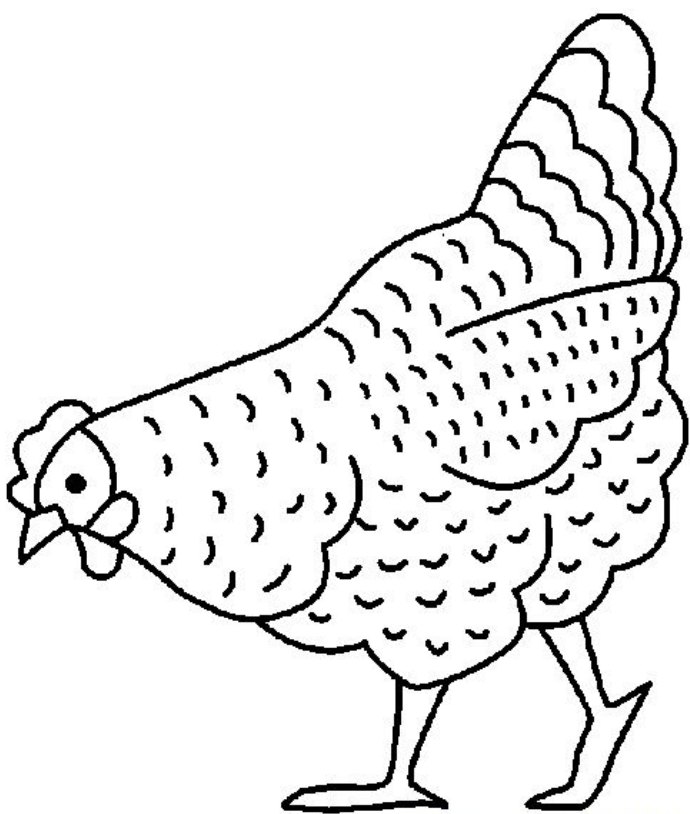
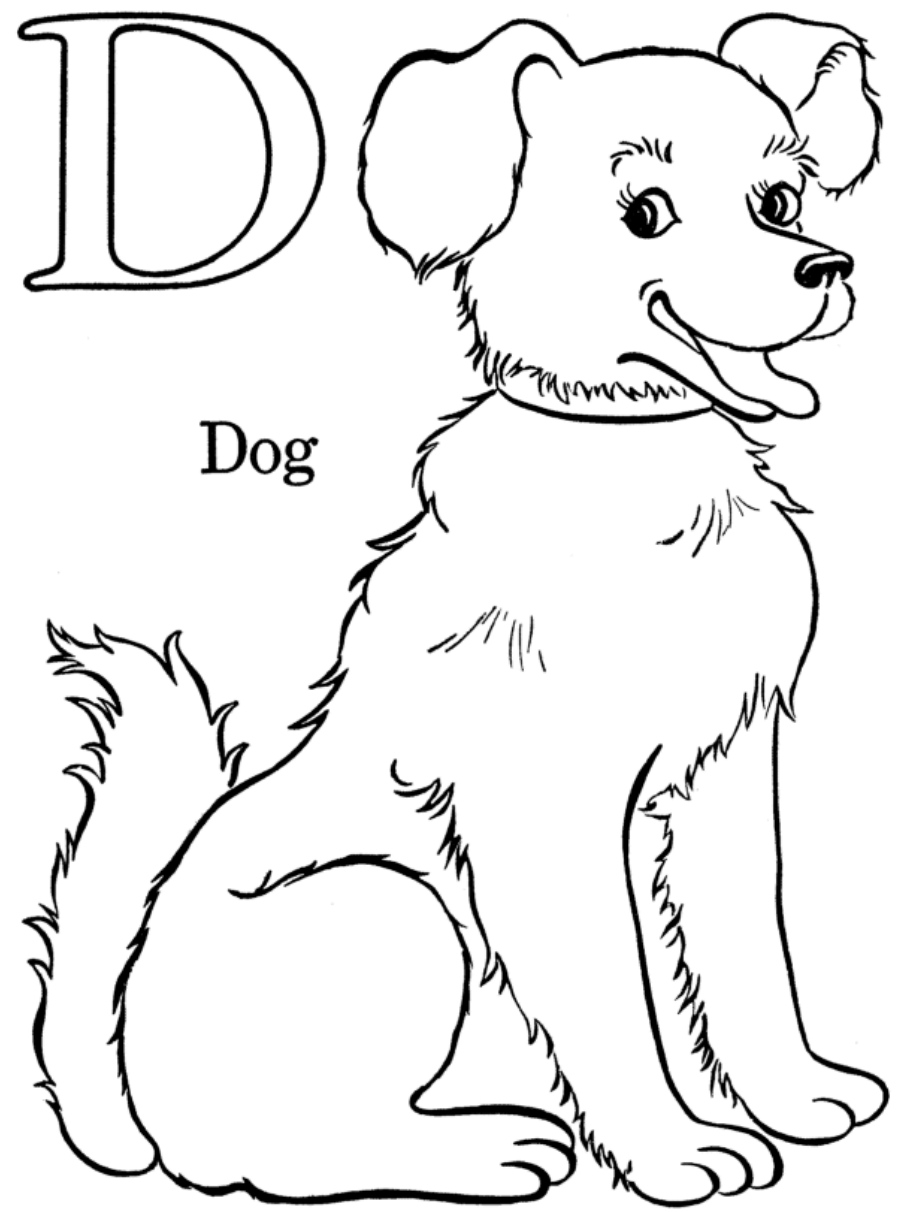
The next thing Millie saw out the window was Mr. Kohl's farm with its big red barn.







She could also see Mr. Kohl's dog, Rex, playing in the yard.

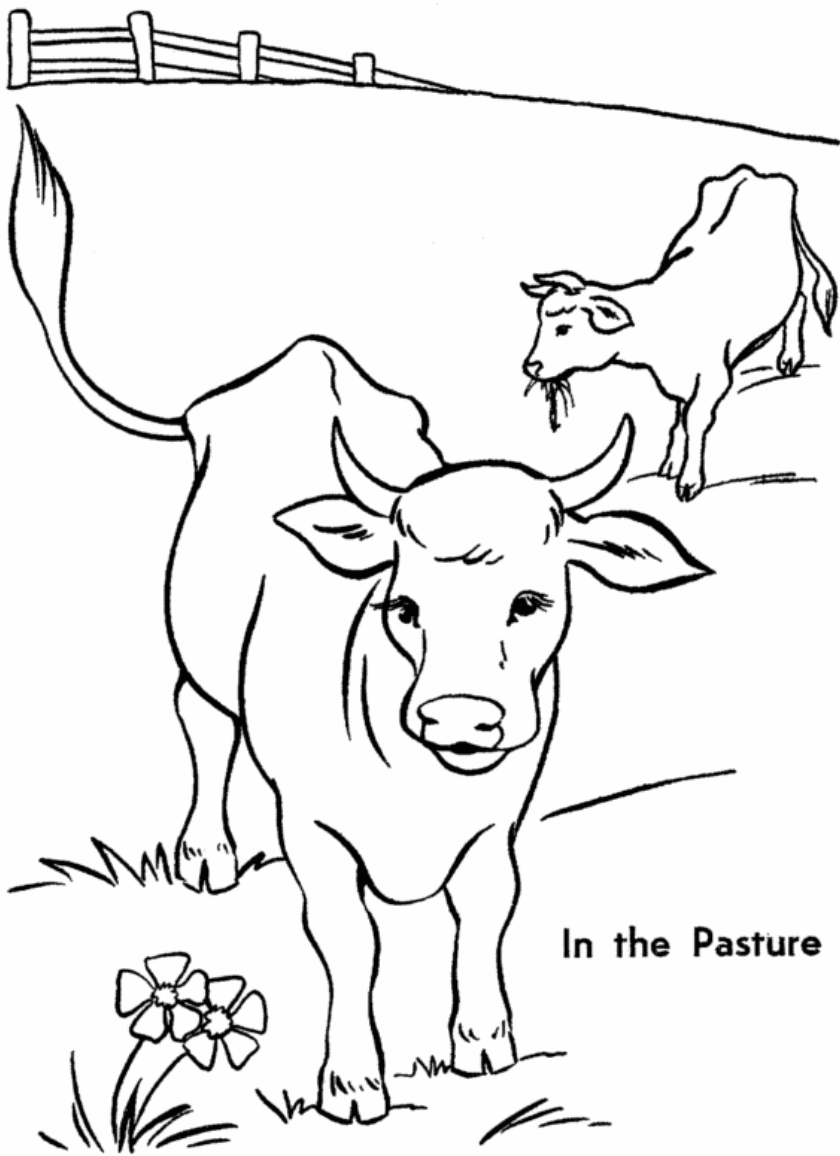
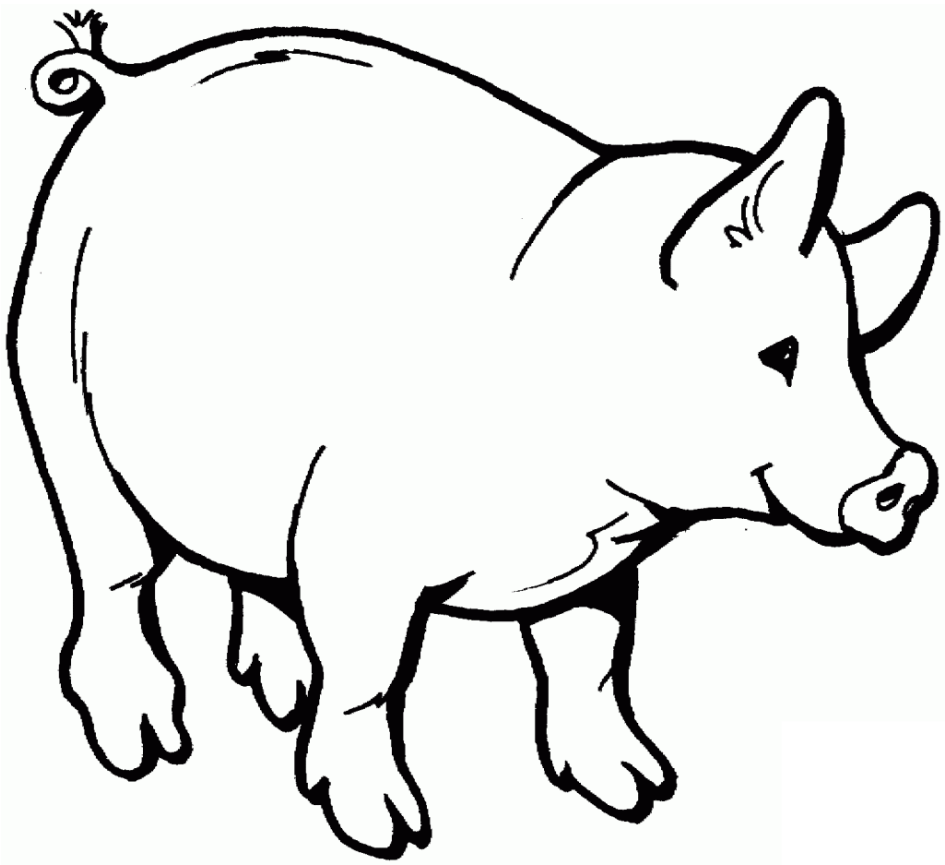


... chickens,





... pigs,

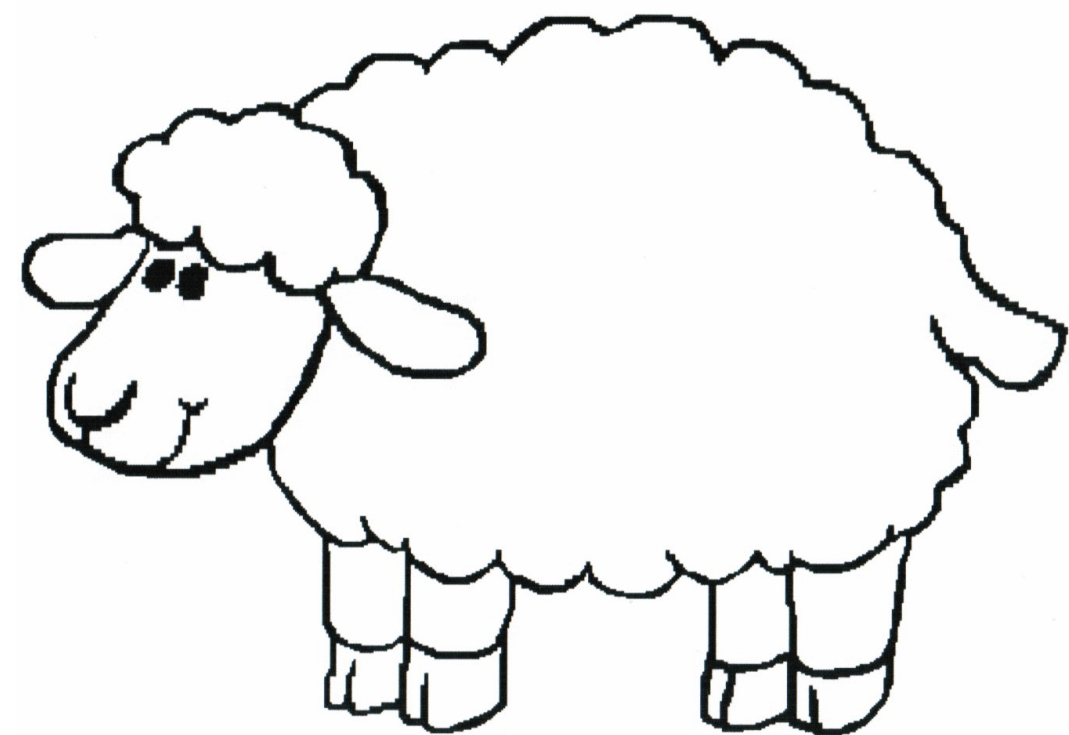


Millie saw lots of pastures  
with animals in them.

Soon the train was approaching Tipton. When the train stopped there was lots of hurried activity. People got on and off the train, crates and bags were loaded and unloaded. Before long they were moving again.

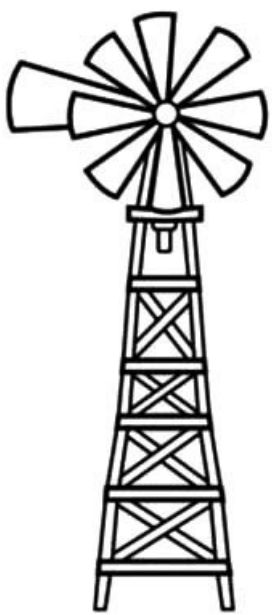
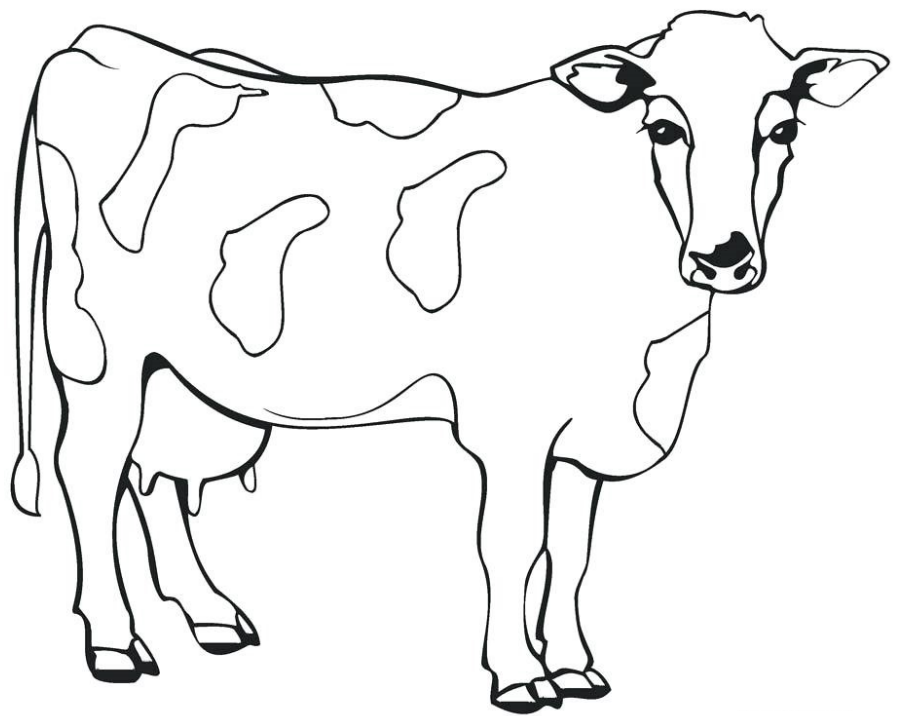


... sheep,





Millie saw lots of animals on her journey. She saw cows,



Windmill



After leaving Tipton Millie saw a windmill that looked just like the one on her family's farm. She new this brought water up from the well underground.