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On rainy day we would all work on grading off a place for a big pig house. This was the hardest work I had to do. After swinging pick-axe for nine hours I felt rather tired.

I do not hesitate to say that the work built me up and developed me physically. Nine hours in the fresh air, six days a week will build any man up. I would advise any young man to look into this matter and give it deep consideration. I might say that my experience was also a financial success.

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