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Abstract
The grand national holiday was a quiet one in Adams County in 1866. Gettysburg was a ghost town. No fireworks. No parades. No mass celebrations. In the woods around the county, small knots of citizens gathered for picnics. Escaping the hot, dusty streets of the towns was obviously a boon for anyone who, as the Adams Sentinel put it, “embraced the opportunity of rusticating for the day.” [excerpt]

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**Independence Day 1866**

The grand national holiday was a quiet one at Adams County in 1866. There was no fence. No bonfires. No parade. Only the smoke of the smokehouse drifted upward. The barns were empty. The citizens had gone to war. It was a quiet day for the farmers, a day for the soldiers, a day for the soldiers' families. It was a day of mourning.

For those who dared to remember, the 1866 Independence Day was a stark reminder of the cost of war. The thousands of Union soldiers who had marched to Washington, D.C., to participate in the celebration of the country's 100th birthday had left behind a trail of destruction and loss. The town fathers of Gettysburg had long since returned home, but the memory of those who had fallen still haunted the town.

**SPEAKING**

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The second time their barn burned. This was the second time their barn burned. In the fall of 1864, the Sherfys’ barn had burned on the Emmitsburg road toward the glades in Lincoln County. In the fall of 1866, the Sherfys’ barn burned again, this time on the Emmitsburg road toward the glades in Lincoln County.

The Sherfys had been a farming family for three years before the war. The Union soldiers had marched through their fields and their barns. The Sherfys had watched their barns burn. The Sherfys had lost their barns. The Sherfys had seen their land destroyed.

When they caught smoke in their barn, the Sherfys had been on the alert. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns. They had burned their barns.

The Sherfys had never been able to find a place to call home. They had moved from place to place, from barn to barn, from field to field.

When their barn burned, they were forced to start over. The Sherfys had started over. They had started over. They had started over. They had started over. They had started over. They had started over. They had started over. They had started over.

**Daughter a hoarder**

Dear Annie: My 55-year-old daughter is a hoarder. She doesn't want to get rid of anything. She doesn't want to keep it in order. She lives in her house in a complete mess. She has been this way since she was a child. She doesn't want to get rid of anything. She doesn't want to keep it in order.

Dear Mom: Why does your 55-year-old daughter keep everything she ever owns? Does she not have a job? Is there a history of mental illness in your family? Do you have a history of mental illness in your family?

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