

## Chapter Five

### Locusts!

Our second winter passed. The holiday of *Pesach* was coming closer. We all cleaned our little sod houses and each family got *matzot* that were sent from New York.

We all enjoyed that *Pesach* on the prairie. Flowers were growing everywhere and the weather was beautiful. The special *Pesach* food was delicious. We thanked *Hashem* for giving us the wonderful colony of Goshen until the day we would be able to go to Israel, like the Jews from Egypt<sup>◇</sup>.

That year, the men planted the crops for the third time since we came to Kansas. Papa grew wheat; most families grew corn.

Some families bought more cows. Others bought special machines that made it easier to plant. All the men helped each other prepare the earth and plant the grains<sup>◇</sup>, using the new machines.

"Life on the prairie is perfect for us!" everyone said.



◇ Egypt - מצרים  
◇ grains – זרעונים

Papa also bought another cow.

"Let's call her Pessy!" Molly said.

Now we had two cows, Pessy and Dessy.

Mama would make cheese and butter from all the milk that the cows gave. Every Monday, Papa went to Dodge City and sold the cheese and butter to the "Star Hotel". This was more work for everyone, but we were happy with the extra money. Papa and Mama were saving money to build a real house from wood.

The new machines were a big help, and thanks to them, Papa planted a lot more wheat.

Since we were all so busy, the summer days passed very quickly. Before long, our wheat was tall and golden. We had 100 acres of beautiful wheat! Everyone worked hard all summer, helping in every way. We felt very proud to see all that wheat.

Soon, the crops of wheat and corn would be ready to cut.

One day, Molly and I were outside, collecting eggs with the twins. A strong wind was blowing. Suddenly, Molly turned to me, "Sara, do you hear that funny noise? Look, the sky is getting dark!"

I looked up. There was a big black cloud far away in the west. It was moving quickly in the sky and coming closer every minute. The cloud covered the sun and it became dark. The noise was getting stronger too.