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1. Why was it the perfect weather for cutting ice?
 - a) the moisture in the air was freezing
 - b) the pond was thick enough to walk on
 - c) no water would drip, it would instantly freeze
 - d) the ice was beginning to crack

2. Why did Father put his hands over the horses' noses?
 - a) to get them to back up
 - b) to melt the frost from their nostrils
 - c) to check to see that they were ok
 - d) to keep them from smelling

3. What were the names of the two men that sometimes worked for Mr. Wilder?
(choose 2)
 - a) Lazy John
 - b) Pierre
 - c) Mr. Corse
 - d) French Joe

4. **Fill in the Blank:** "When Father needed a hired man, they worked for him and he paid them with _____ from the barrels down cellar."

5. What kind of saw has a "long, narrow blade, with wooden handles at the ends?"

6. How thick was the ice on the pond?
 - a) 20 inches
 - b) 10 inches
 - c) 15 inches
 - d) 50 inches

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7. **T F True or False:** John cut a section 20 inches wide, 20 feet long, and 20 inches thick.
8. What happened to Almanzo at the pond?
- a) he enjoyed skating on the ice
 - b) he was hit in the head by a block of ice
 - c) the ice cracked under his feet
 - d) he fell into the cold water
9. **Fill in the Blank:** The ice house looked like a big _____ built high off the ground on blocks.
- a) shed
 - b) cellar
 - c) cage
 - d) hayloft
10. When they placed the large ice cubes in the ice-house, they surrounded each with sawdust on all sides. How thick did they pack the sawdust around the cubes?
- a) 3 inches
 - b) 5 inches
 - c) 1 inch
 - d) 10 inches
11. What is Almanzo's all-time favorite food? He was very excited that Mother had fixed it for dinner after their busy time in the ice-house.
- a) spareribs
 - b) headcheese
 - c) fried apples'n'onions
 - d) baked beans
12. How long did it take Royal and Almanzo to finish covering all of the ice cubes with sawdust?
- a) 1 day
 - b) 5 days
 - c) 10 hours
 - d) 3 days

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4. salt pork pg 67
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