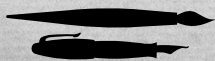


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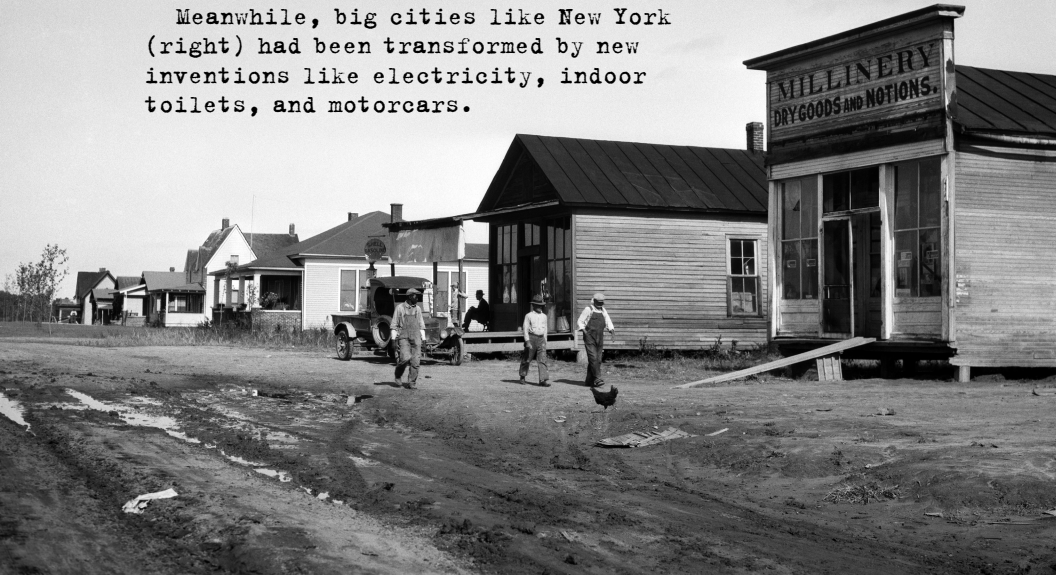
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SMALL TOWNS VS. BIG CITIES

In 1925, many small American towns were still quiet and old-fashioned.

Meanwhile, big cities like New York (right) had been transformed by new inventions like electricity, indoor toilets, and motorcars.



AN EXCITING DAY AHEAD

Adrian woke up on the morning of March 18 with a jolt of excitement. Not much ever happened in Parrish. It was just a tiny speck of a town, nestled within the grassy hills of Southern Illinois.

America was changing fast in 1925, with most cities and big towns lit up by electric lights and honking with motorcars.



But Parrish hadn't changed much since Adrian's grandparents first settled here one hundred years before. Parrish School didn't have electricity yet. Few people had telephones or radios. Many people in Parrish, including the Dillons, still drove around in wagons pulled by horses.

But for Adrian, Parrish was the center of the world. Especially today. Because this afternoon



In the 1920s,
marbles was the
most popular game
for American boys.



In many cities,
marbles tournaments
attracted huge crowds.



Marbles could be played anywhere—even behind a school's toilet! In the 1920s, many schools still had only outdoor toilets.



While marbles was played mainly by boys, the game of jacks was a favorite for girls.