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Somewhere in France.
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Dear Father and Sisters: - We
including all the Argonians
are located in a beautiful
old village in France.

The country and customs
here are some different from
England. Not so many beaut-
iful lawns and parks here for
most all tillable land is
under extensive cultivation.

Arthur Knop, my bunkmate and I helped an old French man and daughter make hay one afternoon. And I will say we "Yanks" cannot handle any more hay with their three tine forks than the French girls. I also operated a hay rake, it was hand power driven and cleaned a three ft. swath. Mowing machines are few and are small of the horse mowers, but, most of the hay is cut with scythes.

To see these big open wells with a bucket on a pole, big stone houses with a barn in one end and hog pen in the other, one horse carts hauling heavy loads, small milk wagons drawn by a pair of dogs, guided by a French maid in wooden shoes or the milk maid milking at noon reminds me of my school days at Argonia where we studied of this foreign land and its people.

But in the cities you find the people living in a more progressive age than these pheasants who farm small plots with one horse, or if farming on a large



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scale use two and most generally a man or girl leading each horse! altho I saw an old man cultivating his vineyard with an old horse educated to work by "gee and haw" (or something similar) instead of being led or driven.

Tell J. W. the quality of the drinking water is not the best in the world, but, the substitute used by the French and more especially we