

They were entrepreneurs using
the skills that were taught ~~at their mothers~~ ^{by their mothers or} ~~other~~ ^{own} ~~women~~ ^{other}
to create businesses for themselves &
their families ~ the ~~opened~~ ^{opened} cañons,
hotels, they cooked & did housekeeping
& taught & opened stores,
what ever it took to create a
meager living out of ^{the barren high plains of} western ~~life~~ ^{life}

They were indeed hard workers
& learned to drive teams of oxen,
mules & horses, planted & reared
gardens, then ~~cooked~~ ^{cooked} & canned for

the winter, they help plow fields ~~of~~ ^{planted}
then ^{harvested} wheat ^{& struck} corn, ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~sheep~~ ^{sheep}. They
raised ^{milks} ~~milks~~ ^{milks} ~~but~~ ^{feed} ~~but~~ ^{feed} & fatten
hogs, then slaughtered them & cured
ham & cooked pork chops, they could
ride ^{horse} ~~as~~ ^{as} good as any man & ~~dared~~ ^{dared} only
to enter into a shooting contest. ~~foot~~

Toting & handling shotguns, Rifles, & pistols.
SHOOTING COONS, rabbits & even deer &
antelope.