



- ☺ with solar energy
- ☺ with candles and oil
- ☺ with torches/flashlights

It was always warm in this parlour, even in winter. Can you discover how it was heated? Where did they feed the fire? What did they burn? How did they produce light at night?

"Hello children. My name's Minou and I'd like to show you my favourite hiding places. Right now I'm playing with Stin's wool, but she's sure to chase me away in a moment. See you in the kitchen!"

1 The north parlour, snugery

2 Kitchen

"Aenni is my favourite scullery maid. She always gives me bits of bread dipped in milk. In return, I catch mice for her in the kitchen. When I'm tired, I just whiz upstairs."



The Althuus kitchen is sure to look quite different from yours at home! What's that strange clay-coated dome made of plaited willow?

- ☺ It catches sparks and is used to smoke sausages
- ☺ it collects the heat
- ☺ it keeps people dry in winter

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- ☺ as pets
- ☺ for milk
- ☺ for milk, meat and as draught animals

You are now in the stables. Can you find the pig sty, the hen house and the cow barn? Why did people keep cows?

"I have lots of hiding places here. Sometimes I just peep inside from a distance because I'm rather scared of these huge creatures. The mice know this and scamper around between the horses' legs to get at the oats."

8 Stables

3 Gallery

"Hush, don't disturb me. I've had a rough night. That ginger tom kept pestering me. When my belly swells with kittens in the spring I'll clamber up under the roof."

This is where the maidservants slept. Sometimes they had to share a bed. Can you guess how they reached the gallery before the kitchen stairs were built? Do you know what we call the passage under the roof that runs around the living quarters?

- ☺ the attic
- ☺ the terrace
- ☺ the veranda

- ☺ uniforms, frozen produce
- ☺ wine, equipment, bicycles
- ☺ clothes, grain, important papers, sausages, dried foods, equipment

The storehouse (called a 'Spicher' in the local dialect) is a farming family's treasure chest. It is separate from the farmhouse and thus protected against fire. What used to be stored here?



"It's a red letter day today! I angled myself a sausage! If Elsi only knew! You won't tell her will you? I'll dash off to the stable now!"

7 Storehouse

4 Hayloft

"This is my favourite hiding place. It's where I have my kittens. Sometimes there are 3 in my litter; sometimes 5. Tucked away here I feed them and later teach them how to catch mice. In winter I always try to sneak into the front parlour, where it's always nice and warm."

What is the roof of this house covered with? Originally, in 1703, it was thatched. This is what one calls a ridge-post house. A ridge-post is a very long vertical beam that rests on the ground and supports the roof. Are the posts evenly distributed? How many should there be?

- ☺ 3
- ☺ 5
- ☺ 8

6 Cellar

"Here I always find something scuttling around that's good to eat. If I feel really brave I'm able to catch a rat. There's more meat on a rat than on a mouse. Sometimes I'm also lucky in the storehouse."

- ☺ from the nearby reservoir
- ☺ there's a huge water tank down there
- ☺ it's ground water

It was always a little spooky in the dark cellar, without electric light. It smelled damp and stank of pickled cabbage. Do you know where the water comes from that you can pump up through the wooden pipe on the kitchen veranda?

5 The south parlour, snugery

"It's hard to spot me when I'm under the stove. If they did, they'd just chase me away. Sometimes I do need to go outside though, to do my business. Elsi scolds me then because I scratch out the freshly planted seedlings. She shoos me away and I escape to the cellar."

Have you discovered the funny chair? Do you know where people used to go to the toilet and where they washed?

- ☺ They used the long-drop toilet and washed in the laundry room.
- ☺ They found a quiet place in the stable and they washed at the pump.
- ☺ Their neighbour's house was more modern – they went there