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I went to Longfellow's for a visit. There were eight rooms in the house that we visited. One of the rooms was little Henry's room. It had a soft flowery smell to it and it was gorgeous with the canopy bed and a rocking horse in it. The next room I visited was Alexander's room. I loved this room most. The room had a wooden nightstand with a mirror and the room smelled like lavender. I really like the smell of lavender. We went to Zilpah's room to see it. Zilpah's room had a bed with covers on it to keep the heat in and mosquitoes out. She gets cold easily and the bites really bother her. We went to visit Anne's room - she did not have a canopy bed, she had a regular bed but it was a big bed. She had a stand that had her craft stuff on it. There was a small closet with clothes in it and a glass cabinet with a lock on it. The kitchen was interesting - it had a stand in it that they kept the plates and dishes on. The kitchen had three stoves in it. I thought this was interesting. One was little, one was medium, and one was large. They cook inside the little one. They cook on top of the medium and large ones, not inside. One room we went into had benches in it all around the room. We sat in this room on these benches and Peter talked to us about the people that the rooms belong to. There was mistletoe as you went out through the door and Peter explained that there was an old story that if two people were under this at the same time then they had to kiss. Henry also had a room that he and his friends used to play cards in or do little jobs or just hang out. This was Henry's favorite room. In the hall of the house they kept two leather buckets. One bucket held sand and the other bucket held water. The buckets were kept there in case of fire. I enjoyed my trip to Longfellow's very much.



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