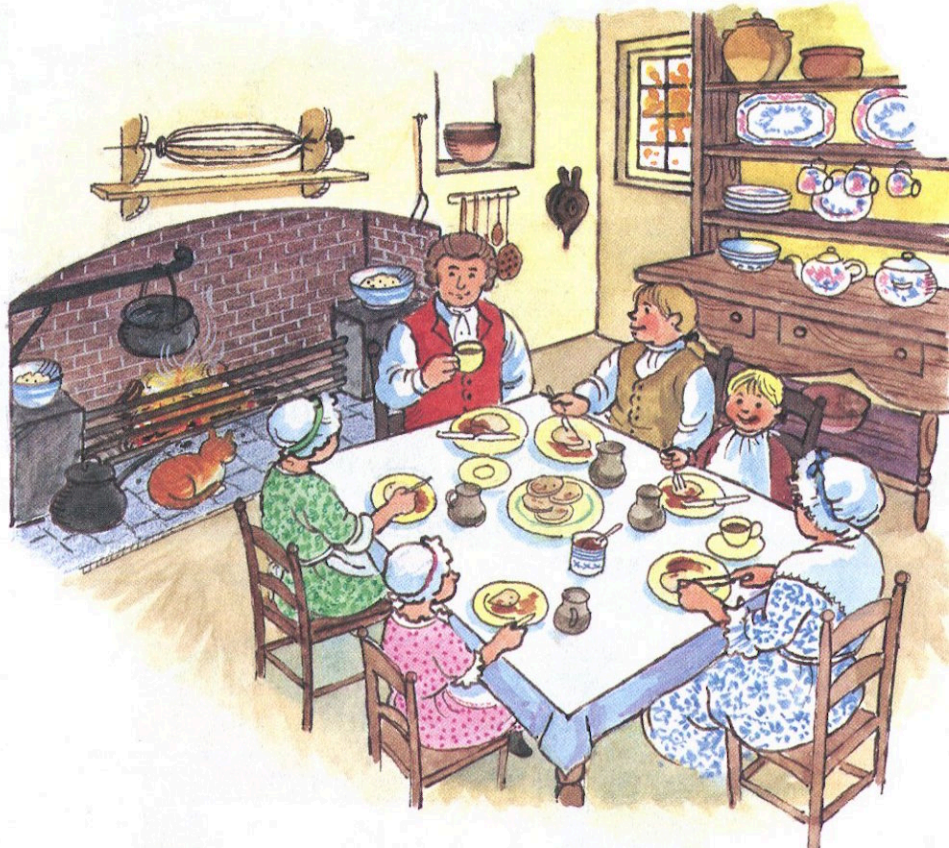
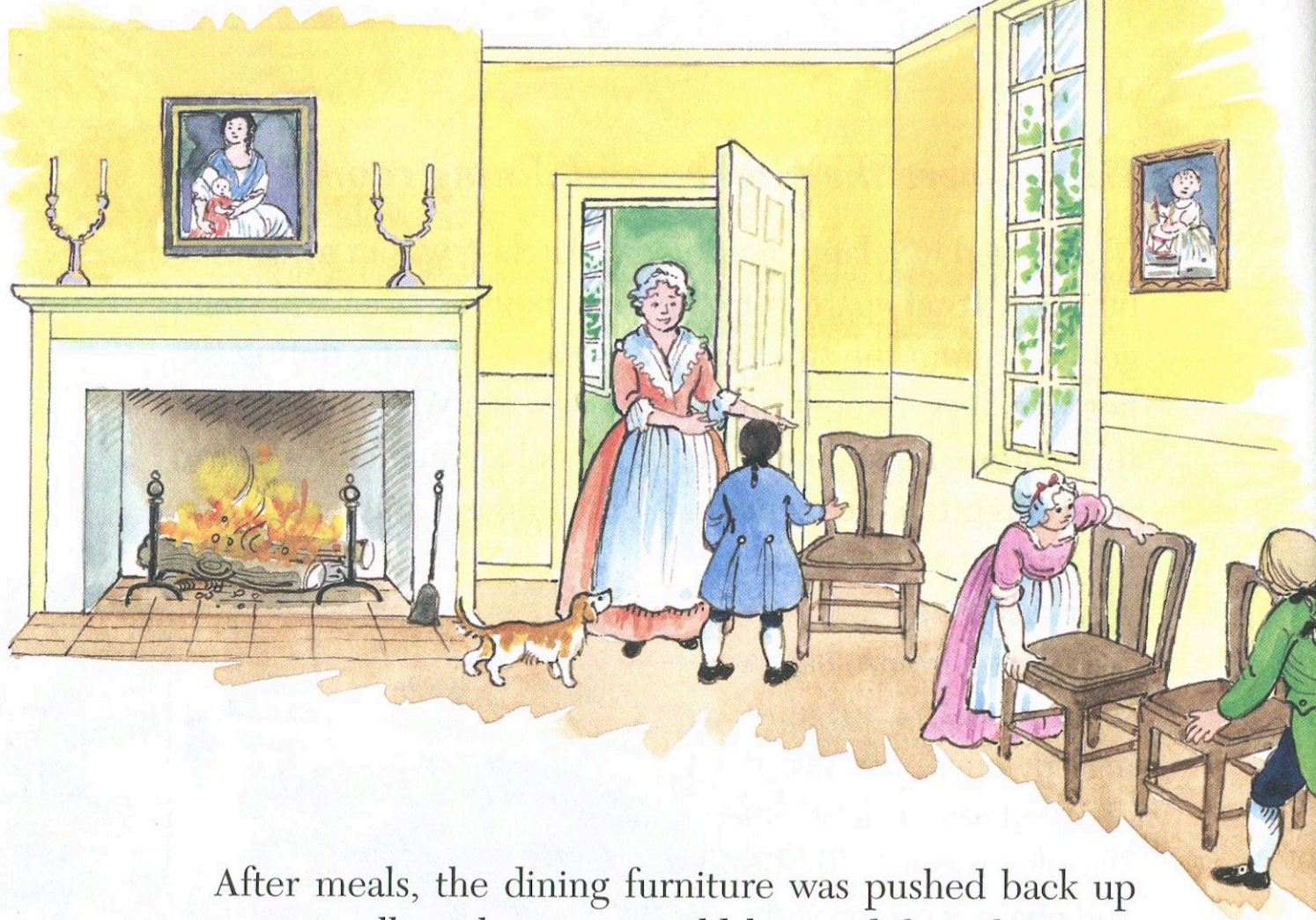


## *Where were the kitchen and dining room?*

If you lived in a large house, your kitchen was in a separate building. It sat apart from the main house so that you could get away from the smell and the heat of cooking during the hot Virginia summers. Not many houses in Williamsburg had this feature. Most people did their cooking in the fireplace in what was often the main room of the house. You might have eaten all your meals there.

A large house had a separate room for dining. In many houses, it doubled as a kind of “family room.” Tables and chairs were brought out into the middle of the room for meals.





After meals, the dining furniture was pushed back up against a wall so the room could be used for other purposes. It was called “putting the room in repose.” It might have been one of your chores.