

barn where it was

threshed with a flail. Farmers used their flails to separate the grain from the stalks.

First the barn floor would be carefully swept and the sheaves would be opened and spread out in layers over the floor. Then the threshers would swing their flails in all directions until the grain was separated from the stalks.

It was very dusty, arm-aching, hard work and went on all day until all the wheat was threshed and the grain was separated from the stalks.