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French It Is

Louis Bromfield and his family lived in France from October 1925 through November 1938. They resided in apartments in Paris until 1931 when they moved to the ancient French town of Senlis, about 25 miles northwest of Paris. Much of the artwork now on display in the Big House at Malabar Farm State Park was acquired during Louis's years in France.

A large print hanging in the Red Room, the artist's name unfortunately illegible, has for years charmed visitors with its obvious French character.

This captivating print has finally been identified. It is a copy of a painting by French impressionist artist Edouard Manet (1832-1883). It is titled *The Balcony* and was painted between 1868 and 1869. Seated on the balcony is French painter Berthe Morisot, The standing figures are painter Jean Baptiste Antoine Guillemet and violinist Fanny Claus.

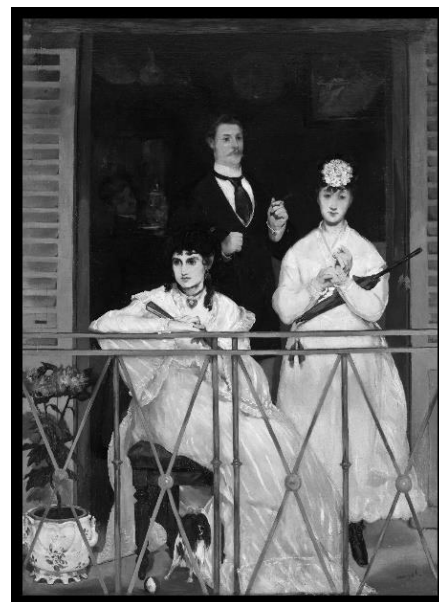


Damage along the road leading to Malabar Farm's picnic area.

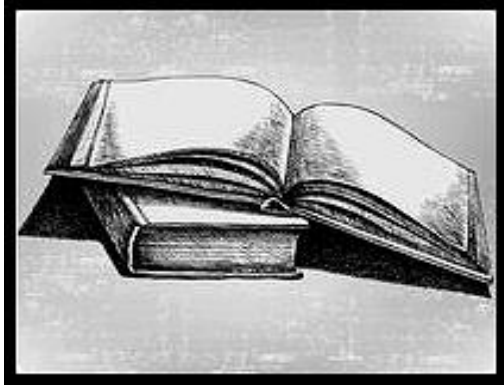
Storm Damage at Malabar Farm

In the late evening hours of June 13, 2022 a severe storm with tornado level winds ripped through Malabar Farm State Park's woodlands tearing hundreds of trees out by their roots and shredding many others that remained standing. The worst damage occurred along the Bridle Trail and in the sugar maple stand east of the Pugh Cabin where nearly half of the maple trees were lost.

Fortunately no buildings were damaged. Power to the Park was lost for nearly a week, closing the Gift Shop and halting tours. With the restoration of electricity the Gift Shop reopened and tours of the Big House and farm resumed. Trails at the Park were temporarily closed, however the Jungle Brook Trail, the Butternut Trail and the Doris Duke Trail have since re-opened. Regrettably, other trails remain closed until further notice. Please call the Park at 419-892-2784 for updates on trail conditions, programming, and tour schedules.



The original Manet painting hangs in the Musée de Orsay, Paris.



Publishing Louis Bromfield

In December of 2018 the Bromfield family transferred the ownership of copyrights for Louis Bromfield's books to the Malabar Farm Foundation, thus insuring that the net income from his books would be used to support Malabar Farm and to promote Louis Bromfield's legacy. Since then the Foundation has signed contracts with publishers in Spain, France and Denmark for several new editions of Bromfield novels including *The Rains Came* and *Mrs. Parkington*.

Last year the Wooster Book Company, publisher of the English language editions of Bromfield's books in the United States ceased operations, ending 20 years of publishing Louis Bromfield's books. The licensing rights to publishing Bromfield's books in the United States were then turned over to the Foundation.

Earlier this year the Malabar Farm Foundation signed contracts with Echo Point Books in Vermont to publish *Malabar Farm* and *The Farm*. These books should be available this fall. Last week the Foundation also signed contracts with the Kent State University Press to publish *Pleasant Valley* and *From My Experience*. These books will likely not be available before next year.

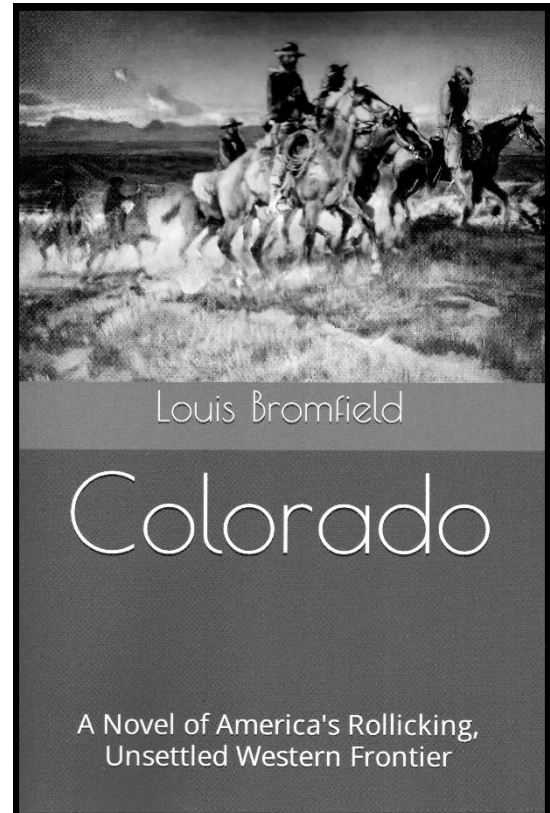
Echo Point is also publishing a new edition of *Early Autumn*, Louis Bromfield's 1927 Pulitzer Prize winning novel. As of January 1, 2022 this novel became part of the Public Domain, however the Echo Point edition will include an exclusive introduction by Thomas Bachelder, president of the Malabar Farm Foundation. This book is now available at Amazon and is stocked at the Malabar Farm State Park Gift Shop.

Neither respect for good writing nor a healthy creative literature can be based upon a philosophy in which content is inferior to form or the thought to the selection of the word.

— Louis Bromfield

New Editions

Earlier this year the Malabar Farm Foundation independently published Louis Bromfield's 1947 novel *Colorado*, his only western.



This book is available at the Foundation's website www.malabarfarm.org, at the Malabar Farm Gift Shop, and at Amazon. The Foundation is currently preparing a new edition of Louis Bromfield's 1932 novel *A Modern Hero*. It should be available early this fall. The Foundation also has plans to publish several additional Bromfield novels that have long been out of print.

Scholarships Awarded

The Malabar Farm Foundation's Education Committee and Board of Directors approved two \$1,000 scholarships from applicants it received for the 2022-2023 school year. All candidates submitted an online application which included an essay inspired by a Louis Bromfield quote. The committee selected the top two candidates based on their written essay, academics, and school activities. Congratulations to our two scholarship winners:

1 – **Myrna L. Lesko**, majoring in Environmental Science at Cleveland State University.

2 – **Emily N. Stevens**, majoring in Agribusiness at Northern Oklahoma College.



**Listening to the Past and Seeing the Future:
Louis Bromfield, the U.N. and the Invasion of Ukraine**

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It is no secret that Lous Bromfield was not a fan of the United Nations. From its inception Bromfield saw that international organization as a huge waste of money, time, and effort. He was opposed to both its operational structure and its underlying philosophical principle.

Initially, Bromfield attacks the U.N.'s organizational structure by pointing to several protocols designed to insure failure rather than success. First, is the initial policy decision to use political tactics to deal with all international problems rather than an economic strategy. In *A New Pattern for a Tired World*, Bromfield writes, that the UN "concerns itself only with the political aspects of world troubles and almost never with the economic inequalities and strains that are the root causes of these troubles."

Second, the U.N. charter ensures that all nations in the General Assembly have equal status, with no reference to the nation's geographical territory, demographic makeup, or economic, military, and political strength. This situation, Bromfield argues, forces the smaller nations to ally themselves with larger, more powerful nations, thus exacerbating, rather than alleviating the divisiveness among the membership,

Third, in direct conflict with the voting protocol in the General Assembly, the operational policies within the Security Council, grant an absolute veto to the four permanent members of the Council, thus guaranteeing that the Council will be powerless to take any action in any crisis that pits one of the four privileged nations against the other three.

Fourth, even in the rare case in which the Security Council decides to act in a crisis, it cannot really do anything on its own because it has no independent, functioning military or police force to carry out that decision.

Bromfield concludes his list of organizational malfunctions when he writes, "The fact is that a world

where nations exist on every possible level of enlightenment, literacy, self-government, ideology, economic conditions and living standards, there is as yet, no place for so-called world government or federation. In such a world, an organization like the U.N. can serve only to distort, magnify, and increase difficulties and disagreements.

All of this shows how impractical the operation of the United Nations has become. Bromfield, of course, does not stop here. Rather, he goes on to explain that the basic philosophical principle upon which the U.N. was formed is fundamentally flawed. That principle is the belief that a globally effective organization can be legislated into existence by writing and signing some sort of universal agreement that mandates the existence of that global organization, while at the same time permitting, even requiring the individual nation-states that make up that organization to continue to act as independent nation-states.

This Bromfield argues represents both the height of pride and the depth of arrogance. Bromfield explains it this way, "One of the basic cosmic and universal laws is that all things, from a crystal to an embryo, grow from a nucleus. But the planners of the U.N. . . attempted to create full grown . . . a functioning, complicated organization in a confused and revolutionary world which was not yet ready for it—an organization which simply could not function or accomplish any real results."

Once again, Bromfield's evaluation of a current events in his era, has proven prophetic in the 21st century. Specifically, the United Nations has been virtually paralyzed in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Much of this is due to the flaws in the U.N.'s operational structure. Sure, it is true that the U.N. General Assembly and the U.N. Human Rights Council both issued resolutions condemning Russia's invasion. In addition, the Human Rights Council also opened an investigation into Russia's actions and the International Court of Justice ordered Russia to cease military operations in Ukraine. Also, among other actions, the U.N. joined other international organizations in an appeal for funds to aid in the care the victims of the invasion.

Still, the bottom line is this. Again, Bromfield is correct. It is simply not possible to conjure up a cooperative global community by signing a few documents and then pretending that the global community really exists. Even, the Boss himself could not perform that kind of miracle.

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