Sentence Combining: Embedding Adjectives, Adverbs, and Prepositional Phrases

Combine each group of sentences into one sentence. Use the first sentence as the base sentence. Adjectives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases that can be embedded into the base sentence are underlined in the first five groups.

Example: Hunting was a sport. Squirrel hunting was a popular one in West

 Caldwell. This was in the 1940s.

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1. I loaded my rifle, cocked the spring, and waited. I was waiting on the steps of the porch, and it was my homemade rifle.
2. When I came in, my mother told me reproachfully. I came into the house. She said that she had seen me from the kitchen window.
3. Bill Jacobus’s father, to help combat the shortage and to supplement rationing, had built a coop. It was the wartime food shortage he was combating. He built a chicken coop. It was in his backyard.
4. Just possibly, she might be the woman. She might be the wisest of all the women on this planet.
5. I got to thinking one day. I was thinking about all those women who passed up dessert. They were on the Titanic. The dessert was at dinner that fateful night. The women had passed it up in an effort to “cut back.”
6. We live on a diet. It is a sparse diet. It is a diet of promises we make when all conditions are perfect. They are promises we make to ourselves.
7. It’s just that I might as well apply it and eliminate the process. I would apply it directly. I would apply it to my hips. I would apply it with a spatula. The process is digestive.
8. We constructed our tents, fumbling and finishing just as the stiffness set in. We constructed them in the dark. We were fumbling with the ropes. We were fumbling with our frozen hands. The stiffness was like rigor mortis.
9. I was on top of Mount Ritter. I was 13,000 feet above sea level. I was entranced by the sight. The sight was of the sun. It was orange-red. It peeked over the peaks. The peaks were glistening. They were far off in the east.
10. Clouds appeared transparent as they glowed. They were cumulous clouds. They glowed red. The red was bright. They were in the morning glory.