

## JANUARY

- 1 Dull, raw day and colder but brightened up before noon. Jim & John Loudon grubbed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and chopped in thicket. Mr. Murdock gave a shooting match, and they went to it. Louis didn't work. Mr. Corbin came out this morning to see Mr. Green. I went down and bought tile flue for Jim's stove, and ordered lumber. Mr. Green and Charlie worked nailing a plank. John Foley hauled lumber and 1 load of locust tops. Sally began to go to school again. I got letter from Julia. Sent letters to the 3 banks in Washington and Georgetown. Ernest and Tom Grant came down in the evening. It turned out a lovely day. Patty quite poorly with her cold. She got letter from Sally H.
- 2 Colder and a disagreeable day - snowed a little. Mr. Green & Charlie worked nailing on plank. Mr. G. went home tonight. Jim and John Loudon worked cleaning up the thicket. Louis and John F. hauled oak rails. Sally didn't go to school. I went to Bellevue - ordered a pr. of shoes at Mr. Boyer's. Mr. Kelly came from Gallatin today - has rented a place.
- 3 My young Kelly cow, Jane, had a white heifer calf, her second calf, according to what Mrs. K said. Mr. Green came back and he and Charlie worked at the fence towards Mr. Rice's after dinner and at this end before. John and Louis hauled new rails off the hills before dinner and posts and old rails after. I went up to see the rails and to see Mr. Hunt's clearing. After dinner went to Mr. Moreland's to look at Mr. Sullivan's calves. Maggie S. came to see about working for me. I got letter from Sally Pollock and BBG and circular from bank. It was cold this a.m., 20 degrees above 0 - turned warmer, at freezing at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 p.m.
- 4 Quite a heavy snow this morning, several inches deep. 2 degrees below freezing at 6 a.m. Snowed sometime during the day. Louis fixed the sheep pen under the big barn and drove the sheep up. We had the cattle put up in the lot for the first time this winter. John Foley cleaned out the stable, attended to the young cow with the calf, hauled the long trough to the sheep pen &c. I went up to Mrs. Sullivan's and engaged to take her 2 calves at 18.00 and to take Maggie to work. Mr. Green & Charlie worked facing posts. Ernest came down and Pat went to Bellevue with him. 20 degrees above 0 at 9 p.m.
- 5 2 degrees below 0 at 6 a.m. Mr. Green said it was too cold to work and went home. Louis didn't want to work and went to Bellevue. I sent down 3 horses by John F. to be shod. Went to Mr. Corbin's to settle my bill and I gave Mr. Corbin an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster for \$103. John Sullivan brought his mother & calves here and I pd. him \$18 for them with Pat as witness as he was a minor. I borrowed the money of Sally to pay for the calves. Bright and cold. Hilda and I walked to Bellevue.
- 6 Sunday- 4 degrees above 0 at 8 a.m. Sally was poorly all day with a bad cold. Sudy Arnold came over and stayed to dinner. Ernest and Mr. Cole came. Ernest took Patty to Bellevue to go on the boat with Mr. Corbin to Cinti. I sent by her a letter to Julia asking her to get a silk dress for Patty and get the money out of mine, Mr. Foster has. Dumont came after Aunt Eliza and she went to Rising Sun. Maggy Sullivan came to work for me.
- 7 8 degrees below 0 at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 a.m. Coldest night of the year so far. Didn't get much done. Louis and John went to Bellevue and got a load of Mr. Clore's coal, gross 3360 lbs - wagon 950 lbs = 2410 lbs. They hauled a little wood after dinner. Mr. Murdock gave a dance. Sally rather poorly.
- 8 Moderating, 3 degrees below 0 at 7 a.m. Went up to 28 or 29 above 0 during the day. Bright and pretty. Louis and John hauled some stove wood- had the cattle for the first time turned on stalk field. Hilda went to Bellevue and brought mail. I got picture of Sally and a letter from Nat'l Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 8.00. Jim L. got a bushel of potatoes, the last of those Mr. Murdock said he was to have.
- 9 Weather warmer - up to 32 degrees above 0 at 7 a.m. Louis took Pink to Mr. Lillard's. I had 8 bells put on the sheep and had them turned out for a while. Louis & John hauled some wood, stove wood. I stayed home all day. Cattle on stalk field yet.
- 10 Thawing and snow melting. Took Sally to school again. Mr. Green called as he went by for a few moments. I went to Louisa's and to Bellevue and for Sally. Got letter from Patty, and from Bk. Of Washington with draft for \$39. and from Farmer's & Mech's Bk. Georgetown for \$28. Louis and John hauled rock from the chimney of the old tenant house to the fence row on the new road.

- 11 Went to Rising Sun - got the 3 drafts cashed, \$75. and took it. Roads very bad. Louis took the wagon and helped Mr. Hunt haul his wood till dinner. John Foley cut tops and got ready kitchen wood. Louis did the same after dinner I believe.
- 12 Was getting ready to go away when Dumont came after corn for Uncle Jilson - Before I could start, R.E. came and stayed to dinner. After he left Hilda and I went to Bellevue. I made a little call to see Kate Corbin - stopped at Louisa's afterwards to see Mrs. Fanny Grant. Got letter from Julia with mem. of the money she spent getting Patty's things, silk dress &c. Louis only worked ½ day hauling wood, then Charlie had the wagon to haul some wood. John cut some wood I believe.
- 13 Sunday - Rained all day. Sally had toothache all day nearly. Dr. Grant came for a little while. Sent Clara to Mr. Rice's by Mr. Kelly and John - but his 'animal' was gone home.
- 14 Mr. Green came and he and Charlie worked facing posts. Louis was away. John Foley took meat out of salt, fed, &c and hauled a few posts out. Another little lamb came. Had the big sow put up in the pen. Poor Sally had toothache, was nearly distracted with it.
- 15 Raw and colder and disagreeable. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Green and Charlie worked at fence - set posts towards Mr. Rice's. Louis came back today. He and John F. hauled posts and old rails from the old fence Mr. Green pulled down. Sally poorly with her face swollen badly. Jim L. came over and we settled up and I measured 1 ½ cord stove wood he cut. Mr. Murdock has been hauling his corn to the river the last few days. He sold to Frank Grant. Mrs. Loudon washed today instead of Martha. Sally got letter from Patty. I got one from Julia. Began to feed Hetty scalded meal instead of corn.
- 16 Mr. Green & Charlie worked at fence near Mr. Rice's. I went to see Mr. Rice about the line, and about hay. Louis and John hauled some fodder out of Charlie's new ground loads, and some lumber to the fence, and some from Bellevue. I went to Bellevue, took letters to the 3 banks to acknowledge the drafts I got. Went to see Mr. Clore about coal and about Mr. Rice's hay. Sally still poorly. Another lamb this morning.
- 17 A beautiful spring-like day. Mr. Green & Charlie worked at the fence. Louis cleared a place for John to haul rails- took the rest of the meat out and hung it &c. John F. hauled rails from the point up by Mr. Hunt's to the fence row by the pike. Jim L. and John worked in the thicket. The young people in the neighborhood had a surprise party here- left before midnight. It was a perfectly beautiful night. Sally still poorly. I went over to Mr. Rice's to see about hay. Mrs. Garnett and Louisa came and took dinner.
- 18 Another lovely day - bright and warm. Louis & John hauled rock to fix the smoke house floor and for the worm of the string of fence opposite the yard gate. Then Louis went after Mr. Nolan's trowel &c. and began to fix the smoke house. John hauled new rails from the high hill Jim & John L. worked in the thicket I believe. I hadn't time to go and see them. Mr. Green and Charlie worked at the fence this side of the stable and cut as they did yesterday. I sent my young sow to Mr. Rice by Jim L. I went to Bellevue - took Sally who was better - stopped at Louisa's to see Mrs. Nancy Arnold.
- 19 Another warm day- lovely. Jim Loudon like a simpleton took the wrong sow yesterday so I sent for her and sent the Walton sow to Mr. Rice's. Jim & John worked ½ day in the thicket and John cleaned away some hedge brush while Jim took the sow. I settled up with Jim and pd him for John 1.00 so I am now owing John .80 and Jim owes me .25, see a/c book. Mr. Green & Charlie worked at the fence setting posts behind the house, quit at 4 Mr. G. says. Louis worked fixing the stonework in the smoke house floor. John Foley hauled rails from beyond Mr. Hunt's and 1 load of hedge brush to the gully. He found Florence Clore's ring and I took it to her. Cordy came over and stayed with Sally this evening. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. I took a letter from Sally to Patty. It rained this evening.
- 20 Rained almost all day. We went to Louisa's and dined and spent the day.
- 21 Another lamb. Rained nearly all day but I was out. Charlie put up the string of fence in place of that old pole fence & afterwards I believe he hauled some rock. Jim & John Loudon worked at clearing away hedge brush and then went to the thicket. I don't know whether they quit for rain or not. John F. hauled away trash from the line where Charlie put up the fence and then hauled rails for it. Louis finished the smokehouse floor and ran cattle out of bottom and he and John shelled some corn. I found my sheller broken. Mr. Rice sent home the Walton sow.
- 22 Disagreeable day - cloudy, windy and turning colder. Charlie put up the rail fence to inclose the barnyard from the big pasture. John & Louis hauled rails for him till I was ready to go to Rising Sun - then John took us to the river - after that he hauled rails for Charlie, attended to stock &c. and went to the river for us. Louis took us to Rising Sun and I had Sally's tooth pulled. I took wheat down and got flour - also a sack of corn and had it ground for Aunt Sally.

- Got postal from a man named Wells about renting. Jim & John L. worked up in the thicket I am told. John Coons dug a ditch for me from the spring branch to the bridge in the fill.
- 23 Two other lambs. Bright day and colder, 24 degrees above 0 in the morning, 23 degrees above at 10 p.m. Sally started to school again. Mr. Green came back - worked in the barn a while and then nailing plank on the fence - the old plank. John attended to the stock &c. then hauled old lumber then rails - the 24 new rails from the point in the pasture and old ones. Charlie worked - he and Louis got the old lumber off the fence and then started the rail fence across Searcy branch. Charlie worked at that the rest of the day - after noon Louis helped Mr. Green nail on lumber. Jim & John Loudon worked in the thicket. John Coons worked at a ditch from the bridge to Searcy branch. Dr. Piatt and Harry Botts called here today while I was out. I went to Louisa's. I started smoke under the meat this morning. Sent postal to Mr. Wells. Dr. Grant came by to see me, says Mr. Murdock's corn was so damaged that it had been sold 3 times and returned.
- 24 Another lamb, just about as cold as yesterday and bright and pretty. Mr. Green and Charlie worked at the fence nailing on old lumber and fixing bar \_ots. John Foley took one to Bellevue in the wagon to get mail &c. and afterwards hauled rails. He only worked ½ day - had headache. Louis worked at fixing stalls in stable and the usual everyday work. I believe Jim and John worked in the thicket but hadn't time to go and see them. John Coons finished the ditch before dinner and I pd. him, see a/c book. I went to Bellevue with Hilda - she got news of her uncle being very sick. I got letter from Pat with a tin picture of herself & Posey. We stopped at Mr. Clore's.
- 25 Rained moderately off and on nearly all day. Mr. Green worked. Charlie ½ day. They moved the old gate up and set it and various little things. Louis and John hauled some locust posts from the stable shed and so had a rut catching. Then they hauled a lot of loose lumber up to the barn. After dinner Louis tinkered a little at the stable and John sorted some potatoes in the kitchen cellar - didn't get much done. I rode almost all day - took Sally to school and went for her as usual - rode on the point up the pike to hunt hickory wood and up to Jim Loudon's &c.
- 26 Pretty bright warm day - Mr. Green and Charlie worked at fence nailing boards on behind the house and setting posts in garden. John hauled the lumber for Mr. Green and posts and he and Louis hauled out hedge brush from the garden. Louis quit at noon and got John L. to work in his place. Jim & John L. sawed and set locust posts for the paling from the trees blown down in the sand field, ½ day. After dinner John F. and John Loudon hauled some rails from the garden and a load of hickory wood from the point. Mr. Kelly came in and we had a sort of settlement.
- 27 Sunday - Rained hard last night and off and on all day. Stayed home till 4 when I took Hilda down to go to Cin. on her way to Jacksonville. She missed the boat and waited for the Shirley. We stayed at Mike Corbin's and saw her on the other boat. Borrowed of Mike 40.00 for her and expected to give Mr. Corbin an order for it, but he was gone on the other boat. Sally and I came out together in the pitch dark in the wagon. I gave Mike letters for Cousin Kate and for Patty from Sally. Another lamb.
- 28 Dull cloudy disagreeable day- colder in the evening. John Foley poorly- didn't work. Charlie knocked off some old lumber and then helped Louis haul old rails. Jim and John L. worked getting out paling posts and making up tops of locust. I went to Louisa's for Sally.
- 29 Colder - 26 degrees above 0 at 6 a.m. Disagreeable and raw all day. Sent John to Bellevue this morning with letters to Patty and Mr. Foster. After that he hauled posts and rails out of the locust tops. Charlie and Louis worked till noon at the fence on the road towards Mr. Garnett's. Mr. Green came about 1 p.m. and then Charlie helped him and I sent Louis to Bellevue for mail and bolts and hinges. I got letter from Mrs. Brown and envelope from Patty with Patty's doctor bill for \$3, also 3 letters and postal for Hilda, Louis then helped John haul posts &c. A young man named Lodge came to see about renting. Jim & John L. worked in the locust grove cutting tops and splitting them. Had the calves turned on the rye. In my letter to Mr. Foster I asked him to send me a draft for \$75. and to let Patty have 25.00 on my account.
- 30 Had to stay home on account of company - Kate Corbin and her 2 sisters & Sudy Arnold spent the day and dined. I had to be in the kitchen nearly all the time bothering with May who is such a poke I can hardly endure her. Mr. Green left before sun up to see his brother. Charlie worked part of a day on the fence towards Mr. Garnett's line. Louis helped him. John took Sally to school and went after her and then he and Louis had to attend to the cattle &c. It snowed furiously and turned out a dreadful night - wind blowed and broke off one of my mamma's cedars in the front yard. Louis left out 13 sheep in the storm. Isaac came after potatoes.

31 Deep snow on the ground and wet and disagreeable. The boys didn't get much done. Shelled a little corn, cleared paths &c. After dinner Sally and I went to Bellevue on the sled - we went by for Mrs. Garnett and some of the Arnolds. I got the mail - a letter from Mr. Foster inclosing a draft for \$75. I endorsed it and gave it to Mike to pay for the \$40. I borrowed of him Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> for Hilda - also paid my store bill of \$26. and got the balance of 9. Got letters from buddy and Hilda.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Not very cold, but dull disagreeable day and snowing a little. As I took Sally to school I went to Mr. Ed. Green's - he died last night. John Loudon came and I settled up with him and paid him off in full to date; see a/c book. Louis wanted to settle up to go away tonight so I paid him off in full also see a/c book. The boys hauled some little drags of wood and shelled some corn - got very little done.
- 2 Much colder, 20 degrees above 0 this morning. I went to Bellevue and took letters to Patty and postal to Hilda - got there too late for mail but left letters. Afterwards towards noon it was bright for a little while and thawed fast. I went to Mr. Clore's and paid him for the coal I bought the 7<sup>th</sup>. Two dollars of it he let go for the pasture Jim Moreland owed me and I pd. him the balance, see a/c book. John shelled a little corn and took three sacks to mill, brought one back. Mr. Kelly offered to exchange his sand bed with me for wood and I did so. Got letter from Hilda with draft for 20. she borrowed of me. In the evening Lily and Katy came over and Lily stayed with me.
- 3 Sally right poorly last night - had fever. Mr. Murdock talking in the kitchen about corn said he hadn't got the weights of his corn yet, and that Smith & Bryant sent 1500 sacks and he only filled 645. Tom Nettles said he thought they must have filled more, but Mr. M. said not. Mr. Ed Green was buried today. I couldn't go on account of Sally not being well. Cold and snow on the ground still. Lily went home this evening.
- 4 Still cold - John only fed and attended to stock and hauled a little fodder. Sally still poorly, but seems better tonight. Mrs. Lizzie Hadley came today and I saw her baby too. Sent by Charlie letters to Hilda & Patty.
- 5 Colder this morning, but moderate afternoon. Sally still poorly. I went to Bellevue late and was surprised at receiving of Mr. I. Flick \$25.00 on the sale note. Got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for \$20. I got from Hilda the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saw Mr. Brady at Mr. Corbin's and he gave me certificate of Turnpike stock. I sent by Mrs. Arnold postal for Patty. John didn't get much done - patched up stable door, cleaned out stable loft and scattered the seed trash round the fence in the little pasture. 9 degrees above 0 at 7 a.m. Moderated after a while. John nailed boards in the big barn to keep pigs & cattle out and hauled a load of wood, besides the everyday work. Sally poorly still.
- 7 Warmer - John helped me put tar on the noses of some sheep with colds - hauled some fodder off the new ground. After dinner he went to Bellevue - took 1 bus. potatoes to Mr. Nolan and brought the money .40. I sent by him letter and paper to Belle R. and Hilda's paper. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Hilda. Charlie worked part of a day pulling down the old stable and staking fence he said.
- 8 Rained all day. John & May got home late from a dance and I didn't get much done all day. The creek was too high to drive some of the sheep over and they have been out yesterday and today. John sorted potatoes in the kitchen cellar. The Kelly's got off today by our settlement Mr. Kelly owes me 14.18 - says he hasn't the money to pay now. Sally in bed all day.
- 9 Raining of course - it does little else. John sorted a few potatoes. Mr. Rice came in to see about the fence and gateway in the field next him. After dinner John got Jack S. to work in his place while he went visiting. I took Jack and showed him how to fasten the gate and fence holes Mr. Rice spoke of. Then I went to look at the sheep in the pasture, 33 of them - still such high water they couldn't cross. Went to Bellevue for mail - got EO notice about Sally's package and magazines from Sue &c. Was out in a storm with thunder and lightning and hard rain.
- 10 Sunday - Another disagreeable day - snowing a wet snow - towards noon went to Louisa's to ask her to let Cordy come- she came after dinner. Sally better - got up & dressed and played. Cordy stayed all night.
- 11 Sally worse in the night - afterwards better. Took Cordy to school. John was poorly - didn't get much done. Afterwards he went to bed sick. One of my old ewes very sick - dosed her but think she will die. Another old ewe had twins - one died very soon. Got Charlie to feed this evening. Let Jim L. have the horses and sled this evening to get wood for himself. After dinner

- he went to Bellevue and got me a load of coal - he didn't bring the weights. Colder - only 22 degrees above zero at 7 a.m. Moderated afterwards.
- 12 The other twin lamb died this morning and Charlie found one dead in the sheep cellar. I went to Bellevue with mail - took letters to Patty and Sue and to Ex. Agt. Walton and Hilda's paper. When I came home found the smoke house had been broken open and 4 sides, 2 hams and 1 or 2 shoulders stolen. Went to Bellevue after dinner and got staple made and Mr. Green put it in. Mr. Green was here when I got home from Bellevue in the morning - worked at gates. I got mail - letters from Patty & Sue and book. This evening found a new lamb with the sheep. John didn't work. Charlie worked - hauled wood mostly. Jim & John L. worked ½ day in the thicket I believe. Didn't have time to go and see. Sally better. I heard that Katy Arnold joined the church last night.
  - 13 Sally started to school again. Mr. Green worked at the fence in the garden and at gates. Charlie helped him till he quit to go to Rising Sun with me. Went down to see Judge Stewart about the smoke house being broken into &c. as it was thought the meat was taken by Rising Sun - didn't get any satisfactory information. John hauled fodder &c. Jim & John L. worked in the thicket. John found the lost axe up there. One of the ewes had twins. We went to church at night.
  - 14 Mr. Green worked at hanging gates and making them. Charlie helped till he quit to go with me to Rising Sun. Saw Judge Stewart and again tried to find out something from him but couldn't. Came home and took Sally down to church this evening. Got letters from Hilda for me and Sally, and Sally got Valentine from Pat. May says John L. worked ½ day and Jim all day in the thicket. John Foley says he found 2 single lambs and twins this morning - after they were turned out he found another. A year ago today poor Louly died.
  - 15 Looked like rain but cleared off and was lovely and spring-like. John hauled some paling posts for Mr. Green and buried old sheep and lambs. After dinner he hauled 8 loads of wood for Mr. Hunt. Charlie helped Mr. Green with the posts. It was the last day of Mr. Snyder's school. I went to Louisa's for Sally and stayed a little while. R. E. came and stayed all night. Sally and I went to church with him. I had the calf Hart, turned into the rye to wean and put the Sullivan calves on it too.
  - 16 Lovely day, almost like spring. Mr. Green & Charlie worked at the garden fence setting posts. John didn't get much done, besides attending to stock - he had to get the sheep out of Mr. Arnold's pasture and put up his fence and hauled the old sheep that had twins the 11<sup>th</sup> down to the barn. John didn't work after noon - he went to Bellevue - I got postal from Hilda. Sally and I went to church. Ernest came home with us.
  - 17 Sunday Went to church in the morning. Ernest came and dined with us. We went to church again in the evening. Ernest came home. 2 lambs, one of them black.
  - 18 Set Charlie to cutting down the rest of the hedge on a line with the garden gate. By the time he got done, Mr. Green came and they worked at the paling. John didn't get anything done this morning but attend to stock. The old sheep died yesterday or today. There was another pair of twins and 1 lamb. After dinner John hauled stakes &c. out of the sand field. I went on cherry hill to take Mr. Hunt a message from Dr. Grant. Sally and I went to church this evening. I took down a letter to Patty and one to Hilda.
  - 19 Mr. Green & Charlie worked at paling and hewing and setting posts to the gate into the other big pasture. John attended to stock and fixed a pen under the barn for the youngest lambs. Hauled the posts for Mr. Green and some old lumber from the stable Charlie took down. I was out all day nearly. I believe Jim L. worked ½ day cutting down hedge sprouts in the sand field. Sally and I went to church in the evening with the Murdocks. Lily Arnold and 3 others joined. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
  - 20 Pleasant day though cloudy - rained afterwards. John Foley sick again - didn't work. Charlie worked - attended to stock &c. and hauled Mr. Hunt's wood, 11 loads he said. I went up to the thicket to see Jim & John L. who worked there part of a day - were here on their way at a quarter of 8 and back again at ½ past 4. Harry Botts came for a few moments to get some books.
  - 21 Joe Mauer came this morning and paid me 3.00 for cow pasture. Another lamb this morning. Went to Louisa's before dinner and to Bellevue after - no mail. Mr. Green worked at the garden paling & repairing the yard paling. Charlie helped him and did the other work. John F. didn't work. Jim & John L. worked part of the day in the thicket - didn't start till after 8 and it rained after 1. Hard thunder & lightning today - raining hard at bedtime too.
  - 22 Another lamb - Raining off and on all day. Mr. Green worked at the barn repairing gate, making sheep troughs &c. Charlie did the feeding &c. and hauled stakes &c. out of the sand field & helped Mr. Green. John Foley didn't work. Ernest Grant came down with a note from his

father asking me to lend him a few hundred dollars for 15 days. Ernest said he wanted 500. so I wrote an order on Mr. Foster for that amount payable to the order of E. L. Grant. John & Jim L. worked ½ day in the thicket.

- 23 Mr. Green went home soon this morning. Charlie worked - took me to Bellevue in the wagon to exchange lumber at Mr. Corbin's. When I went down took letters to Julia and Mr. Foster and postal to Hilda. Charlie & John Foley hauled stakes & trash out of the sand field and hauled gate posts and a gate down to the fill and some rail pieces for wood. Jim & John worked ½ day in the thicket. Mr. Moreland came down to talk about his land business but as Miss Parker and Annie Moody were here he wouldn't stay.
- 24 Sunday - Bright pretty day till afternoon. Sally and I went to church and to the baptism. There was a tremendous crowd for this neighborhood and 20 I believe baptized, Katy and Lily Arnold first of all. Went to Louisa's for a little while after dinner.
- 25 Colder - pleasant part of the day and raw and disagreeable the rest - snowed a few moments. Charlie and John Foley worked cutting wood, hauling locust tops out of the sand field. Jim and John L. worked in the thicket.
- 26 Bright and rather cool. Charlie and Jim and John L. worked today grubbing and cleaning up in the clover field next Mr. Arnold's. John Foley hauled tops and stakes out and the trunk on the old burnt hedgerow in the sand field. Mr. Walton and George came down and I went up to look at the line fence next the pike. Sent to the P.O. by Mr. Murdock a letter to buddy and postal to Patty. Got letter from Hilda. Cordy came home with Sally.
- 27 Another bright clear day and rather cool. Charlie hauled all day - at first fodder. I bought 10 shocks of his at .15 and he hauled them, and all I had of my own. Afterwards he hauled the grubs and trash out of the fencerow and field - so did John Foley. Mr. Fowler, the assessor, came this evening.
- 28 Bright pretty day. Another lamb. I sent Charlie to Mr. Jim Rogers's with Clara. Afterwards he worked on the fence up the pike. John took Jane down to be shod this morning and afterwards hauled rails. Jim & John L. worked in the thicket. Jim deadened some buckeye trees in the pasture too. I had one bush pile in the thicket burnt. Went to the line fence between me and Mr. Jim Rogers, to see him about it. Mr. Winston went by today and spoke about my business &c. Cordy went home. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Mr. Foster and one from Pat for Sally. Stopped at Louisa's to bring Sally home.

[Miscellaneous Notes on last pages of journal booklet]

Timothy

Prepare ground in fall - plough and harrow - sow in Feb. Allow 1 bushel to six acres if sowed alone. If sowed with clover allow 4 lbs clover to the acre, and 1 bushel of timothy to acres. A simple way is to take 2 buckets timothy to 1 bucket clover and mix. A good hand can sow 10, 12, 15, acres a day.

Some say 1 ½ gallon timothy to the acre. Wheat 1 bus. 1 pk. to the acre in fallow ground. 1 ½ bus. wheat to the acre in corn.

Clover

Mr. Clore says sow it on ground ploughed and harrowed smooth - without any oats or other grain - sow 10 lbs to the acre on poor ground - 8 lbs. on rich ground. If possible sow just before a rain. Generally they tell me to allow 1 bus. seed to 6 acres.

Ernest says 1 bushel to 4 acres - of clover. 1 ½ bus. oats to the acre sowed with clover. 1 bushel millet to the acre. German millet.

Spanish buns.

1 pt. powdered sugar. ¾ cup butter, 4 eggs, 1 cup sweet milk 1 qt sifted flour, 3 teaspoonfuls baking powder sifted in the flour. 1 tablespoonful ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoonful cloves bake in a quick oven - eggs not beaten separately (sic). Then make a parting from the whites of the two eggs and one cup powdered sugar, after the cake is done spread this over it and brown it in the oven like a meringue. Bake in shallow tin pans and leave it in and cut in squares to take out.

Shrewsbury Cakes

1 lb. flour - ½ lb. sugar - ½ lb. butter, 4 eggs, mace or nutmeg in a little wine - drop on buttered tins and sift a little sugar on them.

Charlotte Russe – Julia's

Take ½ box gelatine – put a little cold water over it – after it soaks soft, pour a little boiling water on it and dissolve it – sweeten and flavor to taste, and set it to cool. Sweeten and flavor 1 qt. rich cream and whip it stiff – add the gelatine gradually whipping it all the time with Dover egg beaten.

For Scarlet Fever

Steep smart weed without boiling it and give it as a tea – if not able to swallow drop it on the tongue. Apply to the throat the steeped leaves and stems of the weed as hat as can be tolerated. Sue Tew's prescription. Smart weed tea well sweetened is also good for a cough.

For bots in horses.

Drench with very strong sage tea, with a cup of N.O. molasses to a quart of the tea.

For Warts – castor oil, applied frequently for animals add a little turpentine to keep the flies off.

Hilda's Salve.

¼ lb beef lard – 1 tablespoonful of Venice turpentine – as much red precipitate as will lie on dime – mix well in a china vessel, with a stick.

Liniment

Hartshorn 1 ½ oz Camphor gum 1 oz. Turpentine 2 oz. sweet oil 4 oz. Alcohol 8 oz. For man or beast.

Rheumatism – Acute or chronic

Acute – Extract of spotted nettle (*Rutica pillifera*) 1 piont – Spirits turpentine 1 oz – S\_ict of Belladonna ½ oz. – Olive oil 2 oz. Heat the parts at the fire an rub well 3 times a day with the mixture. Also let the outer [?] be very light, and bowels open twice daily – in very severe cases give the following internal mixture

48 gr. Iodide Potassium mixed in 6 ounces of water. Directions a tablespoonful. 3 times daily an hour before meals.

Chicken Cholera cure.

Calomel 10 grains

Spanish Brown 1 drachm

Mix in a pint of dough for 12 chickens – feed only to sick ones.

Scarlet Fever

D. H. O'Neill

Bowels open by gentle purgative. Every 3 hours give 1 teaspoonful of sweet spirits of Nitre or Acetate of Ammonia – Sponge the body all over morning and evening with tepid water and vinegar. As fever begins to abate give a little quinine 1 gr 3 times a day with 5 drops of muriated F\_\_\_t Iron in ½ wine glass water wash mouth and throat with solution of chlorate of Potassium. If there be tendency to inflammation of the lungs apply fly blister on the chest. If the skin be covered with small blisters grease them with olive oil. Room free from drafts but ventilated well – diet light, no meat.

Cheap liniment. 1 pint turpentine, 1 pint good cider vinegar, 1 egg beaten smooth & light – shake all together in a bottle. Good for rheumatism.

Cake Icing

I. Hill's.

To 1 sheet icingglass, put 1 cup boiling water, and when dissolved and cool for 2 pounds powdered sugar in and beat till light. After the icing is on the cake wet a little brush and smooth it over.

Chilli Sauce

4 peppers, 1 onion chopped fine

18 ripe tomatoes 3 tablespoonfuls salt

3 ditto. sugar – boil together one hour

#### Salt rising

A tea cup of corn meal and teaspoonful of salt mix with boiling water and leave all night - in the morning pour boiling water over it again, make it the proper thickness of butter with flour put it in a warm place till it rises and make it into loaves - Lizzie Mitchell

#### Mrs. Elliot's cream candy

3 pints white sugar - 1 tea cup cream, 3 tablespoonfuls of vinegar - a lump of butter and as much water as will dissolve the sugar - vanilla to taste.

#### Apple Snow

Boil apples and put them through a sieve - when cold sweeten to taste. To every tablespoonful of apple add the white of an egg beaten stiff. Mix well and beat perfectly light. Serve with cream.

#### Imperial Cake

10 eggs, 1 lb. powdered sugar, 1 lb flour, 1 lb. butter, 2 lbs. raisins (1 lb. cut up) 2 lbs. blanched almonds diced thin and rubbed in flour. Beat butter and sugar to a cream. Add whites of eggs beaten stiff alternately with flour. 1 tumbler good brandy - flour with almonds. Stir raisins and almonds in together carefully. Bake as you would black cake only about 2 ½ hours. Waverly.

#### Mrs. Grigsby's Sherbet

Make rich lemonade from juice of 1 ½ doz. lemons - pour boiling water on the rinds to extract flavor. Whites of 12 eggs beaten stiff added while freezing.

#### Mrs. Ford's jelly

4 points of water - 3 teaspoonfuls of citric acid dissolved in a tea cup of water - 3 tablespoonfuls of lemon extract - 4 tea cups of loaf sugar, 1 box gelatine.

#### Mrs. Carr's blasse mange [?]

1 box gelatine or 1 oz. isinglass - 1 pt. sugar - 2 qts. whipped cream. Dissolve the gelatine in a pt. of hot water on the fire, put in the sugar. When it is dissolved and cool but not congealed stir in the whipped cream & fl\_\_\_\_ts.

#### Ambrosia

Fill a bowl with alternate layers of oranges sliced thin and grated cocoanut, sweetened to taste.

#### Jam Pudding Baked

Miss Patty Moore

1 tea cup sugar  
1 " " jam  
½ " " butter  
1 ½ " flour  
½ teaspoonful soda  
3 tablespoonfuls sour milk

#### Chocolate Cream

The yolks of 6 eggs beaten very light - 1 qt. new milk - 2 cuts sweet chocolate grated - sweeten to taste - Put in a vessel of boiling water and stir till it becomes thick - take it off before boiling.

#### Pine apple ice

To 1 bottle pineapple add a little over a pint of hot water - sweeten to taste. Chop pineapple very fine. The juice of 3 lemons may be used though it will do without. Freeze very hard.

#### Borax takes out iodine stain

Alcohol takes out violet ink

Boiling water poured on takes out fruit stains

#### White Sponge Cake

Miss Patty Moore

Whites of 10 eggs beaten to a stiff froth, then add 1 ½ goblets of powdered or crushed sugar, and beat again until the mixture looks like icing - then add 1 goblet of flour with a teaspoonful of



cream of tartar sifted in it – stir the flour in gradually & slowly add the juice of 1 lemon or a teaspoonful of the extract of lemon – bake immediately in a quick one.

#### White Mountain Cake

Whites of 10 eggs

3 teacups of white sugar

4 “ “ flour

1 “ “ butter

$\frac{3}{4}$  teacup sweet cream

1 teaspoonful cream of tartar

$\frac{1}{2}$  “ soda

Mix butter and sugar then add eggs and flour alternately & milk last of all. Sift soda and cream of tartar well mixed in the flour. If you have not sweet cream 1 qt boiled custard – double handful of beat blanched almonds – same amount of raisins seeded and cut up tea cup full of peach preserves cut up. Mix all these well together, and put it in a freezer – just as it begins to freeze round the edges stir in a quart of rich whipped cream.

Eva Gibson

#### White Mountain Cake

Use sour cream with the soda dissolved in it and leave out cream of tartar.

#### Tea Cake

5 teacups flour

2 “ sugar

1 “ butter

2 eggs

1 teaspoonful soda

4 tablespoonfuls sour cream

#### Icing

Mrs. Dills

Beat whites of 3 eggs stiff – boil 2 cups sugar to wax, and pour over the eggs – then beat it together hard.

#### Orange Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter – 2 cups sugar powdered – 3 eggs – 3 cups sifted flour – a little more than 2 teaspoons of cream tartar – 1 teacup sweet milk – 1 teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little warm water added the last thing. Bake this in jelly cake pans.

#### Tart for cake

1 grated orange or lemon – and juice of same – 1 cup sugar – white of 1 egg beaten stiff – Mix all together and scald till it thickens – then put it between the cakes like jelly cake.

### MARCH

- 1 Lovely day, like spring. Charlie worked at the fence towards Sullivan's. John hauled rails and stakes for it. Jim and John L. worked, grubbing the fence row next Jim Rogers's. Mr. Winston came and stayed to dinner. Afterwards I rode round to Mr. Bott's to look at seed oats. Was riding nearly all day. Another lamb. The pike set Mr. Nolan to ditching by the fill.
- 2 Another lamb. Raining off and on all day. John shelled a sack of corn and went to mill - didn't get much done on account of rain. Cordy came over on an errand. I had apples sorted over. Got letter from Julia and one for Dr. Raymond.
- 3 Sunday - Rained nearly all day. Sally went to S. School with the Arnolds and dined there. Dr. Grant came down and stayed a little while. Sudy A. and I went to Mr. Clore's. I gave Mr. Corbin an order the Ex. Office for Sally's bundle and a note to Mr. Seth C. Foster asking him to send me by Mr. Corbin \$130.00. John says there are three lambs today.
- 4 Dull raw day - spent most of the morning among the sheep. Found 3 new lambs, one of which died soon. They bother me so not owning their lambs. Mr. Moreland came to talk about his business- wants me to divide the land and take my part in payment of his debt on the whole. 2 of the lambs were twins. I helped John drive the sheep up afterwards and he found another young one in the pasture. John couldn't get anything done but attend to stock. Charlie worked at the pasture fence. Jim L. grubbed on the fence row. Charlie worked at the fence above the

water-gap George and I had made, hauled rails, cut and hauled a locust pole for the water-gap on the new road, went to try and shoot the dog after a sheep &c. John Foley hauled rails and helped get the pole &c. Mr. Brady set Mike Nolan to ditching below the fill. Sally and I went to Bellevue. I took letter for Patty and for sheep label man, Dr. Raymond's letter and postal and papers for Hilda. Got letters from Mrs. Minor, Patty and Hilda. Didn't see anything of Jim L. He says he and John grubbed.

- 6 My birthday - an old woman now sure enough. Charlie went to Mr. Bott's after 30 bus. oats and brought them. Then he helped Mr. Green who came back today. John Foley hauled the gate from up by Mr. Hunt's, then took me to Bellevue in wagon. I got letter from Buddy with draft for 100. for children and one from Julia. Pd. my bill at Corbin's. Mr. Green and Charlie set posts for gates and hung gates down by the fill. I rode up to see Jim and John L. who were grubbing fence row. Heard that John Foley has hired to work for Mr. Jim Rogers from April 1 and asked him (John) about it. There were 2 pairs of twin lambs today and 4 others.
- 7 Found one fine lamb dead. Went to Bellevue and paid my taxes - got a letter from Patty. Mr. Green and Charlie worked hanging gates, setting posts, making paling gate &c. John Foley hauled rails on the upper side of the fill. He said there was one new lamb tonight. One old sheep died - that makes 3. I heard today that Mr. Murdock had rented Mr. Rice's other place. Jim and John Loudon worked grubbing fence row till after dinner when I set them to burning brush in the thicket - burnt 8 piles I believe. Lovely, warm day - like summer.
- 8 Another warm, lovely day - Charlie helped Mr. Green. Mr. Green finished paling gate- little ends of fence and put up board fence from cabin to shed, mended and hung carriage house door, made eavestrough &c. John F. buried old sheep and lambs, dug ashes and hauled them on garden- hauled the rocks from the old fence row in the sand field &c. Jim and John L. grubbed in the garden a while, then burned brush in the thicket. Sally went to Mrs. Arnold's after dinner. John says there is another lamb. I found the first wild flowers of spring. Mr. Murdock was putting in oats yesterday and today.
- 9 John Loudon came and settled up and I pd. him off in full to date, see a/c book. Jim L. worked ½ day burning brush in the thicket. Charlie worked all day, helping Mr. Green and making water-gap. John Foley hauled locust poles, rock to water-gap, poles for fence &c. He said there were 3 lambs. Mr. Murdock sowed clover. I went to Bellevue after dinner, got letter from Belle R. It was so warm I had the sheep left out - sent Charlie to see about that dog. Mr. Green went home before dinner.
- 10 Sunday - Went to Sunday School and church with Sally. It was warm as summer almost. Charlie came up to see how we stood in our accounts and we settled up to the first of March, and I owe him 49.62 including all his work & fodder to that time. After dinner I took Sally to Louisa's and went to Bellevue - gave Mr. Corbin a basket of bulbous roots for Julia. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's for awhile. It rained hard and the wind blew.
- 11 Warm, lovely day - Mr. Murdock sowed clover - finished all but the piece in the sand field. He also sowed the timothy in the little piece of wheat in the large clover field. I went to Bellevue late and got another pack of clover seed. Charlie worked at the fence in the little bottom by the fill. John Foley hauled rocks to the water-gap and to the fence row and rails. After dinner I rode up to the woods by Jim Loudon's and got Mr. Jim Kelly to show me my line. Looked at a piece of woods he wants to grub for the crop and told him he could on certain conditions which I can remember without setting down. I hired John Coons to work for a while at 13 dollars a month - said I was willing to pay that for six months if he suited me as a hand.
- 12 John Coons set in to work. He and John F. hauled rails and stakes till noon. Charlie worked ½ day on the fence up the hill by the fill. It rained very hard. Middle Creek was over the bottom and the branches very high. I killed a muskrat in the pasture. The gutter on the fill was washed out. After dinner the boys shelled some corn. Mr. Murdock sowed the timothy on the little piece in front of the house and the clover on the poor points in the sand field. He was about an hour and a half doing it.
- 13 Charlie finished the fence above the fill - worked all day. Johns hauled some rails & stakes and split some in the locust grove. I went to Bellevue - got letter from Patty, and samples of sheep labels. I took down letters to Buddy and Patty. Went to Louisa's - she is worse. Went to Mrs. Rice's after turkeys.
- 14 Cloudy, disagreeable day - think it rained last night. Charlie worked at fencing - putting in pieces in the holes of the pasture fence - after dinner he went with me to Mrs. Rains's and shot Henry Hall's dog that was after the sheep again today. Found the old sick sheep dead, and buried it in a gully. John Foley didn't work. John Coons hauled old locust posts and some poles - besides he hauled poles and made me a pen for the turkeys, swept off barn shed roof &c. This evening the shoats got into the wheat and were all turned into the pasture next Mr.

- Walton's. I went to Louisa's - she was rather better. Mr. Murdock hauled manure on the watermelon patch. Mr. Conner came and paid me 1.90 for butter and eggs of last week.
- 15 Lovely day - warm & bright. Charlie worked at fence - and put in bars back of the house. John Coons and John Foley hauled stakes for him and poles out of the thicket. I went to Rising Sun - got the draft for 100. that buddy sent me (see 6<sup>th</sup>) cashed at the bank. Got letters from Patty, Sue, Hilda and Julia. Got Sally's box at Mrs. Corbin's, her Christmas box.
  - 16 Charlie worked grubbing in the front yard. John Coons worked ½ day hauling poles. John Foley didn't work at all. I went to Bellevue and got mail - letters from Cousin Wm, Patty, & Hilda.
  - 17 Sunday - Much colder and rather disagreeable. Set my house in order somewhat, hoping Cousin Wm. would come but he didn't. Sally went to S. School and I stayed at Louisa's a little while. After dinner went to Bellevue and gave Mike a letter to send up for Cousin Wm. Charlie Rockwell moved up into his old cabin.
  - 18 Had the 2 sows turned in the pasture with the 8 shoats. Louis came back and I hired him at 13 a month, for about 2 months or more if I want him. Sent Jane to Mr. Rogers's by Charlie. John Foley wanted to go to Mr. Rogers's so I settled up with him and paid him off in full, see a/c book. John Coons hauled poles out of the thicket. Charlie grubbed in the yard. I rode round to look at sheep - had Mr. D. G. Rice's goats turned out of the pasture - went up to see where Jim L. grubbed.
  - 19 Charlie grubbed in the front yard. John Coons grubbed in the morning and hauled out trash in the evening. Louis went up to Jim Loudon's and put in the tile pipe. I went too, to show him about it. After dinner he went back and patched the roof in places where it leaked and put a board over the sill at the door. Sudy came over for a little while. I sent by Louis to Bellevue a letter to Patty with 5.00. Cousin William came after dinner. Louis set in to work today.
  - 20 Lovely day - just like spring. Louis and John grubbed and hauled trash out of the yard. After dinner Cousin Wm. [page skipped]
  - 25 Loudon grubbed the hedge row and a little in the yard. John Coons hauled manure on the garden and a little trash out. Sally and I went to Bellevue and stopped at Louisa's on the way home. I took down a letter to Patty with 5.00 in it and one to Sally Humphreys. Got Patty's photograph and a letter and package from Cousin William.
  - 26 Warmer. Charlie and Louis cut hedge between pasture and corn fields. Jim L. grubbed the row for them. John Coons took plough to be sharpened - ploughed a piece for potatoes, cut my Early Rose, bought seed planted some. He brought a letter for me from Patty, and a letter and paper for Hilda. After dinner I rode up to Mr. Moreland's and round the place to look at it. Took Sally to Mr. Arnold's and went for her and rode twice to see the hands at work.
  - 27 John Coons had to go home on account of his father's being sick so I settled with him and pd. him in full to date, see a/c book. I believe Jim L. grubbed the hedge row. Charlie and Louis finished planting the Early Rose potatoes then broke up the piece below, after having manured it, and a little piece next the paling and planted unicorn oats. After dinner I went to old Mr. Rush's burying and to Bellevue for mail - got letter from Julia. Ernest was here for a little while.
  - 28 Rained a little this morning and some last night - after dinner very hard with thunder and lightning. Dr. Grant came but stayed only a little while. Jim L. worked ½ day helping Charlie with the hedge and grubbing. Charlie and Louis finished hedge trimming and hauled some trash till noon. Then after giving up the intention of setting fence on account of rain Charlie and Louis threw manure out of stalls &c. John Coons came back this evening.
  - 29 Bright day but cold in the morning, Sent all hands up to reset the line fence between me and D.G. Rice. Jim L. grubbed the fence row. John Coons hauled rails mostly and Charlie and Louis made the fence. The others helped stake &c. Mr. D. G. Rice was there and saw the fence worm - didn't get the fence finished. I sold to Marion McMullen 4 bushels of potatoes at .30 = 1.20. I went to see Tom Nettles who is sick. Left Sally all day at Louisa's and went for her late.
  - 30 Sent the hands up to finish the fence but it rained so hard they had to quit and come home. Set Louis and John to sorting potatoes &c. After dinner they went up and finished the fence. Charlie, Louis, John and Jim L. all worked. Afterwards I turned the goats out and sent John to take them to Bellevue. Mr. Murdock brought mail. I got letter from Sarah. Sent the potatoes to McMullin's when the hands went up with the wagon. Went to Mr. Murdock's to see about Dr. Raymond's pocket book that Tom Nettles found about 2 weeks ago - brought back the papers, notes &c. that Mr. M. said were in it.
  - 31 Sunday - colder and a raw unpleasant day - took Sally to Sunday School, met the goats and took them on down to Mr. D. G. Rice's. Stopped at Louisa's. Cordy came home and spent the rest of the day with Sally.

## APRIL

- 1 Took all hands, Charlie, Louis, John and Jim L., and began to reset the line fence between me and Mr. Scott Rice - worked all day at it. The hands had to haul rock, split rails, cut stakes and grub a little of all besides, putting up the fence. Mr. Rice came and showed me the line. Went to Louisa's to get shovel.
- 2 Lovely day - Set hands at the same fence - Charlie, Louis, John & Jim L. all worked - had pig holes stopped up, water-gap cleared out, & some pieces of rails hauled. Detailed Jim L. to set as sexton for the dog I had had shot. Went to Louisa's to take shovel back and to Bellevue - took and mailed a letter, a postal, and two papers for Hilda - a letter for Patty with 5.00 in it and a letter to Dr. Raymond inclosing the papers I could get that were in his pocket book. Lily Arnold came over to see about getting a house for a school. Had Lucy weaned being 6 months old.
- 3 Charlie, Louis and Jim burnt brush in the thicket all day. John broke up part of the garden before dinner and burnt brush after - finished burning all the brush in the thicket. Let Mr. Hunt have the team after dinner to haul out manure. Louis said 2 or 3 lambs were dead.
- 4 Sprinkled a little last night but bright today. John worked in the garden ploughing - harrowing &c. Jim L. grubbed vines &c. in the thicket. Charlie and Louis fixed water-gaps and patched up fence and began on the fence below the mill road. Sally and I went to Bellevue - to I. W. Rice's to see about lumber, and to Louisa's. I sent Patty a letter with 5.00 in it. Got letters from Patty and Julia and report from Miss Nourse. Sent postal to Hilda.
- 5 Rather cooler. I had the stove in the dining room taken down. Jim L. grubbed fence row in the clover field - all the rest worked in the garden. John Coons laid off corn ground and garden beds and hauled grape trimmings and trash. Charlie and Louis planted sweet corn, made up garden beds and planted peas, early Valentine beans, lettuce, radishes, spinach, 2 kinds of beets, okra. Sally went to Louisa's. Mr. M. brought my mail - note from Horace and paper for Hilda.
- 6 Set 3 hands to burning hedge brush in the ravine in sand field, and got it done in ½ day. Jim L. worked and quit at noon then I let him have the team to plough his garden. Charlie only worked ½ day. Louis took me to Rising Sun after dinner. John Coons worked ½ day, hauling stove wood. I went down after Aunt Eliza and brought her home, then went to Louisa's after Sally.
- 7 Sunday - Cool but bright - after dark sprinkled rain. Sally went to S. School and to Louisa's. I stayed home till church time when we went down but there was no preacher. Took letter to Sue, and returned Miss Nourse's report. Got a letter from Sally H. today. May Sullivan went away. Aunt Eliza began to work.
- 8 Warm and pleasant but looked like rain. Charlie worked on the fence beyond the Searcy branch towards the mill. John & Louis hauled poles out of the thicket. I rode to Jim L.'s and to see his clearing. Went to Bellevue and to Louisa's. Left a letter with Mr. Corbin to be registered for Aunt Nancy, inclosing 5.00. Sent Patty a letter with 5.00. This morning I was busy with the hens for several hours setting them, throwing away eggs &c.
- 9 Warm and looked like rain - sprinkled sometimes. Charlie worked at the same fence - the others Louis & John hauled poles out of the thicket. I rode round a little but sewed on Sally's dress most of the time.
- 10 Sent Charlie for Mr. Roberts and he marked the calves and Charlie and Louis helped. It rained hard last night and being so wet I sent John down to have Polly shod and the log chain mended. Then he helped the other boys making fence below the fill. After dinner John hauled fence posts from the hill in the big pasture. Mr. John Cox stopped to see me about the road. Got mail - postal from Patty, circular from Davis & Co. and letter from Mr. M. I. O'Brien.
- 11 Owing to company all the last of this week I neglected writing my book at night, but will set down the work to the best of my remembrance. All 3 - Charlie, Louis and John worked at the pole fence below the fill setting posts. I was busy getting ready for company. Late in the evening took Sally down to Bellevue- got letter from Hilda. Did not forget it was my beloved sister Belle's birthday, Lord love her sweet soul. Aunt Nancy came.
- 12 Charlie, Louis and John worked at the fence - putting caps on posts, John hauled poles after dinner. He took my basket down to meeting in the morning. Sally and I went to church. I got letter from buddy. Miss Vi Graves, Belle, Pauline and Hatty Kirtley, Tom Grant, Mr. Buddy Cropper and Mr. Will Watts came home with me. My largest sow has 12 pigs.
- 13 John helped Charlie some this morning. C. to return the work. John didn't work after dinner, nor Louis. Charlie had the horses and ploughed his garden after dinner. Louis helped the company, weeded onions and fixed kitchen step in the morning. I sent Sally and basket down

with the company - went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sermon myself. Got letter from Patty. Billy and Annie Kirtley joined my party and came out and stayed all night. Ernest came but went away at bedtime. Rained all night.

- 14 Sunday - R. E. came out before breakfast went to church with me, came home and stayed till after dinner. My young company left me after church. In the evening Sally and I went to Louisa's. Found 2 pigs dead this morning. Lent wagon and horses to Mike Nolan to go to Aurora.
- 15 Charlie went to Burlington, rode Polly. Louis and John started to go and put in the orchard grass, but the rain stopped them. They then sorted potatoes & helped beat the carpet, which I took up in the dining room. Isaac's Julia came and helped clean the room. Sally and I went to Bellevue. I took letter to Mr. Foster sending for check and sent Hilda Mr. O'Brien's letter and postal to Patty. Also sent Hilda's paper. Sally began to go to Lily Arnold's school in the old basket shop. Mr. Swartz came to take the number of school children.
- 16 Lovely warm day - Charlie. Louis and John began to work in the thicket clearing. John sowed some grass seed but it became too windy. Then he helped haul rails out- only worked ½ day on account of headache. Louis kept on hauling. Charlie took up old posts in the bottom. Jim L. helped him but before that Jim grubbed willows in the bottom below the fill. Mrs. Nancy Arnold and Sudy came over this evening. I rode round some time - put down carpet, set turkey hen in wood cellar - took off chickens &c.
- 17 Another lovely day - John Coons didn't work. Charlie and Jim L. worked taking up posts and after dinner resetting the fence between the bottom and barn lot. Louis hauled posts and rails. Afterwards took us to Bellevue to meet Patty who came and brought Jane Irwin and Miss Minny Turner.
- 18 Charlie, John, Louis and Jim worked on the same fence and that towards Mr. Rice's upper place. John sowed orchard grass seed a while in the morning. I rode to old Mrs. Foster's to see Julia who came down from Cinti. with Mr. F. After I got back the girls went down in the wagon with Louis after Miss Wilkinson who came. Sudy A. came over in the evening and Ernest Grant. They brought out the mail when they went for Miss W. - letter from Mr. Foster inclosing check on bank for \$100. and from Sue with magazine and one from Julia. Lovely bright day.
- 19 Charlie, Louis, John & Jim L. worked at fence - finished that and began to take one from the basket shop to Mr. Murdock's. John sowed grass seed in the morning - he and Louis hauled rails. Mrs. Green came and brought me Mr. Green's bill receipted and I paid her 5.00 on it. We all went up on cherry hill.
- 20 Charlie, Louis and John worked on the same fence. Charlie ½ day - he had the horses to harrow &c. in his garden after dinner. Louis & John worked a little in the garden. The children & company rode to the spring. This evening I went to Mr. Corbin's and he cashed my draft. I paid his store bill and an order from Mr. M. B. Green for 8.51 and left with Mr. Corbin the balance of his bill, 11.49, to be paid to Mr. Green as requested. Jane Irwin and Patty went to Louisa's. Got letter from Hilda and remailed one to her from N. York.
- 21 Easter Sunday - Warm as summer. After dinner Patty, Jane, Minny and Miss Wilkinson went to Bellevue with us to take the boat. Ernest came down and went with us. They left on the Maggie Lee. I gave Patty \$40.00 of the children's money to get some spring things. Julia went away this evening. Louis drove the wagon this evening. Mean to allow him ½ day's work.
- 22 Warm day - Charlie and Louis cleaned the smoke house and put black pepper on meat and packed it away. Then Charlie started to fix water-gap but it rained. Jim L. hoed grapes - had to quit on account of rain. It showered hard at 3 p.m. and after. John Coons fixed salt &c. for hogs and then ploughed grape vines till he had to quit for rain. Had my crape myrtle brought up out of the cellar and Louis fixed a half barrel for one.
- 23 Charlie took Polly to Burlington again but without any benefit Joan said - was gone till noon I believe. Afterwards he finished the water-gap and then helped grub. Louis, John & Jim L. grubbed and piled briers in the clover up on cherry hill - at 4:10 p.m. it rained so hard all had to quit work. Aunt Nancy began to make soap. I went to Mrs. Arnold's - found her worse.
- 24 Started Charlie, Jim & John L. up to grub briers on the hill but it rained so they had to quit soon. What Charlie & Jim did I let go to make the day out yesterday. Louis started to Rising Sun he said - quit at ½ past 9. John got out vinegar - sorted potatoes and split up some rail cuts by the graveyard - said they made 42 rails. I went to Louisa's and to Bellevue - got letter from Patty.
- 25 Sent Charlie on an errand to Mr. Cap Ryle - after he came back he grubbed on the fence row next the clover & wheat - it rained and he worked ½ day. Louis hoed potatoes and caught the bugs. When he went for the cows he rode and looked at the fence next the Grant heirs - stopped up a hole or so. John worked at the fence row grubbing till dinner, then helped Louis

- on the potatoes. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Cousin Augusta, from Jerusalem. Sent letters to Patty and buddy and an order by Mr. Corbin on Mr. Foster for \$50.00
- 26 Still showery; Charlie & John worked at the fence grubbing, laying worm hauling &c. Louis worked with potatoes. I was out as usual - rain & shine. Went to Louisa's.
  - 27 Still cloudy and sprinkling occasionally and quite cool. All 3, Charlie, John and Louis worked at the fence. After dinner I sent John to take Aunt Nancy and Eliza to R. Sun. Sally and I went to Bellevue. John brought me letters from Belle and Dr. Aunt Nancy started on her way to Oxford, via Rising Sun. I took down letters to C. H. Dana sending for 100 sheep labels and for little garden weeder to Mr. Turner. Charlie and Louis finished the string they reset and the little string between the 2 gates.
  - 28 Sunday - Mrs. Loudon came back to work for me. Mr. Corbin put a cow in pasture. Sally and I went to church and after dinner to Louisa's. It rained.
  - 29 Charlie, Louis and John grubbed briars in the clover in the orchard on cherry hill. After dinner it rained and they quit, then Charlie hoed in the garden. John took the wagon down. Hilda came on the boat.
  - 30 Lovely day - for a wonder didn't rain. All three of the boys worked in the garden till dinner. They hauled manure for musk melon, made hills and I plated them. Also planted white wax beans, cucumbers and lettuce and butter beans, had some peas stuck and hoed things that were up. Jimmy hoed corn and potatoes a while then grubbed on the hill and all the others grubbed after dinner in the clover. I went to Louisa's.

#### MAY

- 1 Mr. Cap. Ryle came and handled the mule colt. The boys worked down here till noon helping Mr. R. staking peas, catching potato bugs &c. Charlie, John and Jim L. worked- grubbed on the hill after dinner. Louis sick and didn't work. I went to Bellevue in the morning- got paper with notice of the death of Grant Hawley. Went to Dr. Grant's in the evening to make inquiries and arrangements about sheep shearing. Jim Loudon and Charlie had a trade of a gun and a hoe and told me to credit Charlie with 5.00 on Jim's account, Jim to work it out within 2 weeks. Lovely day- didn't rain.
- 2 Louis still poorly- didn't work. Sent John & Jim L. to haul hay from Mr. Rice's; 2 loads weighing gross 2300 lbs. and 2290 = wagon weight 1125 lbs. = 2340 lbs of hay. After hauling hay, John ploughed the potatoes & corn. Charlie grubbed in the run in the clover field. Jim L. helped him some. I sent buddy sweet corn & okra seed. Got letter from buddy with draft for \$100. for the children.
- 3 Rained all day nearly- Mr. Hunt had horses the first thing to plough- finished breaking up. Charlie and Jim began to grub but quit in a little while on account of rain. John & Louis shelled corn. I had the Raymond mare turned in the big pasture.
- 4 Charlie and Louis made sheep benches in the barn while John went to mill with wagon- afterwards they all grubbed in the run in the clover field till noon. Charlie & Louis only worked ½ day- John finished ploughing corn- I went to Bellevue- took letter to Miss Robinson. Got 2 letters from Patty, one from Julia, and paper from buddy- and sheep labels from C. H. Dana. Stopped to see Louisa- gave her \$10.00 to give Mr. Arnold to pay Mr. Riddle for the Raymond mare's being sent to his horse.
- 5 Sunday- Pretty day but quite cool. Stayed home and wrote some letters; was tired and stupid all day. Sally and Hilda went to S. School. Cordy and Flora came over after dinner. Turkeys hatching.
- 6 Bright and cool. Hilda went to Rising Sun. I sent John with her and he took wheat to the mill and brought flour. I sent by Hilda the draft for 100 that I got from buddy the 2<sup>nd</sup> and got it cashed. After John came back he hauled some chicken manure to the garden and some trash out of the yard- hauled some hay to the sheep cellar and drove up the sheep and cows. Charlie mowed grass in the yard and attended to Billy. Louis went down with John and brought horses out- then worked in garden- replanted melons, planted butter beans- hoed beets, okra &c. and helped Charlie besides going down with horses for wagon. I sent by Hilda letter to Patty with 5.00 and letter to Julia. Mr. Clore came by and I got him to look at my corn.
- 7 Began to shear sheep. Ennis Nixon came down and worked. John & Louis sheared and so did Sebe Garland. Charlie and Jim caught sheep, rolled wool and Jim went for sheep shears and twine. Katy A. came over. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia and report from Pat. Stopped to see Louisa; 1 lamb born today.
- 8 Rained hard last night. Finished shearing sheep. Ennis Nixon came and worked ½ day. Had the ewe lambs tails cut off. Charlie says there are 46 of them and 45 ram lambs. Had the 3 bucks put in the little pasture and 2 wethers [gelded male sheep] with them. Ennis Nixon said there

- were 4 wethers. After dinner John went to mill and hauled the wool- got chicken feed from mill. Charlie & Louis set out cabbage plants (early) and summer squashes and then they and Jim bugged potatoes. There were several showers off and on. I went to Louisa's.
- 9 Bright and cool. Sent John Coons to Rising Sun with wheat and had it left at Talbott's- he sent me an order for 554 lbs. flour. Got tomato plants and had them set out. Went to Bellevue- sent letter to buddy and postal to Pat. Got letters from Patty, Julia and BBG. Sally got letter from Susy Tew. Charlie and Louis bugged potatoes, after dinner they grubbed in the run in the clover and John helped when he got back.
  - 10 Very cool and rained a little sometimes. Charlie, Louis and John grubbed in the run in the clover field. Mr. Hunt had Jane to plough. I worked getting my dress ready.
  - 11 Jim has been working on his contract. Charlie worked ½ day grubbing. Louis didn't work today. John grubbed before dinner, then ploughed potatoes and corn- made hills and planted musk melons, hoed &c. I got letter from Cousin Rebecca and Julia. Mr. Corbin came out and I sold him my wool at .21. Worked at my dress. Had Clara turned into Mr. Arnold's pasture today.
  - 12 Sunday- Sally and I stayed at home. Little Walton sow, Georgia, had 7 pigs. I went to Cincinnati on the boat- got on at 6 p.m.
  - 13 Went to see Patty. Julia met me and took me out to Clifton. Patty came out and stayed all night. The boys all grubbed in the clover field. John hauled wool to Mr. Corbin.
  - 14 Went in town and shopped I believe. Went to musical festival with Mr. Foster and little Julia. Patty was with Miss Nourse. The boys say Charlie and John grubbed. Louis didn't work.
  - 15 Went in town with Julia as Mr. Foster was gone to Springfield. I got \$50.00 from Mr. Edwin Stearns as Mr. F. sent him word to let me have it on account. Boys, all 3, worked, so they say.
  - 16 Rained in Clifton. I went to the matinee and night concert. Charlie says he worked ½ day. John and Louis worked.
  - 17 I went to matinee and concert. Patty came to Julia's and stayed all night with me. Charlie says he set out cabbage plants and worked ½ day. Louis worked. John worked ½ day.
  - 18 All 3 boys worked ½ day, grubbed. Went in town with Julia and Patty. Patty stayed in town with me and helped me shop. I came down on the boat that evening. Found letter from Aunt Nancy.
  - 19 Sunday- was tired out- went to Louisa's twice- stayed home the rest of the time.
  - 20 Went to Petersburg to sell my corn- engaged it at .37 to be docked in price as the corn is damaged. Went to Frank Grant's to dinner. Ordered a mowing machine of Frank. Stopped at Dr. Grant's on the way home- told him to tell Frank to get me a rake too. Came home and took to Bellevue a letter to Miss Robinson. Charlie worked in garden, hoeing and ploughing; the other boys worked on road.
  - 21 Charlie worked in garden; the other boys on road again. I planted okra, cranberry beans in corn, and white pole beans and some yellow sweet corn Miss Lou gave me. I sent to Bellevue by Hilda a letter to Patty with 5.00. The country looks as beautiful as it ever does.
  - 22 Sent Charlie with Polly to Mr. Jenkins's. Almost he was gone till noon I believe. Louis salted the sheep and says he saw a new lamb. John Coons ploughed the grapes and then hoed them. Louis nailed up grape slats that had fallen and then all 3 hoed grapes. Late, Charlie planted a long row of butter beans and replanted some musk melons. I went to Bellevue- took a letter to BBG- got letters from Patty and Julia. Got from Mr. Corbin 10.00 on my wool. Stopped to see Louisa.
  - 23 Settled with John Coons and paid him in full to date. All the boys went to Aurora. When John Coons came back he went to see his father who is very sick. Mr. Wood came out to see about feather beds and I let him have one to experiment on.
  - 24 Charlie and Louis replanted sweet corn and then went to make board fence down by the old tenant homes. I cut out work. Mr. Wood brought the feather bed home. I went to Louisa's and to Bellevue; put in office a letter to Patty with 5.00.
  - 25 Found the Raymond mare with a fine mare colt; bay with black mane and tail. Rained early. Sent Louis to Dr. Grant's for potato plants but he couldn't get any. Then he went to Bellevue and couldn't get any. Charlie worked ½ day. Set out pepper plants and replanted cabbage- finished the piece of board fence and bugged potatoes. John Coons helped him. After dinner Louis and John took the wagon down to the river and hauled out the Buckeye mower and the horse rake that Frank Grant sold me. I got letter from Patty. Sudy stopped here today for a few moments. I went up to Jim Loudon's to see his baby; it is sick.
  - 26 Sunday - Bright, lovely day. Sally went to church with Hilda. I went to Bellevue to get some things - stayed home and made clothes and arranged for laying out my little namesake, Julia Loudon, who died, aged 6 weeks, last night. Went up and dressed it. Came home to dinner.

Ernest Grant came but only stayed a little while. I went to the baby's funeral and then to see Louisa. Mr. Murdock brought me 1300 sweet potato plants at .30 per 100. Miss Robinson came late in the evening.

- 27 Miss Robinson set in sewing. Sudy came over and helped too. I cut out and sewed most of the day. The 3 hands, Charlie, Louis and John worked in the new ground Mr. Hunt grubbed; in the evening set out part of the potato plants. I went to Bellevue and settled with Mr. Corbin for the wool. He said there were 402 ¼ lbs. wool, which at 21 c. came to 84.47. I deducted 5.00 on account of burrs and when my bill was deducted he pd me the balance, 26.25.
- 28 Began to deliver corn. John hauled with my team and Will Corbin with his fathers'. Louis's brother, John, helped in the crib and also John Lacy for part of the day. I stayed at the lower crib almost all day. A man came and worked bottoming old cane chair. Hilda went up to Cin. with the Sunday School excursion. I sent by her a letter to Patty with \$20.00. Sudy sewed but went home early. Late in the evening Mr. Hunt helped Charlie set out potato plants. The boys said they killed 46 rats in the crib. All 3 worked. Horace Grant came to see me. Jim Loudon cut.
- 29 Worked the same hands, my 3, and John Le Fevre and John Lacy, sacking and delivering corn out of the little crib. Willy Corbin only hauled 3 loads. I believe John C. hauled 5, the last not a full load. Sally and I went to the river for Hilda, who came late. I saw Mr. Cox but couldn't get the weights of the corn. The chair mender went away. The boys said they killed 44 rats in the little crib. After they cleaned out the crib the boys caught potato bugs and watered plants. Jim Loudon cut briers they say.
- 30 Sent John Coons after my plough. He then broke up the second time the rest of the corn ground in garden, planted part of it, laid by the potatoes and ploughed corn. Charlie made up hills enough for the rest of the potato plants and in the evening set them out. He worked in the new ground mowing & grubbing. So did Louis. I went for the brier scythe and saw Jim L. cutting briers in the pasture. Mary Ann helped some. I cut out some work and rode twice to see the hands and to the cows and to Louisa's. Sudy sewed here.
- 31 Lovely day- like June and the grass roses and everything out in full June luxuriance. All 3, Charlie, Louis and John, worked in the clearing. In the morning Charlie planted some pole beans in corn and in the evening set out tomato plants. I cut out work and then went to Petersburg. Mr. Snyder the clerk at the distillery said my corn was 544 bushels and gave me a draft check on Freiberg & Workman for \$201.45. I took it to Frank Grant who cashed it, taking out \$115.00 for the mower and rake he sold me and giving me the balance, 86.40. When I came home I rode down to see if Patsy had come, but she had not and later John took me down in the wagon for Patty who came on the U. States. I got letter from buddy and magazine from Sue. Sudy sewed. Mary Ann says Jim cut briers.

## JUNE

- 1 Louis didn't work- he came in and we settled and I pd. him in full to date. Charlie didn't work for me- worked in his garden. John Coons quit work before dinner. Ernest came down Saturday. Sudy was here. Mrs. Gaines came. Got letter from BBG.
- 2 Sunday- Sally went to S. School with Hilda. Later I went to see Louisa and to Mr. M. B. Green's. Ernest came down. Put 2 wethers in little pasture.
- 3 Louis picked cherries before dinner; afterwards helped the other boys who worked in the new ground. Sudy was here. I went to Louisa's and up to Jim Loudon's to see about Mr. Rice's shoats and my fence. Ernest came and stayed all night. Let Patty have \$10.00.
- 4 Patty went with Ernest to take the cars for Cincinnati; my big baby leaves a vacuum. Charlie and John picked cherries a while. Mr. Green came to make the hay bed or rather to repair it. Charlie helped him some and he and John cleaned out the barn and then worked in the new ground. Louis worked only ½ day- round the garden etc. Afterwards went to Rising Sun. Sudy was here. The guerrilla came.
- 5 Mr. Green came back and finished the hay shed. The boys worked in the garden part of the morning waiting for Frank Grant. John ploughed the cabbages. Frank came down and set up the mower and then went to the clover field in the pike and cut some clover- the boys all helped or looked on. After dinner they turned the hay with forks and then Charlie and John worked in the new ground- made rails and burnt trash. Louis went to Bellevue etc. Dr. Grant came a little while. Fanny and Permelia Corbin came- they said their cow was taken out of the pasture today. Sudy was here.
- 6 The boys finished mending the hay bed, then Louis raked up the hay that was cut yesterday while Charlie and John repaired the road and changed the fence between the gates. Charlie mowed some in the back yard early. Louis and John drove geese out of the pasture. I helped.



After dinner they hauled hay all that was cut, 6 loads, and put in barn. Sudy was here. Very cool today and cloudy till afternoon. Had largest sow put back in little pasture with her 9 pigs. I went for cows but didn't see Jim at work.

- 7 Very cool this morning so that fire was comfortable. Charlie mowed weeds. Louis hoed and poled some beans and John cut stove wood and fixed holes in fence to keep pigs out till the dew dried, then all 3 went to cut hay; one drove the machine and the others got rocks out of the way; broke a section so it had to be taken out and broke another. The cut till dinner, then the clouds looked so threatening I wouldn't cut anymore. The boys cut weeds till 3 then raked up the driest of the hay and hauled 3 loads to the barn which I had spread over the floor to dry out. Just at dusk it rained. Sudy was here.
- 8 Sent Polly to Mr. Jenkins's by Charlie - the trip was of no use he told Joan. Charlie was gone ½ day, didn't work after dinner. The 2 boys, Louis and John fixed holes in fence and picked cherries, cut a little wood &c., only worked ½ day. I got letter from Patty. Sudy was here.
- 9 Sunday - We all went to church. After we got home it poured down rain. Rained almost all day and apparently all night.
- 10 Set the boys at fixing water-gaps and fence that the branch up the pike washed away; after that they sorted corn in crib and put rings in the noses of the oldest sow's 9 pigs. Sudy was here. I took her home and stopped to see Louisa. It rained off and on all day and was very cool. Finished Sally's sewing and packed her trunk to start.
- 11 Started in the wagon for Aurora to take Sally. Charlie drove - we took the train after 11 a.m. and went Cin. Left Sally and Patty and brought a heavy heart home. Came down on the Pike. Went to see Mrs. Aiken in Bellevue. Mr. Martin Aiken died last evening. Hilda says Mr. Hunt came down and threatened her in the greatest rage. Louis went to Rising Sun; didn't work. John said he didn't work either. It rained here but not in Cin.
- 12 Rainy and cloudy. We went to Mr. Aiken's funeral. Louis poorly- didn't work. Charlie didn't work either on account of weather. John picked cherries and shelled corn and took it to mill. I went to Louisa's twice. A man named Hays came to see about apples. Mr. Dills came for a few minutes. I suppose my children left for their papa's today. Lord love them - my house is left unto me desolate.
- 13 Charlie worked mowing weeds in the thicket ground. John and Louis turned the hay in the barn, suckered the corn and weeded a little then chopped weeds in the little pasture till noon, then helped Charlie mowing weeds and sprouting stumps. John Le Fevre, as a volunteer, picked cherries and took all three horses to be shod. Mrs. Loudon went to R. Sun and Mag cooked. Mary Fritz came and I sent word to Mr. D. G. Rice about his geese. I cut out work and canned cherries and was poorly all day - have not felt right since I came home.
- 14 A bright day although with some clouds and appearance of rain. John ploughed in the garden, corn, cabbage etc. and turned the hay that was down - worked hoeing too. Charlie and Louis hoed in the garden till dinner. After dinner they raked and hauled the hay that was cut a week ago and put it in stable loft, 2 loads. Charlie quit work at 5 p.m. and then took Jane to plough his garden. John went up and picked a bucket of cherries. I had cherries picked on shares and began to can them, cut out dress too. Went to see Louisa after breakfast. Miss R. began to sew for me. Mr. Hunt told me to look for another man in his place as he intended to leave next year.
- 15 Set the three boys to picking cherries and about 9 a.m. they quit. Sent Charlie to Burlington to sell cherries. He got back about ½ past 2 p.m. and worked for himself afterwards. John and Louis didn't work, said they were going to primary election. I got circular from Miss Nourse's and note from B. F. Buchanan about rating. Went to Louisa's before dinner; canned cherries and cut out dress. Two little Willhoit boys came and stayed all night.
- 16 Sunday- 11 years ago Sally was christened at Judge Atwater's. Stayed home stupid and sleepy; it poured down rain. Towards sundown I went to Louisa's.
- 17 Sent Polly to Burlington by Charlie. Joan said it was of no use and the man said it was not necessary to send her again. I set John and Louis to cutting weeds in the thicket but they had to quit on account of wet and rain. It has poured almost all day, the branches and creeks have been over the bottoms and things washed out generally. The 2 boys shelled a little corn.
- 18 So wet this morning that Louis didn't work. Neither did Charlie. I set John Coons to fixing up water-gaps, cutting weeds &c. After dinner all 3 worked cutting weeds and sprouting stumps. Hilda went to Mrs. Brady's with Katy A. Mr. Owen Kirtley came to call this morning. I cut out work and went to see the hands- went for cows and then rode to Bellevue- got letters from Patty & Sally- they got to St. Paul at 2 p.m. Friday safely, thank Heaven.

- 19 The three boys worked up in the thicket mowing and sprouting till about 10 then they began to cut clover and cut the rest of the day. I went to Louisa's. Dr. Sutton was there. I went to Bellevue- took a letter for Patty- got one from buddy and Sue. It was clear today for a wonder.
- 20 The boys put up the hay that was loose in the barn, then sharpened and fixed machine knives and cut clover. After dinner they raked and hauled 2 loads and put in barn- I heard of Mrs. Brady's death- went to Louisa's twice and to see old Mrs. Garnett and then went to Mr. Brady's and sat up with the corpse. It poured rain during the night.
- 21 So wet that Charlie didn't work. The other boys ground scythes and machine knives, mowed weeds &c. We all went to Mrs. Brady's funeral. I got letter from my little darling. R.E. came but didn't stay long. So cold this evening we have a good pre-midsummer night.
- 22 Cloudy and cold all day - looked like rain. Charlie didn't work- neither did John Coons who had ague. Louis put some poles by the beans and didn't get much done. Dr. and Mrs. Grant came and only stayed a little while. Mrs. Clore was here a few minutes. I went to Louisa's - Sudy was here a little while too. Got 2 letters from my big baby.
- 23 Sunday - very cool - went to church morning and evening- to Louisa's for a few moments- Sudy and Lily came with Homer Grant and Bob Clore for a few moments in the evening.
- 24 Bright day for a wonder. The boys all worked - in the morning in the garden - I had musk melons thinned- tomatoes, butter beans, pole beans, summer squash, cucumbers &c., hoed and cucumbers planted. Before dinner they cut some clover across the run. After dinner they hauled 4 loads in the barn- Jim Loudon and Tom Nettles helped ½ day. Miss R. sewed for Hilda.
- 25 A real summer day- dry and hot. Charlie ploughed in the garden and replanted some corn, then he cut some clover till dinner. I rode up to the mill to get one of the Bruces to come and help Charlie get in hay. John Bruce came and worked ½ day and they hauled in 5 loads. Louis and John and Mrs. Loudon all went to Rising Sun to the show. I sent by Louis a letter to Sue. Aggy Rice came in the evening.
- 26 Another hot day - clouds and appearance of rain but cleared off. The boys pitched up the hay that was put in the barn yesterday, then cut clover and hauled in part of a load at noon. Charlie didn't work after dinner - he had to go for Dr. Jimmy for his sick baby. Louis and John raked up the hay that was dry enough and hauled 3 loads. I went to Louisa's
- 27 Louis, John and Jim L. cut weeds in the thicket till near 11 then they raked hay and hauled one load before dinner. After dinner they hauled 3 making 4 loads in all. It rained about 6 p.m. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Took letter to Sally. Went to Louisa's. Heard Dr. Piatt was to be married today.
- 28 Hot and bright. Miss R. said the thermometer was up to 94 degrees in the shade. Charlie, Louis and John worked in the garden till the dew was off; hoed sweet potatoes and Charlie poled some tomatoes. Then they went to the field and one cut clover while the others mowed and sprouted in the thicket- they finished mowing. Jim Loudon worked with them ½ day. The last thing they hauled in 1 very large load of hay. The Bennett children and Katy Arnold came over this morning.
- 29 Charlie, Louis, John and Jim worked this morning. Louis and Jim all day. Charlie quit at ½ past 3 on account of his baby being worse. John quit an hour later to go for his mother. They finished sprouting stumps and hauled two loads before dinner- hauled 1 ½ after, 3 ½ in all. Jim and Louis then raked up part of the hay that is down and put it in cocks. It thundered and threatened rain but didn't rain. I went to Bellevue to send Aunt Sally's dress to her. Louis found a new lamb. Hot.
- 30 Sunday- This day 11 years ago, sister Belle died. I went to Louisa's in the morning- stayed home the rest of the day. Louis told me he was going to quit working for me before the 4<sup>th</sup> July. John Coons got back tonight.

## JULY

- 1 Louis, John and Jim L. worked. They fixed machine blades and Jim mowed weeds till the dew was off and they got in the hay that was cured, 3 not heavy loads. Dr. Grant came down to select the lambs; the boys caught them to be marked. After the hay was hauled, I sent the machine up on cherry hill and Louis cut the clover in the point next to the piece Mr. Hunt grubbed. Jim cut weeds. I rode round all day nearly; about dark it rained.
- 2 Rainy day- John & Louis didn't get much done- shelled a little corn I believe- then they got up the sheep and selected the lambs, 26 in all, also the 3 wethers- took them to Bellevue to be shipped- in care Dr. E. L. Grant. The 26 lambs weighed 2085 lbs; the 3 wethers 275 lbs. The lambs' fleeces being wet made them weigh more than usual. Got letters from both my babies, and from Mrs. Brown. Went to Bellevue twice. Took letters to 3 banks.

- 3 Louis came in and we settled up and I paid him off in full. Didn't write in my book for 2 or 3 days but will try and set down things right. John tried cutting the white top on the hill with machine, but as he was alone couldn't get along well & quit and cut with scythe. In the evening he went down for Mr. Graham who came.
- 4 No hands worked- hot as pepper. Stayed at home with the exception of going to see Louisa. Mr. House stopped a few moments.
- 5 It is 11 years since sister Belle was buried, Lord grant her rest and bliss. Hot as Africa. John worked and Jim L. ½ day cutting weeds. Mr. Graham went away in the evening time.
- 6 Still very hot. John cut weeds, went to mill - then ground machine blades. Jim L. worked mowing weeds. Went to see Louisa. Mrs. Rice was over.
- 7 Sunday- Stayed home all day. Charlie's baby so low it was expected to die all day. At night it rained.
- 8 John Coons and Jim L. worked fixing the road up cherry hill. It rained hard in showers and they began to clean out the kitchen cellar. Kate Corbin came this evening. I hired Tom Nettles for one month at 13.00; he said he would set in tomorrow.
- 9 Hot as pepper again. Tom Nettles set in to work the month I hired him for. He and John cleaned out the kitchen cellar and hauled the dirt away. Jim L. finished working the road and cut some weeds in the barn lot. After dinner they all went on cherry hill and John drove the machine while the others helped - mowed under trees &c. He cut the strip of clover above the wheat and began in the timothy and clover. I went to Bellevue twice and to Louisa's. Sent letter to Sally H. Got letters from the 3 banks in Washington with drafts to the amount of 67. Also letters from Patty, Julia and B.B.G. Charlie's little baby, Lucia, died this evening at a quarter past 9 o'clock.
- 10 Went to Rising Sun in skiff. Got my 3 drafts cashed at the bank, \$69. Got things I wanted for self and Charlie. It was hot as pepper on the boat. Got letter from Patty. Stopped at Corbin's on my way up and pd. him \$30.00 on my store account. Got Miss R. to help me make things for Charlie's baby- laid it out and went to the funeral. None of the boys worked.
- 11 Hot as pepper again. The boys worked getting machine knives ready and Tom stopped hog holes- then all went on the hill and worked cutting grass. John, Tom and Jim L. worked all day. Charlie worked ½ day hauling after dinner. I had Mr. Murdock's horse to rake with after dinner. They hauled 3 loads. Mr. Hunt came down and helped unload one. I told Mr. Murdock that I would not rent to him next year. Miss R. went to Bellevue. I got letters from Cousin Tom Flandrau and Sally. I settled with Miss R. and paid her off in full for her sewing.
- 12 Hot as ever. Charlie, John, Tom and Jim Loudon worked hauling hay- got in 5 loads- then they hoed in garden a little. I went to Louisa's.
- 13 It rained last night and this morning. Sent John down with Polly to be shod and letter to Cousin Tom. Tom Nettles mowed a few weeds and they ground a scythe or so- didn't get anything worth speaking of done. Charlie didn't work- he came in and we straightened our account and I set down his work, to the first of July. After noon there was a tremendous rain and the creek was higher than I remember seeing it except July 1874. All the bottom corn seems ruined, fences, water-gaps &c. washed away. Got photographs of Cousin Harvey and the baby from Sue.
- 14 Sunday - Went to church in the morning and to see Mrs. Wingate baptized. Intensely hot. In the evening went to Louisa's and went back and stayed all night. Ernest and Hal Bennett came after dark.
- 15 Buddy's birthday - he is an old semi-centennial now. Hot as ginger. Set Charlie, John and Tom to fixing water-gaps and mending fences. Went to Louisa's again before dinner- went back and stayed all night and so did Hilda - thought Louisa would die. This is the hottest weather we have had for a long time.
- 16 Charlie worked stopping pig holes and then repairing fences and water-gaps on Searcy branch. He finished towards evening and then hoed in the garden - the other boys, John and Tom hauled poles &c. in the morning and after dinner went on the hill and cut hay. I had to go to bed and take a nap. In the evening I went to Bellevue and took letters to Patty and the 3 banks - got letters from Patty and Sarah. Stopped at Louisa's and found her worse - went back and stayed all night. Louisa died at 10 minutes past 10 p.m.- a weary sufferer gone to rest. Hot isn't the word.
- 17 Sent John Coons down to get a barrel of flour from Talbott's. He then took Billy down and brought out one sack of it - did a little hoeing afterwards. Charlie and Tom hoed in garden till the dew was off then went on the hill and raked & hauled one load hay. After dinner they went up and finished raking the down hay and hauled another load making only 2 today - great hay-making but it is so hot they can hardly work. They had to stop and run out Mr. Rogers's

- pigs they said. I tried to sleep some in the morning - went to Mrs. Murdock's twice to see her sick baby and rode round in spite of heat.
- 18 Charlie, John and Tom worked getting in hay - hauled 3 loads before dinner. They didn't go to work in the field till about ½ past 3 it was so hot - they ground machine blades and then finished cutting the hay on the hill. I went to Bellevue to take Miss Robinson home - got a letter from the children - came back and then went again to Louisa's funeral. Mrs. Nancy Arnold came and spent the day with us and I took her back to Mr. Arnold's and went on to Bellevue. It was 97 degrees in the shade on the gallery.
  - 19 A day whose horror I never can forget. Dr. E. L. Grant came down to settle with me and pay me for the lambs and sheep he took up the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 26 lambs only weighed 1910 lbs. at the yard. He got for the 26 lambs 76.40; for the 3 wethers 6.12 = 82.52. From this take the expenses 5.61 and there remains \$76.91. He paid me cash. The boys worked in the garden in the morning and then went on the hill and raked and hauled a load. After dinner they raked and hauled 2 loads making 3 in all and finished the hay on cherry hill. Hot but not as hot as yesterday. Charlie, John and Tom worked.
  - 20 Went to Bellevue and took a letter to Sarah. Mr. House came out and I paid him in presence of Hilda the \$16.00 I was owing him for cistern tops; see Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. I paid the balance on Corbin's bill and got it receipted. He came to see me about the summer apples and I sold them to him on the tree for .40 a barrel. Charlie, John and Tom worked in garden, ploughing, hoeing &c. and cut and hauled the timothy off the little meadow, 2 loads. Very hot. In the evening John went down with the wagon for the Flandraus but they didn't come - several letters came from St. Paul for Cousin Tom F. so I looked for them. Sudy came over for a little while. Very hot as usual.
  - 21 Sunday - Hot but turned cooler after sundown - stayed home all day and it was so lonesome I didn't know what to do. R. E. came in the evening but only stayed a little while.
  - 22 Lovely cool day. Had Posy and John turned in the big pasture across the pike. Went to Bellevue and sent a letter to Mrs. Brown with 3.00 to pay Patty's doctor's bill - see 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Charlie, John and Tom worked the road up cherry hill. Jim worked ½ day in the graveyard and around it. In the evening Cousin Tom Flandrau, wife and two children came. Mr. House came at night.
  - 23 Let John and Tom work for Mr. House all day picking apples. Charlie made trips to Bellevue with the wagon for him and then fixed the machine and mowed weeds in the big pasture and mowed the yard. Jim cut briars and weeds round the graveyard and mowed some in the yard. I got letter from Patty. Mr. Murdock began to haul oats - put my share in the top of the basket shop. Still cool. Mr. Murdock threshed and his oats came to 111 bus. and all the wheat to 42 bushels so my share will be only 21. Sent Jim L. to look for Betty and he found her with a steer calf dead- he went back and took off the hide. Mr. House had John and Tom to work for him till noon and Tom a while after. He got 40 barrels of apples came to 16. He allowed me 3.00 for the team and 3.00 for the boys' work = \$22.00; of this he paid me \$10.00 so he now owes me \$12.00. Charlie hauled some for Mr. House. Jim worked cutting briars and pitching straw.
  - 25 Sent Tom to bury the calf. John & Jim, Tom and Charlie all worked. Charlie fixed water-gaps next to Mr. Walton's. They hauled straw and put in basket shop and in corner of sheep pen- hauled rails. Dr. Grant and Mr. Rucker came to see about lambs. The boys got the sheep up and caught the 20 buck lambs to send up on the boat - they weighed 1378 lbs. Sent them up on Shorley. Tom drove them down and John took the wagon. Cousin Tom & family went down and took the boat for Cin. on their way home. I got letter from Sue and Sally. Charlie said there were 47 but they must have got one old sheep in by mistake. It was warmer.
  - 26 Mr. S. Rice came by and pd. me 15.00. Part was for the 4.85 that Mr. Hewitt owed me for pasture which he left Mr. Rice to pay and the rest, 10.15 is to go on his own pasture bill. John Coons came in after dark and we settled up and I paid him off in full including today. Jim Loudon worked ½ day, getting rails out of the creek. Charlie hauled rails- it rained a little after 4 p.m. so they had to quit. John & Tom helped.
  - 27 Charlie and John didn't work - went to Rising Sun. Sent Tom to Bellevue with letter to Sally. Afterwards he made a few for the salt and ashes pot- drove hogs into the other pasture &c. - he didn't work after dinner. I got letter from buddy and postal from Cousin Tom. Hilda and I went to Bellevue to Mr. Will Allen's funeral and on to the burying ground and to see Mrs. B----, didn't get home till dusk, then went over to Sudy's to see Mrs. Arnold from Woodford. George Walton sent me word about his cattle dying.
  - 28 Sunday - Found my Walton sow sick and down - dosed, or rather fed her with a bottle. Went to church and from there to Dr. Grant's where Hilda and I spent the rest of the day. Got letter from BBG.

- 29 Went to work having the fence row next Mr. Scott Rice's up in the pasture grubbed. Charlie, Jim L., John & Tom worked, it rained about a ¼ to 4 p.m. Molly has a bull calf born this evening before sundown - red with a few white spots. After the hard rain was over I sent Tom up to see the cow and, he found she had the calf.
- 30 My Walton sow died this morning while we were dosing her and Charlie buried her - all my ---- -- have died this month I believe and hens are dying too. I went with Tom and we drove Molly and the calf home. Charlie and Tom worked cutting grass off the garden and ploughing a patch for turnips and Tom picked blackberries. John didn't work - was sick. Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Kitty Arnold, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Brady, Katy and Cordy dined here. Sudy and Lily came after dinner. Ernest and Dr. Bennett came in the evening. I got letters from Patty with picture and Julia. Mr. Murdock told me in presence of John Coons and with his consent to charge John with 4.50 and credit him with it - 4.00 of it to go to pay money Mr. W. borrowed of me when John Foley was working here. Jim L. says he worked grubbing on the fence row we began. Hot again.
- 31 Jim L. worked cutting briars around the graveyard and fence up there. Tom and Charlie worked - John still sick. They prepared another little patch in the garden- pulled onions &c. and Tom sowed the turnips. They caught my 16 little pigs and past them up in the old chicken yard- one of them came were dying with the heat. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Corbin made me a proposition about my apples. I went up cherry hill and bought Mr. Hunt's white bull calf - he says it was born may 25<sup>th</sup>. I went for cows and had Hetty tied up and the calf sucked her. Charlie & Tom hauled some old rails for wood and some corn to the little crib. Very hot today, but a breeze stirring. Got a letter from my little heaven.

#### AUGUST

1. Had old Louly turned in the little pasture. Sent Mr. Rice's 6 sacks home by Tom. Had the press moved down in the store room. Charlie and Tom worked. John still poorly. The boys fixed the barn doors, stables &c. and repaired the fence round the little corn field, hauled wood & rails out of the drift &c. Jim L. cut briars next to Mr. D. G. Rice's. It rained after sundown.
- 2 Set all 3 Charlie, Tom and John at the fence next the Grant house. They grubbed, hauled rails, made fences &c. Jim L. cut briars near Mr. D. G. Rice's. Kate Corbin came out to spend the day. Very hot again.
- 3 Sent by Louis a letter to Julia. Mrs. Loudon went to Rising Sun. Charlie, Tom and John worked on the fence and finished it.
- 4 Sunday- Found Louly had a little heifer calf; red with white spots, named it Louly. Stayed home all day. It was hot and lonesome.
- 5 Sent by Tom a letter to Patty and by Hilda letters to Sue and BBG. Election day - very hot. Charlie worked all day, Tom ½ day, John not at all. Charlie hauled wood & rails out of the drift before dinner. Then he and Tom fixed machine blade and they mowed ironweeds, Charlie with machine.
- 6 Charlie finished cutting ironweeds with machine - then Tom & John took the wagon and tried to haul the rails and pieces from the fence row but like simpletons, couldn't manage the horses and gave it up, then they all began to drag and cut the brush from the hedge row below the pond and put it in gullies. I went to Burlington to see Mr. Winston about the Moreland business- went to America Conner's to Mrs. Tousey's and to Mrs. McKenzie's. Ernest Grant came while I was gone and brought a check from I. Frank Grant for \$55.00 to pay for the 20 lambs shipped July 25<sup>th</sup> which Mr. Rucker bought on the boat at 2.75.
- 7 Charlie, Tom and John worked at the hedge row again- finished it. I went to Bellevue in the evening- met Ernest. The Bennett girls came over with Katy and Lily. Jim L. cut briars. I made a contract with him to cut some.
- 8 Very hot again. Sent all 3 hands, Charlie, Tom and John up to cut out the fence row next Mr. Jim Rogers's and fix the fence- also burnt some piles of grubbed briars. They got done by dinner time- after that the boys began to clean up the briars on the hill in the big pasture and haul the down trees and trash into gullies. Jim began on his contract brier cutting. My chickens are dying with cholera - have been for some time but now worse than usual. I went to Bellevue - got letters from Patty and Julia. Sent letter to Breitenbach & Co.
- 9 All 3, Charlie, Tom and John worked on the hill dragging off brush and clearing up the brier patches in them. In the morning John got apples off the hill and they scraped the dirt from under the cedar tree and hauled it to the poor point in the little timothy patch. Mr. Walton came this morning and stayed some little time. Tom Nettles came in this evening and we counted up his work - he has worked 18 ½ days in July and including today 7 ½ in Aug. making his month. I hired him for another month at the same 13.00.

- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day- how long it seems ago. Cloudy and raining a little off and on. The hands went to work on the line in pasture but it rained so they came home before 10. Charlie wanted me to pay him in butter for what he did which I did. Tom took Jane down to have her shod - didn't get back till late - then took Billy down. John cleaned stable &c. and only worked ½ day - didn't get much done at that. Mr. Murdock took down musk melons to sell. I got note from Julia. Hilda went to church and I worked nearly all day. Rained in the evening. Man named Cooper came to hunt a house.
- 11 Sunday - Hilda went to church. I didn't. Mr. Murdock said he took away 18 nutmeg melons yesterday and I saw 69 that he had today - besides watermelons, his father took. Mrs. L. went away and we had no dinner. Ernest and Sudy came over this evening.
- 12 Mr. House came and paid me the 12.00 he owed me, see July 24<sup>th</sup>. Did not make an offer for my apples. A Mich. man with a farming mill came. Mr. Hunt went down to see Mr. Calvert about selling the grapes and he came up - he represents Benny Calvert and agreed to take all the grapes Mr. Hunt could put in merchantable shape at 1.50 a stand delivered at Bellevue so Mr. Hunt and I sold to him. Charlie worked cutting weeds in the little back pasture. Tom went after chickens and then helped Charlie. John worked too.
- 13 Hilda went to Rising Sun. I sent by her the check draft for 55.00 Ernest brought me (see Aug. 6) and got it cashed. Sent by her letters to Patty, Sarah and Sally H. Charlie worked in the little pasture. Tom too. John didn't work; went to Grangers' picnic. Got letters from Sally and from Cousin Tom, inclosing a silhouette of my beloved mother taken before she was married; also card from Brietenbach.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday - seventeen today - Lord love my lamb of the golden fleece and give her all good gifts. Charlie hauled out stands for Mr. Hunt - then worked in the pasture as did Tom and John. Mr. Bennett came in the evening. Jim came over and said he had finished his contract brier work - but I couldn't go and look at it. I paid him 5.00 on it.
- 15 Sent Charlie after chickens and for apples - then to Bellevue - got letter from Patty - sent letter to Patty. Charlie had a shoe put on Billy. He worked in the little pasture and then hauled 8 stands grapes to Bellevue. Mr. Arnold came to see about price of grapes. Tom and John worked in the pastures - they took swarm of bees.
- 16 Julia and the boys went away. Tom took them to Aurora to meet the cars. Mr. Hunt came down and we had a settlement in full to date. He got 12.00 for the 8 stands grapes of which I have half, and he was owing me 2.50 which he paid. Charlie worked sprouting in the little pasture. John in the morning - after dinner I sent John to cut weeds in the sand field next Mr. Rice's. Mrs. Rice came over this morning. After Tom got back from Aurora he cut weeds in my garden vineyard. I rode up to look at Jim's contract work and at other briers.
- 17 Still dry - looked cloudy nearly all day but didn't rain. Tom said he had headache and didn't work. John cut briers ½ day in sand field. Charlie finished sprouting and cut weeds in vineyard in garden. I rode round and salted sheep - went to Bellevue after dinner and to Mr. Corbin's. Got letter from Sally, a diary for a week. This day 19 years ago my dear mama died - 'O rest of rests, O peace serene eternal. Thou ever livest and thou changest never.'
- 18 Sunday - Had a good shower this morning - stayed home - after dinner Mike and Kate Corbin came out. In the evening R. E. came and stayed a while. The boys caught the Raymond mare and put her up. Louis wanted me to hire him again.
- 19 Mr. Corbin came out and got locust timber to the amount of 5.25 which I told him to credit me with on my account. Mr. Murdock came up and divided melon money with me giving me 8.00 and says that there are 40.20 coming to him now for melons already sold, which will be to settle for next time. Charlie cut weeds in vineyard and helped Tom lead the colt. John cut briers in sand field. Tom picked melons and hauled them to barn - attended to colt and mare &c, then deadened some brushes in sand field. I went to Bellevue - got letter from my little heaven. Went to Mr. Arnold's and on cherry hill.
- 20 Charlie went away with Joan & family. Tom took them in the wagon with some musk melons to Rising Sun - sold them for 2.10. He brought the rest of the flour I had at Talbott's - got back in time to haul 17 stands of grapes to the river. Mr. Calvert and Mr. Hawkins came this evening. I got letters from Buddy and Julia. John cut weeds out of fence row in the clover field. It rained late in the evening.
- 21 Lovely day, cooler and bright. Mr. Hunt came and we divided the money for the 17 stands - it was 25.50 of which I got as my share 12.15. Hilda and I went to Mr. Brady's and George Walton's to ask about sheep and to Mr. Si Bruce's to see about seed wheat. John cut weeds in the clover field. Tom attended to the little colt and deadened and cut the trash saplings in the hollow next Mr. Rice's.

- 22 Charlie began to work again - hauled 5 loads coal and fixed the coal house so he could put it in. Tom picked musk melons - attended to colt - piled coal in house - turned hogs in little pasture etc. John Coons quit after dinner - when he came in to settle he was owing me .75 which he said he would send me. He cut weeds till noon. I got note from Julia and sent her one - also sent letters to old Mrs. Humphreys and my Sally, and Mrs. Brown.
- 23 Charlie hauled 1 load of coal- for which he didn't charge on account of considering that he owed the work- he went after Joan. Tom hauled 2 more loads making 8 in all- 226 24/76 bus. For which I paid Mr. Corbin \$22.63. Tom attended to colt etc. and hauled 17 stands grapes to the river. Mr. Hunt was down there and got the money, 25.75 and gave me my share, 12.75. I went to Bellevue and got honey from Julia. Sent note to Kate Lewis by Mr. Murdock this morning. Went to see Miss Baker.
- 24 My beloved papa's birthday - Lord love his soul.  
Mr. House came and stayed to dine. I sold him my Rome Beauties and Canada Reds for .50 a barrel on the tree (with the privilege of keeping all I wanted from myself of the latter) and the Smith's Cider and Northern Spy for .40 and agreed to haul them to the river and pay toll on them. See what a bargain hard times have brought me to. Mr. Corbin's boys came out and bought 5 sticks of locust timber amounting to ----- which Mr. Corbin is to pay for. Mr. Murdock brought melon money amounting to \$40.38 and gave me my share, 13.46. Says there are 10.20 coming to us now. Charlie didn't work - got home after daylight this morning. Tom attended to colt - gathered melons, plums &c. before dinner - said he didn't want to work after dinner. John cut weeds towards paying the money he owed me. Mr. Schwartz came about the school. I got letter from Patty saying they would be home Tuesday night and postals.
- 25 Sunday- Went to church and then to see Ella Baker and Mrs. Snyder- then went to Mrs. Moore's child's burying - and to church afterwards. Sent word by Ernest about wheat. Had a shower in the morning before breakfast.
- 26 Went to Rising Sun in wagon. Charlie drove and took muskmelons down which he sold for 3.00. I went after Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally and brought them home. We got home about 4 and as Charlie was tight all the way home, I don't think he worked afterwards. Louis cut weeds in the hollow above the old pond. John cut weeds in barn lot and then where Louis was. Tom attended to colt, went to Mr. John W. Gaines's and cut vines in hollow. Mr. Jim Conner came to see about buying steer. Mrs. Loudon went to Jim's to take a vacation.
- 27 Got up early and was ready at 4 to start with the steer, Ernest took Louis to drive him- had all manner of trouble getting him off and it took all hands, Charlie, Tom and John in addition to Louis and me to take him to Mr. Will Walton's where I had him weighed, 1615 lbs. Sent Tom and John back and Louis and John took him on till we met Mr. Conner. I sold him to Mr. Conner for 75.00 and Louis went on with him and brought me a check from Ben. K. Sleet for \$75.00. I went to see Mr. Walton's sheep. Charlie then cut down a tree in the yard and made it into wood cut wood - helped pick grapes and drove the wagon to Bellevue with 16 stands of grapes. I went down with the wagon and found buddy and the children there just off the boat - am thankful to have my babies back. Louis took Billy down to be shod and Mr. Murdock brought out the stands and Louis helped pick grapes. Tom waited on the colt and went to Mr. Gaines's again for the colt bridle and got it. I believe he cut some weeds. John cut weeds. I got letter from Mrs. Humphreys. I gave Jim a brier contract.
- 28 Tom took the Raymond mare and the colt down and had them shod. Charlie hauled rails and fixed the fences back of the little pasture and the places the steer broke down and hauled scraps of rails and I believe some corn. Louis cut weeds and John too. I got letters from BBG and Mrs. Brown.
- 29 Sent Tom down with letters to Sue and Spalding - he spent the morning getting ready to go away to the Fair and after he had his dinner started with Billy and the mare and colt. I let him take 5.00 for expenses. Charlie and Louis worked in the hollows in sand field deadening and cutting trash trees and cutting briers. John cut weeds, briers in locust grove. In the evening buddy and I rode round to see the improvements and work and on cherry hill.
- 30 Charlie worked in the bushes - it rained before 3 and he quit. John was cutting weeds in the locust grove and after that he shelled some corn. Louis gathered damsons - took melons to Bellevue for old Mr. Murdock - took letters to Bellevue afterwards &c. I got note from Mr. House about grapes.
- 31 Rainy this morning. I settled with John - paid him off deducting the .75 he owed me, and he left. Louis quit working too as the bushes were wet. Charlie wanted to take corn to mill for himself and took ----- then went to Bellevue and got Mr. Hunt's flour - didn't work today. Mr. Murdock came with watermelon money 49.90 and I got my share, 16.63 and he says there are 12.00 more now due us. Tom came home at night - my little colt, May, took the blue ribbon

yesterday and Tom brought home the premium 6.00. Sudy Arnold came over and stayed all night. Sally stayed at the Arnold's it rained so.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday - I stayed at home - Ernest came and stayed to dinner and till evening. I gave him 10.80 to pay for 12 bushels of wheat he engaged from Mr. Stewart for me. The Corbins came out and stayed awhile. Buddy went to Lawrenceburg to take the cars. Charlie went with him. It was very warm.
- 2 All the boys, Charlie, Tom and Louis got the sheep up and I selected 19 of the worst - oldest ewes and had them turned into the pasture with my ewe lambs. Then had the 70 ewes and the 3 bucks turned in the big pasture across the pike - the boys then worked cutting bushes and briers in the field next Mr. Rice's. Dr. Grant came and dined with us. I went up to look at Jim Loudon's brier cutting he had done by contract. Hilda and I went to see Mrs. Clore who is sick. I went to Bellevue and to the river. Saw Mr. Calvert and he paid me 24.00 for the 16 stands grapes - 8 were out of my garden, the other 8 from the hill vineyard.
- 3 Rained hard last night. Charlie, Tom and Louis all worked. The boys picked musk melons, and Mr. Hunt came down and they picked grapes and he packed a stand for Mr. House - one drawer to go to the Aurora Fair. Mr. House came and got it. Then Louis went to cutting trash and briers in the sand field. Charlie and Tom hitched up the Raymond mare and drove her in the wagon - they hauled the wood out of the yard and drove around - went to mill. Charlie went to Bellevue with the children. Jane Irwin and Spalding came. Horace Grant came and stayed a little while. He said Mrs. Clore is dying and Hilda and I went down after dark. Hilda stayed all night. I came home. Mrs. Clore was given up by two doctors, so of course she didn't die.
- 4 Charlie and Tom hauled rock and gravel from the pasture to fill up the place by the gate where the road washed out - they drove the Raymond mare. Louis cut weeds in the road and garden fence row. I went to Mrs. Clore's and Bellevue - got postal from buddy and paper from Geo. H. Brown. In the evening I went up to see Mr. Walton about sheep.
- 5 Charlie and Tom hauled gravel and rock. Louis cut weeds along the road. I went to Dr. Grant's - stayed till after dinner. Hilda went to Aurora Fair. Mr. Schwartz came with school subscriptions.
- 6 Charlie and Tom hauled gravel. Louis cut weeds. I went to Bellevue - sent letter to Belle Raymond. Went to see Mrs. Clore, Ella Baker and Fanny Corbin, all sick. At night went down and sat up with Mrs. Clore.
- 7 Charlie and Tom hauled gravel. I sent Charlie to Mr. Rogers's with the oldest Sullivan heifer, but too late John says, and Tom fixed troughs for pigs &c. Louis worked ½ day - he picked damsons, cut wood &c. Mr. Murdock brought up the watermelon money, 56.11 and I got my share, 18.70 and he says there are still 13.50 coming to us. Ernest came and took supper - also Sudy Arnold. I got note from Mr. McConnell inclosing one for me to send Dr. Raymond. Ernest brought me things Julia got for me.
- 8 Sunday - Stayed home till toward evening then went to see Ella Baker and Mrs. Clore. Cordy came over and played with Sally. Put Mr. McConnell's note to Dr. R. in office.
- 9 My darling mother's birthday - Lord grant her joy. Sally was sick last night and I made her stay in bed most of the day. Set the boys, Charlie, Tom and Louis to cutting briers in the pasture. Went to Mrs. Clore's and sat up with her. Hilda went to Rising Sun.
- 10 My beloved sister's birthday - Lord love her pure soul. Rained a little. Mr. Anderson and Jenny came. Hilda went to see Mrs. Garnett. I got letter from buddy with draft for 100. for children - also letter from Julia. The 3 boys, Charlie, Tom and Louis cut briers in pasture till the company came then Tom came to attend to horses go on errands &c. Mr. House came.
- 11 Rained hard, a cold rain and everything looks like fall. We had fire in the house. Charlie and Louis didn't work. Tom went to Bellevue with Polly to get her shod, cut wood, attended to horses &c. Dick Loudon came and wanted to work for me next year, so I agreed to let him have a house & garden and pay him 18. per month for a dry month, from March 1<sup>st</sup> till the crops were gathered - then he agreed to work for me during the winter when I may want him for .75 a day and ---- himself. Being a Loudon I shall not expect him till he comes. Got letter from BBG.
- 12 Raining again. Louis went to help Jim Loudon raise his house. Charlie took the team and hauled himself some wood. Tom did little things around - not much on account of rain. After dinner Jenny and Mr. Anderson went away. Jane and I went to Bellevue.
- 13 I settled up with Louis and pd him off in full - see a/c book. Charlie didn't work. Tom took the wagon to Rising Sun and I took Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally home. I got the draft buddy sent for



the children for \$100.00 cashed at the bank. Got letter from Sue. When I got home, Ernest was here.

- 14 Tom cut a little fodder in the garden - chopped wood &c. Charlie only worked ½ day cutting briars in the pasture next Mr. Garnett. Tom cut some and helped Mr. Murdock with his horse. Mrs. Rosall came to get money from Tom. Ernest came after Patty at dinnertime and took her to Dr. Grant's. Jane and I rode round to salt sheep.
- 15 Sunday - Stayed home - the children and Jane and Hilda went to church. After dinner Mr. Henderson came to get some grapes to eat. Ernest came in the evening. I gave him the check Mr. Conner sent me for the steer (Ben H. Sleet's check for 75.00) and ten dollars to pay for my sheep.
- 16 Got ready to go to Cinti. Went up to Aurora in the wagon - took Patty and Jane. Mr. House came out and went with us. We took the 11 a.m. train for Cin. Went out to Mr. Irwin's in Avondale with Jane and stayed all night. Tom took me up and stopped at Mr. Stewart's for wheat but couldn't get it as he was not at home. He cut wood, fed &c. when he got home. Charlie cut a few weeds and then cut briars so he says. Geo. Walton came to tell me about sheep. Miss Irwin took Patty and me in town. She went shopping with me till after one and then I went about alone. Stopped at Mr. Foster's but as they went to N. Y. with Mary, didn't expect to see anyone of them. Went to boat at 3 p.m. but didn't get home till after 9. River very high - weather lovely. Went to see Miss Nourse in Cin. Got letters from buddy and Mary C. Tom went up with the wagon and got the wheat - cut wood &c. Charlie says he cut briars in the pasture.
- 18 This morning took both hands and got one of Mr. Murdock's to pull Jim Loudon's dead horse out into his new ground. When we got back Charlie went to cut briars. I got ready and took Tom up to Dr. Grant's for the sheep. Dr. G. paid me .45 I believe, that was left me of sheep money. Ernest selected me 30 sheep and we brought them home. Tom tagged them and tarred their noses and turned them into the big pasture.
- 19 Lovely day - I went to Bellevue before breakfast - took letter to buddy - went to see Miss Baker - and got bolt for wagon. Let Mr. Hunt have wagon and Jane and Tom went up and hauled my wine down. Mr. Hunt went to Aurora. Tom cut weeds, cleaned out house cellar &c. Charlie cut briars in the pasture next Mr. Garnett's. I rode to see his work and to see about the new sheep and canned a few peaches.
- 20 Tom cut weeds and briars in the pasture up by the old Coons house - worked till dinnertime. Charlie cut briars in the other pasture and I believe finished - only worked ½ day because it rained hard all the afternoon. I canned a few peaches.
- 21 So wet after the rain that I set both hands, Charlie and Tom to hauling gravel to put at the barn door and also here. Hilda and I went to see Mrs. Corbin, Clore, Ella Baker and Aggy Rice.
- 22 Sunday - White frost last night. Mr. Murdock brought in the watermelon money to divide- it was 43.38 of which I took my share, 14.38 and he says there are still owing us 2.50. I stayed home till after sundown and then went to Mrs. Baker's to sit up with Ella. Mike and Kate Corbin came out after dinner. I got letter from Patty.
- 23 Sally started to school - Mr. Snyder teaching. Charlie and Tom hauled wood and rail pieces till dinner then they shucked corn in the piece opposite the house, and hauled it. I went to Mrs. Rice's. Aggy is sick. Mr. House came by and said he would come Wednesday to pick apples.
- 24 Mr. House came by this morning and I set Charlie to hauling barrels from Bellevue - he hauled 50 - put 30 on the hill and 20 in the little crib. Tom Nettles came in this morning and wanted to settle and quit so I paid him off in full to date. I went up to the lost section to see about Louis. Mr. Graham came after dark.
- 25 Charlie went to Bellevue with wagon for birdcage &c. Mr. Graham brought me a mockingbird. Charlie then cut wood and went up to Ben Kelly's to see Louis who couldn't come to work. He took the oldest Sullivan heifer, Kate, to Mr. Rogers. Hired Tom Roberts to work a month at 12 dollars - Charlie and he cut down a beech tree back of the little pasture and worked it up. Charlie found one of my little black sows with 7 pigs. Katy and Lily came.
- 27 Charlie and Tom shucked out 2 rows of corn next that which was shucked and shucked my ten rows. They then hauled wood they cut yesterday. Mr. R. C. Green and Mr. Mike Clore came to see me about the suit in the bounty case. I got letter from Patty.
- 28 Rained - about ½ past ten Charlie quit work. He and Tom were hauling corn and wood I believe. I told Tom to shovel up the manure in the sheep cellar - don't know whether he did it. I rode to Burlington - to Mr. Winston's. He was not at home but I told Mrs. W. to tell him to give Mr. R. C. Green the transfer of 1000 of the bank debt that papa got of Aquilla Baker that I gave him or rather Mr. Calvert, Sep. 26, '76. Then I went to Mr. Green's and told him about it.

It was a raw, cold rain and felt like a real fall day. When I got home went to Bellevue and then to Mrs. Loudon's after her for May is sick.

- 29 Sunday - Warm and bright again. Stayed home - Sally went to Mrs. Arnold's in the evening. Got letter from Aunt Nancy.
- 30 Lovely bright warm day. Mr. Graham & Spalding went away. Charlie and Tom hauled rock in the morning and after dinner Tom cut wood and Charlie took Mr. G. to Lawrenceburg. I went to Bellevue. The calf I got from Charlie was sick - eating apples probably. Mr. House came to pick apples.

## OCTOBER

- 1 Lovely day warm and bright as summer. Started Sally to school again. Tom Nettles began to sow wheat in the little cornfield. Charlie and Tom ploughing in ----- . I went over there and saw Mr. Murdock- he divided the melon money with me- it was ----- . I took my share, 4.33 ----- . After the boys finished putting in wheat they carried out corn that was knocked off.
- 2 Charlie hauled apples & barrels for Mr. House- 40 barrels of apples. Tom grubbed and cut weeds in the sand field. I canned or rather prepared for canning grapes.
- 3 Charlie went to ploughing in the sand field. I bought Mr. Murdock's plough - engaged to give him 13.00.
- 4 The Toms dug potatoes - finished about 4 p.m. and went to grubbing in sand field. Charlie had to haul some barrels up on the hill - ploughed the rest of the time. I went down and stayed with Ella Baker at night - took a letter to Patty.
- 5 Mr. Brashear and George House left this morning because it looked like rain. The boys hauled the potatoes from the garden and put them in the wine house then Charlie ploughed and the other two grubbed. Bert Bachelor came to see me about hiring to me. It rained and was quite cold.
- 6 Sunday - Bright but cold in the morning. Sally went to S. School with Hilda. Cordy came over at dinner time. I got letter from Julia. Went to see Ella Baker. Took Mr. Corbin letter to Julia and note to Burnet Resor about stove lining. Turned cold but no frost.
- 7 Lovely day - Charlie ploughed in the sand field. Toms grubbed there. May Loudon went to old Mr. Utz's to work. Sudy and Katy came over. Sudy spent the day. Mr. House came about noon and went to picking apples. Mr. House paid me \$70.00 on the apples.
- 8 Went down to Bellevue - took letter to Sarah. Paid Corbin's store bill; see a/c book. Afterwards went down again expecting to go to Louis's step-father's burying but they delayed so I had to come home. Mrs. Rice was over for a few moments. Charlie hauled 50 barrels apples to the river and barrels up in the pasture. The Toms grubbed in the sand field. I rode round as usual and went to sit up with Ella Baker. Sally poorly.
- 9 Came out in the morning- got letter from my big baby. Rained a while. Charlie hauled 20 barrels to the river and 40 to the barn and empty barrels besides. The Toms grubbed in the sand field. I saw that the wheat that was sowed the 1<sup>st</sup> is up. Went to see Sarah M.
- 10 Charlie and the boys helped Mr. Roberts with the calacs and pigs then Charlie ploughed till noon- the Toms grubbed. After dinner Tom Roberts laid off rows and Tom Nettles sowed wheat and Charlie harrowed it in. I went to Bellevue- stopped at Mr. A's for Sally. Aunt Huldah came to see us and I took her up to black Henry's. Mr. Rice paid me 2.00 more on the pasture. Corbins made cider.
- 11 Charlie hauled for Mr. House till noon. Toms worked some in the wine cellar emptying barrels &c. Mr. Roberts attended to the Hunt calf and Molly's calf and the pigs. I sent Mr. Arnold's to get a horse and then Tom Nettles who went to Bellevue for ploughshare ploughed some in sand field. It rained quite hard towards noon. Then the Toms sorted potatoes, cut stove wood and after I brought Sally home from school Tom Nettles ploughed some. Charlie ploughed after it quit raining, cleaned stable &c. while it rained to make out his day. Sudy A. came over and spent the day. Mr. House went away after dinner - he pd. me 5.00 towards his expenses. John Moreland came to make cider on shares. Hilda stayed last night at Ella Baker's.
- 12 Heavy white frost this morning - ice on the roof where it rained. Set the boys to finishing putting in wheat. About 11 Tom N. took Mr. Arnold's horse home and tried to --- a little wheat - out to finish seeding - exchanged a bushel with Mr. Arnold and after dinner Tom N. and Charlie put the last. After dinner Tom R. cut sweet potato vines and dug some. Sent Tom N. - with Mr. Rice's harrow and then he and Charlie went up on cherry hill and hauled down the 2 barrels of cider that Will Corbin and John Moreland made. Mrs. L. went to Rising Sun. I went to Bellevue - got letter from Julia and bill from Pat's dressmaker.
- 13 Sunday- had to cook for hands & all. Went to Mrs. Baker's having heard that Ella died after midnight. Stayed till after church, then went to Mr. Arnold's to drive to meet Mrs. Leonard.

- Then went back to Mrs. Baker to help and from there to church and home with Hilda and Sally who spent the day at Sudy's. Got letter from BBG. Tom Nettles went to hunt the colts which were missing out of the pasture. Big sow had 12 pigs.
- 14 Started Tom again to hunt colts - found them in Mr. Rice's pasture. Sent Charlie down for lumber and Mr. Green's tools. Mr. Green and Mr. Jim Aiken went to work at eaves troughs this morning. After Charlie hauled the old lumber from the watermelon shanty, he hauled manure from the sheep cellar out to the poor points where the clover failed in the sand field. The Toms dug sweet potatoes.
  - 15 Charlie and Tom Nettles shucked corn and shocked the fodder where the wheat is up. Tom Roberts grubbed potatoes. Then they hauled the corn and potatoes- then they hauled manure. I was poorly yesterday and today with headache. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore. Got letters from Julia and Dr. Raymond. Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin worked at barn.
  - 16 Went down with wagon and got lumber to make mangers &c. in barn - also barrels - 6 sugar barrels. Tom Nettles went to hunt the colts again - he and Tom R. cut wood. After dinner Tom R. picked apples and Charlie and Tom N. hauled manure out of the sheep cellar. Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin went home tonight.
  - 17 Rained in the morning. Charlie got out locust poles for Mr. Green and Tom R. helped him a while. Charlie didn't work after dinner. The Toms shoveled manure a little, sorted sweet potatoes and after dinner grubbed. I went with Hilda to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore. Mr. Green & Mr. Aikin worked.
  - 18 Sally went to school again. Jim Loudon came and I went to look at his clap boards, 1022 boards they say and bought his half for 5.00. Charlie hauled the boards and manure and took me to Bellevue in wagon to get barrels - it rained slightly. Got Harper's from BBG. The Toms cut weeds and grubbed. Mr. G. and Mr. A. worked. Sent Mr. House postal about apples.
  - 19 Charlie hauled 2 barrels C. R. apples from hill - then split and trimmed clap boards. The Toms grubbed - then hauled rails &c. off the fence row on the Grant heirs' side- after dinner hauled rocks off clover till Dr. Grant came. Then they got up the old sheep and lambs separated, 18 old sheep from them of which one was turned into the big pasture with the others. The 47 were turned into the yard. Sally went to church to hear singing with Hilda. I got letter from Patty and note from Miss Robinson. Pink had a red heifer calf.
  - 20 Sunday - The boys got the missing old sheep from Mr. Garnett's pasture and drove the cow and calf home. This evening Tom and I drove the 18 old sheep down to be shipped. Mr. Corbin weighed them, 1690 lbs. Stopped to see Mrs. Clore - she is very low. I gave Mr. Corbin a letter from Sally to Spalding and one to Julia with 2.00 in it. Got letter from Mr. Foster about vinegar.
  - 21 Had to have sheep driven back - boat wouldn't take them. Went to Dr. Grant's but didn't see him. Mr. Owen Rogers paid me 2.40 for 8 barrels down apples he bought. Mr. Green & Mr. Aikin came out again to work. Charlie worked at the clap boards and helping Mr. Green. Mr. House and George came. The Toms hauled rock off the clover into the cattle pen - hauled 4 barrels cider from the barn. Mr. Gabe Gaines came to see about Insurance Co. I went to Bellevue. Sally poorly this morning but went to school. Hilda went to see Mrs. Clore. Dr. Jimmy & Ernest made a bet, with me for witness, of a fine coat not to cost less than 40.00 that Bob Clore and Laura Huey will be married within the year from now, Ernest betting they won't. Sent my sheep down again to go on the boat and they got off. Charlie helped Mr. Green till towards noon. The Toms hauled rock from clover field till the same time then all went on the hill to get some down apples. It rained and turned cold. Charlie didn't work after dinner - he hauled a little wood for himself. The Toms made a little cider & Tom N. took the sheep down. I went to Mrs. Clore's and sat up with her.
  - 23 Came home after going to Bellevue to see about sheep - it cleared off then. Got letters from Patty, Sue and Julia. Charlie helped Mr. Green till noon. Mr. Green put eaves troughs on this side of the barn roof and put in a gate post and hung the gate by the kitchen - also put eave trough on kitchen. Toms hauled rock - after dinner Charlie hauled and the others grubbed the rock. Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin went away this evening. I went to Bellevue the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
  - 24 A flatboat man came out and bought 5 barrels of cider paying me 20. for it. Charlie hauled it down. He also hauled a load of corn Mr. Hunt shucked for me- the rest of the time he hauled rock and the other boys grubbed them out and helped load. I burned some cockleburrs. Mr. N. C. Green told me that Mr. Winston had given him the transfer of stock in the bounty case that I went to Burlington about, see Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. House went away soon this morning, before breakfast. Hilda went to Bellevue. I got bill from Mrs. Taylor for Sally's hat.
  - 25 Mr. House came and we settled up to date. He got so far, 192 brls. At different prices, which came to 81.70 and other expenses, cider, grapes &c. came to 9.80 total 91.50 from which

deduct 75.00 he has already paid and it leaves 16.00 which he paid me. Charlie hauled some barrels from cherry hill for Mr. House and a load to the river and brought back empty barrels. He also hauled some stalks & trash to put in sash behind cabin- they caught the old sow and cut her snout and turned her in the other pasture and the shoats too. The Toms grubbed rock on the clover part of the day. Harry & Mr. Newton Botts made cider. Miss Robinson came. Got letters from Julia and Mr. Tucker.

- 26 Looked like rain but didn't rain till night. Charlie didn't work - went to R. Sun - brought me a note from Aunt Sally. Mrs. L. went to Rising Sun. I sent by her letters to Patty and Sue. Miss R. sewed. I went to Bellevue & made some apple butter after dinner. The Toms hauled rock from the clover field. I went down & stayed all night at Mrs. Clore's. Sally got letter from Pat.
- 27 Sunday - Sally went S.S. with Hilda. It rained a little fine rain. I stayed home. Ernest and Mr. Seymour Cole came and dined. Ernest brought me the money for the 18 sheep, 25.25.
- 28 Hilda and I went to Rising Sun with Tom Nettles to drive. Tom R. went on his own account - didn't work. Charlie cut down some trees and cut some wood I believe. I took letter to Patty from Sally.
- 29 Mr. Scott Rice came over to see Mrs. Loudon and she paid him in my presence, \$22.75 being a balance she owed him on a note of hers or an agreement she had given Mr. Rice. He receipted the paper and gave it to her. Mr. Rice also paid me 1.00 on the pasture which is now paid in full, see day book for 1877 July 10<sup>th</sup>. The boys worked up a tree or part of it that fell across the road up the hill, and then gathered apples, Newton Pippins. I stayed in the house most of the time. Sent bundle for Patty down to Mr. Corbin. Cold.
- 30 Boys picked apples but it rained towards evening and they quit. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Corbin went up at night and took Pat's bundle. Hilda and Miss R. went to prayer meeting. I got letter from Julia.
- 31 Cold and snowing this morning - boys said it was too cold to pick apples so they sawed and cut wood - after dinner they tried apple picking but gave it up - they then hauled Early Rose potatoes and put them in house cellar - put crape myrtles in too. Mr. Murdock hauled my share of the other potatoes and I had them put in kitchen cellar and then 2 brls. put in house cellar. Lily Arnold came over. I went to Bellevue.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Colder still - 20 degrees above 0 when I came down this a.m. The Toms sawed wood and Charlie hauled till noon. Then it moderated and they all picked apples. Mrs. Loudon went to Bellevue. I sent by her a letter to Patty with 5.00.
- 2 Pleasant day - Boys, all 3, picked apples and hauled them to barn as usual. I rode round to salt sheep and up to Jim's. Went to Bellevue - got letter from Patty. Hilda went to Bullittsburg with the Arnolds.
- 3 Sunday - warm, lovely day. Sally went to S. School. Mr. Corbin said he was going to Cinti. and I took down a barrel of apples for Patty. Tom Nettles drove the wagon down. I also sent a bundle to Aunt Nancy - of flannel clothes cut out and 5.00 in the bundle - also letter to her and postal to Patty. Katy came over and Hilda went to Mr. Brady's with her. Cordy came.
- 4 Monday - Charlie Rockwell went to Burlington - didn't work. The Toms picked apples. Mr. Aikin came by and gave me a me\_\_\_ of lumber to get. Kept Sally home from school fearing scarlet fever.
- 5 Lovely day. The Toms picked apples all day. Charlie only ½ day - he took Joan to her mother's, she being sick. George Murdock hauled me 1 load of corn, the first he has gathered for me. Went to Bellevue. Dr. Piatt paid me .50 for sweet potatoes and Mr. Owen Rogers 2.25 for down apples. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Finished putting down dining room carpet - the room was cleaned yesterday.
- 6 Lovely warm day - rained a little about noon. Went to Aurora for lumber, didn't get it. Tom Nettles drove the wagon. He sold sweet potatoes for 1.10 in Aurora. Mr. House came down - Charlie and Tom R. worked getting wood sawed. My premium calf May was hurt today by George Murdock's carelessness - badly skinned by a lapring or something on his gears. The boys say Mr. Murdock gathered 6 barrels Ge---- apples.
- 7 Mr. House left after dinner. I bought of him 26 barrels at 34 cents and engaged 14 more at .21 = 11.78 from which deduct 2.80 for apples & butter he got, leaves me owing him 8.98. I went to Bellevue and had Billy shod. Charlie hauled some barrels down cherry hill for Mr. House, then hauled some over to pick apples in. He and the Toms picked some apples. It rained towards noon and they split some wood - also in the evening when C. went down with wagon to take 10 barrels for Mr. House - brought back 20 scantlings. Mr. Aikin came out this morning to see about the lumber.

- 8 Charlie went away to Mr. Coons's. The Toms pulled, topped and piled turnips. Sally went to school again. A man came to see if he could buy apples - didn't want the kind I have. Mr. Murdock made a corn pen over on the timothy. I went to Mr. Arnold's after Sally.
- 9 Tom R. went to Rising Sun. Tom Nettles didn't work- went hunting. Charlie didn't get home till late. Dr. Jimmy came and sewed up the colt's hurt but it did no good. I rode up to see Mr. Nolan about the barn cellar wall.
- 10 Sunday - We all went to church and dined at Mrs. Corbin's. Louis came to tell me to keep the house for him, that he would work for me next year. Settled with Tom R. and he left.
- 11 Monday - raining this morning. Charlie didn't work - went over the river - hauled himself some wood. Tom did divers little things and barreled apples and hauled sand. Mr. Nolan came to see about the work. I got letter from Julia.
- 12 Rained a little. Mr. Nolan came and began on the sheep cellar wall. Charlie helped him. Tom hauled sand, cut wood &c. and put up some apples, hauled a few oats up for the R. mare. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and novel from Sue. Mr. Murdock hauled me a load of corn.
- 13 Lovely clear day - warm & bright. Sent Tom up to Aurora to get the lumber I bought for the sheep racks - he got it. Mr. Nolan quit work a little while this morning but came back and went at it again. Charlie helped him. Col. Botts made cider at the barn. Mrs. Baker came out in the evening.
- 14 Mr. Nolan worked again at the sheep cellar. Charlie helped him. Tom cut wood, went to Bellevue with wagon and brought out lime and the 14 barrels I got from Mr. House. Then he helped me attend to the colt as usual - cleaned up stable - put up a few apples &c. I took down letter to Patty.
- 15 Mr. Nolan worked and Charlie helped him. He finished the cellar wall about 3 p.m. and then set the cistern tile. Tom cleaned out the little crib and nailed boards in it, helped sort a load of corn that Mr. M---- put in it - helped me with the colt and sorted some apples. Got letter from Julia. It rained at night.
- 16 Rained off and on all day. Charlie and Tom sorted apples and packed them. I went to Bellevue - got letter from buddy with draft for \$100 for the children and from Aunt Nancy saying she received bundle & money.
- 17 Sunday - Dull misty day. Went to Mr. Corbin's and took him a letter for Patty in which I had inclosed order on Mr. Foster for \$60.00 and the bills I wanted her to pay for her dress & a hat.
- 18 R.E. came - only made a call. Mr. Nolan worked on the foundation under the posts of the barn shed. Charlie helped him. Tom hauled sand, rock and a few rails out of the bottom.
- 19 Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin came to work on sheep racks etc. Mr. Nolan worked at the barn shed again. Charlie helped. Tom helped too and hauled sand rock and went to Bellevue for ----- Mr. Nolan finished at the barn. Hilda went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 20 Another bright warm day. Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin worked at sheep racks. Mr. Nolan worked at setting kettle - didn't get it done. Charlie helped him. Tom hauled a little sand and some old lumber which he pulled off slope - sorted some corn &c., hauled a load of gravel. Mr. Murdock was bitten by a dog.
- 21 Raining but not very hard. Mr. Nolan worked at setting kettle and finished. He has worked in all 7 days which comes to 13.00. I got a pound of tea for him .75 so I now owe him 12.25. Charlie helped Mr. Nolan part of the day, then went away - when he got back, helped Tom awhile. Tom took me to Bellevue in the wagon and got kettle riveted. He hauled out part of a load of wet oats in sacks that I bought - after dinner he went back for a load. I got in all 28 sacks. Mr. Corbin said there were 3 bus. To a sack at .10 a bushel. I had them spread to dry in the old basket shop. Tom also took off and hauled a little old lumber for Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin who worked at the sheep racks. Got a letter from Sue - also paper with notice of the death of Spencer Goodrich Lizzie Dinsmore's husband.
- 22 Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin worked patching up gates and putting on hinges &c. Charlie sorted apples and went to Bellevue to blacksmith's. Tom hauled some old lumber from Charlie's old home next Mr. Arnold's and some wood to make fire in the basket shop to dry the oats and watched the fire. I got letter from Patty and cookbook from Julia.
- 23 Mr. Green and Mr. Aikin finished their work and left before dinner. Tom Nettles went to Bellevue and took Miss Robinson and me to Rising Sun. I went to Bank and got the draft buddy sent cashed, see 16<sup>th</sup> - came home and went right back to Bellevue for Sue who came on the boat with Alice. Charlie worked  $\frac{3}{4}$  day - went down with wagon.
- 24 Sunday - Lovely spring-like day. Went to church in wagon, took Sue. Mean to allow Tom for the time as I promised him. Ernest came and took dinner with us.

- 25 Rained last night and this morning. Tom split some wood, went to Mr. Arnold's to see about beef - he and Charlie put up the stove in Sue's room. Charlie spent most of his time stirring the oats which all sprouted and spoiled - such is life. He sorted a few apples and packed them. Tom after dinner took the horses down to Bellevue to be shod - Jane and Billy. Sudy came.
- 26 Colder - Charlie and Tom packed apples. Sally started to school but came back being as there was none. John Loudon went to Big Bone to get some water for Sue. She and Hilda went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty and BBG. Lily A. came over.
- 27 Pouring down a cold rain. Mrs. Loudon went home early this morning. I went with Tom in a wagon to Mr. Nolan's - paid Mr. Nolan the 12 25 I owed him - engaged Mr. Nolan's sister to come and work for me. Tom brought Dolly this morning. I went down at night for Patty who came home to spend Thanksgiving holidays. Charlie sorted corn in the crib. Tom and he put up the stove in the dining room and Tom worked about the house.
- 28 Tom went after Mary Lytle who came to work. Dr. Grant & Mrs. Longmore and Ernest came & stayed to dinner. Mr. House and George came to see about his apples and stayed all night. Charlie hauled wood for himself till some time after dinner, then hauled 20 barrels of apples. Tom sorted corn.
- 29 Mr. House left. I paid him the 8.95 I owed him see Nov. 7. Charlie hauled apples for him all day and a few cobs from the lower crib. Tom went hunting with Mr. House part of the day - fixed up the lower crib partly. It was a lovely day. Sudy came and she and Patty went to see Mrs. Clore.
- 30 Charlie sorted corn and apples. Tom helped with the apples, then they hauled a load to the house and the lumber left from the sheep racks. They finished up apples and buried the turnips. Ernest came and Pat went driving with him. I went up to Jim Loudon's. Mr. Richard Moreland came and pd. me \$50. which he wanted me to take as a payment on his land. With Miss Hill as witness I took the money and told him I would consult Mr. Winston and if he said it was proper in the case would keep the money and have him credited with it - if not, return it.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Sunday- Rainy day - stayed home.
- 2 We went to Dr. Grant's and dined. Horace was there - Sudy came home with us. It cleared off today. Tom Nettles drove the wagon. He and Charlie hauled a little wood before we started. Charlie worked ½ day. Mr. Murdock came up to tell me about the cows damaging the corn.
- 3 Went to Aurora with Patty & Sue and Alice. Tom drove the wagon - they left on the 11 a.m. train for Cin. It poured down nearly all day. Charlie didn't work. Sally went to school. I rode up this morning to see the corn the cows got in.
- 4 My little darling's birthday - 12 years old. Lord bless her sweet life. Took her to school and went on to Bellevue - raining and raw - stopped at Mr. Corbin's a few moments. Tom cut some wood out in woods. Charlie didn't work for me - he cut and hauled some wood for himself. I rode up to Jim Loudon's.
- 5 Clear and bright - ground frozen a little this morning and thin ice. I concluded to kill hogs - killed 7. Charlie and Tom worked - after the hogs were finished Tom went with wagon to Mr. Corbin's. Charlie fixed smoke house. Mr. Hunt, Will Merchant and Jim Loudon helped with hogs, got done before 2 p.m. Hilda went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty & Julia.
- 6 Disagreeable day - raw and snowing part of the time. Charlie and Tom cut up the meat and salted it - then Tom helped with the sausage meat and Charlie shelled corn. Mrs. Lacy came and we worked with lard and sausage meat.
- 7 Charlie went to mill. Tom hauled wood then both sorted potatoes in kitchen cellar. Charlie didn't get much done after dinner. Tom drove wagon to Bellevue. Philip Lindenborn came out and paid me 3.00 on two barrels of cider - he bought them Wednesday and paid 3.00 then. Tom hauled them down to him. We all went down in the wagon.
- 8 Sunday - It snowed last night and rained a slow rain all day - very disagreeable. I stayed home.
- 9 Rained all day - took Sally to school then rode round to see about cattle &c. - found bars down and everything to vex me - was low-spirited all day. Went to Bellevue with wagon to get box to put sides in. Charlie and Tom sorted corn in big crib and Tom drove the wagon. Charlie salted sides in box.
- 10 Didn't rain today for a wonder but cloudy and rain all day. Miss Robinson came. Sent Tom back with horse- got letter from Patty. Charlie and he worked fixing the sheep cellar. Katy and Lily came over this morning.
- 11 Clear and bright and not cold. Tom and Charlie sorted corn a little, then put pair of bars at sheep cellar and then filled in the cattle stalls with rock. Miss R. began to sew.

- 12 Lovely winter day - bright and pleasant. Charlie and Tom worked a while putting rock in stalls. After his dinner Tom went to help try to dig out a fox - didn't get him. Charlie hauled lumber &c. from around the barn and he and Tom hauled some rocks away that were left from fixing the stalls. I rode to Mr. Botts's to ask for cart - then rode on cherry hill and up in the pasture next Mr. Walton's. Hilda went to Bellevue. I got note from Mr. House about apples.
- 13 Cloudy day - Tom went to work on the road. Charlie hauled wood and trash from the barn and what rock was left by the cattle shed. I went to Bellevue after dinner.
- 14 Rainy misty day - Neither of the boys worked. I stayed home till rather late cutting out work - then went to Bellevue, got my accounts from Corbin and gave him an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster for 88.27. Got letters from Sue and from Cousin Eugenia. Sent by Charlie a letter to BBG.
- 15 Sunday - Went to church with Sally and the rest.
- 16 Disagreeable snowy day. Went to Mr. Sullivan's to see May about coming to work for me - Stopped at old Mrs. Foster's a little while. Charlie and Tom hauled dirt to the cattle stalls. Tom went for Col. Botts's cart and hauled with that. Kate Corbin, Dolly Botts and Sudy came. I sent down by Kate letters to Mr. Foster and Mr. House. Sally didn't go to school.
- 17 Sally went to school. I rode to see the boys at work; Charlie and Tom finished hauling dirt to cattle shed, and cleaned out stable stalls, took out old sleepers, hauled manure to garden &c. After dinner I went to Burlington to see Mr. Winston about the payment Mr. Moreland made Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. He was not at home but I saw Mr. Calvert. Came back and went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia. Snowy, bad day.
- 18 Colder, 22 degrees above 0. Charlie and Tom hauled some dirt to fill in stalls and some poles to put in cattle shed - also got up the sheep and put them up for the first time this winter. Ernest and Tom Grant came down to hunt birds - stayed all day. Sally didn't go to school.
- 19 Cold - 20 degrees above 0 in the morning. Sally didn't go to school. Charlie didn't work for me; he cut and hauled wood for himself. Tom cut stove wood, put hooks on sheep pen gates - put water in and fixed up for sheep pens and began to put partitions in shed stalls. Charlie gave me a pup of Dick's and his Queen's. Dolly Botts came this morning. After dinner late I went to Bellevue - got letter from Patty. Wrote to her in office and sent her 5.00.
- 20 Charlie hauled wood for himself till noon - worked for me ½ day - he cut a tree and got off some wood, then got up sheep &c. Tom worked nailing partitions in the cattle stalls - after dinner hauled wood - then went down to Bellevue. Got letter from Mr. Foster. I went in the wagon for Patty who came on the boat. It snowed hard at night. Turned shoat in.
- 21 Six years ago my beloved father died, Lord love his soul. Went Bellevue with Miss Robinson who went to Rising Sun. I got letter from Cousin Belle with draft for \$20. for Christmas presents for the children. Charlie worked ½ day - he helped Tom haul wood from above the clover field.
- 22 Sunday - Snowed and cold - stayed home with children - got notes from Mr. Foster and Mr. House. Ernest came. He returned me the 2.00 I sent for sub. to Country Gentleman as the club is discontinued.
- 23 Cold - 8 degrees above 0 before sunrise. Snowing off and Tom & Charlie worked. Charlie cut -- -- and Tom hauled them - didn't get much done - Charlie then drove the cattle to the barn shed and lot - Tom went to take me to Bellevue in the sled to bring back the children who went to help Hilda with the Christmas tree. Bob Clore took them down. Weaned the calf I bought of Mr. Hunt and put Hetty up to fatten. Went over Charlie's account today and he came in in the evening and we had a settlement from March 1<sup>st</sup> up to today inclusive and I now owe him 24.24.
- 24 Haven't written in this for several days but will try and set things down correctly. Thermometer I think 8 degrees below 0 just before sunrise - bitter cold all day - reminds me somewhat of the weather 6 years ago today when my beloved papa was buried, Lord grant him a home in his hoped-for Summer Land. Sent Tom to take Mary Lytle up to Mr. Nolan's - when he came back he took me and the children to church to see the Christmas tree. It was very pretty. Got letter from Aunt Sally. Ernest and Tom Grant came out and spent the evening. I got a box of engravings as a present from BBG I suppose.
- 25 Christmas - We stayed home, I cooked breakfast. Tom went away and got Charlie to go for Mary in his place. She came down before dinner. May Sullivan came down and stayed all night. Still bitter cold - 4 degrees below 0 I think and fine sleighing. Mr. Murdock asked me to let him have a dance in the basket shop.
- 26 Moderating at 0 just before sunrise. Began to snow hard after breakfast and snowed off and on all day. We went down in sled to Bellevue. I left with Mr. Corbin 2.00 to be sent to Aunt Sally. River full of floating ice. Patty and Sally went to Mr. Arnold's - came home in the evening

- with Sudy A. and she and Pat went to a party at Mr. Gill Rice's. My Kelly cow, Jane, had a bull calf tonight. She broke out of her stable and had the calf out in the snow in the hollow. I hunted her till I found them and took care of them.
- 27 Still moderating, 13 degrees above 0 at 7 a.m. Charlie didn't work. Sent Tom down with slide get wagon bed fixed and horses shod - only got one shod. Ernest came. Mr. Murdock had a dance.
- 28 Tom didn't work except feed &c. Neither did Charlie. I went to Bellevue - got letter from Sarah. Lily and Katy came. Ther. down to 0 at ½ past 10 p.m.
- 29 Sunday - 13 degrees above 0 at 7 a.m. and snowing hard. I sent Tom to Burlington with a letter to Sarah. I stayed home. Ernest and Sudy came to dinner. Harry Botts came. Found a little lamb - a little Hoosier.
- 30 Clear and bright - moderating. I went to see Mrs. Clore and to Bellevue - took letter to Mr. Foster. Rode up to look at a tree. Jim Moreland told me about the stock in the stalkfield. The young people of the neighborhood had one of their impromptu parties here. Charlie worked - splitting stove wood and getting in drags. Tom too. One of my last year's lambs died.
- 31 Rather gloomy day - snowed a little occasionally. Charlie and Tom both worked - getting in drags &c. Charlie took Pink to Mr. Rogers's. Tom went in the sled to take Mary Lytle to John Nolan's and brought May Sullivan back to work for me. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from BBG and envelope from buddy with wedding cards from Cousin Bloomfield Wetherill. Sally got letter from her papa with present of pretty gold sleeve buttons. I paid Mary Lytle up in full to date when she left. Engaged Tom Nettles to work till the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. at 10. per month - agreed to wait till Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. to see if Charlie Rockwell would work for me next year. May Sullivan began to work for me.