

## JANUARY

- 1 As mild as spring and sunny in the morning but still the sea was not blue. We drove and walked by the sea in the Villa Nazionale a public garden. Didn't write in this again till the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 We went on an excursion or a trip rather – with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Merriman of the Cape of Good Hope and Mr. Smith of Montreal – went to La Cava by rail – lunched there at the Hotel de Londras and took carriages for Amalfi. We went to Vietri and there struck the road by the seashore, like the road along the Riviera. The sea and scenery were more beautiful than I can tell though it rained part of the time. We reached Amalfi before sundown and went to the Hotel des Capucins kept by the Vozzi family. It was formerly a monastery and is perched on the cliffs above the sea in a picturesque situation and reached by long zigzag steps. It poured down rain at night but cleared off by morning. Met wagons or carts hauling cotton bales and they say cotton and tobacco are raised in this neighborhood.
- 3 Lovely day – sea and sky both beautiful. I sat in the garden with the others, without wrap or bonnet and ate oranges that I picked off the trees – roses, jonquils, jessamine and plenty of other flowers were in bloom. We also took a long walk up a rocky ravine and went through the town of Amalfi and to see the cathedral. We then took the drive back to La Cava and went back by rail to Naples.
- 4 Sally and I went to Pompeii. It poured down rain in the morning but stopped in time for us to go and get back. Mr. Cutcheon and Mr. Peet got to the hotel on their way from Egypt. Got letters from Patty and buddy. Sent letter to Patty the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 Sunday – We went to the Museo.
- 6 We, accompanied by Mr. C. and Mr. P. went to Capri – and on the way there to the Blue Grotto. As the steamboat returned we got off at Sorrento and stayed all night at the Hotel Tramontain & Tasso. It is a beautiful place. The day was bright and lovely the sea on and out of the grotto blue as heart could wish and the whole trip very pleasant.
- 7 Took a long walk around and in Sorrento – went to the Deserts formerly a monastery very high up – where we had a perfectly beautiful view. Went by carriage along the sea road to Castellamare where we took the train for Naples.
- 8 Accompanied by Mr. C. and Mr. P. we went to Vesuvius. We drove up the mountain to the station of the inclined railway, and went up on that, walking the rest of the way to the crater. The view of the burning crater very fine.
- 9 We took the morning train for Rome and got here before 3. It was a very pretty pleasant day.
- 10 We took a long drive to see the principal sights of Rome; St. Peters, the Forum, Colosseum &c just to make a start. Fine day.
- 11 Raining. We went to the banker's to get permits, &c. and stayed in the hotel most of the day.
- 12 Sunday - Bright again but chilly. We took a walk this morning on the Princio and stayed in the rest of the day. We stayed at the Bristol Hotel.
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- 19 Sunday - Didn't write in this for a week. Went to bed with the influenza and have been sick till yesterday in bed and have not yet gone down stairs. Have been under the care of Dr. Young an English M.D. Yesterday got letters from Hilda and Mr. Brady – from Julia & Lily, all written in Dec. Sent a letter to Patty.
- 20 Cloudy day. Took a drive with Sally and Mr. C. and Mr. P. out to the Villa Doria Pamphily.
- 21 Chilly unpleasant day. Sally and I, Mr. Cutcheon and Mr. Peet went to St. Peter's church, then we went to the Sistine chapel and to see Raphael's Madonna del Foligrio and his Transfiguration. Sally and I walked to the Pincio. \*I got a note from Mr. Cutcheon.
- 22 Sally and I went to the church of St. Paul's without the walls. We saw the chapel where St. Peter and St. Paul parted and went a good way on to the church. It rained after we got back. We went to the Barberini Palace and saw the Beatrice Cenci of Guido Reni and then to the Cappuccini church to see Guido Reni's St. Michael and the celebrated cemetery of their order. Mr. Cutcheon and Mr. Peet went to Florence this morning.
- 23 Sally got letter from Patty saying Til and Isabella had 'la grippe' and poor Julia had it severely. We went to the church of St. John in Laterano – to see the sacred stairs (Santa Scala) and to the Capitol museum – where we saw the Dying Gladiator, Venus ----- --, Cupid & Psyche, Faun of Praxiteles &c. We then went to drive in the Villa Borghese. I met Dr. Young as we left the hotel and he said the concierge gave him my note with the money for his bill 130. francs Tuesday. Warmer – sun came out this evening. Went to S. Maria Maggiore.
- 24 We had a guide named Rossi and went first to St. Peter's and went up the dome to the lantern – a fine view of Rome and surroundings and the Tiber. It was warmer and part of the time clear. Then we went to the Sistine Chapel again and to see the pictures and statues in the Vatican. We saw the Apollo Belvedere – the Laocoon – the Hermes and also the Perseus of Canova and his two wrestlers. We then went to the Doria Palace and saw a lot of unprofitable pictures. After lunch we took a walk to the banker's and to see the house in which Keats died, 26 Piazza di Spagna.
- 25 Had the guide again. Went to the Pantheon where we saw the tombs of Raphael and of Victor Emanuel II. Then we went across the Tiber to the Corsini Palace – saw a beautiful Madonna of Carlo Dolce – then to the Collona and the Rospigliosi Palaces. At the latter we saw the Aurora of Guido Reni. Then we went to Colosseum and to Trojan's Forum and to the Roman Forum. Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. d' Oremieulx called to see us.
- 26 Sunday – We only went to drive on the Pricio this evening to see the crowd and hear the band play. It was a gloomy chilly day.
- 27 Heavy fog this morning, but cleared off and was a beautiful day with a sky like home and sunshine bright enough for spring. We went to the Borghese Gallery where we saw one very beautiful holy family by Andrea del Sarto and lots of others, also paintings on glass and other fine things. We then went to see Hilda's Tower – then to the Ara Coeli church where we saw the Sanctissimo Bambino, and saw a lady kiss its feet with fervor – went to see the Tarperasi Rook. Then to the Protestant Cemetery to see the graves of Keats and Shelley – then to the Priory of the Knights of Malta where through the brass keyhole in the door No. 40 with their insignia over it we saw the most exquisite little view – a long

arching avenue of trees with the dome of St. Peter's at the end, again a cloudless azure sky. Then we went out by Porta San Sebastiano along the Appian Way out beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> military station where we saw a magnificent view of the Campagna aqueduct, ruins, mountains in a purple mist with white towns along the sides and snowy summits. We saw the tomb of Cecilia Metella, Circus of Maxentius, Sacred Grove &c. We stopped at the church of Saint Sebastiano where we saw his relics and a beautiful statue of St. Sebastian by Bernini, representing him dead. We also saw the footprints said to be those of Christ in marble. On the way back stopped to see the disgusting church of S. Stefano Rotondo - formerly Nero's meat market. Got letter from brother Charlie to-day on business, dated Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 28 Another bright beautiful day. We went first to the studio of the American artist Randolph Rogers to see his beautiful statue of the lost Pleiad - also his Nydia Ruth, bronze doors of the capitol &c. Then we went to S. Lorenzo in Lucina and after mass was over saw the crucifixion of Guido Reni. Then we went to S. Maria sopra Minerva, the only ancient Gothic church in Rome. We saw the disappointing statue of Christ with the cross by Michael Angelo. The church is beautiful. Then we went to S. Pietro in Vincoli to see the celebrated statue of Moses with his two horns above his forehead by Michael Angelo, Rachel and Leah on either side. This is the church that contains the chains of St. Peter. We went again to the church of S. Maria Maggiore where they say they have some of the boards of the manger of Bethlehem. Then Sally went and drank of the fountain of Trevi but I refused to quaff. Sally bought and gave me an engraving of La Veirge de la Deliverance, the one that looks like Fanny - who gave one to Patty. I wrote and put in the box letters to buddy and Julia.
- 29 We went to the Vatican to see the antique statues again, then to St. Peter's. By chance passing Trevi again I stopped and took two mouthfuls to prove there was nothing in the legend that one who takes a parting drink of it will return. We went to the church of Gesu one of the most gorgeous in Rome. Above the altar of St. Ignatius with its columns of lapis lazuli and gilded bronze we saw a globe of lapis lazuli said to be the largest single block in existence. The church was lined with splendid marbles and paintings and sculptures.
- 30 Put in the box letter to Patty. Raining hard this morning with thunder. Wrote another letter to Patty and to Hilda and Ernest and mailed them. Sally got letter from Patty of 14<sup>th</sup>. We went to see Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. D' Oremieux by invitation.
- 31 A cold disagreeable rain. We went out twice - on errands, and found it very unpleasant. Wrote and posted letter to Lily.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 1 We got up early and left on the 9 a.m. train for Florence. Got here between 3 and 4 p.m. and came to the Hotel de la Ville. A bright beautiful cold day. I saw some beautiful views on the way up.
- 2 Sunday - We went to the Pitti Gol - ---- before noon and the Uffizi afterwards - saw pictures &c. till we were tired and didn't see half. Bright but very cold and windy.
- 3 Went to see the Cathedral, Il Duomo, Italian Gothic - very fine outside and very plain inside with an octagonal dome with hideous frescoes. We ascended the dome and had a very beautiful view of the whole city and environs - the day was very clear and cold. We then went to the church of S. Lorenzo and the Sagrestia Nuova made by Michael Angelo

design statues & all – a square chapel – also to the Chapel of the Princes (Medici) octagonal with a dome and fine as jewelry. We saw all these with a guide who explained in French. We afterwards went to the Piazza dell' Annunziata to see the statue of grand-duke Ferdinand I by Giovanni da Bologna (John of Downy see Browning's poem 'The Statue and the Bust'). We saw the palace of the Riccardi, but nothing of the bust.

- 4 Clear cold day – We went to the dressmaker's and to the church of S. Maria Novella where we saw a celebrated wooden crucifix and a Ci----- Madonna &c. We went to see Dante's statue. Mrs. R. C. Mitchell called to see us.
- 5 We went to the church of Santa Croce where we saw the most beautiful pulpit in Italy, carved marble by Benedetto da Maj--- some of the finest things of Giotto – the Cappella Bardi which Ruskin calls 'the most interesting and perfect little Gothic chapel in all Italy' also Giotto's and very fine even to a person ignorant of art a beautiful choir and lovely stained glass. A bright pretty morning, not so cold. Afterwards we drove to Fiesole – saw the cathedral there, and a beautiful view of Florence and the country around though it was cloudy and cold. Sally got a letter from Ernest of Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and I got one from Julia – Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 6 Cloudy chilly day. Went to the Corsini gallery – saw among other pictures the S. Sebastian of Carlo Dolci. Went to the church of S. Marco – to the museum of S. Marco, then to the R cloisters. At the museum of S. Marco we saw the portrait of Savonarola by Fra Bartol and his relics. We saw the celebrated frescoes of Fra Angelico. Then we went to S. Annunziata plain outside but gorgeous inside with silver alter &c. Went to dressmaker's. Went to take tea with Mrs. Mitchell by invitation.
- 7 A warmer pleasanter day. We went to the Protestant Cemetery to see the grave of Mrs. Browning – saw the graves of other poets too – then went by the Porta a Priti to the church of San Miniato on the hill the other side of the river and down by the Viale dei Colli to the Porta Romana and back. Very fine views. Mrs. Mitchell went with us. I got a letter from brother Charlie inclosing a power of attorney for me to sign. Sally and I went to the office of the American Consul, Mr. Diller, and got him to sign and witness it. I put it in an envelope and addressed it and left it for him to have registered and he sent me the receipt to the hotel. Sally got a letter from Patty. We went to the banker's and dressmaker's to-day.
- 8 Put a letter in the box this morning for brother Charlie on business. We went to the Pitti and Uffizi galleries – to the Accademia delle Belle Arti, where we saw Michaelangelo's David &c. and then to try on dresses. It was clear and cold.
- 9 Sunday – We went to S. Maria del Carmine over the river to see some frescoes – then to the Baptistery of S. John Baptist – where we saw a little baby baptized – saw again the celebrated bronze doves. We then went to S. Michele to see the outside statues – some pretty stained glass and the celebrated Gothic carved marble shrine which Oreagna made or rather finished in 1359 which contains a sacred image of the Virgin kept covered. In the Piazza Manin opposite to the hotel there was unveiled to-day the statue of Daniel Manin the former owner of the palace which is now this Hotel de la Ville, with speeches in Italian we couldn't hear and a poor pitiful military band, crowd &c. Then we went to the Boboli gardens – very pretty in a very artificial style, with a fine view of Florence. Bright and cold.
- 10 We went to Pisa – got back by 6:30. We saw the Cathedral the Baptistry, the Campo Santo and the famous leaning tower (Campanile). It was a bright cold day and the sky

was blue as summer and the churches and tower looked like carved ivory and jewellery and the little church of S. Maria della Spina like a jewel casket. We went to the Hotel Royal Victoria and got lunch. I found invitations to Bessie McIntosh's wedding and to Cousin Mary's brother's (Mr. Rob Marvin). Bessie is to be married the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. We went up the leaning tower and had a splendid view.

- 11 Didn't do much to-day as we were tired. Went shopping and to the Burgella (Museo Nazionale) later. It was bright but very cold and windy.
- 12 Didn't do much to-day it was so cold, but still it was bright. We went to Palazzo Vecchio and went shopping. There were long icicles on the fountain. Put in the box to-night letter for Patty.
- 13 We went to banker's and Sally got a letter from Patty – went to tell Mrs. Mitchell goodbye. Then we drove to the monastery of Certosa di Val l'Ema a beautiful place with splendid views. We came back by Bello Sguardo where there is a very fine view of Florence and the surrounding country. Then we went to drive in the park, the Caseine. It was bright and milder though the wind was cold.
- 14 Didn't write in this again till the 18<sup>th</sup>. The 14<sup>th</sup> was Friday and we left Florence about 3.30 P.M. for Milan – got there after 11. We crossed the Appenine Mts. and saw some beautiful scenery. We went to the Hotel de la Ville. It was a bright cold day.
- 15 We went to see the Cathedral of Milan – had a guide and went all over the roof and tower. We had a beautiful view of the city and surroundings but owing to mist couldn't see a mountain. Then we went to the Brera, where among other pictures we saw Raphael Sposalizio's the Espansal of the Virgin. We went to the church of Sta Maria delle Grazie where in the refectory of a former monastery we saw the Last Supper of Leonardo da Vinci. We also went to Museo Poldi – Pezzoli – a collection of pictures, armor, glass, china, art furniture of all kinds – and statues – among the last a beautiful one of Bertini – Reliance on God. It was bitter cold.
- 16 Sunday – Still very cold. We went to mass at the cathedral and to see the Galleria Vittorio Emmanuele probably the finest arcade in the world. We left Milan about 1.30 P.M. for Venice. Saw some beautiful scenery on the way – Lagodi Garda the Lacus Benacus of the Romans own azure lake with snow-capped mountains in the distance. We got to Verona on the Adige about dusk and to Venice about 8 P.M. We came from the station in the omnibus gondola of the Grand Hotel. This is on the Grand Canal opposite the church S. Maria della Salute. It was very cold the night we got here – marrow-chilling cold.
- 17 We went in a gondola to the Ponte di Rialto and back to St. Mark's church. We went into the church and Baptistery and went up the Campanile. Then we walked to the Accademia, where we saw Titian's Assumption. Then we came back and took a long walk along the Riva degli Schiavoni. It was bright and cold.
- 18 I got a letter from Julia. We walked to Banker's and to S. Maria della Salute – then went in gondola to St. Mark's – got a guide and went to the sacristy &c. Then we went to the Palace of the Doges and saw among pictures and things Tintoretto's Paradise the largest oil painting in the world. Then we got a gondola and went from the hotel the whole length of the grand canal through the canals Scomenzera, di Fusina and della Giudecca round to the Hotel again. It was bright and not quite so cold. This is Mardi Gras but I have seen no sign of Carnival.
- 19 We went in a gondola to the church of San Giorgio Maggiore and S. Pietro di Castello both on islands separated from Venice, then to S. Giorio degla Schiavoni, and to S.

Giovanni e Paolo. At the island church of S. Giorgio we saw the most beautiful wood carving I ever saw – the life and death of S. Benedict. At S. Giovanni e Paolo we saw in the square the famous equestrian statue of Bartolommeo Colleoni. S. Pietro was the scene of the abduction of the Brides of Venice and it was formerly the Cathedral. Then we went to the lace factory of M. Jesurum & Co. Afterwards we went to the banker's and Sally got letter from Patty written the last of Jan. Then we went to St. Mark's again and up in the galleries and out in front by the four bronze horses. It was a bright day and not quite so cold.

- 20 We went to San Simeone Grande to see the statue of S. Simeon Profeta by Mario Romano and to S. Maria di Scalzi. Then we went to the Correr Museum – and from there to the Rialto and market. Afterwards to the banker's and glass works and of course to St. Mark's. A sunless raw bone-chilling day.
- 21 A bright day but cold. Went in a gondola to the church of S. Maria Gloriosa dei Frari called by some the Pantheon of Venice – where we saw the bombs of Titian and Conova and others. We saw the Madonna of the Pessaro family by Titian here too. We then went to the Scuola di S. Rocco to see the pictures of Tintoretto among them his Crucifixion. We then went to the church of S. Rocco where we saw Titian's Betrayal called a miraculous picture. At the banker's Sally got a letter from Mr. C.'s mother. Later we went on the steam launch to the Lido – saw beautiful views of the city, islands, forts, gulf &c. The gulf was bluer than the sky and everything looked lovely. Then we walked from the Piazza S. Marco to the Rialto and the markets beyond and back. The English people we saw at Florence, Capt. and Mrs. Boyd called to see us.
- 22 We took a long walk – from the Piazza to the Corso Vittorio Emmanuele, and back, then to the banker's and went into 8 or 9 churches. The only one of any interest is S. Zaccaria. The Corso V. E. is the widest street in Venice. Afterwards we walked to St. Mark's and to hear the military band play in the Piazza. Cloudy and cold.
- 23 Sunday – Cloudy and raw. I got letters from Hilda and Julia. Wrote and put in the box letters to Hilda and Sue and Sally sent letter to Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. Parker of St. Paul came to this hotel and we went with them to the Doge's Palace and the bridge of sighs and the dungeons.
- 24 Bright beautiful day. We went in a gondola to the canal that takes one round the arsenal. We saw the cemetery island S. Michele and Murano and in the distance Burano and Torello. Then we went to S. Maria del Orto and round by the grand canal to the Rialto and bankers. About 2 P.M. we went to the Ardi with Cap. and Mrs. Boyd and went to the other side where we saw a lovely view of the open gulf islands ships, boats &c. We didn't get back till 56, and it was beautiful. The band played and the sun shone and everything was lovely.
- 25 This is the coldest most disagreeable day since we came. We walked a little as the wind blew too cold to go in a gondola.
- 26 Didn't write in this till the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. It was cold and unpleasant. We walked to the banker's and around and to the cathedral and to hear another band play –then packed.
- 27 Thursday – Left Venice on the morning train about 9 A.M. We went by Padua and Vicenza to Verona, where we changed cars for Bozen. At Ala we crossed the line of Italy into the Austrian Tyrol and had our baggage examined. We came through Trent to Bozen where we stayed all night at the Hotel Victoria. It was a bright beautiful day and we saw

very lovely mountain scenery in the Tyrol with rivers castles ruined and otherwise, forts &c.

- 28 Left Bozen about 8.30 A.M. Went by Brixen, Franzensfeste and Brenner to Innsbruck (by the Brenner Pass across the Alps) still in the Austrian Tyrol. At Kufstein we crossed the line into Bavaria and went through the formality of having the trunks taken into a custom house station. Then we came by Rosenheim to Munich. The scenery going up to Brenner the highest point (4485 ft.) was very wild and fine snow covered mountains, rushing streams in wild ravines, pines and cliffs, cascades, and we came down by a steep grade on a beautifully constructed rail road. It snowed hard most of the way this side of Brenner and we got to Munich in a hard snow storm. Came to the Hotel van den Vier Jahreszeiten (Four Seasons Hotel). It is bitter cold.

## MARCH

- 1 Not much like spring. Cold as charity. Went with Sally to the banker's and right back again. Spent the day by the stove. It didn't snow today and the sun came out sometimes. The portier told me this evening that it was colder – and the coldest weather they had had this winter.
- 2 Sunday – Snowing when we got up and almost all day – the sun came out occasionally in little glimpses. Didn't go out of the house all day. Wrote and gave the portier to post, letters to Patty and Sally Mallory.
- 3 We went to the Old Pinakothek the Glyptothek and the Basilica of St. Boniface this morning. It was very cold, but the sun came out. We stayed by the fire the rest of the day.
- 4 Didn't write in this till the 7<sup>th</sup>. We went to the New Pinakothek and to the Old again – then went to the banker's and walked around and went back and packed our things.
- 5 Got up early and left Munich on the train for Nuremburg – got there about 11:30 a.m. Was snowing when we arrived, and snowed hard the rest of the day. We stayed at the Bavarian Hotel. Took a drive in the snow to the towers, round the old wall and to see most of the city – and the church (Prot.) of St. Lawrence. We went to the Burg or old castle to see the curiosities – mainly fine stoves and instruments of torture &c. Very cold.
- 6 My birthday – snowing hard again and snowed all day. About 12 N. we left Nuremburg for Dresden and got here between 9 and 10 P.M. Went to Hotel Bellevue but they were full and sent us to the Hotel Rome.
- 7 Raining and just like Cincinnati at its worst. Dresden is full of black slush snow and dirt and it rained all day. Being some sort of a holy day of a kind peculiar to Saxony we could not get our letters as the banker's was closed, and we spent the day in the hotel – the picture galleries &c. being closed too.
- 8 Cloudy and cold – Sally got letter from Patty. We went to the Royal picture gallery and saw among others the famous Sistine Madonna of Raphael, as beautiful as it has been described.
- 9 Sunday – Another cloudy, gloomy day and towards night rained a little. We went to the picture gallery again before dinner and stayed in the rest of the day.
- 10 The sun came out to-day. We went to the Royal porcelain collection in the Museum Johan--- and then to the Picture gallery again. Here we saw the modern pictures among others a remarkable Crucifixion of M------. After dinner we went to the banker's walked across the old Angnatus bridge and then round in the principal streets to see the shops.

- 11 Cloudy all day but not cold. We went to the Grune Gewolbe or Green Vault to see the Royal art treasures and jewels. All sorts of work of goldsmiths and silversmiths and carving in ivory and wood and inlay work and amber and jewels of all sorts and sizes. Then we went to the picture gallery twice and then took a long walk. We went to a concert to hear Marcella Sembrich sing and a pianist Jose Viannia da Motta.
- 12 A gloomy cloudy day. We left Dresden about 10.30 A.M. and got to Berlin about 2 P.M. We came to the Grand Hotel de Rome Romischer Hof. It had been raining in Berlin.
- 13 We went to the old and new Royal Museums and then to the gardens and Passage Panopticum and the wax works. The picture gallery is included in the Museum. It was a bright pleasant spring-like day.
- 14 We went to the bankers and got so many letters it took a good while to read them. I got letters from brother Charlie, Hilda and two from Julia. Brother Charlie sent me the note for \$400. drawn Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1889 to help settle up my bills before starting away. He said "as you had sufficient money lying idle in the Bank to pay the above note, I paid it" &c. I got news in a letter of Fanny's to Sally of the death of poor Angeline Beatty, which I suppose Hilda and Aunt Nancy had tried to keep from me. It was a gloomy day and misted rain towards evening. We went to the National Gallery and went only partly through it.
- 15 Saw the German Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm II go down the street Unter den Linden in an open carriage. A lady in mourning was with him probably the Empress. A lovely spring-like day. We finished the National Gallery and went to the Aquarium. We drove to the Thiergarten and all through the fine new part of the town – through the Brandenburg Gate and around the park. I sent a letter to Hilda to-day – it was given to the Portier.
- 16 Sunday – We went by the train to Potsdam where we got a guide. We then went to the Friedenskirche or Church of Peace, where through a crack we saw in the sacristy the coffin of Emperor Friedrich III (Kaiser Fritz). In this church were four columns of striped jasper from the Ural Mts. Then we went to and through the Charlottenhof. Here we saw the rooms fitted up for Humboldt. Then we went to the New Palace of Frederick the Great and looked in as it was closed. We saw into the room where Emperor Frederick died into the shell room &c. Then we went to the Orangery and walked through the arbors. Then we went to the palace of Saussouci and the Picture Gallery. It was a bright pretty day.
- 17 A lovely warm spring-like day. We went to the banker's and took a walk. +Had the luck to see the Empress in an open carriage with the little crown prince – saw him take off his cap several times as the people took their hats off and hurraed and the soldiers at the guard house beat the drums. His little blond head looked pretty in the sunlight and he seemed to the manner born. We went to the Hohenzollern Museum and saw the relics – portraits busts keepsakes insignia &c. of all the German royalties including the cradles of Frederick the Great and Kaiser Wilhelm I. Then we went to Charlottenburg where in the beautiful royal garden we saw the Mausoleum containing the beautiful recumbent statue of Queen Louise and her husband Fd. Wm. III by Rausch.
- 18 We got ready to leave Berlin and started for Cologne about 12 N. We got here about 10 P.M. and came to Hotel Ernst. The country we came through was flat ugly and uninteresting so long as daylight lasted. (We came by Spandau Stendal Hanover Minden Dortmund Duisberg Dusseldorf to Cologne (Coln).
- 19 Cloudy misty day that ended by raining moderately. We went to the Cathedral, went through it below and round the galleries inside the church and outside and went up the



tower. Could not see anything for the fog. Walked across the river Rhine on the iron bridge in a dense fog. Gave the Concierge to post a letter to Patty.

- 20 Not raining and clearer – cold and windy. It was so unpleasant we couldn't go to drive around the city – we went to the bridge again to see the Rhine and walked around to see the streets and shops, and to the Cathedral again. Wrote and gave the concierge a letter to post for brother Charlie in answer to the one received 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 21 Got up rather early and came to Amsterdam on the 8.30 train. Got here about 2.30 P.M. We came to the American Hotel. We went to the banker's and Sally got letters from home one from Patty. The country between here and Cologne was flat and after we got to Holland the canals were above the surface of the fields. We came via Dusseldorf, Duisber, Oberhausen, Wesel, Emmerich, Zenenaar, (on the frontier of Holland where we had our baggage examined by the customhouse officers), Arnheim, and Utrecht. It was cloudy, chilly and disagreeable.
- 22 Isabella's birthday – she is four years old, bless her little life. It has been a chilly cloudy day and rained last night. We spent the best of the day looking at pictures &c. in the Ryks Museum and then took a walk.
- 23 Sunday – Still gloomy and chilly and rained most of the day. We drove to see diamond cutting at the house of a firm whose name I forget, but they had a model of their establishment and engine at the Paris Exposition which they showed us. We saw both cutting and polishing and models of the most famous diamonds including the Koh-i-nor. Then we drove round to see the most beautiful places in Amsterdam, squares, buildings, parks, gardens, Zoological Garden, residence streets with little gardens in front of the houses – the docks, ships &c. statues monuments and all. Then we went to the Fodor Museum to see the pictures, among others Ary Scheffer's Christus Consolator. Then to the Panopticum to see the wax works, after that to the Ryks Museum again to see the pictures. Wrote and put in the letter box letters to Hilda and Sue.
- 24 Got up early and got ready to leave Amsterdam. Left on the train about 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Antwerp (Anvers) about 11.30 a.m. We came via Utrecht, Geldermalsen, S. Hertogenbosch, Tilburg, Breda, Roosendaal, Esschen. At this last place on the frontier of Belgium our baggage was examined by the customhouse officers. We came to the Hotel du Courrier. It was misting rain when we left Amsterdam cloudy nearly all day and later rained again. We got a cab and drove about to see the beauties of the city – squares boulevard streets, parks, monuments, quays, docks, public buildings &c.
- 25 We went to the banker's and then to the Royal Museum or Picture Gallery which was closed, so we could not see it. Then we went to the Cathedral and went up the tower where in spite of mist and only occasional gleams of sunshine we had a view of the city, river and surrounding country. We had been in the church of St. Jacques but could not see the monuments, pictures &c. on account of service. We went into the Cathedral and saw the celebrated pictures of Reubens, The Elevation of the Cross, the Assumption and the Descent from the cross, his masterpiece. We then got ready to leave and came to Brussels on the 3 P.M. train, via Malines (Mechlin). We came to the Hotel de l'Univers in Brussels – got here at 4 P.M. We took a drive to see the principal sights of the city. We saw the beautiful Hotel de la Ville with the market place and old Spanish houses. – the Mannikin Fountain, the Palais de Justice, Palaces, museums, Park, monuments &c. It was cloudy and misting most of the day but cleared off before sunset.

- 26 Cloudy day and rained later on. We drove to the Wiertz Museum to see the pictures of Wiertz a Belgium artist born 1806 died 1865, a very curious collection. Then we went to the Palais des Beaux Arts to see the picture galleries – then to the Porte de Hal to see the Museum there – then to the Cathedral (Ste. Gudule et St. Michel). The stained glass windows seemed to be the finest thing there. Then we went to the Royal Lace Manufactory, Boval – Debeck 74 Rue Royale. Afterwards we walked to see the flower market, Hotel de Ville, and the Mannikin Fountain.
- 27 We got ready to leave Brussels and left between 12 M. and 1. Before we left we took a walk and went to see the flower market and Hotel de Ville. We got to Paris between 6 and 7 P.M. and came via Brame-le-Compte, Seignies, Jurbise Mons, Feignies (here we had our hand baggage passed through the custom house) St. Quentin, Noyon, Campeigne and Creil. We had our trunks put through the custom house in Paris at the Gare du Nord. We came to the Maurice Hotel. The day was mostly cloudy but pleasant.
- 28 A lovely spring day, sunny and warm. The grass is very green and the bushes and trees budding in the gardens and Bois. We went to the banker's the first thing. I got letter from Patty written on my birthday. Patty had been sick. Sally got a later letter saying she was well. Then we went to the Louvre, and after that to drive in the Bois, which was a very pretty animated scene.
- 29 Another beautiful bright spring day. Went with Sally shopping to the Bon Marche – then to the bankers. I got letter from Ernest written Feb. 28 and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then we walked and drove around to see the crowds. Read in to-day's paper about the cyclone in Louisville and along the Ohio river above that and about the high water.
- 30 Sunday (Palm Sunday) Another lovely spring day. We went to High Mass at S. Roch and after that to the Louvre for a little while then to Notre Dame (the Cathedral) and then walked and sat in the Jardin des Tuileries.
- 31 Gave the hotel clerk to post a letter to Ernest. Another bright pretty day but not so warm. Sally and I went to the banker's but didn't get any letters –then we went to the Bon Marche and stayed in the rest of the day.

## **APRIL**

- 1 A beautiful bright day but not so warm. We went to the Bon Marche again – then to the Eiffel Tower. We went to the summit, that is as far as the lift goes, and saw a beautiful view of Paris and its environs. We met Mrs. Goodrich at the banker's.
- 2 Another bright pretty day – still cool. We went to the Luxembourg to see the picture gallery and garden again. We were there Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1889 and it was much pleasanter this time. Then we went driving to the Bois, saw some bushes and trees in bloom and some leaves out. Wrote and gave to the lift man to post a letter to Hilda.
- 3 Another bright day but cool. We went to the Louvre and through the Tuileries garden &c. and Sally got a new hat. We drove round and walked a sort of farewell to Paris.
- 4 We got up early and left Paris between 8 & 9 A.M. from the Gare du Nord. We went by way of Creil, Amiens, Verton, Boulogne (and other stations I can't remember for we came on the fast express) to Calais. There we took the Steamer for Dover and crossed the English Channel. Good Friday. It was a bright day but cool and the wind blew and the channel was rough. We landed at Dover and came through Kent by way of Canterbury Chatham and other towns to London. We had a fine view of Canterbury Cathedral from the railroad and the day continued fine so the Country looked lovely. We came to

Victoria Station. Our hand baggage was examined by the custom house officer on the steamer at Dover, our trunks at Victoria Station. We came to Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester Road Kensington, about 7 P.M.

- 5 A pleasant day again. We started out to drive to some stores but found them closed for the Easter holidays. We then went to the bankers – the cab man said it was 5 miles from the hotel – it was near the Bank of England. I got letter from Hilda inclosing a paper sent stating that Cousin Tom's Lavinia died of consumption the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb. I also got a letter from Lily with news from home and 2 from Julia. We went to see St. Paul's Cathedral went up to the Whispering Gallery and then to the Stone Gallery outside the dome, where we had a beautiful view of the surrounding city and river but the mist shut out the view beyond. In the church we saw among others the statues and monument of Lord Nelson, Gen. Packenham and a lovely one of Sir John Moore. On the way there and back we saw Trafalgar Sq. and monument, Charing Cross, and plenty of other monuments bridges &c. Afterwards we went to Hyde Park and saw the Albert Memorial.
- 6 Easter Sunday – Cloudy chilly day and after noon sprinkled a little. We went to the 10 o'clock service at Westminster Abbey. The music was beautiful fine organ and choral service. Saw the dean and heard a sub-dean or minor canon preach. Could only get a look at the inside of the Cathedral. Sat in the choir which is in the nave. Stayed in the hotel the rest of the day.
- 7 We went to the South Kensington Museum and stayed there till after two. Then we went to Westminster Abbey and walked in the cloisters till after service was over then we went into the chapels to see the royal tombs &c. Cloudy chilly day with occasional showers.
- 8 Went with Sally to the tailor's to see about getting her dresses made – then went to Westminster Abbey again and went through the rest of the royal chapels. It was another cloudy chilly day and rained hard about five.
- 9 Went with Sally to engage passage on the White Star Steamer Britannic April 23: Stateroom 45. Went to the banker's. I got letter from Hilda of March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sally got one for us both from Patty. Spent the rest of the day shopping with her. Chilly cloudy day with occasional gleams of sunshine.
- 10 Sent notes to Mr. Kennedy and to Nain – put them in the P.O. box in the hotel. Then we went to the British Museum – afterwards Sally had a dress fitted. It was a dull rainy muddy day.
- 11 My dear sister Belle's birthday – Lord love her soul. I never can think of her as old. Put letters in the letter box. We went to the tailor's and then to the National Gallery and Trafalgar Square. It was a cold raw disagreeable day.
- 12 Went shopping first – then through the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Hall – then finished seeing the Abbey and then went to Regent's Park and the Zoological Gardens. It was not so cold and pleasanter. Got a note from Nain this morning and Mr. G. G. Kennedy this evening.
- 13 Sunday – Sally and I went to the other side of the Thames across Vauxhall Bridge to the Metropolitan Tabernacle to hear Spurgeon preach. Then we went to Hyde Park and by the Serpentine and through the Park. It was cold windy and disagreeable. Wrote and put in the letter box note to Mr. G. G. Kennedy.
- 14 Went to the tailor's with Sally and to the banker's. She put in the box for me a letter to cousin Eugenia. Then we went to see the Tower and after that to see Mad. Tussaud's wax works. It was windy but not so unpleasant.

- 15 Put in the P.O. box letters to Nain (Mrs. Messer) and to Sue and Julia. Got note from Mr. G. G. Kennedy. Went with Sally to dressmaker and shopping – then went to Natl. Gallery. It was warmer to-day and rained at night.
- 16 Went with Sally to tailor's. Then we went to The Royal Society of British Artists to see a collection of water colors and paintings. Then we went to the Dore Gallery – then to the Fine Art Society to see the water color collection of Herbert Marshall and the exhibition of Alfred East's pictures of Japan. It was drizzling and smoky this morning but turned pleasanter. I got letter from Nain and put one in the letter box to-night. I put one in the letter box for her to-night.
- 17 We went to Windsor Castle and to St. George's Chapel, the Albert Chapel (formerly Wolsey Chapel) the Round Tower or Keep and the State Apartments. We went by rail from Paddington Station. It was a chilly misty day and the view from the keep was not good.
- 18 Rainy chilly disagreeable day. We went to the banker's. Sally got letter from Ernest of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Went shopping with her and came back – didn't sight-see at all. Mr. G. G. Kennedy called to see us this evening.
- 19 Primrose day – as it is called here. The tables in the hotel and almost everyone we saw were decked with bunches of primroses – it is the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of D'Israeli (sic) Lord Beaconsfield and the floral decorations are in honour of him. We went to the Natural History Museum – saw many wonderful things among others the Gould Collection of Hummingbirds. Received and answered note from Mr. Kennedy. Chilly gloomy day.
- 20 Sunday – We went to Hyde Park and to see Kensington Gardens and Palace – on the outside of the inclosure only. It is the birthplace of Queen Victoria. It was smoky chilly and dull but not so cold. Mr. Kennedy came for us and took us to see the Temple Gardens and courts and cloisters and Fleet St. We went with him to the Temple church where there was a beautiful choral service – fine organist and lovely voices, and a beautiful old place. He belongs to the Inner Temple, the symbol of which is a winged horse. The Middle Temple has for its symbol a lamb with a cross and banner with a cross on it (the Agnus Dei). Mr. K. took us to see the dining Hall of the Middle Temple with a remarkable ceiling of carved oak screen presented by Queen Elizabeth – also an oaken table given by Sir Francis Drake a memento of the Spanish Armada. We also went to see the grave of Oliver Goldsmith in Temple churchyard. We went home with Mr. K. to tea. He told me the names of his four sons, Gilbert, David, Humphrey and John Navarre. We met at his house his eldest brother Admiral Wm. Robert Kennedy R.N. We went and came back by the underground railway. At the Temple church Rev. Canon Ainger preached.
- 21 We left London for Liverpool on the morning train – got there about – o'clock. We went to the Railway Hotel called the North Western. We went to a picture gallery at St. George's Hall I think and also to see the statues in the square in front. The wind blew hard and it rained a little and it seemed a stormy night.
- 22 We went to a store near the hotel to get fruit and steamer chairs and then drove to the Alexandra Dock to get on the Steamer Britannic. Found on board a letter from Nain Messer. We started about noon and it was a bright day.

23 We were at Queenstown and the harbor looked very pretty – it showered part of the day. The hills and scenery around the bay looked green and lovely. We took on between 8 and 900 deck passengers.

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25 The weather began to get bad and kept getting worse for days. The wind blew gales and it was so disagreeable on board that I couldn't keep any count of the time. After the gales subsided the cheerful fog horn took up the tale and it was a horrid passage until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May when it cleared up and hope of land made us feel better. We didn't get to New York till the afternoon of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. After getting done with the Custom House officers we went to the Fifth Ave. Hotel. John Riddle came to see us and took us to the theatre to see Crane in the Senator – very funny.

I neglected my day book until the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and will have to set the things down mostly from memory.

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- 11 Sunday – Came down on the mail boat from Cincinnati. It was a beautiful bright day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to meet me at the river and came out home with me and stayed all night. Found Aunt Nancy and Aunt Susan as well as usual. Found the house and all just as I left it, for which I humbly thank my Maker. Everything looks lovely, “touched with the delicate green of early May”. People say that last winter here was a very uncommon one – so wet and mild. It rained so constantly that grass grew all winter and the cattle and sheep stayed out in the pastures and the hands hauled fodder to them there. What cold there was was towards spring and only sufficed to kill some of the fruit. Sent postal to Sally.
- 12 Joe worked ½ day – drove the wagon when I went to Bellevue to get a barrel of flour &c. He has such a sore hand he had to quit work. Mr. John Cox bought a load of corn from me – he came and got 10 tubs to-day. Got a letter from brother Charlie with draft on New York for \$350.00. Geo. Blythe came and bought my wool at .23.
- 13 My dear parents' wedding day. I was busy cleaning up the house. Can't remember anything to set down.
- 14 Rained almost all day but I went to Burlington. Got the draft for \$350. cashed by Mr. Revill and paid him the note for \$300. that I left there Sep. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1889. It was due Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and I paid him the interest on it since then 6.65. I paid Hilda 7.65 for some pigs she bought for me and sundries she got for Aunt Nancy. Mr. Brady gave me the agreement to buy my lambs signed by Geo. C., J. M. and M. P. Barlow in which they contract for

the single lambs at 4.00 per head, the twins for 3.50 and the three refuse lambs at 3.00. Mr. Brady had sold for me 333 1/3 bus. corn at .30 = \$100. of that he had spent for weighing corn 2.00 clover & timothy seed 4.05 meat and onion sets 1.10 total 7.15 which deducted from the 100. left 92.85 which he paid me. I returned 1.50 which he hadn't collected yet that was due on the corn. Ernest came this evening. I think it was that Bill Lacy came and I settled with him, but I neglected to date the settlement. See his account book.

- 15 Dan McCarty worked. We got the sheep up and put them in the sheep cellar. It rained at night, See below settlement with Bill Lacy.
- 16 Dan worked again. We turned the sheep out in lot and put them up at night again. Sent letters to T-D. Susie Rice came.
- 17 Sheared sheep. The men said they counted 65 sheep. Ennis Nixon Alva Bruce and George Roseberry sheared and Dan McCarty and Bill Lacy caught sheep and sacked the wool. They finished to-day. Joe couldn't work and Dick was putting in his sorghum. Dan said he worked 3 3/4 days this week. I stopped to see the Arnold girls and got my box Lily had. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Got letters from Patty & Sally and sent letter to them.
- 18 Sunday – Clear except a sprinkle. Ernest dined with us. Hilda and Mr. B. went home this evening.
- 19 Raining again of course. Dan worked. They got corn ready for mill. Bill Lacy got 2 bus. bread corn.
- 20 Got up early and went in the spring wagon with Dick to Burlington. He was going to mill. I took the stage for Erlanger and went to Cin. Julia met me at the cars and took me home with her. I stayed the rest of the week at Julia's and went to all the 7 concerts of the May Festival. The first Tuesday eve. May 20<sup>th</sup> Matinee, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> evening. Friday evening 23<sup>rd</sup>, Matinee Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday evening 24<sup>th</sup>. Fine music and pleasant visit. Sent letters to Mary Cochran & ----- . Left word for my wool to be delivered at Bellevue Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>. to Mr. Blythe. +Joe said he helped Dick plant corn the 23 and 1/2 day the 24<sup>th</sup>. Dan McCarty said he worked 4 1/2 days this week.
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- 25 Sunday – Went to see Julia's mother Mrs. Resor. Julia took me to the boat and I came home. Met Mrs. Emily Helm on board. Dick came to the river for me. A bright pretty day. Aunt Nancy gave me Mr. George Blythe's check for the wool and the weights. There were 288 lbs. and the check was for \$66.24.
- 26 Dan worked and Joe too and Joe went to boat at night for my things that didn't come. I had the tomato plants I brought from Julia's set out and they worked in garden and yard. I got letters from children and from Sarah. Patty wrote that Mrs. McClure died the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 27 Gave Dick Loudon order on Piper and Cowen for a barrel of flour. I began to wean 3 calves.
- 28 Dan worked for me. Joe helped Dick get his corn in. I think it was to-day Ernest and Hal Bennett came.
- 29 No one worked for me except that Joe helped Dick again. I went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Eliza and the rest. Paid her bills for coal at Elliott's and for groceries at Oscar

- Jones's. I got cashed at R. Sun Bank the check for 66.24 (see 25<sup>th</sup>). Got letters from Sally and Amy. Sent Sally's box by Adams Ex. Got postal order 2.50 for sub. Co. Gentleman.
- 30 Dan worked for me and Joe helped Dick. I sent by Anderson letter to Co. Gen. (Messrs. Luther Tucker & Son) with P.O. order for 2.50 for my sub. for 1890 and letter to Sally with 3.00 in it. Got letters from Julia and Sally.
- 31 Sent by Mr. Blythe (beef man) letters to Julia and Sarah. Dan worked ½ day. He has worked in all this week 4 ½ days. He and Joe have worked in the garden and cleaning out vineyard and yard mowing, grubbing &c. ----- is setting out sweet potato plants, ploughing corn, planting corn &c. Dick says Joe has worked 5 days helping him all together and he has had my team 6 days. I rode to Bellevue.

## JUNE

- 1 Sunday – bright beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined. Ellen came to help me clean the house.
- 2 I went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally of 30<sup>th</sup> – she said her father got home that morning. Joe went to Burlington to take the Campbell mare to Oscar Wilde – He dug the broken tile out afterwards and helped beat carpet and worked in garden. Dan worked to-day chopping dock and weeds. Ellen cleaned the room over the parlor and I put the carpet down. A bright hot day.
- 3 Mr. John Cox came and got 14 tubs of corn which with the 10 he got May 12<sup>th</sup> makes 40 bus. He is to pay the market price three weeks ago. I sent by Bob Brady a letter to the P.O. for Amy. Dan worked, hauling out grass and trash out of the yard and picking up dock in clover. Joe worked till he took sick after dinner. He hauled out trash and cut clover in front of the house. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia.
- 4 Very warm and bright, like yesterday. Dan worked chopping weeds and hauling weeds out of clover and turning clover. Ellen cleaned house. I set out the tomato plants I had in the box – the 13<sup>th</sup> was a little one among Julia's.
- 5 Hot again and cloudy about 11 had a good shower with thunder and lightning. Dan worked and Joe, and Dick till noon. They hauled in the clover that was cut. Joe took Peggy to Oscar Wilde and left her and the colt at Mr. Le Grand Gaines's. Dan set out early and late cabbages. I went to Bellevue got letter from Patty. Took letters to Patty to Julia Flandrau and to Belle R. inclosing letter to Mary C.
- 6 Joe and Dan worked – they hauled wood till dinner, then Joe cut weeds below the oats with machine then worked in the garden and cut stove wood. Dan finished setting out cabbage plants cut weeds and picked cherries. I worked with Ellen cleaning house and patching paper. Had some showers to-day.
- 7 Beautiful bright day. No one worked for me. Amy and Miss Eckstein drove down from Cin. and dined with me. Ernest and Lily came. I told Dick he could have a cow to milk for milking for me in Joe's place when necessary. I got letter from Mary C. from Seattle.
- 8 A perfect day. I went to dine with Ernest by invitation – took Lily with me. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. Mr. Brady paid me the 1.50 he collected on the corn (see May 14<sup>th</sup>).
- 9 Looked like rain and showered a little about noon – after sundown had a glorious rain, much needed. Mr. Kite came to take the census. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Dan and Joe worked ½ day. Joe broke up piece in garden next the graveyard and Dan cleaned up in vineyard.

- 10 Settlement with Joe West. We settled up to June 7 inclusive. What I had on my books that Joe had received since our last settlement Oct. 1 and what he had on the act. with Mike Corbin came to 98.53. I then paid him 1.00 and he went to Mike Corbin and got the bill for his coal 8.46. It all came to \$107.99. He gave in since our last settlement 152 ¼ days at .75 came to 118.69 which left him a balance of 10.70 which I paid and settled in full to June 7 inclusive. -----A fine tobacco season – the ground soaked. Went to Bellevue to take letter to Patty. Pd. Will Grant my blacksmith's bill and pd. Mr. Cowen 5.25 for Dick's flour. Joe helped Dick Loudon set out tobacco.
- 11 Ellen went away – I took her to McVile. While there, paid Mr. I. H. Humphrey 5.57 for lumber Dick got for his meat house. Got letters from Sue, Julia and Amy and papers T-D. Got and receipted for a package Sally sent Hilda by mail. Joe helped Dick set out tobacco till noon (1/2 day). Then he cut weeds and briars in and around graveyard &c. Dan worked cutting briars and grubbing till the rain. Had another fine rain about five and more rain at night with thunder.
- 12 Didn't write in this till Sunday night and forget so it is hard to get things straight. Went to Mrs. Rice's.
- 13 Sent by Dick letters to buddy to Sally and to Mrs. Brown I think. Nina Cochrane came this evening via Rising Sun. I put up some cherries. It was clear during the day and in the night there was a thunder storm with heavy rain and hail.
- 14 Only Joe worked ½ day for me. Dick said that his boys worked 1 ½ day this week cutting thistles in pasture beyond the creek. I got letter from Patty. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed all night. There was a heavy rain with thunder during the night.
- 15 Sunday – There was a very hard rain to-day after 1 o'clock with very severe thunder and lightning. Hilda and Mr. Brady, Ernest, Mrs. Botts and Ed Botts, Zen and Ella Scott dined here.
- 16 Cousin Nina went away. I took her up to Burlington to go to Cin. We dined at Hilda's and she went up in the omnibus. I got home after 5 and it rained again. At sundown there was a double part rainbow and the most beautiful rose and gold eastern sky imaginable. Charlie Burns came out in the morning and hung the weights in my window and took the measures for the eaves troughs at the house Bill lived in. I paid him 3.00 for lumber. +My young heifer that was in Mr. Rogers's pasture last fall has a calf a b. calf red with a little white spot in its forehead. Joe took Til down to have him shod and then cut thistles. Flave and Jess cut thistles.
- 17 Joe went to mill. After he got back he worked cutting weeds in the big pasture. He said Dick's boys worked at it about half a day. I went to Bellevue in the evening. Took package of Julia's handkerchiefs and letters to her and to Sally – got one from Mrs. Helm. Paid Dan McCarty in full to date. Of course it rained hard at night.
- 18 Raining this morning. Sent Joe down with Kitty and Bill to Will Grant to be shod. After his dinner Joe worked a little in the garden staked the late tomatoes &c. then he cut weeds in big pasture. There was a beautiful rainbow at sunrise and for several days it has been hot and showery, sultry at times. Flave and Jess cut weeds ½ day.
- 19 Charlie Burns came out to work. He fixed my window, the cistern tile and all sorts of odd jobs about the house. Joe helped him most of the time and cut wood &c. Dick went down on his own account with my wagon and brought out the steamer chairs and rugs John Burns brought from Aurora. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Sarah and graduation invitation from Julia Flandrau. It was not so sultry to-day and did not rain at all.



- 20 Dick Loudon began to cut wheat. Joe helped him and no one worked for me. I worked in the garden and cleaned up in the house.
- 21 Very hot again. I sent letters by the beef man that were sent back by a mistake – late in the evening I took them down again – letters to T-D and to Cousin Rebecca. I canned raspberries and picked a few. Let Dick Loudon have 10.50 to pay his hands with. Joe cut wheat for Dick again to-day. Didn't write in this till the 25<sup>th</sup> and expect to get things wrong.
- 22 Sunday – Bright hot day. Hilda and Mr. Brady and Ernest and Lily dined with me.
- 23 Another hot bright day. Joe worked helping Dick cut wheat. I canned and finished getting paper off my wall.
- 24 I went out to Burlington and dined with Hilda and Mr. B. Joe helped Dick cut wheat again. I let Dick have 9.00 to pay his hands. Very sultry again. I went down to Bellevue – got letters from buddy and from Julia.
- 25 Very hot again. I went out to Mr. Rouse's to get raspberries. Joe only worked ½ day for me. Dick Lacy worked ½ day ploughing the garden and hoed some melon vines. Joe fixed pig pen and hoed sweet potatoes. Mrs. Nolan and the rest moved to-day to Aurora. It was 105 in the shade at Bellevue.
- 26 Flave came in and said that he and Jess had worked altogether cutting thistles 3 ½ days – that his father let him have .50 a day of it – his came to 1.75 and including .20 for raspberries I gave him an order on Piper & Cowen for 1.95. Pd July 14. Dick Lacy came back and worked ½ day in the garden for me and Joe worked in garden too. It was very warm again. Mrs. Corbin and Permelia came. I went to the Arnold's to see Mrs. Nancy Arnold. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty – also paper from Julia Flandrau.
- 27 Probably the hottest day this year. Mike Corbin said it was 108 in the shade of his gallery. I went down in the evening. Took letter to buddy to acknowledge the receipt of the draft for 350. (see May 12<sup>th</sup>) and letters to Patty and Mrs. Helm. Joe worked in garden mostly – he finished breaking up that little piece next graveyard – got some yellow corn from Bob Brady's I believe, and planted it. He also planted sugar corn in garden for late roasting ears.
- 28 Only Joe worked ½ day. I sent him to tell Mr. Flinn about taking tobacco out of shed – when he came back he fixed barn lot fence. Dan had the team to move to the toll gate. I paid him the 6.00 for Dick Loudon for harvesting, also Joe the 6.75 and Dick Lacy 3.50 all for Dick. Got letters from Sally and Amy. Intensely hot again.
- 29 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came but dined in Bellevue. It was very hot again. We had a shower or rain last night and thunder during the day.
- 30 It is twenty-three years ago to-day since my beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her sweet soul forevermore. Mr. Blythe came and bought 3 head of cattle – my cows Cherry and Nancy and a young heifer for 95. He sent by George West who came for them a check on the Burlington bank for the amount. Joe worked – got up the cattle – changed the 3 calves to the pasture with the rest of the cattle – got the machine &c. ready and began to cut grass on the other side of the creek. Mrs. Nancy Arnold and Susie Layton came this evening. Still hot with clouds and thunder.

## **JULY**

- 1 I went to Bellevue this morning, took letter to Amy. Then put up raspberry jam and worked in the garden, tying up tomatoes &c. It was hot but not so hot as it has been and

- we had a shower towards sundown. Joe cut grass over beyond the creek and then mowed plantain in yard. I got a letter from Patty of Feb. 11.
- 2 Went to Bellevue in the evening. Took letters to the three banks and to Patty and postal to Amy. Got letter from Julia.
  - 3 Cooler and a lovely breeze all day. Dick Lacy worked again and after they finished hauling hay they hauled two loads of wood. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Amy. Didn't write in this till the 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4 Joe and Dick Lacy worked ½ day fixing watergap in pasture on mud road, then Dick hoed a little and Joe mowed a little. I got letter from Patty. I got the first blackberries and made jam. Got copies of T-D.
  - 5 I didn't forget it was the day my beloved sister Belle was buried. No one worked for me. I walked over after noon to see the base ball game, then went to Bellevue to call on Mrs. Harry Botts. Cool this morning and evening.
  - 6 Sunday – cool this morning and evening. Went to the Campbellite church to the funeral of Mrs. Len Clore – also was buried in Bellevue graveyard. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Katy, Lily, Flora and Ernest came to call.
  - 7 Hot and dry. I worked with blackberries all day. Joe cut the walnut tree by the hay shed – hunted up old Bill and ploughed and hoed in the garden. Mr. Brady wrote me a note by Will Arnold to get the lambs up and Joe, Flave and Jess helped me get them up. Dick Loudon was hauling in his wheat.
  - 8 Mr. Barlow – several of them it seems, came by the crack of day for the lambs. There were 9 pairs of twins he said which at 3.50 and with one sheep at the same price came to 59.50, there were 3 at 3.00 = 9.00 and 37 lambs at 4.00 = 148.00 + 9.00 + 59.50 = \$216.50. They gave me a check for the amount on the Farmers and Traders Natl Bk. Cov. signed George C. Barlow & Co. They took 56 lambs in all and I had 6 little ones left that came since they bought the lambs. I had the bucks turned in the back pasture. Joe counted the ewes that were left in the pasture and said he made 61. It was hotter and drier to-day 102 degrees in the shade in Bellevue . I went down and got letters from Patty and Amy and letter from the Georgetown Bk. inclosing draft on N. York for \$56.00 the div. for last Jan. and for July. Mr. Laird said he didn't get my order to send the Jan. dividend to brother Charlie. Also got postal from Mr. Geo. H. B. White of Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. saying he had sent check for July div. to brother Charlie. Joe attended to sheep and then hoed, and mowed grass in yard. Lily came over while I was gone.
  - 9 Didn't write in this till the 14<sup>th</sup> and will probably forget half. Joe worked only ½ day in the yard quit because he was sick. I was busy putting up jam and it was still hot and dry.
  - 10 Amy Campbell and Miss Enid Yandell came with Amy's groom. Dusty, dry, but quite cool.
  - 11 Amy had Peggy's colt that she named Harriet caught to break. I sent by Charlie for mail. Got business letter from buddy about my Wash. drafts that were sent to him. Cool in the morning am hot in the day and very dry.
  - 12 Sent letters to Patty with one that came from Sally H. inclosed also letter to buddy and one to Bank acknowledging draft (see 8<sup>th</sup>). Hilda and Mr. Brady came down to meeting at Bellevue – where Mike Corbin was ordained deacon. Got letter from Julia telling of the birth of little Julia, Fanny's baby. Joe sick all the rest of this week. Hilda and Mr. B. stayed all night.

- 13 Sunday – had a shower between 3 and 4 A.M. and a good hard rain after noon. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Ernest came in the evening.
- 14 Hot and cloudy part of the day. Joe couldn't work but rode to Mr. Le Grande Gaines's and brought back Peggy and her colt. I went to Burlington with Miss Enid Yandell. Went to the Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash my two checks and draft (see June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>) \$95.00 - \$216.50 – and \$56.00 = 367.50. He charged the .50 for the two checks and gave me the 367. Stopped at Hilda's. I went to Mike Corbin's and got my store account and paid it \$224.90 and had it receipted. There was a credit on it of 74.00 for Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> for ½ of Dick's tobacco and another credit of April 8<sup>th</sup> of \$63.60 for corn from Mr. Joe Lillard that I told him I would sell him before I left home. Went to Piper and Cowen and paid and got my orders for Dick and Flave Loudon 6.45 in all. Got letter from Sue.
- 15 Hot again. No one worked for me. Joe still sick. I got letter from Nina Cochran. Ernest was here.
- 16 Hotter still. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to start home to-night if Julia was well enough.
- 17 Very hot again and a little shower about the time we dined. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca. Amy was thrown from her colt and hurt her arm.
- 18 Joe began to work again – he drove the spring wagon to Florence for me but the children didn't come – then ploughed corn in the garden. Amy sent for Dr. Furnish who came and bandaged her arm. It was not so hot to-day. Mr. Cy Kelly and Mr. Albert Kelly came and I sold him (Albert) my apples except what I want for myself and Patty at .50 a barrel on the tree for Canada Red, Rome Beauty, Smith Cider and Newtown Pippin – he to take them in good season and I not to have anything to do with picking or hauling but I am to have the road worked down the hill. There are some earlier apples he is to pay .35 a barrel for if he takes them – they may fall off.
- 19 Didn't write in this till the 24<sup>th</sup>. Did not forget the dreadful day so long ago. Lord love their souls. Ernest came this evening I think with Miss Langtree. I got a letter from Tilden saying the children would come tomorrow.
- 20 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. stopped here. Patty, Sally, Isabella and Julia came down on the boat. Joe drove the wagon down.
- 21 I went to Rising Sun and brought Ellen back to work. Cool pleasant day.
- 22 Joe went to mill. Cool again.
- 23 Rained about day – then afterwards we had a splendid soaking rain. Joe put in ½ day fixing harness &c. and brushing the cellar out. Ernest came in the evening and it rained again at night.
- 24 Clouds and thunder part of the day but no rain here. Mr. Berkshire came and I paid him \$20.00 for the two colts, Amy's and mine and she then paid me back the 10.00 for hers. Amy, Miss Yandell, Patty and Sally went to Cinti. after dinner – they drove. Joe cut stove wood and mowed weeds in garden and yard. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Cousin Eugenia.
- 25 Lovely bright day and not too hot. Joe worked hauling grass out of yard and cutting it – and ploughing corn in garden. They all got home from Cin.
- 26 Joe worked ½ day – went to the shop for the wagon and cut wood. Ernest came to call. I forgot to set down that I had the horses and cattle turned into the pasture across the pike yesterday.

- 27 Sunday – Lovely bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to see us. Amy and Miss Yandell and Theodore went home.
- 28 I went to Bellevue to the funeral of Perry Clore's wife, Miss Kelly that was. It was hot and dusty. Joe worked at odd things in the yard and cleaning the cellar – and after dinner (his) I sent him for Dan and they cleaned out the kitchen cistern and dug along the tile to hunt another break. I got letter of 25<sup>th</sup> from Sally Humphreys – saying that Lewis Johnstone, Loulie Grigsby and Laura had been poisoned by a black boy. The others escaped. Mr. Bob Brady paid me 1.85 for some broken bricks he got.
- 29 Dan came again and dug out tile but couldn't find any break. He worked to make out a day's work he owed me. Joe worked fixing the road down cherry hill for Mr. Kelly who hauled some apples – and ran after horses and cattle the most of the evening. Got letter from Mr. House about apples and one from Enid Yandell. Hot to-day and still dry.
- 30 Joe and Flave spent most of the morning after a calf they didn't get up – then Flave cut a few weeds and Joe a little wood – after his dinner Joe cut down a tree for stove wood. It was very hot to-day. Got books Enid sent me.
- 31 Went to Bellevue – sent letters to Sally Humphreys and to Mr. House about apples. Mr. Cy Kelly paid me \$12.60 for 36 bls. of early apples, see July 18<sup>th</sup>. Didn't write in this till Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Went to Mr. Henderson's for honey. Joe cut wood in the woods and stove wood.

## AUGUST

- 1 Joe hauled wood and chopped some. We had a shower about noon.
- 2 No one worked for me. Patty and I went to call on the Arnolds. I got letter from Amy about calf. Very hot this week. Mr. Hogan came to see cistern.
- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came Sunday – I gave Mr. Brady \$15.00 to give Mr. Geo. Terrill for Daisy's colt. Very hot.
- 4 Election day – no one worked for me. I sent letters to Sue and Amy. Very hot, and a shower after 6 P.M. Got letter from brother Charlie with check for \$83. being the 8.00 July div. of Wash. Natl. Met. Bk. (see July 8<sup>th</sup>) and the 75.00 dividend of July from Bk. of Washington. Tilden Selmes came after I had gone to bed – came on the boat. Sprinkled a little during the night and early in the morning.
- 5 Sent Joe to Bellevue to get Kitty shod and to haul a barrel of cement and the eaves troughs from Charlie Burns's. He then hunted my hogs and put them back in the field and hauled sand and then got up Kitty and hitched up spring wagon &c. Til drove her in the spring wagon. I went in it to Bellevue – gave Mr. Kelly letter to buddy acknowledging draft got yesterday – also one to Belle Raymond. It was very hot but turned cool at night.
- 6 Cool pleasant morning. Til drove us to Burlington. Went to Bank and Mr. Revill cashed my draft of \$83. – gave me \$82.85. I went to Mr. Brady's and gave him \$140. to pay my taxes. Mr. Brady gave me a receipt for \$15 from Mr. G. W. Terrill for Daisy's colt. We got home before dinner. Joe worked – hauled manure out of yard – ploughed corn in garden – hitched up wagon – cut briars in garden &c.
- 7 Didn't write in this till the 11<sup>th</sup>. We went on a picnic to Big Bone Springs, Patty, Sally, Til, Isabella, Julia and I. It sprinkled down there part of the day. Joe worked – cut briars in vineyard &c. Didn't write in this till the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 Mr. Cutcheon came to-night on the boat. I think Joe worked. Til went after Mr. Cutcheon.

- 9 Mr. Hogan came and fixed the cistern by the kitchen. Joe worked till noon chopping stove wood and cutting briars I think then helped Mr. Hogan  $\frac{3}{4}$  a day altogether.
- 10 Sunday - Joe drove the spring wagon and Patty and Sally went to Aurora with Til and Mr. Cutcheon who left for St. Paul. I went to see Lily. I didn't forget that it was my darling sister Belle's wedding day.
- 11 Sent letter to Julia. The thrashers came. Mr. Huey's machine and thrashed Dick Loudon's wheat - it measured 250 bus. he said. I let him have 12.50 to pay for it. It was a cool shady day – cloudy. Joe helped Dick.
- 12 Joe went to help Mr. Bob Brady thrash. This evening he went after my 3 shoats and brought them back to the pen. Lily came.
- 13 Joe hauled sand for cistern and cement – after his dinner he took the buggy to Ernest Smith R. Sun. I got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday, 29 to-day – Lord love her sweet life. Rained a little this morning and turned to a kind of mist before it stopped. Joe worked after dinner. He hauled one load of coal from Mr. Corbin's bus. Mr. Hogan came down this evening to repair the cistern at Dick's – Dick helped. Lily came to-day. Didn't write in this till the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 15 Went to Burlington to meet Cousin Belle Raymond who came. Joe drove the spring wagon. He hauled a load of coal \_\_\_ bus. before we went and another afterwards. Joe sowed a few turnip seeds. Mr. Hogan finished his work on the cisterns and I paid him in full 3.00.
- 16 Patty and Sally started early for Aurora to go to Cincinnati. Joe drove the wagon. He fixed the lock on the house. Bill left and cut some stove wood to finish the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- 17 Sunday – Did not forget my beloved mother's death – Lord love her pure soul. Patty and Sally came down on the boat. Joe drove the wagon. Hilda and Mr. Brady and Ernest dined here. About 10.30 P.M. it began to rain.
- 18 Didn't write in this till Wednesday. It rained a good soaking rain this morning. Joe washed and oiled harness. It cleared up and he hauled a load of coal and then hauled some dirt for the tennis court and helped fix it.
- 19 Dick came and talked about renting. It rained off and on during the day. Joe hauled a load of coal in the morning and one after dinner.
- 20 Didn't write in this till 22<sup>nd</sup>. Think it rained off and on and Joe hauled coal.
- 21 Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I walked to church with them at night. It rained hard in the morning. Joe went twice to Mr. Albert Kelly's for strawberry plants, cut some weeds in front of yard across the pike and hauled a little straw in the lane.
- 22 Joe set out strawberries this morning and cut stove wood – after dinner he went to R. Sun for the buggy which Ernest Smith repaired (pd. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>). I got letter from Julia. I weeded my little old strawberry patch. It cleared off and turned cool.
- 23 Joe didn't work – hauled coal for himself in the morning. Amy Campbell and Miss Eckstein came down. It was very cool 49 degrees at sunrise and seemed cooler at night.
- 24 Sunday – not so cool this morning but cloudy all day and they complained so of feeling cold this evening that I had a little wood fire in the grate. We went to Ernest's to take Miss Eckstein and Amy – he dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. were here a while. Amy and Miss Eckstein went home this evening. Charlie brought me a little bucket of blackberries. I thought so much of my dear father whose birthday this was in 1790 – it seemed incredible it could have been a hundred years ago – how strange a world.

- 25 Didn't write in this till Wed. We all went to Hilda's to spend the day and Patty and Sally walked to Burlington and back. It was cloudy and cool and in the morning rained a bit. Joe cut briars in the vineyard I think. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Sophie.
- 26 Joe began to work but about 9 A.M. it poured down and he quit. It rained hard most of the day – in torrents occasionally.
- 27 Mr. Fred Utz came and I spoke to him about sheep - found my two bucks in the pasture with the ewes. Joe finished cutting briars in the vineyard. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Mr. Cy Cowen came and got a load of corn for his father – is to give Mr. Brady the money. Mr. H---ly came and paid me 1.00 for some bread corn.
- 28 Lovely bright day – Hilda and Mr. B. went home this evening. I went to Mr. Jim Rogers's to ask him about wheat land. I told Joe to cut weeds along paling fence on pike and to repair the fence next Mr. Rogers's place. I was busy .
- 29 Went to Bellevue and to McVille to see Isaac Loudon who is sick – stopped at Mrs. Snyder's. Another lovely bright day. Dick has been sick this week. Joe cut weeds on pike fences. Lily was here.
- 30 Sent letter to T-D. Mr. Joe Walton came to ask about cattle. Joe worked ½ day cutting weeds and stove wood. Hilda stopped as they passed. A beautiful bright day. Told Dick he might sell 50 bus. of the wheat to raise some money. Mr. Brady brought me the corn money from Mr. Cowen \$13.50 – he said the corn weight 26 bus. 22 .lbs.
- 31 Sunday – Didn't write in this till Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Belle and I went to church, it was a beautiful, bright day. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. 49 degrees at sunrise.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ernest Grant came by with the sheep Mr. Utz spoke to me of – he let me cut off 40 from the flock and keep them at 4.10 a head – which I am to pay to Mr. Jim Conner. I turned the 40 ewes in with my other ewes. Katy came with Ernest. Joe worked cutting weeds. Aunt Eliza came to see us and I took her to Bellevue. Got letter from Julia. Patty and Sally went to Aurora.
- 2 Mr. Saml. Fisk of Rising Sun representing D. P. Truett Agt. for the G. Y. Roots Co. Lawrenceburgh came to look at our wheat and Dick and I agreed to send it to them (Mr. Moore Manager) and let Mr. M. take it at his valuation. Mr. Fisk offered Dick Loudon .93 for 50 bus. Heard that Dick's brother Jesse died. Joe worked cutting weeds in field by graveyard. Turned warmer 55 degrees at sunrise. Sent letter to buddy on business.
- 3 Doll Rogers came and got 12 tubs of corn called 20 bus. at .50 is to pay for it the last of the week. I went to Jesse Loudon's funeral in Bellevue, and went on there. It has been a regular summer day. Joe cut weeds in the graveyard and along wire fence – hauled manure out of yard &c.
- 4 Louly cow and Siegra. Sent Joe down for the sacks, and he and Flave hauled wheat to the river and Dick helped sack the wheat. Told Charlie Rockwell he could have the remains of the old wagon for 5 ricks of good stove wood delivered here. Belle and I went to Bellevue. Mr. Kelly gave me 2.80 for 8 barrels of apples he got this week. We went to see Mrs. Rice. It was hot to-day with showers and sprinkles. Susie and Lily came over. To-day in taking the stuffing out of the chimney in the parlor I found a nest in the chimney with a little flying squirrel in it.
- 5 Dr. Raymond arrived this morning at breakfast. It is a hot day. Towards 4 P.M. clouded up and there was a shower. Ben Corbin came out and got .80 worth of grapes. Mr. Jim

Rogers came and gave me 10.50 for the corn his brother Doll got (see 3<sup>rd</sup>). I sold a man .50 worth of corn. Charlie Rockwell brought me a rick of stove wood. Joe and Flave each hauled a load of wheat down this morning and finished up. Dick helped sack. Patty and Sally went to Aurora to meet Mr. Cutcheon – they all got back about 8 P.M. It rained this morning. Joe drove the wagon and worked to-day. I went to Bellevue to see about getting the wheat shipped. Didn't write in this book again till the 25<sup>th</sup> and find it impossible to get things straight – but from some rough notes taken at intervals will try to set down the main points.

- 6 Got letter from brother Charlie with check for \$200. Went to Burlington Bank and got Mr. Revill to give me a check for \$164. for Conner, Hughes and Crichton – and put the letter inclosing it in the Burlington P.O. Got the rest of it in cash \$36. Got letter from Sue. Mr. Beeman the Burlington miller got a load of corn.
- 7 Sunday – Dr. Grant and Ernest dined with us. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to stay with Isabella and Julia while we went to the Mammoth Cave. Cousin Belle and Dr. Raymond, Mr. Cutcheon, Patty, Sally and I went down on the Mailboat Fleetwood to Louisville. It was a lovely trip – the evening and sunset beautiful and the river scenery. Joe drove the wagon to the river.
- 8 Went to the Galt House in Louisville – walked about with Cousin Belle. Dr. R. was too sick to go on and stayed in L. The rest of us left about 1 P.M. for Glasgow Junction where we waited for the train for Mammoth Cave. Arrived at the cave about 4 P.M. It rained but not very hard. We went into the cave about 7 to take the short route coming out about 10 P.M.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday – Lord love her soul. I thought of her and it in the caverns of the earth. We went into the cave, Patty, Sally, Mr. Cutcheon and I for Cousin Belle couldn't stand the trip at 11 A.M. for the long route – came out at 8 P.M. It rained some that day. Julia Loving told me after I got home that she put in the P.O. letters to Charlie acknowledging the draft for 200. see 6<sup>th</sup> and to Sue. I had written them Sunday and forgot to take them. Didn't forget my dear sister Susie's birthday – Lord love her sweet soul.
- 10 We left Mammoth Cave – went in a wagon by the old stage road to Cave City to take the 9 A.M. train for Louisville – got there about 12 – it was raining hard. Belle went to the hotel with Dr. and Patty, Sally, Mr. C and I went to Mr. Yandell's. Enid met us and took us to her mother's to lunch, by invitation. We left on the train about 3. Belle and Dr. came up on the boat. When we changed cars at North Vernon Ind. Patty went on to Cin. to meet Mrs. Furness. Sally, Mr. Cutcheon and I went on to Aurora where we got off and took the mailboat for Bellevue. It rained and the river was high. Joe met us with the wagon – we got home about 9 P.M. I found letter from Lucy Johnstone and postal card receipt from Mr. J. M. Conner for the check for \$164. for the sheep (see 6<sup>th</sup>). Hilda and Mr. B. had gone. It was Association at East Bend this week and they left to go.
- 11 Got up soon and sent Joe with the buggy for Belle and Dr. who came on the mail boat about 4 A.M. Dr. very sick. Went to Ernest's to see Lucy Johnstone and Louisiana Grigsby. Sent down to the boat at night for Patty who did not come – got Mrs. Furness's trunk. It rained at night.
- 12 Amy drove down with Patty, Mrs. Furness and Ramsey F. They got here to dinner. Ernest, Lucy and Louisiana came to dine. Mr. Kirtley came – and Hilda - turned out a pretty day. Joe took the spring wagon that was broken to Mr. Morrison. I got letter from G. Y. Roots Co. about the wheat.

- 13 Belle and Dr. R. went to Aurora in a skiff to take the train for Kansas City. Dr. still very poorly. Patty went with them and Mr. Cunningham from Chicago came down with her. Amy went back to Cin. and Mr. Cutcheon went with her and Sally too. Mr. Cutcheon went too. Mr. Cutcheon went to take the train for St. Paul. Sam came to help, for a week or so. Joe went for wagon but didn't get it. I was so busy and bothered I couldn't write in my book and can't get anything straight. Joe ploughed some this week in the field by the graveyard. Mr. Furlong bought 15 bus. corn and paid me for it 7.50. Mr. W. I. Rice sent for 25 bus. Ellen went home.
- 14 Sunday – Sent for Sally who came down on the mail boat. Ernest came down in the evening to bring Lucy and Louisiana to stay. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by. He brought me \$23. and some cents for corn Mr. Beeman bought and a bus. or so others got.
- 15 Aunt Eliza went home and Ellen came back. It rained in the afternoon. Mr. W. I. Rice came and gave me a check for \$12.50 for the corn he got. Joe got spring wagon.
- 16 Patty and her company went to Ernest's driving except Lucy who stayed with me. Mrs. Stamper came to see me about Dick's orders. Mr. Kelly was gathering apples.
- 17 Ernest came for Lucy and Louisiana and they went away. I got letter from Cousin Belle.
- 18 Bright day – Patty took her company driving to Burlington. I sent my check by her and got the money – see 15<sup>th</sup>. Joe hitched up wagon – hunted buck and ploughed. Got letter from Mr. Graham.
- 19 Cloudy day. Joe cut up corn in garden and ploughed. I went to Bellevue and to Mr. Arnold's. Mr. Arnold paid me \$12.00 rent for tobacco room. I paid him (per Bert Arnold) \$20. for 20 bus. seed wheat. Got letters from Sue and Mr. Cutcheon.
- 20 Mr. Graham came from Aurora via Rabbit Hash. Joe worked ½ day.
- 21 Sunday – Went to the boat for Sue who didn't come. Joe drove wagon.
- 22 Monday – Sent Dan and Joe with a wagon load of trunks to Erlanger. Patty, Sally, Isabella, Julia, Mrs. Furness and Ramsey and Mr. Cunningham went in the spring wagon to Erlanger, on the way to St. Paul. Ernest came down to see and help them off. Joe brought the spring wagon back. Got letter from Sue saying she couldn't come. Dony Cook came and paid me 1.00 for 2 bus. corn.
- 23 Sam went home. I paid him 1.10 for his work. I had paid him in Sally's presence 3.00 that his mother left with me to pay for an elastic. I probably had paid it but couldn't find any mem. in my book. Joe took Seigra then tinkered around and after his dinner went to Burlington for meal. Hot as summer. Went to Bellevue.
- 24 Cooler 54 degrees at sunrise. Went to Burlington with Mr. Graham, who went to Mr. Brady's to wait for the stage and left for Lexington. Got letters from the children at Chicago and from Cousin Belle.
- 25 Rained nearly all day. Joe worked ½ day. Went to Bellevue for barrels got 10 – said 2 came from Corbin's the rest from Piper's. I sent letter to G. Y. Roots Co. and one that came for Sue. A man named Brittenback (sic) paid me 2.50 for 5 bus. corn. Mr. Rogers borrowed 1100 tobacco sticks.
- 26 Rained part of the day. Joe ploughed some and looked up cattle. I went on cherry hill – a Mr. Thompson paid me .75 for down apples. Mr. Kelly came to see me about apples. I walked to Bellevue – re-mailed to Patty 2 letters. Got the invitation to Alice Bigelow's wedding reception also letter from G. Y. Roots Co. about wheat. They said the wheat was 255 40 bus. which at .93 came to 237.75 on which the freight was \$10.40. They inclosed me a check for 227.37. I mailed in Bellevue letter to Patty.



- 27 Rainy disagreeable day. Towards evening it cleared off cool. I went to Burlington to the Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the check for 227.37 – paid him .25. Went to Hilda's a while. Mr. Brady paid me for Mr. George Blythe for corn he bought 20.25. I paid Dick Loudon out of the wheat money 46.50. The half of the 227.37 that is 113.68 was his share so I kept the remainder \$67.18 to be credited to him in our next settlement. I went to Bellevue and paid for Dick Loudon's orders at Piper & Cowen's 11.00 and paid his orders at Stampers 12.00. I also paid my store bill at Corbin's (not including coal) 50.48. Joe went to see about steer again. I put in Burlington P.O. letters for the G. Y. Roots Co. and for Sue. I got in Bellevue letter from Sally and remailed one to Mrs. Furness.
- 28 Sunday – Didn't write in this till the 30<sup>th</sup>. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined with me. I took Ellen to McVile on her way home. It was windy and chilly. Dick was cutting tobacco.
- 29 Sent Joe up on cherry hill to pick my reserved apples – went to help pick up what were left. It was a pleasant day – cloudy in the morning. Dick was cutting and hanging tobacco.
- 30 Mr. Kelly finished picking apples – said he got 195 barrels for which he paid me \$97.50 and some down apples for which he paid me 1.75. Mr. Botts came again to see about getting down apples. Joe shook other apples over on the other orchard, and I sent him up to pick a tree Mr. Kelly said he overlooked. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Jim Rogers's. Got little letter from Sue. It was a lovely warm day. I paid Mr. Albert Corbin for my coal \$32.85 and told Mike Corbin I had paid him.

## OCTOBER

- 1 Warm and showery. Joe dug potatoes. One of my old ewes died. Mr. Newton Botts paid me 4.20 for down apples said he got 42 bushels. Dick was hauling his tobacco in.
- 2 Very misty morning and rained part of the day – there was a beautiful rainbow and also one yesterday that I didn't see. Joe worked part of the day  $\frac{3}{4}$  helping Dick harrow wheat – had my team and Dick had Billy too. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally. Got letters from Patty and Mrs. Furness. Jess said he saw my Patsy cow with a calf.
- 3 Misty this morning but cleared up. Had my Patsy cow brought up with her calf – a red b. calf with white spots on it and white end to its tail, named it \_\_\_\_\_. Joe helped Dick to-day harrow and plough in wheat in corn. It was warm. Mr. Botts said he got 37 bus. apples and paid me 3.70 for them. Dick finished putting in wheat got another  $\frac{1}{2}$  bus. of seed from Mr. Arnold – sowed in all 20  $\frac{1}{2}$  bus.
- 4 No one worked for me. Got letter from Mr. Graham. Finished up making a little wine. Warm and showery towards sundown a very hard rain with thunder and lightning. Searcy branch a rushing torrent. Ernest brought me a paper to sign about Woolper Bridge. Leaves fell fast to-day.
- 5 Sunday – Warm and cloudy – misty in the morning and everything soaked. Although there has been no frost the leaves are turning fast and have fallen in great numbers. The grass is full of violets in the yard and fire is oppressive.
- 6 Rained hard and long last night – sprinkled some to-day. Joe worked – cleaned out the cellar of the wine house – went to see about sheep and to tell the Rice boys about shoats – dug some potatoes &c. Dony Cook paid me .50 for a bus. of corn. Susie Rice came over this evening.

- 7 Warm and cloudy most of the day, the sun came out this evening. I went to Bellevue – put in P.O. letters to Patty, Sue and Belle and package for latter – got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Mr. Cunningham. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Joe worked – digging potatoes and fixed water gap and fence that were washed out. Dick and his boys were cutting fodder for me below the barn.
- 8 This was to be the wedding day of Alice Bigelow and Ethan Allen and my Sally was to be one of the bridesmaids. I went to Burlington and got my Insurance policy from bank, got Hilda to go with me to Mr. Lassing's office and paid him the \$20. due on the policy which now insures the house for four years from Nov. got his receipt for it and put it in the policy back in bank. Went to Mr. Revill's with Hilda. It was a perfectly beautiful day – heavenly for this time of year.
- 9 Another beautiful warm day. I went to Bellevue twice – got invitation to the wedding of Mr. Charles Lewis Beckurts (Lt. U.S.A.) and Miss Isabel Wright Pickering of Cin. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. A black spider bit my left hand to-day. I got Ex. Notice from Aurora. I went to see Lily Arnold. Joe worked cutting fodder. A man paid me 1.50 for 3 bus. corn.
- 10 Another summer day. Lily came. Joe cut fodder and I suppose Dick did too.
- 11 Took letter to P.O. one to T-D and to Julia. Met Mr. George Blythe and paid him 2.50 as the dock on 5 fleeces of fleece – grown wool. Paid Mr. Brady 1.50 to be paid for subscription for the year 1890 to Mr. Riddell Ed. Boone Co. Recorder. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. No one worked for me. Dick sold some of his corn in Bellevue. I counted 10 shocks he had shucked in the brick yard bottom. I got invitation to the wedding of Will Foster and Miss Pauline Carson. It was warm as summer again.
- 12 Sunday – Hot bright day. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped. Ellen came up.
- 13 Hot day – bright in the morning. After noon the wind blew very hard and between 3 & 4 it rained but cleared off and rained again at night. Joe cut corn in the morning – but after dinner had to quit – then he began to plow and it rained and he took Kitty to Bellevue and had her shod. Dick and boys cut corn this morning too. Doug Cook paid me .20 for some down apples. I went to see Florence Johnson.
- 14 I went to Miss Doll Botts'. It was a pretty day but windy and cooler. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Sally and Sue. Joe cut corn before dinner and cut stalks in the bottom next Mr. Rice's afterwards and broke my stalk cutter, ruined it. Then he went for 6 bus. seed wheat that I got from Mr. Arnold. Dick was cutting corn this morning too. Doug Cook sent me .60 for down apples.
- 15 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally. Got letters from Patty, T-D and from Ellen. Went to see Betty. Went to Mr. Arnold's and paid Katy 6.00 for the wheat Joe got. Joe worked on the road to-day. I think Dick cut corn. A slight frost this morning – didn't even freeze tomato vines. 40 degrees at sunrise.
- 16 Rained before sunrise and off and on all day – windy too. Joe went to Bellevue for box – packed boxes of jam, cut sweet potato vines &c. I sent letter to Patty by him. Didn't write in this till 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 17 Lovely bright warm day. Joe cut the last sugar corn in the garden. Then I started for Aurora in the wagon Joe driving. Had to turn back on account of Woolper and went to Bellevue – got letter from Belle Raymond. Went round by Petersburg to Aurora. Went to Bank and got check for \$20. payable to Julia R. Foster. Sent Patty's boxes, two boxes of jam as freight – 1 box by Adams Ex. Got my package of tea from Mr. Cunningham.

Drove by Miss Lou's and stopped to see her and Mrs. Longmore. Mr. Harry Ryle got a load of corn.

- 18 No one worked for me. Dick said he had cut 300 shocks of corn. I haven't counted them. I paid him \$20. on the work. Went to Bellevue.
- 19 Sunday – Ernest and Lily dined with me. Bob Brady came to see if his father was here. Pleasant days yesterday and to-day. Aunt Susan Steele came up from R. Sun.
- 20 Dick put in the wheat in the bottom next Mr. Rice's. He said if Joe would help him he would help put in timothy seed, so Joe ploughed in wheat and they finished and partly sowed the grass seed. I took Aunt S. Steele to the river, got letter from Sally. Rode to Bellevue this morning and took letter to Patty with Ex. receipts to Julia with check for 20. and note to Mr. Beckurts, also sent Patty T-D.
- 21 Rode to Bellevue and McVile to try to get a little timothy seed. Joe had to quit harrowing for lack of it. I put in P.O. letters to T-D and Mr. Cunningham. Joe then hauled manure out of yard and dug sweet potatoes. I think the coldest morning this fall. 35 degrees at sunrise – cloudy part of the day.
- 22 Warmer 45 degrees at sunrise, cloudy and smoky, and about 2 P.M. began to rain. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia and telegram from Patty about the package I had sent – also the first T-D of the regular Sunday issue. Dick hauled me a load of corn – the first and put it in the barn. Joe partly cleaned out the little crib in the barn room and dug some sweet potatoes.
- 23 Rained all night I think and misted sometimes during the day and rained a little again to-night. Lily came to-day. I told Joe to plough.
- 24 Cloudy till noon and then cleared off. Joe fixed the fence next Mr. Arnold's by Bill Lacy's this morning then ploughed. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and note from Miss Pauline Carson. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down this evening to stay all night. Mr. Brady brought me \$10.59 for the corn Mr. Harry Ryle got (see 17<sup>th</sup>).
- 25 Settlement with Joe West. Joe worked ½ day cut a little stove wood and began to put a door in the barn room –then we had a settlement. His work since our last settlement (see June 9<sup>th</sup>) by my book came to 89 ½ days and extra work brought it to 92 which at .75 comes to 69.00. His cash orders and sundries came to \$38.74 and that left him a balance of 30.26 which I paid him and we are now even except that he owes for a barrel of corn he got for his hogs which is to be paid for with the rest of the corn he gets. It rained night and day. Hilda and Mr. B. had to stay. I got letter from Julia.
- 26 Sunday – Rained off and on all day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home this evening. Didn't write in this till Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 27 Disagreeable chilly day. Joe drove the spring wagon and I went to Burlington – dined with Hilda and went on to Cin. – got to Julia's after dusk. Joe cut some corn in the garden.
- 28 Stayed at Julia's and went in the evening to the house of Mr. Peebles on Mount Auburn Cin. to the wedding of her son Wm. Resor Foster and Miss Pauline Carson, daughter of Mr. Enoch Carson. They were married by Dr. Forrest of Calvary Church Clifton at 6 P.M. and left before nine on a tour – to Boston. It rained before we got home from the wedding.
- 29 A very disagreeable day. Julia took me to see her mother and we stayed in the rest of the time.

- 30 Julia had a lunch for me and her sisters, sisters-in-law and Sally Gray were there. She invited Sally Gray to stay all night with me which she did. Unpleasant day snowed a little in gusts – that melted as it touched. Heard that Hilda and Mr. B. started to Ill.
- 31 Went to town to the dentist and stopped to see Amy Campbell – raw disagreeable day. Went with Julia to a church fair in the Clifton chapel.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Went to town with Julia and then to see Mary F. Stettinius and afterwards to Music Hall with Joe and Fanny to hear Edward Strauss's Orchestra from Vienna – the finest dance music in the world. I wrote to Patty and to Sally while at Julia's. Joe said that Mr. George Griffith put his grate in. Aunt Nancy said she went to Burlington with Ellen, to get her marriage license.
- 2 Sunday – Julia took me in to the mail boat – came down on the Fleetwood. Put postal in for Patty. Got home and found all right as usual.
- 3 Joe made my kraut. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty and Sally and postal from Susy Johnstone. Paid Mr. Griffith 2.50 for grate.
- 4 Joe ploughed ½ day – went to election afterwards. I got letters from Sally and Sue. Ernest yesterday was here.
- 5 Joe ploughed. Dick helped him put my crepe myrtle in the cellar. Thermometer 29 degrees at sunrise, but turned out a lovely warm day.
- 6 Lovely spring like day. Went to Bellevue and took letters to Julia, Lucy J. and Aunt Eliza with order on O. Jones. Mr. Cole brought from Aurora Patty's mare May and I sent Joe down to Bellevue to have her shoes taken off. I got letter from Lucy Johnstone. Joe and Dick grubbed and cut briars over in the orchard grass. Dick finished ploughing meadow over by the big pasture yesterday. Mr. Rogers and his hands are working this week trying to turn Searcy branch away from the pike.
- 7 Sent by Mr. Blythe letter to Sue. Had the mares Peggy and Posey taken away from the colts to wean the colts. Joe and Dick grubbed and drove up cattle, got out mares &c. Warm as spring to-day – and lovely. Had the calf born June 16<sup>th</sup> weaned.
- 8 Got letter from Patty. It rained part of the day and at night.
- 9 Sunday – Rainy dull day – a year ago my precious own and I sailed for France.
- 10 Misty cloudy day and raining at night. Joe and Dick grubbed again.
- 11 Sent Joe to help Dick with his blind mare that got killed – then Joe shelled corn for mill. After dinner they both began to grub again but it rained – and rained hard at night. I got letters from Sally, Julia and Aunt Eliza and postal from Hilda.
- 12 Rained this morning and Joe didn't work – I sent by him letter to Sally and one to Aunt Eliza with an order on Davis for a pair of shoes and one on Elliott for 1.00 coal. Joe put in ½ day I think, as it quit raining.
- 13 Joe and Dick grubbed over by the orchard grass. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Mr. White about the freight on May. Took letter to Hilda. Like spring. At last Mr. Flinn came and began to haul away his tobacco.
- 14 He finished to-day. Joe said he had got 7 tubs of corn. He and Joe worked at line fence next Mr. Rice's, grubbing and resetting. Another lively day though there was frost. 32 degrees at sunrise and skim of ice.
- 15 Dick worked ½ day grubbing fence row – he said 4 ½ days this week, 2 last and 1 ½ the week before. Mr. Flinn came and got some old corn shattered and \_\_\_\_\_. It came to 31

bus. at .30 - .25 for weighing 9.05 and he paid me 10. for the rent of the shed and 2.50 for barn room for tobacco last year 21.55 in all. Joe didn't work. It rained after noon and harder at night. I got letter from Patty.

- 16 Sunday – Rained of course. Ernest and Hal Bennett dined here.
- 17 Like Spring – 65 degrees at 7 A.M. There is a lovely blown rose on the bush by my window and some buds. Of course it rained – after noon very hard part of the time and there was a beautiful rainbow. Dick and Joe worked – at the fence next Mr. Rice's till dinner and then with the vinegar barrels.
- 18 Bright pleasant day – went to Bellevue – got a letter from brother Charlie with an assignment of mortgage (for \$1800.) to sign. Went to Burlington to the County clerk's office and had it witnessed by R. A. Brady and M\_\_ Garnett. Put it in the P.O. there. Went to Bank and got from Mr. Revill a check for 12.00 and sent it to Mr. J. H. White Aurora (see 13<sup>th</sup>) to pay the freight on May. Put this in Burlington P.O. Joe and Dick worked on the fence.
- 19 Bright pretty day and cooler. I sent by Dora letters to Patty and Sally. Went to see Mrs. Becky Botts who is sick. Joe and Dick worked on fence.
- 20 Another lovely spring day. Went to Bellevue took letter to Patty and got one from her – saying she had been sick with sore throat. Stopped at Betty's. Joe and Dick worked on the fence.
- 21 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Patty, got one from Sally. Another beautiful spring-like day. Joe helped Dick shuck corn (in shocks) and Joe said they hauled 4 loads and put my 2 in the barn corn room. Sally said in her letter she had selected the 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb. for her wedding day.
- 22 Went to Bellevue. Katy came over and we went to see Mrs. Becky Botts. Lovely day. Joe worked 1/2 day at odd things and said he \_\_\_\_ the fence next Mr. Rice's. Aunt Susan was gone.
- 23 Sunday. Stayed home – pretty day.
- 24 Joe went down to haul his own turkeys. I sent by him letter to cousin Augusta. He got back about 10. Mr. Blythe came down and bought the 4 head of cattle. Joe got them up and then took them to Burlington. The larger cow and the spotted steer weighed 2540 lbs. at 2 ½ = 63.50 the other cow and heifer weighed 2300 lbs. at 2 c. = 46.00 total \$109.50 and Mr. J. F. Blythe sent me a check on the Burlington Bk. for the amount. I went to the funeral of old Mr. John Botts buried in Bellevue from the Baptist church. It rained a cold slight rain during the funeral. Got letter from brother Charlie on business. Said he had received the paper I sent him (see 18<sup>th</sup>). Also said that the \$1800 on the mortgage had been paid in with \$48. interest and he had invested \$1751 of it in 17 shares of the St. Paul Real Estate Title Ins. & Trust Co. at 103 per share. Dick put a load of corn for me in the little crib. Didn't write in this till 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 25 Lovely spring like day – rode on horseback to Burlington. Went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash Mr. Blyth's check \$109.50. Went to Bellevue. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.
- 26 Joe helped Dick shuck till noon then as it turned cooler they made arrangements to kill hogs. I went to R. Sun in a skiff and brought Ellen back – it was quite cool and chilly. I went to Mr. Jones's and paid him up in full to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. for the things he lets Aunt Eliza get – 3.00. Went to Elliott and paid him 1.00 in presence of Ellen for the order sent the 12<sup>th</sup> which he couldn't find – paid Davis for the order sent the same time 2.00. Also paid Ernest Smith 6.50 for repairing buggy (see Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>).

- 27 Dick and Joe killed their hogs and then mine – they got hands to help. My 3 were killed. Ellen worked helping. This was Thanksgiving – it was right chilly and a good day for hog killing. I got letter from Sally.
- 28 Coldest morning this fall 24 degrees on the gallery just before sunrise. I carried my canned fruit into the cellar. My cow Nancy's calf had a calf, heifer red with a white spot in face and round white spot near hind leg. Joe cut up and salted my meat. I went to Bellevue.
- 29 Had a settlement with my cook Susan Payne. Her work since Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> up to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1890 came to 70.10. She had got since my return to the amount of 31.83 but I mistook a six for a naught and made it 31.77. That left her a balance due of 38.33 and in presence of Ellen Graves I paid her \$38.35. I went to Bellevue this evening – took letter to Sally. Joe worked for himself. It was not quite so cold 25 degrees at sun up. I got postal from Hilda. Didn't write in this again till Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. and never can get things straight.
- 30 Sunday – Took Ellen down to McVille to go to R. Sun. Ernest came and dined.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Got up early and went to Burlington where I took the stage for Erlanger. Went to Georgetown and then to Versailles. Went to Mrs. Newman's and went out with Sally Johnstone to Sumner's Forest. Sarah was there; also Joe, Mary and little Joe. Got there about dusk. Joe drove the spring wagon to Burlington said he helped Dick shuck corn.
- 2 Joe says he shucked corn ½ day + and that he took Aunt Susan to Rising Sun and brought Ellen back to work for me. Sent letter to Patty about this time.
- 3 It turned cold in Woodford about this time. I didn't keep any diary while there. Joe says he shucked corn.
- 4 My little darling's birthday 24. Lord love her sweet life. Ridie Field and Mrs. Newman and Hart and Mrs. Gibson came to see me. Joe says he shucked corn.
- 5 Sent birthday letter to Sally. Joe says he shucked corn.
- 6 It rained in Woodford last night and was rainy and misty during the day. Sarah and I went in to Versailles to stay all night with Ridie.
- 7 Sunday – Turned cold and a little hail or sleet fell. Sally H. came for us and we went back to Sumner's Forest.
- 8 It was cold and disagreeable and about this time there was a light snow and some ice. I got a letter from Patty some time the first of this week.
- 9 Can't remember anything to write.
- 10 Went with Sarah to Versailles. Went to call on Miss Martha Markham and Mrs. Newman and then to a lunch at Mrs. Hunter's. It was bright and much pleasanter. Joe said he worked 1/2 day sorting potatoes.
- 11 Got ready to leave for home and after supper Mr. Johnstone took me in to Versailles where I took the train for Lexington. Stayed all night at the Phoenix Hotel. Joe said he shucked corn.
- 12 Got up early and took the train for Erlanger – at Burlington Joe met me with the wagon. Sent Sarah a postal from B. Paid Mr. Blythe what I owed him for beef 1.40. Got to B. at 11.30 and home between 1 and 2. It was rather cold and disagreeable. Joe said he shucked corn before he came for me. I sent him for the mail – got letter from Patty, 2 from Sally one from Julia, Hilda, Mrs. Brown and Fanny. Sent Sally postal.

- 13 Joe worked ½ day – cut stove wood put fodder on my strawberries &c. I spent the time getting settled in the house and reading my mail.
- 14 Sunday – Ernest dined with me. Told me he and Lily are to be married soon. Bright and not so cold.
- 15 Bright day, colder 18 degrees above at sunrise. Joe and Dick shucked corn on the hill in the wheat. Dick said he had put in all 10 loads in the corn crib. They put the yellow corn in the barn crib.
- 16 Warmer. 37 degrees at sunrise. Began to rain this evening. I sent letter to Lucy Johnstone by Dora and paper to Patty. Joe helped Dick shuck corn and then Dick helped haul fodder.
- 17 Disagreeable day – cloudy with a raw wind. Walked to Bellevue – the hill tops down by or towards Rabbit Hash were white with snow. Took letters to Patty, Julia, Sue, and Bessie McIntosh. Joe shucked shock corn out of garden. Lily came this morning.
- 18 Beautiful bright day. Joe worked ½ day hauling on the pike – this morning he cut stove wood, went for sand bed &c. I went to see Katy – got letter from cousin Tom F.
- 19 Another beautiful bright day. Joe worked on the pike again. I made a fruit cake.
- 20 Mild cloudy day. Joe worked on pike again. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty inclosing draft on Am. Ex. Natl. Bk. N.Y. for \$62.05. She said it is interest on the money Paget has of yours. Also I got letter from Sally.
- 21 Sunday – The day my beloved father died – now eighteen years ago. Lord love his soul. Warm and cloudy almost all day. Ernest dined here.
- 22 Another bright pretty day. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty, Cousin Tom F. and T-D. Got book from Sally Wordsworth's Sonnets. Joe worked on pike. Got letter from Julia.
- 23 Mr. Jim Rogers came and paid me for 8 ½ days work of Joe and team at 2.50 a day, 8.75. Joe took the sand bed home, got Daisy shod, hauled barrel of vinegar down to Bellevue, cut stove wood &c. Another lovely day. Forgot to set down Monday that Mr. Conner sent for the turkeys – sold him 13 which weighed 149 lbs at 8 cents it came to 11.92 which he is to pay when he comes.
- 24 Ellen started home this morning. She has worked 3 weeks yesterday having got here the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> so she told me. Her work would come to 4.50 and as I had paid her 2.00 I paid her the 2.50 in full and advanced 5.00 to her as she expects to come back. Bright day 22 degrees at sunrise. Walked to Bellevue. Got Mike Corbin to cash draft (see 20<sup>th</sup>) for 62.05 and paid him his store bill of \$34.04 and got the balance. Went to J. J. Huey &c. (Cowen-Huey) and paid 2 orders for Dick Loudon amounting to 8.00 and an act. for myself total \$9.45 and got receipt. Sent by Ellen letter to Julia – put in P.O. letter to Sally inclosing Sue's and books for Sue. Got package from Fanny and book from Enid Yandell. No one worked for me.
- 25 Christmas – 28 degrees at sunrise and snowing and snowed hard all day. The wind blew from the east and the north and it was a dreadful day. I got letters from Patty and Hilda and book from Patty. The men hauled some fodder to the stock. Susie Rice came – and Katy and Cordy came for a few minutes. Got book from Harriet.
- 26 It was 20 degrees this morning, a bright beautiful day and towards about noon thawed a little from the eaves. Snow deeper than I have seen it here for years – 10 inches in some places in the yard and so deep I didn't go about much in it. Thermometer 28 degrees in the middle of the day. The men hauled some fodder to stock.

- 27 Not so pleasant – cold wind and cloudy part of the time. Went to see Lily. Got letter from Julia with mittens and book and little Brer' Rabbit from Sally.
- 28 Sunday – Coldest day of this winter. 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise – rose to 30 degrees during the day. Snow still deep on the ground – wind blowing hard at night. Ernest and Lily came.
- 29 Warmer 30 degrees at sunrise and began to thaw. Ellen came back to-day. Cordy came over. Sold 1 ½ bus. corn for .90.
- 30 Thermometer 14 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Walked to Bellevue – took letters to the 3 Banks – to Harriet, Sarah and Patty. Stopped to see Lily. Ernest told me that his Aunt Mina (Mrs. Longmore) died last night. He and Hal Bennett came after dark on their way back from Burlington.
- 31 Windy rainy day – snow went off very fast and still going. Found that old Julia the mare died last night – of old age probably. Got Joe and Dick to haul her out in the sand field to bury her. Found Katy G. cow with a calf, heifer. Went to the wedding of Ernest L. Grant and Lily E. Arnold. They were married about 2 P.M. by Rev. Mr. Carney who used to be pastor of the Baptist Ch. Bellevue. There were present Ernest's father Dr. E. L. Grant and wife – his father's brother Mr. Wm. Grant – his 3 brother's Frank, Ed (Dr. W. E. Grant), Horace (Dr. H. H. Grant) and Frank's two daughters Clara and Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarkson of Cortland, all the Arnold family except Susie Saxton, myself and Ellen Graves my blk. cook was also a witness through the door.