

January

- 1 Stayed home and sewed and tried to get ready to go to Akron. Got a letter from Patty urging me to go. A gloomy day and I felt gloomy.
- 2 John E. Walton came down and paid me and Mr. Cook for the corn. My share came to \$267.80. I at once paid back to the children's money the \$65.70 I borrowed at different times. I gave Dr. Raymond \$54.00 to pay Jim Conner for the hog I bought. Started with Sally for Akron on the Gen. Buell. I paid any expenses to Akron and back and Sally's with interest money from my bank.
- 3 Sent to Messrs. Wm Glenn and Sons, Vine St. and got from Mr. Dymond a draft on N.Y. for the \$200.00 I sent to them by Belle Raymond Nov. 6th. The draft was payable to the order of Rodney W. Tew. Left for Akron on the 9:40 a.m. train and got there at 8 p.m. Delighted to see my big baby.
- 4 Gave Mr. Tew the draft and asked him to get it cashed for me. Went with Sue and Mr. Tew to Buchtel Chapel in the morning it was warm and windy. In the evening the children took a walk and it rained.
- 5 In the morning the children and I took a walk and went shopping and I put in the office a letter to Belle R. After dinner went with Sue and little Ush to see Cousin Mary. Frank came to see me in the evening.
- 6 Little Susy sick all day—rained all day. I helped Sue and sewed.
- 7 Patty began school again. It was a wretched day—rained hard at times. Everything like crystal work with ice. Frank came to see me in the evening. Got letter from B.B.G. I paid to Sue in the presence of Mr. Tew who counted it, \$300.00 of the thousand papa left her in the will. One hundred was of the money John E. Walton paid me: the other the 200. for which Messrs. Wm. Glenn & Sons gave me the draft. I wrote to Cousin William. I brought home with me Sue's receipt for the 300. dollars.
- 11 Sunday Sent letter to B.B.G. We went to Frank's and dined and spent the day.
- 15 Went with Sally and spent the day at Cousin Frank's. Patty came up after school and went back with us. My box came from Cousin William. It was bitter cold. Dr. Raymond had ice put up. Mr. Flick hauled the ice.
- 16 Got letter from B.B.G. The children went and spent the day at Frank's.
- 17 Went to church with Frank—to hear some singing. This night before day Dr. Raymond came near being drowned in Gunpowder.
- 21 Frank and I and Sue and Mr. Tew went to the concert of the Akron Apollo Club.
- 25 Sunday. Patty sick and Sally had toothache. Went to Cousin Mary's with Sue after dinner.
- 26 Had my tooth filled and Sally's pulled.
- 27 Rained all day. Paddled about in the wet shopping and took cold in my face.
- 28 Wednesday. Packed and started home on the night train.
- 29 Got to Cincinnati early—went to the boat and afterwards up in town shopping. Got Patty's cloak and left it to be sent by Ex. Had pain in my tooth all the time till I got home and then went to bed almost sick.
- 30 So sick I stayed in bed all day.
- 31 Got up but felt poorly all day. Sent letter to Sue.

February

- 1 Got up but still poorly. Sunday. Mrs. Garnett, Louisa and Mrs. Rice came to see us. Dr. R. went to Dr. Grant's and took dinner.
- 2 Dr. Raymond went to Burlington and Florence. I had a talk with Uncle Jilson about his money &c. I wrote to Cousin William.
- 3 Sent letter to buddy and Mrs. Brown and Cousin Wm. Sent home to Mr. Rice his 5 other barrels and his scythe and whetstone. Dr. R. gave Mrs. Loudon written notice to leave.
- 4 Dr. Raymond went to Rabbithash and brought up the little box of Christmas things Cousin Rebecca sent Sally. Hilda and I went to see a sick man up Middle Creek.
- 5 Sent letter to Patty and Julia. Uncle Jilson hung the meat and then took apples to Uncle Ben.
- 6 Snowed all day—made pickles & cake.
- 7 Mr. Conner came and rented the pasture across the road for 150 dollars—from the last of April till Christmas. He is going to put sheep on it and reserve the apples and the privilege of gathering them. He is to pay me Christmas. Mr. Cook told me about a man in Aurora, George Oswald, a baker who may want to buy cider. Got letter from Patty.
- 8 Sunday—went to church with Dr. R. R.E. came and stayed to dinner—so did Dr. Grant. Mr. Nelson and his son came too to look at the place. Walked to Louisa's in the evening to take Cordy home.
- 9 In the morning a man named Storer came to see me about renting land—promised to send him word. Went with Uncle Jilson to Rising Sun to see Mr. Daniel Smith about the house and lot Jilson wants to buy. He engaged to take it. Dr. Raymond and Hilda went to Cinti. Hilda on her way to Miss.
- 10 Sent Patty her mittens. Got letters from Sue and Patty with a picture from Patty. Met John Rogers who made an engagement to come to see me at 9 to-morrow about buying the place. Dr. Raymond came down on the boat. Mr. Klopp went up last night to see about the chance of selling baskets. Dr. R. called on Mr. Waters to inquire but did n't see him.
- 11 Went to see Mr. Klopp about selling baskets. Mr. Rogers did n't come to see me. The man named Storer came but I declined to rent him a house.
- 12 Sent letters to Patty and Sue—sent Patty a dollar out of the five she gave me to keep for her. Went to Bellevue in the evening in the spring wagon—all of us. Took Jesse Dolph another barrel of apples. Got letters from Buddy, Julia and B.B.G.
- 13 Rained all day. I wanted to go to Cinti but put it off on account of the weather. Dr. R and Uncle Jilson picked over the apples.
- 14 Bright springlike day. Got Dr. R. to ride with me almost all around the place to look at fences &c. Got a Valentine from Patty. Made cake. Sent for Charley Rockwell in the evening and had a talk with him about getting another place. Went to see Mrs. Loudon to-day about moving.
- 15 Sunday. We all went to church—lovely day but roads horribly muddy. R. E. came home with us and stayed all night.
- 16 Lovely day. Dr. Raymond and I rode up on the hill to see Mr. Hunt. He talked to us about the vineyard &c and he and his wife were as impudent as possible. Went up to Cinti. on the Buell. Got off at midnight.
- 17 Went to see Will Resor to ask him about raising money on my bond. He told me to go to Mr. Foster which I did. He arranged so that I raised 700.00 on my bond. I gave an order on Will Resor for the bond as security. He went with me to Lykins & Sons who bought my 9 barrels of apples and gave me \$23.00, they paying freight. Mr. T. went with me to see Mr. Waters and to Barrel [?] and Dole. I asked about selling baskets, no chance at all now. I went to

Glenn's to see Mr. Dymond and bought coffee. Did a little shopping and came home same day. It was bitter cold. Took Julia a barrel of apples. Glad to get home.

- 18 Went to Rising Sun with Dr. Raymond and Uncle Jilson. Went to the office of the mayor, Judge Stephen H. Stewart, and got him to calculate the three notes Jilson Hawkins held against papa's estate. I signed by him and I signed by me as Ex. They all amounted to \$492.35 which I paid to Jilson by his lawyer, Judge Stewart in the presence of Dr. Raymond and Mr. Daniel Smith of R. S. as witnesses and Isaac Saunders and Lewis White as Uncle Jilson's witnesses. Dr. Raymond got the \$700.00 for me out of the Rising Sun Bank Jim Perkins cashier. Jilson then paid Mr. Daniel Smith \$250.00 down for home and lot and gave his notes for \$100. due in one year and \$100. due in two years at 10 per cent interest. After Jilson had settled with Judge Stewart he went with Dr. Raymond to the Bank and deposited the rest of his money there. Afterwards I paid Mr. Daniel Smith \$185.00 and he transferred the notes and mortgage to me. I left the mortgage with Judge Stewart to be recorded and brought the notes home. I then got Dr. Raymond to get a policy of insurance for \$200. on the house Jilson bought. Weather has moderated.
- 19 Jimmy Burns came to see me about renting land &c. Is to come to see me Monday. Mr. Arnold came over and put my name on the note I had from Mr. Cook telling me that the note is not as good as a new note executed would be. He having cut off Mr. Cook's name and written his own above. Mr. John Rogers was present and he also said it was not as good. I told Mr. Arnold about Mr. Hunt's charges &c. and that we had agreed to choose two men to settle it. Mr. Hunt chose Mr. Arnold and I sent by Dr. Raymond a note to Dr. Grant asking him to act for me. Got letter from Mr. Jas. Dinsmore.
- 20 Dr. Grant and Mr. Arnold came over as requested and arbitrated Mr. Hunt's claims for us. They agreed that the work he has done cutting briars & bushes and trimming trees is worth \$22.00 and cultivating the young vineyard last year they agreed was worth \$25.00. I agreed to pay Mr. Hunt for the grape posts at the rate of 1.00 per hundred. The gentlemen lay the new vineyard at between 3 and 3 ½ acres. 13 bushels of corn are coming to me, 6.50.
- 21 Began raining last evening and rained all night. Aunt Eliza very sick. Rained all day and the creek was over all the bottom. Got letter from Lizzie Dinsmore and paper from B.B.G. Got note from Mr. Perkins about signature on draft or whatever it is.
- 22 Rained all day. Aunt Eliza rather better. Mr. Klopp came up after dinner and brought Patty's chair. Wrote a letter to B.B.G.
- 23 Jim and Charley Burns came and Jim rented the land over by Mr. Arnold's that Charley Rockwell had last year and some up on the hill by Mr. Hunt's. I engaged Charley to work by the month at \$20.00 a month of 26 days. Am to let Mrs. Burns have Mr. Klopp's house &c. Sent by Charley Burns a note to J. M. Perkins of the Rising Sun Bank enclosing the paper he wanted me to endorse again. Went with Dr. Raymond over to Mrs. Loudon's and to see Mr. Wingate—he was not at home. Tom Nelson came up last night and brought his father's mules. Aunt Eliza a little better. A young man named Acra brought Dr. R. his saddlebags which were found near where Dr. Raymond lost them in Gunpowder five weeks ago. Let Tom Nelson have 8 pounds of middling.
- 24 Dr. Raymond went to Florence. I sent letters to Patty, Nina, Julia and B.B.G. Mr. Martin Aikin came out to see Dr. R. Mr. Sam Wingate came down to see me about renting that field where Mrs. Loudon lived that he had before. He said he would sign a contract, then I wrote it out. He is to give me half the corn and just plough where he did last year and if he puts in the patch he had in potatoes last year it is to be that he furnishes the seed and gives me 1/3 delivered dug in the patch or ¼ delivered here or at the river. If I let him put in potatoes it is to be early ones so they can be dug and out of the way in time for me to put the land in

small grain in the fall. I owe him 12 dollars he says for resetting fence and grubbing in the field last year. Rode to Bellevue in the evening.

- 25 Snowed all day long and cold. Sold a guinea to Ed Dorman for .25. Sent Mr. Foster samples of wine by Ben Rice. Enquired the price of rails and engaged Charlie Rockwell to split some for me at 1.00 per hundred for wood rails to be inspected by a judge of rails.
- 26 Dr. Raymond rode up and marked the trees for Charley to make rails of. Heard of Mr. Ed. Green's son shooting himself last evening. Amanda Foster married to-day so I heard.
- 27 Went with Dr. Raymond to Albert Green's funeral. Let Mr. Cook have 20 locust posts for Joe Maurer at .25 a piece. Got letters from Patty, Buddy & B.B.G. with a book, the Parisians. Letter from Julia. Mr. Nelson & family moved up on the boat—got here in the night.
- 28 Mr. Nelson moved his things out.

March

- 1 Sunday—a lovely spring like day. Went to Dr. Grant's after dinner with Dr. & Belle.
- 2 Uncle Jilson moving to Rising Sun. All got off about 11 o'clock. Mr. Udson sent his boy for a jug of cider vinegar. I let Mr. Melvin have 1978 lbs of clover hay at the market price what ever that may be. 8.00. Mr. Klopp moved away to-day. He gave me this account of the baskets left in the shop.
100 nests of 4 clothes
49 1/2 doz. clothes
131 nests market
34 doz. market
Mr. Nelson paid me 1.00 for meat and vinegar.
- 3 Col. Botts came to ask me to join the Granger—declined. Got ready to go to see Mrs. Garnett but it rained. Got letters from Patty, Sue, Julia, Nina, Hilda and BBG.
- 4 Mrs. Burns came to clean her house out. I went to see her. Dr. Raymond took 5 bags of wheat to Mr. Steele to take to Rising Sun for flour. Dr. Raymond got of Mr. Cook 10½ bushels coal at 20 cents. The assessor Mr. Fowler came here and took my tax list. Dr. Raymond went to Cinti. I sent a letter by him to Sue.
- 5 Charley Burns came to feed while Dr. R. is away. Jake Klopp came down and took his last load of furniture &c. I got the key of Joe Maurer's house from Mr. Nelson and showed Mr. K. that I had it. Mr. Nelson sowed oats and clover. The deaf and dumb man came at midnight for the Dr. Went to Bellevue and to Lavinia's.
- 6 Went to see Mrs. Garnett with Lavinia Arnold. When we came back Mr. Arnold and Mr. Clore came and looked at the old willow patch and gave their opinion on it. According to their decision I agreed with Mr. Nelson in their presence to let him have the crop off it for clearing it in first rate order, he agreeing that if he did n't get all of it done in time for the crop he would finish clearing it within his year and he is to put it in good order to satisfy Messrs. Clore and Arnold. I agreed to pay Mr. Nelson 5.00 for the extra grubbing and clearing in the said field. I went to Mr. Rice's. Dr. Raymond and Miss Fanny and their brother came at night. My birthday—hunted for a wild flower but could n't find one. Charley Rockwell worked hauling and chopping wood.
- 7 Worked hard all day—till tired out. Got note from Sue.
- 8 Sunday—a bright day. Charlie Rockwell bought one of the barrels of cider he made at 5.00 and he to return the barrel or give me one of his. We all went walking in Mr. Rice's woods and found the first wild flowers of the year. It was blowing cold on the hills.
- 9 Belle packed up to go away. After dinner we walked to the basket shop—before dinner Dr. R. pulled Sally's tooth. In the evening Dr. R. took his sister, brother and Belle down to put

them on the boat. Belle paid me fifty dollars this evening before she left. Mrs. Burns moved in to-day. Belle and the others got off in the boat.

- 10 Charley Burns set in to work to-day. I rode to the water gap in the pasture and to Mr. Wingate's. Paid Mr. Wingate the 12 dollars I owed him for fixing fence and grubbing. Dr. Raymond rode to Florence and Mr. Snyder hauled his things. Mrs. Nelson came to see me. I rode to Bellevue for the mail. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 11 Mr. Klopp came down and I went to the shop with him and got 3 medium sized clothes baskets out of the dozens. I worked hard all the day till dinner. Mrs. Burns came to see me.
- 12 Wrote to BBG. Went to the river but did n't stay for the boat. Hilda came home after dark. Went to see Mr. Cook about coal.
- 13 Sent for Hilda's trunk and for coal. Got 122 bushels of Mr. W. Cook at cents. Got flower pots from boat. Joe Maurer came and got key of basket shop.
- 14 Mandy went to Rising Sun. I cooked. R. E. came in the evening and stayed all night. Mr. Nelson pinched the worms out of the old cow's back and 2 out of the young cow's. He bought me a briar scythe in Rising Sun. Hilda paid me the 15 dollars she had borrowed. Charlie took plough down.
- 15 Sunday. Hilda went to church with R. E. and Mr. Carter came home with them and dined. I cooked and got a bad hoarse throat. Mr. Nelson came to see and in the morning Laura and Sophie Smith came out.
- 16 Mandy told me to hunt another cook. It rained last night and this morning. Charlie Burns cutting down the tree in the garden. I got a letter from buddy about selling my wine. Hilda got a note about the same subject. Rode to Bellevue, bought plough lines and pd. Mr. Jeff Aiken .25 for weighing coal. Went to Mr. Ingram's to ask him about the line fence. Saw Mrs. Ingram's new baby. Have bad sore throat.
- 17 Got up and cleaned the stove and pipe and blacked them. Mr. Martin Aiken came for flower roots and Mr. Cropper for vines. Charlie Burns tied Di with too long a rope last night and then hurt his foot badly—had the front yard fenced off for him to run in. Went up to the corner of Lum Ingram's, Mr. Walton's and my land to see him about the line fence. I have to make from Mr. Walton's fence to the top of the ridge where a sharpened stake is stuck by a little dogwood that has been cut off to make a mark. He is to take the rails from there down to his fence and to give me an agreed number from his cross fence and the privilege of hauling through his land. He engaged John Slayback to set the fence. I went to Mr. Arnold's to see about our line fence. Mine is from the spring to Lum Ingram's corner and from a stake on the top of the hill by an oak tree down to the road. Sent Charlie B. to turn Mr. Rice's cattle out of the pasture. Rode Jane for the mail. Got letters from Sarah and Belle R.
- 18 Slept miserably last night and felt badly. It rained so that the hands I sent to work on the line fence row on the hill could n't work. I quit after a while. Charlie Burns worked fixing the line fence between Mr. Rice and me at the water gap. I worked and wrote letters and in the evening walked to where Charlie was working and round by the creek home. Mr. Hunt drew samples of wine.
- 19 Set Charlie B. to work hauling manure with Jimmy's wagon and Charlie's mule. Charlie Rockwell, Jim Merrick and Henry Roberts worked on the fence row on the hill. I sealed and marked the samples of wine. Was at Mrs. Burns's for a few moments. Ras Rice came out to look at the tobacco—offered 3½ all round which Charlie and I concluded to take. Got letters from Patty and Sue. Found plenty of turkey peas. Saw Mr. Flick who promised to help make the water gap.
- 20 C. Rockwell hauled the tobacco to Ras Rice—it came to this.
Trash 685lbs.

Leaf 1109 lbs.

1794 lbs—which at 3 ½ came to \$62.79. I paid .50 cents towards hauling and got one third \$20.40. I went on Jane up the hill to where the hands were working on the line fence row. Jim Merrick and Henry Roberts worked up there. I rode in the willow patch to see how the boys got along with their grubbing and then walked back on the hill to show Charlie R. the rail timber. Helped kill 6 snakes this morning, the first I have seen this year. Had the first piece of new meat boiled to-day. After Charley R. came back Charley Burns used Jimmy's wagon and his own mule to haul manure.

- 21 Lovely day. Charley Burns worked in the garden and chopped wood and in the evening drove the spring wagon to Bellevue. I took Mr. Corbin the box to send buddy by ex. with samples of wine. I worked trimming rose bushes swept and ironed my collars & cuffs. Mr. Jim Conner brought me his and his father's note for the pasture rent.
- 22 Sunday- beautiful day. I am tired out. Willy Burns came up to get books. Mr. Nelson came to talk about the farm work. The old cow gave over half a bucket of milk apparently as good as ever. Hilda went to Sunday school and then over to Mrs. Arnold's to see Mr. Clarkson—took Sally too.
- 23 Went to Rising Sun. Took Sally to the dentist—got the mortgage on Jilson's house from Judge Storer and brought it home. Went to see Aunt Sally and Aunt Eliza. Very cold coming home in the skiff. Sent letters to buddy and to Sue about Patty's coming home.
- 24 Bright but very cold. Dr. Grant came in the morning for a little while. We went to Mrs. Clore's to spend the day. Got letters from Belle, Julia, Mary Dey and Kate V. B. Julia wrote me her father was thought to be dying. Mary wrote me she wanted Sally H. to come and stay with me. Sally has a bad cold. Charley Burns was so sick with his cold he only worked half the day. Stopped at Mrs. Rice's on the way home.
- 20 Bright but cold yet. Sally had such a cold and cough last night I could n't sleep much. Mrs. Clarkson, Louisa, Mrs. Clore, Mrs. Rice, Betty and Mrs. Burns took supper here. After they went I went to Bellevue in the spring wagon and went to Cinti on the Buell to see Julia.
- 26 Missed the first omnibus and went to Mr. Foster's office to wait for the next. Wrote to Mary Humphreys while there. George took me out to Julia's in the buggy. She took me to see her father. I stayed all night at Julia's.
- 27 Went with Julia to her father's again. Told them goodbye and went back to Julia. Left her father better the doctors say. Julia took me in to the cars. I went to see Nina, did a little shopping, came down on the evening boat, Gen. Lytle, got off after eight and rode out on Mr. Snyder's mare. Found Betty still staying with Hilda and that Dr. R. and Belle had been down to see me this day—very sorry to have missed them. Found a letter from Lizzie Dinsmore and a photograph from Mr. W. A. Raymond.
- 28 Up early and sent Mr. Snyder's horse home by Charlie R. Someone had milked the old cow so we could n't get anything from her. Sent letter to Patty. Mrs. Burns heard her mother was very ill and went to see her. I wrote the contract for Jimmy Burns and we both signed it. Lizzie Cook came in the evening.
- 29 Sunday—a bright day but cool. Hilda and Betty Rice went to Sunday school. In the evening Mr. Nelson came to the yard to talk about the work.
- 30 A bright day. Charlie Burns began to work again—worked in the garden. I walked all round the field next to Mr. Walton's to look at the condition of the fence rows and edges of the field and fencing. Jimmy Burns worked with his team hauling rails for the willow patch and on the line between Lum Ingram & me. Charlie Rockwell and I went on the hill there and counted the rails he made there—as follows; oak rails 74—56. Oak stakes, 37—32. Ash rails 21—46—20—10. Mr. Slayback had put in the fence he made for Lum Ingram of any new ash

rails 22—16. There were of Linn rails that Charley made 23—30—26. I counted the panels from the stake to the end at Mr. Walton's fence and made it out 155. Mr. Walton sent me word to-day by Lum to keep the stock out of his pasture. I sent him word to come and see about the fence. I walked through the willow patch and saw how they were getting along with grubbing and ploughing. Mr. Nelson quarreled with Tom and he left to-day. Mr. Nelson hauled rails with his team to ½ day. Mr. Corbin came out this evening to get some grape vines. Hilda and Betty went to Rising Sun to-day. Betty did not come home with her but said goodbye this morning. Hilda brought me my shoes from Davis's. I picked the first wild violets to-day.

- 31 Rained during night—also in the day and hailed sometimes and was bitter cold. Went to Bellevue in the evening to take letters &c. Sent letters to Julia and to Belle R. Got card by mail saying Louly Gibson was coming. It was such a bad day that Charley Burns could n't work but fed as usual.

April

- 1 It is cold and chilly. Sent Charley B. to Bellevue for 2 spring wagon-loads of coal of Jesse Dolph. Then he worked on the hedge. I worked all day till dinner getting ready for Louly. Last night the soot in the dining room chimney caught fire so I cleaned out both chimneys and moved bed &c. Mr. Swartz came for grape vines—sent some by him to Dr. Grant. Mr. Slayback came and I told him about my new rails. After dinner rode to see Mr. Moreland to ask him for money. He said he would bring some when he sold his tobacco.
- 2 Worked cleaning chimney & some upstairs. Mr. John Rogers came for grape vines. Went to Bellevue after Louly. She did n't come. We got nothing in the mail. Charley B. worked on the hedge and drove to Bellevue.
- 3 Jimmy Burns and team hauling rails to the fence between me and Lum Ingram. I went up there to see Mr. Ingram about the fence. Charley and John Brown made 118 rails of the yellow poplar that was down. Charley Burns hauled rock with the slide. Counted the new ash rails in Mr. Ingram's part of the fence and made it out 89. Jimmy Burns did n't work all day for me—he ploughed for himself in the evening. Mr. Resor died.
- 4 Charley Burns worked on the fence. Louly Gibson came in the evening. Got letter from Julia and Sue.
- 5 Easter Sunday. Louly and I stayed at home. It rained in the evening.
- 6 Sent Charley to see Mr. Slayback about the fence. Louly and I went to Mrs. Ingram's. Mr. Hunt drew off wine.
- 7 Went to Louisa's. Came back and rode to Burlington to see Mr. Winston. Took him Mr. Wesley Underhill's and Mr. Moreland's notes to me for the amount. Mr. Winston gave me \$110.20 which he collected from Mr. George W. Walton for his sale note. Came home and counted the rails Charley and John Brown made. Mr. Nelson gave me the contract between himself and Tom to keep. Louly, Hilda and Sally walked to Bellevue and Patty did n't come. Got letters from Patty, Sue, Julia, Sarah and BBG. Mr. Rice came and took sheep manure. Julia sent me paper with obituary notice of her father.
- 8 Charley Burns ploughed the garden—used his mule. Began to plough the cow lot.
- 9 Unpleasant—hailing and raw. An old man named Hanson came to ask about the basket business. The snow covers the ground. Charlie B. began and harrowed the garden. Had to stop work on account of weather. Mr. Nelson got 3 loads of corn of me in a wagon bed of the following size, length 8 ft 10 inches—width 3 ft. 5¾ inches, depth—18 inches. Mr. Nelson is to give me market price for this corn. Got letters from Belle and Mrs. Brown.

- 10 Cold—ground covered with snow and ice over all the puddles. Mr. Nelson went to Rising Sun and I let him have \$20.00.
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday. What a blessed thing for me that she was born my sister. May she remember me to-day as I do her. Dr. Grant came. I gave him the note. Mr. Calvert sent. John Slayback came and told me he worked 3 days on the fence and I paid him 3 dollars. In the evening Louly and I made cake and dessert. R.E. came but only stayed a few minutes. Got letter from Mary Dey and Sue and Julia.
- 12 Sunday. A lovely day. Louly and I and Sally walked to church. Got there at picking up hat time. In the evening at dusk Mr. Graham came.
- 13 Charley Burns worked in the morning helping Mr. Slayback on the fence. Mr. Graham and I went walking after dinner. It rained at night. Mr. Nelson worked some.
- 14 Morning bright and clear. Mr. Graham went to Aurora to take the cars. In the evening Patty came. Thank God my big baby is safe home again. I got a letter from Julia. Rained at night.
- 15 My cold so bad I could n't do much. Charley B. planted potatoes in the cow lot. Dody Grant came after dinner.
- 16 Rained hard last night. Had to pump water out of cistern. Charley hauled wood and went to Bellevue—took stove top. Sent letters to Julia and Sue. Got letter from BBG.
- 17 Walked up to Mr. Jim Rogers's to see Mr. Walton. Did n't see him. Came home by the hill back of the orchard. Charley R. cut down a tree that was not fit to make rails and I had to get him and Jim to work it out of the road. Charley Burns hauled rails and pieces of rails for stove wood. In the evening we planted garden seeds. We put in radish, lettuce, snap beans, peas and beets and some spinach. Louly helped us plant them.
- 18 Set Charley R. to work making rails. Charley B. hauled rail pieces for stove wood and set out onion sets. We, Louly and I, went to Bellevue to get on the boat to go to Mrs. Brown's but missed the boat. At dark Mr. John E. Walton came down to see me and told me about the fence on the line.
- 19 Sunday—rained. Louly and I went to Bellevue to get the boat but came back again. It poured down rain. The three oldest Arnold children came over and had to stay all night.
- 20 Took Charley B. and went around the pasture across the road to look at the fence. After dinner Jim Burns hauled rails with his team, Charley helping him. I went to Mr. Rice's to ask him about the fence between me and Mrs. Aikins's heirs' line. After I came back, got Charley Rockwell to go to the fence with me to find the corner where I start on Mr. Arnold's line and to see about the Aikin fence.
- 21 Charley Burns planted onion sets and took me to Bellevue in the wagon. Louly and I waited at the store till dark for the boat—started home but hearing the boat whistle went back and got on the U. States for Madison. Sent letter to BBG.
- 22 We got to Mrs. Brown's at a quarter to five a.m. Found them well and glad to see us. Charley B. and Charley Rockwell worked on the fence between the pasture and the land Mr. Wingate ploughed.
- 23 Stayed at Mrs. Brown's. Charley B. and Charley R. worked at the fence again. My sow had 11 pretty little pigs.
- 24 Got on the Buell between 9 and 10—did n't get off at Bellevue till 10 p.m. Came out and found letters from Julia and BBG. Charley planted first sweet corn in the garden.
- 25 Mr. Nelson came up with his book and we looked over accounts. Charley Burns went to Rising Sun. Brought me Express notice of a package there Mandy left.
- 26 Sunday. I spent it cooking and working.

- 27 I went to see Nancy Cantwell. Sent Charley to Bellevue for a load of coal. Got Jesse Dolph to take my bundle for Lizzie Dinsmore to send by Ex. Gave Mrs. Dolph 1.00 to pay expenses. It rained in the evening. We cooked.
- 28 Got letter from BBG and buddy telling me he could n't sell wine. Got letter from Judge Stewart about Uncle Jilson's note. Cooked.
- 29 Mr. Moreland came to see me about the note of Wesley Underhill. It was so cold this morning we had ice and the ground was frozen. Patty and I went to Rising Sun in the wagon with Charley Burns—backwater so high in Middle Creek that coming home Mr. Van Ness set us across from the bridge in a skiff. Got express package from W. H. Raymond. Went to see Judge Stewart. Found that Uncle Jilson's note was a genuine one from papa for \$118.75 dated Dec. Hunted all round for a servant without success. The river very high—wind cold, but the river calm so there was not much wind. Coming home brought out Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Rice who told me of the marriage of Mr. J. Kirtley to Mrs. Lizzie Huey.
- 30 Went up to see Mrs. Dorman to ask if her daughter could come and work for me. Saw the poor little burnt child. Louly went to Bellevue for the mail and brought Sally Humphreys back. Hilda sick in bed all day. Louly got letters about overflow.

May

- 1 Warm and pleasant. Hilda still sick. Went to the ferry on Woolper to see if I could get Mr. Hensley's daughter to work. She was gone. Came home and went up to Aunt Huldah's and engaged Annie. Had watermelons planted. Mr. Nelson's old mare got out and he had a fuss hunting her. I rode round the field he grubbed to look at it. He asked me to let him have all the land next year.
- 2 Had cabbage bed planted and cucumbers sowed. Ellen ironed all day. Hilda somewhat better. Dr. Grant, Mrs. G and Birdie came in the morning. Gave him Dr. Raymond's papers to take to him. Worked hard this day. Louly got letters from Sarah, Gen. Gibson and the Minor's about the overflow with most distressing accounts. Warm to-day. Left off wearing shirt. Charlie Rockwell's mare came home.
- 3 Sunday. Pretty day in the morning. All started to church but did n't go all the way as we were too late. At dinner time Mr. Graham came. Annie Walton came to cook for me.
- 4 Went to Bellevue with Mr. Graham in the morning—walked on the hill next to the thicket after dinner to look at the field Mr. Nelson is clearing and ploughing. Pulled candy in the evening.
- 5 Mr. Graham went to Aurora after dinner to take the train. It rained last night and this morning and seemed right cool. We went to Bellevue for the letters. I got some from Sue, Belle and Julia. Stopped at Mrs. Clore's on the way home. A man came to see Mr. Nelson about his friend's buying the place.
- 6 Sold to Mr. Nelson 90¾ lbs of middling and 78½ lbs shoulder meat at 7 cents for the shoulder and 9 for the sides. Sides—\$8.16 ¾ —middling 5.49 ½ total \$13.66. Went with Mr. Nelson and the man from Patriot to look at the little hog pasture—concluded not to let Mr. Nelson clean it up. We climbed to the hawk nest and got five eggs. Louly, Patty and Sally went to Mrs. Clore's to a candy pulling. Planted ochra and summer squash.
- 7 Went to Mr. Arnolds's to try and get a horse to plough. She gave me garden seeds. Went to Mr. Clore's but did n't see him. Charley B. worked in the garden hoeing and planting seeds. Planted the snap beans and pole beans Louisa gave me and more radish and lettuce. Had asparagus bed hoed off. All the rest went to Bellevue for the mail. Louly got letters saying the plantation was overflowed. Sent Charlie round to get a horse in vain. Sent letters to buddy and Mrs. Brown. Got box candles.

- 8 Mr. Conner came down and put 47 head of cattle in the pasture he rents which with the 2 others are 49. Lum Nelson left. Went out to the field Mr. Nelson is at work on and up on top of the hill to see the apple trees. Find them full of caterpillars—turned warm. Went to spelling school at night. Henry Roberts worked at the trees on the hill.
- 9 Worked at home in the morning. Went to Mr. Klopps' on Woolper to see him about baskets. It was really hot. Went to Bellevue for mail. Got letters from BBG and buddy. Also an envelope of muskmelon seed from BBG. Rode Di for the first time since he got his foot hurt.
- 10 Sunday—bright and hot as summer. Got ready to go to church but Belle and Dr. R. came so I stayed at home. Louly and all but little Sally went to church. In the evening I rode Di up to Florence with them and Sally came in the buggy with Belle.
- 11 Went in the Florence omnibus to Cov. went to Cinti—went to see the basket men who would n't buy any baskets and said they were very low. Went to see Mr. Foster who said I could wait and not pay my note now unless I felt inclined so I did not tell him to sell my bond. Went out to Clifton and spent part of the day with Julia who took me in to town in the carriage—bought my slippers—went back to Florence that night.
- 12 Left Florence this morning about 9. Dr. R. took me in the buggy to this side of Burlington and I rode Di home. Found that some one had stolen last night 2 dozen of our largest chickens. Hilda told me that Jacob Klopp came down yesterday or rather sent Andy Cook and he hauled off the willow box and benches from the shop. Charley Burns planted corn yesterday in the little field in front of the shop and in the garden. To-day he fixed the fence round the field. Store room was cleaned to-day. Hilda says they caught 23 mice in it before I got home. I left my little sweetheart at Belle's to make a little visit. Miss her all the time bless her life.
- 13 Mamma's wedding day. I always think of it and hope she and papa are still together happier than ever. Rode in the morning up to Mr. Klopp's to see him about the willow box. He says it is his. Had the plants in the tubs reset and muskmelon seed put in. Mrs. Loudon worked here and we cleaned the dining room and took things out of the parlor.
- 14 Finished putting the plants in boxes. Bugs were on the meat so I had it all taken down—hunted the bugs around it and had it rubbed with black pepper. Rode up to cherry hill to experiment on killing caterpillars.
- 15 Engaged Charley Rockwell to help Charley Burns kill caterpillars. Went up and tried myself. We burn them with corncobs saturated in coal oil. In the evening it rained hard for a little while. Got 60 tomato plants and 10 early cabbage plants from Mr. Hunt and set them out.
- 16 Mr. Hunt helped Charley till 4 or 5 o'clock. Went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day, all of us. Met Mr. B. there and other company. It was so cold after the rain we had to wear winter dresses.
- 17 Sarah's birthday. Still cold so we had to have fires. Belle and Dr. R. came and brought Sally home too glad to see Belle and Dr. left after dinner. Annie quit milking the young cow to-day. Went to Louisa's.
- 18 Charley R. and Charley Burns worked with apple trees. I went to Rabbithash and to Bellevue and worked on the hill too. I borrowed 4 dollars of Hilda.
- 19 Charlie Burns went to the show. I sent by him a letter to BBG and wrote to Sue. Mr. Rice's cattle got into the field next him, 9 head of them. I got letter from Belle inclosing Lizzie's.
- 20 Worked in the garden—replanted cucumbers, squash and watermelons. Bugged potatoes. Mrs. Loudon cleaned the cellar and my room. Charley Burns and C. Rockwell worked at the apple trees. Mr. Conner came and said he would come Friday and go round the fence in the pasture. Someone stole all our little chickens and turkeys out of the carriage house last night.

- 21 Bug potatoes all the time. Planted dishrag vines. Wrote to Lizzie Dinsmore and sent Ex. Receipt. Sewed on carpet. Charley Rockwell and Charley Burns finished the apple trees on cherry hill.
- 22 I put the carpet down in the other room. Worked hard all day. Charley B. burrowed the potatoes in the garden planted the rest of the sweet corn and hauled wood.
- 23 Charley B. and Charley Rockwell cleared the room in the fence on the hill. I found five little owls. Charley B. killed one. Company came to see Louly. It drizzled rain part of the day. Got letter from BBG.
- 24 Sunday. Stayed home in the morning. Went to church in the school house. Mr. Carter preached. Picked radishes for supper. Killed a little snake that was in the children's birds nest sucking eggs. Right warm and terribly dusty. We went to Mrs. Clore's after meeting.
- 25 Turned the two calves in the pasture rented to Mr. Conner on account of taking the fence down to rebuild it. He turned them right out again and they went wandering. Jim Burns hauled rails with his team for me all day. Charley Rockwell worked helping to pull down the fence cut a road and load rails. Charley Burns helped at it too. I went to see Mr. Slayback to ask him to come and build the fence. I washed the children's heads.
- 26 Charley Burns went to Rabbithash with Louly, Sally and Patty who went to Rising Sun. When they got back Charley B. worked a little replanting corn in the little field. Mrs. Dolph and her child came out to visit. I worked in the garden, bugged potatoes and washed my head. Got letters from BBG and Julia. Very dry and hot. Calves got home. Mr. Flick came—said he could n't pay note now.
- 27 Charley Burns replanted corn in the little field. Ploughed grapes and potatoes in garden. I worked at bugging potatoes. Went to see Mr. Slayback again who said he could n't build the fence. Cut out my pique polonaise. Mrs. Loudon cleaned Louly's room. Louly poorly all day long.
- 28 Charley Rockwell and Charley Burns worked at making the fence on the hill back of the house. I stayed up there part of the day and fitted my polonaise in the interval. Got a book from RE. Louly got Robin Adair from BBG. BBG's bagging factory burned.
- 29 Charley Rockwell and Charley Burns worked at the fence. I was there part of the time. Sewed on the carpet. Sudy Arnold came. I went to see Mr. Rice but he was n't at home so I did n't get any money. Borrowed of Hilda \$20.00 and let Mr. Nelson have it.
- 30 Charley Rockwell finished the fence by noon. Charley B. helped him. After dinner Charley Burns did n't work. Hilda and Sally H. went to the granger meeting. I put down the carpet in Louly's room. Had bad headache at night—no rain yet. Terribly hot and dry.
- 31 Sunday. Hot as pepper. All went to Sunday school but Louly and me. In the evening we had a refreshing shower but not enough to do any good.

June

- 1 A lovely day—worked in the garden. Charlie set out 38 tomato plants I got from Mr. Arnold and some cabbage plants about 175. Charley ploughed the potatoes in the cow pen and worked in the garden. I went to Mr. Arnold's to tell him his mules and horses were in the pasture but he was gone to court. Mrs. Burns came up for a while. I cleaned out my top drawer.
- 2 Worked in the garden. Bugged potatoes. Charlie worked in the garden and killed a spreading adder. I sent a letter to BBG. Got papers from him containing account of the fire, the burning of his bagging factory. Wrote to him the same night. Got letter from buddy inclosing draft for \$100. for the children. Planted peas Louisa gave me.

- 3 It was raining some in the morning when I woke—got up and worked in the garden for hours. Set out with Charlie's help all my beet plants and cabbage plants which Jim Burns gave me. Went to Rising Sun with Louly. Got buddy's draft for \$100. cashed at the bank. Borrowed of it and paid Hilda the \$24.00 I had borrowed of her. Took Mr. McGuffy's hammer home to him. Put a letter in the Rising Sun P.O. for BBG. Bought 335 cabbage plants in R.S. Set out ochra in the morning too.
- 4 Had my cabbage plants set out the first thing. Charlie Burns worked in the garden. Charlie Rockwell worked chopping out a row back of the garden hedge. Mr. John E. Walton came and spent the day. Louly got news that the plantation levee had broken and that the water was over the place and that Gen. Gibson's 3rd child Randal Lee died the . Mr. Nelson came up to see me about the water gap and fence between Mr. Rice's willow patch and me—and I went to see Mr. Rice and Mr. Flick about it. Rained in the morning with thunder and lightning after dark. Sent Aylor cow to Mr. Barnett's.
- 5 Went to Bellevue in the morning to get spikes &c. Paid Mr. Corbin's account. Man came and tuned the piano. Mr. Flick came out and helped build the water gap. Mr. Nelson and his hands helped on his account and I sent Charley Burns and Charley Rockwell and a team—had Mr. Nelson's old mare for the day. I went to see E__ Smith and her baby. Got a letter from Sarah. Charlie Rockwell and C. Burns worked at the water gap till noon. Charlie Burns planted potatoes after dinner. The girls went to a little picnic at Mrs. Clore's—very hot and rained. I finished my black muslin skirt to wear to church.
- 7 Sunday. Rode to church on Di. No church because Mr. Kirtley was gone to Mo. Sudy Arnold dined with us and spent the evening. Very hot.
- 8 Charlie Burns ploughed the little corn field and hoed grapes. Charlie Rockwell worked part of a day on the hedge row. I went to see Mr. Nelson's potato patch. Bugged my potatoes and worked in the garden. Hot and dry.
- 9 Charlie Burns worked in the garden and hoed grapes. I worked in the garden too. Wrote and sent a letter to buddy. Went to Bellevue and got things at the store, some black calico for skirts. Stopped at Louisa's for the girls who were there. Got letters from Sue and BBG. Intensely hot and dry.
- 10 Extremely hot—thunder shower in the evening. Worked in the garden and cut out black calico skirts. Went to Bellevue in the evening got 2 cabbage plants 100. At Mrs. Corbin's got sweet potato plants. Set most of the plants out. Mrs. Corbin gave me 100 Early Jack plants. Set them out in a rain. Hard shower with plenty of lightning.
- 11 Charlie Burns finished setting out the plants. Glorious rain part of the day and turned cooler. Charlie thinned corn—bugged potatoes &c. I sewed on my black skirts. Louly and Sally went to Bellevue boat riding.
- 12 A lovely morning cool & bright. Charlie Burns worked in the garden and bugged potatoes. I sewed on my black calico. Belle and Dr. came down and took dinner. Belle brought my \$100.00 the remainder of what she said she would pay for their board last winter. Mrs. Dolph and Fanny came out this evening. Belle brought my beads home from Cinti.
- 13 Charley Rockwell cleaned the place I told him to. Charlie Burns worked in the garden and took Jane to the shop. Ernest Grant, Anna Willis and Katy Graves came down and spent the afternoon.
- 14 Sunday. We all went to church. Mr. Carter preached. After dinner Louly and I went to Mrs. Corbin's. A particularly lovely day, cool and bright.
- 15 Charlie Burns worked in the garden ploughing and hoeing. I sent him to see about the clover by Mr. Wingate's. Charlie Rockwell worked clearing the row by the fence. I sent to Mrs.

Corbin's for more sweet potato plants. A fine shower this evening. I sewed on Patty's white dress.

- 16 Sally was christened seven years ago to-day. Bless her short sweet life. Rained hard in the morning. Charlie Burns set out plants first and then went to pick cherries. I canned first cherries for this year. Mrs. Clore, 3 Corbins and Alice Snyder came out to pick cherries. Pleasant in the afternoon. I got letters from buddy and Lizzie Dinsmore. Paid Jim Burns the dollar I owed Mrs. Loudon's boy for his horse for 2 days. Wrote and sent letter to BBG.
- 17 Lovely day but full of bothers. Charlie Burns picked a basket of sour cherries and ploughed the little field. Mr. Connors cattle broke in the field in the bottom that Mr. Wingate and Jimmy Burns cultivate. Charlie Rockwell said he worked half a day on the fence row. I sewed & canned &c. Louly and Sally rode to Rising Sun for me to get a tin thing for Mr. Nelson to put Paris green on potatoes with.
- 18 Hilda, Patty and Sally H. went in the spring wagon to Florence to see Belle. Charlie Burns worked fixing the fence where the cattle got in and then picked cherries. Mr. Wingate came to see me about the clover—engaged to take the piece of clover next to him and pay for it by cutting out briars. I went to see Mr. Corbin to ask him to take out his horse from the pasture which he did. A letter from Sue came for Patty. I canned.
- 19 Charlie Burns picked cherries and took a basket of them to Mrs. Grant. Then he went to mill and got unbolted flour and worked in the garden. Planted cucumber seed. Hilda went to Cov. and Cinti. I canned and worked hard. Mr. Moreland came to see me.
- 20 Hilda and the girls came home after dinner. Charlie hauled wood and his wagon was broken so he took it to the shop. Mr. Nelson came in the wagon and had a talk about renting the place putting in crops &c. Man came with fresh meat for the first time this year.
- 21 Sunday. Midsummer day—a lovely day too. Hilda & Sally H. went to S[unday].S[chool]. Patty and Sally stayed with me.
- 22 Belle Raymond and Miss Vawter came down. I sent Charlie to pick cherries for Belle. Dr. Grant and Mr. Bennett came down after dinner. We played croquet and they stayed to supper.
- 23 I helped Belle can her cherries. On the boat Mr. Graham came and Spalding and his nurse with him. I was busy getting ready and fixing for them—Charlie.
- 24 Sent Charlie for fish &c. He hauled part of the day. I cooked, worked and entertained company. Terribly hot all this week. Belle and Miss Vawter went home early in the morning.
- 25 Went down to see Mr. Nelson about cutting the clover. He promised to do this next week. Intensely hot—had rain in the evening—with wind and lightning. Mr. Graham could n't go as he intended.
- 26 Very hot—hard rain with thunder and windstorm.
- 27 I went to Rising Sun. Sent telegram for Mr. Graham. Went to see Judge Stewart and took Uncle Jilson there. Uncle Jilson paid me 100 dollars and I gave him up the note due on next Feb. 18 for his house. The old man has gotten rid of 100 dollars of his money since he moved to Rising Sun. It was the hottest day I almost ever felt—came home before dinner. The girls played croquet in the evening. I tried to rest—but it was melting. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 28 Sunday—hot as pepper but lovely breeze. Stayed at home. Louly and Sally went to church in the school house. Mr. Graham went away. Charlie B. took him to Aurora in the wagon.
- 29 Charlie Burns worked in garden. Mr. Nelson brought me a note about the money he wants to borrow. I rode to cherry hill and all around to look at the grain and crops. Louly and Sally had company to spend the evening. I showed Patty my account of things bought for the

children and returned the money I borrowed out of the children's pocket book June 3.
Charlie Rockwell brought his cow here to pasture.

- 30 Last day of sister Belle's favorite month—this day seven years ago she died. God love her sweet soul. A cool lovely day. I sewed on Patty's green dress. Charlie worked in the garden till noon and then worked on the road up cherry hill. The girls walked to the river. I got a letter from Julia. I lent Mr. Nelson with Patty as witness \$50.00 and set it down in my account book. Mr. Moreland came and told me the sheriff had given him till July 1st to sell his tobacco and he asked of me an extension of two weeks which I let him have. Charlie Burns staked the tomatoes.

July

- 1 I forgot to set down this day—did n't do much but sew on Patty's dress.
- 2 A lovely cool day. Charlie mowed in the yard and ploughed in the corn across the road. I sewed on Patty's dress in the morning. We went to the Island in the evening and bathed in the river. Patty got a letter from Sue. I saw the camel this evening for the first time. Mr. Nelson began to cut the clover hay, hauled one load.
- 3 A beautiful day—sewed in the morning and rode up on the hill where Mr. Nelson was cutting clover. Came home and got ready to go to old Mr. Garnett's funeral. Went with Mrs. Burns.
- 4 Charlie Burns took holiday. I stayed at home—a very hot day. Horace and Ernest Grant spent the evening here. I got letters from BBG and cousin Jimmy. Aunt Sally came.
- 5 Sunday. Went after the little cow and found her with a calf that was evidently more than a day old. Started to church but turned back on hearing there was no preacher. Went to Mrs. Rice's in the evening.
- 6 Belle and Dr. R. came down and took dinner. Hot day—Charlie Burns thinned corn &c. After Belle left I went to Bellevue to pay my account at Corbin's and send by him for some things.
- 7 One of the hottest days of the year. I rode up on cherry hill to see about the meadow. Charlie Burns hauled wood and worked in the garden. We went to Mrs. Clore's to the supper. Louly got a letter from Gen. Gibson telling that Lucy was engaged. Patty got letter from her papa and I heard said to be the hottest day since 1868.
- 8 Another hot day. I tried to sew but had all sorts of interruptions. Charlie Burns worked in the garden except when piling weeds on the hill. Spalding not well. Willie Burns came up—Charlie Rockwell worked ½ day cutting bushes.
- 9 Went to Rising Sun to take Aunt Sally home—went in skiff. Hot day. Frances Botts and Aggy came see the girls. Charlie Rockwell says he worked ½ day cutting bushes. Spalding got letter from his papa. Bought first bucket of blackberries.
- 10 Poured down rain about all day. Spalding right sick. Company came to spend the evening invited by Louly—stayed till midnight. I worked, sewed, made cake &c.
- 11 Lent Mr. Nelson 7 flour barrels of corn. Hilda went to church meeting. Mr. Kirtley resigned the charge of Middle Creek church agreeing to preach once a month till they can find some one else. Mr. Nelson wants me to furnish materials and pay him for repairing the house. Got note from Sue saying perhaps she would come, also papers from BBG. Temperance meeting in Bellevue. Belle Fisk came down on the boat.
- 12 Sunday—went to church—it rained in the morning. Went to Mrs. Arnold's in the evening. Jim Burns brought his mule here to pasture.
- 13 Sent wagon to Bellevue by Charlie B. He worked in the garden &c. I canned blackberries. Horace Grant came in the evening to invite all to a little picnic at Split Rock. Sally H. right sick. Charlie Rockwell cut bushes &c.

- 14 Borrowed \$15.00 of the children's money. Went to Louisa's to tell her Sally was sick. Went to Bellevue—paid Corbin and got the fifteen dollars changed to pay debts and pay for blackberries &c. Expected company to see the girls—who did n't come. Sudy came after dinner.
- 15 Jimmy Burns sick. We went up to Dr. Grant's and went with them to Split Rock for a little picnic. Charlie Rockwell worked cutting bushes. It is buddy's birthday and I thought of him and wished him well. Sally came home sick.
- 16 Sally sick in bed. I rode round the place, came back and found Miss McRenzie and brother here. Mr. Henderson came to see me and offered to buy the land the other side of the road. He told me about the potatoes being poisoned with Paris green. Sudy Arnold came over after dinner. I canned blackberries. Got a note from Mr. Foster about fruit men and a letter from BBG. Charlie Rockwell worked 1/2 day cutting weeds in pasture. Charlie B. did too.
- 17 Canned. Sally H. so sick I sent for Dr. Grant.
- 18 Worked hard all day and was bothered almost sick. Charlie Rockwell only worked ½ day cutting weeds. I rode out to see them in the pasture and to the oat field. Mr. Nelson hauled my share of oats—39 shocks and five sheaves. Sally quite sick. Mrs. Garnett and Louisa and Mrs. Clore and Aggy Rice came. Mr. Moreland came and we had a little dab of a settlement. I gave him his sale note for \$14.65 for the \$14.65 that the two hogs I bought of him Dec. 22, 1873 came to. The beef ac. I had with him last fall came to \$5.25 and that and the \$10.00 he paid me Dec. 22, 1873 I added to the \$150.00 he paid me to-day and it is to be credited on the note for the horses which Mr. Winston has in all a credit of \$165.25. I am to explain it to Mr. Winston. Got book from BBG.
- 19 Sunday—hot day. Louly went to Mr. Botts's to dine and spend the day. Sally sick. Dr. came as he did yesterday too. Horace came in the evening. Aunt Eliza came too. I read my new book.
- 20 Louly and Belle Fisk went to R. S. in the wagon—got home just in time to escape a hard rain. Charlie Rockwell only worked ½ day. I had my pigs put up to stay. Mr. Nelson had talks about barley &c. A very hot day—I felt sleepy and badly all day till evening.
- 21 Sewed and cut out part of the day. Got letter from buddy with draft for \$50.00 for the children and telling me about sending Patty to school—also a note from Belle and one from Miss Annie Calvert—Charlie
- 22 Mr. Omer Kirtley and Miss Calvert came and spent the day—also the Rabbs came after dinner to see Belle Fisk. Ernest came at night. I gave him his mother's case knife.
- 23 Louly and I went to Florence in the evening. Mike Corbin, Bob Clore and Dr. J. Grant came out and spent the evening. Paper came from BBG also letter from grape merchant.
- 24 Stayed at Belle's—at night it poured down rain. Miss Fanny & two nieces there. Charlie Rockwell worked cutting weeds.
- 25 Came home from Belle's very hot day. Horace Grant came in the evening to arrange about going to Big Bone.
- 26 Sunday. Hot as pepper—went to church in Mr. Clore's woods and then to see three sick persons—Lizzie Flick's child, Alice Snyder and Mrs. Ed. Green—got home by moonlight just in time to escape a shower.
- 27 Last night the most violent storm & flood I ever saw here. Nearly all the corn in the bottom ruined—fences swept away and all manner of damage done. Met Sudy and Miss Coburn and found Arnold looking at the destruction. Mr. Early came—Charlie Burns went after Jane—Horace, Ernest & Tom Grant spent the day. Miss Nony Cooper too and she stayed all night.
- 28 The men worked fixing fences. I rode round part of the time.

- 29 Went to the funeral of Lizzie Flick's child—after dinner canned blackberries and rode round to look at fences—all hands working on the fences. Had the first ripe watermelon. Mr. Conner drove his cattle away.
- 30 Wrote long letter to buddy about Patty &c. Rode to Bellevue—paid Corbin's ac. &c. Went to see the sick—Mrs. Aiken, Alice Snyder. Came home and found company here to see the girls—worked till I was dead tired and out of humor with all.
- 31 Went to the lost section hunting chickens—saw Mr. Wingate—went to Mary Lee's after chickens worked to get the girls ready to go to Big Bone. It rained the night.

August

- 1 Mr. Graham came—brought me a letter from himself. Horace came down after Nonie Cooper and to tell the girls they could n't go to Big Bone.
- 2 Sunday. Some went to Sunday School. I stayed home. Mr. Botts came to see Louly. Mr. Conner came to tell me about the cattle.
- 3 Election day. I went to Bellevue in the morning, pd. Corbin's account, went with Mr. G. in the wagon. Charlie Burns went to Bellevue, did n't work but ½ day. Mr. Early went away.
- 4 Belle Fisk and Sally went to Dr. Grant's. Dr. R. and Belle came down—stayed all night. Mr. Graham went to Aurora on his way home. Got letter from Sue saying she was coming and a piece of music. Letter from Nina.
- 5 Belle and Dr. went home. Sudy came and Ernest. Nony and Birdie came. Heard of the burning of the Pat Rogers'. Louly and Sally and Belle Fisk left at night on the boat. Mr. Hunt worked pulling onions and sowed turnip seed.
- 6 Ernest came to ask about baskets. Maggie Moreland came and I paid her 1.00 for the four chickens I got of her mother Sunday. Mr. Nelson came up and gave me the account of work of himself and hands and team on the fences. Sue and her children & Andrea came. Charley Burns worked on roses yesterday and to-day but stopped to go to Bellevue for Sue. Got letters from BBG and Julia—also letter for Louly.
- 7 Rode round to look at fence making. R.E. came after dinner. I rode with him up to the rock spring.
- 8 R.E. came and took dinner. I sent letters to Julia and to J. S. Breitenbach's grape men. Charlie Burns began to cut bushes by the road.
- 9 Sunday—went to church—after dinner Sue and I went to Louisa's. Ernest Grant came in the evening & took Patty up to his mother's to go to the concert.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day. Lord love her pure soul. It rained last night and this morning—at 12 Hilda and I started to Burlington. Went to see Mr. Winston, he paid me \$330.00 being for the sale note of J. A. Kendall who bought papa's sheep at the sale. We went I told Mr. Winston about the money, Mr. Moreland paid me July 18th and told him to put a credit of \$165.25 on the note of Wesley Underhill for which Mr. Moreland sent security. We then went to Mrs. McKenzie's and stayed a while. Met Mr. Howe and told him about cistern.
- 11 One of the most intensely hot days of the year. Charlie Rockwell cut bushes by the road. Charlie B. helped him I went to Dr. Grant's and brought Patty home. Lizzie brought the mail. I got paper from BBG. Letters came from Miss Minor and Gen. Gibson for Louly. I picked the first pickles.
- 12 Intensely hot. Ernest Grant came down and got 2 nests of baskets for which his father is to pay the same we get for the others—mean to tell Mr. Klopp. So hot I could n't do much. Rode to see the men at work. Charlie Rockwell cut bushes. Then I went up the hill and saw Mr. Hunt. Looked at the vines &c.

- 13 Dick Loudon cut bushes with the other boys. At noon they began clearing in the field behind the house. Charlie Rockwell worked at the same. Another intensely hot day. Got letters from buddy, Breitenbach and Louly. Breitenbach and Co. sent down stands for grapes. Sent letter to BBG.
- 14 My big baby's birthday—she enters her teens to-day. I wish her good luck and add my blessing. I rode round to see the boys chop brush and trees. Dick and Charley R. worked. Charlie Burns went for the stands and hauled two loads down to the ridge this evening. We sent 10 stands down Mr. Hunt thinks about 20 bushels of grapes. I went to the vineyard twice to-day. Went to see Stella and sewed on Patty's dress. Gave Mr. Hunt a letter for Breitenbach. Not quite so hot to-day. Cool and pleasant early in the morning.
- 15 Dick worked 3 days this week. Went to Rising Sun with Patty and Lizzie—got barrel of flour and other things. Stands for grapes came down on the boat. Got letters from Sally & Breitenbach. Got Jesse Dolph's bill. Got buddy's draft cashed for the children, amt. to \$50.00.
- 16 Sunday. Hot as pepper. Louisa and Sudy came over in the evening.
- 17 This day 15 years ago my mother died. Lord love her pure soul and give it peace. Mr. House came and went with me to look at apples, pears &c.
- 18 Rode round the place. Went to see Mr. Wingate about chopping weeds out of corn. Horace Grant came to ask about grapes. Got letters from Julia and Breitenbach. Mr. Nelson fixed fence around his cornfield.
- 19 Hot as pepper—went up on the hill to tell Mr. Hunt about packing grapes. Went to see the boys cutting bushes in the fence row of the 22 acre field. Sewed on Patty's dress.
- 19 Mrs. Loudon turned her mare and colt in to pasture. I wrote a letter to Breitenbach to send with grapes. Mr. Nelson came up in the evening and had a talk about the cornfield &c.
- 20 Jim Loudon came with Dick to chop bushes—the four worked at it. I went to see them twice. They cut the way round the top of the corn field next Mr. Walton's and down the side and part of the bottom of the fence. I went to Mr. Hunt's and put my name on the grape stands. Sent letters to Julia and to Belle R. Got letter from Breitenbach with amt. of the sale of grapes. Got a bottle of castor oil and one of Jayne's Expectorant on C. Rockwell's acct.
- 21 Another hot day. Charlie R., C. Burns and Dick worked at the cutting bushes till sometime after dinner then Charlie B. hauled grapes and the others worked on the water gap and began to clear the new fence row. Mr. Hunt shipped ten stands grapes to Robb Orr & Co. Cinti. Nos 55 & 57 Fountain Square.
- 22 Rained some. Sent Charlie Burns to Florence for medicine for little Lucy. Then in the evening sent him to Bellevue for Mr. Tew who came. Got letter and postal card from Breitenbach. Charlie says Dick worked 5 days this week.
- 23 Dr. and Belle came down and spent the day. I sent by Dr. Raymond to Ab Winston the note of Kendall that he paid me Aug. 10. Patty went home with them to go to the Fair.
- 24 Papa's birthday. I hope he is spending it happily out of this troublesome world. I went to Rising Sun, had my tooth filled at Dr. Wray's. Paid Sue Tew \$300.00 more on the thousand dollars papa left her, being what I got from Ab. Winston for the sheep note of Mr. Kendall and got her receipt.
- 25 Went to Bellevue in the evening, bought Mr. Snyder's shafts. Got notice from Breitenbach & Co. of 15 stands being sent down. Also note from Belle, 2 letters from Julia and circulars of schools and letter from BBG. Set the boys to getting out locust posts for Mr. B. F. Garnett. He hauled away 21. C. Rockwell keeping count.

- 26 Went to the Fair—and to Belle's for a little while. Boys worked at getting out posts while I was gone and Mr. Garnett hauled off 43, C. Rockwell counting. I saw Miss Fanny at Belle's and got my gloves and collars. Mr. Snyder hauled out my grape boxes.
- 27 Mr. Moreland came and brought me \$17.00 to be credited on the note of Wesley Underhill. Went on the hill to see Mr. Hunt about grapes. Sold Mr. John Clore a basket of pears—1/2 bushel at least. Mean to ask Mr. House about price. Went to Burlington after dinner to see Mr. Winston. Told him to credit Mr. Moreland's note with the 17 dollars.
- 28 Sent samples of wine to Aurora by Mr. Moreland. He could n't sell any. He sold me ½ dollar's worth of pears. I worked hard all day making catsup.
- 29 Worked hard all day making catsup. Went down in the evening and paid my bill at Dolph's.
- 30 Went on cherry hill with Mr. Tew and Sue. Dr. Grant and Mr. Bennett came and spent the day. Lent C. Rockwell my spring wagon to go visiting. He broke the shafts all to pieces. Hilda spent the day at Mrs. Brady's.
- 31 Went on cherry hill and got peaches and canned them. Sent Charlie Burns to tell Mr. Tim to come mend cistern. Mr. Nelson hauled a load of sand to Mr. Hunt's. Mr. Nelson started to Cincinnati to buy barley for me. I gave him 80 dollars for that purpose in presence of Mr. Tew and Tom Nelson. C. Rockwell brought me a pr. shafts in place of mine and he traded off his mare for Will Grant's. I borrowed 30 dollars of the children's money to put with my own fifty for barley money. Received of Mr. Hunt .50 from Jim Rogers for pears.

September

- 1 Mr. Arnold went up to Cinti. And I sent by him for the grape money Breitenbach & Co owed me. Got letter from Belle saying Dr. was sick with dysentery. Mr. Nelson came home with the barley.
- 2 Mr. Tew went up to Florence after Patty and brought her home. Charlie Burns set the brush next the road on fire. It got in the hedges and he had a great deal of trouble with it. I worked myself almost sick. Stephen Burns hauled away 17 locust posts for Mr. B. F. Garnett.
- 3 I went to Mr. Arnold's and got the money from Breitenbach & Co for Mrs. Hunt and me amounting to \$43.90 only. Went up on cherry hill and got pears. Canned. Had Mrs. Burns up helping peel. Was tired out and went to bed almost sick. Got a letter from buddy telling me I might send Patty to Miss Nourse's school and inclosing a draft for 250.00. Sent grapes off.
- 4 Half sick all day. Wound up at night by breaking off one of my teeth. John E. Walton came and dined with us. He and Charlie R. made a bargain about the field to be put in barley I believe. Sent grapes off.
- 5 Sent letter to Miss Nourse of Cinti. about taking Patty as boarder in her school. Sent letter to Julia about same. Sent note to Belle Raymond. Went to Bellevue twice and to John Rogers's to borrow spring wagon. Went to Louisa's and gave her the 1.10 Mr. Arnold overpaid me in giving the money Breitenbach sent. Had a shower and got wet in it.
- 6 Sunday. R. E. came and dined. Got ready to go to Cinti.
- 7 Went to Cinti. by way of Aurora with Mr. Tew, Sue &c. Had Jimmy Burns's team—mean to pay him. Got to Cinti about 2. Went to see Miss Nourse. She was not at home. Went to Clifton and stayed all night with Julia.
- 8 Julia took me in town early. Went to see Miss Nourse—engaged Patty's place as boarder. Went shopping. Saw Sue and the rest. Came down on J. D. Parker. Got home after night. Brought wringer with me. Cap. David told me of Mrs. Brown's return.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. God bless her soul. The association began. Hilda sent and I sent a basket but did n't go as Patty was n't well. Miss Kate Kirtley, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Scott and old Mrs. Elmore Scott came and stayed all night with me. Mr. Jake Klopp and Joe

- Maurer came down and took out of the baskets 50 nests of clothes, 2 doz. and 3 clothes, and 1 nest of market. This is to be settled when we sell the baskets and divide the money.
- 10 My sister Susy's birthday. How sweet their memory still. Lord love her soul. Hilda went to the association. I did n't because Patty was worse. Sent for Dr. Jimmy Grant. Patty right sick threatened with dysentery. R. E. and Miss Pauline Kirtley came and stayed all night.
 - 11 Dr. J. Grant came to see Patty again. She is still sick. Hilda did n't go to the Association. Charlie Burns went. Charlie Rockwell began to make cider. Bought Dick's bridle. He said he sold horse Thursday.
 - 12 Dr. Grant came to see Patty again. She began to get better. I wrote to Belle. Mrs. Clore and Betty Rice came to see Patty on their way from church. Ernest Grant came down. Had grapes picked. Mr. Hunt worked all day.
 - 13 Sunday. Hot as pepper and dry as powder. Sent Charlie Burns after Miss Robinson. She could n't come. I went up on the hill to tell Mr. Hunt about packing Sue's pears. In the evening shipped 10 stands of my own grapes out of the garden. Got Mr. Hunt to ship them and the barrel of pears for Sue. Sent them by Frank Burns with Jimmy's team. Mr. Nelson's hand Billy left him. Dr. Grant came to see Patty but did n't prescribe as she is much better. Got of Mr. Nelson 20 lbs. butter.
 - 14 Hotter still. Went to see Betty Rice and persuaded her to come and help me a few days. Went to Mr. Aiken's and got his sewing machine and went to work as fast as I could. Mr. Hunt came for a settlement. We settled all our book account and I paid him the 47.09 that Dr. E. L. Grant and Mr. Arnold decided he could claim for his work cutting briars and bushes and trimming trees 22.00, cultivating young vineyard up till this date 25.00 and the 26.00 for the stakes, he to finish setting the rest of the 26 hundred in the vineyard and gave him his sale note and his share of the grape money up to Sept 2nd see Breitenbach's account. Mr. John Rogers and Boone came to see me about buying the place but did n't want it all and only offered 50.00 an acre so I said no. Mr. Arnold came to see me and took the corn field promising to pay me the highest market price.
 - 15 Mr. B. F. Garnett came and paid me 20.25 for the 81 locust posts he bought. He also offered me .45 for the corn in the little field. Mr. Arnold came and told me he turned in 32 head of hogs in the little field. Mr. John Rogers came back and offered me \$50.00 an acre for all the place. Dr. Raymond came down and stayed to dinner I asked him to go and tell Mr. Walton of the offer I had for the place. We had a great prospect for rain but only a slight shower.
 - 16 Sewed hard. Rode up to the field Mr. Wingate has in corn to see Mr. Nelson sow barley. Mr. Arnold called to me and told me he had turned in 1 more hog making 33 in all. Mrs. Burns came for awhile.
 - 17 I got a letter from Cousin Tom, Mr. Flandrau—containing a certificate of stock in Washington, 4 shares of 100. each and a draft for 333. and a receipt for me to sign but as my name was spelled wrong in both certificate and draft being Julia R. Dinsmore, I shall send them back to be altered. Got letter from Breitenbach and from Sue. Sewed hard.
 - 18 Patty and Lizzie O'Reilly went to Rising Sun. I sent by them a letter to T. Flandrau returning the draft and certificate to have the name altered. Also note to buddy acknowledging the receipt of his draft of 250. to pay Patty's tuition and a note to Julia asking her to let Mary tell Miss Nourse that Patty would be there some day next week. Sewed hard.
 - 19 Still sewing. Betty went home in the evening. Miss Robinson came. Charlie did n't work after dinner. He asked me to see how long he had worked for me. Miss Robinson sewed a little this evening.

- 20 Mr. Nelson came to see me about seed wheat. A cool day, really cold in the morning & evening. Went to see Mike Corbin. Ernest Grant and Mabel and Birdie came to tell Patty goodbye. Tom Nelson married Mrs. Molly Merchant to-day.
- 21 Mr. Moreland came and brought me \$38.00 to be credited on the sale note. Mean to tell Mr. Winston to credit it. Miss Robinson sewed all day hard and till late at night.
- 22 When in Cinti, got from Breitenbach the money for the grapes for my own and the partnership shipment. Gave Mr. Nelson to buy seed wheat \$36.00. Went to Aurora in the wagon to take Patty to Cinti. Charlie Burns drove. Went and brought his grandson home. I had Patty's hat trimmed over while we waited for the train. We went right to Mr. Foster's office. He went with me to the bank, got buddy's draft for \$250.00 cashed. I took it to Miss Nourse, paid her, got receipt and saw Patty on the omnibus for Walnut Hills. Went shopping and then went to Julia's and stayed all night.
- 23 Wrote to Buddy—enclosing Miss Nourse's receipt for the \$250.00. Patty lost the letter and when I sent to hunt it a girl in Boutillier's store told me they had found it and put it with their letters to post. Took Patty shopping bought her hat &c. After dining with Julia at St. Nicholas she took me to Miss Nourse's on Walnut Hill to see Pat and her surroundings. Heard pretty music after we went home. Kate and her affianced came to see me.
- 24 Went in with Julia in the morning. Shopped and went to the boat before 12. Did n't leave Cinti till after 5 and got home at 11 pm. Saw a boat race on the river or rather saw part of it. Found letters from Belle, Sue and Julia when I got home and a paper from BBG. Emma Rice and Mr. Spacey were married this evening and left for Indiana. Brought Hilda a letter containing a draft from Jacksonville.
- 25 Bought of Mr. Nelson 8 lbs mutton at . Went on cherry hill with Miss Robinson to get pears. Went to the field next Jim Merrick's to see Mr. Nelson. Went to Bellevue to Mr. Flick's but did n't see him. Went to see Mike Corbin. I miss my big baby very much.
- 26 Settled with Charlie Burns to-day. I now owe him 62.00 for last 6 months work and for 8 days work which are to go toward a new month. Charlie only worked a day and an half for me this week. He cleaned out the kitchen cistern and fixed the chain in the house cistern hoping for rain which thank the Lord begins to come down. Miss Robinson went home and got back before night.
- 27 Sunday—a lovely cool day after the rain. Went to see Mrs. Burns in the morning because she was sick. Went to see Mike Corbin in the evening. Got letters from buddy saying he was coming, one enclosing power of attorney. Mr. Nelson told me about hiring Tom Nettles and taking horse to pasture.
- 28 Sewed in the morning. Hilda and Betty R. went to Aurora. I sent a note to Patty. Went to see Mr. Flick and tried to get him to pay note. It rained a little in the morning. Miss Robinson began to sew.
- 29 Sent a letter to BBG and a note to Belle to Rising Sun by Charlie Rockwell. Got letter from Patty. Sewed and Miss Robinson finished my sunbonnet. Charlie Burns dug potatoes in the cow pen. Mr. Nelson sold his cornfield to Mr. Mike Clore for \$200.00. He paid Mr. Nelson 100 down and is to pay him the other when the corn is gathered and if the corn turns out well enough to justify it is to give Mr. Nelson twelve dollars more. Mr. Clore spoke to me about the pasture. Wants to rent it next year. It is cool to-day. Hilda sick. I went to Mr. Rice's to see Betty and finding she was gone to Mr. Flick's went there. Mr. Nelson came up and offered to lend me \$20.00 for three weeks or so which I accepted.
- 30 Buddy came and brought Patty with him.

October

- 1 I stayed home with buddy—tried to sew. Hilda and Lizzie went to Burlington.
- 2 Belle and Dr. Raymond came and spent the day. Mr. Arnold came and told me that the hogs had eaten up the corn and he would have to haul corn to ___ row. Dr. R. and buddy walked all through the field and Dr. said there was corn enough there to last the hogs for days so I went to Mr. Arnold and told him. Mr. Nelson came up and told me he wanted all the land next year or none and that if the Burns family stayed on the place he would n't. I told Dr. B. and buddy and asked their advice. Charlie Burns finished getting in potatoes. I went to see Mr. Flick. Did n't get any money—bought lb. salt at Dolph's.
- 3 I borrowed of Hilda \$45.00 and paid Charlie Burns the \$62.00 in her presence as witness I owed him for the balance of the six months work. Sewed and talked to buddy. Mr. Graham came. Charlie did n't work after dinner.
- 4 Sunday. A lovely day—spent most of it out of doors. I got letter from Lou about sending her trunk. Buddy got pictures of his little boy for us.
- 5 Mr. Howe came and he and buddy and I rode round with him. I sold him 200 lbs. of apples; Canada Reds, Prior Red, Boone Beauty, Red Winter apples of 2 varieties—Newton Pepper, Tulphahawken—at 50 cents per lb. on the tree. I am to let him have the use of the barn to pack and sort the apples in. He to take more apples at the same price if we can agree about it, I to sell to anyone I please if we can't. He paid me \$25. Down and said is to pay the rest before the apples are taken away. I went with buddy to see Jimmy Burns and to tell him that he would have to get another place next spring. He knows it is on account of Mr. Nelson with not being willing to get along with them. Hilda, as we call Isabella Hill signed her will to-day in my presence and that of buddy and Mr. Graham, the two latter being her witnesses. Mr. Graham and I went to Bellevue and got a lb. flour &c.
- 6 Mr. Brashear came to see me about coal. Mr. Graham Spalding & Lizzie left for St. Louis, Mean to pay Jimmy Burns for the use of his mare in the wagon to take them up. Buddy gave me a draft for \$90 for the children.
- 7 Sent for mail. Went down with buddy and got my letter from Dr. T. M. Flandrau about my share of Grandma's estate. Buddy explained it all to me and wrote a letter to cousin Tom—wrote one inclosing power of attorney to the President of Bank and me to C. A. James cash. to ask for my dividend. He wrote the contract for the next year between me and Mr. Nelson and we signed it, he witnessed it and I am to let Mr. Arnold keep it. Went to Bellevue late and engaged 200 bushels of coal from Mr. Brashear and engaged Mr. Snyder to haul it. Charlie cut wood cleaned out coal house &c. Miss Robinson made my riding skirt. It rained a little. I forgot to state that Cousin Tom Flandrau's letter inclosed the draft for \$333.37 with the name altered to my correct one.
- 8 Went to Florence with Buddy, Pat and Sally and Charlie B. to drive home, with Dr. Raymond in Burlington and went the rest of the way with him. Dined with Belle and came home the same evening. Hilda told me that two Aurora men came while I was gone to buy apples.
- 9 Mr. Snyder finished hauling the coal, 2381/2 bushels at 13 cents. I went down and by direction of Mr. Brashear paid the money for the coal to Mr. Jeff Akin and paid Mr. Snyder for hauling it, see book. I had to borrow \$30.00 of Hilda which with the 45.00 which with the 45.00 I borrowed of her the 30 makes 75.00 I owe her now. Met Mr. Mike Clore and told him I would let him have the pasture next year on the same terms I let Mr. Conner have it this. Got letter from Spalding. Meeting at Middle Creek began to-day. Mrs. Martin Akin stopped to ask me about Mr. A's picking some winter apples on shares. Miss Robinson sewed for Hilda yesterday and to-day. I cut out and sewed on my calico dress. Charlie B.

hauled a load of Canada Red from the hill. Hilda & Miss B. went to night meeting. Jimmy Burns hauled a wagonload of potatoes and put them in the smoke house.

- 10 I paid back to Mr. Nelson the \$20.00 he lent me Sep. 29th. A man named Brewer one of the two men who were here Thursday came and bought the rest of my apples excepting such as I want to reserve for myself and for the people to pick on shares. He paid me \$25.00 dollars down—he bought the apples at .50 a lb. on the tree. Charlie Burns did n't work after dinner. Mr. Nelson came up and we compared books and made entries up to date.
- 11 Sunday Went to church. Betty Rice came home with me. After dinner we went to see the Corbins, then to church again in the evening. It turned very cool.
- 12 The apple men came. Mr. Howe and Mr. Check and Mr. Brewer. I rode up on the hill to see the trees. Mr. Corbin's boys came out after their dinner to pick apples on shares, left me 4 barrels.
- 13 We went to Rising Sun in a skiff. It was very cold. I went with Aunt Sally to Judge Stewart and gave my affidavit to try and help her get the bounty for David. Mr. Akin came out and picked apples. Sent letter to Louly and sent cousin Rebecca's to buddy.
- 14 I got letters from Sue and Julia F. Very cold. Ice more than ¼ inch thick on the tub at the cistern. Mr. Arnold rode through the orchards across the road with me. He offered to pick on shares. I gave him the contract buddy wrote for me and Mr. Nelson. The apple men disagree—both wanting the best of course and Messrs. Cheek and Brewer concluded to quit and said they were going home but concluded to stay till next day. Charlie Rockwell picking on shares.
- 15 Bright and cool but moderate. Mr. Howe came to fix the chimneys at Mrs. Burns's. I rode about a good deal. Mrs. Adams came to Mrs. Burns's. Went to Bellevue and to Mr. Corbin's. Sent letters to Sue and Patty. The apple men from Aurora, Cheek and Brewer went away. Mr. Howe agreed to take the rest of the apples except such as I wanted. Went to Louisa's.
- 16 Got letter from BBG., and from Mr. White which inclosing draft for 24.00 from National Mech. Bank Washington. Sewed on Patty's dress &c. It rained and after dinner Charlie B. burnt the chimneys. Charlie B. hauled the 10 barrels I bought of Jesse Dolph. The Corbins picked some more apples.
- 17 Sewed.
- 18 Sunday. Stayed home except when I went to take Sally to Louisa's. Had a grumbling headache all day. Hunted over letters &c.
- 19 Sewed—went to Mrs. Grant after dinner to borrow preserve kettle. Mr. Akin brought me a letter from Belle with silk.
- 20 Charlie Rockwell made sweet cider and I began to cook it for apple butter. Sewed besides. Got letters from Patty and Sudy Arnold and a bill for Country Gentleman, also paper from BBG. Sent letter to Cousin Tom Flandrau.
- 21 Charlie Burns put up stove in dining room and began to dig potatoes in the garden. I cooked apple butter. Went to Ella Smith's. Mrs. Burns came up after dinner. Louisa came over. I sewed on Patty's dress too.
- 22 Mr. Cheek came and went back the same day—boiled cider down for apple butter. Sent letter to BBG. Took Mrs. Akin's sewing machine home.
- 23 Worked hard all day cooking apple butter, making pickles &c. It rained at last.
- 24 Went to Aurora. Got cashed at the bank the draft for \$90.00 that buddy gave me for the children when he was here. Rained during the night and in the morning. Mr. Nelson took up a load of turnips which he sent me wood afterwards came to 11.35. Sent Patty's dress by Adams Ex. and got receipt.

- 25 Sunday. A perfectly lovely day. Got a letter from A. A. James, Cash. Bank of Washington inclosing draft for \$198.00 as my share of interest from grandma's estate, also a letter from Sally Humphreys and my Sally got one from Patty. I wrote to Geo. H. B. White Asst. Cash. Natl Met. Bank Washington to acknowledge receipt of draft for \$24.00 and to C. A. James cashier Bank of Washington to acknowledge receipt of draft for \$198.00. Also wrote to Messrs Luther Tucker & Son, Albany to send money for the Country Gentleman for this year. Note to Sally Humphreys.
- 26 Wrote to Patty and sent her barrel of apples by Mr. House—also the letter. Sent my bank letters & Sally's _____ by him. Boiled down cider, went to Mr. Wingate's. Messrs Check and Brewer came down. Charlie Burns made cider, hauled wood & went to Bellevue. Mrs. Adams, Burns and Louisa were here.
- 27 Charlie Burns worked for his mother after doing the morning feeding &c. Mr. House went to Aurora & Lawrenceburg with a load of turnips. I gave him an order on Martin Keller for the wine money but he could n't get it. I sewed and went to Bellevue—paid Mr. Jeff Aiken 1.75 for beef Harris left there for me.
- 28 Mr. Check paid me \$30.00. I went to Bellevue for the mail. Paid my account at Corbin's and pd. Dr. Jimmy Grant \$7.00 for Patty's bill for her sickness in Sep.
- 29 Charlie Burns worked on Jimmy's place he being sick. Mr. Brewer & Mr. Check went away. They returned me a list of apples they took as follows; 82 lb picked—43 of down apples and 5 bls of down they took in sacks. After they left I rode to Mr. Grant's and took his kettle home. I sent by Mr. Brewer a letter to Julia and one to Nina. Went to the P.O. on my way home and got letter from BBG.
- 30 Rode through the orchard and went to Mr. Wingate's. Mr. B. F. Garnett met me and pd. me for 41 short locust posts. Went to see Mr. Nelson about picking apples and then to see Mr. Arnold but he was n't at home. Went to take Ella Smith's peddle home—a colder day than we have had for good while.
- 31 One of my busy bothered days—rode up in the orchard, to Bellevue, to Mrs. Corbin's and to Louisa's. Sewed besides. Had my letter to Country Gentleman inclosing 3.00 registered. Sent letter to buddy by Mr. House. No mail came. Mrs. Adams came up and stayed all night. I worked till after dark trying to get my stove up and could n't. Mr. Nelson took the apples he picked home. Jimmy Burns picked some. Miss Robinson sewed for Louisa this week.

November

- 1 Sunday—cold and clear. Mrs. Adams went away after breakfast. Annie went away to stay all day and Julia to cook dinner. Miss R. helped her mother—sent Uncle Jilson's coat home by Lizzie Merrick and I sent the money back by her. Went to Mrs. Burns's for a few minutes after dinner.
- 2 Hilda went to Florence—sent the buggy up to be mended. Mr. Nelson and C. Rockwell fixed the lower corn crib this morning. Mr. N. hauled apples to me this evening. Mr. Smith came and told me that Mrs. Foster had broken her arm. I sent on Patty's old alpaca and cut out Aunt Sally's dress. I sent by Hilda to Patty 5 dollars of her own money that I borrowed long ago. I paid her \$20 of the money I had borrowed of her.
- 3 Mr. Arnold's hands came over to pick apples—left in disgust I suppose with 4 bls. Jimmy Burns took a spring wagon load of his potatoes out of the smoke house. Sent by C. Rockwell to Rising Sun Uncle Jilson's coat and Aunt Sally's dress—and \$2.50 to Aunt Sally to buy her shoes. I went to Mrs. Foster's—sent Julia a letter by Charlie R. Mr. Wingate brought three loads of corn.

- 4 Mr. Nelson buried 22 bushels of Ross potatoes and 6 bushels Russet potatoes. He brought and put in the cellar 4 bushels the share due me for what they used this summer. Got a letter from Sue. Mr. Nelson took home 18 bushels for himself. He came up and got \$9.10 being half of the turnip money. The turnip money is \$18.20 and he put his expenses at 1.65. Jimmy Burns divided most of his potatoes. It rained a little, not much. Mr. Nelson went to Aurora with potatoes to sell.
- 5 Mr. Nelson went to Aurora with our partnership potatoes. I cut out Sally's blue dress and sewed.
- 6 Belle and Miss Fanny came home with Hilda. Annie went to Aurora and I had to cook. They stayed all night. Mr. House came up and paid me \$47.00. Got letter from Mary C., Patty and Julia.
- 7 I paid Hilda \$25.00 more of the money I borrowed of her. Belle and the rest went home taking my little heaven with them. Lord go with her. Charlie Burns only worked half a day. Coon hunters chipped hole in tree.
- 8 Sunday. Warm and smoky after dinner rained and during part of the night rained harder. 2 men from Aurora took dinner.
- 9 Settled with Charlie Rockwell and paid him \$32.54—all I owe him. Mr. Nelson put the first load of corn in the lower crib. Forgot to take pasturage for Charlie's horse and cow—spoke to him about it.
- 10 Mr. Nelson put 2nd load of corn in. Hunters set fire to hay and made a great deal of work and trouble. Had headache all day.
- 11 Jimmy Burns hauled the 2nd load corn for me—put it in the lower crib—says he has hauled 6 for him. Jimmy told me Mr. Nelson had asked Mr. Hunt to take land on the hill. Mr. Nelson make a proposition to leave in the spring if I were not satisfied.
- 12 Mr. Nelson finished hauling me five loads of corn. Jimmy Burns also hauled the 5th load and put it in the crib—so they say. Hilda and I went to Mr. Foster's. Charlie Burns sorted and buried some potatoes in the garden. Sent letter to Louly.
- 13 Got letter from buddy and bill for piece of fu____. Began to put carpet down.
- 14 Finished putting down carpet. Miss R. went to her sister's. Mr. Nelson hauled the load of corn. Charlie Burns only worked half a day. R. E. came after dinner and went away before night. We went to church at night—he came home with us and then went to Mr. Arnold's.
- 15 Sunday—unpleasant day—went to church. Went to see Mike Corbin. Wrote letters.
- 16 Went to see Mr. Corbin—gave him a letter to Patty inclosing 5 dollars of her papa's money—also a letter to C. A. Brown & Bro inclosing .50 to pay their bill—and a letter to Julia and one to Spalding. Asked him to enquire about baskets. Tom Wingate brought loads of corn from the field on the creek. Mr. Nelson put the 8th load of corn in the lower crib.
- 17 Rained
- 18 Went to Florence with Miss Robinson for Sally—put letter in there for Mary C. Stayed all night at Belle's. Got letter from Patty before I started. Belle got one while I was in Florence. It was cold and disagreeable.
- 19 Came home from F. bringing my Sally too, thankful to have her again. Charlie Burns took the day to go to Mr. Moreland's. I stopped at Mr. Winston's office and left word with Mr. Calvert to have a credit indorsed on the horse note of R. Moreland for the money he pd. Sept. 21. Also asked him about parting land. Read account in paper of suicide of A.Y.Z. [Ainsworth Yeatman Zachos] Dr. Grant here.
- 20 Cold and hailing fine hail, wet like rain. Two years ago to-day poor papa was taken down with his last illness—Lord rest his soul. Went after mail but got none. Mr. Corbin told me

there is no sale for the baskets. Went to see sick woman named Medcalfe. Mr. Nelson hauled loads of corn.

- 21 Charlie went to Bellevue after dinner.
- 22 Sunday—very dull day—rained nearly all day and all night. Hard rain at night. Went to Bellevue and got letter from Louly about trunk.
- 23 More rain. Asked Jim Conner and he said turn my calf in the pasture on the road. Sent Charlie up to old Ben and got shaft for the spring wagon. Told Mr. Moreland I must have 100. Charlie took the wagon down to have the shafts put in. Sold 14 doz. Eggs and got 20 lbs sugar for them—big trade for the likes of me. Settled with Miss Robinson & paid her \$14.00 for sewing. Turned cold—had cabbages pulled.
- 24 Hilda went to Rising Sun. Miss Robinson went home. Mr. Nelson paid back the 7 flour barrels of corn he borrowed and the corn he ___ for mill. He proposed a plan for my selling my corn in meal sent to Memphis. Tom Wingate hauled the 2nd load off the creek field. Mr. Nelson has hauled up to this morning 11 loads in the lower crib—hauled the 12th afterwards. I heard Jimmy Burns say to-day that he had hauled 20 loads of corn all together. Mr. House came this evening. Charlie Rockwell emptied a barrel of cider in the wine cellar to get it to put cider in.
- 25 Got letter from Louly with right trunk keys and one from Julia. Dr. Grant came for a few minutes. Mr. House came up and paid me the balance of the money due on the apples—\$67.00. We got ready to go to Florence and finally got off—arrived there after sundown and found my big baby there waiting for us—bless her life. Mr. W. H. Raymond was there too.
- 26 This was Thanksgiving day—and I was thankful to have my two babies with me once more. A beautiful day. In the evening we went to the Campbellite church and heard a stupid preach.
- 27 Another beautiful day—nothing particular.
- 28 Rained & froze and turned cold and snowed. A miserable day as far as weather was concerned. Fitted Pat's dress lining.
- 29 Very cold—snow on ground. Read to the children and myself almost all day. Read Fadette, a pretty translation from the French.
- 30 Last night the coldest of the season and this day the coldest so far. Patty started to school in the car omnibus under care of W. H. Raymond. We came home. I drove old Jane. Paid Dr. Raymond 15.00 for the mending of the buggy and .25 for extra work. We got very cold on the way home—stopped at Mrs. McKenzie's and warmed. Sally was crying with the cold. Then came on to Will Moreland's and stopped again to warm—got home safe but very cold. Went to Mrs. Burns's—got silver and mail—a letter from Mrs. Brown and one from Julia. Mr. Nelson hauled manure.

December

- 1 Began to thaw—turned considerably warmer—packed Louly's trunk and cleaned up the house &c. Charlie did n't do anything Annie said but chop a little at one wood while I was gone. Got letter from Spalding & Sue.
- 2 Went to Aurora. Sent Louly's trunk by Adams Ex. And sent her a letter inclosing the receipt & trunk key. Took Sally to the dentist to have her tooth looked at. A beautiful warm day but the roads muddy—did n't get home till dusk. 2.00 for Hilda.
- 3 Mr. Nelson ploughed in the field in front of the gate. I rode to Bellevue and paid Mr. Corbin's account. Went to Louisa's and Mr. Arnold paid me for the little field of corn he hogged at the rate of .45 a bushel, which came to \$55.60. I brought home the basket of valuables she took care of for me while we were at Belle's. Rode to Bellevue with Katy—got

a note from Patty and paper from BBG. Mrs. Rice came over and brought me some sausage meat—said Betty was sick. Mr. Coons here.

- 4 Have felt rather poorly for two or three days—sewed some—after dinner caught Jane and put her in the wagon—went to Bellevue for coal oil and to Louisa's and to see Mike Corbin—he has been sick 8 months to-day. This is my precious baby's birthday. Sally is 8 to-day—Lord love her—a warm bright pretty day. Charlie B, Charlie Rockwell and Billy all getting out stove wood. Mr. Nelson ploughed in the field back of the house.
- 5 Charlie Burns & C. Rockwell & Billy worked half a day sawing wood & split it. I rode to Mr. Ingram's and got Mr. Wm Coyle to pay his sale note \$13.95. Stopped to see Betty Rice who was not well. Jimmy Burns came up to get our accounts settled—told me he would have between 8 & 9 hundred bushels of corn. Sent stove pipe to Bellevue to get it fixed and it was worse than a ___ not to pay for it.
- 6 Sunday—rained last night—cloudy dull day—did n't get any letters. Annie went to see her sick daddy and I cooked. Hilda and Sally went to Louisa's.
- 8 Paid Hilda 10.00 of that money I borrowed of her Oct. 3rd which with the 2.00 I spent for her Dec. 2nd makes 12.00. I went to Rising Sun with Aggy Rice—sent letter to BBG. Charlie Burns went to Bellevue with the saw to get it set. He worked at getting ___ and Billy pretended to work too ½ day. I saw Mr. Steele and asked him to pay his note but he did n't. Mr. Nelson sowed Timothy in the back pasture & ploughed.
- 7 I got bothered and forgot to put down this day so have to put it now. It was a fairly disagreeable day. Charlie Burns went to Florence for the buggy—it snowed. I engaged Tom Nelson to cut some cord wood up where Charlie Rockwell is to grub ground for tobacco at 1.00 a cord. I showed him the trees. Engaged to let Charlie Rockwell have the piece of ground next to Mr. Nelson's barley field in the big pasture—that which is not set in grain for one year on these terms. He is to put a good rail fence staked and ride around the two sides of it—is to fill in the washes according to my directions and to grub what is to be grubbed inside the fence. I am to select the trees which he makes into posts for the fence and he is only to get them on that hill. He is to cultivate it in the best manner and I am to let him have the crop for one year. The bargain is that he is not to neglect the two pieces he had already engaged to grub for the one year's crop viz. the little piece I had cleared on the road by the locust grove and the piece back of the graveyard next to the ground Jimmy Burns had in corn.
- 9 Went to Bellevue for mail, got letters from Julia and BBG. Singer machine man came. Lent Mr. Wingate my scalding cask. He said they had finished gathering corn.
- 10 Brought Joe home from the pasture ___ has. Cold disagreeable day with snow. I caught cold. Rode up on cherry hill to look at the orchard meadow &c. Mr. Nelson and his wife had a big row and said they would part—he came up after dinner to see how the books stood—says he is going to leave soon—advised me to get a man named Stephens J. Mead of Smithfield Co. Ind. in his place. Charlie B. chopped a little did some little work in wine cellar & fooled as much. I despise farming and bothering with tenants worse than ever.
- 11 Went for mail—got letter from buddy. Stopped to see Mike Corbin. A ___ Conner told me Jim would pay his note this week although it was n't due till Christmas—hope he will. R. E. came—stayed till after dinner. Charlie got the cross cut saw and took the scalding tub to the shop. I cooked, cleaned the house &c.
- 12 Hilda went to church. Mr. Nelson came to the kitchen when I was getting breakfast and asked me to wait till Wednesday to hear what he is going to do. Jimmy Burns brought the last load of corn he told me he had hauled in all 57 loads of the 18 bushel wagon & 4 loads of the 30 bushel wagon.

- 13 Sunday—wanted to go to church but it rained—got a foolish letter from an old fool. Annie's father old Ben died this morning and she went away again. I got dinner—read to Sallie &c. Mrs. Burns & Millie came up after dark—Hilda got a letter from Sudy Arnold.
- 14 Annie did n't get home till night. I cooked. Mrs. Loudon was here washing. Sewed some. Charlie B. chopped a little in the morning and Luke Garland helped him saw ½ a day.
- 15 Bright day but cold. Sent letters to Sue and buddy and Sudy Arnold. Went with Hilda to see old Mrs. Foster. Charlie Burns split wood. Paid Hilda 1.00 more.
- 16 Mr. Nelson came up to see me and told me he was going to stay—and quit drinking and do his best. I sent a letter to Julia by him to Rising Sun. It rained this morning. Went for mail—got letters from Patty, Louly & Julia & paper from BBG. Went to Louisa's. Charlie Burns helped his brother kill hogs.
- 17 Joe Maurer came out and pd. me 5.00 for the locust posts he got long ago. He brought me a note from J. Klopp about baskets but we concluded to wait till J. Klopp comes. Rode to Mr. Jim Kelly's to ask about trimming apple trees. Went to Mrs. Corbin's. Got letter from Julia. Sent letter to Patty.
- 18 Tried to sew a little—a Dutchman came and persuaded me to have the piano tuned which foolishly I did and had to pay him 5.00. Went to Mr. Moreland's but did n't get any money.
- 19 Mr. Coyle came to paint. Sent letter to Lizzie Dinsmore. Jake Klopp and Joe Maurer came and divided the baskets—and we left my share upstairs and in the small room and put J. Klopp's in the big shop.
My share is
50 nests of 4 clothes
24 ½ doz. Clothes
63 nests of market
101 pairs of market
Mr. Coyle painted the graveyard gate and the new part of the gutters.
- 20 Sunday—rained early in the day and was clear afterwards—stayed home—read &c.
- 21 Killed hogs. George Lowry and Tom Nelson and Charlie Burns poked at it till Mr. Cook came. I went to Bellevue for the mail. P. M. sick of measles—got no letters for self. Killed 8 of my young hogs—saved three of the young sows. Went to Louisa's and borrowed kettle and sausage machine. Two years ago to-day my dear papa died. God bless his soul—and I miss him still. Got letter from Aunt Sally telling her troubles.
- 22 Mr. Cook came out and cut up & salted the hogs. Charlie helped him and took children to Bellevue where they packed the box for the orphans. I went to Mrs. Gill Rice's and she gave me some sage. Mrs. Loudon tried out the lard. Joe Maurer came out and took his baskets out of the shop. After dark I made my sausage meat.
- 23 Went up to Aurora in the buggy. Sent Sue a bucket of sausage by Express. Went to Cinti on a freight train—went to Mr. Foster's office and then on the hunt of Patty—found her at Julia's—went out there in the omnibus and stayed all night. Met Miss Belle Fisk in the street. Talked with Mr. Foster about my bank business and endorsed and gave him my 8 drafts from Washington accounting to \$555.57 which he promised to pay towards my note. Before I left home I paid back to Hilda all the rest of the money she lent me.
- 24 Went in with Julia in the morning. Sent Pat's trunks to the river and went shopping and came home on the Buell—got home in good time with Patty. Dr. Raymond came on the boat to see us—he told me about a man who wants to rent a place named I think, Seniors. Two years ago to-day I went to dear papa's funeral. Got letters from Belle, Sally H.
- 25 Christmas—a particularly lovely day. I was tired out so I had to rest. The children were pleased with their gifts and had a happy time together.

- 26 Had a fire in the hearth which burned the board in the fireboard so I had to take it out and change all the arrangement of it. Ernest and the little girls came and brought us some New Orleans oranges. Lent Di to Mr. Nelson to go to Lawrenceburg and he rode him entirely too hard. I got him to have him shod in Petersburg. Uncle Jilson came up to see me and to buy coal. I let him have 5 dollars to go towards the money I owe him on that note of papa's.
- 27 Sunday—rained fine rain. Went to Bellevue for mail. The children each got a kind letter from their papa inclosing a Christmas gift of 5 dollars for which I was as glad as they. Miss Robinson came up to see me and I went down to Mrs. Burns's to see her. Read to the children in the evening.
- 28 Rained hard almost all day. Sewed on Patty's alpaca—read to the children in the evening. Charlie Burns who has not worked since Christmas began to work—sorted apples. It was quite warm as well as wet.
- 29 Mr. Mike Clore came and paid me \$150.00 and took Mr. Jim Conner's note for the rent of the pasture. I engaged to let him have the pasture for the next year at the same rate—and promised to speak to Mr. Rice about the line fence. Charlie Burns went with Hilda to see Mrs. Botts about going to Ill. together. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Corbin's. Got the mail—letter from Louly, Mr. Tew, Julia & Mr. Brown. Turned cold this evening.
- 30 Right cold. Charlie B. sorted apples. I cooked some. Dr. Grant and Horace came and spent the day.
- 31 I sewed on Patty's blk. waist and cut out overshirt. The children went to Louisa's. Sold Clark Harvey ½ bus. apples for 40 cts. I tried to have the brine made for the meat but had to quit. Charlie fixed rocks in the places under the barn and I told him to put the cattle up at night and feed them clover hay. Mrs. Rice and Emma came over after dinner. Mrs. Rice asked me for memorandum of locust timber. I felt rather poorly for a while. It is quite cold. Charlie finished sorting apples. Mr. Nelson came up and told me that the amount of beans sold so far is F. Grant, 6 bus.—12.00, Scott Rice, 2 bus.—5.00, Mr. Dorman ½ bus.—1.10, of which I have ½ =6.00 which he asked me to wait for till a week from to-morrow and I was fool enough to say I would.