

## 1875

### January

- 1 Friday—the year begins. It was cold and looked like snow this morning but turned to rain in the evening. I made cake—sewed on Patty's waist and felt tired all day. Sent Charlie to Bellevue for mail—the children each got a beautiful book from BBG. Sent Charlie to Burlington with Hilda's and Patty's trunks. Felt sad and worried all day. Old Mr. Dan Coons came to see me about some money Mr. Nelson owes him. Hoping is nonsense of which time ought to have cured me but I do hope I may be happier this year than last.
- 2 Patty and Hilda started for Florence to-day. Hilda on her way to Jacksonville and Patty to Miss Nourse's. I worked at cleaning up the house and then went to Louisa's—found them all busy getting ready for a party. Mr. Nelson went to Lawrenceburg to-day and got 5.00 from that Martin Keller who owes me for a barrel of wine. I paid Mr. Nelson .50 of it to pay his passage down on the boat. Got a letter from cousin Lizzie Dinsmore saying she expects to be married this month to Spencer Goodrich of Erie—Sue's cousin. Put the brine over the meat to-day. Charlie did n't get back till 8 o'clock.
- 3 Sunday. Bright and cold. Sally and I went to Louisa's to see Sudy and went with them to the river to see her get on the boat—river high. Sally and I have been all alone since Pat and Hilda left. Mrs. Burns came up in the evening.
- 4 Cold. Ground frozen hard. Set Charlie to hauling fodder—had one of Jimmy's horses—mean to pay for it. Dr. Cowen called to get some wine for Mr. Jim Wilson. I washed collars and cuffs, sewed &c. Read to Sally in the evening as the poor girl is lonely. Dr. Raymond did n't come but sent word he would.
- 5 Cold. John E. Walton came and spent the day. Got letters from BBG and Julia.
- 6 Went to Dr. Grant's and took dinner invitation. Bitter cold—people putting up ice all along the road. Went up into the woods before starting to Dr's and measured 4 ½ cords wood cut by John Coons and Frank Burns—paid John 2.25. Stayed up late reading and writing.
- 7 Trying to snow and moderated. Set hands to work to get ice but they found it not thick enough and quit. Billy helped Charlie Burns a while this morning to clear out the ice house. I sold Charlie Rockwell a bushel of beans out of my share and he paid me the money 2.00. Mr. Theodore Cook came out and we had our long postponed settlement. I entered it in my account book opposite page 1. I did not want to pay him the 2.50 for his share of the iron bar but he said he paid that for it and so I had to let him have it in the bar which is certainly worth more. Last mail before boats stopped on account of ice. Mr. John E. Walton came to tell me that he is going to turn cattle in the barley field next to mine so I had to sent Charlie B. up to help fix the fence. Sent Dolly Merchant the large rocking chair from upstairs for her sister. Sent letter to BBG. Got letter from Sue.
- 8 Was busy all day till company came—making cake, cleaning the house, working butter &c. R. E. came and stayed all night. Charlie hauled some wood.
- 9 Bitter cold 6° (I believe 8) below zero when I looked at the thermometer. R. E. went to church. Charlie only worked a little. I worked some and went to Mrs. Rice's after dinner. Spoke to Mr. Rice about the line fence between me and the heirs. Had turkey killed.
- 10 The coldest day of the season I believe, 8° below zero at about 8 o'clock. I fixed the house up a little and tried to keep it warm. R. E. came after church and stayed all night.
- 11 Started hands to getting ice—Jimmy Burns and team—Charlie Rockwell and horse, Charlie Burns, Frank Burns and Billy. The weather moderating—18° above zero at 1 o'clock. Ice splendid—6 inches and upwards. The boys got in 16 loads to-day one of them not quite full. I did n't get much done except watch the filling of the ice house.

- 12 Much warmer—16 above zero at 8 o'clock in the morning. The boys finished filling in the ice house before their dinner—said they put in 23 loads in all—ice from the Searcy branch averaging 8 inches at least and like glass. I finished one mitten. Charlie hauled fodder after dinner—had Charlie Rockwell's horse. I let Billy have a half bushel of beans for his work—it rained this evening.
- 13 Thawing and wet. Set Charlie to hauling fodder but he had to quit. Thermometer 33 above zero at 8. Was there ever such a climate? I cleaned some of the children's silver and ironed collars and cuffs. Mrs. Burns came up for a while this evening—she told me Jimmy had rented the old place Mr. Harvey Aiken used to have from Mr. Cook. It turned colder and froze this evening.
- 14 Cold—ground frozen hard. Charlie B. hauled fodder part of day—got a little wood afterwards. I rode to Bellevue—hog tore my riding skirt to tatters. Subscribed for Saturday Advertiser, Jesse Dolph agt. River full of ice—no boats running—felt dull and badly all day.
- 15 Cold but bright. Sent Charlie to Bellevue with Jane but he stayed till noon and did n't get her shod. Heard Jake Klopp was expected to die and took Charlie with me and went to see him—found him low. Sent to Cinti by Mr. Corbin for my watch and sent a letter to Patty. Sewed some on her alpaca.
- 16 Mr. Wilson came for wine for his father. Bright and cold but moderating. Charlie spent the day getting Jane shod. I went to Mrs. Rice's and stayed several hours—sewed on Emmy's quilt. When I came home finished my other mitten. Sally had toothache part of the day and at night.
- 17 Thermometer 10 above zero at 9 o'clock. Annie went home last night and we came near not getting any breakfast at all. Louisa and Cordy came over after their dinner. I arranged the rooms, bathed &c, went to Mrs. Burns's for a few moments.
- 18 Not quite so cold—took the stove pipe down in the dining room and cleaned it out. Sent Charlie B. after the mail. Got letter from Patty—from buddy about bank business—from Julia and from Hilda—also paper with notice of the death of Mr. Moore, Nina's brother-in-law. Annie's baby has measles they think. Lena Cook and brothers came out to see me.
- 19 Miss Robinson came—I sent Charlie for her—I knit on mittens &c. Mrs. Burns came up in the evening. I went to Mr. Nelsons to see about beans.
- 20 The weather moderated, thermometer was up to 32 degrees to-day. Charlie hauled wood, cordwood. Miss Robinson began to sew. I sewed on Patty's alpaca.
- 21 Settled with Jimmy Burns and paid him all I owe him in full to date—6.00. Found after he left that I had made a mistake against myself and paid him .50 more than I owed him but let it go—if I am such a fool I can't calculate a little account like that I deserve to lose and it is hard to make an illiterate person believe that a mistake is ever corrected as it ought to be. Paid Charlie Burns for Frank 3.00. Sewed and cleaned out my stove upstairs. Sent Mr. Nelson 4 sacks for beans. Charlie hauled some cord wood. It rained and thawed. I went to Mr. Nelson's after dinner to take of the beans—he had 17 bushels clean beans. I drudge and worry to no avail—lose money & temper and hope—I feel so unlike a lady in my external that I have no doubt I shall soon be less a lady in reality—associating only with coarse people all against me in their own interest—and never having one day of leisure or pleasure in which I can be my own old self again. Lord send me a fool who wants to pay a good price for this place.
- 22 A glorious morning. Mr. Nelson started to Cov. with the beans. I sent a letter to Sue by him. Sewed on Pat's overskirt. After dinner went to Bellevue and to see Mike Corbin—heard Lucy Rice is sick. Mr. Smith came for watch and I lent him clock.

- 23 Went over to Mrs. Rice's—found Lucy has scarlet fever—left sister Belle's watch and brought home clock. Heard old Mrs. Garnett died yesterday. Sewed. The morning was pretty but it turned cloudy. Charlie B. cut wood.
- 24 Sunday. Belle & Dr. Raymond came and stayed all night. I heard old Mrs. Garnett was buried to-day. Mr. Nelson came home at night.
- 25 Belle and Dr. went home. Mr. Nelson came up and settled with me for the beans he sold on his trip. The sales amounted to \$44.97 so I gave him 3 cents and called it 45.00 of which my share was 1/3. His expenses amounted to 6.65 of which my share was 2.21 1/3 which I called 2.25 and deducting this my share was as follows  $\frac{1}{3} 45.00 = 15. - 2.25 = 12.75$  which he paid me—also the 6 dollars which was due me in our bean settlement of Dec. 31. I must remember when we have the settlement from the others sold here that I have received 2.00 from C. Rockwell for 1 bus. and was pd. I gave Dr. Raymond \$40.00 to pay my taxes and told him to take a receipt. I also gave him 5.00 and an order on Owen for my watch. In work for the 1 ½ bushel of Billy's, Charlie Burns hauled cord wood. I went up and measured 6 ½ cords wood that Frank Burns chopped—then Miss R., Sally and I went for the mail and stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. I got letters from Julia, Hilda and Sally H. and papers.
- 26 Charlie B. hauled some wood in the morning—after his dinner he went with me to see old Mrs. Foster & take her Julia's message—found her very poorly and in pain—don't think she will ever get well. Julia said Mr. F was sick and suffering internal pain.
- 27 Got letters from Julia & Cousin Mary C. Julia wrote me Patty was at her house. Charlie B. hauled wood. I sewed and cut out. Two strange men came by to get their dinner—it rained a little. Sally cried with the pain of her corn.
- 28 Raining. Sent a letter to Julia by C. Burns. He went to help Stephen strip tobacco. I had the chicken house cleaned out. Sewed.
- 29 Snowed hard—ground well covered. Charlie went to milk. I sewed. Sally cried herself to sleep with dyspepsia poor little child. I heard that the river broke up yesterday. Willy Burns came up this morning. We finished my purple calico. I lent Billy Heiser a dollar to be paid in cash Monday or worked out as I choose.
- 30 Cordy came over and stayed all day with Sally. I sewed and cleaned the house. Charlie took the young cow to Mrs. Garnett's. He hauled some wood in the morning.
- 31 Sunday—cold again—stayed home arranged the rooms &c. Mr. Nelson came up and had one of his talks. R. E. came and stayed all night.

## February

- 1 Cold and clear. R. E. left—I sewed and cut out a dress for Sally. Charlie B. hauled cord wood. River full of ice. We went down in the wagon in the evening to see about the mail. I sent by R.E. a letter to Patty.
- 2 Got the mail—2 papers only—river full of ice. Mr. Houston's sons came out and got Jake Klopp's cooking stove and 2 joints and an elbow of stovepipe out of the basket shop. They brought an order from Jesse Dolph. Charlie Burns broke the crosspiece holding the shafts and went to Bellevue to make another. Rained all night. I sewed.
- 3 Wind blowing hard and turning colder. Frank Burns came up to settle for the work he had done chopping wood and helping get ice. I paid him in full. See account book \$5.25. Very cold at night—constant wind. Boy named Green came to sell washing machine—stayed all night. Charlie hauled wood most of the day. I sewed.
- 4 Too cold to haul wood Charlie said—he chopped a little wood. I went to Bellevue in the buggy—stopped to see Mike Corbin. Wrote to buddy in the evening.

- 5 Charlie hauled some wood—then went with me on the hunt of Mr. Ben Kelly. We went to Mr. Jim Kelly's and his mother's. Ben K. said he would prune the orchard he thought—would come and look at it. Very cold riding. Mrs. Burns came up in the evening. I wrote to Hilda—also wrote to Aunt Sally inclosing two dollars.
- 6 Went in the buggy to Florence—took Charlie to drive—cold and snowing. Found Lizzie had n't come and came home same night. Dr. R. told me Mrs. Jimmy Kirtley had a son. Dr. gave me my tax receipts. I have paid him 45.00 and it came to 49.86 so I must remember to pay him the difference. Got my watch and the bill which is paid.
- 7 Colder & snowing this morning—8° above zero at 8 o'clock. Charlie went down and got the mail—letters from Pat—2 from Julia, 1 from Sally H. for my Sally. Sunday
- 8 Colder—3° above zero at 8 o'clock and at bedtime. Charlie said he would cut some wood in the clearing. I sewed on Sally's drawers. Mr. Nelson sowed some more timothy on the little back pasture.
- 9 Colder still—7° below zero about sunrise. Charlie said it was too cold to work—he poured some cider into the vinegar barrel—found that someone had broken into the wine cellar from the hole above. I lent Tom Nelson Di to go to the Aurora ferry for meal—he promised me a day's work for lending him the horse. I sewed on Sally's drawers—felt the cold all day.
- 10 Warmer—thermometer up to freezing at 8 P. M.—raining too. Charlie Burns hauled a little wood, the remainder of the cordwood. I sewed on drawers all day. Mr. Nelson got sapling clover seed to sow. Found I forgot to put in the P.O. the letter I wrote to buddy.
- 11 Mr. Michael Clore came & brought me his note for \$150.00 payable Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> for rent for the pasture across the road—the same Mr. Conner had last year—he is to put the cattle on late enough to let the grass have a good start. I am to have the apples and the privilege of gathering them and he is not to put any roguish cattle on the pasture. He told me Tommy drew the note which accounts for its not being in Mr. Clore's writing. Mean to ask Dr. Raymond about that. I asked him about pasture and he said he charged from 1.50 to 1.75 per head. I sent Charlie B. to Burlington with letters for buddy, Patty and Spalding. Turned cold again—river full of ice. Mrs. Burns came up. Mr. Nelson divided the beans which remained in the locked room in the barn—there were 21 half bushels and I got seven and had them put in sacks in the store room. I sewed on the drawers again.
- 12 Had the meat taken out of the salt and brine and hung up. Charlie Burns went to Bellevue for twine to hang it and then hung it up. I had all the sugar cured pieces marked with a red string of cloth. There were 15 hams, 16 shoulders & 16 middlings, 47 pieces besides jowls. The Metcalf child came and I told her that her mother could send for the chair I lent Molly Nelson and I would lend it to her. Mrs. Burns came up a little while. Jimmy brought the mail. I got letters from buddy, Patty, Julia & BBG. I sat up late getting ready to go to Florence and sewing for Sally.
- 13 I started in the buggy to Florence taking Sally with me. Left Miss R. to keep house. It was about 18° above zero when we started on the way. I met RE—he stopped and had a little talk by the wayside. We got to Belle's about ½ past 12. Found Lizzie and her husband there. They were married Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. While at Belle's I paid Dr. R. the balance due on my taxes and pd Belle the dollar I borrowed. Mr. Joe Walton was ordained deacon at Middlecreek.
- 14 St. Valentine's day—much colder. Dr. & Belle and the bride & groom went to church. I stayed home with Sally. Wrote to Patty.
- 15 Very cold—7° degrees below zero. We went to the Methodist church to the funeral of Nanny Dulaney. Mr. Miller preached. I sewed and Belle helped me. Mrs. Folk came to see Belle & us.

- 16 Lizzie & Mr. Goodrich left on the omnibus. Charlie came for me and at ½ past 1 we started for home. I put in the P.O. a letter for Julia or at least Sally did. I left Sally with Belle and it was like leaving the best part of me. Stopped in Burlington to get some sewing silk & got a letter from Hilda. I saw Mr. Winston at Belle's gate—he was in the omnibus and got out to speak to me. I sent by Lizzie a bundle for Patty. Met Dr. McKenzie on the road drunk as a fool. Mr. Nelson came up tight to ask about oats &c. Stopped to leave word with Mr. Moreland to come down.
- 17 Sewed—cut out alpaca for Patty. Went to Mrs. Burns's after dinner to see Mrs. Clore. It was 20° above zero at eight a.m. but turned colder afterwards. Charlie Burns told me that Stephen hauled 17 locust posts for Mr. B. F. Garnett. I began to smoke my meat. Charlie had got hickory wood Monday. Charlie B. went to Passon's mill and got meal—took the grist that was at Mr. Bruce's—cut some wood afterwards. Only 8° above 0 at 8 p.m.
- 18 Cold but moderating. I sewed what I could. Mrs. Burns and her mother came up and took dinner. Turned much warmer and snowed in the night.
- 19 Fine drizzle and then rain—went to Mr. Clore's and returned the note he brought me the 11<sup>th</sup> and he signed one I wrote in which I put in my tin box. Went to P.O. and got a mail—letters from Patty & Aunt Sally and Valentines for me & Sally from Patty.
- 20 Went to Florence—took Charlie and sent him home with the buggy. Found Patty at Belle's. Dr. brought her down the evening before. Thankful to see my babies once more. I think it was 18° above zero this morning when I started.
- 21 Sunday. Snowed. We stayed home. I wrote to buddy—and read to the children.
- 22 I cut out Patty's blue silk overskirt and fitted it. In the evening Belle and I went to the Methodist church—stupid to the last degree. Sat up late sewing for Patty. Sent my letter to buddy. J. Klopp took his baskets up to Cin.
- 23 Wrote a note to Lizzie Goodrich and sent it. Charlie Burns brought me letters from Sue and buddy. He also led Di up to Florence for Dr. to have sold for me—farewell Di. Dr. Raymond took Patty back to Cinti. in his buggy. We, Sally and I, came home—in the rain got so wet we had to change our clothes.
- 24 Just like spring—so warm the fires went out during the day—early in the morning the earth steamed with the rising moisture. Jimmy Burns brought me the mail—letter from Julia—paper from Sally H. and B.B.G. He asked permission to have a party to-morrow night. I told C. Rockwell I did n't think Bill would suit me for a hand. He and Charlie Burns sawed on the land C. Rockwell is grubbing. Charlie broke the saw and had to take it to the shop to get it mended. I saw a sign of spring—a flock of wild ducks flying north. I began smoking meat again. I cut out work and sewed. I told Mr. Nelson about clover seed. Wrote to Sally H. at night.
- 25 Colder—very unpleasant, snowed hard part of the day. I went with C. Rockwell on top of the hill to show him two trees he might cut for rails, and to see about the line for the fence he is to make. Billy worked with Charlie B. sawing—Charlie only worked half a day—Jimmie B. had his party this evening.
- 26 Not so cold and clear—thawed some. I sent the saw to Mr. G. Smith to get it sharpened. Charlie B. went to Bellevue and got me a file—also got the mail. No letter for me—one for Hilda. I sent mine to Sally H. Mrs. B. came up and dined. Charlie worked and Billy too. I sewed, attended to smoke &c. as usual. Wrote to Hilda at night. I told Mr. Nelson about wanting to know what he was going to do in regard to tending the land &c.
- 27 Sent my letter and hers to Hilda to Rising Sun by Frank Burns. Sewed &c. Charlie Burns
- 28 Sunday—last day of winter—nominally. Unpleasant most of the day. Mr. Nelson and Jim came up and Jim and his father both told me that he was coming up this spring to work with

his father. I don't know what to believe on this subject. Went to Louisa's after dinner and took Sally—heard that Sudy Grant was married to Wykoff Piatt. It turned warm and rained hard at night.

## March

- 1 Sewed, kept smoke &c. At sundown dark clouds gathered and there was thunder and lightening. I cut out a gown out of my old cross-barred dress. At night I wrote letters to Messrs. C. A. James, Geo. H. B. White and W. Laird Inc. requesting them to send my dividend for Jan. and inclosing to C. A. James a draft to collect my dividend of corporation stock.
- 2 Had the house stoves cleaned out. Mr. Hunt came and got a bushel of corn—is to pay for it trimming grape vines in garden. Charlie B. and Billy sawed up by the graveyard. I sewed &c. Went to Bellevue—river very high & backwater up. Saw Mr. Cook who told me Mr. Little was coming to see about getting locust timber. Mr. Corbin said he would ship Patty's barrel to her. Went to see about Mrs. Loudon coming. Took my letters to the office. Got Sally's dress Belle sent home. It was a raw disagreeable day. Wrote to Nina.
- 3 One of the most disagreeable days of the season—cold—snowing, sleeting and hailing. Sewed some & cut out. Charlie B. did little or nothing—changed a few pieces of meat in the smokehouse—cut a few sticks of stove wood. Mr. Nelson hauled manure—not a full day however. I went to see Willy Burns who is sick. Got mail to-day—letters from Patty, Hilda and Julia. Julia says she is not well poor thing.
- 4 Bright and cold—thermometer 11° above 0 after sunrise—snow frozen on the ground. Sent by Jimmy Burns to Burlington letter to Nina and one to Sue that I wrote last night. Mr. Nelson hauled some more manure. I lent him 4 sacks. Charlie R. hauled drays of wood and some in wagon. I sewed some.
- 5 Warmer and thawing. Charlie & Billy sawed on the tree by the graveyard. I went to Bellevue—went to see Mike Corbin. Lum Ingram told me that he had the rails he owed me for those of mine Mr. Slayback put in his fence last spring—ready made. Sally spent most of the day at Louisa's. I went after her.
- 6 My birthday. Cleaned the house &c. and sewed a little. Charlie B. went to Mr. Arnold's or his hog and then went to Mr. Botts's for his. He did n't work after dinner. Mr. B. K. Sleet, the sheriff, came and brought me \$67.00, the balance due on the note on which I sued R. Moreland—after having deducted all the sheriff's fees and expenses and I gave him my receipt accordingly. Got letter from Patty in which she said that BBG had been to see her the 2<sup>nd</sup> and that she had received the apples shipped by Mr. Corbin. R. E. came and stayed all night.
- 7 Sunday. Terrible day—colder and snowing hard and wind blowing. R.E. went to church and we stayed home. R.E. came back and stayed all night. Storm lasted till night.
- 8 Bright and cold—7° above zero after sunrise. Snow 7 ½ & 7 ¾ inches where we measured it on a level. Turned warmer afterwards and went up to above freezing. Charlie B. did not work—he went to Bellevue and I sent by him letters, one to Patty inclosing 2.00 and one to BBG. I lent Charlie Rockwell to-day 5.00 to get his children & wife shoes—sent to Aurora by Mr. Nelson and got .60 worth of bluegrass seed. I sewed some and wrote some—cleaned off snow &c.
- 9 Billy came in and I settled with him and paid him for the work he has done, 1.88 and lent him another dollar which makes two he owes me now. Charlie B. did n't work for me—helped John get wood. Mr. Cloud, Deputy Assessor, came and took tour but Mr. Sleet, Sheriff, came and served a summons upon Sally and me to appear in court. Isaac McMullen

- is [suing] me and the children to get a deed for his land. Mr. Nelson hauled manure part of the day. I got letters from BBG, Louly and Spalding. Wrote to Louly that night.
- 10 Sewed what chance I could till I started to Burlington. Roads fearful. Went to see Mr. Winston to ask him what to write to buddy about suit. He gave me the deed of the corner of land I exchanged with C. G. Ingram and brought it home and put it in tin box. I dined at Mr. Winston's. Got home by sundown. Mrs. Burns and Willy came up in the evening. I asked Mr. Winston to put my letter to Louly in the office. Charlie B. went to a shucking at Mr. Corbin's. Mike sent me a present of a bottle of whiskey. Ella Smith told me that the Rice child died to-day. It was so warm it seemed like spring. Mr. Hunt came and got a bushel of corn.
  - 11 Tried to sew but was bothered and did n't get much done. Jim Conner came and left a horse here for me to try—drove him to Bellevue in the evening in a buggy. It rained a little. Mail boat stopped too late to wait for it. Charlie B. went over the river to his uncle's.
  - 12 Sent for mail—got letter from Dr. and Belle telling me Di was sold for 140. Mr. German charged 10.00 expenses. Got letters from Messrs. C. A. James, Geo. B. White, W. Laird Inc. inclosing drafts on N. Y. for \$28, \$39, \$20. Aylor cow had a calf this morning. I tried to sew some. Mrs. Rice brought sister Belle's watch back. I went to see old Mrs. Holmes in the evening then wrote to buddy. It was bright and spring-like. Charlie B. hauled straw to put on ice and some stove wood, tried Jim Conner's horse.
  - 13 Went to tell old Mrs. Holmes goodbye. Charlie took her over the river. Mrs. Corbin came up and stayed with me till Mrs. Burns came back. I then went riding to try that horse. Went to see where they are grubbing. Sent the horse home in the evening. Got mail with letter from Pat and papers from buddy telling of the death of Judge Wm. Sprigg Hall. I am sorry—he was a good man and good to me when we all came back from Minn. God bless his soul. Mean to write to Mrs. Hall. R.E. came for a short call—he brought me two copies of his famous sermon on Babylon. Told me John Rogers was turned out of church. I washed collars and cuffs. Sent to Rising Sun by Jimmy Burns a letter to buddy. Miss R. went away.
  - 14 Sunday—a day almost like summer. In the morning it rained in little showers then headed off with a warm wind. Dr. Grant came for a little while—told me Dr. Jimmy had come home. I went to church. Betty came home with me and stayed till Mrs. Rice came after dinner. Miss R. came back. I got the boys to drench Lady with ginger tea and they pinched the bugs out of the cows' backs. In the evening I went to Mrs. Burns's for a little while—she was fixing to move.
  - 15 Mrs. Burns partly moved—rain prevented them from finishing. Charlie B. fixed bolts on the lower crib window. I settled with him and paid him \$96.85 and took his receipt. I went around to look after things generally and tried to cut out and sew some. It rained hard last night so that the creek was over the bottom and hailed too and blew and rained hard part of to-day.
  - 16 I did n't sew for I had to cook for the company. Annie and I feed now that I have no hand. The wind blew a gale all day so the mail boat did n't land at all. Mrs. Burns went and they took their stock—except hogs.
  - 17 Mrs. Clore, Louisa, Mrs. Rice & Betty came and spent the day. It snowed last night and is very cold. Therm. only 10 degrees above zero at sunrise. I gave Jilson his mortgage & note and went with Judge Stewart to C. H. and satisfied mortgage.
  - 18 Went to Rising Sun in a skiff—river very high—weather cold and wind blew down stream all the evening. Put in the R.S. P.O. a letter for Patty inclosing 5.00. I went to see Uncle Jilson and went with him to see the mayor of Rising Sun, Judge. S. H. Stewart and settled with him as follows; papa's note of Dec. 29, 1868 for \$162.46 including interest. From that I deducted the note on Jilson's house which was due next Feb. for 100.00 interest for one year which

was what I called it 10.00 and the 5.00 I let Jilson have Christmas as follows; \$162.46—\$115.00—\$47.46 and in Judge S's presence and by him I paid Uncle Jilson the balance of \$47.50. Got the drafts I received 12<sup>th</sup> cashed in bank by J. Perkins—\$87.00.

- 19 Stayed home and worked and sewed. Old Mr. Hunt got a bushel of corn. Charlie Rockwell went to Bellevue and got the mail. I got letters from buddy, Patty and Julia—a photograph from buddy and a novel from BBG. I sat up at night and wrote letters to Julia and Patty. A very cold, unpleasant day—rained and froze so that everything is covered with ice.
- 20 Cold, bad day. Sent my letters by Mr. Nelson who said he was going to Aurora. Sewed some. Sold beans for 1.00.
- 21 Sunday. Another damp, cold, bad day. We all went to Louisa's and took dinner. Afterwards I rode to Mr. Corbin's and gave him a note for Patty.
- 22 Cold—snowed a little last night. Mr. Jim Aikin came and brought me another summons—had one for Patty. Mr. Nelson went away—said he was going to Aurora and I gave him 6.50 to buy oats for seed. Charlie Burns and Jimmy came out with a wagon for potatoes, barrel vinegar &c. I sewed on Patty's blue calico, worked &c.
- 23 I sent Mr. Botts's hog home by Charlie Rockwell. Mr. Ben Kelly and his brother came to begin trimming the apple trees. Mr. Nelson brought me a bill for oats, 5.45 and the change, 1.05. He took two good cellars of wine to try he said and if he liked one would buy it. Mr. Snyder came out with an ugly black mare to sell, asked \$120. I wrote letters to the three cashiers of banks acknowledging the receipt of the letters with drafts which came March 12<sup>th</sup>. Patty came on the boat. C. Rockwell worked the day for me—used his horse almost half a day. Mr. Jim Aikin gave Patty her summons.
- 24 Mr. Hunt trimmed grape vines. Mr. Kelly and bro. pruned apple trees. C. Rockwell and Billy Heisler worked for me hauling wood, locust posts &c. C. Rockwell drove his white horse with Jane. Mr. Nelson lent me his wagon.
- 25 Miss Robinson and I settled for her sewing. She has sewed 7 ½ weeks. I pd her 16.20 on the children's account. I had gotten her to the amount of 2.15 on my acc. Charlie Rockwell and Billy worked for me till noon hauling with Charlie's mare. I got Billy to take Miss Robinson home after dinner, he on Charlie's mare. Sent to the P.O. by him a letter to Hilda—and one to buddy from Patty and me in which I mentioned a business affair. Mr. Kellys working today on the orchard. I went up there and looked all around—found Mr. Nelson had not grubbed briars or grubs at all—had cut them all off. The Nelson boys opened the potato holes—put the potatoes in the cellar—mean to pay them for putting mine in. Mr. Hunt worked part of a day trimming grape vines. He got a bushel of corn. I got letter from Sue and one from Hilda. Woman came to try to rent. Charlie told me about Mr. Rice having rails hauled to the line fence between me and the heirs and I went over to see him about it.
- 26 Rained this morning hard. Messrs. Kelly came to prune trees but went home before dinner on account of rain. I sewed on Patty's silk dress. After dinner went with C. Rockwell to ride round and look at the line fence between the heirs and me, then went to see Mr. Rice—told him I would make the fence from Mr. Wingate's line down to the tobacco pen and let it go in my half of the fence but that I would keep this end next to his young hedge as my part and keep it up to the branch by the chimney of the old house as far as taken in with the upper end I mentioned first would make half the line—also that I would make one water-gap. Had headache and felt poorly and tired all day. Mr. Nelson started up on the hill to haul brush but the rain drove them down.
- 27 Bright and clear but rather cold. The Kellys came to prune the trees. I sold Popham ½ bushel beans, 1.25. Wrote note to Hilda and inclosed (sic) letter from Mrs. Curran. Mr. Kellys finished the apple trees before dinner and stayed to dinner. Ben Kelly charged me 20.00. I

paid him 10.00 of it and promised to let him have the rest as soon as I could get it from Florence or anywhere in fact. It is the orchard on the hill by the vineyard that Mr. Kelly trimmed. Sent Hilda's letter by Mr. Nelson who was going to R. S. they said. Got letters from buddy—inviting me to spend the summer with them—from Sally Humphrey, from Hilda and paper from BBG. Ernest G. came.

- 28 Easter Sunday—cold and disagreeable—threatening rain. Went to Florence with Patty & Sally. Charlie R. drove the buggy to the pike and I rode his mare Molly. Dick Loudon was married. We met the preacher. I drove from there to Florence—got there before three. It rained afterwards.
- 29 Patty got ready to go to Cov. in the omnibus but missed it so I stayed at Belle's that day and all night again. Dr. Raymond had a horse brought over for me to look at, too scrubby.
- 30 Patty left in the omnibus for school. We started first after 10 and came home. It took us four hours again. Charlie R. met me this side of Burlington with his mare Molly and drove home—roads worse than I have seen them for years. I stopped at the door of Mr. Winston's office & left word for him with Mr. Calvert that Mr. Aikin had served the summons on Patty the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was warm and lovely coming home—the first really spring day. After I came home I engaged Billy Heisler to work for me a month at 10 dollars a month and I board him—days that it rains or the weather is such that he can't work except cut stove wood and feed I am to board him for that, but not count the days. He is to do just I tell him and what I tell him. I went to Mrs. Loudon's to see Mary Ann who is sick. Went to Bellevue and got the mail—letters from buddy, Julia and Nina. Dr. Raymond pulled a tooth for Sally before we left there. He gave me \$15.00 of the 130.00 he had from the sale of Di. I wanted him to keep the rest and I could buy a horse with it.
- 31 Bright and warm but windy. Was busy all the morning. Had the chicken house cleaned out—went on the hill to see how Mr. Nelson was ploughing the orchard. Tom had Jane all day hauling brush from the orchard. Mr. Nelson sowed some oats after dinner. Charlie R. set fire to some brush piles in his clearing and let the woods get on fire. We all went to help put it out. Dr. Grant & Mr. Bennett came. Dr. brought me a horse to look at—125—ugly as blue mud.

## April

- 1 Showery in the morning—cleared and turned colder in the afternoon. I cleaned up in the house—after dinner went to Mrs. Kelly's—only the ladies were at home so I gave to old Mrs. Kelly the ten dollars I owed Mr. Ben Kelly for pruning—see March 27. The pasture begins to look green and the mud is drying a little. Mr. Nelson had Jane working in the morning. Mr. Hunt got a bushel of corn.
- 2 Let Charlie R. have a sack of corn in the ear to be returned when he gets some next week. Rode to see Mike Corbin—took dinner there. Went for the mail—got letters from buddy with draft for \$100.00 for the children—and from Waters & Co. about baskets and from Cousin Wm. Stopped at Louisa's on my way home. Mr. Nelson sowed bluegrass in the little patch he ploughed in front of the house. I went to the clearing. C. Rockwell was breaking it up. It turned colder this evening.
- 3 Advanced Bill 2.00 which makes four he owes me now. Sent to Bellevue by C. Rockwell a letter to cousin Augusta and one to Messrs. Chas. H. Waters & Co. I worked cleaning up the house—ironed collars &c. Mail came but no letters.
- 4 Sunday—a bright beautiful spring day—went to church. Cordy stayed with Sally. Mr. Jimmy Kirtley preached. I found a turkey nest. Sally found one turkey egg. We also found the first wild flowers of the spring. I had Joe turned into the pasture across the road.

- 5 Billy Heisler set in to work for me to-day. My young sow had 8 pigs last night. I had the stove in the dining room taken down. Found 3 duck eggs—the first this year—found a turkey next and put what turkey eggs I had and the duck eggs under the turkey hen whose nest I found yesterday. Joan found one also. Billy hauled manure in the garden till the wheel of the spring wagon almost gave out—then went to mill. Dr. Jimmy Grant came from Burlington it being county court day and brought me a horse—the one which Dr. Raymond got for me to look at when we were in Florence—he said Dr. paid 50. for it and I was to send it back if I did n't like it. I rode to Bellevue to try it and to go for Dr. Jimmy for Mrs. Metcalf. Annie cleaned out the ash hopper and put in the ashes to get ready for making soap.
- 6 Bright lovely day. Therm. up to summer heat at noon. Billy worked in the garden cleaning up trash &c. part of the morning. Then Charlie R. helped him hitch up the new horse with Jane and he is trying him hauling manure. Mrs. Clore came out this morning and I sold her 1 pk. beans for .50. From after three Billy helped Charlie work—to be returned. I went to Louisa's—took letter to buddy I wrote to-day and sweet corn seed for him to send by Mr. Arnold to Burlington. Went to Bellevue with Louisa—could n't get mail. Got onion sets and garden seeds from Mr. Corbin.
- 7 Lovely day, bright and warm. Went to Bellevue for the mail—got letter from Patty with photograph—and one from Sarah and one from Chas. H. Waters & Co. offering to buy my baskets at the same price they paid J. Klopp. Charlie and Billy hauled manure on the potato patch and they planted it. Charlie worked half a day. Annie and I attended to the meat, killed bugs &c. and she rubbed peppers on it and hung it up.
- 8 I went to the basket shop and got out one of the pairs of market baskets—gave Billy one for a feed basket—gave him a new lock for the stable door and the old one for the closet and 1 barrel of corn and a basketful. Charlie Rockwell helped Billy to-day—they hauled manure on the side of the garden this way and on the corn patch nearest the hedge and Charlie broke up part of the garden and laid it off. I planted peas. Mrs. Loudon worked here cleaning the dining room. I helped her and washed spots off the carpet. Mr. Clore came this morning to tell me of hogs on the pasture—had to send the hands to drive them out and fix the fence. There was a whole drove of them—said to be Mr. Moreland's. This was a bright, beautiful warm day—the wind blew almost all day. I let Tom Nelson have a bushel of cut potatoes for seed—early rose. Let Mr. Nelson have 1 gal. vinegar.
- 9 Another beautiful bright day but cooler. Went to work in the garden early and worked most of the day. Mrs. Loudon was here to help me. Charlie Rockwell worked half a day breaking up and laying off a little piece by the hedge for sweet corn—then he and Billy hauled the grape vine posts up the hill to Mr. Hurt. Mr. Hunt got a bushel of corn. After dinner Billy planted sweet corn & he and Mrs. L. set out the onion sets. I sent him to the pasture to look if the hogs were in. I planted in the garden radish, lettuce, beets, six week beans. After dinner went to Bellevue for mail and sundries. Mr. Corbin is now P. M. \_\_\_ Jesse Dolph removed. I got the first mail from Mr. Corbin to-day—a letter from Patty wanting me to go to Cinti to buy her spring things—one from Hilda telling me she was going to Phil. and that Lizzie M. is engaged to Mr. Hodges and a paper from B.B.G. The boys put two barrels of hard cider out in the sun to turn to vinegar. Mr. Nelson spoke to me about going into the house Mrs. Burns lived in.
- 10 Put the carpet down in the dining room. Cleaned house attended to chickens &c. Billy took the grape trimmings out, hauled manure and took letters to Patty to the office for me. I got a letter from Hilda from Phil. It turned cooler and rained at night. I set down Charlie Rockwell's work in my ac. book also Billy's.

- 11 Sunday—sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her soul. Sally and I went to the graveyard and put flowers on her grave. We went to church together Sally rode Jane by herself—sprinkled some and turned colder. After dinner we went to Louisa's to see when they were going to Aurora—while we were gone R. E. came and went away. Billy came over and stayed all night. I got ready to go in the morning.
- 12 Went to Aurora, left Sally at Mrs. Arnolds and missed both ferries and went up on freight train. Got buddy's draft for 100. cashed at bank in Aurora. Got to Cinti. about 2 P.M. It began to rain and blow hard—bought umbrella and hurried up to Miss Nourse's—found the girls gone—puddled round in the rain till time for the omnibus and went out to Julia's—found Julia weak and thin.
- 13 Went in town with Julia—got Miss N. to let Patty go shopping with me. Shopped most of the day and went out late with Pat in the omnibus and stayed at Julia's. Went to Mrs. Resor's in the evening. Kate invited me to her wedding which is to be May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was much cooler all the time. Met Mrs. Pounsford.
- 14 Went in town with Pat and Mary. Went to see basket men. Mr. Waters offered me the same he did by letter and no more. Went to Dr. Irwin's and had my tooth filled—after school went for Patty and shopped till 3. Julia met us then and we went to the dressmakers to get her to make Pat's dress—went out with Julia—Pat too, stayed all night.
- 15 Came in an omnibus with children—finished up my shopping—went to Mr. Foster's office and wrote note to Belle asking her to send Patty 10. of my money. Went on board boat, Gen. Butler. It did n't leave till two—got home after five to Bellevue—got papers and letters from BBG, Patty and Julia. Billy came for me. We stopped at Louisa's to bring Sally home. The wind blew hard all day and it turned cold and looked like a storm.
- 16 Right cold this morning—snowed hard for awhile. Very disagreeable day. Snowed after dinner till the ground looked white. Charlie and Billy worked at hauling away the hedge from the front of the garden. Mr. Nelson had my new horse.
- 17 Mr. Hunt came for a bushel of corn—he says all the fruit on cherry hill is killed except the grapes. Such is life. There goes over two hundred dollars out of my little income. It was bitter cold this morning—only 18° above zero after 6 o'clock. Ground frozen hard so they can't plough. Charlie & Billy began on the hedge again but it was so cold they had to give up. Charlie got a bushel of corn. I went to the corn crib and Billy filled his barrel with corn and got corn out for mill but did n't take it. I rode to Bellevue and sent letters to Patty and Julia. Stopped at Mrs. Rice's and brought Betty home with me. It snowed hard after dinner.
- 18 Sunday—we all slept late. Thermometer 19° above zero at 8 a.m.. Bitter cold for this time of year. We stayed home by the fire. Louisa and two of her children came after their dinner and spent the evening.
- 19 Weather moderating—bright and pretty. I let Billy help Charlie sow a plant bed this morning. Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Aylor came and I lent Mrs. W. my pinking iron and black sacque. Betty went home and I went to see J. Klopp about the baskets—backwater rising. Charlie worked about half a day. After dinner Sissy Medcalf came down and said her mother was dead. It rained at night and thundered. Mr. Nelson worked Jane.
- 20 Chilly and raw. Billy could n't get a chance to do the work I wanted him to for Mr. Nelson worked Jane. He fixed the broken fence, planted onions, grubbed in garden &c. I wrote and sent letters to Chas. H. Waters declining his offer for baskets—to BBG and to cousin Wm. Took butter down and got sugar. Went for mail, got note from Cousin Augusta saying she could n't come—took more butter down and got sugar. Charlie traded off Ben.
- 21 Bright but cool—Louisa came over for a few minutes to show me Sudy's pattern &c. I wrote a letter to Belle to send to Rising Sun by Charlie. Jimmy Loudon came and we settled about

the pasture of his colt. I only charged him 1.00 a month for it. He worked 1 day the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. for me which as the colt was pastured 2 ½ months leaves him 1.50 in my debt which he is to work out. Tom Nelson came to ask me not to give up the contract between him and his father without his consent. Went round looking at and setting turkeys & hens. Billy worked in the morning hauling rail cuts. After dinner he and Jimmy worked at the garden hedge. Mr. Nelson worked Jane.

- 22 Bright and cool again. I wrote to Mrs. Hall and Kate. V. B. Rode to Bellevue after dinner and took them down—waited for mail—got none. Went to see sick girl and Mike Corbin. Jimmy Loudon and Billy cut hedges. Mr. Nelson worked Jane.
- 23 Dick, Jim, Charlie and Billy worked with garden hedge. I cleaned in the house and after dinner looked at the boys work. Weather moderating—bright and pretty but there was a white frost this morning. Dick worked to-day towards paying the pasture of his mare last summer.
- 24 Charlie worked half a day at hedge. Mr. Hunt got bushel of corn. Mrs. Nelson got gal. vinegar. Billy went to mill after dinner and burnt stalks. I rode to see the barley field and talked to Mr. Nelson about it. Mr. Ben Kelly said he would take my two sows to Cinti. Monday.
- 25 Sunday. Sally and I went to Dr. Grants. No one home but Miss Lou and child. When we got home found Miss Robinson here. It sprinkled rain in the evening.
- 26 Rode over to show Jim Loudon the rail timber. He and Dick are cutting trees and making rails together. Billy broke up some of the little field—after dinner late he drove the two sows to Mr. Clore's. Mr. Hunt sent me some cabbage plants.
- 27 Mrs. Clore came over and brought my sacque and pinking iron. Billy finished breaking up the little field. Mr. & Mrs. Nelson and I went to Mr. Arnold's after dinner and got Mr. Arnold to add to our contract that Mr. Nelson returned to me the field next Mr. Wingate's that he planted in barley last fall—to rent to whom I please—with the exception of 5 or 6 acres on top of the ridge and the poorest part of the field that he wants to put in beans. I also agreed to let him have the house Mrs. Burns had last year till March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1876 on the same conditions under which he holds the one he now occupies according to contract and a further condition that he gives me up possession of the house he now lives in as soon as he moves.
- 27 Dr. Grant came to Mr. Arnold's while I was there having been here to see me. I got the mail—letters from Cousin Wm., Julia & Hilda and Pat's reports and paper from BBG & C. Cordy came home with me and stayed all night. Billy set out early cabbage plants in the morning. Hogs were not shipped.
- 28 Bright and pretty and warmer. I tried to sew on Patty's blue silk dress. Billy broke up the cow lot and planted it in Shaker Russet potatoes. He also broke up a piece in the garden near the hedge. Dick and Jim Loudon came and told me they had made 215 rails they offered to work up the hickory tree for 1.50 per hundred which I agreed to give them. Mr. Smith came and agreed to rent that part of the barley field next Mr. Wingate's which Mr. Nelson does n't want for beans. He is to cultivate it in such good order that I can have it in small grain or grass in the fall, is to give me half—if he sells his in the field or for any reason doesn't gather and deliver my half he is to pay me what gathering and delivering it is worth. Is to shut the gates carefully when he goes through the pasture. Mrs. Noble came to tell me John Wm. wanted to rent the place next year. Billy took the buggy to Mr. Green's to get spring mended.
- 29 Wind blew hard nearly all day. Charlie Rockwell worked from just before his dinner for me—laying off my corn field and replanting corn in garden. Mr. Nelson planted the corn in my

field with a drill. Jimmy Loudon said he made 4 rails out of the hickory and hired Jim Nettles to finish it. I set some hens, sewed on Pat's dress &c.

- 30 Mr. Clore came this morning to see about fence. Jim Nettles came down & said he had made 150 rails out of the hickory tree. I went down late to see Mr. Clore & tell him about the rails. Jim Nelson and Charlie Rockwell said that Mr. Nelson had given up the piece of land in front of the yard and with my consent they could put it in watermelons. They agreed to plant, cultivate gather and sell the melons at their own expense and to give me one third of the money. I sent Annie to Mr. Corbin's for mail—got letter from Lizzie Mitchell telling me of her engagement and inviting me to her wedding June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sent by Annie two churnings of butter to be credited on my account. Sally went to Mrs. Arnold's. Billy worked for Charlie to return his work of yesterday. After dinner rode to see about rails for me—got ready to haul manure and did haul some. I sewed on Patty's blue dress. Found some of the beans coming up in the garden. It has turned rather warmer.

## May

- 1 Rained last night—a fine gentle rain that did a world of good. Saw Mr. Clore and told him I would have fence made next week. Went to the lower corn crib and saw Mr. Nelson measure out and take the 4 ½ bushels corn he said I owed him on the division of the corn last fall. Went with Jimmy Loudon and C. Rockwell to count rails and look at fence. Found of those Dick and Jim made in company ash, 160 cherry 53 total 2.13—of the hickory 190 at 1.50 per hundred—and Jimmy says he made 30 back of the house so I owe him 1.07 + 2.85 + 30 = 4.22. Subtracting the .50 cents Dick owes me from his 1.07 leaves me owing him .57. I showed Charlie where to build the fence next week—and where to put the watergap Mr. Ben Kelly came and brought me 36.90 as the proceeds of the sale of my two sows. I paid him .50 for the corn they ate at Mr. Clore's. I settled with Annie and pd. her 11.10. Billy worked getting out cattle and fixing fence next to Mr. Rice's till dinner. He and Tom tried to haul manure but gave it up on account of rain. The wind blew hard and it rained at intervals all day. I tried to sew some on Patty's dress. Jim Loudon came and I pd. him 5.00. I owed him 1.00 for working on the hedge the 23<sup>rd</sup> April so I now owe him 22.
- 2 Sunday—cold and gloomy looking warming—water on a board I saw frozen. C. Rockwell told me that a man named Billy White wants me to save him 10 bushels of wheat off the little sand field. Went to church with Miss Robinson & Sally. R. E. came home with us and stayed all night. Miss Robinson went home after dinner. We walked up on cherry hill to look at fruit and grapes.
- 3 Charlie fixed the pasture fence between me and the Grant heirs. Cold—frost on ground and ice in a pan of water. Mr. Hunt got bushel of corn. I went to Mr. Corbin's and settled my account. Mr. Corbin turned a cow in to pasture to-day. I pd. Alice Corbin 2.00 for Lee Rogers who was burnt out. Dr. Jimmy Grant spoke to me about renting the place. Mr. Hunt spoke to me about going security for him at Mr. Corbin's for 25.00 to be taken by me out of his half of the grape money. Took Sally and went to Florence. Billy drove the buggy as far as Burlington. It rained most of the way—harder as we got near Florence and was so cold that my hands felt as they do in winter. We stayed at Belle's all night. Dr. Raymond gave me 55. dollars left from sale of Di after paying for Billy.
- 4 I went to Cinti in the Cov. omnibus. Mr. Winston was in the omnibus. Went to see Pat and then out to Julia's. In the evening after dinner she brought me in town. Mr. Foster went with me and Patty to Hotel. Patty and I stayed all night there. Cousin Wm. came that evening. Mr. F. and Julia came back to see us. Pat and I went shopping before sun down. Mr. Foster told me of Sankey 5<sup>th</sup> St.

- 5 Spent part of the morning with Cousin Wm. Pat and I went shopping at 12 and I took her back to school and returned to hotel at 2. Cousin Wm. went with me to Cov. to Day House where he left me to wait for omnibus. Then I went to Florence—got to Belle's safely. Got Sally's hair cut. It rained a little and was cold. Sat up till after midnight to get Patty's blue silk finished to send.
- 6 Sent Pat's dress in a box to Mr. Foster by Mr. Swetmann. Went with Belle and Sally to a tent on the common and had 2 pictures of Sally taken. Packed a bundle of Pat's things to leave with Belle to send Pat by Ex. After dinner drove to Burlington—and then on to the top of the hill. Billy met us. We got home and then went to Bellevue for mail and to buy gears and stopped at Louisa's and got baskets I left with her. I got letter from Patty, BBG, a note from the ---ass.
- 7 Mr. B. F. Garnett came to see if I wanted to sell corn and to ask about little field. Aggy Rice came to borrow fluting iron. Woman came for wine for C. Harvey. Billy hauled manure on garden at noon. I let him fill his corn barrel and get scattered corn for hogs.
- 8 I sowed radish seed again. Billy hauled manure on garden—after dinner took Charlie's plough down to shop and butter from to the store and got mail; a letter from Sue. A warm day. Charlie killed 2 little ground hogs.
- 9 Sunday. Rained so I did n't go to church. Cleared up afterwards but rained hard at night. Wrote letters to Sue and Louly.
- 10 Mr. Jim Aikin came to see if I would sell my corn. Mr. Nelson &c. working at the fence and watergap next Mr. Rice's. Billy got cabbage plants from Mr. Hunt and set them out. I let Mr. Hunt have Jane to haul manure. I wrote to Patty and Hilda. After dinner sent Billy for Miss Robinson who came after sundown. It rained some.
- 11 Cut out work and sewed. Charlie worked my horse harrowing the new ground after dinner he had Jane. Billy hauled rails (ash) from Mr. Pisgah and helped Tom fix the pasture fence. I went to see Clark Harvey and sent Charlie there afterwards. I sent letters to Patty, Sue, Louly and Hilda. Got letters from Mrs. Foster about baskets and from Julia. Raining hard at 7 PM. Wind blew off and on all day.
- 12 Cleared off and cool all day. Tom worked fixing fence in pasture and in the garden after dinner. Billy went to milk and then broke up part of the garden. I planted white wax beans and some more peas. Had five little turkeys hatched—hen killed some. I cut out chemise for Pat and sewed on it. Jimmy Burns hauled some of his corn.
- 13 Papa's and mamma's wedding day—may they spend it happily together in Paradise. I walked to Bellevue to ask Mr. Corbin about shipping baskets. Billy broke up and harrowed in the garden and took a letter to the PO for me. I wrote to Mr. Foster about baskets. Sewed &c. and went to Bellevue for mail but the boat hadn't come. Charlie sowed late cabbage seed in one of the tobacco beds. A lovely, cool, bright day. Mr. Corbin says there was frost this morning.
- 14 Billy laid off corn ground and planted some sweet corn. He also went to Bellevue with the baskets to ship I sent Mr. Foster.  
3 nests of (4) clothes—1 doz. Clothes of different sizes 4 each-  
3 nests of (4) market and 1 doz. Market, that is 6 pairs.  
Sent with them the tarpaulin which I sent to Mr. Ingram. Mr. Clore came out and told me he had sold my corn for .70 at the boat to the Petersburg distillery men. I went after dusk to see Mr. Arnold about getting a team Tuesday & Wed. to haul corn. I cut out and tucked linen waist for Patty &c. I got no mail to-day. It was bright and warmer. Sally went barefooted for the first time this year.

- 15 I sewed some. Mr. Garnett came to see me about the line fence. Annie went to her mother's and stayed all night. In the evening it turned cold. I had the beans covered. Billy made cucumber hills in the evening. I went to see Mr. Clore about corn boat—got letter from Patty. Charlie killed big ground hog.
- 16 Cold in evening—covered beans again. Sunday—Annie away—I got breakfast and \_\_\_\_\_ cooked dinner. Miss R. went to Universalist church. After dinner I went to see Mrs. Polly Grant and to Louisa's for Sally—one of my turkey hens followed Sally over there. I wrote to Patty.
- 17 I rode to the line fence to see Mr. Garnett about it. We exchanged \_\_\_\_\_s of the fence. Mr. Garnett promising to make up to me the difference in rails—he said I might have the live oak that has the top blown off for rails. I sent Charlie to see Jim Nettles about making rails. He then went with me to pick out rail timber—worked half a day in all—made a \_\_\_\_\_. Billy hoed the garden and ploughed the potatoes and went to Bellevue for plough. Mr. Hunt finished hoeing my garden grapes. I began Patty's white dress.
- 18 Last night something caught all my little chickens but 13. Sent C. Rockwell after dog. Had little calf turned in the yard. Planted cucumbers. Billy ploughed the vineyard for Mr. Hunt. I went to Bellevue and to Mr. Clore's to see about corn boat which came. Stopped at Mr. Arnold's. Got letters from Hilda and Julia. Set hen on turkey eggs.
- 19 Set hands to hauling corn from lower crib to boat. Had Ben and Will Corbin and their wagon and horses and an extra horse to work with Jane. Had Mr. Arnold's wagon and horses. Charlie worked for me all day and Mr. Hunt the best part of a day. I was awakened early this morning on account of my horse. Billy being sick with colic had him drenched and he seemed to get over it. Billy moved into Aunt Sally's cabin this evening. Mr. Nelson's little dog Nig was found in the wine house to-day alive after being locked up in there since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month they say, almost too hard to believe.
- 20 Boys hauled corn again, got done before dinner except part of a load. Billy hauled afterwards. He brought home tarpaulin. Tom Bruce helped not half a day. Sent Billy home with Mr. Arnold's team after hauling two loads of chip manure into the garden. I planted early cucumbers. Later I went down to Mr. Corbin's. Got letters from Sue and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Hunt had a girl baby last night. Went to Mrs. Clore's and Mr. Clore told me to be ready to go to Petersburg next Tuesday to settle for my corn.
- 21 Looked like rain this morning. Had the plants brought out of the cellar. Charlie had my horse to plough his potatoes. I had my ice cream melons planted and the rest of the musk melons BBG gave me. I also planted the peas Mr. Corbin gave me and the black wax beans. Had a shower about 12 noon afterwards it rained hard. Horace and Miss Lou and the children came, all but Horace stayed all night.
- 22 Had pepper plants set out, also beets transplanted; onions and oca planted. It rained. Billy went to the PO. I got letter from Hilda. Horace came and they all went home.
- 23 Sunday. Had headache and felt badly. Louisa and Betty came over in the evening.
- 24 Sewed—rode to Bellevue in the evening and to Mr. Clore's. It rained hard. Mr. Lacy began making rails.
- 25 Started for Petersburg at six—with Mr. Clore. Went to the office of the distillery and settled with the clerk for my corn. It was 661 8/17 bushels and he paid me .70 a bushel which came to \$463.00. He (Mr. Snyder) paid me the cash. I took it to Aurora, got at the bank there a draft or cheque for \$420.00 which was payable to Seth C. Foster. I inclosed it in a letter to Mr. Foster and put it in the Aurora PO. In this letter I asked him to pay the rest of my note in bank and send it to me to take care of my bond for me—to get the interest now due on the bond, add it to the money left from paying the note and keep it for me till further notice. I

bought in Aurora 3 doz. tomato plants. Came home sewed till six, went to Bellevue got mail, letter from Julia, paid Mr. Corbin's store acct. and Jesse for weighing the corn. Got 2 doz. Tomato plants from Jesse and got them all set out—warm day. Billy hauled rails & ploughed grapes. Mr. Corbin took plow home.

- 26 Belle came down with Dr. R. They brought me a dog, Dick. I sewed some—began my calico dress. Billy hoed the first corn and then ploughed grapes. Mr. Lacy came to see about making rest of rails.
- 27 Worked in the garden overseeing & helping Billy—planted oca, summer squash, radish, lima beans, Belle's pole beans and the rest of Belle's and Mrs. Nelson's as corn field beans. Sewed on Patty's white dress. Went to Bellevue late. Took butter and got coffee. Got letters from Mr. Seth C. Foster acknowledging receipt of cheque for \$420 and inclosing me news of my bank business—see his letter. Billy worked potatoes in cow lot.
- 28 I went to Aurora. Sent Patty bundle of things by Ex and letter and got receipt. Her white dress was in the bundle. I had my tooth filled by Dr. Harrysman. When I came home found RE here who stayed all night. Sent letters and book to Sue. I pd. her 9.75.
- 29 Billy took Miss Robinson home. He got sweet potato plants and set them out. I planted blood turnip beets. Went to Bellevue in the evening. Got little not from Sue. Stopped at Mr. Arnold's and paid him 4.00 for his team when we hauled corn. I also pd. Corbin's store ac. And pd him for his team & hands hauling, 6.75 and he pd 1.00 for cow pasture.
- 30 Lovely day but cool. Mr. Hunt says Billy worked in the grapes on the hill 2 days. I stayed home all day. Cordy came to see Sally.
- 31 Lovely cool day. RE came but only stayed a little while. Billy ploughed the corn across the road. Charlie told me Mr. Nelson had ploughed the corn in the 22 acre field for the first time. I rode up to Mr. Moreland's and told him about wanting money. He said he had sold his corn and would bring me some money Wed. or Thursday. I went to Louisa's for a few minutes. Looked like rain this evening. I started to clearing Hilda's room and wrote a letter.

## June

- 1 Worked in the garden early—replanted ice cream melons. Mrs. Roberts sent for a gal. vinegar which she is to pay for. I found a turkey nest and moved on the gallery—also set two hens on the gallery and 1 in henhouse. Went to Bellevue and took letters for BBG and Sue. Had my stove taken down to-day. Got letters from Mrs. Monroe, Patty, Mr. Foster about baskets, Julia and card from Mr. Brown saying they will be up to-morrow night.
- 2 Started to see Mr. Klopp about shipping baskets—met Hilda coming home and returned. Went to Mr. Arnold's to tell him about his mule jumping in my corn then to Jake Klopp's. He said he would come down and get the baskets ready to ship Monday. Went to Bellevue—came home and had 2 doz. tomato plants set out in the evening. I wrote letters to Mr. Waters telling him he could have the baskets—to Mr. Foster telling him I wanted him to receive the money for the baskets—and to Miss Nourse and also to Patty inclosing 5 dollars. These I sent to Mr. Corbin by Billy when he went down for Mrs. Brown. I sat up for them and they got here about 2 a.m. or a little before. It rained hard with thunder & lightning. Charlie had Jane to plough but the ground was so hard he had to wait.
- 3 Stayed home with Mrs. Brown. Billy worked helping Mr. Smith fix his fence. Mr. Nelson told me he would return the work. Billy worked more than half a day—then went to mill and worked a little in the garden. I got no mail. Hilda paid me the 5.00 she borrowed before she went away.
- 4 Mr. Lacy came and told me that he had made in all 465 rails. I paid him 2.00 and told him I would count the rails and pay him the balance. I stayed home with Mrs. Brown. In the

evening after supper we took them down but the boat had just passed and we all came back. A man named Alex. Jones who said he lived on Le Grand Gaines's place came to see me about renting, mean to ask about him. Charlie worked Jane.

- 5 Mr. Lacy said he made 85 stakes. Charlie worked Jane ½ day. Billy worked in garden. After dinner we went down to Bellevue with Mr. & Mrs. Brown—boat did n't come till 8 P.M. I got letters from Patty, buddy, BBG and Sue. Jake Klopp came while I was gone but went away before I got home. Katy and Lily came over.
- 6 Sunday—rained all day. We all stayed home—did n't do much of anything. It was cold and we had pie.
- 7 Went to Bellevue to get a hand to tie up baskets—got Martin Staley. Gave Mr. Mike Clore Belle's waterproof cape to give to Dr. R. Got Fanny of Mrs. Arnold to work ½ day. Charlie worked for me after 1 o'clock hauling baskets—he and Billy did n't get done till about 9. I sent by Charlie 2 letters, one to Jake Klopp, care clerk of bank and one to Messrs. Waters & Co. about baskets. Charlie says he gave them to Phillip whom I got to ship the baskets for me. I was at Louisa's a few moments. Hilda and Sally spent the day there. I shipped in care of Jake Klopp who was to get on the boat at Petersburg (so he left word) to Messrs. Chas. H. Waters & Co.  
47 nests of 4 clothes  
23 ½ doz. Clothes  
60 nests of 4 market  
94 pairs of market  
and wrote Mr. Klopp to get the rest of the lot from Mr. Foster and deliver them to Mr. Waters. We had fire again. Billy set out some cabbage plants. Charlie \_\_\_\_\_.  
8 Bright day but very cool—had good fire in the morning. Charlie worked Jane. Billy set out cabbage plants & worked in the garden. Hilda and I went to Burlington. I asked Mr. Winston for his account against me. He said all together came to \$200.00 and as I had given him \$50. at the time of the sale, I now owed him a balance of \$150. So I gave him an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster for that amount and he gave me a receipt in full for legal services up to this date. I also with Hilda as witness told him that I would withdraw my land from him as agent for selling it—that is that. I would now dispense with his services as real estate agent and try to sell it myself. My reason for doing this is not finding any fault with him as agent or advisor, but because I can now sell it as well as he could and do not want to pay anyone for doing what I can do myself if I get a chance. I sent a letter to Sue from Burlington telling her I was ready to pay her off in full—and asking directions about sending the draft. On my way home I stopped to see Mr. Moreland. I sent Patty a letter too. We went to Mrs. McKenzie's.
- 9 Went to Bellevue I the morning for mail—got letters from Patty and Julia. Billy worked in garden—Charlie worked Jane. I went to see Alice Corbin.
- 10 Lovely day and warmer—worked in the garden some. Billy worked in garden—he planted sweet corn again. Charlie worked Jane—this evening he took the buggy to Mr. Green. Hilda went for the mail. I got letters from Sue and from Cousin Tom Flandrau inclosing paper for me to sign appointing Mr. Walter S. Cox my attorney in a suit for the sale of grandma's house in Georgetown DC —also telling me about the children's having a guardian appointed to answer for them.
- 11 Mr. Richard Moreland came and paid me \$200. cash which added to the beef Account from Oct 6 to Nov 23, 1874 makes in all \$211.33 to be credited on his note. I promised to ask Mr. Winston about giving him back his note that is pd. I wrote to Cousin Tom—sent signed paper. Wrote to Mr. Winston and buddy and took the letters to Cinti. with me. Went to

Bellevue and went up on Franklin. Billy worked on road. Charlie went to drive the wagon when I went to get on boat.

- 12 Arrived in Cinti. Went to Mr. Foster's—he showed me the papers about my money—from sale of 400 b\_\_d from baskets &c—gave me Mr. Winston's receipt for the \$150. and I asked him to calculate what Sue's money with interest came to and got me a draft for the money. He went with me to trunk man's and I left Patty's trunk to be fixed. Then I went with him to meet Julia at Shillito's. Went round with her and then out to Clifton. Went to see Kate Whelpley. Billy worked on the road they say.
- 13 Sunday. Stayed at Julia's—a lovely cool day. In the evening Patty came out in Miss Nourse's carriage with two schoolmates to tell Julia goodbye. One of them was Nellie Herron the daughter of an old school friend of mine.
- 14 Went to town—took my dress to Miss Callan's—went shopping—Julia came in for me. I bought a silver cup for my namesake—pd. 20.00 for it. I saw several in the street. Sent letter and draft for \$415.37 to Sue Tew—by Mr. Foster.
- 15 Julia started for Niagara—it rained hard all day so that I could n't go to town at all.
- 16 I went in town with Mary and out in omnibus—shopped all the morning—went to dressmaker's &c. Sent my cup to Julia Flandrau by Am. Ex. and got receipt. Saw 'several' at Duhm\_'s. Miss Nourse gave her farewell party to the girls. Mary went and brought Patty home with her. She stayed all night with Mary.
- 17 Went in town, shopped, went to dressmaker's, trunk man's &c. It poured down rain. I went out in omnibus. After dinner Miss Jenny Halstead came for Patty and took her in to stay all night with her. I packed to leave.
- 18 Got ready to go—went with Kate V. B. to tell Mrs. Resor goodbye. Went in town with Kate—shopped—went to Miss Nourse's—packed Pat's trunk and had both sent to boat. Got to Bellevue after 8. Dr. Jimmy brought us out. I found letters from Patty, 2 from Sue. I brought home with me the papers Mr. Foster gave me concerning the business he helped me with. I left in his care my bond and the proceeds of the sale of the \$400 bond that had been called in by government. He is to take care of the bond for me—and said he would keep the money from the sale of the called bond till I gave him further instructions and pay me 6 percent int. I also left with him what money was left of the sale of the baskets—see papers relating to all this business in my tin box. Kate heard from Julia before we left. She arrived safely at Niagara.
- 19 Home again with both my babies thank God. Spent part of day unpacking and putting away things. Billy sick. Charlie R. went with wagon and his mare for trunk. I let him have Jane to work the rest of the day. Got letter from Cousin Harvey Tew inclosing receipt for \$415 signed by him and Sue—a very pretty kind letter. I put it and all 3 of Sue's receipts in my tin box. Hilda went to Aurora with Louisa—she brought me my box from Sue containing a present of a beautiful gray alpaca dress, all made and presents for the children.
- 20 Sunday—cool but lovely day. Stayed at home. Horace and Mrs. Bennett came and took dinner—afterwards Louisa and Cordy and then Sudy came.
- 21 Billy worked in the garden—when it rained he replanted cabbage. Charlie worked in the garden in place of Mr. Brown—when it rained he quit and went to setting out tobacco. I worked on my silk skirt. It rained hard in the evening & at night.
- 22 Charlie got a gal. wine and says he will pay me in a day's work. I wrote to Sue telling her I got her receipt, to Julia, to Kate V. B., to Louly a party card and to Lizzie Mitchell inclosing \$20.00 for a wedding present. Got a letter from Sue. I sewed on my silk dress a little. Billy helped Charlie set out tobacco all day.

- 23 Looked like rain but did n't. Billy worked in the garden. Charlie ploughed the cow lot potatoes for he had Jane to plough his melons. I worked at my altering. It was very hot to-day.
- 24 Mr. Graham came. Patty got mail. Belle and Dr. came and stayed to dinner. It was very hot and looked like rain. Billy worked in the garden, Mr. Brown worked in the garden grapes. Sally was sick in the night.
- 26 Mr. Brown worked in the garden grapes, Billy went to Rising Sun and came home wildly drunk. Ernest Grant came down in the evening.
- 27 Sunday. Lovely cool day. Mr. Graham went away to Aurora. Billy took him up in the evening. It rained hard at night.
- 28 I sewed on my dress. Billy helped Charlie set out tobacco.
- 29 Billy helped Charlie set out tobacco part of the morning. Charlie went to Rising Sun with us in skiff. Billy helped Dick Coleman set out tobacco. I got letters from Miss Nourse, Mr. Winston and from Cousin Tom Flandrau telling me that he had received the paper I sent signed permitting Mr. Cox to act as my att. in the sale of Grandma's house and that he had received Julia's cup. It rained part of the day. Patty went to Dr. Grant's with Ernest.
- 30 This day 8 years ago sister Belle died, God bless her soul and give it peace. There is none like her, none. Mr. Brown hoed in the grapes ½ day. Dick Coleman returned Billy's ½ day. Billy worked ploughing corn. Mr. Nelson began to cut wheat. I went to Aurora and got my dress from Cinti. Mr. Marshall came for wine.

## July

- 1 Set Billy to hauling hedge brush to keep pigs out of the watermelon patch. Wrote letter to buddy. Had vinegar barrel put in wine cellar. Sent letter to buddy. Got letters from BBG, Julia and a letter from Mr. Cox inclosing the commission to appoint a guardian ad litem for the children. Went to Dr. Grant's for Patty.
- 2 Billy worked in garden—took Jane to Mr. Green's and had her shod. In the evening I went to Dr. Grant's. Billy drove the buggy and brought Nony Cooper down. I went to ask Dr. Grant about the guardian for the children in the suit. Stopped at Mr. Arnold's and left the papers with him.
- 3 Billy partly put the frames around the tomatoes. I helped him. In the evening his brother came from Cinti and took Billy to Patriot with him. I got postal from Mrs. Brown and letter from buddy telling me cousin Rebecca had expectations for next month which put a finishing stroke to my plans for going to St. Paul. Sent by Mr. Nelson for lime and flour. Buddy's letter contained draft for \$100.00 for children.
- 4 Sunday. Very hot—I had headache all day long and did n't go to church. R. E. came and took dinner but went home in the evening. Ernest came for Nony. There was a slight shower.
- 5 This day 8 years ago sister Belle was buried—what long, long, weary years. This was court day. Mr. Arnold went to Burlington—took the papers I gave him. He and Mr. Winston appointed I. W. Calvert guardian ad litem for the children and Mr. Arnold brought the papers to me and also a letter of Mr. Calvert's for Mr. Walter S. Cox. It rained hard to-day.
- 6 Belle and cousin Nina came down and stayed all night. I wrote to buddy telling him I thought it best not to go to Minn. now, and acknowledging the receipt of his draft. I also wrote a note to Mr. Cox and sent him the paper he sent me and a letter from J. W. Calvert. I got a paper with account of Lizzie Mitchell's wedding.
- 7 Belle and Nina went home in the evening. I pd. Nina 5.00 on account for her letting me have the canes of grapes she left here. Lizzie Cook came and spent the day. Mr. Brown worked ¾ day at cutting weeds and fixing fence. Charlie worked with him—the work to be credited to

- Mr. Nelson, because he owed Mr. Nelson the work. Billy came home about sundown. I cut out Aunt Sally's dress and sewed on fixing black overskirt.
- 8 I left this unwritten till we came home from Minn. and now can't remember what I did. I remember writing letters. Got letter from buddy with \$50.
  - 9 Went to Aurora—got buddy's draft for \$100 cashed. Sent letters to him and also to the 3 Banks in Washington.
  - 10 Mr. Senior came down to see me about renting the place. I told him I would let him know about it when I got back from Minn. Mr. Ben Kelly brought me a telegram from buddy telling me to meet him in Chicago the 12<sup>th</sup>. I packed and got ready to go. I let Charlie Rockwell have the 2 bushels of corn I promised him for the extra rails.
  - 11 Finished packing to go. Mr. Arnold and Sudy came to tell me goodbye—also RE. We went in wagon to Lawrenceburg. Charlie & Billy went with us. We took the night train for Chicago.
  - 12 Got to Chicago before breakfast—went to Palmer House and waited for buddy who got there in the evening. We took the night train for St. Paul.
  - 13 Got to St. Paul in the evening.
  - 16 Went to Minnehaha and to Minneapolis to see Mrs. Atwater—dined with the rest at Millet House and went home to buddy's the same evening.
  - 21 Mrs. Atwater came to see me.
  - 22 Went to tea party at Mrs. Galasha's.
  - 23 Went with Patty and Sally to Mrs. Atwater's.
  - 25 Buddy came up and spent the day with us. Took Patty home.
  - 26 Sally and I went back to buddy's in the evening.
  - 29 Cousin Rebecca had a tea party.
  - 31 Mrs. McClure and Miss Dotts and I went calling.

## August

- 2 Buddy, Mrs. McClure, the children and John and I went to Minnetonka.
- 3 John and Patty had a little party.
- 5 or 6 Mrs. Farrington had a tea party and we went.
- 9 Went to Mrs. Atwater's with Sally and John and spent the day.
- 10 Went to Mr. Scheffer's burying.
- 12 Started home on night train. While in Minn. I got letters from the 3 banks inclosing me drafts for \$87.00 which buddy endorsed for me.
- 14 My big baby's birthday, bless her. We got to Cin. Went to the boat and then to Mr. Foster's office. He said Julia had come home the night before. We came on the boat. Mr. Nelson's wagon with Tom and Jim came after us—mean to set it down.
- 15 Sunday. Went to church. RE rode to the stile block with me but would n't dine.
- 16 Bothered about one thing & another. Mr. Kelley came either to-day or to-morrow to see about renting.
- 17 Went up to Belle's with Patty in the buggy—narrowly escaped an accident on the pike. Got to Belle's and found Nina and Miss Fanny there. I took letters to Sue, Mr. Graham and to the 3 banks acknowledging the drafts. Caught a very bad cold—so did Patty.
- 18 Did some shopping in Florence. Wrote to Sue and sent it. Came home with Miss Fanny in our buggy and Nina & Steve in Belle's. Got wet in the rain but only a little, got worse cold and came home almost sick.
- 19 Miss Laura and Dora and Belle Huey came. Miss Fanny, Belle and Steve went home. Patty went too.
- 20 The Huey girls went home.

- 21 Mr. Nelson got Nina and me to walk through the corn field to look at the damage the hogs did to the corn. Ernest and Nony came. The 2 Mr. Kelley's came about renting. Kate Van Buren and Mary Foster came. I was sick anyhow and worked myself almost to death. Got letter from BBG saying they would be here next Thursday.
- 22 Sunday—almost tired out felt right poorly—rode over to Louisa's for a few moments. Hilda went to the school house to hear Ensebius Kirtley preach.
- 23 Poorly all the time—can't remember much of what happened somehow. Mrs. Ellis came and took dinner.
- 24 Kate and I went in the buggy to see Mr. Joe Walton—did n't see him. Came back and found Dr. Raymond here who came for Sally. He said I was right sick and gave me powder of quinine. I talked business to him. He took Sally home with him. Lord love my precious child, it is so hard for me to part with her even for a few days.
- 25 I sent Patty and Mary up to Mr. Kelley's to tell him not to wait on me any longer as I had not been able to attend to any business. Mr. Hunt shipped 5 stands of grapes to Robert Orr & Co. I lent Mr. Hunt 1.60.
- 26 Kate and Mary & Patty went to Mrs. Foster's—found her and the baby both sick. I sent Mr. Nelson's wagon & boys down for Mr. Graham. He did n't come but Lizzie & Spalding came. He sent me a note telling me to look for him in a few days.
- 27 Mr. Hunt got Mr. Arnold's team and hauled 5 more stands of grapes and shipped them. Mr. Arnold went to Cinti and I sent by him and got some rye for seed. Mr. Lacy had worked for me 5 ½ days he said so I paid him off. Kate and Mary went home.
- 28 Mr. Harvey brought me a dozen and ½ chickens. Mr. Arnold came down and brought the rye and 8 stands for grapes and I got Tom to haul them out in his father's wagon. I also got him to take the buggy down for Mr. Graham, but he did n't come. Mr. Nelson came up and had a talk about the farm business. I went to Mr. Corbin's and pd. my account.
- 29 Mr. Graham came down in a buggy from Aurora. We stayed home. It was hot as pepper.
- 30 Mrs. Noble brought me 1 doz. chickens. Jimmy Burns came to see about renting. Annie's brother Len came to hire and not knowing where to get anyone else I hired him for a month at 12 dollars a month. I shipped 4 stands of grapes out of the garden. Mr. Arnold sent Mr. Slayback to haul them.
- 31 Mr. Clore came out and spoke to me about the pasture—said he is going to turn some more stock on. Asked me what I 'allowed' to do about his cattle eating up the corn. I got Mr. Nelson to have his wagon at Bellevue for Sue's baggage. He had hay bed. We went down for her but she did n't come.

## September

- 2 Sue and children came. Alice Corbin was married to Mr. Dave Snyder. Mr. Nelson and wagon went down for Sue.
- 4 Mr. Graham went away by way of Aurora—sent note back. I went to Mrs. Rice's in the evening. Got letter from Sarah, and buddy telling of a son born Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5 Sunday—went to church. RE came home with me and stayed to dinner. I found Dr. Raymond here and Dan—he brought my baby home safely, thank the Lord. Dr. R went home after dinner and Nina went with him.
- 6 Sent Miss Robinson home. Len went down and brought the horse back. I sewed some—wrote to buddy at night telling him to send draft for Patty's school bill. Mr. Beasley came to see about renting corn ground.
- 7 Sent old cow to Mr. Garnett's and then Len had to take her up to Dr. Grant's—she got away and came home—sent Len to mill and got meal. Mr. Ed. Green came and got locust timber

which he counted as equivalent to 24 posts which at .25 came to 6 dollars—he brought his bill accounting to 5.00 and receipted it and pd. me the dollar's difference. I made 7 glasses grape jelly. Sue and Mr. Tew went to Bellevue to take the boat for Louisville but it was so late they came home.

- 8 Dr. Raymond came down and brought a black boy named John Graves. I then told Len that having hired him for a month I would keep him that time if he wanted to stay—but he preferred to go and concluded to go this evening. He had worked 8 days at 12 a month which came to 3.69 and I pd. Him 3.70. This boy John is to work for 10.00 and on Sundays is to do the usual little odd jobs for his board. Mr. Rice came over this morning and told me about weeds that he calls Canada thistles. I set Len to chopping them. Dr. took Nina's box of paint to her. Sue and Mr. Tew went to Aurora to take the cars for Louisville. John came home after dark long. I gave Dr. Raymond 1.50 to subscribe for the Commercial.
- 9 Charlie Rockwell got 1 bushel corn. Hilda went to association. Rained hard at night and turned cold.
- 10 Mr. Tew and Sue came down from Aurora in a carriage on the way home from Louisville. Hilda came home from association—she got the news of her aunt's death.
- 11 Mr. Richard Marvin came down on the boat.
- 12 Sunday—rainy—church meeting Hilda went. Patty and Mr. Marvin took a ride after dinner. I went to Louisa's after Susy, late in the evening. Miss Robinson came back.
- 13 Miss Robinson began to sew. I did what I could to help. After dinner Cousin Harvey drove Mr. Marvin to Aurora to take the train. He got me a tin boiler for stove. John cut corn in my little field.
- 14 I tried to sew some. A man named McQuithy and one named Charlie Tyler came to see me about renting. Said Dr. Terrill sent them. They said Mrs. Grant was sick—so after dinner Cousin Harvey drove me up to see her. I asked Dr. Grant about Tyler—he advised me to go up and see Dr. Terrill. Mr. Hunt came down and said he wanted a settlement so I made a sort of a one with him as follows—my account against him came to 12.75, his ag. me 9.50 see book—balance due me 3.25. The note I endorsed for him at Corbin's was 20.00—his half grapes came to 16.00—balance due me 4.00 which added to 3.25 came to 7.25. I took his heifer calf at 12.00 and paid him cash 9.75 which leaves him in debt to me 5.00 which he says he will pay when he sells something. I forgot to mention the 1.60 I lent him Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>—mean to take it in sweet potatoes and to ask about price of calf. I got letter from buddy inclosing 2 drafts one for \$250.00 payable to Clara E. Nourse—for Patty's school bill—the other for \$100 to my order for children. John finished shocking the corn in the little field,
- 15 Mr. Nelson sowed the rye in the little field—John ploughed it in had Charlie's Molly to plough with. I went to Petersburg with Cousin Harvey to see Dr. Terrill about Mr. Tyler—dined with Dr. T. saw Mr. Tyler there and he engaged to come down next Wednesday to see about renting the land. I engaged not to make a bargain with anyone else in the meantime. Went to Ed. Grant's store—bought some things. Went to Mr. Corbin's on the way home—told him it would n't suit me to rent to him. Gave him my reasons. Sally got a hard fall out of the new swing to-night and cut her lip badly poor little pet.
- 17 Wrote to buddy acknowledging drafts—and to Mrs. Russell—did n't get to bed till nearly 2 a.m.
- 18 Patty and I got up about 3 a.m. and hurried to get off. John drove up to Aurora—we got there just in time to miss 7 o'clock train—had to wait till after 12 for the next—got 6 chairs and sent them home by John. I went to the bank with Patty and got buddy's draft for \$100.00 cashed. We got to Cinti late. Went to Miss Nourse's—gave her buddy's draft for \$250.00 and took her receipts which I inclosed in my letter to him. We put letters in P.O..

Shopped some for Patty—ordered hat &c, went to Clifton. Julia not at home. Tired out and glad to rest. Cold weather.

- 19 Lovely day but cold—spent it at Julia's with Kate and the children. After dinner we went to the Zoo. Saw the elephant and the rest of the beasts. Had a nice time only tired out.
- 20 Mr. Law took Patty and me to town. I shopped by myself and with her. Went to Miss Callan's to get her dress made. Came to Aurora on train—left Cin. At 3 P.M. Cousin Harvey met me in Aurora. I went shopping there. Buggy broke down coming home—we got Mr. Will Terrill's to come home in. Found a barrel of beer Mr. Morrison had sent me at home. Tired out and glad to get back at all and to see my precious own. Robt. Orr & Co., 115 Sixth St. paid.
- 21 Cut out Patty's double wrapper. Sent John home with Mr. Terrill's buggy and to bring my broken one home. He worked for Mr. Nelson after 2 p.m. Mr. N. promising to return the work. Mr. Nelson and I came up and we had a settlement—see act. book. Cousin Harvey put glass in—got letters from Mr. R. P. Marvin and from Loulie. It is still so cold we have to have fires and I am tired out. I miss my big baby.
- 22 The man who promised to come to see me about renting did n't come. I stayed home—sewed some on Patty's gown. I lent C. Rockwell a flour barrel full of corn—to be returned when he sells his tobacco or gets some corn. John shocked corn awhile and then dug potatoes.
- 23 Sue and her family left in the morning. Mr. Snyder took them to Aurora. I sewed some then went to Mr. Arnold's—paid the 1.00 I owed him for hauling grapes. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mr. Corbin the note of \$20.00 on which I went Mr. Hunt's security and brought it home. Got the mail—no letters for myself. I lent Sue \$20.00. Cut out 2 nightgowns for myself--then cut onions & tomatoes for pickles. Sent Billy to Mr. Green. He put on 1 new shoe and re-set 2. The other day he reset 1. John shocked corn a little while and then dug potatoes. I went to see Mrs. Clore who is sick.
- 24 I cooked pickles and worked a little on my sewing. Hilda went to see Mrs. Clore. I let C. Rockwell have 1 gal wine for which he promised to make me 100 rails. I let John help him in his tobacco this evening and he promises to return the work Monday. I wrote to Louly—inclosing her 10.00.
- 25 Got letter from BBG from Omaha. I went up to see Mr. Charlie Tyler in Petersburg. He said he had sent me word that he was n't coming. Went to Dr. Grant's on my way home and dined. Miss R. tucked for me. Mrs. Louden took Aunt Sally 1.00 for me.
- 26 Sunday. Mr. Nelson hauled lumber from the house where Charlie went to live to the house where he was to live. Miss Robinson and I went to see Mrs. Clore. Charlie Rockwell got another gal. wine on the same terms as on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Sent Belle note by John and got one from her.
- 27 I sewed and cut out yokes for my nightgowns. Lizzie and I sat up till after 11 cutting tomatoes and onions for pickles. John began to plough out in the oatfield.
- 28 Had headache all day—felt right poorly. Hilda went for mail and I got letters from Julia and Aunt Nancy. A letter came for Patty. I sent her a note this morning. John ploughed. I sent Sue her letter and Lizzie Fen's.
- 29 Put John at cutting briers and grubbing in the oat field—it being too dry to plough. I felt poorly all day. Sewed and worked as usual. Went in the evening to look at the ground where John ploughed. Went to the barn where Charlie and Ivan were hanging tobacco—talked to him about clearing ground for tobacco &c.
- 30 Rained to-day at last. I sent Pat her letter from Sarah—got one from her telling me she had chills and fever, poor pet. I feel a little better. I sewed on my gowns. John began to haul in

potatoes from the garden but stopped on account of rain. Mr. Nelson hauled himself a wagonload of corn out of the sand field to-day—is to haul me the same of course.

## October

- 1 Rained last night and this morning. Mr. Nelson said he was going to Aurora. I sent Patty a letter by him and her gown to go by Ex. I went to look at the potatoes in his house. I let Charlie Rockwell have 1.50 to buy a pair of shoes. I went to see Mr. Smith—not at home—went to see Mrs. Garnett at Louisa's.
- 2 Charlie Rockwell returned the 1.50 as Mr. Nelson did n't get the shoes. I arranged with Mr. Nelson to put in the field next Mr. Wingate's in wheat. I went to Bellevue with mail—asked Mr. Is. Smith about cutting the corn—he said yes. Charlie Rockwell began cutting for himself at the top of the field. Mr. Nelson started Jim & Tom after dinner to shocking corn—also set Mr. Lacy at it, after dinner. John ploughed in the outfield. Got a letter from Julia and postal from Patty saying Pat was still sick and had gone to Julia's.
- 3 Sunday. A lovely day. Went to church with Miss Robinson—saw Miss Belle. Sent Miss R. home after dinner. I let Mr. Nelson have a sack of good ear corn. This evening C. Rockwell offered me his note for \$10.00 due April 1<sup>st</sup> for the old spring wagon and I told him I would take it. Mr. Hunt sent down this evening a few apples of different kinds.
- 4 Mr. Lacy came and said he had put up 8 shocks of corn—and chopped some of the hickory wood—and I advanced him 1.00—I brushed and put away dresses fixed shelves &c. Wrote to Julia and Mr. Morris in the evening. Mr. Nelson's force worked in the field next Mr. Wingate's—began to sow wheat.
- 5 I went to Bellevue and took my letters, then rode up to the field where Mr. Nelson was putting in wheat. Charlie R. and his horse ploughed after dinner. Jim told me they had cut 88 shocks but he would n't count more than 87 because some were so very small. Mr. Lacy cut 8 small ones. I let Charlie R. have the 8 Mr. Lacy cut and 7 that the Nelson's cut right by his on condition that he ploughs for me a day (to-morrow if the weather suits) to help put in the wheat. Mr. Caleb Lodge came here to-day and took dinner. I went down for the mail. Got note from Kate V. B. saying Patty had chills every day and a note from Sue inclosing a draft for the \$20.00 I lent her—see Sep. 23.
- 6 Got ready to go to Aurora on my way to Cinti—but it rained so I could n't go. Col. Botts came and asked me to sign my name and give .10 towards getting my land posted which I did cheerfully.
- 7 Went to Cinti by way of Aurora. Went to see Mr. Corbin first about coal—got to Cinti on the train that comes to Aurora at 12 noon. Went to the bank in Aurora and got Hilda's draft for 125.00 cashed and mine for 20.00 that Sue sent me for what she borrowed cashed also. Went in omnibus to Mr. Foster's office and then out in the 2 o'clock omnibus to his house—found my baby better. I wrote to buddy in the evening telling him about Patty.
- 8 Went in with Mr. Foster and went to the deposition. Went to Miss Callan's with Patty's dress which I bought at Shillito's. Went out in omnibus.
- 9 Julia took me in to Cinti. I shopped and went out with her. After dinner we went to the zoo.
- 10 Sunday—it rained last night—quit in time for Kate V. B. and me to go to the Clifton church—rained fast coming back to Julia's and all the rest of the evening.
- 11 Mr. Foster took Patty to school in his buggy. I went up to Mrs. Resor's to see her and the rest. Julia had early dinner and took me to town. I got in the Cov. Car and went to Day House, took omnibus and went to Florence to Belle's where I stayed all night. I got from Mr. Foster of the basket money \$50.00 and gave receipt to him.

- 12 Dr. Raymond brought me home—it was in a buggy he got for his own was at the shop. Mean to pay him for it when he finds out. I asked him to. Found all well. After dinner went to Bellevue for mail—got letter from Sue with children's pictures. I stopped at Scott Rice's and pd. Mrs Rice for him 10.00 which Mr. Nelson said he borrowed to buy seed wheat—see Talbott's bill. Hard frost and quite cold.
- 13 Bright and clear. John started to harrow but the ground was so frozen he had to wait and went to digging potatoes. Just before he got his dinner I went with him over to Mr. Louden's and he nailed up door & windows. He then went to harrowing. Mr. Lacy came here and I pd. him 3.75 for 5 rows of wood cut a length I gave him and 64 cents for 8 shocks of corn he cut total 4.39 but I pd. Him 4.40. He says he made 460 rails and 80 stakes and I pd. him 4.00 in June see book—the rest I am to pay when I count them. Mr. Nelson said he had finished sowing wheat.
- 14 Began to clean dining room. M\_\_ came took up carpet and cleaned room. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. I paid my account at Corbin's—got bill receipted as it was longer than usual. John shocked sweet corn in garden then rolled wheat.
- 15 It rained last night and this morning. Sent old cow to Mr. Arnold's. Got John to clean out spring. Charlie then helped him shuck corn for 2 hours. A man named Anderson came from over the river to see about renting. I got John to bring up the stove out of the basket shop. After dinner Charlie helped him haul corn and he helped Charlie haul a load of wood. Mr. Nelson said he has now hauled for himself 3 loads of corn and he would haul me the same. I sewed on carpet what time I had to spare.
- 16 Man named Anderson came again with Mr. Moreland. Went to Bellevue. They, Hilda and Sally, Spalding and Lizzie, rode down afterwards and these last were thrown—old Jane ran off. I got the carpet down and stove up. John shucked corn and hauled it in. I went to look at the potatoes in the evening.
- 17 Sunday. Hard frost this morning but turned warmer. After dinner I rode up to Dr. Grant's—he talked to me about renting to his brother. Mr. Bennett was there and Ed and Anna. Ernest rode home with me as far as Mr. Rice's.
- 18 Went to Bellevue in the morning. Took Mr. Smith's sale note for 12.85 which with interest came to 13.85 and with his consent (Mr. Corbin asked him) transferred it to Mr. Corbin who pd. me cash for it and took out .95 which I owed him on a/c. I asked Mr. Flick if he could pay his but he said not till he sold his potatoes—he went to see about selling them but the boat was gone. I went to see Mr. Nelson about selling them. Went to Mr. Arnold's to see about getting his wagon to haul coal. I got the mail to-day—a letter from Julia—one from Mr. Graham from San Francisco for Spalding. Lovely morning but turned colder.
- 19 Perfectly lovely day—crossed the ferry at Bellevue for the first time. I went with Hilda to Rising Sun. Got mail on return—letter from Julia. John shucked corn—sent letter from Rising Sun to Sue. Rode down late to see if Mr. Flick had heard of any chance to sell potatoes. I got on credit at Davis's to the amt. of 3.00, 2.75, .60.
- 20 Tried to get an early start for Petersburg but had to send all round for a horse to put in the wagon. Hired one at last and got off. Met Mr. Jim Kelly and his brother, Wesley, at the gate—had a talk with them about renting. On the way to Petersburg met Dr. Grant—told him I expected to rent to the Kellys. Also told Dr. Grant I would furnish locust poles to the Woolper bridge which he said would be accepted as my subscription. Took a load of old corn to the distillery, 21 bushels, which at .55 came to 12.05. Went to Frank Grant's and bought 30 bushels of coal which we had a tough time getting home. Could n't have hauled it if Dr. Grant hadn't sent his team to help haul it over the Woolper hills. Got home after dark—the Messrs. Kelly had been to see me—left word they would come next Saturday evening. I

dined at Frank Grant's. By his invitation met Ed there and engaged of him a Mitchell wagon at 100. which with breech and lock chains will come to \$104.00. I am to have till Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1876 to pay it in and after if I request, but after that date must pay interest. I rode old Luce, Charlie's mare.

- 21 Another heavenly day. John unloaded the coal—and hauled the corn he had shucked in my little field. After dinner he helped set potatoes. Mr. Nelson went to see about selling them and did n't succeed. I went to see Mrs. Moody who was sick. Aunt Sally came. I sent Mr. Arnold's wagon home. Did n't get any letters.
- 22 I worked at trying to get the lye hopper started to running right. Went on the hill with John to haul down my share of Mr. Hunt's corn. He said there were 28 of his wine of it and that he gave me 14. Sent John to mill the first thing this morning. Mr. Nelson went again to Aurora to try and sell potatoes he said but the boats were gone. Another day like Paradise. Mr. Nelson went to Rising Sun in the evening, could n't sell potatoes there.
- 23 Went to Bellevue with mail. Stopped at Mrs. Rice's on the way back. Worked at trying to make soap. John shucked some corn in my little field and hauled it and went to mill. Frank Grant sent my wagon sown from Petersburg by a man with 22 bushels coal and the bill for the wagon. He said he could n't get the lock chains with it so the bill was \$100.00. Messrs. Wesley and Ed. Kelly came to see me about renting and agreed to take the land. I am to have the lower part of the basket shop repaired for one to live in. I got a letter from Louly in answer to mine of Sep. 24. Another lovely day.
- 24 Sunday. After dinner, went to the school house to Methodist preaching. Mr. Nelson came up for the 4.00 to pay Mr. Smith for the double shovel plough he bought of Mr. Smith for me, and I gave it to him, and he brought me up the plough. Melissa and Ollie Rice dined here. It was a perfect day.
- 25 I went to Rabbithash to see Mr. Steele about his note—he gave me his account. I stopped by and saw Wm Grant in Bellevue—he is to make out his account and they propose the note shall settle both Wm Grant being in debt to Mr. Steele. I put in the Rising Sun P.O. a letter from Mr. Nelson to Wm. Babb about selling potatoes—went to see Mr. Drake about selling my old buggy. John shucked and hauled the last of the corn in my little field. Hilda and I went to Mrs. Rice's for a few moments. Another lovely day.
- 26 It rained a little last night I think—to-day windy and cooler. I set John to pulling off old clapboards and he hauled two loads from Mr. Coon's old house for kindling. Two men who said they lived on Mr. Owen Kirtley's place came down to see about renting. I told them I had rented to Messrs Kelly. Hilda took the letters down. I sent one to Belle Raymond. After Hilda went to Bellevue she then went with Betty Rice to Mrs. B. F. Garnett's to spend the day. I rode to Charlie's old house—took John with me to show him about the good clapboards there. In the evening I went to Mrs. Moody's and sat up all night. Got 2 letters from Patty and 1 from Julia.
- 27 Came home about 10 a.m. John then went and hauled the good clapboards up to Mr. Hunt's. He had to take Billy out of harness and drench him he seemed so sick. I did n't get much done.
- 28 I made soap. John hauled the ash wood Mr. Lacy cut and put it in the coal house. I went to Mr. Nelson's to see about his fixing the cellar and banking up around the house. Heard that Mrs. Moody had died this morning. Sent a letter to Mr. Brown asking Mr. B to ask the starch factory man about small potatoes. No mail for me.
- 29 Hilda and I went to Mrs. Moody's funeral—a large one attended by Grangers in regalia. Dr. Raymond came there to tell us Belle was here. They stayed to dinner only. Belle brought me

the blk. silk I sent for to trim my cloak. She told us they talked about leaving Florence. The wind blew hard at night and it rained.

- 30 Charlie and John cleaned the cistern. After breakfast R.E. came but only stayed a little while. It was cold and windy. I rode to Mr. Ingram's to ask him to come over and look at the ground I want cleared—he came at 4 p.m. and gave me his opinion on it. I trimmed my hat over. I got letters from buddy, Cousin Rebecca and Julia.
- 31 Sunday—had headache all day. Got the bill for the Timothy Mr. Nelson got in Aurora yesterday—mean to pay it. In the evening we went to Louisa's to see Mrs. Arnold from Woodford. R. E. came and went to church with us, came home with us and stayed all night.

## November

- 1 Jim Nelson sold Mr. Wm. Green 26 bushels of turnips at .25 a bushel which will come to 6.50—mean to get my share. My horse sick. John went to Mr. Nelson's and hauled up and put in the cellar 38 bushels of Rose potatoes which with the 12 bushels of Russets I got from Mr. Nelson before make 50 bushels I reserved out of the crop on shares. My head felt badly all day but I kept going. Jim Nelson sold Mr. Wm Green 26 bushels turnips for 6.50.
- 2 Walked down with Hilda to Bellevue. Sent letter to Patty. Saw Mr. Hunt and engaged him to grub ground in the woods next Charlie's to bare a patch. Went to Mr. Arnold's. John worked part of the day cleaning up the ground next Mr. Rice's. Jim Nelson went to Aurora with a load of turnips—took 27 ½ bushels and sold them for \$12.60 which added to the 6.50 = 19.10 of which my share 9.55—.75 for my share of the expenses = 8.80.
- 3 Mr. Nelson hauled 3 loads of corn and put it in the lower cribs. I had nubbins picked out as it was put in. Sent John to Mrs. Garnett's after butter and then to the store. It rained after the middle of the day and John got plank out of the wine cellar to put in the stable—put some \_\_\_ in wine house. I cooked part of the time expecting company. Mr. Nelson gave me 1.50 as my share of potatoes he sold.
- 4 R. E. came expecting to meet his cousin and spend the day together. He dined here and not meeting his cousin left in the evening. It was colder—and rather unpleasant. Mr. Nelson and John hauled my share of the small potatoes and put them in the kitchen cellar to feed my hogs with. Jim Nelson went to Petersburg with a load of turnips—25 bushels—and sold them so that my share of the money came to 4.80. I was owing him and Tom for cutting 87 shucks of corn 6.96 so I let him keep the 4.80 and pd. him \$2.16 which settled that account and told him to settle with Tom. I sent by Jim Nelson a note to Frank Grant with 3.52 to pay for the 22 bushels coal he sent Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and he brought me a receipt. John counted the shocks in my little field and says there are 38.
- 5 Jim Nelson took a load of turnips to Aurora—28½ bushels—my share of the money deducting expenses comes to 3.90. A woman, Mrs. Star (?) came to see if I would rent her a house. John grubbed next to Mr. Arnold's. I was busy about sewing, knitting &c.
- 6 Cold last night—hard frost and ground frozen. John went to Aurora with Mr. Nelson. Messrs. Wesley M. Kelly and J. E. Kelly came this evening and I wrote the contract renting them the land—we signed it and I am to give it to L. P. Arnold to keep. Jim Nelson took a load of turnips to Petersburg—24 bushels, my share of the money deducting expenses came to 4.40 then allowing me half of the money for some he sold Mr. Resor \_\_\_ bushels, it came to 5.00 which he paid me. Lovely weather still.
- 7 Sunday—lovely day—went to church in the morning and at night.
- 8 Jim Nelson went to Aurora with a load of potatoes, 26 bushels—at .30 a bushel they came to 7.00—he charged 1.50 for himself and less the ferry .70 he gave 1.00 for a new whisky barrel for me to put kraut in and pd 10 cents for sweet oil—also 3.00 for putting lock chains

on my wagon—total 6.80 leaving me 1.00 which he paid. My John went with him and came back dead drunk. We, (Hilda and I) got ready to go to church in the evening but came back after we started it was so late. Lizzie went for the mail and I got a letter from my big baby. It was warm and perfectly lovely to-day. The boys lost half my log chain on their trip.

- 9 Jim Nelson went up with a load of potatoes to Aurora 30 bushels. He sold 10 bus. to a butcher named Bridwell and did n't get the money. He sold the rest for 6.00, the expenses of Jim horse came to .50 ferry .60 – 2.10 which leaves me 3.90. Jim then pd. me .42 which is half of some more turnips he sold Mr. Restor 5 bushels in all. Mr. Brady came and got 12 bushels of which my share was 25. R.E. came and only stayed a little while. I went for mail in the evening and afterwards to church with Hilda. Charlie exchanged work with John and made me a barrel of kraut. It rained at \_\_\_\_\_. John worked clearing up the thicket in the sand field. Jim Nelson hauled me another load of corn in the lower crib which makes 4 in all. I went to see where Mr. Hunt is grubbing in the woods and then to Mr. Arnold's with Hilda.
- 11 I sent a letter to Patty. Aunt Sally went home. I hired old Lucy for her to ride to Rabbithash—gave John an order for a pair of boots to Mr. Davis. Made a bargain with C. Rockwell to-day—that he is to work for me 26 good full days and I am to give him credit for \$20.00. He also got 2 bushels old corn on acct. at .55. Mr. Nelson hauled himself the 5<sup>th</sup> load of corn this morning by my count. He then hauled me my 6<sup>th</sup> and himself the 6<sup>th</sup>. Hilda and I went to church. It was a heavenly night—bright as day and mild. Billy got a letter telling of his father's return. I got a letter from Mr. Foster telling me that my bonds which were in his care (\$600) has been called in by the U.S. Treasury and that he sold them the 4<sup>th</sup> and placed the proceeds, \$709.15, on his books to my credit at 6% in subject to my call at any moment. See his letter in my tin box. I also had a letter from Patty and a paper from Dr. Raymond telling me that his sale would be the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 12 Sent John with wagon to Bellevue for sundries—Dr. Grant came and told me Dr. R. sent word for me to be in Burlington Tuesday and from Belle telling me to come to Burlington Monday and Dr. would meet me.
- 13 Mr. Nelson brought me the 8<sup>th</sup> load of corn—it rained. Jim Nelson took a load of turnips bushels—of which my share free of all expenses came to .80. It rained hard at night.
- 14 The young Aylor cow had a calf to-day. It rained and I did n't go to church. R. E. left. Got John to take a letter to Burlington for me to Belle.
- 15 Went to Burlington—met Dr. Raymond who took me to Florence in the buggy. Stopped at Mrs. McKenzie's a little while.
- 16 Helped Belle get ready for the sale—it turned much colder at night and looked like snow.
- 17 Dr. Raymond's sale—cold and bright. John brought the wagon up but I could n't get ready to come home. I bought some things at the sale—gave Dr. Raymond my note for \$19.25 payable 3 mos. from date.
- 18 Packed my things and started home in the wagon. Stopped in Burlington a little while at Mrs. McKenzie's and at Mr. Winston's office. Got home after dinner time.
- 19 Went to Mr. Arnold's to see the stone masons. Met Horace Grant and went to show him where to get the locust timber for the Woolper bridge. Mr. Smith spoke to me about shucking corn. I went to the corn crib to see Mr. Nelson put in the 12<sup>th</sup> load. Hilda says they put in 3 loads while I was in Florence. John hauled sand for the masons and went to Bellevue for a bl. of lime &c. I walked over to look at the wheat in the bean patch. My young calf died this morning.
- 20 Mr. Hunt asked me to let him have an advance of 10.00 on the ground he is clearing. I went to Bellevue—saw Mike Corbin who said he would take an order for that amount so I gave one to Mrs. Hunt. Stopped at Louisa's to see the stone masons. Mr. Nelson put in crib the

- 13<sup>th</sup> load of corn. John pulled some turnips—topped some—hailed rock to the basket shop and did some other little things. He did n't work all day but went in the evening to Dr. Grant's. Annie and her tribe went too, to Wade's infair [?]. I got a letter from Julia.
- 21 Sunday—stayed home and cooked. Annie got home after dark.
- 22 Mr. Smith came to see about shucking corn. I sent John about 9 a.m. to shuck corn. Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's—took dinner. It was quite cold but bright. Mr. Nelson says he put 3 loads of corn in to-day.
- 23 Rained last night and nearly all day. I sent to P.O. letter to Mr. Foster, Patty & BBG. Got letter from Sue. I put the carpet down in my room. John piled wood and hauled a little, picked out nubbins &c.
- 24 Clear & cool. I rode up to Mr. Smith's and to the cornfield he cultivated. Then to the crib where Mr. Nelson put in corn. Patty and Dr. Raymond came. He brought Billy down for me to winter and brought the buggy. My big baby has a bad cough.
- 25 Thanksgiving day. Kratzen and Thompson came to fix the chimney in the basket shop and to set the stove upstairs. John went to Burlington with Dr. R. to take him to the omnibus. After he came back he shucked corn a little while. Then he waited on the hands and after dinner went to get rocks. Mr. Nelson got 1 gal. vinegar. I went to the basket shop and tried to oversee but the hands were so slow. Mr. Nelson brought me 5.00 which he said Mr. Gaines paid him towards the stock field, Mr. Smith's corn.
- 26 Rained hard last night and rained to-day. John went up to get more rocks. The men got done at last thank goodness and I had to pay them 6.00. I almost tired myself out to-day. Dr. Grant came for more locust timbers for the bridge.
- 27 Sent John to mill. Ernest came down to see Patty.
- 28 Sunday—rained almost all day. Dr. Jimmy came for wine.
- 29 John shucked corn in the morning. I sewed, worked &c. and in the evening went to Burlington with Patty. Went to Mr. Campbell's and sent John home with 2 horses and we stayed all night. It was very cold riding up.
- 30 Bright morning—not quite so cold. Sent my big baby back to school in the omnibus. Went to take home Mr. Calvert's books and to see Mrs. McKenzie. Rode home and did n't do very much the rest of the day. John shucked corn. Went to Mr. Rice's.

## **December**

- 1 Bright and mild in the morning—clouded up afterwards. John shucked corn. I washed my collars & cuffs and worked till after dinner, then Hilda and I went to Mrs. Gill Rice's.
- 2 Had turnips buried in garden. Lizzie and I went to Rising Sun. I put in P.O. letter to Aunt Nancy and one to Belle inclosing 1.50 and stamps for her to send me zephyr. Bought Aunt Sally's dress. Got letter from buddy inclosing one from Cousin Tom Dinsmoor about selling Saline land. Also, one from BBG and one for Sally from Sally H. saying her mother was in Ky. Mr. Smith hauled corn. Mr. Moore put his cow to pasture said afterward he did not.
- 3 Rained this morning. Took stove in dining room down and had it cleaned.
- 4 Set John and John Coons hauling rails to line fence between me and John E. Walton. Jesse Moore worked half a day on the fence. It was warm and muddy. I worked hard all day. Sent letter to buddy, Sarah and Sally H. Got letter from Julia.
- 5 Sunday. Rained hard in the morning. Mr. Nelson brought me 6.00 from Mr. Gaines. Mr. Graham came at dinner time with Ernest and Dr. Jimmy.
- 6 Set Charlie, John, John Coons, Jesse Moore and John Dawson to making the fence—got it done that evening. Rained hard and then cleared at night.

- 7 John set up hooks and hauled a little wood. Went to Bellevue with wagon too. Mr. Kelly came & bought 2 bus. turnips for .60. I went for mail, got letter from Nina.
- 8 Rained so that Mr. Graham did n't go. John went to Bellevue twice—went to mill. I made cake, knit &c.
- 9 Snowing a little, wet snow that melts. Mr. Graham, Lizzie and Billy started at 8.15 a.m. for Aurora to take the cars. I sent by Mr. G a letter to Julia. I rode to Bellevue after dinner—and was cold.
- 10 Raw gloomy day. I heard Sally's lessons finished Patty's mittens and mine, cut out Aunt Sally's dress &c. John hauled wood and rail cuts. Split a load of them into rails and hauled them to the road fence. Mrs. Nelson brought me up 3.00 that Jim got for my potatoes he sold in Aurora to Bridswell, see Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. John got corn ready for mill this eve.
- 11 Hilda went to church. I cleaned the house, made pies &c. I sent Aunt Sally her dress and the bill 4.15 at Rising Sun. John went to mill, hauled nubbins &c. I sent Nina papa's picture and Patty her mittens. Got letter from BBG.
- 12 Sunday—gloomy day—blew up cold. Stayed at home—did n't do much.
- 13 Clear and colder—beautiful day. Mr. Nelson killed 1 hog and I had 2 killed. John Dumont helped. Mr. Smith brought the 5<sup>th</sup> load of corn, afterwards the 6<sup>th</sup> I believe. John hauled logs from Mr. Coons's old house.
- 14 The boys hauled logs. After dinnertime Mr. Nelson cut up my logs. I got 2 letters from Julia—sent one to Cousin Mary Goodrich. Cold.
- 15 Bright and pleasanter but windy. I rode over to see the boys work and to Mrs. Rice's & Louisa's after dinner. I worked hard helping to make the sausage meat till late at night. The boys hauled logs.
- 16 Sent young cow to Mr. Arnold's. Mr. Smith hauled the 7<sup>th</sup> load of corn. I went to Bellevue twice. Sent Miss Nourse a letter with five dollars for Patty. Sent letter to Belle Raymond—got letters from her and Pat. Hilda and Sally went to Mrs. Huey's to spend the day. It snowed enough to whiten the ground and turned very cold. The boys sawed the logs.
- 17 Very cold. John Dumont went to Rising Sun. John cut stalks over in the wheat.
- 18 Sent letter to buddy. John hauled roof &c. from over the other side of the creek, hauled fodder. After dinner John Dumont cut wood. John went to Bellevue with me in the wagon after Patty who came on the boat. She brought me a letter from Belle. Bitter cold. Mr. Nelson took to R. Sun 4 ½ bus. of undivided beans.
- 19 Sunday—moderated. I stayed home with the children. Patty skated on the creek.
- 20 Lovely winter day—bright and much warmer. Mr. Clore came out and pd. his note for pasture rent. He deducted 5.00 for pasture of Joe for 3 ½ months, and pd. me \$145.00. Sent John down with the harness, had Jane shod before and Billy all round, and the saw sharpened. John Dumont cut stalks all day. John after he got back from the shop. John Dumont engaged to work a month for me for 10.00 including what he has already worked. Mr. Smith hauled the 8<sup>th</sup> load (not a full one) of corn.
- 21 This day 3 years ago my dear papa died, Lord love his soul. Every year I see more what he has done for me. Cloudy and warmer. I went to Burlington—met Dr. Grant who went back with me to Mr. Winston's office. Dr. Grant got me my tax receipt and I left \$63.71 with Mr. Winston to pay it—also a letter for Cousin Wm. When I got home found Messrs. John Garnier and Martin Little of the Lawrenceburg Wheel Co. here looking at locust timber. Got their price list and promised to make inquiries and let them know. Mr. Smith brought a little corn to finish up with. I went over to Louisa's.

- 22 Set the hands to work resetting the fence, 2 Johns, John Coons and Charlie. They made the fence up to the corner and some distance beyond. It was the line fence between me and B. F. Garnett and John E. Walton. Weather warm and windy—almost raining in the morning.
- 23 Hilda and I went in the wagon to Aurora—on the other side of the river. Had tooth filled—paid for the Timothy seed Mr. Nelson got. Dr. and Belle came down on the boat. John Dumont went down in the buggy for them and broke it. It was warm and cloudy all day. Got letter from Aunt Nancy. John D. grubbed part of the day.
- 24 Papa was buried three years ago to-day. It rained all night and poured this morning. The house cistern ran over and flooded the cellar. I sent the boy John Graves to mill with 4 bags of corn. Mr. Nelson divided the white beans to-day. By our count he raised 143 bushels of good beans of which I got  $\frac{1}{2}$  leaving some tailings. The red beans he has not divided and I told him I wanted to take my share of those in white. Mr. Is. Smith came and I pd. him 1.55, .80 cents for 8 bushels of fodder he shucked over his share, .75 for sharpening saw.
- 25 Christmas. We all went in the wagon to Dr. Grant's and spent the day. The hands took holiday of course. It was warm and bright—looked more like spring than winter. Got a note from BBG about the books he sent the children.
- 26 Sunday. Rained all day. Dr. was sent for and Louisa had a girl baby. I had headache all day.
- 27 Clear again. John Graves took holiday. John Dumont worked—he grubbed the fence row next Mr. Wingate's. Belle and I went to Louisa's. Dr. R. went to Florence. The children had a little show for our entertainment.
- 28 John Graves did n't work. John Dumont grubbed next the fence by Mr. Arnold's—after dinner began to cut the hedge between the little field and the sand field. Annie and her tribe went to her mammy's. I sent a letter to Sue. Hilda went to Mrs. Ryle's.
- 29 Annie gone all day—John Graves too. John Dumont cut hedge some more. I spent the day in the kitchen mostly. Dr. R. came back to-day. It rained this morning—was warm as spring.
- 30 Annie & tribe came home. Dr. put rings into my sows' noses and John D. turned them out of the pen. I rode to Bellevue—river very high. Warm and misty. I sent note to Lawrenceburg Wheel Co. about timber. John Graves took holiday. I got a letter from buddy inclosing a draft for \$100.00 for the children—also a letter from Julia.
- 31 Lovely day, too warm for the season. Mrs. Dolph, Miss Rabb and two children came and spent a stupid day with us. I cooked, worked and had a dull time generally. Had turnips moved out of the cellar and buried in the garden.