

1892

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“Only the actions of the just

Smell sweet and blossom in the dust”

Contention of Aging 1596-1666

“There is no armour against fate”

Ibid.

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31 Whitaker St.

Savannah

Hoffmann-Bull St.

Ernest's tobacco sticks 1090 Sept. 18th

June

- 1 Helen Dinsmore's wedding day. I wish her all good luck. It was a beautiful day here and after sundown it rained a good shower I went to Bellevue to Mrs. Corbin's and to see Lily Grant. Sent Isaac to Burlington to have Kitty's shoe put on. Replanted my muskmelons. Joe cut weeds in big pasture. Dick did n't quite finish planting corn. It was warm and things look like summer. I put in P.O. letter to Schofield & Son acknowledging check. Got letter from Sue and by to-day's mail one from Sally.
- 2 Showery and cloudy. Dick and his boys setting out the first tobacco. Sent by Isaac letters to Patty and Sara, got letter from Patty. Joe went to hunt my missing buck and mowed horse sorrel till the rain—then ground machine knives.
- 3 Did n't write in this 'till the 5th. Went to Rising Sun, got Mr. Perkins at the bank to cash the draft from Schofield & Son for 69.70. Paid P. Jones Aunt Eliza bill in full to date 10.50. Paid Heyns bill for the things I got for Isaac (sec May 5th) amounting to 6.67. Paid blacksmith bill of W. W. Grant in full to date 4.30. It rained hard at night. Joe cut grass in yard.
- 4 Mr. McAtee came out to ask me about the dimensions &c. of the hay shed and said he would leave a statement of the lumber &c. at Corbins. Flave Loudon came in to settle said he had worked in all 8 ½ days since I last paid him and I paid him in full 6.18. No one worked for me & Joe was to take Posey but said it was not necessary. One of my young cows (I think Katy's calf) had a heifer calf red with a little white underneath, named it Irene. I sent letter to Julia by Isaac for morning's mail—got letter from Julia saying her Julia's train had stopped in St. Paul and Patty and Sally had seen her. I bottled my wine. It rained hard again. I think about or after 2 A.M.
- 5 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B dined here. I gave Mr. Brady Amy's 20. to pay for her mare for him to give Mr. Lee Gaines also gave him paper for Sally to put in P. O. Sprinkled some to-day.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—got Mr. McAtee's estimate of lumber &c. Joe worked—cut grass in yard till noon then ploughed and hoed in garden. I worked in garden and then went to see Lily Grant. Warm day—cloudy and thundering.
- 7 Another warm day—clouded up and sprinkled. Joe cleaned out the barn. My big baby's wedding day. Lord love her.

- 8 A lovely morning. Went to Bellevue put in P.O. letters to Sally and to the Proctor and Gamble Co. Went to see Fanny Clore. Joe cut clover hay with machine till noon—then he and Isaac hauled the cut grass off the yard and got things ready to get in hay.
- 9 Hot day. Mr. Winkle and Sol and Mr. Jeffreys came and began to cut clover among the stumps and Joe to cut with machine. It threatened rain and did shower between 8 and 9 so they had to quit but cleared off and they went to work. They hauled 4 loads and put it in the big crib. Isaac raked with Kitty.
- 10 The same men came back to work—Joe cut more clover and they mowed clover and cut weeds and put up what hay was dry enough—2 ½ loads. No rain at all to-day, warm too. I went to Bellevue this morning—got letter from Sally saying they had received their Washington Centennial Books.
- 11 The same 3 hands worked again and Joe cut some more and they put up part of what was cured—2 loads in big crib and in barn. I went to Bellevue got letter from Patty and commencement cards from Susie Tew and paper from Willie D. and book from Mr. Graham. It was bright and warm.
- 12 Sunday. Warm bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Mr. Brady brought me the receipt of W. Lee Gaines for Amy's mare last year \$15.00.
- 13 Took in clover hay again. Sol Winkle and Mr. Jeffreys worked. I went to Bellevue. They found Siegra with a b. calf red with white marks like her. Hot bright day. Charlie Burns came to see about the painting.
- 14 Mr. Jeffreys and Mr. N. McGuire helped with the hay—cut clover among stumps. Joe cut with machine in the morning and forked hay. It rained a little towards sundown. I went to Bellevue that day. Set out some peppers and egg plants after the shower.
- 15 Hot bright day. Joe ploughed the garden till noon. After that he hauled in clover hay loads. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Jeffreys helped ½ day. I got letters from Sarah from Helen Dinsmore Huntington and from Mr. C Robinson about Daphne.
- 16 Very hot day—thundered and there was a slight shower towards 1 or 2 o'clock. Charlie Burns and John Burns came and began to paint the outside of the house. Joe worked in clover, Mr. Jeffreys worked to-day and Mr. McGuire ½ day, they only hauled a part of a load just as it showered cut with scythes among the stumps afterwards. I went to see Mrs. Clore and to Bellevue.
- 17 Very hot day—oppressive. Charlie Burns alone painted on the house. Joe worked in the hay, Mr. Jeffreys too and Mr. McGuire ½ day. They hauled in loads. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Julia and postal Procter & Gamble Co. The P. O. was moved back to Johnny Huey's new store. I got Mike Corbin to cash a check on the Burlington Bk for 25. that leaves only 50 in bank. Sent by beef man letters to Patty and to Mr. Charles Robinson about Daphne. Mr. J. Walton came and looked at my lambs.
- 18 Did n't write any more in this till 21st. Watty Rockwell and Mr. Jeffreys helped with hay. Joe worked all day too. It rained hard before sundown and off and on after night.
- 19 Sunday. Showery—in the evening I rode to Ernest's.
- 20 Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed to dine. Charlie Burns painted alone and Mr. Jeffreys worked in hay. The hay was too wet to haul. Joe worked. I think in garden and then he ploughed the cabbages. In the morning he and Mr. Jeffreys made wire fence round hay shed—then Joe and Charlie fixed up hay pulley and Joe trimmed hay shed tree. I got letter from Patty saying they expected to be here Thursday. Weaned Katy's and Patsy's calves. Warm.
- 21 Hot day with some thunder. Charlie and Mr. J. Burns painted. The Arnold boys cut Dick's piece of wheat in front of the yard with twine binder. Joe worked in yard and garden till

noon—hauled out manure. Staked some tomatoes and hoed corn. Mr. Jeffreys cut clover where he was not told to and helped Joe haul in a little hay. I sent letters to Patty in Chicago and to Miss Eckstein.

- 22 Hot day but breezy. Charlie painted alone. Joe and Mr. Jim Nettles and Mr. Jeffreys got the barn ready to put the clover in and put in the 2 loads from the wagon and hay shed and then hauled from the field loads.
- 23 Thursday. Patty Isabella and Julia came via Aurora, got here after 10 and Patty sick. Mr. Burns painted alone. Mr. Jeffreys helped Joe. I did n't write in this till 25th. Went to Bellevue late, got letter from Sally. Joe cut more clover. Mr. J. Walton and Mr. Acra came and Mr. Walton bought 25 lambs of me at 3.50.
- 24 Charlie and Mr. Burns painted. Mr. Jeffreys worked ½ day and it rained a shower or so. Joe ploughed in garden and put in some sweet corn. Turned cooler.
- 25 Joe worked ½ day in garden. Mr. Burns and Charlie painted shutters ½ day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. I got letter from Amy.
- 26 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. were here after dinner.
- 27 Hard shower before 9 and cleared off—windy day. I sent by Patty letter to Amy Campbell with check for 16 on Burlington Bank and asked her to get for me 200 lbs. Anchor White head and 30 lbs of Venetian Red. Charlie Burns painted alone. I paid him 7.50. Joe hauled in hay. Mr. Jeffreys helped. Joe said they got in all but one small load of clover. I paid Mr. Jeffreys in full 5.89. After it showered till noon Joe ploughed corn in garden and Mr. Jeffreys mowed some weeds. They said Dick was cutting wheat.
- 28 Did n't write in this till 29th. Mr. Geo. Griffith came to see about hewing. I went to Burlington—at the Bank young Mr. Rouse let me have the balance of my money after deducting the check for 16 see 27th—\$34. I dined at Hilda's. Sent Isaac to Mr. Gaines's and he brought home Amy Campbell's mare Peggy and her colt. Found Ellen here and took her to McVille. Met Mr. J. Walton who gave me a check for \$45.50 for the 12 lambs and the ewe at \$3.50 which Mr. Humphrey cashed. Put in Burlington letter to Sally—got letter from Julia. Mr. Jeffreys worked ½ day helped Joe take in the part of a load of clover and cut some weeds. Joe cut timothy in the bottom and was ploughing in the garden when I got home. Cool bright day and the country looked lovely
- 29 Sent letter to Julia. Mr. Jeffreys came and worked at weeds and then hauled in timothy. Mr. McGuire helped ½ day after dinner. They hauled the hay off the larger part of the bottom in between the ditches, loads. Cool bright and getting very dry.
- 30 It is twenty-five years since my beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her soul. No sweeter woman e'er drew breath. It showered a little, just enough to wet the hay and then quit—turned cool and at night was chilly. Mr. Jeffreys cut weeds till it rained. Then I paid him off in full. After dinner Joe went to Bellevue for paint and barrel of crude petroleum, then hauled wood and ploughed my melons which I hoed. I got a note from Julia and one from Amy with Allen's bill.

July

- 1 Chilly this morning, and clear. Sent by Patty 3 letters to the Banks in Wash and Georgetown. Did n't write in this till the 5th. Think Joe hauled in the rest of the hay after dinner.
- 2 Went to Bellevue to see about the table that came on the boat—that Julia sent me. Joe took the wagon down and brought it out and then he cut the grass on Patty's tennis court, worked ½ day. I went to Rising Sun. Paid Elliott's and Jones's bills for Aunt Eliza. Went to see Mrs. Eliza Brown. There was a shower while I was in R. Sun and at night there was a good rain. I got a letter from Sue.

- 3 Sunday—beautiful day after the rain. Late at night Sally and Til came via Erlanger—bless her little heart. It was right chilly.
- 4 Joe worked for himself ½ day, went after his hogs. After dinner I went to Burlington in the spring wagon to take Hattie home as she got hurt Sat. night when she was coming back from a ball. Stopped to see Hilda, put in P.O. a letter to Julia. Lovely, cool day.
- 5 Ellen came to work. Joe worked in garden and then went to Burlington after Sally's trunk. I got letter from Bk. of Wash. with draft for \$75 and from Nat. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with draft for \$10. also letter from Sally.
- 6 Joe and Mr. Rains cut oats. Mr. John Burns painted. I got letter from Julia saying Mr. Foster was very sick. Til went away via Aurora. Amy and Enid came. Bright lovely day.
- 7 Sent letter to Julia. Sent Joe down for paperers, Mr. Newman and Mr. Mitchell, who come from R Sun to paper my little room. Joe cut oats or bound them. Mr. Rains helped.
- 8 I got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Natl. Bk., Georgetown with draft for \$28. Mr. John Burns painted. Mr. Jeffreys helped ½ day. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked in oats and Mr. Burns and Mr. Jeffreys helped ½ day. Then Joe ploughed in garden and fixed watergap. Patty and Sally went to Ernest's. Mr. Fred said he has worked 5 days cutting weeds and I paid him in full 3.75
- 9 No one worked for me. I went to take Ellen to McVile.
- 10 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Cloudy but no rain.
- 11 Mr. Rains and Mr. Jeffreys helped with the oats part of a day—they got done cutting about 3. Joe helped Dick haul in his wheat and stack it. Flave worked in oats from after dinner till the rest quit. I sent letter to Julia. Got the first blackberries to put up. Cloudy part of the day and rained up the creek but not here. Got letter from Sue.
- 12 Very hot day. Joe went to help Mr. Arnold thresh. Mr. Rains and Flave worked after dinner ½ day finishing the oats. Isabella not well.
- 13 Went to Bellevue for cans. Mr. Rains came and said his and Mr. Jeffreys' work Monday 3/4 day came to 1 ½ day and his ½ day yesterday = 2 days so I paid him for both 2.50 in full. Also paid him in full for blackberries 1.92. Did n't write in this again till 15th. Patty and Sally went to Burlington. I sent by Patty my draft from Bk. of Washington for \$75 (see 5th) and got it cashed. I think Joe helped Dick haul wheat. A sprinkle of rain.
- 14 Dr Furnish came to see Isabella who was well again. Got by little boat I suppose note from Mrs. Brown. Sent to R. Sun by Annis [Annie?] note to Mrs. Brown. Got letter from Julia. and photograph of little Pauline. I think Joe helped Dick haul wheat. Very hot day, sultry.
- 15 A prospect of rain—a shower with thunder after dinner. Went to Bellevue to meet Mrs. Eliza Brown who came on the little boat. Got letter from Mr. Graham. Joe helped Dick haul wheat before dinner—Joe and Flave had a fuss. After dinner Joe took the wagon to the shop and cut some weeds in the garden.
- 16 Joe worked ½ day—went for the wagon and hauled a little wood. Mrs. Brown went back on the little boat. I got let[unfinished]
- 17 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Very cool in the morning.
- 18 Joe worked hauling in oats. Watty Rockwell helped him. Did n't write in this till 20th. Mr. Burns painted. Flave cut briers part of ½ day—went away. Mr. Fred cut briers by the slough. I sent letters to brother Charlie and Julia. Katy was here.
- 19 The unforgotten day. Lord love the souls of all beloved dead. It rained a shower about day. Mr. Burns painted. Joe tried to cut weeds with the old machine till noon—afterwards. Watty helped take in the last of the oats and they worked in the garden. Warm.

- 20 Very warm—cloudy towards sundown with thunder but no rain. Mr. Burns painted. Joe cut weeds and briars in vineyard. Mr. Fred cut briars in the stump ground. Katy was here. I went to McVille to take Ellen. Got letter from Amy about calf. Heavy fog this morning.
- 21 Sent letter to Amy. Mr. Burns painted. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's and after dinner cut weeds and briars in vineyard. Very hot day. Katy here.
- 22 Went to Aurora and at the bank got the two drafts from the Natl. Met. Bk. for 10 and the Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl Bk for 28. (see 5th and 6th) cashed. Ordered sheep tank made. Mr. Burns painted. Sent letter by Isaac to Mr. Graham. Joe began to cut weeds but quit to go to help thresh. Heard in Aurora it was the hottest day yet. Mr. Fred said he had cut briars 4 days and I paid him in full to date. 3.00.
- 23 Mr. John Burns came out to put some paint on doors. He is done all but some finishing up. He worked in all 12 ½ days and I paid him the balance due, 7.50 and 6.00 for his ladders. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with us.
- 24 Sunday. Intensely hot. Frank Cutcheon came via Aurora.
- 25 Very hot and things parching. Sent Joe to the river for the Jersey calf Miss Shaw sent me and he brought out the dipping tank that was sent from Aurora.
- 26 Mr. Walton and Mr. Acra came after the rest of the lambs, 13, and took them away. Joe did n't work for me here but helped thresh to get hands. I got letter from Julia. Hot as blazes. Clouded up and sprinkled a faint sprinkle then cleared up. Katy was here. Did n't write in this till the 28th.
- 27 Very hot day. Joe worked at Mrs. Rogers's threshing. Frank went to Aurora on his way to St. Paul. I went to see Bob Brady about fence. Sent letter to Mary Cochran. Sent letters to Amy and Julia. Mr. Huey's steam machine threshed at the wheat, Dick's and mine. They measured 264 bushels. Mr. Huey was sick and had to go home. Johnny Huey was out and I sold him my part of the wheat for .67 a bushel delivered at the river. Hot day but not so sweltering as Monday. I went to Bellevue and Mike Corbin gave me a check Mr. Jo Walton left there for 5.50 for the 13 lambs (see 25th) and I endorsed it and told him to credit me with it on my account. Joe worked threshing for me. Found Amy's sucking colt out by fence wire. Dick let Mr. Woody have 8 bus. of his wheat.
- 28 Gave Dick London 13.20 to-day for the threshing, 264 bus. at .05. Did n't write in this anymore till 31st. Joe and Dick went up to help Mr. Brady and one of the Walton tenants thresh but Doll Walton told them about hauling wheat. After dinner they both hauled it to the river. Joe said he made an arrangement with Johnny Huey to let him take bushels of the wheat at the same price, .67. Very hot day
- 29 Went up to see the fence Bob Brady put on his line and mine—he finished it. Very hot day, clouded up and there was a little sprinkle. I went to Doll Walton's. Dick went up and got 15 bushels of his F___Is wheat at .67 for seed. Tilden Selmes came at dusk via Aurora. Looked like a storm but went—round, turned a little cooler.
- 30 Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's. Ernest and Lily came in the evening. Ernest to tell me about sheep. Cloudy part of the day and had a little shower.
- 31 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with us. I gave Mr. Brady \$15 to pay Mr. Lee Gaines for May's colt. Hot and dry still.

August

- 1 Not quite so hot—a little shower. Patty and Til went over the river to Kyle and brought Aunt Susan to work for me Ellen began to work July 5th. I paid her for 4 weeks at 1.00. It came to 6.00 and as I had paid her already 3.30 I paid her the balance 2.70 and a quarter for the ferry. Took her to Mcville. Joe fixed fence and watergap and cut weeds. Joe cleaned out

springs in pasture and cleaned out kitchen cistern, and cut weeds. Patty and all went to Burlington. I went to see Ernest about sheep, and to Bellevue. Saw Mr. McAtee, engaged a ball of fence wire at Johnny Huey's at 3 cts. Went to tell Zecky Rice about watergap.

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3 Did n't write in this till the 5th. Patty and Til went over the river to get the stage—went to Cinn. Joe drove the wagon—brought back the lumber for sheep tank and a roll of barbed wire from Johnny Huey. After his dinner I went to Aurora with spring wagon to return the lumber. Got letter from Julia I think it was to-day.

4 Ernest came to say they could n't come to-day. Joe turned the young sheep 35 of them into the big pasture, he cleaned out water holes &c. and cut weeds. Hot and dry as ever. Patty, Til, Amy and her groom came down at night, drove down. Turned cool at night.

5 Joe cut weeds and helped catch up Amy's colts. Another hot dry day.

6 Flave Loudon came in to get his pay for the little work he did before he left and I paid him .95 in full. It showered a little last night and this morning between midnight and sun up. Joe did n't work for me. Frank Cutcheon came via Aurora. Hot and dry.

7 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Ernest, Lily and the baby came to call too. Amy and her groom went away—they took the 2 yr old, Enid, with them. Hot and dry.

8 Got letter from brother Charlie with check on Nat'l Bk of the Republic N.Y. for 322.30 for my July interest also got letter from Sue. Patty, Til, Isabella and Julia went away via Aurora—all but Til starting for Nonquit[t]. Joe spent half the day in a fruitless hunt for a stock animal. After dinner chopped wood and we got out the yearling lamb that was left behind and turned it into the big pasture. Turned the cattle in there too from the pasture behind the house 18 head. There was a little shower towards day.

9 Did n't write in this till the 10th. Got note from Ernest about sheep. Had the sheep put in the lane took out young ewe and lambs to turn in with my yearlings. Marked 61 including 5 lambs to go away. Ernest came down with his and took them on to Erlanger to ship to Mr. J. M. Conner. Joe went to help drive them. Before that he hauled a load of wood and helped get the sheep. I went to Bellevue. Left word for Mr. McAtee with Johnny Huey. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night. Clouds and plenty of lightening but no rain.

10 My beloved sister Belle's wedding day. Clouds off and on but no rain. Hilda came back to stay a little while. Joe got back from Erlanger this morning—after dinner he cut bushes &c. I got letters from Julia and Amy.

11 Did n't write in this till 12th. waked up with a hard rain—it rained several times from 4:30 a.m. on making a fine rain in all and about 1 or so there was another good shower—and it turned cooler—the breaking up of the drought is delightful. Joe cut weeds. I went up to Ernest's to ask about the sheep.

12 Ernest, Lily, Bessie and Miss Lou came—the last stayed to dine and spend the day. It was a lovely, cool, bright day. I got letter from Patty from N. York and one from Mary C. Hilda and Mr. B. came and to stay all night. Joe cut weeds in the graveyard and elsewhere.

13 Sent letters to brother Charlie acknowledging receipt of drafts—see 8th and to Patty and Mary C. Dr. Jimmy Grant's wife was thrown from her buggy and hurt—and was brought here—we soon had Drs. Williamson, Furnish and Grant here—the latter's children besides Mrs. Botts daughters and son &c, Mrs. Rogers, Permelia Corbin and Doll Botts, Will Grant and wife and others. Mrs. Viola Grant did not seem to regain consciousness for 2 ½ hours. Dr. Jimmy stayed all night and thinking no bones broken the other doctors left.

14 Sunday. My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her sweet life and grant her happiness. A lovely bright cool day. This morning Dr. Jimmy and Ed Botts took Mrs. Viola Grant home. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Frank Cutcheon left for St. Paul via Aurora.

- 15 Joe went and borrowed Mr. Walton's bull and turned him in the pasture. Got note from Dr. J. M. Grant about his wife, sent by Wallace. Did n't write in this till Friday the 19th. Went to Rising Sun. At the Bank gave Mr. Perkins the draft brother Charlie sent (see Aug. 8th) for 322.34 and got him to give me a draft on N. York for \$200 payable to Susan D. Tew and the rest in money, he charge .20 and paid me \$122.14 I went to Oscar Jones and paid him for Aunt Eliza 5.25. Ordered lumber for sheep for sheep tank from Mr. Whitlock. Got letter from Patty sent letter to her. Johnny Huey gave me a mem. of the wheat as follows; 127 sacks wheat less wheat for flour;

257.10
90.00
 167.10
67.00
 116.9
1002
 111.89
.11
 112.00

and gave me a check on the Bk of Burlington for \$112. 18 bus. of the wheat reserved went to Joe and 72 to R. Loudon and besides Dick let Mr. Moody have 8 bushels.

- 16 Sally and I went to Burlington. I got Mr. Revill to cash the above check and paid him my taxes for 1892 and got the receipt. I put in Burlington. P. O. letter to Sue Tew inclosing the draft for \$200 see the 15th.
- 17 The day my beloved mother died, Lord love her soul. Got letter from Mary Cochran saying she would be here to-morrow. Had Amy's Peggy, mare and colt turned in the pasture.
- 18 Went down before breakfast and paid Mike Corbin my store bill \$94.85. Went to Burlington to Hilda's to meet Mary who came home with me. After we got back it sprinkled and at night rained. Joe cut weeds.
- 19 Had a good rain—several rains during the day. Joe cut weeds and made a frame for grindstone.
- 20 No one worked for me. It was a pretty day—I got card from Procter & Gamble and Patty.
- 21 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 22 Sent Joe to get lumber and take sheep tank to Bill Grant's—then told him to cut weeds. He went to Ernest Grant's—he could n't give any returns for the sheep—had sent for a statement—got letter from Sue saying she had received the draft for 200.(see 16th). Beautiful bright day.
- 23 Flave who had come home with his bride cut weeds and briers ½ day. Joe cut briers in wheat field. Ellen came to bring me some peaches. It was very hot.
- 24 Mr. Acra came to see about school tax to build school home. My beloved father's birthday. Lord love his soul. Went to Burlington to take Mary Cochran to Hilda's to go away. It rained hard on the way home. Joe cut briers and weeds till rain.
- 25 Went to Bellevue got letter from Patty and Buddy. It rained this morning. Joe worked in the barn—then went to Bill Grant's for sheep tank and painted it, cut briers &c. Ernest and Lily came. Ernest brought me Mr. J. M. Conner's statement of the sheep.

5 lambs 9.20
 1 buck 2.75
 28 ewes 76.50
 toothless ewes 27.00
 115.45

Expenses and commission 8.60
106.85

Ernest said the toll came to .95 so I paid him .10 and he gave me a check on the bank of Petersburg for \$106.00.

- 26 I went to Mr. Elijah Parker's for peaches. Joe hauled wood and cut weeds.
- 27 Joe did n't work—he and Isaac went to Lawrenceburg Fair. Flave said he had worked 3 days cutting briers and weeds and I paid him 2.25 in full. I got postal from Mary. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 28 Did n't write in this till 31st. Sunday Hilda and Mr. B. went home after dinner.
- 29 Sally and I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Clore's. Flave said he cut briers ½ day. Joe cut bushes.
- 30 Went to Bellevue before breakfast—stopped at Betty's. Joe cut bushes and Flave weeds. Ernest, Lily and Katy came. There was a little shower after dinner and it was bright again.
- 31 For several days it has been beautiful—the country is getting to look green again and to-day everything was bright and glistening. Went to Burlington with Sally. Put in P.O. there letter to Patty. Went to Hilda's. Went to Bank and got the check Ernest gave me for the sheep cashed—\$106. (see 25th). Joe and Flave worked cutting weeds. It was cool and a perfectly beautiful bright day. Got postal from cousin Rebecca from Broeken.

September

- 1 Very cool morning, 52 at 5 o'clock—cloudy all day and a cool wind. Went to Aurora with Sally who went from there on the dummy to the junction, on her way to St. Paul. Joe drove the wagon. Worked the road up the hill in clover field.
- 2 Still cooler 50 at sunup. It was a bright beautiful day though. Joe cut iron weeds in big pasture. I went to Bellevue.
- 3 Rather warmer, 56 at sunup. Joe did n't work for me. Aunt Nancy not well. Isaac went to Burlington he said. I got letter from Sally at Chicago and postal from John Riddle at Bayreuth. Miss Blanche and Miss Mandy Parker, Mr. Cason and Mr. Johnson stopped here in passing. Flave said he worked 4 ¼ days.
- 4 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. We had a good shower after dinner about 3 I think. It was much warmer.
- 5 Sent by Dick letter to Sally. Rained last night and soon this morning, Joe worked and Flave said he worked ¼ day, cutting weeds.
- 6 Cool morning, 52 at sunup and cool evening. I went to Mr. Dan Lowell's to see his imported sheep. Joe and Flave cut weeds. Sent letter to Julia yesterday. Put in PO to-day letter for Sally from Cousin Rebecca.
- 7 Cool 50 at sunup. Boiled tobacco for sheep dip—went to Bellevue and stopped to see Katy. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe and Flave cut weeds—got sheep up.
- 8 Dipped sheep, 41 in all including the late lambs. Flave and Joe dipped and finished out cutting weeds. Mr. John E. Walton came and I paid him 10.05 for the 15 bushels of seed wheat see July 29. Cap. G. W. Terrill came and I paid him \$30 for the two colts, Posey's and Daisy's that was killed. Warmer to-day, 57, at sunup. Joe said they took Mr. Walton's Bull away.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Flave cut weeds ½ day. I suppose Joe cut briers and weeds, I was busy making quince marmalade. There was a sprinkle about noon and it was warm and looked like rain. I got letters from Patty and from Julia. Julia said Will's baby had been very sick.

- 10 My darling sister's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul—she is ever young and fair. Flave said he had worked in all 8 days since I last paid him and I paid him in full, 6.00. Joe said he worked ½ day cutting briers.
- 11 Sunday. Beautiful, warm, bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a few moments, also Wallace Grant.
- 12 Did n't write in this till the 14th. Joe and Isaac hauled manure out of the sheep cellar. Flave was cutting weeds and briers. A warm day. About 8 P.M. it began to rain and rained all night so far as I know. I got letters from Patty and Mary Cochran.
- 15 Rained this morning and part of the time very hard and later and again at 11 PM about. Joe tinkered around—made churn dasher &c and hauled some manure between the rains. Aunt Susan sick all night.
- 14 Thunder and rain and hail till morning early. I did not see the hail which was light here but it was heavy in some parts of the neighborhood and injured tobacco. Cloudy and chilly. I had a fire this evening. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty in Maryland at Chattolane Springs and from Sally in Boston. Aunt Susan still sick but better.
- 15 At sunup 50° cleared off and was a pretty day. Flave worked ½ day cutting weeds. Joe worked at a wagon bed. Isaac went to his brother David's wedding so he said.
- 16 At sunup 51°—pretty bright day. Mr. Blythe came and bought the buck lamb for 2.50. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Aunt Sally's son Adam. Joe worked at wagon bed.
- 17 Flave said he worked 3 days this week cutting weeds in pasture. I put tobacco juice on the old ewe and put her in with the young sheep 42 in all now. Joe worked ½ day. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 18 Sunday—did n't write in this till 20th. Patty and Isabella came home on the mail boat. Joe drove the spring wagon down. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. A lovely day.
- 19 Sent Joe to Doll Walton's for 15 bus. more of seed wheat at .67. He worked again at making the wagon bed. Flave cut weeds.
- 20 Sent by Isaac letters to Sally and Julia. Flave cut weeds. Joe finished and painted wagon bed and cut weeds. I got letters from Sally, Julia and Mrs. Brown.
- 21 Last night rained hard with thunder. Did n't write in this again till 23rd. Flave cut corn over by the old place where Charlie used to live, till the rain. Joe did n't work for me.
- 22 Dick sowed wheat on hill side above clover on pike. Joe painted wagon again and went to mill for some sawdust—cut corn besides. Flave cut corn.
- 23 Warm and summer. Joe and Flave cut corn. Dick was putting in wheat over there.
- 24 Patty and I went to Gunpowder formerly Sugartit to Mr. John H. Aylor's and I bought a Southdown buck that he says is 2 years old for which I paid \$15. Hilda and Mr. Brady came here also Ernest and Lily but the latter did n't stay till we got home. I got letter from Sally—very warm and looked like rain.
- 25 Sunday—very warm even sultry for the time of year. Before and after dark it rained hard. Joe said he and Flave both cut corn ½ day Sat. and Flave said he worked 5 ½ days last week.
- 26 Joe went to Bellevue—fixed up Patty's boxes and took them and her trunks to Aurora via McVillie. It was cool this morning after the rain 54° sunup. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. We went to Ernest's. Flave cut corn to-day. I did n't write in this from Friday till to-night.
- 27 Took Patty and Isabella to Aurora to take the cars for Cin. starting for St. Paul—saw them off. Joe drove the wagon. They took the train about noon. It has been a perfect day—river very low. Flave cut corn. Chilly at night, had a little fire.
- 28 Cool, 46° at sunup. Bright lovely day. Sent Joe with spring wagon to Mr. John H. Aylor's, Gunpowder for the buck bought and had him turned in with the ewes. He is a thoroughbred Southdown two years old last spring and was bred by S. P. Clay recorded 3899 and marked

with a ring in both ears one marked 330. Flave cut corn. Joe took the wagon to have the bed ironed. I got letter from Sally with picture of Alice and her baby. Had a little fire at night again.

- 29 Warmer, beautiful day. Flave and Joe cut corn. Isaac went after the wagon. I got letter from Patty from Chicago. Picked the last of the Ives Seedlings and mashed a few for wine.
- 30 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Sarah and one to Patty from Fanny. Went to Betty's and to see Susie Rice and her baby a girl born last Saturday. Stayed for mail—got letter from Sally and notice from Adams Ex. A perfectly beautiful day. Joe and Flave cut corn—that in the garden among the rest.

October

- 1 Flave said he cut corn 5 days this week. I gave him an order on Huey for 5.00. Sent by him letters to Mrs. Brown and Patty and Sally. Joe said he cut corn ½ day. Got telegram from Patty and letter from Julia. Did n't write in this till 5th again. Lovely bright warm day.
- 2 Sunday. Beautiful day. Mr. R. E. Kirtley called on his way by after dinner.
- 3 Took up the dining room carpet and worked cleaning the room Flave and Joe cut corn. It was very warm and cloudy and after dark sprinkled a little. I got letter from Patty.
- 4 Warm windy day—cleared off. I put the carpet down. Joe and Flave cut corn again. Dick is breaking up in sand field for wheat. Got letter from Sue with picture of Margaret.
- 5 Turned cooler 46° at sunup and so cool at night I have a little fire. Joe and Flave cut corn.
- 6 Turned cold last night and there was frost this morning, 36° at sunup. Sent by Will Arnold for my box at the Ex. Aurora—it was the picture Sally gave me in Rome that she had framed. I made chili sauce out of ripe tomatoes. Some things were slightly nipped by the frost but it was so dry there was not much damage done. Flave cut briars a while where his father was ploughing. Joe cut off sweet potato vines and cut corn till dinner. Then he went to Mr. B. Walton's after seed wheat—got at Mr. Riggs's 10 bus. Poole wheat. He hauled in what potatoes Isaac had dug. Sent by Isaac this morning letter to Sue—got letter from Patty.
- 7 Flave worked ½ day. He wanted to settle and we added up. This week Joe had worked 18 days in all since we settled Sep. 10th, which came to 13.50. I paid him two dollars which with the one yesterday and the order for 5.00 (see Oct 1st) made 8.00 so I now owe him 5.50. Joe worked, cut corn in the morning and I told him to mow the weeds on the meadow with machine. Did n't write in this till 10th. Wind blew hard all day—rained a shower at night.
- 8 No one worked for me. Got letter from Sally. Beautiful day.
- 9 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Cooler.
- 10 Cool—fire morning and evening. Went to Bellevue—stopped at Mr. Corbin's. Took letter to Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. came back to stay all night. Joe cut corn and fixed watergap and began to haul coal. Hauled 2 loads from Mr. Corbin's.
- 11 Cool—40° at sunup—lovely day. Joe hauled 4 loads coal and fixed the watergap I told him to before. Hilda and Mr. B. started on their trip to Carroll to visit Mrs. Gaines.
- 12 42° at sunup a bright beautiful day and warmer. Dick brought in the last of my share of potatoes. He finished sowing wheat to-day. Sowed 40 bushels—30 of Fritz and 10 of Pool. He told me to-day he had sold his half of the tobacco to Bob Brady. Mr. Acra came again to see about the school tax. Mr. Lewis Snyder put a horse in to pasture. Joe hauled more loads of coal—10 loads in all and Mike Corbin sent the weight 340 bus. which at .12 comes to 40.80.
- 13 Almost like summer, 44 at sunup. Joe took the wagon down with the big vinegar cask—after mending the wheelbarrow &c. and then dug sweet potatoes. I cleared my room and moved bed down &c.

- 14 Warm like summer 46° at sunup—bright and actually hot. Sold Mr. Blythe my two largest steers at 2.75 by weight he to take them next week. He paid me \$25. on them. Joe worked—dug sweet potatoes, cleaned out springs &c.

Oct 14th

Had a settlement with Joe West. His work since our last settlement came to 254 ½ days last week when I added it up and with 7.50 for extra work 198.38 to which I add for this week's work 5 ½ days up to to-morrow 4.13 total for work 202.51. Joe has received for cash orders and sundries 142.22 which leaves a balance due him of 60.29 which I paid him to-day and we are now settled in full to Oct. 15. I borrowed 35 dollars of Mike Corbin to pay Joe West. Went to Bellevue—sent letter to Patty this morning by Mr. Blythe. Dick Loudon having sold his tobacco came in to see how we stood in our accounts. He was owing me for cash, orders and sundries 99.31. I owed him for 19 days work 14.25 and for 52 ½ bus. of wheat at .67 a bus. 35.17 total 49.42, which leave[s] a balance of 49.89 due me, and besides an item of potatoes he got of which I had no statement.

- Oct 15th Dick Loudon paid me the 49.89 due me and we are now settled in full to date. I gave him the money for Flave 5.50 (see 7th). Joe worked ½ day which was included in our yesterday's settlement. He hauled manure and ashes out of yard—cut stove wood &c. Amy and Miss Louise Shaw and Amy's groom Louie came from Cin. Hilda and Mr. B. came from Carrollton. Their mare was sick. Got letter from Patty. It stayed warm like summer. No fires—windows and doors open. The colors on the trees and all the foliage perfectly beautiful. I don't know when there has been a more beautiful fall.
- 16 Sunday—a peculiar fog or mist at sunup that wet the floors of gallery and porch and veiled everything. Cleared off and was a beautiful warm day. Amy and Miss Shaw went home after dinner—so did Hilda and Mr. B.
- 17 Another fog—the primrose in a round halo of gold mist. No one worked for me. Joe went to R. Sun. I went to Bellevue and paid back to Mike Corbin the 35. I borrowed of him (see 11th) got letter from Sally. It was hot. Mike Corbin said it was 9_ in Bellevue.
- 18 Sent Joe to find the fence next Mr. Rice's hedge in big pasture. Then went to the fence next Mr. Arnold's tenant house and set Joe at work pulling that down and cleaning out fence row &c. After dinner Dick helped Joe ½ day and they set posts and began to build a wire fence there. I got letters from Julia and Mr. Graham. It was a really hot day and the wind blew hard all the time and by night it clouded up. Ernest and Lily came.
- 19 Towards day there was a little shower—it soon dried off for it barely laid the dust. Joe and Dick worked—finished the fence and hauled some rails to fix up the fence next pear orchard and patched wire fence above wheat field. It turned cooler and at night I had a little fire.
- 20 Cooler 44° at sunup and cloudy. Took letter to Julia. Went to see Doll Walton about fence. Sprinkled a little during the day and is raining slightly at night. Joe and Dick worked at fence in barn lot. Joe got a sack full of corn.
- 21 Joe and Dick finished the fence in barn lot and fixed the fence between Mr. Arnold's pasture and mine. Dick worked ½ day for me. After dinner I let Joe help Dick shuck standing corn ½ day to be credited to me when Joe goes to help shuck my shuck corn. They put 2 loads of corn in barn. Dick says he let Mr. Wat Brown have 50 bus. of his corn. Amy and her groom Louie Plummer came down, drove. Amy and I went to Ernest's. It rained at night or before day.
- 22 Joe worked ½ day for me. He fixed quilt frames and worked on gate. It rained gently off and on during the day. I got letter from Patty. Agreed with Dick Loudon with Amy as witness to let him work my blaze-faced Norman for a year from date to break him to work single double to harrow plough and everything—he to feed him when he is working him &c.

- 23 Bright lovely day. Louie got up my filly Belle Raymond and put her in harness and Amy and he drove her yesterday and to-day in the wagon. Sunday Amy went home. I sent by her Daphne for Louie to sell for me in Cin. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to dine and took their mare home.
- 24 Cooler 37 at 7 a.m. Sent by Joe little letter to Patty. Mr. Blythe sent down for the two steers he bought (see 14th). He only sent one boy after them and he and Isaac could n't drive them—after hours of running and worry they with Joe, Dick and myself got them to Mr. Riggs's who said they weighed 2000 lbs and at 2.75 they came to 55. Joe and Dick each worked ½ day. Joe hauled his corn this morning and Dick shucked corn in himself.
- 25 42° at sunup—turned cooler and was cloudy and cool. Joe turned the hard cow's calf out to wean and turned old Katy dry as there are 18 head of mine in the back pasture. The men finished the watergaps up on the pike and turned the sheep and mares and colts in back pasture—after noon they worked on the line fence next Mr. Rice's hedge—they pulled away the old fence, ran line &c. I went to Bellevue and got letter from Julia.
- 26 Cloudy but warmer 38° at sunup. Let Mr. Jim Rogers have 150 bricks for which he sent me 1.00. Joe and Dick worked at the fence again. I sent by Bessie letter to Patty. Got little note from her.
- 28 Bright clear morning. 35° at sunup Mr. Blythe came—the beef I had bought and the weighing the steers .20 came to 4.68. He paid me the balance 25.30 (see 14th and 24th). Went to Bellevue and left with J. J. Huey for Doll Walton 17.05 to pay for the wheat—the 15 bus. at .67 and the 10 bus. at .70. Took letter to Sally. Joe and Dick worked finished the wire fence. We used 3 rolls of wire one of which cost 3.33 total 10. and the men at 7 days work on it 5.25 so the total not counting posts or team was 15.28. They could have put it up in less time if the ground had not been so hard from drouth.
- 29 Cool and windy but bright. Joe and Dick said they worked ½ day hauling rails from fence row. I went to see Susie Saxton. Got letter from Sally and Sarah. Isaac says he worked 4 days piling brush.
- 30 Sunday. Coldest night yet last night, 27° about sunup—the vines on the back gallery killed. Went to church. Found Lovely with a b. calf, red with a slight white line in the forehead named it . Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped here.
- 31 No one worked for me. Joe and Dick worked on the road. I got letter from Belle Raymond in Independence Mo. where they have moved. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. It turned warmer and during the night rained a little. Jesse said he worked piling brush.

November

- 1 Warm and rained part of the day and after dark—very gently. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I got letter from Patty. Joe worked on a gate by the barn a little and helped Dick shuck some shuck corn.
- 2 Warm—sprinkled occasionally and rained a little towards evening. Joe helped turn the horses and cattle over in the big pasture. We turned in 17 head—put some paint on vinegar cask &c. and helped Dick shuck some shuck corn put in the barn. I went to Bellevue. Did n't write in this again till 6th.
- 3 Can't remember much about things. Warm for the time of year and fodder in case. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.
- 4 Went to Bellevue—to get stovepipe lined. Took letter to T.D. and one to Patty—got one from Sally. Turned cooler and began to rain in the evening. Amy Campbell came. She brought Daphne back. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.

- 5 Colder. 29° at sunup. Bright, pretty day. Amy and I went to Bellevue—got letter from her. Later we all went up to Burlington to leave old Peggy and her sucking colt at Mr. Brady's. Amy is taking Peggy and her colt away. We came home by moonlight—it was colder and ice froze in pans, buckets &c. Amy drove Harriet and Fanny down.
- 6 Sunday Cold morning. 28° at 7. Turned warmer and cloudy. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Amy paid me 50. on account of keeping her horses colts &c. She paid me 20. some years ago. She and Louie started home to-day.
- 7 Rained a little before day and there was a shower after ten. Warm and windy. Joe helped Dick shuck corn. Dick says they finished shucking my part of the shuck corn in the bottom and that he has hauled me 7 loads out of the bottom.
- 8 Clear, 32° at sunup. Election day for President—Cleveland and Harrison candidates. Sent Isaac with letters to mail for Mr. Graham and Patty. Got letter from Sally. Joe took up my crêpe myrtles and put them in the cellar. He got up the sheep, tagged some and put them back in the pasture across the pike—worked ½ day. I dug around my fruit trees and Isaac put ashes around them.
- 9 Cloudy raw morning and before 10 began to snow, the first snow, wind blowing from the east. It was a very bad day, snowing and hailing and kept on till bedtime. I sent Joe to Aurora after Express packages &c.
- 10 Not cold 34° at 7 a.m. clear pretty morning—snow about 1/2 inches. Dick came in to get the money for Jess's 5 days work and I paid him in full 2.50. Sent by Dick letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from Patty. No one worked for me. Joe fed the sheep he said. Thawed fast.
- 11 Colder 26° at sunrise—turned warmer and snow thawed. I went to Bellevue stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Joe and Dick worked—hauled fodder to cattle &c. and got some hollow trees for troughs.
- 12 Turned out a beautiful mild day. Went to Rising Sun. Paid off Aunt Eliza's bills at Elliott's and Oscar Jones's to date, also paid Whitlock for lumber for sheep tank. Got goods on credit at Heyn's to the amount of 1.85. Got letter from Amy Campbell. Joe and Jess worked ½ day fixing troughs.
- 13 Sunday. Mild and spring-like. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 14 Mild—39° at sunup and turned to raining. Sent by Isaac when he went for mail letter to Sue. Rained mildly all day. Joe worked making a feed rack.
- 15 Cloudy, dull day, but sunset clear. Went to Bellevue to the funeral of Mr. Morton Green's daughter, Addie—went to Mrs. Clore's and Mrs. Corbin's. Joe worked at racks. Katy was here. I met her and she invited me to Susie's wedding.
- 16 Clear, 35° at sunrise- mild lovely day. Joe put racks up at the old corn crib and prepared to make fodder rack. Got railroad receipt for the desk Til gave me.
- 17 Warm and very windy—about noon rained and at times hard till night—then very windy again. Went to the wedding of Susie Arnold Saxton and Mr. Lewis Smith of Saline Co. Mo. They were married by Rev. Utz of Bellevue. Besides her own family there were Mr. Willis Arnold and his father-in-law, Mr. Stevens, Miss Olga Kirkpatrick and myself. Her family included Ernest, Lily and baby. Joe worked at the fodder rack. Did n't write in this again till 20th.
- 18 Sent by Isaac letters to Patty and Julia. It was clear again. Joe finished fodder rack and worked a little with the vinegar.
- 19 Cloudy and a very little flurry of snow—turned more pleasant. Joe worked ½ day with the vinegar casks. Dick has been hauling corn out of the bottom this week.
- 20 Sunday—clear, pleasant day. Spent it at home all alone. I think it was 30° at sunup.

- 21 Clear day but with a chilly wind. Joe was making a wire fence across the bottom of the creek.
- 22 Colder, 20° at sunup—but bright—went to Bellevue—got letters from Sally and Julia—card from Hilda, invitation from cousin Frankie. T.D. Also paper with a notice of the death of Mary Cochran's sister, Mrs. Millard, who died Oct. 17th. Joe finished the fence.
- 23 Colder, 20° at sunup again and a chilly wind. Joe hauled sheep oats from big crib to barn and we drove up the horses colts and cattle and turned them in the pasture behind the house, and he fed the sheep in the big pasture. I went to Burlington to Hilda's and stayed all night to see the big Democratic jollification over Cleveland's election—big doings for a little place—but cold. Put in the Burlington P. O. letter to Sally and T.D. for Patty.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, by the newspapers. Came home, went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia and notice from freight agent that the desk Til sent me is in Aurora. Chilly all day 20° at 9 P.M.
- 25 Chilly 19 degrees at sunup. Towards eve began to hail fine hail and turned to rain and sleet. Joe went to Aurora and got the desk and hauled a little fodder &c.
- 26 Sent by Isaac letter to Patty. Chilly, disagreeable day. Joe worked ½ day.
- 27 Sunday. Rained almost all day at times hard and raining at night. Gloomy day but not so cold.
- 28 Cloudy raw day. Joe did n't work. Dick gathered corn next Mr. Rogers's after dinner. I sent by Bessie letter to Mary Cochran.
- 29 Another sunless raw day. Joe helped Dick gather corn.
- 30 Cloudy morning—towards noon turned warmer and bright. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally. Told Doll Walton I would sell him 200 bus. corn at .45. B. Walton stopped here to see about seed wheat money that I had paid Doll.

December

- 1 Started to Cin. via Erlanger. Isaac drove me up to take the 2 p.m. train. I stopped to speak to Hilda. Got to Cin. before 3, went to Dr. Clancy's and he worked on my teeth till dusk—then I went to Julia's and stayed.
- 2 Went in town to the dentist's again and back to Julia's. We went over to Wills'. Sent Sally a letter.
- 3 Went in town twice—saw Hilda and Mr. B. at the dentist's. He finished my teeth and I paid him in full \$28.50 and he gave me a receipt. Mary and Henry came to spend the evening at Julia's. Fanny got home from N. York. Warm ever since I went up.
- 4 Sunday. My precious own's birthday—26 years old and still my baby—bless her sweet life. Julia took me in to the boat and I came down the Big Sandy. It was a lovely bright day, mild as spring. Miss Etta Moody brought me out home. I wrote to my Sally her birthday letter.
- 5 Sent Isaac down with letter to Sally and to get mail. Got letter from Mary Cochran. No one worked for me. Dick and Joe killed hogs. Doll Walton came to see the corn I sold him. Got letter from Patty by to-day's mail. Shower at night.
- 6 Like an April day—warm and occasional showers. Sent by Isaac letters to Sarah and Julia. Susie Rice and her husband, Dr. Wright, came and brought the baby to see me. No one worked for me. Doll Walton's hands hauled corn loads.
- 7 Doll Walton's hands finished hauling corn to-day—they got 7 in all and Doll said a load weighted 30 bus. 55 lbs. when they weighed it for Dick. Joe shucked and set up for Dick 5 shucks of corn this morning—then cut some wood, back of the house. Sent letter to Lucy Johnstone this evening. Got letters from buddy about business, from Sally and from Fanny. Permelia Corbin came out to-day.

- 8 Disagreeable, very windy day. I sent by Bessie letter to Patty. Got letter from Patty and one from Julia written yesterday saying she saw in a N. York paper the evening before the death of Sarah's brother, Lee, Gen. R. L. Gibson, which turned out to be a mistake. Joe hauled fodder, fed things, fixed sheep racks, gate post &c.
- 9 Sent by Bessie letter to Sarah, Ernest came for a few minutes and I stopped to see Lily on my way to Bellevue. Bright, pretty day. 25° at sunup but turned mild. Did n't write in this till 13th like a simpleton.
- 10 Joe worked ½ day.
- 11 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 12 Got letters from Patty, Sally and Mr. Bowen about book. The Lex. paper of Sat. states that Gen. Gibson was still living. Joe hauled fodder and after dinner went to Bellevue for flour and salt. Towards sundown it began to hail and sleet, then turned to rain.
- 13 Joe shucked fodder in garden—it turns out very little. It rained at noon and nearly all the rest of the day. Joe tinkered around and went to Bellevue and got Til shod. I got letter from Sue, Lucy Johnstone and box from Sue for Patty. Bob Brady came to see me about my share of the tobacco.
- 14 Dull, gloomy day but not cold. I walked up to Mrs. Bob. Brady's. Sent Isaac to get Daisy shod. Got card from Bessie Thomas. Joe helped Dick shuck corn they finished that over towards Mr. Arnold's.
- 15 Sent by Bessie letter to Patty. John J. Walton (Doll) sent me by Flave Loudon a check for \$96.97 for the 215 ½ bus. corn I sold him. I went to Bellevue got Mike Corbin to cash it and left with him \$6.79 to pay Mr. Acra for the school tax and told him to take a receipt. Went to W. W. Grant and paid him his blacksmith bill in full to date \$18.84 and got receipt. Went to see Betty. Joe helped haul the tobacco to Bob Brady's, hauled fodder &c. Raw, sunless, disagreeable day.
- 16 Another such and by sundown it began to rain. Joe shucked the rest of the corn in the garden and hauled fodder. I sent by Isaac letters to buddy to Patty with present from Isabella—to Julia and to Mr. Bowen about book, also T.D. to Patty. Got newspaper from Buddy. Did n't write in this again till 19th.
- 17 Joe worked ½ day—hauled fodder I think. I went after Betty Rice and brought her home with me.
- 18 Sunday. 32° at sunup the sun came out and it was a pleasant day. Betty and I went to Burlington to the dedication of the new Baptist Church. We dined at Hilda's. She had the Lex. paper which stated that Sarah's brother died the 14th, Gen. R. L. Gibson. We came home.
- 19 Gloomy day but not cold. I went to Bellevue, took Betty home. Got letter from Patty and circular with power of atty. to vote my stock in Farmers' and Mechanics' Nat'l Bank Georgetown. Joe hauled fodder, got sheep back in pasture &c. Dick worked ½ day helping saw wood.
- 20 Chilly, gloomy day. Sent letters by Bessie to Patty and Sarah. Joe and Dick sawed and split wood—Isaac hauled a little.
- 21 This day twenty years ago my beloved father died—Lord love his soul. Settled with Aunt Susan. She has been working since Aug. 1st and now I owe her 25.38. I have just paid her 21.40 and owe her 4 dollars, which she wants me to keep for her. Went to Bellevue this evening. Maggie Kelly died this morning. She was bridesmaid yesterday evening at the wedding of her cousin John Kelly and Grace Walton. Chilly day, 19° at sunup—bright part of the day. Got letter from Sally written on her way home from N. York. Joe and Dick worked—

- hauled fodder and sawed some wood. Got Mike Corbin to sign as witness the power of atty. sent by the Farmers and Mechanics Bk. Georgetown and mailed it.
- 22 Coldest day I have noticed this fall. 16° at sunup—sun came out. Aunt Susan went away, Isaac took her in the buggy. I went to the funeral of Maggie Kelly in the Baptist Church—stopped at Betty's, took to the P.O. a letter to Sally. Got letter from Patty. No one worked for me.
 - 23 Dick said he worked 3 days for me this week. They hauled fodder ½ day. It snowed a dry snow, not very much. Isaac came home. Katy Arnold came and stayed all night.
 - 24 It is 20 years since my dear father was buried. I borrowed 10 of Mike Corbin to pay Dick, gave it to Georgie. Am to pay it when I get my checks in Jan. Walked to Bellevue—got letters from Sarah and Julia also book from little Julia and things from Julia. Coldest day this season, 6° at sunup. Pd Mike Corbin Jan. 9th, 1893.
 - 25 Christmas—Sunday. Not so cold. Snowed part of the day, sunless and raw. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to see me on their way home.
 - 26 Colder, 9° at sunup. Snowed a little sometime during the day. Cloudy and very disagreeable.
 - 27 16° at sunup—sunless and disagreeable. Did n't write in this again till 29th and forget some things. Isaac complained and I took Joe to go to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally. Book from Mr. Graham, splasher from Lucy, photograph of Sarah from Sally Chenault, and my shoes from Pohl. Went to see the Kellys. Heard the boats would quit on account of ice.
 - 28 Another disagreeable sunless day. Joe worked part of the day hauling fodder.
 - 29 Milder and the sun actually came out. I think it was 20° at sunup. Joe worked hauling fodder and he and Isaac took a rack to the pasture. Sent Isaac for mail—he said the river was full of ice. Got letters from Patty and Sue.
 - 30 No one worked for me. Sunless but milder. Walked to Bellevue in the evening and took letters to Sally and Sue.
 - 31 Snowing this morning. 34° at sunup—snowed a little off and on and then rained. After dark, a steady rain.