

January

- Jan 1st Sunday. Raining steadily this morning and appears to have rained all night. Continued to rain more or less with occasional wafts of snow. At bedtime snowing.
- 2 Cold 30° at sunup—wind blew hard all the morning—very disagreeable. Ernest, Lily and the baby and Mr. Wood, Ernest's cousin, came to make a call. Joe worked part of the day; hauled fodder in the morning. Sent Isaac down to mail letters to Julia, Little and the three banks of Washington and Georgetown.
 - 3 Colder. 15° at sunup and disagreeable though the sun was out part of the time. Went to Bellevue—got little package from Belle Raymond. Joe only fed &c.
 - 4 Snowing hard this morning, 21°. I put old Katy in the sheep cellar lot yesterday. Helped get the sheep up. Sent by Joe letter to Patty.
 - 5 The worst day this winter I think. 22° at sunup time—snowed last night again and a little this morning—a keen wind all day. I walked to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally—also one from brother Charlie with draft for \$59 int. div. on Bk. Stock—letter from Tilden with pass—letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for 75 and Pohl's bill for shoes and mag. from Julia. Old Katy had a calf, a b. calf red with white under the body a white speck in forehead and white spots on every foot.
 - 6 Coldest day yet—4° above 0 at sunup and the sun really shone. Got letter from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for 10, dividend, also from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft for 28, dividend, also letter from Sue.
 - 7 Snowed again last night. 18° at sunup time but no sun, snowing again to-day.
 - 8 Sunday. 5° at sunup—sun came out. One of my calves, a red that was over a year old Isaac said was caught by the hind foot under a rock and falling, had broken off its leg. Dick said he would kill it. I went to Bellevue and got yesterday's mail—got letter from Julia. Stopped at Kate Corbin's awhile. It is fine sleighing. Gave Mike letters to buddy and Til.
 - 9 Sent Joe up to Aurora to try and go over for Aunt Susan but the river broke up last night and he could n't cross. Went to Bellevue took letter to Sally. Got photographs of Pauline and the baby from Mrs. Carson probably. Went to J. J. Huey's and pd. him \$21.35 and got him to cash the draft for \$75 from Natl. Bk. of Wash. (see 5th). Went to Mr. Kelly's and paid his son Scott 20.00 and got the order I gave Dick Loudon April 23, 1892 that ought to have been paid in Oct. when Dick and I settled. Pd. Mike Corbin the 10 I borrowed for Dick Dec. 24th. The river was full of ice and barges had been going down. I saw one coming. It has snowed off and on to-day. Was 27° at sunup.
 - 10 Coldest day yet. 0° at sunup and the sun came out bright. At 9:30 A.M., 5° below 0.
 - 11 At 0 again at time for sunup but no sun all day. Snowed and hailed and sleeted off and on and at night was 12° above 0 and snowing hard.
 - 12 Very disagreeable—11° at time for sunup and 12° at about 9 P.M. Sunless most of the day and a keen wind sometimes. Got postal from Aunt Susan—also paper from Fanny.
 - 13 4° above 0 at sunup time—the sun came out part of the day but it remained bitter cold and the wind blew sometimes. Cold as it is there was a fresh snow last night. At 10 P.M. it is 4° below 0. Sent by Dick letter to Aunt Susan.
 - 14 9° above 0 at sunup time and also at 9 P.M. Snowed as hard as it could pour down all day and was still snowing at dark. Went to Rabbit Hash in the big sled—could n't cross the river after we got there. Sent Aunt Eliza a postal and her bundle. The mail carrier and Mike Corbin

crossed on the ice at Bellevue to-day. Joe drove to-day. The snow is now very deep. Old Mr. Corbin says it has snowed at sometimes during the 24 hours every day in Jan.

- 15 Sunday. Sun rose bright. 11° below 0. Coldest day yet. At 9 P.M. 5° below 0. I walked to see the river which is frozen over as far as one can see. Gave Mike Corbin a letter to post for Patty. Stopped to see Permelia who is still sick. Very cold and with a keen wind part of the time. Splendid sleighing if I had a sleigh.
- 16 2° below 0 at sunup—went to 15° above during the day, 8° above at 9 P.M. and snowed after dark. Joe went to Kyle Ind. after Aunt Susan and brought her home—they crossed the river on the ice at Aurora. Amy Campbell's Louis Olmanner [?] came down on horseback after Amy's colt.
- 17 Colder 8° below 0 at sunup but bright. Louis started for Cin. with Amy's horse colt. Sent by Louis a letter to Amy and Pohl's bill with 7.00 to pay for my shoes, (see Jan. 5th). Ernest, Lily and the baby came to call. I went to Bellevue got my receipted bill from J. J. Huey for 23.73 most of which was paid Jan 9th. At 9:30 P.M. it is 11° above 0.
- 18 Not so cold; 18° above 0 at sunup time and snowing very hard. Snowed all day long. At 9 P.M. 20° above 0. I went to Rabbit Hash in the buggy and walked over the river on the ice to R. S. Went to Heyn's and got him to cash my draft for 28 (see 6th) and paid my bill there of 14.85 and got receipt. Paid Oscar Jones up to Jan. 21 and got receipt 8.00. Paid Elliott in full for coal to date, 4.00, and got receipt. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash my drafts from buddy for 59.00 and from Wash. for 10.00 (see 5th and 6th). Put in R. Sun P. O. letter to Sally. The men on both sides of the river were busy getting coal out of the frozen ice in barges with all sorts of sleds and slides from two horse sleds to hand sleds. Katy came.
- 19 Colder 6° below 0 at sunup and the sun came out bright. Joe and Dick hauled coal for themselves from Rabbit Hash. I got letter from Amy. At 9:30 P.M. down to 0 again or a little below.
- 20 Colder 10° below 0 here. Mr. Arnold looked earlier and it was 12. I sent by Joe note to Mrs. Carson and letter to Sally. Walked to Bellevue and to Katy Arnold's. Left with Katy some silver to keep for me. Told Mike Corbin to make out my account so I could send him a draft—he said it was 129.00 of which Joe's coal was 13.80. I got letters from Patty and Julia. Julia was just starting for Florida. Did n't write in this till the 29th.
- 21 Milder 18° and snowing hard. Left home about 7 A.M. to go to Cin. Came in a big sled with Mike Corbin who was going to Erlanger for goods. Left with Aunt Susan orders for Dick and Joe for coal for each and 4.00 in money for them to get coal for me. Got to Burlington and stopped to tell Hilda goodbye—went on to Erlanger and took the 2 P.M. train for Cinti. Left on the evening train for Chicago.
- 22 Sunday. Got to Chicago about 1—five hours late. Left on the evening for St. Paul. Cousin Willie Rucker (Col. W. A. Rucker U.S.A.) died last night or early this morning of pneumonia at the Virginia Hotel Chicago.
- 23 Arrived at St. Paul in the morning. Tilden, Frank and Sally met me—we went by for Patty who was not very well and brought her to Sally's where she spent the day. Buddy came up to see me and I asked him for a draft to send the Corbins for my bill which he sent up by Frank Cutcheon. Cousin Rebecca came to see me. Sally got a telegram from Cousin Louly telling of Cousin Willie's death. It was cold here.
- 24 Patty and Frank Cutcheon went to Chicago to Cousin Willie's funeral. Paid Corbin in full 129.00
- 24 I think it was to-day that I sent a letter to A. Corbin and Son with the draft on N.Y. for 129.00 that buddy sent me from my interest.
- 25 To-day Cousin Willie's funeral services took place in Chicago. I got postal from Hilda.

- 26 Frank came back early and said Patty had gone on to Washington with Cousin Louly. Went to buddy's.
- 27 Sent Hilda a letter. The weather has been so cold since I got here 12 below 0 sometimes and Sally so poorly with a cold that I have only been to Patty's and buddy's. Buddy and cousin Rebecca spent the evening.
- 28 Milder and snowing. Sally and I went down town shopping. Miss _anzer went to Cin.
- 29 Sunday. Clear and cold—buddy came and we all went there to dine. Til had a letter from Patty from Wash.
- 30 Sally in bed all day. 3 below 0. Louly Maxfield came to see us.
- 31 Bad blizzard—paper says 3 below 0. To-day's paper says the ice gorges in the Ohio river broke up yesterday and the river is rising and full of floating ice—weather milder of course and raining some places. This evening's paper says it is the worst blizzard for years in the north west. Mr. Petit came to give a French lesson this evening. Did n't write in this till Feb. 5th. Cin. paper says the river broke up the night of Jan. 30th or rather on the morning of the 29th after a thunderstorm the night of the 28th.

February

- 1 Very cold.
- 2 Snowed all day. Went with Sally to lunch at Mrs. Lamborn's—and at night to the theatre to see Rosina Vokes.
- 3 Very cold—twenty odd below and very bad. French lesson again. Buddy came.
- 4 Very cold—down among the double zeros. I stayed in the house on account of the dreadful cold the last two days. Cousin Rebecca and Patty came.
- 5 Sunday. Sally's wedding day. She has been married two years. It moderated last night and is mild by comparison. We went to Patty's for a little while. Dined at buddy's. It turned cold before we came back with a keen wind.
- 6 Bright and very cold again. After breakfast 15° below with a keen wind. Sent letters to Katy Arnold and to the P.M. about my letters.
- 7 It was 24° below last night and after breakfast to-day 10° below. Sally and I went downtown to look at the Laura Nevins Range—went to Patty's to lunch. Mrs. Robertson, Hall, Glenn and Miss Forte called on me. Mrs. W. Peel in the evening. Cousin Rebecca came. We had our French lesson.
- 8 Clear and bright. 6° below after breakfast. Patty came. I wrote and sent letter to Sally Chenault. Went to call on Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Hall. In the evening it snowed—we went to Mrs. Billy Peet's.
- 9 Snowed all day as hard as it could, warmer. Patty and Til dined here. Sally and we went to the theatre to see Willard. Did n't write again till 15th.
- 10 Pleasant day. Went to a lunch Cousin Rebecca gave. All three of us went. In the evening I had my French lesson alone and then went to a club German to see Sally dance. Patty was receiving.
- 11 Sally had a lunch. Patty assisted behind the scenes. I went downtown alone afterward. I think I got my letters from home—from Julia, Lizzie Mitchell and Mr. Graham.
- 12 Sunday. Spring-like day—snow thawing. Sally and I went to the West Hotel Minneapolis to see Mrs. Atwater. We all dined at buddy's—and then went to St. Paul's church to see the rood screen the memorial to Gen. Sibley—to hear bishop Thomas preach and Miss Katharine Gordon sing.
- 13 Monday. I came over to Patty's but went back and dined with Til at Sally's while Patty went to a dinner party. Got letter from Hilda.

- 14 Sent letter to Hilda. Turned cold again. Went with Mrs. Furness to a recital of the Schubert Club. At night I went to Sally's to take my French lesson from M. Petit. Patty and Sally went to Mr. Luther Newport's German at the Country Club.
- 15 Milder. Patty, Sally and I went to see Hermann the magician at a matinee. Brother Charlie came up in the evening.
- 16 Mild. Sally came over and I went to see Cousin Rebecca with her and downtown. Put in box letter to cousin Louly R. Went to make calls with Patty afterwards. Did n't write in this till 20th.
- 17 Snowed hard all day but not very cold. Sally came for me and we went on a long King's Daughter walk to see the poor. Then in the evening I went to her house for French.
- 18 Sat. We went to Mrs. J. Hill's to see her pictured and fine house. At night went with Frank Cutcheon to his theatre party to see Jim Corbett the prize fighter now champion of the world in his play of Gentleman Jack. Til and Patty and others went—we all stopped at Sally's for supper afterwards. Clear and mild, comparatively.
- 19 Sunday. Patty had company to lunch and we all went to buddy's to dine. Cousin Rebecca told me John had landed in New York. Joe said the first lambs were born the 19th.
- 20 Went to Sally's for a little while. Til went to St. Louis this evening. Buddy and Louly and Mr. Maxfield came to call. It snowed some. Miss Katy Gordon got Patty to go home with her and stay all night.
- 21 It is a month to-day since I left home. Snowing again, but cleared off. I sent letter to Katy. Louly, Maxfield and Sally came to lunch. Patty and I dined at Mrs. Furness's. I went to Sally's to French.
- 22 Went to Dr. Bigelow's the dentist. Made some calls, went to buddy's &c. Went to buddy's office and got \$50 of my interest money.
- 23 Patty had company to lunch, Mrs. Hall &c. We went to Sally's to dine. She had company and the family. We went to see models of Hiawatha. Snowed.
- 24 Friday. We went out to Louly's to lunch with Patty and Sally. Had my last French lesson with M. Petit.
- 25 We went to see Enid's model. I went to see Isabella dance. Patty had Cap. Jacobs, Mrs. Jacobs and the family to dine. Clear and pleasant.
- 26 Sunday. Til got home from St. Louis. Sally and I started for home on the night train. Clear and pleasant.
- 27 Got to Chicago about 10 A.M. The country was still covered with snow down to Chicago. Mild and pleasant there. Sally and I went to the World's Fair grounds. The snow had melted and the grounds were mostly puddles. We met Enid Yandell and she went with us part of the time and afterwards came to dine with us. We went to see the Esquimaux and the buildings. It rained hard the night we left.
- 28 Got to Cin. via the Big Four too late for the early train and came out on the 12:15. Sent postal to Patty. Came from Erlanger to Burlington to Mr. Brady's, borrowed their buggy and we got home before sundown. Found the house and all apparently right for which I am thankful. Joe said there were 10 lambs all of which lived. Bright, pleasant day though the wind was chilly. They had a hard snow here a week ago yesterday.

March

- 1 Lovely mild bright day felt like spring. Sent Isaac with letter to Julia and postal to Patty. Joe brought out the mail that had been kept for me including letter from Julia and photographs of little Christine Graham and Lizzie Mitchell Hodges. I went to Bellevue in the evening to see Joe Mauer about trimming vines. Joe cut hedge and went to B. for trunks.

- 2 Another pleasant mild spring day. Went to Bellevue—got ½ bushel clover seed and 2 bus. timothy. Got my receipted bill from Mike Corbin paid with the check for 129.00 (see Jan. 24). One of the Walton ewes had twins to-day and one of my bobtailed ewes had a lamb later. Joe said he finished cutting hedge to-day. At dusk it rained. Got letter from Julia.
- 3 Not as pleasant, cloudy and raw and at sundown snowed. Joe sowed clover on the wheat in the upper part of the big field on pike. He also sowed some timothy over by Mr. Rogers's and selected place for plant bed and grubbed it a little. One of my bob-tailed ewes had a dead lamb, born dead. I went to Bellevue.
- 4 Another lamb dead. Cold 18° above 0 at sunup. Another pair of lambs. Dick told me that Dick Lacy had worked 2 ½ days for me cleaning up in the pasture and that he had worked 1 ½ days hauling fodder and apple trees off ploughed land. Duke Rice sent his brother with our order for 8.24 for the coal Joe and Dick got, and I paid him in presence of Sally. He sent me by Joe a receipt but not the orders. I went to Katy. Saturday—the day that Grover Cleveland and Adlai Stevenson are to be inaugurated as President and Vice President. Joe worked ½ day sowed timothy.
- 5 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined. Bright day and not so cold. One of my own raised ewes (bob-tailed) had a lamb.
- 6 Bright day, 25° at sunup. Mr. Mauer came to trim vines. Sent by Isaac letter to Patty and to Luther Tucker & Son with draft for 2.50 for subscription to Co. Gentleman. Counted the lambs to-day, 20 in all this morning. Got letter from Patty and from Julia with present of orange knife. Saw signs of spring—a remembrancer and heard a robin sing loud and long. Joe sowed timothy.
- 7 Cloudy most of the day but warm. Mr. Mauer and Mr. Cook came and finished the grapes. Joe sowed grass seed helped Mr. Mauer some and burnt trash. Isaac raked.
- 8 Rained part of the day. Joe hauled manure on his garden before noon then I got letters from Mrs. Brown and Fanny. Had some rain at night with thunder. Sent to Atlee Burpee letter to Sue with 1.00.
- 9 Rained a little off and on. Joe ploughed for oats and ploughed his garden in with it. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Peter Henderson with 1.00 for roses. Got birthday letter from Patty and one from Harriet.
- 10 Bright pleasant day—mild. Heard the frogs singing. Sally and I went to Ernest's—got photograph from Cousin Tom F. of his house. Bob-tailed ewe had twins.
- 11 Rained last night and this morning off and on. Bob-tailed ewe had a lamb, she was speckle faced with a bell. Bob-tailed black-faced bell ewe had a lamb. Joe worked ½ day at odds and ends. Sally went to Erlanger to go to Cin. to meet husband on his way home from Washington. Isaac took her up. Daisy sick apparently with colic. Got letter from Julia with box of guava jelly.
- 12 Sunday. Sally came home on the boat. A bright pretty day. Hilda spoke as she passed by. Isaac went for Mr. Corbin who came out to see Daisy. She is better but still sick someway.
- 13 Sent by Rose letters to Sarah and Cosmopolitan Mag. Lovely bright day. Found plenty of turkey peas in the woods. Sally and I went to Burlington found Hilda not at home—she and Mr. B. came here afterwards on their way to and from Bellevue.
- 14 Blew hard last night and turned colder—raw chilly cloudy windy day. Joe ploughed in field in front of his house. About noon one of the youngest lambs had a lamb. Later one of them (both bob-tailed) had twins, a black and a white.
- 15 Cold and very disagreeable. 27° about sunup and a little snow off and on. 3 new lambs the ewes one black faced one white faced both bob and the other white faced long tailed later

the old ewe (crop eared) had a ewe lamb. Joe hauled fodder and then ploughed. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Sue and seeds from Burpee.

- 16 Cold 17° above 0 at sunup. Sent by Rose letter to Lizzie Hodges.
- 16 Pleasanter—a bright day but chilly. We walked to Bellevue and stopped to see Susie Rice and the Arnolds. Sent Isaac to Burlington to get Kitty shod. Joe finished ploughing in front of his home. Went to Bellevue for seed oats in the morning—ploughed a little in the garden—got notice from Henderson about rose plants.
- 17 Snowing hard most of the day. Joe hauled wood for himself part of the day. Took Amy to Mr. Brady's Jersey. He then fixed fence next Mr. Arnold's. Sally went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Isabella. Long tailed black faced ewe had very large buck lamb.
- 18 Went to Erlanger with Sally on her way to St. Paul. She took 2 P.M. train for Cin. Joe drove the wagon. We stopped some time at Hilda's. Mr. R. A. Brady brought to his father's the bills &c. about the tobacco and left the money for my part of it, 76.05. Dick Loudon sold his half of it to Mr. Brady for \$125. I walked to Bellevue after we got back. Got letter from Aunt Eliza. Rusty looking little late lamb had a lamb. The black twin lamb dead. It was a pretty day and most of the snow melted.
- 19 Sunday. Black-faced bob-tailed ewe had a pair of buck lambs. Chilly cloudy raw day.
- 20 This morning 28° turned warmer at night is blowing and raining. Joe, Dick Lacy and Isaac hauled rock off the pasture where Dick ploughs. Dick says he worked 1 day and Dick Lacy. I fixed boxes and sowed tomato seeds; Livingston's Beauty mostly with some old Matchless seed. It blew and rained at night.
- 21 Mild and misting but cleared off. Joe sowed oats and Dick Lacy harrowed. I went to Bellevue bought tobacco canvas 243 yds, of which yards are to be charged to Dick L. Got letter from Patty and Sarah, postal from Sally and Ex. notices.
- 22 Isabella's birthday. Lord love her little life, she is seven times one to-day. Joe sowed clover on strip below the wheat in clover field. A black-faced bob-tailed ewe has a lamb. Sent by Isaac this evening letters to Sarah and to Isabella. Got letter from Sally and reply from Cosmopolitan. Joe hauled rock till noon and then it rained. He put handle in rock hammer and broke some after the rain was over. Did a little brushing up in the kitchen cellar too. Dick Lacy and Jess helped ½ day hauling rock. Warm and showery—lots of turkey peas in the woods.
- 23 Warm and looks like rain. I heard the doves this morning and Aunt Nancy said that she heard them several days ago. Started to go to Mr. A. Kelly's but the trace broke and we had to go home. I went to Mr. Cy Kelly's and ordered 8 peach trees and 2 Seckel and 2 Bartlett trees from his brother. Got postal from Sally in St. Paul. Put in P. O. her letter from Cousin Louly. Joe, Dick Lacy and Jess hauled rock where Dick is ploughing. After 9 P.M. a hard rain with wind thunder and lightning.
- 24 Sent by Rose letters to Harriet and Sally. Went to Aurora via Petersburg. Sent Patty baskets—got box from her and Dinsmore roses from Henderson N.Y. Bought harness for wagon &c. It sprinkled some in the morning then became very windy. A violent wind on the river. Some daffodils came into bloom. Joe drove the spring wagon for me.
- 25 Turned colder last night, 32° at sunup and some mush ice in buckets out of doors. Counted the lambs again, still only 35. Later a light faced long tailed ewe had twins. Hilda and Mr. B. came a little while. Got letter from Sally. Joe worked ½ day. He hauled a load of corn to barn. I set out four cherry trees from on the hill in the yard. Sallie Chenault had a daughter.
- 26 Sunday. Disagreeable cloudy chilly day. A black faced bob-tailed ewe had lamb. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.

- 27 Very disagreeable chilly day. Joe hauled manure from stalls to yards and Isaac helped. I went to Bellevue late—took letter to Sue. Flora came.
- 28 Sunny but chilly. I went to Bob Huey's to get a plant and to Bellevue. Joe and Dick Lacy hauled hedge trimmings. Yesterday Joe got up May and Posey and took them away from their colts. He also found a lamb dead. There was a new one to-day.
- 29 The ground was frozen and there was ice in a bucket—quite thick for this time of year. Joe and Dick Lacy finished hauling hedge and then Dick L. burnt and dug my plant bed while Joe made rock bed for the wagon. I went to see Mr. Arnold about the fence and to see Douglass Rice about willows being cut and put in the creek. Brought out the fruit trees Mr. Albert Holly sent me. 4 peach trees 2 Bartlett and 3 Sichel pears.
- 30 Doll Walton and Bill Snelling came to see about buying Daphne. Bill Snelling took her home if he can make her plough he is to buy her for \$53. payable a year from now with Doll Walton as security. If not he can bring her back. I rode up to see L. Kelly about line fence. Dick hauled out four bus. seed potatoes for himself and 1 bus. for Joe, 1.20 per bus. at Huey's. I am to furnish the 4 bus. to Dick for seed. Set out to-day 4 peach trees in the yard and 2 Bartlett pears—in a row in the corner of the garden. 3 Seckel pears. Gave the other peaches to Dick and Joe. Got letters from Patty and Julia. It was a pretty day warm and spring-like. Joe and Dick Lacy hauled rocks off the clover field.
- 31 Good Friday—a pleasant mild day. I worked most of the time setting out and trimming roses &c. A singular thing happened to-day. While I was setting rose roots I told Isaac to take some surface earth to fill up with and he took up in the spade my mother's gold thimble that I lost perhaps thirty or more years ago. It had her initials on it and was in perfect order as when it was lost. I got Easter token from Harriet. Joe and Dick Lacy hauled rock.

April

- 1 To date Dick Lacy has worked 13 days for me. Got letter from Patty—she says Sallie Chenault had a daughter—she heard of it last Sat.
- 2 Went to Sunday School supposing there was church. Easter Sunday a pretty bright day, very pleasant. Went to Betty's a little while. Ernest and Lily came and the baby and dined with me. The daffodils are blooming abundantly. I found in the woods bloodroots in bloom and other little early flowers.
- 3 Sent by Isaac flowers and letter to Patty. Pleasant day. Joe made trellis for front porch. Then sowed my plant bed with lettuce and cabbage then went up to the fence next Mrs. Kelly's and grubbed out some. At night or after sundown there was a rain with much thunder. Dick Loudon planted share potatoes on sod ground. Warm—had no fire till evening.
- 4 Joe and Dick Lacy worked—they hauled rails and fixed the fence by Mrs. Kelly's land—fixed watergap and hauled some manure on the garden. I went to Bellevue. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Mr. Brady brought 4 grapevines sent me by Mr. Robert Kirtley. I set them out below the persimmon tree. The Vergennes next the tree and paling, the Pocklington next the paling below, and the two Moore's Early in front. Ernest came to tell me about getting cattle. I went to see Mr. Arnold about the wire fence they threw a tree on. Paid Mr. Cy Kelly 3.20 for trees.
- 5 Found a ewe that I think was a late lamb of year before last with a new ewe lamb. She has a long tail. Had the tails cut off the other ewe lambs, 17 in all and counted 22 buck lambs, turned all but the one with the new lamb out on the big pasture. Joe and Dick Lacy worked—they ploughed in the garden and planted potatoes, onions, radishes spinach, beets, and Joe hauled a load of wood. I planted some sweet peas in the garden. Cooler—had fire all day.

- 6 Duke Rice came to see about getting Belle R. to break but she did n't suit him. Joe said Dick attended to the calves. I turned out the other ewe and lamb. Joe took May to Mr. Gaines's but he had sold his horse Oscar Wilde. Dick Lacy hauled rocks off the clover and Joe helped him after dinner. I walked to Bellevue—took box of daffodils for Sally. Got letter from Patty. Saw a butterfly to-day. Pleasant rather cooler.
- 7 Warm—no fire all day and none at night. A hard wind blew all day. Joe and Dick Lacy raked and burnt trash off the clover field. I burned brier piles on cherry hill and Isaac helped. Mr. Weisickle got ½ bus. corn on the rock he is breaking. I got letter from Sally.
- 8 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Joe said that Jess helped after dinner yesterday because Dick Lacy was sick. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue—took letters to Julia—did n't get mail if any. Rained at night—warm all day.
- 9 Sunday—cooler—had fire. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined and afterwards we went to the river—and saw Ben Corbin, John J. Huey, Will Rogers and Mrs. Sutton's daughter baptized—it was cloudy and the river was still and misty. Dick Lacy worked 3½ days last week.
- 10 Dick said he got 2 bolts of canvas he thinks, 207 yds. the 2 bolts at 4 cts. Had a good rain last night and misting rain this morning. Sent by Isaac letters to Patty for to-morrow's mail, also sent letters to Mr. Graham and Belle Raymond. Got letter from Patty. Sent Joe with May to Mr. Jim Riddle's and he left her there.
- 11 My dear sister Belle's birthday—may she be blest forevermore. Sent Patty and Sally boxes of flowers. It began to rain and poured down most of the day—a chilly rain. Charlie Burns came out to see about the timbers for barn shed. I told him to order for me 36 m. La. cypress shingles. Joe and Dick Lacy went up to chop trees but the rain sent them home. The water was out of the banks over part of the bottom, could n't get cows.
- 12 Rained some in the morning. Blew hard and quit raining afterwards. I went to Bellevue and to see Charlie Burns about shed timbers. After dinner Joe, Dick, Dick Lacy and Jess went up to Mr. Brady's clearing to cut and saw trees. I went up. There is the greatest profusion of wild flowers this year and they are beautiful. I got letter from Julia. Cool at night.
- 13 The men worked getting out the timber and Joe went this evening to see Mr. Rollins about hauling the logs. I went to see Jimmy Burns about it. Got letter from Julia. It was warm like summer. The bloom of the fruit trees is beautiful. The grass is very green and the trees coming out fast. I heard a whip-poor-will this evening. Found a large piece of plaster had fallen off the ceiling in Hilda's room.
- 14 Rained slightly and misted off and on all day—rained hard at night and they say there was sleet or hail. A chilly disagreeable day. Joe and Dick Lacy sawed for me. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Sue and card from Sallie Chenault.
- 15 Colder 37° at 6:30 a.m. No one worked for me. Cloudy, chilly day.
- 16 Sunday. Frost this morning. I saw it white on things—stalks, sticks &c. Aunt Susan says she saw ice. Chilly day, cloudy most of the time. There are two buck lambs born since the sheep were turned out—the ewes are long-tailed black-faced. Mr. Rollins came to see about hauling logs. The thermometer was 35° this morning. I did n't see anything look hurt by the frost.
- 17 Frost again but not so cold—38° at sunup. A pretty day. I worked most of the time in the yard. Sent letters by Rose to Patty and Sue. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Joe worked cutting wood in the clearing partly for me and partly for himself he said.
- 18 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Sallie Chenault. Went to McVile and pd. Mr. Morrison for fixing buggy. Worked in yard again.

- 19 Poured down rain almost all day. Joe and Dick Lacy began to work but quit. Got letter from Patty.
- 20 Horrible day for this time of year. It blew like Dakota all day a keen, chilly wind with dashes of cold rain off and on. Joe went to the clearing but the log man did n't come and he said he hauled some manure on garden and some stones wood off Dick's ploughed ground.
- 21 Chilly and raw—42—at sunup, precious little sun. It blew hard all day and rained, hailed and snowed occasionally. I sent letter and paper to Sally to go by mail off to-morrow. Got letter from Sally and Mag. from Julia. Joe said he hauled wood for me off clearing. After dark the wind roared and there was a gust of snow.
- 22 Windy, still 40° at sunup. Joe worked ½ day hauling manure I think. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed. Still cloudy, chilly and unpleasant.
- 23 Sunday. About the same. Chilly. Hilda and Mr. B. went home after dinner. Ernest and Katy came to call.
- 24 Frost, 34° at sunup. I saw a skim of ice in the bushes at the cistern and they say there was some yesterday. Joe worked in the clearing till noon and then went on the hunt of the log man—then it rained of course and he tinkered around. Found a Walton ewe with a new buck lamb. Rained hard at night and before day hailed.
- 25 Raining of course. Went to Bellevue took Aunt Susan who sent \$20 to a man named John Randall to whom she says she lent 10 before who is to pay her 6%. Got letter from Patty and sent Patty from P. O. a letter that I think was from Sarah. Sent buddy corn and okra seed.
- 26 Sent Joe with Posey to Mr. Terrill's said return her in 3 weeks. Rained of course towards noon with thunder and so hard the creek was up so the cows could n't come over.
- 27 Sun came out and it was much pleasanter though chilly. Went to Bellevue and McVille. Got letter from Sally. Joe hauled manure.
- 28 A real spring day. Sun came out bright and warm and everything looked lovely though the clouds looked like rain. At night it rained hard. I went to Ernest's—got two wool sacks from Schofield's. The river was bank high opposite Ernest's. Joe grubbed in clover and garden—fixed up brier scythes too. Mr. Winkle got ½ bus. corn. Did n't write in this again till May 3.
- 29 Rained of course last night and this morning. Went to Bellevue—got letters from buddy and Amy Campbell. About dusk Amy came with Miss Minerva Wanger of St. Paul and her Louis. Got Mag. from John B. Dinsmore.
- 30 Sunday. Rained very hard poured down, the creek was over the bottoms. Rained off and on then stopped and Amy and Miss Wanger left for Cin. At 6:00 it was raining hard again. I went to see Cordy.

May

- 1 Rained again hard and off and on all day. The creek was over to the bottoms from hill to hill a wild flood and Searcy branch was higher yesterday and to-day than it has been for a long time—watergaps poles &c. torn out and ground washed away as if taken off with a scraper. Gullies wash in the woods and grass—ploughed ground torn into gullies—river very high over the bottoms in places in Indiana. Chilly rains all these [days?].
- 2 Cloudy and looked like rain. Joe worked ½ day—went to fix up watergaps in big pasture and moved some in the yard. Chilly. I got letter from Sue.
- 3 Chilly and cloudy. Went to Bellevue and McVille—got letter from Patty saying Til had been sick. Joe said Mr. Roland began to haul logs. Joe and Dick Lacy sawed in clearing.
- 4 Went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty, Brother Charlie, Julia and to T.D. Stopped to see Cordy. Got word from Hilda that Mr. Brady was sick and went out to see them. Chilly but did n't rain though there was a sprinkle after dark. Joe hauled lumber from the mill. Katy came.

- 5 Mr. Fred said he had cut briers 3 days including to-day and I gave him an order on Huey for 2.25 in full. Joe hauled lumber. Dick Lacy cut briers. I got letter from Aunt Eliza.
- 6 Bright day. Joe did n't work for me. I got letter from Julia.
- 7 Sunday—another bright day—cool—went to see Cordy.
- 8 A lovely bright day and warmer. After sundown and at night rained. Joe hauled lumber from mill till noon—then broke up in garden. Planted 8 rows of corn and laid off for melons—of which I planted 8 hills of Emerald Gem before the rain. I also planted some bunch beans, Early Mohawk and set out 13 tomato plants Conrad brought home yesterday—also 3 of my own raising. Isaac planted spinach and a little okra. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Got letter from Sally.
- 9 Still raining this morning but quit and was bright. I sent by Isaac when he went for the mail a note to Mrs. Fisk and letters to Julia and Sally. Joe hauled lumber from the mill.
- 10 Sun rose bright and clear. Turned out to wean 5 calves 2 heifers, Blanche and another and 3 steers. Went to Hilda's. Mr. B. better. Joe hauled lumber. Mr. Fred cut briers.
- 11 Bright day but warmer and looked like rain again part of the day. Joe hauled some lumber and prepared for shearing. We got up the sheep and he began to shear. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from buddy with draft on N.Y. for \$400 interest. Mr. Fred cut briers.
- 12 Rained hard again last night. Sent by Lou letters to buddy and Sue. One of my fine young ewes, long tailed black-faced dead this morning. Joe sheared her yesterday. They think it is the one with the late ewe lamb. Joe finished shearing and we turned them back in the pasture. Dick Lacy cut briers a part of this evening and set out some cabbage plants. The rain stopped him. It showered off and on. Mr. Fred said he had worked 4 days this week and I paid him in full. 2.25.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents. Dick said Dick lacy had worked 2 days this week. He helped Joe sack the wool this morning and then finished the ½ day setting out crepe myrtles and morning lilies. Joe hauled lumber—said he finished hauling. Mr. Parsons sent me a bill for the sawing of the lumber, 7,041 ft. at 50 per c. \$35.20. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. Saw Charlie Burns who said my shingles had come. Went to the river to see them. Cloudy, chilly day.
- 14 Sunday. Pretty bright day but had indications of rain. Went to see Cordy but she had gone to Lily's.
- 15 Went to Burlington to the Bk. Took Mr. Revill the check for \$400 that buddy sent me (see 11th). I got a check for 122.40 for Charles Burns for the 36 M shingles and took it to Charlie at McVile. Left in Bk 125. Paid Dan McCarthy 10. for my toll for the year, it was due May 1st I told him. Went to J. J. Huey's and paid him in full 22.54. In Burlington I went to Hilda's. Mr. Brady better. Went to the mill and paid Mr. Parsons for the sawing of the logs, 35.20 and got his receipt. Joe hauled the shingles from the river. I got letter from Sally. It showered off and on all day and towards evening rained right hard. Mr. Henry P. Parsons charged 7041 ft. of lumber.
- 16 Dismal raw cloudy day. Looked as if it would rain any minute. Joe worked for himself hauling his wood out of the clearing. Jess and Dick Lacy worked.
- 17 At sunup 44°—gloomy and chilly and even sprinkled but towards evening the sun came out. Joe took Posey to Mr. Terrill's—then fixed watergaps. Dick Lacy and Jess worked ½ day grubbing &c. I got letter from Patty. Went to see the Mrs. Rices. Sent letter to Patty when Isaac went for mail.
- 18 Chilly 44° at sunup and it really came up, turned rather warmer and remained bright. Sent by Rose letter to Sarah. Went to Rising Sun in skiff. Paid Aunt Eliza's Jones's 12.00 at Elliott's 6.00 and got receipts. Bought and paid for Isaac's clothes at Heyn's. Bought and paid for

Aunt Eliza's, Aunt Nancy's and Isaacs shoes at Davis's 5.00. Joe hauled the wool down to the river to be shipped and I wrote a letter to J. Scholfield & Sons Madison Ind. and left it with Mr. Corbin to be sent with the wool. Joe also finished breaking up the garden and ploughed potatoes.

- 19 Another bright pretty day. Joe worked in the garden and Isaac and I helped. Joe planted watermelons, 3 rows the two nearest the gate. Kolb Gems the 3rd Hungarian Honey. I planted musk melons—the 2 rows next the pike, Emerald Gem the 3rd row Burpee's Champion Market which are Delmonico. Isaac finished his row of okra and Joe planted one row by it. I planted snap beans, and set out except the 6 hills the other end some more Matchless tomatoes. Isaac planted radishes, lettuce and beets and Joe planted Cymlins and cucumbers and some pie squash and also planted some Sure Head Cabbage for late cabbage in the plant bed, hoed &c. Dick and his hands were planting corn in sod ground to-day and yesterday afternoon. It was cold this morning, 42° at sunup, and the men said there was a little frost in places yesterday and to-day but I did n't see any. Did n't write in this till the 23rd.
- 20 No one worked for me. Amy's colts came down from Ernest's. I went to Bellevue pd. Johnny Huey for the barbed wire and paid Will Grants' blacksmith bill 6.75. There was a shower but it was pleasant most of the day. Dick had my horses planting corn after noon.
- 21 Sunday. A bright pretty day. Ernest and Lily came for a few minutes. It was their baby's birthday.
- 22 Sent Isaac down for Charlie Burns and his tools—sent by him letter to Sally. Charlie began to work on barn shed. Joe helped him, they tore down the shed and began to work on the timbers. It was bright and so warm that I took off my winter clothes. Dick had my horses ploughing.
- 23 Charlie did n't come. It rained this morning and the wind blew a gale most of the time. It turned so cold I had to put on flannel again and have a good fire. Joe went to Mr. McAtee's and got 500 sweet potato plants and set them out. I got letter from J. Schofield & Son Morrison. His statement is the wool was 220 lbs. at 22 ½ =49.50. from which he took expenses 1.35 and sent me a check for the balance, \$48.15.
- 24 Charlie came out and he and Joe worked on the shed framing &c. I went to Erlanger and Cin. I stopped at the Bank at Burlington and Dr. Furness cashed the draft from J. Scholfield & Son (see 23rd). I left 25. in Bk. and took the balance 23.15. Went to see Hilda. Went to Julia's and stayed all night. Cool bright day.
- 25 They said Charlie and Joe worked on shed frame &c. I went to the dentist to have my teeth filled. Went back to Julia's and came down on the Mad. packet in the evening. It was warm and bright. I came home by moonlight but during the night it rained. Sent letters from Julia's to Patty and Sally.
- 26 Sent Isaac for mail got letter from Sally and Sue; Mr. Fred came in, said he had cut briers 3 1/2 days and I paid him in full 2.62. Mr. Winkle came and got a bus. of corn .50 and a pound of butter .15 on his work cracking rock. Charlie Burns worked on barn shed. Joe helped him. I sent by Charlie letter to Julia. Joe set out some cabbage plants for me. Dick Lacy and Jess hauled some manure from the stalls.
- 27 Charlie brought me the mail, a letter from Lizzie Mitchell. Joe worked ½ day helping him. Jesse Loudon came to settle—he said he had worked 19 ½ days. I paid his father 10. so Jesse owes me ½ day's work. Had fire in the evening. Dick said he worked my team ½ days this week.
- 28 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined with me. Had a fire for them. Towards evening it showered a little.

- 29 Charlie Burns worked at the barn shed. Joe helped him—they finished raising the frame and began to put on siding. Got letter from Patty.
- 30 Did n't write in this till June 1st. Joe and Charlie worked at the shed. Lila Rockwell came and I began to clean the house. It rained some in the evening. Amy Campbell and Miss Eckstein came for the drive, would n't stay.
- 31 Doll Walton came and told me about lumber. I got Charlie Burns to go with Joe to Aurora after some pine lumber—they could n't get that and had to get poplar. Joe brought part of it back with him. Lila was here and I worked cleaning. Put the dining room carpet down. It rained showers again.

June

- 1 Sent Joe to McVille for the rest of the lumber. Charlie brought me the bill receipted by P. Crosby. I had given him the money yesterday. The lumber and expenses came to 17.81. Charlie and Joe worked at the shed. Mr. John Rowland who hauled the logs to the mill came and said his bill was 21.15. I paid him the .15 and gave him a cheque on the Burlington Bk. for \$21. Doll Walton came and brought me the note for \$50.00 at 6 per ct. int. for a year from March 31st for Daphne signed by W. F. Snelling and John J. Walton. Mr. Joe Walton came—said he would look at lambs but never came back. Got letter from Sue about Harvey. At night it poured rain with thunder and lightning. Lila worked—we put the carpet down in my old room upstairs.
- 2 Patsy cow has a pretty heifer calf born last night or yesterday evening—named her Irene. Sent Isaac with letter to Sue. Got letter from Enid Yandell. Went to Bellevue myself—got from Mr. Cy Kelly 100 sweet potato plants and set them out. Joe helped Charlie Burns side shed.
- 3 Found Siegra with a heifer calf red with a white spot on her side named it Spot. Found one of my oldest ewe lambs dead. Charlie Burns and Joe worked ½ day on shed. I set out a row of tomato plants. It rained at night.
- 4 Sunday. Rained part of the time. I got a few cherries and strawberries.
- 5 Raining hard this morning and off and on during the day. Joe worked ½ day—hauled manure out of the yard. Cut some grass in the yard—fixed harness &c.
- 6 Charlie Burns came and worked. Joe helped him put sheeting on the shed roof. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty.
- 7 My darling big baby's wedding day. She has been married ten years, may she be happy as many more as she desires. Beautiful day—but cool early and late. Sent letter to Enid by Isaac, when I sent him to get the shoes taken off Cy. Charlie worked shingling shed. Joe helped him and took Posey to Mr. Terrill's. Flave worked dipping shingles in crude petroleum. Katy came over this evening.
- 8 Did n't write in this till the 18th and expect to get many things wrong. Charlie worked and Flave dipped shingles.
- 9 I went to Burlington and to bank got \$29. from Mr. Revill leaving 100. in the bank. I told him about the check for 21. (see June 1st) which had not been presented he said. I went up thinking the children might come but they did not. Charlie worked and Flave dipped shingles.
- 10 Got letter from Patty saying she and Sally would come to-morrow on the boat. Amy and her man Louis came. Charlie worked ½ day I think. Joe too and Flave dipped shingles ½ day.
- 11 Sunday. Patty, Sally and Isabella came on the boat. Joe drove the wagon. Amy went to see about her colts and found the yearling filly hurt. Patty and Sally went up with her afterwards. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed all night.

- 12 People began picking cherries in shares and I worked at them. Charlie and Joe worked at shingling and Flave dipped. Hilda and Mr. B went home.
- 13 Charlie and Joe worked shingling. Flave dipped ½ day. I think Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 14 Charlie and John Burns worked at the shingling. Flave dipped.
- 15 Charlie and John Burns shingled.
- 16 Friday. Patty, Sally and Isabella went to Burlington to Hilda's. I sent cheque for \$30 and Patty got it cashed. Miss Shaw and Amy came down. Charlie and John Burns finished shingling and John left this evening. There was a little shower. Got invitation from Cousin Mary. Mr. Brady sent me order for 30. on the pike (Mr. J. J. Lillard[]) for 30 perches of stone.
- 17 Charlie and Joe worked all day at stalls. Beautiful bright warm day. Katy came over. Flave came and said he has worked 6 days in all. I paid him up in full.
- 15 Sunday. Bright warm day. Frank Cutcheon came down via Aurora on his way from Wash. Amy and Miss Shaw went home. Dick Lacy said he took his colt out of pasture. I think he put it in April 18th.
- 19 Found the cow they call the hard cow with a calf apparently born yesterday—a red calf. Charlie Rockwell and Mr. Rains came down to help with the hay—they worked in the garden awhile first. Joe cut some hay and they began to put hay in the old corn crib. A bright hot day. Frank Cutcheon went away. Charlie Burns worked on the stalls.
- 20 Bright and hot again. Charlie Rockwell and Mr. Rains worked in hay—they carried out poles from the barn and put some hay in there and cocked some in the field. Joe hauled and raked. Charlie Burns worked at stalls. At night there was a fine rain with thunder and lightning. Dick was planting his tobacco ground in corn to-day.
- 21 Fine tobacco season with showers to-day. Fanny went home to help her father set tobacco. Joe helped Charlie Burns.
- 22 Still fine tobacco season—hard showers this morning. Dick had extra hands setting. Joe helped Charlie Burns. Cleared off cool 64° at 10 p. m.
- 23 Cooler 50° at sunup. Mr. Rains came and helped Joe in the hay. Charlie Burns worked. I went to Bellevue. Fanny came back this morning. Bright beautiful day. Mr. Rains said he could n't come to-morrow—he has worked 3 days which comes to 3.75. He wanted to pay his horse pasture which came to .75 so I paid him in full to date 3.00. Louis drove Belle Raymond in a cart to-day. He has been breaking her and Patty's Becky this week. Cool again 6_ at 10 p.m.
- 24 Charlie Rockwell came down and worked—helped get in two loads of hay and then mowed grass in yard. Joe helped Charlie Burns a little then fixed watergaps and afternoon hauled in the last load of hay that was cut. Charlie Rockwell got 1 bu. corn and I paid him the balance in full 3.25. Charlie Burns worked and after dinner went to R. Sun to get hinges &c. for me. I took to Mr. Lillard the order for the 30.(see 16th) and he left for me at J. J. Huey's his cheque for 30. which Johnny cashed. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with us. In the evening Amy came with Enid and Emma Sidell Schroeder from Louisville. It was a bright petty day. I went to Bellevue.
- 25 Sunday. Raining this morning but cleared off. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped by. Ernest and Lily came to call. Amy Campbell and Miss Shroeder and Louis went home and Enid stayed.
- 26 Cool, 61° at sun up. Charlie Burns worked at the stalls. Patty and Enid rode to Big Bone. Joe cut hay, clover. Dick was cutting wheat.
- 27 Charlie Rockwell came to work and he and Joe ploughed and hoed in the garden till noon—then hauled clover hay. Will Arnold finished cutting what wheat he could with the machine. Dick said he charged 15.40. It was lovely harvesting weather 59 at sunup and a pleasant

breeze. Patty and Enid drove to Ernest's. Charlie Burns worked at finishing stalls and fixed house cistern top.

- 28 Joe, Charlie Rockwell and Mr. Rains worked—getting in clover. The hay fork broke and Joe tried to mend it but I had to take it to Bellevue. Dick and his hands were cutting wheat Charlie Burns worked ½ day fixing barn cistern, sweeping off roofs &c. and grist for the present. We settled up—he had worked 30 days which at 1.25 came to 37.00. I had paid him in all 25. which left a balance due him of 12.50 which I paid and settled in full. Had a shower towards sundown.
- 29 Still cool. Charlie and Mr. Rains came—they hoed in the garden and began to mow around stumps then helped Joe get in the hay. Dick is still cutting wheat. Patty and Enid went to Burlington for me. They went to the Bank and got cashed a check I gave Patty for the balance I had in Bank \$70. and also brought me the box of papers I had there. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way from Big Bone.
- 30 The day my darling sister Belle left me. Lord love her precious soul. It showered this morning after day and the sun came out. Mr. Winkle came and we settled about the rock he broke—it was 30 perches (see 16th) at 30 cents a perch 9.00. He had got corn and butter at the amount of 1.37 and I paid him the balance 7.63. Joe hauled wood and old stuff from the barn lot before noon and after Charlie R. and Mr. R. came and they began to haul hay. They only got one load of wet to the barn and it poured down rain. Conrad Oser who worked for papa many years ago and who married Dick's sister, Isadore, and went to Missouri came to see me. Mr. Rogers came to tell me about line fence. It rained gently off and on till night. Paid Charlie 3.75 and Mr. Rains 2.50.

July

- 1 Patty, Enid and Til went to Mr. Jim Riddell's and brought May home. It showered during the day. Joe worked ½ day—he fixed the fence next Mr. Rogers's &c. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Julia who has returned from Olympia.
- 2 Sunday—some showers to-day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. I rode to Mrs. Botts's.
- 3 Mr. Fred worked ½ day milling. Cool, 66° at sun up. Patty, Enid and Til went to Big Bone. Miss Minnie Botts came to sew. Joe cut clover. I sent letters to Julia and to 3 banks.
- 4 Cooler 58° at sunup. Sent Isaac for yesterday's mail. Got letter from Nat'l Bk. Washington with draft for \$75. Charlie Rockwell and Mr. Rains came and helped Joe get in clover. Patty, Til and Enid came home at night. Miss Botts stayed.
- 5 Cool in the morning but turned warm, with delightful breeze. I got letter from Nat'l Bk. Wash. with draft for \$10. Miss Minnie Botts went home at night. Joe, Charlie Rockwell and Mr. Rains worked in hay. I rode Belle Raymond.
- 6 Went to Bellevue Charlie R. and Mr. Rains worked in the hay. I sent Joe to R. Sun to buy a hay fork. He got a harpoon. Patty, Enid and Til went to Burlington to take the trunks. Til drove May and Belle Raymond. I made Sally a present of Belle Raymond. It was hot.
- 7 Very hot—the hottest day of the summer. Patty, Sally, Enid, Til, Isabella and I started for Cin. via Erlanger. We took Isaac and sent the spring wagon back by him. I stopped in Burlington and got Mr. Revill to cash my check for \$75. (see 4th). Parted with Patty and Sally and came home on the boat. It was extremely hot in Cin. and there was a thunder shower about 3 P.M. and another slight shower after dark. I got home about 10:30. The men worked in hay—mowed among stumps too, Joe, Charlie and Mr. Rains. The paper says it was 96° in the shade in Cin.
- 8 Charlie Rockwell worked ½ day or near it. Got 1 bus. corn for it. Mr. Rains too and Joe ½ day. The hay was wet—Joe raked some and ploughed corn and melons in garden. I turned out to

wean Louly's and Katy's calves. A telegram came for Sally from Frank, Mr. Taylor sent down. Fanny has been working for me since the 16th. There were showers to-day before noon and about 5 p.m.

- 9 Sunday. Another hot day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 10 Cooler, 62° before sunup. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Aunt Eliza and one from Farmers' and Mech. Nat'l Bk. Georgetown with draft for 28. Settled with Fanny and paid her in full to date. Sent letter to Nat'l Met. Bk. acknowledging draft and letter to Sally enclosing telegram. Also sent little box of lace to Mrs. Elliott. Came home and went to Rising Sun via Rabbithash to see Aunt Eliza. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for \$28 that I got yesterday and the one for 10 (see 5th). Paid Oscar Jones' bill and got it receipted, 6.00. Mr. Rains worked and Charlie R. ½ day in the hay. Joe hauled in clover from below the graveyard. A red shorthorn bull got into the pasture with my cattle. Got notes and package of cards from Tiffany.
- 11 Cool, 62° at sunup. Did n't write in this till the 13th. Went to Bellevue I think Joe cut timothy in the bottom and Charlie R. and Mr. Rains mowed clover on the hill below the graveyard.
- 12 Hot day. They all three, Joe, Charlie R. and Mr. Rains worked hauling clover and timothy. Dick's hand, Dick Lacy, quit. I was poorly all this week.
- 13 Said to be the hottest day this summer. Joe, Charlie R. and Mr. Rains worked—hauled one load of clover and of timothy. Got letter from Patty from St. Paul.
- 14 Very hot again, 96° on the gallery in the shade and might have been higher. Joe, Charlie R. and Mr. Rains worked in the hay and thank Heaven finished. I have been poorly all the week. I paid Charlie Rockwell 8.00 in full all except for one half a day for which he wants a bushel of corn. I owed Mr. Rains 8.00 he said, and paid him 2.00. Sent by Mr. Blythe letter to Patty. Mike says it was 98° at Bellevue.
- 15 Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Sally. Paid Mr. Rains 6.00. Only Joe worked ½ day. I sent him to Aurora. Towards 1 p.m. we had a slight shower. Sent Daisy to Mr. Birkle to be shod. About 7 there was a fine rain which continued more gently—much needed. Got letter from Sally.
- 16 Sunday—did n't write in this till the 18th. Warm day.
- 17 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally, went to Ernest's to see about lambs and to get my sewing from Miss Botts. Very hot—Mike said it was 96°. Joe, Charlie. and Mr. Rains cut the piece of oats.
- 18 Went to Bellevue—took letter to buddy on business. This evening got letters from Mrs. Brown and Julia. Joe, Charlie R. and Mr. Rains hauled and bound oats. It was not quite so hot.
- 19 Sad day, remembered still. Took letter to Mrs. Brown. Went to Mr. Joe Walton's to see him about lambs. Charlie R. worked ½ day—helped Joe finish hauling the oats. I settled with him in full. After dinner Joe ploughed a strip in the garden and planted some sweet corn. I went to Bellevue to try to take the boat as Mike Corbin was going. Got bill for Versailles Clarion.
- 20 Sat up at Kate's till towards 2. Got discouraged, went to sleep and walked out home at day—boats are a delusion and a snare except coming down. Got letter from Patty. Joe ploughed another strip in garden and sowed field corn broadcast. It sprinkled a little after I got home. Joe hauled grass out of yard and grubbed a fence row next Mr. Rice's. I went to Burlington to see Hilda. Cloudy, breezy day.
- 21 Sent by Fanny letter to Patty for to-morrow's mail. Joe hauled out manure and ashes from the yard, and I think grubbed fence row till noon—then went to help thresh. Got letter from Sally.

- 22 Went to Bellevue—put in PO letter to Versailles Clarion with 2.00 bill and .26 in stamps—also letter to Sally—stopped at Mrs. Rice’s to tell about hogs. 63 at sunup—turned hot. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Got letter from brother Charlie with draft on N. York for \$210. of my July interest. Joe said he helped the Arnold’s thresh 1 ½ day.
- 23 Sunday. Piping hot, corn twists and things in the garden wilt from heat and drought. Aunt Susan went to Florence. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Ernest and Lily came. We went to the river to the baptism of Fanny Clore. I gave Hilda my tin box to take back to bank.
- 24 Went to Bellevue—took letter to buddy acknowledging the receipt of the draft, (see 22nd). Was poorly the rest of the day. It was 100° at Bellevue and 97° in the shade on the gallery when I looked and a hot wind blew. Joe fixed fence next Mr. Rice’s across the creek.
- 25 Another hot day—with a wind. Told Joe to cut weeds in pasture. Neglected my book—did n’t write in it till the 31st.
- 26 Another very hot day. Went to Bellevue to take Aunt Susan Steel down. There was a fine prospect for a rain heavy thunder and sharp lightning that struck a tree but it all passed around. Joe cut weeds.
- 27 Went to Cin. via Aurora—they had a fine rain in Cin. the evening before and as far down as Aurora. Went out to Julia’s and spent part of the day—came home on the boat—it was cooler and very pleasant. Joe cut weeds he said.
- 28 I got a letter from Patty probably to-day. Got one from Sarah. Joe cut weeds and briers in vineyard. Still very hot and dry.
- 29 Sultry and hot—thunder and clouds towards evening. Went to Bank and left with Rankin Revill my draft for 210. from buddy (see 22nd) and got \$30 of it. Left the \$180. in the bank. Dined with Hilda. Joe cut weeds ½ day in garden. Mr. Brady put in PO for me letter to Patty.
- 30 Sunday. Very hot and sultry. Thunder and lightning in the evening. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Aunt Susan went to Burlington. Zen Scott came to see his grandpa.
- 31 After midnight a fine rain gentle and refreshing. I forgot to say Ernest came down last evening to tell me about lambs. Raining this morning and cooler. Joe worked making some coops I think then cleaned out spring cut weeds &c. I went to Bellevue and to see Minnie B. about sewing. Got letters from Mary Cochran and Julia.

August

- 1 Cooler. Joe sowed some turnips in a piece in the garden that he broke up—cut weeds a little—then he went to Bellevue to see about shipping lambs. Joe got up the sheep. Got out the buck lambs, 25, and I sent them to the river to be shipped to Rabenstein Harris Conner and Hopple with a letter to Mr. Jim Conner. Got letter from Patty and bill from J. A. Riddell for 6.00 for keeping Patty’s May. Hilda and Mr. B. stayed a while to-day. Cool and pleasant this evening.
- 2 Cool a little below 60° at sunup. Joe cut weeds and went to see about threshing. Isaac took Til down to Mr. Birkle to be shod. Mr. Joe Walton sent word he was coming for my lambs—late, too late. Zeke Rice came to see about sacks. Got letter for Patty and took it to P.O. when I went to see J. J. Huey about wheat. Minnie Botts was here.
- 3 Warmer 66° at sunup, a shower about 1 P.M. Went to Bellevue twice. Got returns from my lambs with check from Rabenstein, Harris, Conner and Hopple for \$47.05 which I endorsed and gave to Mike Corbin telling him to credit me on my bill to that amount. The lambs average 49 3/5 lbs. and sold for 5.20 and the expenses came to 7.15 and the firm sent me the check for the balance 47.05. I paid Henry .60 for shipping so the lambs brought me 3.50 less than 2.00 a piece. Went to Ernest’s—saw Miss Lou. Joe.

- 4 The threshing machine came about noon or sooner. Joe helped—also Bill Slayback. Ellen came up. I sent to Mr. Corbin and got 4 tobacco hogsheads to put my wheat in. They are 2.00 each. Bright warm day but pleasant for threshing.
- 5 The threshers finished before 8. a.m. Dick said they threshed 82 bushels for which they charged 24.00 which I let him have. I also let him have 11. to pay Dick Lacy. He owed me 2.00 for pasture and as Dick Loudon owed him 13., he kept out the 2.00 for me. Dick said he would let me have for Joe 35 Bus. of his wheat at the price he sells it at .40 and I am to credit him with the amount, and charge Joe. J. J. Huey pd Dick .47 for his wheat. This 5th of August, which was Saturday, I went to Cin. via Erlanger on the 5 p.m. train. Went out to Julia Foster's and stayed with her.
- 6 Sunday. Spent the day at Julia's. Lovely, bright, day, rather warm. At night Joe and little Julia took me in town and put me on the 8 p.m. train for Chicago.
- 7 Arrived at Chicago. Got off the train at the 60th Street Station where Sally and Frank Cutcheon met me. Went with them to the North Entrance Hotel, and to the World's Fair. I was so constantly on the go that I could n't keep any sort of diary of my trip—will get down from memory what things I can recall.
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- 9 We went sight-seeing continually and Frank went home.
- 10 Louisiana Day. Sally and I went to the State Building and saw what we could in the crowd but could n't hear the speaker. It was Thursday. Saw Enid.
- 11 Friday. Patty and Blair appeared on the scene and we all went round together a while.
- 12 Miss Kate Minor whom we had been to see had invited us to dine with her Sat. and we went to the Louisiana mansion to dine Patty, Sally and myself where we met Mr. and Mrs. Hal Minor and family.
- 13 Sunday. The Minors came to see us.
- 14 Patty's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. She is now 32 but does n't look it—a stylish fine-looking woman. This evening about 4 p.m. we all met and parted, Patty and Blair to go back to St. Paul by their R.R. and Sally took me to my depot, did all she could for me and then went to her own. I left on the 8 p.m. train for Cin. During this trip to Chicago I had a fine time. Saw and heard more than I can remember or take in. The grounds and buildings are the finest part—fine as all the rest is and the sights of the illuminations the whole scene was like fairyland. I wrote to Julia and got a letter from her while in Chicago. I saw Mary Cochrane, John B. Dinsmore several times and Silas and Mattie once. The weather was as near perfect as August could be. Mary C. gave me a crayon picture of paper that Nina drew and. [sic]
- 15 Tuesday. Got to Cin. and took the 8 a.m. train—got to Hilda's about 12, dined with her and came home in her buggy. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sue and Tiffany's bill 1.25 for my cards. Took note to Sally. Everything looks dry and parched. They say it has only rained once since I left—the night of last Friday. Joe says that the 7th, Monday, he helped Dick haul his wheat and Dick said he would return the work hauling mine. The rest of the time he cut weeds. This week Monday the 14th he worked for himself on the road. This day he cut weeds.
- 16 After noon went to Burlington to see about my trunk. Put in PO a letter to Sue. Went to Bank and got from Mr. Revill all the money I had in Bank. Went to Mr. Rouse's store and in his presence paid Mr. Marcellas Riddell the bill his father sent for May's keep, 6.60 (see Aug. 1). Went to Hilda's—there was a good hard shower in Burlington and at home. My trunk came on the late omnibus.

- 17 The anniversary of my beloved mother's death. Lord love her soul. Everything looks better and brighter after the rain. I rode to Bellevue and took letter to Sally. Sent Joe to Burlington for my trunk. Sent Joe to Rising Sun with the buggy to have wheel repaired. He cut some weeds in the yard. I went to Mrs. Rice's.
- 18 Went to Bellevue—put in PO there a note to Tiffany &c. NY with 1.25 to pay for my cards (see 15th). Went to Rising Sun and gave Mr. Perkins \$100 for a draft for the same amount on Western Nat'l Bk NY payable to order of Susan D. Tew. Went to see about my buggy and to see Aunt Eliza. Warm day. Joe grubbed some woodbine vines and cleaned out some stalls and hauled hay for them.
- 19 Cool 62° at sunup. Went to Bellevue took letter to Sue Tew with draft on Western Nat'l Bk. NY for \$100 enclosed (see yesterday), also letter to Julia. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 20 Sunday. Cooler, 54° at sunup. Bright, pretty day.
- 21 Sent by Rose letter to Patty. Let Joe take Aunt Susan to the ferry at Lawrenceburg. Fanny came at my dinner time to work. Doll Walton came and I sold him my three steers—the sharp horned and the spotted one for 3 cents, the wide flat horned one for 2.75. He is to take them Wed. and they are to be weighed at Mr. Riggs's scales the scales at the Billy Walton place. Cool morning, 56° at sunup. Joe cut sprouts and cleaned up by fence next Mr. Rogers's.
- 22 I think 54° at sunup. Joe fixed the wire fence so as to take in the spring by the oak tree and then we got up the sheep and sorted out the ewe lambs—there were 18 including Carrie and one that died made 19—and the 26 buck lambs made 5 in all. We counted the sheep 42 including the buck. The lambs I had turned in on the clover and wheat stubble next Mr. Arnold's. Joe went to Rising Sun for the buggy and brought it with a bill from E. Smith of 6.00 for repairs. Isaac took the wagon to Bellevue to be mended and got a barrel of flour at Corbin's. I got a letter from Sue and one from Julia.
- 23 John J. Walton (Doll) came for the 3 steers I sold him (see 21st). He sent me the weights by Isaac. The wide-horned one weighed 1100 lbs at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts. came to 30.25. The other two weighed 2130 lbs at 3 cts came to 63.90 total \$94.15. Letter from Julia. I went to Mrs. Rice's again about their hogs. Went to Mr. Rouse's and got half a bushel of peaches. I think Joe cut weeds.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday, God rest his soul. Still very dry 57° at sunup but turned warmer and the wind blew hard. Joe cut weeds and tried to dig out springs in the field next Mr. Arnold's—but the swamp seemed dry. Ernest and Lily came for a little while.
- 25 66° at sunup turned warm. Got letter from Patty—one from Sue acknowledging the receipt of draft (see 19th) also receipt from Tiffany (see 18th) and check from John J. Walton (Doll) for 94.15 for the cattle (see 23rd). Joe cut weeds.
- 26 No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped in passing. It sprinkled a little after 10 a.m. then cleared off warmer.
- 27 Sunday. Heavy fog. Went to the river expecting to meet Patty but was told there was no boat to be down. River very low. Fanny went home and Aunt Susan returned.
- 28 Fog again. Joe ploughed the late corn rows, and cut weeds. Got letter from Patty. Did n't write in this till the 31st.
- 29 Sent by Isaac letters to Patty and Julia. Went after dinner to Burlington to Bank. Gave Mr. Revill's son the check from John J. Walton for 94.15—left \$75 in bank. Went to Hilda's, she had company to meet Eugenia Gaines.
- 30 Cool 54° at sunup. Made tomato catsup—got letter from Amy about her colts. Joe cut weeds.
- 31 Went to Bellevue—cooler 52°. Got letter from Sally. Joe cut weeds.

September

- 1 Sent letters to Sally and Amy. Worked at catsup and chili. Joe cut weeds I think. Did n't write in this from 31 till Sept 3.
- 2 Joe worked ½ day fixing watergap and cleaning out springs. Amy Campbell came with Miss Wagner, Amy's office boy, Joe, and her driver, Henry. Later I got letter from Amy. It was chilly at night, felt almost like frost—still very dry.
- 3 Sunday. Amy and her party went home. She took her two colts, the yearling and the two year old. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. It was only 44° this morning.
- 4 Patty and Isabella came via Aurora. Got here about 1 p.m. safe and well thank Heaven. It turned quite warm during the day. Joe helped clean out the barn cistern and cracked rock by stalls. Dick helped clean it gratis as he expects to use the cistern.
- 5 Hot, dry and dustier than ever. I went to Bee Walton's and to see C. Burns about cistern. Joe cut weeds. One of my short-tailed young ewes was found dead.
- 6 Joe went to help Bob Brady thresh to return work. I sent to PO in the evening letter to brother Charlie on business and letters to Sarah and Nina C. Hot and dustier.
- 7 Joe cut weeds. It was still hot and dry.
- 8 Charlie Burns came out and worked fixing cistern &c. Joe helped him. We got news of the death of Bessie McIntosh's husband Jordan Thomas last Wed. morning. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 No one worked for me. I got letter from Sally. This is my dear mother's birthday—how sweet their memory still. Aunt Susan went to Lawrenceburg.
- 10 Sunday. My darling little sister's birthday, Lord love their souls. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped going and coming. It looked like rain all this evening with thunder and lightning—still hot and dry.
- 11 After thundering and lightning nearly all night, towards day we had a shower—most welcome after the long drought. Joe went to McVille for Charlie Burns's tool chest &c. then he ploughed my late corn and hauled down some joists from the house on cherry hill and began to tear down the old cabins. Fanny came and worked to-day. I got letter from Buddy with draft on N. York for \$60 and letter from Gen. Gibbon. After 8 p.m. we had a fine rain.
- 12 Sent note to Gen. Gibbon. Charlie worked here—they got some logs and timbers out of old cabins and Joe took them to the mill to be sawed. It rained off and on and Charlie tinkered things around the house &c. Mr Acra came to get the assessments. It rained right hard at night. I did n't write in this again till the 16th.
- 13 Charlie and Joe worked at Joe's kitchen. I think it rained some.
- 14 Charlie and Joe still worked at the kitchen. I think it was to-day I sent a letter to buddy acknowledging his draft. It was very hot, sultry even.
- 15 Went to Bellevue in the morning to engage lumber from Mike Corbin. Sent Joe down after lumber &c. Went to Burlington and from Mr. Revill in the bank got \$55. leaving only 20. in the bank. Went to see Hilda. Charlie and Joe worked on the kitchen at Joe's home. Had a little hard rain after dark with thunder and lightning. Got letter from Sally in New York.
- 16 Cool and clear—went to Rising Sun and to the Bank. Took the draft brother Charlie sent me for 60. and \$40 and bought a draft for N. York payable to Susan D. Tew. Mr. Perkins was not in the Bk and inclosed it in a letter which I put in the R. Sun PO. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Charlie Burns and Joe worked ½ day. Patty paid Charlie Burns 5.00 before I got home. Did n't write in this till the 26th and of course can't get things very straight.
- 17 Sunday. On the mail boat Fanny Gibbon, her parents, her sister Katy's children, Frances and Jack, and their nurse came (Margaret). It was a beautiful bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by.
- 18 Charlie Burns and Joe worked on Joe's kitchen.

- 19 Charlie and Joe worked on kitchen. I think I went to see Mrs. Rice.
- 20 Went to Bellevue to see about lumber, flooring and siding. Sent Joe down after it. He and Charlie worked at the kitchen. Mr. Rice died.
- 21 Hilda and Mr. B. came to call on the Gibbons and went with Patty and me to Mr. Rice's funeral. Charlie and Joe worked on kitchen.
- 22 Charlie and Joe worked again. During this time I got a letter from Sally and Julia and answered them.
- 23 Joe helped Charlie on the kitchen. Patty took Gen. Gibbon and Fanny out to see Hilda. I got letter from Sue saying she had received the draft (see 16th). Went after Phoebe Nettles.
- 24 Sunday. Rained right hard. At night Patty went out in the rain to Burlington with Gen. G. to take Jack to the Dr.
- 25 Dr. Furnish came down and took the corn out of Jack's nose. Charlie and Joe worked on the flue of the kitchen. I sent a letter to Sue for the next mail. Aunt Nancy was sick and I sent for Dr. Furnish who got here about midnight. She seemed to revive. It was so cold at night we had fires.
- 26 Cool, 42° at sunup. Sally came via Aurora from Washington. Charlie and Joe worked.
- 27 Did n't write in this again till Oct. 4th.
- 28 Joe and Charlie worked. Patty, Sally and the rest went to Ernest's.
- 29 I went to Bellevue. Got 2 letters from Sue. Wrote one to her and sent it down by Charlie Burns. He and Joe worked putting in cellar steps fixing kitchen eaves troughs &c. I settled up with Charlie and told him to quit for the present. He said he had worked 16 ½ days, which came to 20.62 on which he had received 6.25 which left a balance of 14.37. I paid him 15.00 and he gave me .25 change the balance to go on his next work. Aunt Nancy was very sick again.
- 30 Joe began to haul rock for his underpinning from the old chimneys. It rained towards noon and poured down the rest of the day. Patty went to Aurora in the buggy—took Isaac.

October

- 1 Sunday. Patty went to Burlington to Hilda's to stay all night and go to Cin. to see Bessie Thomas and Molly Warner. Dr. Furnish stopped to see Aunt Nancy and Patty went up with him.
- 2 Little Frances's birthday—she is 7 years old. I think Joe hauled and put away lumber &c. Got letters from buddy with draft for \$75.
- 3 Poured down all day. Sent Isaac to get Daisy shod. Got letter from Sue.
- 4 Patty came home with Mr. Brady. Sold to Doll Walton a young cow for which he paid me \$25. Sent by Isaac letter to Sue to Chautauqua. Joe said he would cut corn. Beautiful day. Did n't write in this till the 11th.
- 5 Can't remember anything about it.
- 6 Got up early and Gen. Gibbon left via Aurora. Patty & Fanny went and Joe drove the wagon. It blew so hard all day that Joe had to go back from McVile to Aurora and come down by Woolper. Fanny and Patty crossed in a skiff. Joe cut some wood after he got home.
- 7 The girls went to Ernest's after mushrooms.
- 8 Sunday. A beautiful bright day. Mrs. Gibbon, Fanny and Sally went away via Aurora. Mr. Taylor sent for them. There was a big baptizing at Bellevue of the people who joined Burlington church at the protracted meeting. Patty took the children down to see it. Hilda and Mr. Brady and Miss Kirk and Dr. and Mrs. Furnish came to call. Sent letter to Sue by Sally.

- 9 Tilden Selmes came via Aurora. Joe cut corn. Beautiful day. Sent letter to buddy acknowledging draft.
- 10 Patty and Til went to Burlington. I sent by Tilden the draft for \$75 (see 2nd) to be deposited in bank and sent a check for the 20 (see Sept. 15th) which he brought me. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Julia saying her sister, Molly Resor died Sunday morning the 8th after a short illness. Joe cut corn. It was a lovely day more like summer than fall.
- 11 Tilden went away after dinner via Aurora. I sent by him letter to Julia. Joe cut corn.
- 12 Went to Bellevue. got letters from brother Charlie and Sarah. Joe cut corn till noon then hauled wood. Mr. Rains cut corn this morning and I paid him 3.00. Dick began to sow wheat and sowed across the creek next to Mrs. Rice's. He said he finished getting in tobacco yesterday.
- 13 Settlement with Joe West. Had a settlement with Joe West to-day. Since our last settlement Oct. 14th, 1892 he has credit for days work including extra time allowed him for extra work, 242 days which at .75 comes to 181.50. He has received since then orders, 76.89, cash, 48.55, sundries 29.74, total 155.18 which leaves him a balance of 26.32. I paid him the 6.32, which leaves me owing him \$20. Joe worked ½ day which is included in the settlement. It rained hard and was a disagreeable day. Got letter from Fanny.
- 14 It blew hard almost all day. Joe worked ½ day. I think cutting corn. Got letter from Sally.
- 15 Sunday. Sue and her Jamie and Margaret came down on the boat. Joe drove the spring wagon to meet them. It was a bright day rather chilly.
- 16 Cold, 34° at sun-up and a frost, and a skim of ice in a bucket. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined. Joe cut corn.
- 17 Cold 35° at sun-up. I went to Burlington and to Bank and got from Mr. Revill \$50 leaving in Bk 25. Dined at Hilda's—went to Dr. Furnish and paid him for waiting on Aunt Nancy 4.00. Fanny Gibbon came home. I went to Bellevue.
- 18 Not quite so cold, 36°. The three days since the frost are bright and beautiful. I paid Joe with the 20. I owed him on our settlement (see 13th). Mr. Rains came and said he had finished cutting corn and I went round with him and counted the shocks—they came to 200 at 6 cents making 12.00. I had paid him 6.75 and 1 month's pasture and .15 vinegar made 8.40 leaving a balance of 3.60 which I paid him. Mr. Rains said Flave Loudon cut 35 shocks. Bert Arnold came to see me about renting. I rented him the part of the field next his father's that was in clover for corn he to plough it to suit me when and how, to give me half the corn and let me cut it, and not to pasture any of the stalk field. Joe got done cutting corn and cut the late corn in the garden. I got a letter from Belle Raymond and sent an answer by Patty who went to Aurora to take Margaret Mrs. Gibbon's nurse.
- 19 Did n't write in this till 21st. I think Joe cut late corn in the garden. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia.
- 20 Much warmer. After night it rained and then cleared off. Joe worked at his kitchen, finishing off.
- 21 I let Joe have 10 in advance as he wanted to get winter things. Dick has been putting in wheat. He said he had sold 2 loads of corn, 40 bus. Joe did n't work.
- 22 Sunday did n't write in this till 26th. Hilda and Mr. B stopped by.
- 23 Fanny Gibbon and the children Frances and Jack went away via Aurora. I went to Erlanger for Sarah Humphreys who came down from Cin. Stopped at Hilda's going and coming. Lovely, warm day.
- 24 Bright beautiful day. Dick brought my half of the potatoes. Mr. Acra came to see about school tax. Joe worked for himself.

- 25 Joe hauled ashes &c. out of the yard then fixed up corn room in the barn and afterwards tied up some fodder in garden—late corn. I went to Bellevue. Began to rain about 11 a.m.
- 26 Rained all day. I told Joe to clean out the corn crib. Did n't write in this till the 30th.
- 27 Patty and Isaac went to Cin. on horseback. I went to Bellevue, got letter from cousin Belle. Joe helped shuck 2 loads of white corn, put one in my crib.
- 28 Went to Burlington for Belle Raymond who came from the World's Fair. Dined with her at Hilda's. Went to Bank and got from Mr. [Revill?] \$25., all I had in bank. Turned colder. Got letter from Sally.
- 29 Sunday colder, 30° at seven a.m. Joe says he worked ½ day Sat. a.m.. They shucked a load of yellow corn, and put in the barn. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with us. At night Patty came home from Cin. and Isaac.
- 30 Colder, 28° at sunup. Did n't write in this till Nov. 1st. Joe helped Dick shuck.
- 31 Still cold, 28° again. Joe helped shuck ½ day, then took up the crêpe myrtle, put vinegar in cask. I sent letters to Mr. Graham.

November

- 1 Mild 48° at sunup. Patty and Sarah went to see Ernest—found him sick in bed. Joe helped Dick shuck again.
- 2 Went to Erlanger with Sarah to put her on the cars for Lex. We stopped at Hilda's. It was pleasant and mild. Joe helped shuck corn.
- 3 Joe worked till noon cleaning out the corn crib—then helped shuck. It rained last night after dark and was cloudy and rather raw to-day. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Robert Clarke &c. with 4.00 for subscribtion [sic] to Century.
- 4 Did n't write in this till the 8th.
- 5 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 6 Went to Burlington to dine with Hilda. I think Joe helped shuck corn.
- 7 Got letter from Sally that came yesterday. Sent letter to Mr. Graham. I think Joe helped shuck corn. We went to see Ernest who is still very sick. Warm and pleasant.
- 8 Sent letter to Sally. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sarah. Joe helped Dick shuck corn. Lovely bright warm day.
- 9 Beautiful warm day. Hilda and Mr. B. came to dine. Belle went to Aurora on her way home, I took her over to meet the omnibus. Joe helped shuck corn.
- 10 Heavy fog for several days but the sun came out. Joe helped shuck corn. I got letters from Mr. Graham and Julia. Wrapped some of my trees.
- 11 Dick brought a wagon load of cabbages and burned them in the garden. Very foggy again. Joe did n't work for me. Let Dick Loudon have an order on Corbin for 2.95 that he wanted to pay for the house paper with.
- 12 Sunday. Lovely spring-like day; so warm we had the windows and doors open.
- 13 Went to Ernest's—took Agnes with me to see him—he is still sick. Went to Bellevue got letters from Belle and Mr. Graham. It turned cooler. Joe ploughed piece in garden above vines. I told him to get wood after dinner. Dick shucked corn standing in sod ground. Went to see Cordy Arnold who is sick.
- 14 Joe cut wood he said. It turned rather colder towards evening. Sent letter to Julia. Wrapped some fruit trees.
- 15 Colder, 28° at sunup and at 10 P.M. with a chilly wind during the day. I went to Bellevue with Patty—got photographs of Robert Brown and his wife. Joe cut wood I suppose and after dinner hauled some.
- 16 Did n't write in this till 12th. Think Joe hauled wood—and that I got letter from Mr. Graham.

- 17 Joe hauled the rest of the clap-boards from the barn lot and then hauled two loads of coal from Mr. Corbin's at 10½ cts.
- 18 No one worked for me. I went to Bellevue.
- 19 Sunday. Mr. Graham came via Aurora. Colder, 24° at sunup but bright day.
- 20 Still colder, 22 at sunup. Told Joe that I forgot in our settlement to put in the 35 bus. wheat at .47; see Aug. 5th. Bright day, Patty and Mr. Graham started to Hilda's and met her and Mr. B. who came down and dined with us. I think Joe hauled coal. Rained at night.
- 21 Rained all day.
- 22 Cleared off again. Joe hauled coal. In the evening Mr. Graham went away. I went to the burial of Charlie Rockwell in the Bellevue burying ground. Got letter from Sally.
- 23 Raw cold sunless day. Joe fixed fences and then hauled some rock and ground to put in wash by tobacco barn. Dick is sick.
- 24 Cold. 18° at sunup and very unpleasant. Hilda stopped by on her way home. Ernest and Lily came a little while. Joe hauled rock. I got letter from Mr. Graham.
- 25 Colder. 16° at sunup. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.
- 26 Sunday. Milder, a bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home. Rained at night.
- 27 Rained all day. Joe painted some eaves troughs in the morning and said he stripped some tobacco for Dick.
- 28 Charlie Burns came and worked on repairing the kitchen floor. Joe helped him. I went to Bellevue. It was a mild day. Sent letter to Sally this morning. Did n't write in this till Dec. 1
- 29 Charlie and Joe worked again at the kitchen &c. Still mild.
- 30 Charlie finished, he and Joe put up eaves troughs at stables, worked at Dick's doors &c. I paid him 3.35. Still mild.

December

- 1 Turned colder. Patty and Sue went to Burlington. Joe put away lumber, fixed up dog box and broke some rack.
- 2 Colder 23° at sunup. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked ½ day hauling manure out of stalls. Afternoon it began to snow—sleeted and wound up with a rain.
- 3 Sunday. Snowing a little again—very disagreeable.
- 4 My darling little baby's birthday, Lord love her sweet life—27 to-day. Received invitation to the ceremony of marriage of my kinsman, Charles Fox to Miss Corrine Hinsdill, Grand Rapids, Mich. Joe worked, hauled some fodder.
- 5 Sent letters to Julia, Belle and card to Mrs. Hinsdill. Isaac took Til and Daisy to Mr. Birkle to be shod. Joe cut some stove wood and hauled fodder. I went to Bellevue. It was 24° at sunup and turned milder.
- 6 Milder, 31° at sunup. I sent by the West children letter to Aunt Eliza with 3.00. Joe helped Dick shuck corn. I went to see Leila Beard and to ask about corn.
- 7 Colder, 21° this morning. Sent by Patty letters to T.D. and to Messrs. White, Smith &c. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.
- 8 Milder, 32° and thawed. I went to see Leila Beard and Cordy. Got letter from Sally. Joe helped Dick shuck. H. Apperins agt. for Albaugh Nursery Tadmire, Ohio was here to-day and I engaged some peach trees; Diamond/ Early Toledo/ Mountain/ Dean's Red Tree/ St. Clair/ Daniel Boone and 2 Elberta for 5.00 to be paid in April when the trees are delivered.
- 9 Rained, not cold. I got a letter from Sally who had been sick. Joe began to gather corn with Dick but it rained. Sent letter to Sarah.
- 10 Sunday. Went to Mrs. Clore's to see Mrs. Green who is sick. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. Lovely day.

- 11 Mild, 32° at sunup. Bright lovely day. Sent letter to Sally by the West children. Joe helped Dick shuck shuck corn.
- 14 Milder and quite pleasant. I went to McVile and left Aunt Eliza's dress with Charlie Burns to send. Went to Bellevue and to see Leila Beard. Sprinkled at night. Joe got done shucking shuck corn.
- 15 Blew hard all night and windy, cloudy and warm this morning. Sent Aunt Eliza by West children a letter with 1.00 to get her dress made. Joe hauled fodder and manure and fixed kitchen step.
- 16 Joe worked ½ day—finished step &c. Sally's Belle had a spell of colic, not very severe fortunately. Patty and the children walked to Ernest's.
- 17 Sunday. Snow this morning and snowing off and on, but only a light skim.
- 18 Colder 20° at sunup. Sent by the Wests letter to Julia. Sue and the children went away via Aurora in the little boat Swan. Joe drove the wagon to McVile and went down again to take Charlie Burns's tool chest &c. to him. He hauled some fodder early. Windy day. My heifer, Amy, the Jersey one, had a heifer calf. The calf is by Mr. Bob Brady's Jersey and is red with black nose, named it X 19. Bob Brady came to assess.
- 19 Milder 28° at sunup and pleasant. Went to see Mary Fred. Joe hauled fodder &c. Hilda and Mr. B. came down in the evening. Her step-mother died in N. Y. Dec. 6th.
- 20 Beautiful winter day. Went to Bellevue for Christmas things &c. Joe hauled logs from old cabins. Patched up fence &c.
- 21 Beautiful, mild day. 21 years ago my beloved father died. Lord love his soul. 30° at sunup. Got copies of T.D. Joe fixed spring wagon and grubbed roots in clover.
- 22 Got book calendar &c. from Julia and books from her and little Julia.
- 23 Tilden came via Aurora in the morning. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed. Got letters from Sally and Sue and calendar from Harriet. Til brought me book from Mr. Graham. No one worked for me. A day like spring—lovely and warm.
- 24 Sunday. The day papa was buried 21 years ago. Peace be with him. Patty and Tilden rode to Aurora on this side of the river and it was very warm—just like lovely spring and in the slough near the Aurora ferry Patty said the turtles were out on logs &c, like summer. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 25 Christmas. Bright and warm lovely spring weather. We drove to Bellevue. At night Til went away on the little boat.
- 26 Not so warm and cloudy and unpleasant. No one worked for me.
- 27 Rather pleasant day.
- 28 Sunny with clouds in the morning and mild. Rained at night. Got notice from Bk.
- 29 Tobacco in case and Dick was moving it out of sheep cellar. Patty, Isabella and I went to dine with Hilda. Sent paper signed with Patty as witness to Farmers and Mechanics Bk. Georgetown. It turned chilly coming home.
- 30 Sent for yesterday's mail—got letter from Julia. Later got letter from Sally. Did n't write in this when I ought.
- 31 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.