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January

- Jan 1st Beautiful, bright mild day. Sent letters to buddy on business and to the three Banks. Patty and I went to see Mrs. Hensley who is sick. I got letters from Sarah and Cordy Arnold. Joe worked. I think he grubbed stumps in clover. I sent Daisy down to have a shoe put on.
- 2 Another spring-like day, 34° at sunup I think. Patty went to Cincinnati via the little boat from Aurora. She took Isaac up to get the brace for his leg and he came down at night on the boat. I got invitations for myself and Belle Raymond to the wedding of Fanny Laws' daughter, Lavinia R. to Mr. Province M. Pogue Jan. 18th. Joe hauled fodder and drove the spring wagon. I sent by Patty letter to Cordy.
- 3 Warm again. Went to see Ida Anderson who is very sick, stopped at Mrs. J. J. Huey's. Sent by Isaac this evening note to Patty and the invitation to Belle Raymond. I think Joe grubbed stumps in clover.
- 4 Warm, 54° at sunup. Like spring all day and after dark rained. Joe grubbed stumps, fixed lye hopper &c. Dick has been ploughing tobacco ground lately and Jess was cutting briars today. I sent by Isaac this evening a letter to Patty and one that came for her. Got letter from Julia telling me she has a cataract growing on her eye. Got letter from Nat'l Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75.
- 5 Cloudy and mild but not raining. Sent by Isaac letter that came for Patty and letter to Julia. Got letter from Farmers & Mech's Nat'l Bk. with draft for \$28 dividend and paper to sign to vote stock. Went to Bellevue got J. J. Huey to witness my signature and put it in P.O. Went to Mr. Corbin's and gave M. J. Corbin my draft for \$75 (see 4th) endorsed. He gave me the receipt Mr. Acra left there for my school tax in dist. No. 3 for 1893, which came to \$45.95 and the change, 29.05. Isabella got letter from her mother. Joe hauled some fodder and fixed up sheep cellar a little.
- 6 Rained during the night towards day probably. Still mild and cloudy. No one worked for me I think. Got letters from Patty at Richmond and from Cordy.
- 7 Sunday. Bright and mild. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest and Lily dined with us. Lily brought me a spray of dogwood with flower buds on it.
- 8 Colder, 22° at sunup. Bright and pretty day. Sent by West children letters to Patty and Sally and a letter that came for Jamie. Got letter from Patty and Christmas card from John Riddle. In the yard are plenty of lilac sprouts out in full leaf discolored by the freeze last night. Joe hauled fodder and started to plough.
- 9 Did n't write in this—gloomy day and chilly. Got letter from Sue. Joe ploughed some.
- 10 Sent for to-morrow's mail postal to Patty. Got letters from her and Sally and from Belle R. and one for Patty. Bright, pretty day, 26° at sunup and turned milder. Joe hauled fodder and ploughed.
- 11 At sunup 34° and bright. Got letter from Sally written Monday and she said it was 28° below in St. Paul. Got letters also from Patty and Fanny G. Joe ploughed and Bert Arnold began to plough the ground he rented. Dick ploughed too.
- 12 I think it was 26° at sunup. It was bright and pretty. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Fanny, got letter from Patty and sent one to her that was in P.O. Joe hauled fodder and ploughed. Dick was ploughing too in same field.
- 13 Sent by Isaac letter to Harriet and postal to Patty. 26° at sunup and bright. Joe worked ½ day clearing out stalls, hauled manure on garden. Got letters from Patty and Julia. I went to Mr. Henderson's and to Bellevue. Jess worked 4 days.

- 14 Sunday. Mild and spring-like. After dark a little sprinkle of rain. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. I gave Hilda (Mrs. Brady) the check for \$28 endorsed (see 5th) and 28 dollars to leave in Bank with Mr. Revill. Mary Gaines stopped here. Sent by Mr. Brady note to Patty.
- 15 Raining this morning and off and on during the day. Joe said he would help Dick strip tobacco. Got two notes from Patty, one from Sally and letter from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft on N.Y. for \$10. dividend, letter dated 2nd.
- 16 Cloudy and very mild all day. Felt just like spring. Went to see Cordy and to Bellevue. Sent by Wests letters to Natl. Met. Bk. acknowledging draft and to Patty care Amy. Joe said he helped Dick strip tobacco.
- 17 Real spring day. Bright and warm. Walked in the woods and saw acorns sprouting and ants and a snail crawling, one without a shell. We went to see Mr. Walton's new house. I got letter from Patty. Joe helped Dick again.
- 18 Warm and raining off and on. Joe hauled some fodder and then sprouted potatoes. Isaac shelled some corn. I got letters from Patty and Fanny Gibbon and four letters for Patty 19X Patsy cow.
- 19 Thermometer 32° at sunup. I notice this morning daffodils up out of the ground just like spring. Joe ploughed some. Sent letter to Sally and to Sue.
- 20 Warm and windy and about 8 p.m. began to rain. Joe worked ½ day hauling fodder. Dick Loudon took down 10 bus. corn of mine he said Mr. Utz wanted at .45. Joe worked ½ day hauled fodder.
- 21 Sunday. Ernest and Lily dined here. Patty came on the boat from Woodford. A bright, beautiful day.
- 22 Another beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Joe ploughed in the garden. I endorsed the draft for \$10. (see 15th) and gave it to Hilda to put in bank in Burlington.
- 23 Another lovely spring-like day. Joe ploughed and cut wood. I got letters from Julia and little Julia.
- 24 Rained last night and turned to snow this morning. Snowed hard part of the day and turned cold fast. At 10 p.m. it was 1° above 0 on the sheltered gallery. I got letters from Buddy with draft on First Natl Bk N.Y. for \$193. Also letters from Sally and Sue. This morning I sent letters to Buddy and Julia and later to Sue.
- 25 Coldest day of the winter so far, 7° below 0 at sunup. Rose to 16° above by 1:30 p.m. Got the sheep up, the ewes and buck. At 10 p.m. 8° above 0. Sent letter to buddy this evening.
- 26 Milder, 10° at sunup. I went to Burlington and to Bank. Got the \$66 I had in Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the check for \$193 (see 24th) total 259. Went to the Sheriff's and paid him my taxes which came to \$107.85 and got the receipt signed C. C. Roberts. Dined at Hilda's and went on with Mr. Ryle to Erlanger and to Cincinnati and to Julia's. Rather cold all day.
- 27 Milder and bright. Spent the day in town and at Julia's.
- 28 Sunday. Bright mild day. Came home on the mail boat. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to see us. Patty said Ab. Gaines paid her .70 for the turkey.
- 29 Chilly, cloudy day. Soft snow that turned to rain. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Julia. Paid W.W. Grant blacksmith's bill in full 7.90 and got receipt. Paid Mr. Birkle in full, 2.90. Mr. Utz, the preacher, came and paid me 4.50 for the 10 bus. corn he got the 20th. Joe hauled fodder all day.
- 30 Seemed colder, 20° at sunup, and bright all day. Got note from Julia.
- 31 Sent note to Julia. Went to Bellevue to see Mr. Aikin about shipping wheat. Sent barrel to Sue by him. Joe drove wagon and I believe chopped some wood afterwards. Hauled fodder in the morning. Bright, pretty day.

February

- 1 Chilly and unpleasant. Joe and Jess sacked the wheat. I got sacks from Johnny Huey yesterday. Afterwards Joe hauled manure out of stalls. Sent Isaac to see about barge.
- 2 Joe and Jess hauled the wheat. Dick helped drive. They took 96 sacks and shipped it on Mr. Aiken's boat to the G. J. Roots Co. Lawrenceburg. Joe and Jess went up with the wheat to unload it. I let Joe have 2 bus. wheat. Went to Bellevue to see J. J. Huey, told him to write to the G. J. Roots Co. and get the check for the wheat in his name take out the \$36 due him and give Patty the store bill receipted—pay Mr. Aikin at the rate of 6 cents a sack and give the balance to Patty. Went to McVile to see Mr. Aikin. Sent letter to Sue. Got letter from Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Amy and Miss Eckstein and Louis came down. It was cold early, 19° at sunup but turned warmer and looked like rain.
- 3 Gave Dick Loudon order on Huey for 5.00. Jess said he had worked 1 ½ days this week and 2 last grubbing and cleaning ground. 1st lamb came. Jess worked 3 days in Feb. Left home on the little boat for Aurora, went to Cin. and out to Julia's.
Notes of the trip to Florida with Julia Foster, 1894
- 4 Sunday. With Julia in Clifton. Snowed last night and was cold, 28° I think. Went in town with Joe to see about my trunk and get it checked.
- 5 Started with Julia on the Queen and Crescent for Florida. It was 16° above 0 in Clifton and snow on the ground which we saw down to about Somerset, KY. Bright, pretty day. Had letter mailed to Patty from Chattanooga.
- 6 Mardi Gras. We came on throngs in Georgia. Between Eastman and Hazelhurst.

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Feb. 3 Sat. Left home on the little boat for Aurora and went to Cin. and to Julia's.

- 4 Sunday. It snowed last night and was cold 28° I think. Went in town with Joe to see about my trunk and get it checked.
- 5 Started with Julia on the Q and C for Florida. It was 16° above 0 and snow down to about Somerset. Bright pretty day. Had letter mailed to Patty from Chattanooga.
- 6 Mardi Gras. We came on through Georgia. Between Eastman and Hazelhurst the porter pointed out the Swanee River a muddy lonely melancholy looking stream with trees hung with moss. We came through Jes[s]up and Waycross and Callahan to Jacksonville. Missed our train there and had to wait for the N.Y. through train. We took a drive to see the town. We came on to St. Augustine and got to the Ponce de Leon by 7.30 P.M. They are to have a ball for Mardi Gras probably.
- 7 Went sight seeing. To the Plaza—saw the Slave mart, Cathedral, monuments &c.—then to the old Spanish Fort where a U.S. sergeant was guide. Showed us all over the Fort, dungeons &c. Then we took a long drive through the city and outskirts. I put in the Hotel P.O. letter to Patty.
- 8 Left St. Augustine via Palatka Armond got off at New Smyrna and went in another car to Orange City Junction. Waited 3 hours there and got here after 9 P.M. to the Tampa Bay Hotel Tampa.
- 9 Walked through the town of Tampa and went up the Hillsborough River in a naphtha launch to Sulphur Spring. The Spring is about 9 miles from the Hotel 300 ft. deep and looks a little uncanny. Lovely warm weather with a strong breeze coming home.
- 10 Went on the electric car to Mrs. Chapin's place—met her in her private car the only electric one in the world. Walked out on her pier into the bay—saw fish beautiful orange groves &c.

In the afternoon took a long drive went to Ybor City and to see all the residence part of town, then down to an Orange grove Mr. Watterson of California the boy said and got out on the shore of the bay. It was beautiful. 78° in the shade.

- 11 Sunday. We took a long drive through the piney woods to Rocky point between 7 and 9 miles. Saw a beautiful shore—myriads of fiddlers a pelican some white cranes a blue bird and in the distance a long island or peninsula with palms growing on it and a tangle all round us of the semi-tropical kind. Beautiful sky and sky [that's what it really looks like].
- 12 I neglected my diary from the time we got here till to-day and got Julia to help me with it. I have had two letters from Patty and have written to her and to Sally since we came here. Mr. Foster's letter said it was 65° in Cin. Julia said. Sent another letter to Sally. We went down on the cars to Port Tampa and stayed about 40 minutes. The wind was blowing hard and the waves running with white caps. The gray pelicans dipped and rocked on the waves and flew and there were flocks of sea gulls on the water and flying. There was a good rain after we came back. At this hotel there is a sha___ weighing 6 ¼ lbs and a lemon grown on Mrs. Chapins that weighs 3 lbs.
- 13 Warm but lovely. We walked over to the town to look at the store where they show Florida curios. Saw a stuffed alligator the man said was 13 ft. long &c. Went again on the electric car to Mrs. Chapin's place. Very warm evening 75°.
- 14 The birds are keeping St. Valentine's. I heard them the first thing, lovely bright day with clouds toward the gulf. We left Tampa Bay Hotel in the 9 something train and came through Sandford Enterprise Junction to Titusville, where we took the steamboat St. Lucie and came down the Indian River to Rockledge to the Hotel Indian River. The thermometer was 88° at the Hotel.
- 15 It was raining this morning when we woke and rained afterwards. But cleared off and the wind blew. We took a walk along the beach road and then rode out [?] to Cocoa. We saw a rattle snake 6 ft. long. The scenery on this river is beautiful. Sent letter to Patty from here. After dinner we went in a steam launch to Fairy land 6 miles from here to a place of Dr. Whitfield's or Witfeld where we saw lots of trees plants & guava in fruit pine apples &c. It was windy and rough coming back. Got letter from Patty.
- 16 A cold wave 37° at 6 A.M. and a cold wind blowing. We walked along the river road but it was too chilly to go on the water and the sun was clouded.
- 17 Milder 61° at 6 A.M. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Walked around the grounds by the river. Got ready to leave on the afternoon train. Went to Fort Pierce on the train, there took the steamboat Santa Lucia and came to Jupiter.
- 18 Saw Jupiter Lights early in the morning. Took the train at Jupiter for Palm Beach. Got to Lake Worth—crossed on the ferry steamboat and came to the Hotel Royal Poinciana about 8 A.M. this is Sunday Feb. 18th. We walked along Lake Worth among the cocoanut [sic] palms. Saw the Atlantic Ocean from the observatory. The captain said the best pine apples were raised at Eden. We went after lunch to the ocean side to see the breakers roll in. Saw some waves roll in full of fishes. It was a fine sight and we had a faint fair full moon facing us and the sinking sun behind us.
- 19 Monday. After breakfast we went in a sail boat five hours on Lake Worth. Went to Pitts's Island—past the inlet—stopped there to see the Pittses. Saw fish jump and a bald eagle pursue a fish hawk till he flew low and dropped his fish. The boatman caught a blue fish. Saw two pelicans. Saw 2 sharks hanging in a boat—also some live horse shoe crabs. Went over to see the ocean again after lunch. This evening a lady we saw at Rockledge spoke to us and introduced us to her sister. They are Mrs. Charles Fox and Mrs. George Sexton of Hartford Conn. and they are friends of twin sisters Minny & Jenny. Mrs. Ellen M. Day the

lady who was so kind to Sally, and I sent messages to her by them. Warm to-night just like summer. A full moon to add to the beauty of the scene.

- 20 Went to Pitts Island again in the steam boat. From there in a sail boat to the inlet where we landed and went along the beach. There were black and gray and crimson rocks where the waves dashed in in holes and crevices. We saw a sea spider some crabs a barracuda a big fish a negro had and also picked up shells. The sea was blue in streaks like some places on the Med. Sea. We saw a big loggerhead in Mrs. Pitts's turtle pen. We took lunch there and came home on the mail boat—got back after 3 P.M. A very beautiful day. Saw a loon and a few pelicans. Went over to the ocean later through the cocoanut grove. Very warm night.
- 21 Wednesday. Went in a naptha launch about 6 miles down the lake. Stopped at Mr. Spencer's place and saw a remarkable banyan tree. Also a fine umbrella cactus—and some other native trees. We saw several islands—low sandbar islands—on one he said the curlews laid eggs on the sand. Also saw pelicans old and young and he said the pelicans nested in places along the shore that he had seen large rookeries of them. A pompano jumped into the launch a beautiful silvery fish with sulphur yellow along its belly—flat and broad. We passed Figulus [?] and saw Hypoluxo Island in the distance. The boatman lives at Lantana. He said the night blooming cereus is a climber killed trees and bore them down with its weight. It was a beautiful bright day with a pleasant breeze. After lunch we went again to the ocean and sat and walked on the beach. I put letters in the hotel office for Patty directed to Til and for Hilda.
- 22 Washington's birthday. Got long letter from Patty inclosing one from Harriet, and one from Isabella—mailed the 19th. We went sailing to-day. Stopped at Mr. Spencer's an old resident since 1878 where we saw all varieties of fruit trees that grow here and many plants—coffee in bearing indigo, citron sapodilla? custard fruit tamarind trees, guavas (got a ripe one that smelled so disagreeable I had to throw it away) beautiful, flowering trees, Paradise tree &c. We sailed around the lake till about one—the man caught another blue fish and a jack fish, and I saw pelicans and a water turkey flying, and a loon.
- 23 Did n't write in this. We could n't go sailing in the morning, it was so calm. Walked over to the ocean through the avenue by the old Cocoanut Grove House that burned down. The ocean was almost like a lake it was so still and all lovely shades of pale green and in a still dazzle. We went sailing after lunch in a different boat. It looked like a storm when we came back and the spray flew into the boat. We went up to the observatory to see a magnificent sunset. It was the hottest day since we have been here, rained a little at night.
- 24 Lots of people left this morning among them Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. Fox. We took a sail of about 6 miles up it was calm and hot going up but we came down straight with a good breeze. I got a letter from Patty mailed Cin. on her way to St. Paul, written 21st. Sent letter to Patty to St. Paul. We went to walk by the ocean again after lunch. Not so hot.
- 25 Sunday. Very hot last night. I waked up in a perspiration and could n't sleep. A little shower this morning before breakfast. Walked around the Hotel grounds and grove and down on the lake promenade. Hot as hay harvest, had to take off my clothes to dry them when I came in. After lunch we walked over to see the ocean which was rolling in beautifully and people were bathing but it rained and we had to come right back to the hotel. Then it rained hard with some heavy thunder and lightning. Put in the office a letter for Patty but it will not go till to-morrow.
- 26 Put another letter for Patty in hotel P.O. A cool breezy beautiful day. We went sailing to the inlet but the boat man landed us at the wrong side, so it was not so pretty. After lunch we went to the ocean again. The breakers rolled in high and beautiful with roar and spray. I saw

a water turkey flying around. To-day above the inlet I saw a flock of pelicans on a sandbar. We got ready to leave in the morning D.V. 95 left the hotel this morning.

- 27 Tuesday. Left Palm Beach at 7.30 A.M. Took the cars at W. Palm Beach for Jupiter. Saw the lighthouse—Jupiter Lights. From there we went through the Narrows of the Indian River and then into the wide river. We came on the Santa Lucia as far as Fort Pierce. There we took the cars again for Rockledge where we arrived after dark. Stayed all night at Rockledge.
- 28 At 10.50 left on the cars for Palatka—changed cars at East Palatka, crossed the St. John's river on a long bridge and got to Palatka about 5 P.M. in the rain. It rained hard that night. We stopped at the Putnam House Palatka. Sent letter to Patty.

March

- 1st Took a drive around the town and up on Palatka Heights—saw a canon, jungle and saw yellow Jessamine and blue pluer [?] in bloom also Cherokee roses. About 1 P.M. left on the Hart Line Steamboat Astatula to go up the Ocklawaha. Went about 25 miles on the St. John and entered the Ocklawaha. Went up 135 miles in all 9 miles of the Silver Springs run. Sat up till we met both the boats going down till after 10.
 - 2 Got up early to see the beautiful river, and then the more beautiful springs run—saw alligators & limpkins a white crane, blue heron, king fishers—white swamp lilies—cardinal flowers orange groves &c. Got to Silver Springs after 12 M. Went in carriage to Ocala got there half an hour after the train had left. We went to the Ocala House took a 2 hours drive to see the town, and surroundings. Ocala raises principally oranges and cabbages. Sent note to Patty from Ocala.
 - 3 Left Ocala at 9.45 A.M. and got to Palatka about 1 P.M. Had to stay all night there.
 - 4 Sunday. Left Palatka about 12.15 A.M. and got to Ormond on the cars about 1 or after, just at luncheon time. Ormond on the Halifax is a beautiful place on the Halifax [sic]. We took a long drive on the beautiful beach and along below the Ormond House where we stay and across the river through the hammock land. Bright beautiful day. Sent note to Patty from Palatka.
 - 5 Took a long drive on the beach and then a Walk. Then got ready to leave on the 4.30 train for St. Augustine where we arrived about 7 P.M. Found one letter here from Patty inclosing one from Sally at Hot Springs. Monday was another lovely day.
 - 6 Tuesday. We walked around town and I wrote to Sally and Patty too I think. In the afternoon we went to the South Beach on Anastasia Island and saw the lighthouse. Saw the circus parade. Went to a Fair for the benefit of Mrs. Flagler's hospital—saw some fine swimming and swinging on ropes, diving &c.
 - 7 We walked around town and afterwards went to the North Beach which was a fraud—sandbars and no shells no breakers 'no noting.' Went to the museum, also a fraud and to the Casino to the Fair in the evening. Sent letters to Hilda and Patty. Another lovely day. We must have left St. Augustine the 8th or 9th for we got to Cin. the evening of the 10th and I came home on the boat Sunday 11th.
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- 11 Sunday. Came down on the boat from Julia's. Found Isaac at the river for me. Came out and found Hilda and Mr. Brady with my mail, letters from Patty and from Sally saying she was coming home from N. York where they went from the Hot Springs Ark. Also letter from Sallie Chenault. It was a lovely spring day and daffodils were in bloom in the yard. Found the house and all just as they were left and was very thankful. There's no place like home.
 - 12 Went to Bellevue and paid J. J. Huey's account \$50.84 and got receipted bill. Went to Mr. Corbin's and gave Mike the check from the G. J. Roots Co. for the wheat, \$118.21 to credit

- on my account. Gave me \$12 corn money. Joe worked for himself on a plant bed till noon. Ploughed garden for me afterwards. Took down letters for Patty and Sue too late for mail.
- 13 I think Joe hauled ashes &c. out of yard. Fixed fence and then hauled wood. Warm.
 - 14 Cooler, 32° at sunup. I did n't write in this and have to guess at things. I think Joe hauled out oats, and helped Dick, sowed clover after oats. Sally came down from Aurora and Mr. Cutcheon went on from the junction. They were on their way from New York. Got letter from Patty.
 - 15 Rained early and afterwards and hailed a little. After dinner Joe cut hedge on cherry hill. Got the second letter from Julia since I came home.
 - 16 Sent letter to Julia. Mr. Joe Mauer came to trim grape vines. I went to J. J. Huey and showed him his bill of 50.84 (see 12th) and got him to correct a mistake in it and he gave me back 4.20. Went to see the Arnold girls. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down. Mr. Brady gave me \$46 corn money. Bright, pretty day, 46° at sunup.
 - 17 Another warm pleasant day. Mr. Mauer finished the grapes. Joe helped him ½ day.
 - 18 Sunday (Palm). Warm and had a shower. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.
 - 19 Joe went down for sled. It rained last night or soon this morning and was raining at sunup. Sally sent daffodils to Patty. Joe said there was another new lamb. Sally and I went to Ernest's. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letter to Atlee Burpee inclosing \$3.00 for garden seeds. Got two letters from Patty and one from Isabella. Fanny ironed here. Isaac got back, he went to R. Sun Friday.
 - 20 Joe went down for sled, hauled some fodder and after it rained he helped Dick finish stripping tobacco. Sally and I went to Burlington to Hilda's but she was not at home. Got letter from Sue. It rained just after we got home.
 - 21 Joe and Jess worked, hauled some hedge trimmings and fodder then fixed fence round clover field and then planted some potatoes in the garden. Turned the sheep and young lambs out on the pasture. Joe said he counted 38 lambs, there were 2 new pairs of twins. It was warm. Yesterday at Burlington I got a postal order for 2.50 to send subscription to Co. Gentleman and 2.50 to send for Southern Magazine. Dick Loudon went down and got 3½ bus. potatoes from Corbin and 12 ½ bus from Huey for seed. Also 1 bus. for Joe for seed from Corbin.
 - 22 Isabella's birthday. She is eight years old. Lord love her little life. Wrote her a letter and took it down when I went for the mail with 2.00 in it. Sent letters to Messrs. Luther Tucker & Son, Albany with P.O. for 2.50 in it and to Ed. Southern Mag. with P.O. for 2.50 also letters to Sarah and Sallie Chenault. Raining this morning and rained off and on all day with some thunder, 68° at sunup. Paid J. J. Huey 12.00 for the potatoes Dick got yesterday for seed. I don't think Joe worked.
 - 23 Good Friday. We went to Aurora in the spring wagon. Joe drove. It was cold with a keen raw wind down the river and no sun. Sent the boxes of jam to Patty and got receipts &c. Got receipt for Sally's too. Got letter from Amy I think.
 - 24 No one worked for me. All went to Mr. Terrill's sale. Got letter from Cousin Mary G. telling me of Charlie's engagement to Miss Mary Gallatly of Orange N. J. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night.
 - 25 Easter Sunday. 30° at sunup and a cold day, raw but bright. Ernest and Lily spent the day with us. Hilda stopped to speak on her way home. Aunt Susan went to Agnes Baker's. Isaac drove her to Lawrenceburg ferry. I paid her \$10. Sent Isaac for Fanny.
 - 26 Very cold, 18° above 0. All the daffodils &c frozen, goodbye fruit, what was left. Fanny came to work. Got letter from Julia. Got seeds from Atlee Burpee. Told Joe to pile rocks in clover field.

- 27 Cold again, just the same. Pete came and said that my dog Kylo had killed, together with Doll Walton's dog, four of Doll's lambs. Later Doll came himself with a hand and I told him he could take Kylo away and shoot him. Sally sent Belle up for Bob Brady to see. Got receipt.
- 28 Got receipt from Co. Gentleman. Disagreeable wind all day but turned warmer and towards night rained.
- 29 32° at sunup and snow over everything. Melted during the day. Went to look at the oats. Dick says they are all killed. Got letter from Patty.
- 30 Bright, 26° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. Later sent letter to Julia. Got one from Julia. Joe, Dick and Jess worked at the fence next the hedge across the creek. Moved and reset it.
- 31 Milder. Went to Bellevue to receive the peach trees ordered Dec. 8th. Got in addition two cherry trees; 1 Dye House and 1 Ostheim which I paid 1.00 for 6.00 in all. Went to J.J. Hueys and paid him back the 4.20 (see 16th) which was for tobacco canvas Joe West got that Johnny forgot to set down in the bill he gave me. Paid Mr. Birkle his account in full, 7.65. Sent letter to Larmey & Goeble Savannah with 1.00 inclosed. Dick and Jess helped ½ day helping Joe fix fence in big pasture. Dick said he had worked 3 days this week and Jess 3 piling rock in clover and on fence. I set out the trees I bought with Isaac to help. Disagreeable wind. Set the diamond peach tree to the right of the honeysuckle on the root in front of the west parlor window. Next S. E. corner of the house, Elberta 1. Between locust tree and Seckle pear Elberta 3. Between pear and peach east of the house. Early Toledo 4. Below Panlnias [?], Dean's red 5 Near Syringas, Dan'l Boone. Between persimmon tree and garden gate St. Clair, between wine house and pear tree Mountain 8. In garden Mountain 9. Set the cherry trees next the paling the Dye House 10 toward the persimmon tree, the Ostheim lower.

April

- 1 Sunday. Sally and I alone. Rather chilly.
- 2 Went with Sally to the junction to put her on the cars. Went to Aurora on the little boat. Joe drove the wagon to the river, worked for himself in his garden the rest of the day. Bright day but rather chilly I got letter from Patty.
- 3 Sent letter that came for Sally. Mr. Rains came to see about getting his horse pastured. Joe planted out onions and sets and then ploughed in little piece of bottom next ditch. I got letters from Sarah and Julia. Wind blew all day and at night it rained.
- 4 Jess came in and said he had worked 6 days in all since I got home. Dick was putting in potatoes yesterday and many of them were frozen since they were cut. Joe hauled manure out of stalls and some rail pieces from the fence line. Mr. R. D. Brasher bought Daisy for \$80. on six months time. He brought me a note indorsed by Mr. B. Green that I find to be incorrectly written. Bought Mahew gate 2.50.
- 5 Old Louly was down this morning from old age apparently—got her up and in the lot. Sent letter that came for Sally from her husband. Got letter from Sally at Chicago and from Patty and Isabella. Chilly and sunless. Went to Mr. Brasher and got date of note altered to April 4th. Went to see Mr. Clore who is sick, and to pay Mr. Aikin. Joe hauled some manure and rail pieces, and fixed door locks at Dicks.
- 6 Sun came out, 32°. Joe finished fixing locks and doors, then sowed some timothy round the edge of the woods—then ploughed a little in the garden and split some wood. Ellen came. I got letters from Sally and Launey & Goebel Sav. Got box of plants from B. A. Elliott Co. Pittsburgh.
- 7 Raining a little—sent Cy down by Isaac to be shod at Mr. Birkle's. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Launey and Goebel. Jess said he worked ½ day this week ditching yesterday. I gave

Georgy Loudon an order on Huey for 2.00 on Jesse's work. Set out the plants that came last evening. 2 Dinsmore roses at the east side of the house in front of cellar door. 2 Empress of China roses one at the south east corner of the house just beyond the Baltimore Belle, the other between the porch and snow ball. Set out 2 clematis jackmanii in front of and on the west side of the porch. 4 clematis paniculata, 3 next the back gallery and one at the south west corner of the kitchen. Also one Virginia Creeper (coals to Newcastle) sent 'gratis' by the kitchen chimney. Joe worked 1 ½ day—he started to work on manure in sheep cellar and then Dick wanted him to make a little gate for his passway to pike. Turned milder and after sundown rained.

- 8 Sunday—did n't write in this till Tuesday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. I sent by him letter to Amy C. and also Isaac's brace to send to him by Mr. Clore.
- 9 Rained a cold raw rain off and on all day. Went to the burial of poor Leila Beard, and then to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty inclosing one from Sarah. Poor old Louly cow died of old age. Joe said he worked ½ day in manure in sheep cellar.
- 10 Raining again, a chilly rain. Joe hauled old Louly away. Did n't write in this for two days. Think Joe hauled manure. Sent letter to Cousin Mary Goodrich. Hailed some.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her. Spent it mostly by the fire—a cold rain mixed with wet snow and hail occasionally. Joe greased harness and after dinner he and Jess fixed watergap in pasture on dirt road. Got card of Sally Tevis's baby Eleanor Johnstone Tevis Mar. 31. Sent letter to Patty.
- 12 Not so bad—tried to clear off. Joe went to fix wire fence next to Bob Brady's new ground—then he fixed paling a little and examined clover—then I told him to grub and cut briers down by the timothy meadow. An agent for Page Woven Wire Fence named Davidson came with a model of a panel. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia.
- 13 Got the sheep up to-day and had them tagged. Also had the tails cut off the ewe lambs. Joe said he cut off 18 and there was one lamb he did n't get up. The other day he found the buzzards eating a dead lamb and the ewe that has been poorly all winter has disappeared. Had the yearlings tagged too. This was a bright pleasant day. More like spring than it has been for some time. I went to Jane's to hunt Dick about sheep also to Bellevue got note from Patty in Chicago.
- 14 Jess says he worked ½ day this week helping Joe and ditching. I paid him 1.00 on his work. Pleasant bright day and warmer. Went to see Julia Smith on Woolper, and to Bellevue and to see Katy. Got letters from Mr. Graham and from Launey & Goebel. Isaac's sister came to see him. Joe sowed timothy on wheat worked ½ day.
- 15 Sunday. Pleasant spring day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 16 Posey has a mare colt—it is part Norman, a colt of Mr. Terrill's Guizot, a peculiar sort of lead color, named her Tinita. Sent letter to Sally, Julia and Launay & Goebel. Joe worked in the garden put in lettuce, peas, radishes, beets and broke up the piece by the graveyard. Got letters from Sally and Amy.
- 17 Dick Utz came and attended to the lambs. He said there were 19 buck lambs and he cut off the tail of the other ewe lamb. There are 19 of the ewe lambs. Afterwards Joe worked in garden planted some corn, and then began to haul rock off clover. It was a lovely warm day. I sowed in boxes, tomatoes, pepper, eggplant and cauliflower seed.
- 18 Had some light showers this morning. Went to Bellevue for mail. Put in P.O. letters to Ed. Southern mag. and to Sally—got one from Patty. Went to Burlington after dinner and to Hilda's—took Fanny to doctor. It rained part of the way home. Joe hauled rock off clover.
- 19 Rained off and on and also last night. Joe hauled rock part of the time and grubbed or cut briers I believe.

- 20 Found five large ewe lambs dead under rock that Joe had put back carelessly. Mr. John J. Walton (Doll) came and gave me a check for \$53 and I returned him the note signed by W. Snelling and himself for the mare Daphne (see March 30th 1893). Young cow has a calf, a red b. calf. She is the one they call the wild cow. Joe hauled rock. Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letters to Amy, Mr. Graham and Mr. Van Eaton. Chilly. Sprinkled or rather showered sometimes. Got 1 ½ bus. clover.
- 21 Chilly, disagreeable most of the day with showers. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Got letter from Sally and postal from Launey & Goebel. Joe worked ½ day.
- 22 Sunday—another chilly, disagreeable day. Hilda only came in for a moment as they went by.
- 23 Another chilly very unpleasant day and sunless. Joe sowed the clover over and Isaac said he hauled rock. I got photograph view from Launey & Goebel and notice from C. Herdegan Adams Esq. Sent letter to Sue this morning.
- 24 Warmer and pleasanter—sunny part of the day. I went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letter to Patty and one to Launey & Goebel inclosing 1.00 for picture. Got letter from Julia. Joe hauled rock. He and Dick attended to calves. The young heifer with a peculiar V-shaped white in her face had a calf but we could n't find it.
- 25 Mild pleasant sunny day. They found the young heifer and calf—a pretty red b. calf with a white oblong spot in its forehead. The heifer's bag was badly hurt snagged or something, one teat ruined. Joe milked her. Joe took Posey to D. Walton's Jack. He hauled rock and a few stumps off the field next the garden. I went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash John J. Walton's check for \$53. (see 20th). I paid Oscar Jones in full up to the 21st of this month for Aunt Eliza's groceries. I had not paid him since July (see 10th) and his bill was 30.75 and I got it receipted. Paid her coal bill in two parts one to Mr. Elliot, 6.00, another to his partner, 3.00, total 9.00. Mr. Elliott was not in his office when I went there. I also paid .75 for some wood for her, 1.00 for flour and 2.00 for shoes total 43.50. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 26 Neglected to write in this till Sunday. Think Joe hauled rock and Isaac helped after dinner.
- 27 Joe hauled rock again. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Southern Mag. from Mr. Van Eaton and from Page Woven Wire fence man. Pleasant pretty day with prospect of rain.
- 28 Jess said he had worked 3 ½ days this week—cutting briers, grubbing and piling rock. Joe worked ½ day in the garden—he planted pole beans and okra and set out the crepe myrtles. I went to Bellevue and stopped at the Arnold's and to see Betty Rice. Got letter from Sally. Warm lovely spring day.
- 29 Sunday. Pleasant gentle rain last night and everything looks fresh and spring-like. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 30 Real spring day, warm and bright. Joe worked in the garden till noon. He made hills and planted watermelons and I planted muskmelons. Dick also planted melons. Joe ploughed potatoes and planted some radish seed. Sent letter to Amy and card to N. W. to get some papers. Isaac and I burned brier piles on cherry hill and most of the hedge around what was the old garden there. Joe hauled rock off the pasture. Dick cultivated after dinner. Bert Arnold began to plant corn in the field he rented.

May

- 1 Started with Isaac to go to Mr. Elstern's to see the wire fence but it rained so I turned back. It showered off and on. Joe only worked ½ day hauling rock. Sent Isaac down with Tilden to get his shoes reset—got letter from Patty and from Launey & Goebel with receipted bill 2.00.

- 2 Started again and went to Mr J. I. Elstern's beyond Gunpowder. Saw the fence and liked it. Went to Ernest's to see about wool sacks. Got letter from Sally. Joe hauled rock. Turned the cow with the sore teat into the big clover field and the puny calf. Joe hauled rock I think.
- 3 Isaac helped me burn brier piles &c. next cherry hill. Joe took Posey to Mr. Bott's and then I think hauled rock. Jesse hauled rock too. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty inclosing one from Mr. Roosevelt. About dark it rained.
- 4 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Cleaned the store room. Sent letter to Patty returning Mr. R's also T.D. Got letter from Julia and an invitation from L. Hodges. I think Joe and Jess hauled rock.
- 5 Began to rain about 7. Joe had started to haul rock but _____. Jess said he worked 3 ½ days this week.
- 6 Rained last night and very hard part of to-day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Isaac hauled up Loulie's [cow] and found she had a calf but he said it was hid. Turned 4 calves out to wean.
- 7 Jess found the calf dead, brought the heifer down and also the Siegra's heifer. Joe worked in the yard and garden. Planted some beans then fixed for shearing and got the sheep up. Got letter from Sally. Took up the carpet and began to clean dining room. Sent letters to Julia and Sue.
- 8 Went to Ernest's to see their baby who is sick. Then to Bellevue to get wool sacks. Got letters from Patty and Sue. Joe began to shear the old sheep. Siegra's heifer had a red heifer calf to-day. Beautiful day, country looks lovely.
- 9 Beautiful day. Joe finished by noon shearing the old sheep, or rather the older ones, 41 in all, one having died since I came home. Got up the young ewes and began to shear them. Isaac ploughed potatoes and ran one furrow through the corn. I worked all my melons replanted them and put slug shot on them. Also planted hills of Colorado Preserve melon above the pole beans and 9 hills of _____ at this end, and replanted cucumbers and planted some more hills. Solon Rice came by and offered to buy my pike stock offered 4.00 a share. Told Mr. Fred he could cut some briars and think he began after noon.
- 10 Another beautiful day. Mr. Fred said he cut briars all day and I gave him order on Huey for .75. Paid Mr. McGuire 1.50 on the rock he is breaking. Joe finished shearing by noon. Afterwards beat the carpet and put the wool in sacks; 2 sacks of Mr. Schofield's and an oat sack—Isaac helped Joe. Got letters from Sally, from Julia and Amy and Aunt Susan, also notice from Adams Ex. of the things of mine Julia sent.
- 11 I went to see Lily's sick baby and found it better and went to Bellevue. Joe took Posey to Mr. Botts's again and then worked in the garden. He made potato ridges, hoed vegetables, put in more corn &c. and afterwards hauled wool to the river to be shipped. Another beautiful day. I worked in my house cleaning.
- 12 Joe worked for himself. I put slug shot over all my melons and cucumbers again. It was very cool in the morning and turned warm beautiful day. John Moreland came to see me. Went to Bellevue to meet little boat; got the box Sally sent me and the box Julia sent me with my shoes and fur jacket in it. Yesterday 11th, I put in the P.O. letter to Susan Payne inclosing 5.00 she wrote for. Put down the carpet again in the dining room.
- 13 Sunday; the wedding day of my beloved parents. A beautiful perfect spring day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me.
- 14 Sent by Isaac letters to Sally, Julia and Schofield & Son. He took Kitty down to have her shod. Mr. Birkle shod her. Later I sent to Mrs. Corbin to get sweet potato plants. She said she sent me six hundred. We set out the larger part of them. Joe hauled rock. Bert Arnold began to replant the corn ground he rented.

- 15 Joe worked in the garden. He hoed two of the potato ridges and he and Isaac finished setting the plants then he hoed vegetables and planted some butter beans, made a little plant bed and sowed Allhead Cabbage seed. Before 2 P.M. we had a good rain. Got letter from Julia with programmes. Joe began to set out tobacco for himself and Dick set out too. It rained more and at dark was raining gently and there seemed to be a good reason.
- 16 Bright warm day. Joe worked for himself getting tobacco ground ready &c. Fanny went home to set tobacco. I got letter from J. Schofield & Son, Madison, Ind, with check for 43.80. The wool came to 292 lbs at .15 = 43.80. I had 59 fleeces. Got cabbage seeds from A. Burpee & C, card from St. Paul P.M. about letter and programme from Julia.
- 17 Bright hot day with breeze at night; saw plenty of fireflies. Went to Burlington and at the Bank Dr. Furnish cashed my draft from J. Schofield & Son, for 43.80 that came yesterday. I went to Hilda's. Afterwards went to Bellevue; put in P.O. card to the P.M. St. Paul. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked in garden part of the time; harrowed the piece by the graveyard and put in corn in the little piece below the old fish pond then I told him to begin cutting thistles in big pasture. Isaac ploughed potatoes.
- 18 Rained last night and Joe worked till noon for himself setting out tobacco in the garden. I set out the 8 plants of tomatoes I got in R. Sun—8 Matchless Mrs. West gave and a row of Fordhook First that I raised. Also had a row of cauliflower plants set out next to corn. Went to Bellevue; got letter from Julia. Put in P.O. letter to Sarah. Joe fixed up fences a little and then went to cut weeds. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Mr. Brady measured the rock Joe hauled on the pike and Mr. McGuire broke. It rained at night and turned so cold we had to have fire.
- 19 Mr. Brady gave me an order on Mr. J. J. Lillard for \$50. for fifty perches of rock already broken. I sent for 200 plants for Joe West and 75 for myself. Isaac set out mine. It rained nearly all day, a very cold rain. We sat by a good fire. I got letter from Sally.
- 20 Sunday rained all night and before 7 A.M. was snowing hard. It melted as it touched the ground but against the foliage we could see the snow falling thick in heavy wet flakes. Continued to rain nearly all day a fine cold rain and we sat by the fire. It slacked after 3 for a while and Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Still raining after night.
- 21 Raining again all day. Went to Mr. J. J. Lillard's got him to give me a check for the 50. order (see 19th). Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash it. Joe did n't work for me. Did n't write in this again till the 31st.
- 22 Mr. McGuire came and I paid him 7.00 in full for the rock he has broken to date. A misty, chilly morning. Got ready and went to Cin. on the Ghent and from Aurora by the cars. Got letter from Aunt Eliza. It sprinkled twice on my way up. Went to Julia's and at night went to the first concert of the musical Festival.
- 23, 24, 25, 26th Went to the concerts seven in all, and had a feast of music. Friday went to Dr. Clancy and had my teeth filled. It was chilly weather most of the time; turned warmer towards the last of the week. Sent letter to Sally while at Julia's.
- 27 Sunday. Julia took me to the boat and I came home. It was a beautiful bright day and the river was a dream. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest and Lily came to call. Lily told me that the snow from last Sunday and the cold night had killed all the melons in the country and I found it so here. My melons and cucumbers and most of the sweet potato plants were killed—beans and corn frost bit, and even Dick's melons under canvas killed almost entirely. Got letters from Patty and one from Sally.
- 28 Cold for the season. Sent letter to Julia. Received return from Southern Mag. Worked in the garden all day and Joe too. He ploughed, hoed planted corn, set out some tomato plants Julia gave me. I replanted all my melon hills.

- 29 I began to clean the house. Joe worked mowing in the yard. We found an ewe with new twin lambs. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined. I got letters from Patty and Sue. Later I went to Bellevue and McVile on a vain hunt for sweet potato plants. Sent postal Patty I think to-day.
- 30 Dick finished planting corn in bottom. Worked at the cleaning again. Put down the carpet in the company room. Joe worked cutting and hauling grass in the yard. Chilly day with some sprinkles of rain. Got letter from Patty; she said she told buddy about F. V. Got letter from Julia. Good fire at night.
- 31 Chilly 42° at sunup. Joe hauled wood then tinkered things about the house, cut grass &c. in the graveyard and worked in the garden. I worked cleaning the house put down the carpet in my old room. Went to Bellevue to get ham meat &c. Fires night and morning.

June

- 1 Chilly morning—sun came out and it turned warmer and after P.M. began to rain gently. Got Mike Corbin to weigh my carpet rags, 45 lbs got 15 b. chain and took them to Mrs. Aikin. Went to Rising Sun. Got clothes for Isaac &c. at Heyns on credit to the amount of 9.55 of which he gave me a memorandum. Went to see about sweet potato plants. Have a good wood and coal fire to-night and find it very comfortable. Dick came in to settle up for Jesse's work. He said they had worked 22 days in all which came to 16.50 and on this he had received 2.00 order and 1.00 cash leaving me owing him 13.50. Joe worked cutting weeds in pasture.
- 2 Dick came and I paid him 13.50 in full for Jesse's work up to date. I gave Richard Loudon an order on J.J. Huey requesting him to let Flave Loudon have credit for 1.50 a week from now till his tobacco is housed. Dick being responsible to me for it but I agreeing to pay J.J. Huey by the time the tobacco is housed. No one worked for me. Joe worked his tobacco. I was very busy cleaning the house getting ready for company. Did n't write in this till the 7th. Red heifer had red heifer calf named it Laura.
- 3 Sunday. Bright beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by on their way home. Julia Foster came down on the boat and with her Fanny and her two children, Laura and Julia and the nurse, Carrie. Joe drove the spring wagon down. Took Julia to McVile to enquire about the little boat. Warm bright day—looked as if it would rain soon. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. At night we had a thunderstorm with heavy rain, making a season. Louise Shaw had b. Jersey calf.
- 5 Joe worked for himself setting tobacco. Dick and all hands were setting. It rained off and on during the day. I took Julia to Bellevue. Got letter and clippings from Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. came to call on my company. It was showering when they left and rained afterwards and was so cool we had to have a fire. Isaac got up Louise & calf.
- 6 Wed. My company went away on the little Swan to Aurora. Joe drove the wagon. He worked for me cutting weeds in big pasture. I got letters from Patty and from buddy on business. It was a bright cool day—had fire in the morning and evening and it was comfortable.
- 7 Chilly day but bright. Had fire in the morning and ought to have had it at night. Went to Bellevue and to McVile for sweet potato plants. Got 4.00 from E. Rice and helped set them out. Got 100 more from Mrs. Corbin. Put in the post office letters to Patty, buddy and Sue. This was Patty and Til's wedding day 11 years ago. Joe cut weeds in big pasture.
- 8 Went to Burlington to Hilda's. Stopped at Mr. Lillard's to get potato plants for Joe West and Georgy Loudon. Bright and warmer, lovely day. Set out the plants I got from Mrs. Corbin and some cauliflower plants. Joe made a potato ridge and cut weeds. Lewis Le Fevre brought a German agent named something like John Scholar and I engaged of W. H. Smithman & Co.

- West Milton, Miami Co. Ohio 2 Minden cherry trees and 1 Napoleon Bigarreau the 3 for 1.00 and 2 pear trees, Clapp's Favorite, for 1.00 the trees to be delivered at Bellevue this fall and I am to pay the 2.00 when I get the trees. Turned warmer. Did n't write in this again till 12th.
- 9 No one worked for me and Fanny and Isaac went to Rising Sun. I got letter from Sally and notice from C. Journal and a letter from Julia. Planted scarlet beans.
 - 10 Sunday bright warm day. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night.
 - 11 Sent letter to Aunt Susan by Isaac. Joe worked in garden ploughing and hoeing. I set out tomato plants. Very hot 93° in the shade of the gallery about 3 P.M. Went to Bellevue. Gave old Mr. Corbin 1.00 to get Mike to renew the sub. C. Journal. Got letter from Patty. Planted cypress.
 - 12 Hoed all my melon hills. Joe planted beans yesterday and to-day, some Saddleback wax beans. He also replanted the little piece of bottom corn and cut some weeds. I planted the bush Lima beans. Sam Jackson's daughter Julia came hunting a place and Isaac took her to Hilda's. Still warm 9_° in the shade at 3 P.M. Was 97 at Bellevue at 2.
 - 13 Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. I went up to Ernest's. Saw Miss Louise. Went to Bellevue and had Kitty's shoe reset. Got letters from Sally and Fanny Foster. Hot again. Forgot to look at thermometer.
 - 14 Got letter from buddy with draft for \$17 of my interest. Took to P.O. letters to Patty and Sally. Had the pantry and closets cleaned. Joe worked ½ day for himself resetting tobacco afterwards cut weeds for me.
 - 15 Went to Burlington. Got Mr. Revill to cash my draft that came yesterday. Left 75. in bank and brought the bal. back after paying Hilda 18. she had lent me. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mr. Birkle in full to date 3.40. I put in P.O. letter to buddy and got one from Aunt Susan. Joe put up wire doors, grubbed woodbine in clover field and worked in the garden. He replanted corn, planted corn & beans.
 - 16 Settled with Fanny up to next Monday. That will be 12 weeks which will come to 18.00. She had already received 10.95 and I paid her 7.05 in full. Went to Bellevue and told Mike Corbin as agent to order for me a Brown farm wagon which is to be 65., delivered there. Joe worked ½ day for me hoeing and replanting in the garden. I worked in the garden. Had poles put to butter beans and fixed twine on bean trellis. Cloudy towards sunset and lightning at night. Old Katy cow sick in a mysterious way.
 - 17 Sunday. Rained last night. Katy cow down and can't get up. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Sprinkled occasionally and towards 9 P.M. rained.
 - 18 Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to Aunt Susan inclosing 1.00 and went to see about my carpet. It rained hard after 11 o'clock again about 2 P.M. and about 8 P.M. I set out Matchless Tomato plants also had set out over two rows of Surehead Cabbage. Dick said he set out half an acre of them. Old Katy got up and went to eating again to-day. Joe cut and piled burnt hedge on cherry hill and set out some cabbage plants. Fanny quit and went home to help her father she said.
 - 19 Went to Bellevue got letters from Patty and Julia. Mr. Brady measured the rest of the rock. He said it came to 4 perches and a fraction and gave me an order on Mr. J. J. Lillard for 4.72. They stayed to dine. Joe worked chopping the hedge. A bright warm day.
 - 20 Mr. McGuire came down to settle for the breaking rock. I called it 44 perches which at .30 would come to 13.20. He had received on it 7.00 and I paid him the balance 6.20 in full. Joe cut weeds on cherry hill and worked in the garden. About sundown it rained again, not hard.
 - 21 Joe helped Dick haul tobacco to Bellevue. They took 2 loads. Joe brought back the new wagon Mike sent for me. Afterwards Joe ploughed the little piece of bottom corn I think and

ploughed in the garden. I got letter from Sally and railroad map from Julia. Hot day and bright.

- 22 Went to Mr. J.J. Lillard's and finding he was not at home left the order (see 19th) endorsed with Mrs. Lillard so her husband could give the check to Mr. Brady. Went to Burlington to the Bank and got from Mr. Revill the \$75 (see 15th). Went to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin for the Brown wagon \$65. and got receipt. Stopped and paid to Dan McCarty 10.00 for my toll last year and explained to him it was due May 1st. Went to see J. J. Huey about the tobacco. He said it weighed 5470 lbs. Joe helped haul tobacco 2 loads. Dr. Furnish at my request came to see Aunt Nancy and says she has an aneurism of the carotid artery on the right side. Joe cut bushes after dinner. Hot day.
- 23 Mr. J. J. Lillard in passing gave me his check for the rock money but there was a mistake in it. No one worked for me. Very hot day.
- 24 Sunday I gave Mr. Brady the check for him to return to Mr. Lillard. Mr. B. and Hilda dined with me. Aunt Susan came back to work for me. I gave Mr. B. letter to Patty to put in P.O. in Burlington. Warm day and had showers after noon and after dark it rained hard.
- 25 Joe and Dick hauled the tobacco hogsheads I had to Bellevue to Johnny Huey, then Joe fixed horse yoke and cradle till noon. He worked for Dick ½ day cutting wheat. We had showers and thunder. Isaac went away to stay. I took him to McVile to go to Rising Sun. Got letter from Patty. Red, short-horned cow had a calf.
- 26 Had a hard rain between 11 and 12 and a very hard one with a wind storm and heavy thunder between 2 and 3 P.M. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Julia. Dick tried to cut wheat and Joe worked for him. Ernest came to tell me Horace's wife is there.
- 27 Very hot day. Joe worked for Dick in wheat. Found Siegra with a calf. The pretty young heifer with a white spot in her forehead that I named Star has a red heifer calf and I named it Cherry.
- 28 Very hot day again. Joe worked in wheat for Dick. I drove up the heifer and calf. Went to Mr. Lillard's after the check but he had given it to Mr. Brady.
- 29 Went to Ernest's to call on Mrs. Leila Grant. Stayed the day. Joe worked in wheat for Dick. Hot. Got letter from Patty at a lake fishing.
- 30 The anniversary of my beloved sister Belle's death. Lord love her soul. Went to Burlington. Signed the check and Mr. Brady got it cashed for me. I paid Dick to-day 6.00 for Dump Rains. Sent Dick 6.00 by Georgy and left 3.50 at Huey for her to be charged to Dick. I got the 43.72 for the check. Went to McVile and brought home my carpet. Very hot still. Got letter from Sally. She had seen Julia F.

July

- 1 Sunday. Old Katy has a fine b. calf red with some white. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Hot, sultry day.
- 2 Another very hot day. Joe worked in the garden ploughing and hoeing. Jesse Dolph who used to keep store in Bellevue with old Mr. Hewitt came to see me—had his nephew with him.
- 3 Joe ploughed little piece of corn in bottom &c.—after dinner cut timothy hay in creek bottom. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and Isabella. Went to Mrs. Grant's.
- 4 No one worked for me—cloudy day with occasional sprinkles. Got letter from Nat'l Bk. of Washington with check for \$75.—dividend—also pamphlet from buddy. Was cleaning balcony room and hunting for a calf I think a heifer has had.

- 5 We got up the red heifer and I afterwards found her calf. Joe then cleaned out the spring, fixed the peach tree that blew over &c., after dinner he took in hay and Jesse and Flave helped.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—took a letter to C. A. James acknowledging receipt of draft (see 4th). Got yesterday's mail & letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft on N.Y. for \$10.—dividend, also letters from Patty and Sally. Cooler. Joe and Jess and Flave hauled in timothy hay. Shower towards evening with a beautiful rainbow. Neglected to write in this till the 11th.
- 7 No one worked for me.
- 8 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way by.
- 9 Cool morning and cool last night. Lily Grant and Mrs. Leila Grant, the little children Katy and Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with me. Got letter from Patty and brother Charlie.
- 10 Went to Bellevue for mail, took letters to Patty and to Farmers' & Mechanics' Nat'l Bk. Was canning blackberries. Yesterday Joe worked in the garden and took two trips to Bellevue to get grass board for Mowing machine. To-day he cut the rest of the timothy in the bottom, hoed some in the garden and I think chopped weeds out of the little piece of bottom corn. Cool at night and morning.
- 11 Joe and Jess and Flave got in the rest of the timothy hay and then the boys cut weeds and wood to finish out. Turned warmer.
- 12 Went to Bellevue twice—took letters to Sally and little Julia F. and to Southern Mag. It was 96° in the shade in Bellevue. Joe cleaned out springs in the big pasture and chopped up limbs that blew off the trees.
- 13 Went to Bellevue twice and to Ernest's. Got letter from Sally. Hot and very dry. Joe hauled manure out of yard and stalls.
- 14 Jess came and I paid him in full for his work to date. 3/3 No one worked for me. Things parched for rain.
- 15 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped as they went by.
- 16 Hotter and drier. Sent by Joe letter to T.D. Got letters from little Julia Foster and from Farmer's & Mechanic's Bk. Georgetown with draft for 28 also letter from Southern Mag. acknowledging receipt of subscription, 2.50. Joe hauled some manure and wood and took Cy to Bellevue to be shod.
- 17 Hotter and drier still. Went to Bellevue. Took Mike Corbin the check for \$75 (see 4th) and the check for 28 that came yesterday endorsed them and got him to credit me with the amount \$103. on my account. Got letter from Patty. Hilda and Mr. B. came later. Lily and Mrs. Leila Grant and the children [came]. Joe cut sumac.
- 18 Hotter and drier—a few drops sprinkled about sundown. Joe cut sumac, dug onions & cut weeds. I sent Louise Shaw's calf down to Mike Corbin and old Katy and her calf to go on the boat to Mr. Conner. Jess helped take them down—sent letter to Patty. 100° in Bellevue.
- 19 An unforgotten date. Lord love their souls. Very hot and dry. Mr. Joe Walton came to look at my lambs—did n't want them. Joe cut weeds and thistles. Aunt Nancy poorly. Towards evening a gentle rain.
- 20 Did n't write in this till Sunday night. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Sally, Belle Raymond, little Julia F. and from Rabenstien Harris and Conner about old Katy and calf. The two sold for \$26. and the expenses came to 4.05 so they sent me a check for \$21.95 signed by J. Rabenstien. Sent Joe after Dr. Furnish for Aunt Nancy who is no better. Then Joe went to work in his tobacco. Dr. Furnish came down. Hot.
- 21 Cloudy day—no one worked for me. I worked in the garden part of the time. Got letter from Mary Cochran.

- 22 Sunday. Went to church and to see Mrs. Mary Rice baptized. The river was beautiful, low and clear. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner. I signed the check (see 20th) and gave it to Hilda to get cashed for me in Burlington. Hot dry and dusty. Ellen came to see Aunt Nancy.
- 23 Did n't write in this till 27th.
- 24 Went to Bellevue. Got letters from Patty, Julia, Sue and little Julia. Think I put in P.O. letter to Sally. Amy and Miss Eckstein drove down from Cin. Hilda and Mr. B. came to call. Hilda brought me the 21.95 for my draft (see 22nd). Joe was gone helping thresh.
- 25 Joe gone again helping to thresh. Amy and Miss Eckstein left towards 5 o'clock. Hot and dry all these days with dewless nights and things are parching with drouth.
- 26 About 10 a.m. Joe got back from threshing and helped Dick haul wheat. Hot as pepper.
- 27 Joe went for coal &c. sacks for threshing. Sent by him letters to Patty, Belle R, Sue and little Julia Foster. Threshing machine got here before 10 a.m. and began at 12.30. Worked 5 hours and left. Mr. Laker said the wheat came to 211 bus. and I let Dick have \$10.60. Dick and Joe hauled a load down before night. A fine breeze but otherwise hot and dry.
- 28 Joe helped haul wheat to Mr. Huey. I kept 25 sacks 50 bus. or upwards for seed and had it put in barrels in the wine house granary. Joe worked ½ day. I sent by him letter to Mary C. Got letter from Sally. Dryer still. Dick said Mr. Huey got the returns from our tobacco.
- 29 Sunday. Hotter and drier. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me.
- 30 Went to Burlington to dine with Hilda to meet Mrs. Eugenia Gaines &c. Distressing drouth everywhere around. Joe filled ticks dug out springs in pastures and cut thistles.
- 31 Joe worked in garden and cut thistles. Hot as a furnace. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally. Got letter from Patty. Had Kitty shod.

August

- 1 Joe worked in garden and then I suppose cut weeds till it rained. About 2 P.M. we had some delightful showers—very refreshing and cooled the air, and the thunder cleared the oppressiveness. Did n't write in this till the 4th.
- 2 Tobacco—went to J. J. Huey and got the returns from the tobacco. There were 5475 lbs. in all and after the expenses were deducted it came to \$338.51 of which a half is 169.25. I furnished the 4 hogsheads 8. and took 4.00 from his share and added to mine came to 173.25. Out of this I paid J. J. Huey my account and the orders for Richard and Flave Loudon to date \$53.23. Then I took the check of J. J. Huey for \$120 and took it to M. J. Corbin, endorsed it and got him to credit me with it on my account. At Dick Loudon's request I waived my right to what was due me out of his share and left it with Mr. Huey to go on his account. Joe sowed some turnip seed in the garden pulled weeds and cut them. Joe cleaned out spring. I took letter to Patty, Got letters from her and Sarah.
- 3 Joe cleaned out springs in big pasture and cut weeds. Dry but turned cooler at night.
- 4 Cool morning—felt like early fall. I went on the little boat [to] R. Sun. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash draft for 10.00 (see July 6th). Paid Mr. Heyn the things I got (see June 1st) amounting to 9.55, and got his receipt. Went to Oscar Jones's and paid Aunt Eliza's bill there up to Aug. 11th, \$11.25 and got receipt. Sent by Mr. Aikin to put in Am. Ex. little package to Til Selmes. Joe worked ½ day—went to mill and I suppose cut weeds. Did n't write in this again till 7th.
- 5 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined with me, cool morning.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—engaged coal at J.J. Huey's of Mr. Clore and of Mr. Corbin. Went to McVillie to see Charlie Burns—went there again after dinner and took Mrs. Aikin up to see Miss Lou Prest. Ernest went up with lambs. Joe cut weeds in yard in the morning and hauled coal from J.J. Huey; after dinner hauled 2 loads 85 bus at .11. Very dusty and warmer again.

- 7 Charlie Burns came out to see about the work, tell me about shingles &c. Joe hauled coal 2 loads from Huey's in the morning 8 bus. and 2 loads after dinner from Corbin's at 10½ cents. Very dusty and hot. I got letter from Patty and photograph from Bessie of her baby Katharine Jordan Thomas.
- 8 Sent by Joe letter to Patty. He hauled me one load of coal from Corbin's in the morning and 1 load of 44 bus. for himself. After dinner he hauled 3 loads of shingles. I went to see J.J. Huey about the wheat. He said it came to 163 bus. 30 lbs. of which R. Loudon reserved 66 bus. for flour (I had reserved 50 bus. for seed). That left 97 bus. 30 lbs which at .45 came to 43.88. From that he deducted 3.00 freight leaving 40.88. As R. Loudon had said I could have what was coming on the wheat towards a settlement, I took the balance. The coal I got was 169 bus. at 11 cents came to 18.59. I paid J.J. Huey and got his receipt and he gave me the balance \$22.29. I pd. Mr. Birkle 1.40 in full to date. Engaged of M.J. Corbin 15 in. 500 cypress shingles which Joe hauled. Got letter from Aunt Eliza. Joe's coal came to .62. Hot dry and dusty still. Mike said my coal came to 122 bus.
- 9 Ernest, Lily, Miss Lou and the baby came over and spent the day. Very hot and sultry and dusty. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped as they went by. I got letter from Sally. Joe cut weeds fixed gate post &c.
- 10 My beloved sister's wedding day, 35 years ago—aeons of thought away. Very sultry within the afternoon clouds thunder and every promise of rain that passed away. Katy came this evening. Mr. Fred said he cut ironweeds 2 ½ days. I pd. him 19 and gave him an order on Huey for 1.50. Pulled the first ripe muskmelons this evening. Joe cut weeds in yard and kitchen lot.
- 11 Went to Bellevue twice took letter to Sally and card to P.M. at Baltimore. Joe worked ½ day cutting weeds and clearing springs. I got letter from Julia, from Olympia. Our long and distressing drouth was broken this evening. About 20 min. of 6 we had a tremendous rain with plenty of thunder and lightning. It poured down for about an hour so I could n't see the hills part of the time and is still raining at 8.20. This morning the ford and bed of Middle Creek were dry and dusty—this evening Joe said he could n't cross with a horse to get the cows. The water ran in streams in the yard and yellow streams dashed down the dry ravines. Last evening there was a big rain towards Erlanger, I heard. It was very sultry and oppressive part of to-day. Had ripe watermelons.
- 12 Sunday—very hot and about between 4 and 5 p.m. a good rain that lasted nearly half an hour. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped in passing.
- 13 Charlie Burns came out to work. Joe went down for him and his tools and helped him ½ day. After dinner Joe topped his tobacco. Charlie took the shingles off the sheep shed and worked at sheeting. Hot again. I sent by Joe letter to Sally and a letter to Patty that came from Sally Chenault. Got letter from Patty inclosing one from Julia.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday, Lord love her. She is 33 to-day. I wrote to her and put the letter in P.O. gave it to Johnny H. Cloudy and sprinkled sometimes. Charlie and Joe shingled on sheep shed. Sent by Charlie letters to buddy and Julia.
- 15 Sultry and looked like rain. Charlie did n't come out. Joe carried shingles on roof and hammered down nails and cut weeds. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sue.
- 16 Mr. Fred came and said he worked 3 ¼ days cutting weeds in big pasture. It came to 2.40 and I paid him .40 and gave him an order on Huey for 2.00. Charlie and Joe worked on sheep shed roof. Dick talked about sowing wheat.
- 17 My beloved mother died 35 years ago to-day. Lord love her sweet soul. Cool, 62° at sunup, but turned warmer. Found one of my young ewes had died apparently some days ago—only 17 now. Branches in big pasture perfectly dry again. Went to McVile for fire clay and to

Bellevue for box candles. Got letter from Patty written on her birthday. Charlie worked—I think Joe helped him.

- 18 Charlie and Joe worked all day; finished shingling sheep shed. I pd. Charlie Burns 5.00. Got letter from Sally. Cloudy during day and rained before midnight a good quiet rain.
- 19 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Aunt Susan went to Burlington to 'big meetin'. Annie was here. Mr. Joe Walton and Doll came. Mr. Joe W. to tell me about sending my lamb. Joe and Jess got the sheep up and sorted them—got 20 buck lambs and old ewe ready to go.
- 20 Started Joe and Jess off 'befo' fo' with the lambs to take them to Burlington, when they came back they got cattle out and fixed water gap. Charlie came to work and then Joe helped him fix Dick 's cistern and work on winehouse roof and cut away some trees that hung over it. Jess did n't work after dinner. Mr. Fred cut weeds ½ day.
- 21 Got letter from brother Charlie with draft for \$193. of my interest. Cloudy morning—the sun came up as red as a rose but the day was bright. Dick was to work on the road to-day in Joe's place and Joe helped Charlie shingle on the wine house. I went to Bellevue after nails.
- 22 58° at sunrise. Joe went to Bellevue and got 6 bunches of shingles from Mike Corbin. Let Dick Loudon have a big load of corn in the wagon bed Joe made. He is to return it and it is not to go under 50 a bus. Charlie Burns worked—finished this side of the wine house roof, patched up the big crib roof and patched up in the kitchen. Joe went after jack screws. I got letter from Julia in Olympia.
- 23 Mr. Fred cut weeds and briers on cherry hill and in that pasture. Said he had worked 8 ½ days which came to 2.63. I paid him the .63 and gave him an order on Huey for 2.00. Joe helped Charlie Burns—they raised the smoke house with jack screws and partly moved it. Rather cool this morning, 62° but turned warm and looked like rain and thundered after dinner.
- 24 Dick Loudon brought in to divide 8.27 watermelon money. My beloved father's birthday, Lord love his soul. Charlie Burns and Joe worked at smoke house and moving chicken house. Paid C. Burns \$10.00.
- 25 No one worked for me—all the men went to Lawrenceburgh [sic] Fair. I went to Rising Sun. Took the draft I got from buddy for \$193. (see 21st) to Mr. Perkins at the bank. Got from him a draft on New Y. Western Natl. Bk. for \$100 payable to Susan D. Tew left in the R. S. Bank 75 and got the balance 18. Went to see about Eliza. Warm day, cloudy in the morning and slight showers after 2 p.m. Did n't lay the dust.
- 26 Sunday—looked like rain—cloudy and thundered, but no rain here. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a little while. Hilda Brady brought me a check for \$30.62 from Mr. J. H. Walton the return from 21 head, 20 lambs and one ewe. Such is life—especially in hard times.
- 27 Went to Bellevue, gave Johnny Huey the letter for Sue Tew inclosing the check for Susie for \$100 (see 25th). Brought out ___ I got for Dick's house. Charlie Burns and Joe worked moving chicken house, putting rock pillars under it—getting out a stick of locust timber &c. Sent Mr. McMullen's jack screw home by Joe. Warm—no rain. Got a ham from Mr. Corbin. Mr. Fred worked cutting briers in vineyard cutting sprouts &c. in yard and taking out volunteer plum in front of dining room window &c.
- 28 Went to see Mrs. Nancy Arnold at Katy's. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally. They said Cousin Rebecca was better. Charlie Burns worked and Joe helped him. Joe hauled stick of locust timber to mill—hailed some sand mixed mortar &c. Charlie painted the kitchen, fixed screen frames &c. Mr. Fred cut weeds and briers on cherry hill. Flave's and Dick's dogs killed one of my young ewes in the big pasture—a long tailed one. Flave shot his dog.

- 29 Charlie Burns worked—he fixed trunk, pantry closet and at window weights. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. Mr. Fred cut bushes on cherry hill.
- 30 The sun rose as it did yesterday, through fog or smoke, red as a rose. It turned warm, was hot this evening. Joe went to mill after the 4 boards Mr. Parsons sawed out of the locust stick. He helped Charlie who after he finished fixing the windows worked on the smoke house rock floor. C. Burns says the river is lower now than it has been this summer and yet in July some of the boys waded across it.
- 31 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 4 days this week. I paid him .50 and gave him an order n Huey for 2.50 the balance Charlie Burns and Joe worked on the smoke house. I went round to look at the tobacco. Found some large tobacco in Dick's—leaves measuring a yard and some 20 to 24 inches in width, one leaf 37 ½ in. in length, anther 27 in. wide. Found the boys crops' good leaves 19 and 20 in. wide sometimes and some 35 in. long.

September

- 1 The sun came up as it has several mornings through fog and red as a rose, and it is cool. Sent by Rose letters to Patty and Julia and letter that came for Patty from Molly D. Joe worked ½ day I think, hauled tier poles to big crib. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. She and I went to Bellevue. Dick gave me 5.00 watermelon money.
- 2 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home after S. School. It turned very hot after dinner and thundered, but no rain. Did n't write in this till the 5th.
- 3 Joe worked cleaning out springs in big pasture and tiering off the big crib. Very hot part of the day.
- 4 Charlie Burns came out and worked and Joe helped him. They cemented the smoke house floor, pointed, fixed both kitchen stoves &c. I took letter to Sally—got letter from Sue saying she received the draft (see Aug. 27) and one from Julia, who is home, but was hurt at Portland by being thrown from a car, not seriously she thinks.
- 5 Joe worked for himself in tobacco, cut some. Towards 6 P.M. we had a shower. Very hot.
- 6 Took a day off for a wonder and went to the Association and Centennial celebration at Bullittsburg church. The dust was laid and up Ashby's fork there was a little sand. Joe worked for himself in tobacco.
- 7 Charlie Burns came out and finished up for the present. He patched the plaster of the ceiling upstairs—set Dick's grate &c. He had worked 17 days in all which came to 21.25 and had received 15 so I paid him the bal., 6.25.
- 7 Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. Miss Kate Kirtley and the Stevens family she was with called on their way home from the Association. Very hot the last two days.
8. Dick paid me 3.92 watermelon money—the first payment was 4.13, the next 5.00 total to date 13.05. I went to Bellevue—took note to Julia—got letter from Patty and Sally and paper from buddy. Joe worked for himself in tobacco and afterwards hauled Charlie's tools home. I went up to Ernest's. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 Sunday—my beloved mother's birthday, Lord love her soul. Very hot day—with clouds sometimes. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here.
- 10 My dear little sister's birthday may they be together in eternal bliss. About 1 A.M. we had showers and it is showering this morning. Dick Loudon divided some more watermelon money, gave me 3.57. It stopped showering was very smoky and turned suddenly cool. Joe and Dick worked tiering in the big barn and cleaning out the wine house.
- 11 Very cool, 52° at sunup. I went to Burlington with Katy Arnold to dine with Hilda to meet her cousin, Mrs. Betty Hall Gaines. We went to Bellevue and I got letter from Patty. I put in P.O.

- at Burlington letters to Patty and Sally. On the way home told Mr. Jack Walton to keep 30 bus. of rye for me. Left Joe and Dick tiering off wine house.
- 12 At sunrise 54° and turned warm. Joe, Dick and Jesse were tiering off the big barn before noon. After Joe worked for himself cutting tobacco. Mr. J. J. Elston, Union Agt. for Page Woven Wire fence came to tell me about it. Cooked chili [sauce].
 - 13 Slight showers night of 12th and morning of 13th. Did n't write in this till 14th. Joe worked for himself in tobacco. I got letter from Julia. Cooked preserves.
 - 14 Hot again and dry. Joe cut tobacco in the garden. I went to Bellevue after noon to the funeral of Andy Wiesickle. Took letter to brother Charlie acknowledging draft (see Aug. 21) and to Julia. Hot and dusty. Sat up to see the partial eclipse of the moon and about 20 minutes of 12 I killed a snake that was running around the dining room floor.
 - 15 Joe worked for himself putting tobacco in the house. Jesse said he had worked 1 day helping to tier off the barn and I paid him .75. I went to Bellevue and to Betty's. Between 12 and 1 P.M. we had a good rain and during the night it rained hard.
 - 16 Sunday--cloudy part of the day and warm.
 - 17 Heavy fog this morning. Dick gave me 2.00 my half of last week's sales. Joe and Dick worked ½ day fixing fence and water gap next Mr. Jim Rogers. Worked for themselves afterwards.
 - 18 Rained off and on. Joe and Dick went to Ernest's after dinner to borrow tobacco sticks—said they got 1090. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. I got invitation to Bessie Resor's wedding Oct. 2nd. Rained at night.
 - 19 Cool and foggy. Joe worked for himself in tobacco. Mr. Fred worked ½ day I think. I went to Bellevue. Took postal to Mr. J. J. Elston Union ordering 110 one hundred and 10 rods Page Wire Fence 11 wire 58 in. galvanized at .65 a rod put up. I'd have the posts set. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
 - 20 Cool, 51° at sunup. Joe worked in his tobacco cutting and hanging. Mr. Fred cut briers on cherry hill.
 - 21 Rather warmer, 54° and foggy. Sent by Lee Orner letter to Patty. Mr. Fred said he was done cutting briers and I paid him in full 2.81. Did n't write in this till the 24th. Went to Ernest Grant's in the morning. Came by Bellevue—got letter from Julia and 2 books she sent me, Guide Book to Alaska and Trilby. Joe worked for himself but I think he and Dick fixed the shed posts and he hauled some poles.
 - 22 Warmer. 60° at sunup. Joe worked for himself. I made chili sauce for the second time.
 - 23 Sunday—a beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a little while on their way home.
 - 24 Dick brought me 2.80 watermelon money. Dick got another load of corn in my wagon out of the crib. Joe took Louise cow to Mr. Ab Gaines. He cut tobacco for himself and I think finished. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally. Saw a flock of wild geese flying north.
 - 25 Coldest morning this fall, 42°, at sunrise. Sent letter to Sue by Lee Omer. There was a little white frost on roofs this morning. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Kelly said his sweet potato vines were killed by the frost and he had to dig the potatoes. I got letters from Patty and Sue with photograph of Susie Tew. Joe helped Dick cut tobacco and went to Ernest's to borrow a load of sticks. They also hauled some of his own tobacco. Mr. Acra came to see about school tax. Made a fire this evening for the first time since last spring and found it comfortable.
 - 26 A little warmer, 44°, at sunup. A bright beautiful day but I have a fire at night. Joe helped Dick with his tobacco.
 - 27 At sunup 45°—warm in the day. Joe helped Dick in the boys' tobacco till noon—then hauled his own. I went to see Mrs. Will Rice and to Bellevue—took letter to Sarah and note to Belle Resor. Joe finished hauling in his tobacco.

- 28 Dick paid me 1.00 watermelon money. Joe went to Bellevue to take barrel of flour back and went after the 30 bus. rye I got from Mr. Joe Walton and cut some wood. Warmer to-day. Jess milked.
- 29 Lovely warm day. I went to see Doll Walton's sheep and exchanged with him—to send sheep next week. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Nina C. Went to the mill and pd. Mr. Parsons for the locust stick he sawed .30. Joe went away soon this morning and Jess milked. Got Johnny Huey to cash the check Mr. Joe Walton sent me for the lambs, 30.62 (see Aug. 26) and left 10. in his care. Dick got in all his own tobacco.
- 30 Sunday. Dick gave 1.00 watermelon money. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner. Warm bright day—turned cooler at night.

October

- 1 Cool, 42° at sunup—had a little fire. A bright, beautiful day. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Sally and Julia. Got letters from Sally and Aunt Eliza. Went to see Mrs. Becky Botts.
- 2 Joe got home last night. Not quite so cool, 44°. Joe went up to Doll Walton's and took my buck, exchanged it for one 3 yrs old and not thoroughbred but larger than mine. It is marked by the tip of the right ear being cropped. Got up the sheep and counted them; there were 39 old sheep including the buck and I turned in with them the 17 young ewes making 56 in all. I turned out 19 ewe lambs including one late one with a long tail and left the late twins with the ewe. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty. Joe went down with the wagon on the hunt of tobacco sticks. Took Mr. Deck his 10 gal. keg of vinegar and he paid me 3.10, the .10 on some he got before.
- 3 Rained a little last night and some this morning. Wind blew most of the day. Joe cut corn in Bert's corn. Dick borrowed some tobacco sticks from Bob Clore. I went to Mr. Jim Rogers' left with him 10. and asked him to buy me a buck.
- 4 At sunrise, 51°. Sold my surplus old corn to Bee Walton at .50 a bushel, he to take it by the 20th of this month. Went to Bellevue, got the 10. I left at J.J. Huey's (see Sept. 29). Mr. Jim Rogers brought me the buck he got with his—and returned me 3.00, said the buck was 7.00, a yearling, part Hampshire Down, part Southdown. Joe turned him in the pasture with the other sheep. Joe cut corn and Mr. Rains cut by the shock where Dick is to sow wheat. The wind blew hard to-day and it turned chilly—so that a little fire is pleasant. I got a book from Mr. Graham.
- 5 Very disagreeable day—cloudy and a keen wind, turned colder towards evening. I went to Bellevue for Patty, but she did n't come. Got letter from Julia. Joe cut corn.
- 6 Coldest morning this fall, 37° at sunup and heavy fog. Dick paid me .45 watermelon money. Mr. Rains said he had cut 38 shocks—got vinegar, .15 and 2.00, says he owes .75 pasture. Did n't write in this till the 9th. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty saying she would come Sunday.
- 7 Sunday. Patty came on the mail boat. Joe drove the wagon for the trunks. Hilda and Mr. B. came back to see Patty. A bright, pleasant warmer day.
- 8 Pleasant day. Joe cut corn. Dick began to put in wheat.
- 9 Fanny came to work. Got letter from Isabella. Bright, pretty day. Joe got May and Belle up and cut corn.
- 10 Heavy fog. 36° at sunrise. Did n't write in this till Sunday 14th. Think Patty went to Rising Sun. Joe worked in cutting corn or putting rye.
- 11 Patty and I went to Bellevue. I got letter from Albaugh man about trees. Saw a little skim of ice in buckets. Joe worked.

- 12 The wind that blew for days this week injured the fodder so that I told all the men to quit cutting fodder and paid them off. Joe worked putting in rye. It turned warmer and rained at night.
- 13 Patty and I went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. It was chilly and windy. Got letter from Sally. Joe worked cutting wood. Went to mill, cleaned out springs &c.
- 14 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. A bright pretty day. Yesterday Mr. Joe Walton came to see about cattle.
- 15 Coldest morning so far, 29°. Joe worked putting in rye. George Roseberry's Harry came to work. We went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia and invitation to Belle Mitchell's anniversary, 10th. Turned warm.
- 16 This morning 54° and warm as spring all day. We went to Bellevue. No one worked for me—all the men went to Burlington to a political meeting. Dick turned his calf and one of mine out to pasture to wean. Mine was the calf of the straight horned cow they call Lucy.
- 17 Like spring this morning, and like summer all day. Til Selmes came on the little boat. I went to Rising Sun. Got from Mr. Perkins the \$75 I left there Aug. 25th. Patty and Til rode down and came back with me. Joe took Louise cow away but said not set it down. I got Clarke Co.'s receipt for 4. for Century.
- 18 Warm as spring again. Patty, Til and I rode to Burlington to see Hilda. I went to the Bank and got my Insurance Policy out of my little box. Left it and 20. with Mr. Brady to get Mr. Lassing to renew it. Got letters from Sarah and Sue. Joe, Dick and Jess all worked putting in rye for me. Did n't write in this till the 21st.
- 19 Dick and Jess helped put in rye ½ day. Joe finished after dinner and went to clean out springs. In the evening I went over Joe's book to compare his account of days' work with mine preparatory to a settlement and paid him \$20. Still warm and dry.
- 20 No one worked for me except the boy who is taking care of Patty's horses. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. Amy and Miss Eckstein and Louis came down. Hot and dusty and drier than ever.
- 21 Sunday—warm as summer. For several days we have not had any fire and it is hot. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by to take Ethel to work for them. Amy and Miss Eckstein and Louis went home. Sent letter to Sally by Amy. Forgot to set down that Bert Arnold hauled me a load of corn the 18th and one the 20th. It has been as hot, dry and dusty as summer for days, and the foliage is all gorgeous shades and colors.
- 22 Joe cleaned out barn cistern and Jesse helped him. After noon Joe began to dig potatoes in garden. Sent note to Enid. Patty and Til went to Ernest's. I went to see Charlie Burns about cistern. Went to the river and found my grate and three rolls Page fences. Mike told me it was 90° Sat and 85° to-day in Bellevue.
- 23 Tilden went away and Patty went up to Cin. with him. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Dick hauled in and divided a load of potatoes. I sent Joe down to have Til shod and to get the Page woven wire fence rolls—then he drove the spring wagon down to the little boat and to get lime cement grate &c. I sent to this morning's mail letter to Sue. Still hot and drier yet. I told Joe to haul some sand.
- 24 Another warm day but turned cooler at night so that I had a little fire. Dick gathered a load of corn for himself and said it was the second he had taken. Joe brought part of a load of potatoes to divide. Miss White came after a bus. potatoes for Mr. Henderson and I let her have them. Joe dug Irish potatoes and some sweet potatoes in the garden. I got notice from Smithman & Co about fruit trees.
- 25 Charlie Burns came to work. Mr. Moody came and bought a heifer, red with a little white spot on left hind leg—promised to pay \$14 for her Saturday. Claude came for a load of corn

that I sold Bee Walton. The weights were gross 3120 tare 1250, net 1870 lbs. He hauled a second load to-day. Charlie Burns repaired the barn cistern and fixed Dick's flue and roof that leaked. Joe helped him. Dick divided some more potatoes. Hilda and Mr. B. came by. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Julia.

- 26 Sent letter to Julia. Rained a shower about 3 A.M. C. Burns came out to set Joe's grate but it did n't fit and he went to see about stable for Dick &c. till 9 o'clock. Went to see about my sheep—got the buck Mr. Rogers brought for me out of Willie Rice's sheep. Joe tinkered around with Charlie, fixed wire fence &c. and dug some sweet potatoes. Mr. Walton hauled two loads of corn to be weighed at his scales Joe said. Went to Bellevue—met Mr. Moody who paid me 11. on the heifer. It sprinkled a little to-day. Did n't write in this again till 29th.
- 27 Joe worked ½ day digging potatoes. Dick finished digging and dividing his. I got letter from Patty yesterday I think. Hilda came with Mr. B. and stayed all night. We went to night meeting. It has been warm all the week. We have fires in the mornings and evenings but can't keep them up. Got letter from Sally.
- 28 Sunday—bright warm day. Went to church and afterwards to the river after Patty but she was not on the boat. Patty came after dark from Aurora on her way from Louisville. Hilda stopped in passing by.
- 29 Charlie Burns came and set Joe West's grate. Joe waited on him and later began to dig potatoes and went to the river for Patty's trunk which came on the Swan. I went to Bellevue. It rained a little—a sprinkle. Hilda just stopped in passing. Jess milked for me. Pd C. Burns in full.
- 30 Raining and rained till about noon, not hard, a slow, slight rain. Joe stripped his tobacco. Dick also stripped in sheep cellar. It cleared off in the evening. I got letters from Julia and Enid.
- 31 Joe worked for himself till noon moving the tobacco out of the three stalls and stripping. Worked for me after dinner, hauled in potatoes both sweet and Irish out of the garden. I got invitation to Julia Flandrau's wedding the 10th Nov. Also postal from Mr. Elston about wire fence. It rained some in the morning and cleared off cooler. Sent letter to Sally.

Remedy for Gall Stones or Enlargement of the liver. Prescription of Mrs. Dr. A. S. Cook, San Francisco, Cal. given to me by N. M. Cochrane.

Fluid Extract of Chionanthus—(fringe tree) one half teaspoonful in seven tablespoons of olive oil. Stir well and take at bedtime. On waking in the morning take half a bottle of citrate of magnesia and half or three quarters of an hour later take the rest of the citrate of magnesia.

Cheap shingles 2.50 M
2750 shingles 12X16

1894 Aunt Susan Dec. 16th .60 19th 6.00 31st goods .15 Jan. 14, 1895 overshoes .80 Jan. 17 yarn .25

Aunt Susan went away May 28- 1895

1892

Aug. 1st Aunt Susan came to work. Sep. 1st for goods .52 Sep. 27 goods .50 Oct. 19 cash .25
Nov. 4th goods .42 Nov. 12th goods 2.95 Dec. cash .15 Dec. 20th cash .25 Dec. 21st cash 21.40

1893

Jan 11th .20 Jan 18th 3.80 March 13 .50 Mar. 21st goods .76 Mar. .24 stockings .50 April 1st .50
25th .10

Dec. 24, 93 .45 Jan. 5th 1894 flannel skirt 1.15

Jan.29th 2 yds. flannel .20

Patty paid her 5.00. I pd her 10. Mar. 25.

She left March 25th

Aunt Susan came back to work June 24, 1894.

May 11th Sent her 5.00 July 10 pd her 5.00

Aug. 22 pd her 1.00 Turnip seed .05

Aug 25th shoes 2.00 28th goods 25

Oct. 11 goods .55 Sep. 8th .25 Oct. 17th 1.58

Oct. 26th 1.50 Nov. 8th 2.00 26th goods .75

Nov. 6th 1892

I received of Amy Campbell fifty dollars on account of keeping her horses.

I had before received twenty dollars.

Was visiting Anna March 1870 S.D.T. 100. Western Natl Bk. N.Y. Aug 15 No. 55588- sent Aug 16.

S.D.T. 100. Western Natl. Bk. N.Y. Aug. 18 Sent Aug. 19th 1893

S.D.T. 100 W.N.B.Y. Sep 16.Sent Sep. 16-1893

S.D.T. 100 Western Nat. Bk. New York Aug. 25th No. 61919 Sent Augt. 28th 1894

The above 500. given to Susan D. Tew J.J.S.D.

Susan D. Tew born July 24th 1871

Alice F.Tew " November 20th 1873

William H. Tew " September 16th 1876

James Dinsmore Tew May 2nd 1882

Alice F. Tew died Jan. 3rd 1882

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Tuesday Night

My dear Miss Dinsmore, forgive me. I wanted to ask you to to-night but could not. I cannot tell you how much I hope that sometime in some way I may bring a little happiness into your life rather than take any out of it. All I ask is that she may be happy and that I may help her to be. I will by every bit I can always and to be a good man and to love her as she should be loved. Will you not please say that it does not displease you for it would not be right for me to think of being happy without your approval in this.

This is stupid, I know. I wanted to say it to you, but I cannot sleep without asking you just to let me help in that you have been doing all her life. I pray she may be happy.

Frank W. Cutcheon

November

- 1 Patsy cow has a calf—a red heifer with a little white below. Mr. Moody came and got the other heifer he bought and is to pay 14. for it. He paid me 1.00 on the last one which makes 12.00 he has paid on that one. Rode to Burlington with Patty and dined with Hilda. Borrowed of her (I. H. Brady) 25.00, went to bank and got a draft on U.S. Nat'l Bk. N.Y. for 25. payable to Julia D. Flandrau. Joe helped Dick's boys shuck shock corn. It was a lovely spring-like day.
- 2 Like spring again, 53° at sunup. Dick says that yesterday they put a load of corn for me in the barn crib and this morning they put one in the corn crib. Sent by Patty to this morning's mail letter to Julia Flandrau inclosing draft mentioned above. Did n't write in this till the 6th. Blew hard and at night rained a little. Joe shucked shock corn and cut wood.
- 3 I went to Bellevue after trees again that did n't come. Mr. Cy Kelly gave me a peach tree, Lovetts' Early which I set out up above the graveyard. Patty and I walked to evening meeting. Joe worked ½ day—fixed spring wagon &c.
- 4 Sunday. Pretty day. Hilda & Mr. Brady came down and stayed all night. It rained a little at night.
- 5 Patty and I went to Aurora and she took the train for Cin. to go to St. Paul. It was windy and chilly and very disagreeable going up. I sent the boxes of jam &c. and gave Patty the receipt. Went to Bellevue afterwards—got letters from Mr. Graham and Aunt Eliza. Dick put load of corn in crib. Mr. Corbin gave me 12. that Mr. Moody left there for me to pay on the heifers—he has now paid 24. on them. Paid off Fanny. She had worked 4 weeks which came to 6.00—had received 1.65 and I paid her the balance 4.35. Joe drove the wagon to Aurora and went to see about pasture springs.
6. Colder, 31°, at sunup. Joe worked ½ day. Took Siegra-cow—dug place for onions, filled coal box &c. It was election day. Dick put another load of corn in the crib. Bert Arnold finished shucking his corn—my half was 6 loads and ½ of a part of a load. The field turned out not quite 13 loads. Bert said George Roseberry had worked 5 days shucking shock corn. Ben Corbin came and set out ½ bus. potato onions. I got letter from Julia Flandrau acknowledging receipt of draft (see 2nd) and letters from Julia and Sue.
- 7 Went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty and Mr. Graham and one to Patty from Charlie I think. It was chilly and towards noon and after rained. Joe worked part of a day—hailed a little manure and after dinner shucked shock corn a little for Dick. Did n't write in this till 10th.

- 8 I think Joe shucked with Dick shock corn and some stalk corn and Dick hauled some to the crib. Bee Walton came to see me about the corn but had not the weights so could n't settle. Went to B. got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 9 Very unpleasant day raining a cold rain part of the time. No one worked for me. I think Joe stripped tobacco some. I sent to Bellevue by Dick for the fruit trees I got of Smithman and two dollars to pay for them. About dusk Hilda and Mr.B. came to stay.
- 10 Joe worked ½ day—he set out for me the trees above the vineyard next to the peach Napoleon Bisque; next two Windsor cherry trees; next two Clapp's Favorite pears. Went to Bellevue to baptizing, think Mr. Utz baptized 18. Cold unpleasant day—snowed a little before breakfast and a little flurry after dark. Got letter from Patty in St. Paul. ¾ days
- 11 Sunday—snowing hard this morning—cleared off and mostly melted afterwards. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 12 Coldest morning this fall, 18° at sunup. No one worked for me. Joe went to R. Sun. Dick put a load of corn in the crib. He said Frank ran off with the wagon in the barn lot. He got a bridle on my account at I got letter from Patty.
- 13 Sent by Bessie letters to Patty and Julia. Not so cold, 40° at sunup, snowed, sleeted &c. and was so dark and smoky part of the day it was hard to read. Went to Bellevue and gave Mike for Mr. Aikin tax notice. Joe tinkered around—began axe handle, buried cabbages that Dick brought up, cut a little wood.
- 14 William Walton (Bee) came and settled for the corn he got. Claude hauled him 3 loads of 1870 lbs = 5610 lbs. His brother, Jack, got 2 loads, 1620 and 1790 lbs =3410 total 9020 lbs. It was so near 129 bus. he called it that and it came to 64.50. He gave me .50 and a check on the Burlington Bank for \$64. It was cloudy but milder. Joe pulled turnips and cut wood in the woods.
- 15 At sunup, 38°. Mild and bright but windy. Went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Went to the Bank with her and got Mr. Revill to cash the check for \$64. that Bee Walton gave me yesterday. I paid Hilda in presence of Mr. Revill \$61 of which 25. was to repay what I borrowed to send Julia Flandrau (see Nov. 1st) and the 36. to pay for what she advanced to pay for my Insurance Policy that Mr. John Lassing got. I had paid 20.25 on it before and the policy cost 56.25. It is on the house for 5 years from date for \$2500 and I put the policy in the little tin box in Burlington Bank. Put package for Patty in B. P.O. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Julia. Joe said he cut wood.
- 16 Mild as spring, wind blew. After sundown sprinkled a little. Joe cut wood. Mr. J. R. Elston came to see about Page Fence. Sent letter to Julia by Bessie.
- 17 Bright pretty day. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. She said Alice Bigelow's father died. Joe worked ½ day. Hauled a load of wood and ashes and manure out of yard. Sent letters to Sally and Mrs. Brown by Mrs. West.
- 18 Sunday. 21° at sunup but bright. Let Dick have a bushel of sweet potatoes at .50 which he did not pay for. Ernest and Lily stopped in the buggy a little while.
- 19 At sunup 30°. Sent by Bessie letters to buddy and Mrs. Bigelow. Joe shucked shocks in the little piece by the ford. Bright pretty day.
- 20 At sunup, 24°. A mild lovely day. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia and paper from Cousin Tom F. with account of Julia Flandrau's wedding the 10th. Joe finished the little shucking, put the part of a load in crib—hauled two loads of wood cut some, cleaned springs &c.
- 21 Mr. Graham came via Aurora. Sent letter to Patty. Lovely bright warm day. Joe fixed fence I think and hauled manure in garden and yard.

- 22 Another lovely spring-like day. Went to B. with Mr. Graham—got letters from Patty, Sally and Isabella. Mr. Graham went away via Aurora. Joe hauled manure.
- 23 Rained a little from about day. The tobacco did n't come in case fully, cleared off bright. A man whose name I can't remember came as a fruit agent of Peter Bohlander, Tadmire, Ohio and I engaged of him 5 trees—two Crosby Peach, 2 Worley's Gem and 1 Annie Trice for 2.00 to be delivered in the spring at Burlington. Joe stripped tobacco for himself ½ day and helped Dick shuck shock corn after dinner in the bottom. Did n't write in this till the 26th.
- 24 Joe worked ½ day cut stone, wood &c. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed. I got letter on business from buddy and letter from Patty.
- 25 Sunday. Pretty, bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 26 At sunup 31°. Bright and mild. Went to Bellevue. Joe cut wood.
- 27 At sunup 50°—a lovely spring-like day. Went to Bellevue twice—sent by Mr. Aikin and got the box Patty sent with my cape. Sent by Rose this morning letter to buddy. Got letter from Sue and Aunt Eliza. Had Kitty shod by Mr. Birkle. Joe took the wagon to W. W. Grant to mend and had a shoe put on Cy at Mr. Birkle's, then I told him to chop wood. I saw a small bright yellow butterfly flying to-day.
- 28 Cooler, 25° at sunup. Sent by Rose letter to Patty. Bright but a raw wind. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Aunt Eliza. Got one from Patty with letter from Belle Raymond. Joe hauled wood off the hill back of mud road.
- 29 Thanksgiving Day. Stayed home. Got letter from Sally. Joe did n't work. After dark it rained. Thanks for each drop. Dick finished shucking corn.
- 30 Only a slight shower last night. Sent letter to Sally by Rose. Went to Bellevue. Mike gave me 25. Mr. Henderson left there for potatoes. Asa bought a bus. for .40. Joe worked hauling wood. Rained in the night.

December

- 1 Did n't write in this till the 3rd. It rained off and on during the day, a gentle, warm rain and with the rain last night, the tobacco was in case. Dick worked at his in the sheep cellar and Joe moved his out of the hay shed and worked at his. Got letters from Julia and Mr. Graham.
- 2 Sunday—cloudy all day but did n't rain.
- 3 Bright, 30° at sunup. Dick has moved the tobacco out of sheep shed. I sent by Rose letter to Harriet. Joe worked for himself in tobacco.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. Cooler—25° at sunup—turned out a bright pleasant day. Sent by Rose letter to Sally. Went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. Got picture from Mr. Graham of his filly Con Grazia. Joe helped Dick kill hogs—afterwards he fixed wire fence some.
- 5 At sunup 25° turned out a bright mild lovely day. Sent by Rose letters to Julia and Sue. Joe and Jesse worked—they mended the paling fence by Joe's and got out some posts for fence &c. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia.
- 6 Got out some posts for fence &c., I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia.
- 7 Very mild, began to rain before noon and rained most of the day. Flave worked grubbing a short ½ day so did Joe and Jess getting out posts. Sent letter to Julia. Went to B. Got 2 letters from Sally. Rained at night.
- 8 Bob Brady came to assess. No one worked for me. They are stripping tobacco as they did yesterday evening. Raining to-day, with heavy thunder. Cleared off and I went to see George Smith who is sick. Roads even muddy.
- 9 Sunday—mild as spring and clear. Hilda and Mr. B dined with me.

- 10 Sent by Lou letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Patty. It rained nearly all day, hard part of the time. No one worked for me. Joe and Dick worked at their tobacco.
- 11 Looked like rain this morning but cleared off and was warm as spring. Sent by Lou letter to Sarah. Went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. Told Mr. Corbin I would take 5 of the hogs he got from Mr. Rogers; the small ones, at what he paid, 4.60. No one worked for me—the men were stripping tobacco.
- 12 Cloudy and chilly. Joe worked ½ day. Went to Bellevue and got the 5 hogs—Mr. Clore weighed them, 1070 lbs. Had them put in sheep cellar and Joe fixed up for them. Afterwards I think he stripped tobacco. Ernest stopped by to tell me about cattle.
- 13 Joe worked ½ day for me, hauled fodder to the cattle—then he stripped tobacco for himself. A dull, cloudy day. Went to Bellevue got letter from Julia and N.Y. paper she sent me in which I read the announcement of young Willie Dinsmore's engagement to Miss Marion De Peyster Carey, daughter of Mrs. Richard Delafield.
- 14 Went to Burlington with Ernest and spent the day at Hilda's. It was bright and pretty. Sent letter to Patty from Burlington. Joe worked for himself in tobacco.
- 15 Mild but not so pretty. Joe hauled fodder, cut some wood and went to mill this evening. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Sue.
- 16 Sunday—mild but cloudy, windy and gloomy.
- 17 Bright pretty day. Cooler. Sent by Lou letters to Patty, Julia and Sue. Joe worked—he helped haul the tobacco (Dick's crop) to Bellevue. They said it weighed 3940 lbs. After that Joe hauled fodder and went after the scalding pan at Mr. Rogers's. Bee Walton came and I sold him 100 bus. yellow corn at .45. He wants it this week.
- 18 Bee Walton's hands hauled 2 loads of corn for him—took the 2nd to have it weighed, 23 bus 10 lbs. Dick Loudon gave me 10.28 for the second load of corn he borrowed of me. He had already paid me 10. for the first. See Aug. 22 and Sept. 24. I had the 5 hogs I bought of Mr. Corbin killed. Joe, Dick, Flave and Jess helped. Flave took the scalding pan home and Joe and Dick made a bench in the smoke house. I bought the poplar lumber in front of the gate from Mr. Roland's man, 350 lb and paid him 5.00 for it in full in presence of Dick and Joe. Got letter from Mr. J.J. Elston about wire fence. Frosty morning, bright day.
- 19 Did n't write in this was so tired. Beautiful day—cool and bright. Dick, Joe, Flave and Jess worked. Dick and Joe cut up and salted meat before noon while Flave and Jess hauled fodder, then all worked hauling and setting posts on hog lot. Georgy worked in lard and Jess ground sausage meat. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and box with skirt. Told Mr. Corbin about corn. Bee Walton's hands hauled corn, 2 loads.
- 20 Bright, beautiful day 28° at 7 a.m. Ben Corbin hauled his father 2 loads of corn at .45 at the crib. Dick, Flave, Jess and Joe worked at the fence setting posts. Mr. Bob Brashear came to see me about not having paid his note.
- 21 My beloved father died 22 years ago, Lord love his soul. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letter for Patty inclosing 7.00. Mike gave me the weights of the 2 loads of corn Mr. Corbin got. They came to 69 bus. 60 lbs and he called it 70 bus. which at .45 came to 31.50 which I told him to credit on the account for the hogs which came to 49.20. Mr. Bee Walton came and paid me for the corn he got, 4 loads came to about 92 ½ bus. for which he paid me in full 41.60. Joe, Dick, Flave and Jess worked. The boys hauled some fodder and then all worked at the fence setting posts &c. It was a spring-like day but began to look like rain.
- 22 Joe, Flave and Jess worked a scant ½ day on the fence. Got from Mike Corbin the bill for the hogs receipted and paid the balance on it, 17.70. Sent by Mr. Aikin bucket of sausage to Julia. Got letters from Sally, Sarah and Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Ernest came to tell me about Mr. Conner's letter.

- 23 Sunday—cloudy and felt like snow. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 24 Sent by Mrs. Slayback letters to Sally and Julia. The sweetest man on earth was buried 22 years ago to-day. About noon it began to rain and rained quite hard part of the time till late. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and Book of Whitecomb Riley's Poems from Julia Loving. Got letters from Harriet and pretty little gifts also magazines from Mr. Graham. Flave and Jess hauled fodder this morning and Dick helped Joe set posts—they all worked ½ day. Flave came and said he had worked in all 6 days, which came to 4.50. Mr. Moody had told him to pay me the .40 he owed him on the money due me for the heifer so I pd. Flave in full 4.10. Jess said he had worked 6 ½ days and I paid him 4.87. Went to the mill to try to see about some lumber. Saw Mr. Joe Walton about cattle. Took letter to P.O. to Aunt Eliza inclosing 1.00.
- 25 Tuesday. Christmas—did n't write in this. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner and stayed. I got letter from Sue. Turned cooler.
- 26 Had my Christmas dinner to-day with Hilda and Mr. B. About noon a furious blizzard set in and was still snowing at bedtime. Turned the cattle into the barnyard. Did n't write again till 28th.
- 27 At 7 a.m. 26° above, Joe and Dick worked day—they turned the cattle and horses into the stalk field, fixed sheep cellar and got up the sheep. The snow is deep. Got letter from Julia and Christmas cigars from Mr. G. Sent to B. by Hilda letter to Patty.
- 28 Colder, 11° above 0 at 7 a.m. and 8 above 0 at sundown. I don't think anyone worked except Joe for me. Last night it snowed again heavily and the snow is deep. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 29 Colder still, 2° above 0 at 7 a.m., moderated 21° at 9 p.m. Sun shone to-day but the wind blew and it was a very disagreeable cold day. Joe fed &c. I gave him an order on Huey for coal and he hauled 40 bus which came to 4.40. I got letter from Sally.
- 30 Sunday—milder, snow deep and in deeper drifts in places. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me.
- 31 Colder, 16° at sunup and 19 at sundown. I walked to Bellevue—took letters to Julia and to the 3 banks. Got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Bk., Georgetown with form for voting, signed it with Mike Corbin as witness and put it in P.O. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Fanny. Joe worked part of a day. He fixed wire fence in bottom, fed lambs &c. There is ice in the river and the Swan has quit running but I hear a boat whistle now.