

January

- 1 Bright day, 21° at sunup. Sent letters to Julia and the 3 Wash. Banks. Got letter from Julia, later one from Sally. Jess hauled fodder and I think Dick hauled some hickory wood to smoke meat.
- 2 Milder, 34° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally. It thawed and set in to rain.
- 3 Jesse hauled fodder. Colder, 16° at sunup and went down to 10 at 10 P.M. Got letter from Julia and circular from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk. Georgetown. Began to smoke meat.
- 4 Colder, 4° above at sunup. It was at 0 in Bellevue I heard; saw it up to 14 during the middle of the day. Miss Sally Woolley went up to Cin. on the little boat. Dick says he hauled 2 loads of poplar lumber. I counted 68 boards in the tobacco barn.
- 5 Sunday—milder, 13° at sunup and bright part of the day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down to tell us good-bye. Hilda left a little box in my care.
- 6 Much milder, 22° about sunup, and thawed during the day. Dick hauled fodder. I got letters from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$75., from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28., and from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with draft for \$10. Katy came over. I got letter from Annie Anderson.
- 7 Mild and cloudy. Paid Fanny 3.00 in full to 6th. Paid Harry 3.00 in full to 3rd. Like a simpleton did n't write in this book till the 30th, can never get half the things down and all record of the work is lost.
- 8 Wed. Went with Patty to Cin via Aurora. The girls met us and we went to Mrs. Woolley's. Miss Eckstein drove Amy and me out to Miss Shaw's. Afterwards I went with Amy to hear Paderewski play—stayed all night at Miss Shaw's.
- 9 Went with Miss Sally Woolley and Patty to the rehearsal of the Symphony Orchestra to hear Marsick the violinist. Then we went to lunch with Annie Anderson. Julia came there for me and took me home with her. Julia invited me to go to Florida with her next month.
- 10 Went in town with Julia and after shopping went to lunch with Mrs. Woolley and Miss Sally and with the latter to the matinee of the Symphony Orchestra. After that to Pogue's to be measured for a dress—then back to Julia's.
- 11 Went in town got fitted, shopped and at night went in with little Julia to the symphony concert.
- 12 Sunday. Went with Julia to her brother Burnet's and stayed at Julia's. It was a bright day.
- 13 Came home on the little boat from Aurora. I had thought of coming home Sat. and the Cap. said he did n't run that day on account of ice. The weather had seemed mild and pleasant for the time of year. I left with Amy Campbell 35. to pay my bill at Pogue's—was fitted there. Found letters in the P.O. among them one from Harriet Young.
- 14 Tuesday. Sent for Patty who came on the little boat from Cin. Got letter from Hilda to-day I think from Galveston and from Sally.
- 15 No record of things this week, somewhere about this time got a letter from Cousin Mary C. and got letters from Julia, Sally, one from Julia Loving &c., one from Sue.
- 16-17-18 Katy came and we sewed. Sat. my box came with dress from Pogue's. It was cloudy and mild weather and I think rained some.
- 19 Sunday. Patty and I went to Ernest's and dined. Still mild. Beautiful bright mild day. Patty rode to Burlington. I sent by her my check for 10. (see 6th) and got it cashed. I also borrowed from Patty \$100. and gave her a memorandum of it signed.
- 21 I think it rained. We sewed.

22. Wed. Patty started off early and went to Cin. on the City of Louisville. It rained most of the day. The girls helped me sew.
- 23 I think it rained most of the time. The girls were here and we sewed and I did n't keep any book. I got letters off and on—one from Amy and some from Julia.
- 24 Patty got to her father's at night so I heard. This and [continued on next day?]
- 25 we sewed and it was rainy and I think Dick stripped tobacco. He and Jesse have attended to what work was done—have hauled fodder and wood and Jess has milked. Joe improving.
- 26 Sunday. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Still mild weather.
- 27 Went to the mill—saw Mr. Parsons. He said he sawed out of the 8 logs, 2650 ft. of lumber and I paid him for it 13.25. Also paid Xen Scott in full for hauling the 8 logs 10.00. Think I went to Bellevue and got letter from Patty. I have sent letters to her and to Julia but can't remember about them, also to Hilda. Went to Hubert Brady's.
- 28-29 I attended to different things; trunks &c. hung 17 pieces of meat in sacks &c. Sent letter to Julia I think.
- 30 Went to Bellevue. Sent Mattie Dinsmoor a picture of her father and sent Belle Mitchell (Mrs. Robert M. White, Mexico, Mo.) a daguerreotype of her mother as a girl that I wanted them to have. Went to see Mr. Corbin and Mike about my account. Some of it has been running long so I gave them a note as follows; Sept. 1st, 1895 one day after date I promise to pay to A. Corbin and Son on order, 379.24—the percent was not written down but was the legal 6 per cent Mike said. He also said I owed him about 70. on the account since Sept. Got two letters from Julia saying I must be there to start Feb. 4th. Got letter from Sally written Thursday 23rd saying that the night before about 3 a.m. she waked up choking with smoke to find their house on fire. The fire was in the chimney in the sitting room and was put out by the fire engines in a short time. Damage covered by ins. and they escaped, Thank God. I saw in the paper Monday that Sally Chenault's house was destroyed by fire. This week has been like spring day after day; mild and pleasant; birds singing and the earliest bulbous roots sprouting. Made 11 meat sacks and hung up the rest of the shoulders.
- 31 Raining gently. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia. Paid Fanny 5.00 in full to Feb 3d. Pd. Harry 2.50 in full to to-day. Katy came over to see me—settled in full for sewing.

February

- 1 Saturday—went to Cin., to take a trip to Florida with Julia Foster—notes of trip in little book. Went to Nassau N. Providence too.

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- 1 Sat. Left home on the little boat and went to Cin. via Aurora. Train behind time. Got to Cin. 4.30. Julia met me and took me out to her house. It was mild and cloudy.
- 2 Sunday. Stayed at Julia's. I got a letter from Patty yesterday but as I did n't write in this for a week things will get mixed.
- 3 I got a letter from Sally, and went to Amy's and got a pair of lorgnettes Sally sent me. Amy also gave me 8. the bal. of the 35. I gave her to pay a bill at Pogue's. It rained some. I went in town and out with Julia.
- 4 A light skim of snow on the ground but it was mild. We that is Julia and I started on the 8 A.M. train by the Q & C for Florida. Snow was gone before we reached Lex. And we had a safe and pleasant run down. Got
- 5 to Jacksonville in time to have breakfast and changed trains. Came on in the parlor car and got to Palm Beach on Lake North about 9 P.M. or after. Came to the Royal Poinciana, and to room 235. It was very hot the latter part of the trip and very dusty too.

- 6 A very hard wind was blowing and blew most of the day—it was a storm on the coast in some places. We went over to see the ocean and it was a splendid sight—saw the Nassau steamer Northumberland, the Palm Beach Jam [?]-the pier—bathing houses &c. Wind blew like Dakota. Blew the sand about like snow. At sundown the sea and sky were like a dream of beauty. We went about below and across to see the new places and improvements.
- 7 Went to take a sail in a sail boat and the wind calmed so that we were a long time getting back. Everything glistening and the water sparkling after the wind. When the mail came in got a letter from Patty. Saw in a Florida paper the notice of Gen. Gibbon's death the 6th in Baltimore of pneumonia—poor Fanny. I have sent letters and postals to Patty and Sally since I left home.
- 8 We went in a naphtha launch to Pitts Island walked around it and saw different new things. Ate a star apple—a pretty little fruit not so very good. After we got back we went to the ocean again as usual.
- 9 Sunday. Rained at night—cool day. We went over to Palm Beach Inn. Went to the bathing pool to see some swimming—to the beach and took lunch at the Inn. After we got back we took a long walk below the Hotel.
- 10 Very cool this morning and hard wind. We could n't go to Pitts Island and the inlet it was so rough. We went over to West Palm Beach to see the town. Then went to the ocean—saw a steamship pass by. The wind blew hard and the breakers rolled in finely—it was all a beautiful sight. I don't get a chance to write in this regularly and get things mixed. It seems to me I got letters from both Patty and Sally and Sally [sic?] late this night.
- 11 It seemed really cold at night. It turned rather warmer. We tried to get to the Island again but the boat was n't running. We went to the bathing pool to see some fancy swimming by the teachers—a regular water circus—and back to the beach again. I have written to Sally and to Patty both at intervals.
- 12 Much warmer. We went over to see the passengers start for Nassau—saw them on the lighter. Got a letter early from Patty about Fanny Gibbon and the Gen's death. Fan's address 239 Biddle St. B.
- 13 Saw Susie Hart Camden and Mr. C. they are at the Poinciana. Did n't write in this till Monday the 17 and forget what we did except that I sent some letters and got ready to leave.
- 14 Started on the S. Northumberland for Nassau. Went to Palm Beach got on a lighter and it was towed by the tug Martha Helen out to the Northumberland—we left about 4 P.M. had a stormy and dreadful passage. Both deeply disgusted.
- 15 Got to Nassau about 10 A.M. I believe—came to Hotel Royal Victoria. Mr. Neave and his sister of Clifton friends of Julia's here. Mr. N. met us and went to the Custom House with me. We are in rooms 34 and 35. We took a drive I sent back by the ship note to Patty. Hot here 80° they say.
- 16 Sunday. Took two drives—turned cooler. Rained at night.
- 17 Sent note to Sally in mail by ship. Rained most of the day—hard at times and cooler. A ship in port from Cuba. The Northumberland came in to-day with passengers for this hotel. We went to P. Office and S.S. Office this morning. In all our drives so far I have seen but two blackbirds, called jackdaws the driver said, and caught a glimpse of one small plain bird flying in the brush. At night we went to see Lake Waterloo or the Fire Lake as they call it—it is covered with phosphorous and was beautiful. Did n't write in this till Thursday and can't remember. I think to-night it blew a gale all night and turned cooler. A good many little horses & donkeys.

- 18 Mardi Gras. They had a combination ball—in honor of Washington’s birthday as that will come in Lent. The ball was in the dining room which was decorated and we saw some of the island ladies, no beauty among them. We went driving of course.
- 19 We went to the sea gardens in the morning. Mr. Neave went with us. They were very pretty. After dinner we drove to the sisal works. Saw the process of separating the fiber of the sisal—the machine was invented by a Cuban and made in Pa. U.S.A. the manager said. The sisal was put on a carrier taken through the machine and comes out in long skeins of fiber that are hung to dry on a scaffold—they are then baled—the bales tied up with ropes made of inferior sisal and shipped to England and America. I afterwards heard that the reason the ends of the sisal were cut off before they are hauled to the mill is because the end thorns are poisonous. We went on to a cocoanut grove got them to eat and the water to drink—saw negro children climb the trees and throw the nuts down. Cool. It is very pleasant. Chickens abound in N. and crow incessantly.
- 20 We went this morning to the ferry and crossed to the bathing place. It was beautiful—surf bathing and I saw more than a dozen bathe and some swim and float. We had the tropical fruits on the island there orange, cocoanut paw-paw tamarind &c. The paw-paw tastes like a pumpkin [sic] with pepper on it. Saw a pretty little bird [in margin: banana bird] with yellow breast. On one of the drivers saw a tobacco dove—several in all. We have been to the three forts—Fincastle by the Queen’s stairs—Montague by the sea towards the sea gardens and Charlotte out toward the sisal works. After dinner we drove out to see other cocoanut groves and the pretty streets and saw bread fruit trees. I have also seen 5 or more royal palms. The climate has varied more than they say it does. It was said to be 80° last Sat. and they say it was below 60° this morning. I have seen sour sop two kinds of star apples limes and they have at the hotel preserved cocoa plums very inferior fruit. We have been to the markets to the shops &c. all pitiful. We went to the office of the steam ship to arrange about going to-morrow if the ship comes in.
- 21 Did n’t write in this. We expected to leave and the baggage was sent down but before dinner news came that on account of bad weather the ship would n’t sail till further notice. Took a drive for pleasure along the beach road. After that walked out past the prison to see a bread fruit tree in bearing. Counted 6 fruits on it they look something like osage oranges but smoother. The woman on the place said the tree was coming into bearing and had had 100 on it at once—that the fruit was peeled like a potato and cooked. Got letter from Patty of the 14th.
- 22 I am glad G. Washington was born bless his soul. We went to the Steamer and S.S. Office—no news about sailing. No oranges for breakfast. We went to the market again—most pitiful market and sellers I ever saw. Eggs 2 cents apiece—5 nubbin [?] roasting ears for ‘thruppence’ everything in little piles and dabs sugar cane for sale almost everywhere, fish better than other things—conchs [sic] fresh and dried the most disgusting looking things for sale. On the bill of fare they have here Margate, Runner Hamlet Muttonfish Gruper [sic] yellow-tailed snapper &c. The turtle soup is very inferior. They had preserved citron rind last night. Yesterday saw negroes rolling a boat down to launch—pulling on ropes—singing yelling and making the greatest to-do over it—‘semi-barbaric’. Saw the queerest poorest sheep I ever did see. Have seen one black man using a hoe. The wells are all over and one driver told me they were dug with a hatchet, about 13 or 14 ft. deep. There is a pretty tree here everywhere that hangs full of pods that make a great rustling and clatter in the wind it is called Ladies Tongue. The almond trees and tamarind trees are large and pretty and the sapadillo most luxuriant. I am told they use here at the hotel filtered cistern water—it is pure and good. The rock for building here is sawed out in smooth solid blocks. Near every

large building fort &c. is the quarry from which the material was taken—with deep straight walls over grown within. Along the beach roads grows the 'sea grape' a bushy thicket—the driver says it has grapes in June. Negroes seem quiet and civil—beggars everywhere—negro police in uniform and white helmets—chain gang wears blue and white—half leg blue half white—shirt the same. Churches plenty for black and white. Circulating library Hospital, Insane Asylum, big prison, Government buildings, Bishop's place, Cathedral &c. Large Barracks with no troops—only the negro Police. Very noticeable scarcity of flowers and birds. Most singular trees are the silk cotton trees with enormous winding roots above ground. Gov. Sir William F. Haynes-Smith. Started this Saturday about 4 P.M. on the S. Northumberland. The day was beautiful and the sea looked lovely. We were both deathly sick all night.

- 23 Sunday. Got to Palm Beach in safety and came off in the lighter. The storm during our absence had carried off 60 ft. of the new pier and wrecked the pile driving machine. We got to the Poinciana about 10 A.M. Thank Heaven for being on land and I intend to stay here that is on terra firma. Sent letter to Patty first mail. Moved round and settled in 220. Too tired and sick of the sea to want to look at it. Walked around the grounds &c.
- 24 Walked around to see the train leave and to see the grounds. In the afternoon went over to the beach.
- 25 Went to Pitts Island in the little Steamboat Eclipse—went in a row boat from the Island to the upper end of Lake North Inlet. It was a perfectly beautiful day, but the wind blew. We saw a flock of pelicans some pretty gulls. We saw plenty of large sharks and small fish—saw many large king fish leap out of the water—and last and best saw a manatee and had the delight of seeing it come up and put its head out to blow. I could only see its body as a large dark mass floating in the sea, and it made me think with pity of poor Betsy here in her living coffin. Such is life—the open sea for one the net for another. Came back on the boat. Got long letter from Sally sent from Nassau. We found a few whole shells at the Inlet.
- 26 Did n't write in this and can't recall what we did—suppose of course we went to the beach and walked most of the day. I found a sea bean, the first.
- 27 Got up earlier and took the train about 7 A.M. South. The train leaves the Hotel crosses over to West Palm Beach and we went down by Lantana Linton to Fort Lauderdale on New River, where we took the Steamboat Della. The Cap. told me the canal began just below Lantana and entered New River near the House of Refuge—the landing of which we saw. It was beautiful on New River. Ft. Lauderdale is a tent and shanty town—staked out among the pine woods. They said the traces of the old Fort were on the peninsular [sic], almost obliterated. The Della is a little stern wheel steamboat. The arm of the sea called New River is very pretty with little islands and promontories and sort of bars with water plants—foliage semi-tropical. I saw mangroves sea grapes Spanish bayonets W. India paw-paws palms cocoa palm vines &c. a tangled mass with once in a while a little cypress and trees with Spanish moss—small and rather scanty. The canal is narrow and shallow. We passed the other boat the Biscayne—the canal is straight for a long distance and then has curves and turns that seem to be natural. In one of these we passed the dredge-boat Biscayne. We got into Dumbfoundling Bay—and then into a canal again—then came into Biscayne Bay. It is a wide sheet of water—of different widths and very pretty. The first town we stopped at was Lemon City and it is a boom town in a very 'crude' state. I saw sugar cane growing near the dock. We then went on to Miami at the entrance of a river of that name. There is the site of old Fort Dallas now the home of Mrs. Julia D. Tuttle. She has sold Mr. Flagler and given him also land for the site of a new Hotel. We saw men with teams clearing off the space for the new hotel. There were bricks lumber &c. in plenty but the town is tent shanty

and imagination mostly. At Miami Mrs. J. Stanley Frederick got on board a very sociable lady whose husband is a real estate man and civil engineer she gave me information. She pointed out some rocks like little Palisades and a place called the punch bowl, where there are signs of former residents Spanish I suppose. She showed me the lighthouse where the people were massacred by the Seminoles. She also showed me the lighthouse at Fowcy [sic] Rocks which is the most southern point of Florida I have seen. It was near sundown when we got to Cocconut Grove, and we went ashore to the Peacock Inn where we stayed all night. The wind blew all the time but the moonlight on the water was beautiful.

- 28 Got up early and started back on the Della, met the Biscayne and also a floating hotel towed by the tug Hittie in the canal. The wind blew like Dakota all day. We got to Fort Lauderdale about 2 P.M. It began to rain hard, poured down for several hours, with thunder and lightning. At the boat I saw one or two Seminole Indians. We got on the train after 5 and got back to the Poinciana—in time for dinner.
- 29 Leap year day. Walked all round—went to the beach twice. It blew all day and sprinkled sometimes.

March

- 1 Sunday. Got letter from Patty of the 26th. Went over to the beach. Saw plenty of bathers men women and children in the ocean. It was warm and the water was said to be warm and fine by bathers. Wrote to Patty. Walked round after lunch on the lake side.
- 2 Beautiful day—bright cool and lovely. We went up yesterday to see the sunset from the cupola and it was a very beautiful sight. This morning we went in the ferry boat to W. Palm Beach on hunt of a trunk strap could n't find one. Saw a new, one year old, garden &c. The woman said one would think it would be hot enough here in summer to 'scald lizards' but it was n't so bad. Asked a gardener here the name of the coarse grass that grows so well and seems to run out the Bermuda. He was a German and said the name was Hinex. I suppose a botanical name—it sounds exactly like high necks. Put in Hotel P.O. letter to Aunt Nancy care Mr. Corbin. Saw in W. Palm Beach a collection of Florida fruits in jars among others the unpleasant looking Sugar apple—that a boat man described as being 'like a big wart.' We went over after dinner to pay a farewell visit to the ocean. I got two letters from Patty sent over from Nassau.
- 3 Got ready to leave the Poinciana and left on the 10 something A.M. train. A lovely day dusty on the cars of course. Saw old wrecks of orange groves all the way up. Near Rockledge saw a small alligator swimming—the only one so far except in captivity that I have seen. Got to the Ponce in St. Augustine in time for dinner. Are in rooms at the corner of the verandah no. 209.
- 4 Lovely day but cooler. We walked around this morning, and after dinner took a drive over to the Lighthouse and South Beach on Anastasia Island, went seven miles, 2 to the Lighthouse and 5 on the beach. Saw people on bicycles and saw porpoises jump in the sea. The breakers rolled in on the beautiful beach so hard that the wheels left hardly a track. Sent postal and letter to Sally. Wind very cool to-day. Saw a sow and pigs in the sea marsh near a house, the driver said they lived on fiddlers.
- 5 Did n't write in this any more till after I got home and can't remember all.
- 6 Left St. Augustine on the 11.30 A.M. train and went to Jacksonville. Lunched or dined at the Windsor Hotel and then drove all around and out of town to see the river views cemetery &c. Went to the Talleyrand place formerly belonging to the Marquis, and to other pretty places. An unusual number of pear and peach trees all in bloom—a man of white and pink. Orange trees gone—piled up—even ricked as cord wood on one place. Have not seen one

snake out of doors in Florida. The driver says the little gophers that make small hills all through the pine woods are called salamanders and they call a species of land terrapin gophers. The yellow Jessamine flowering profusely and very sweet, but flowers scarce all along the rail road—the fine flowers for sale at the hotels are brought from New York. Birds scarcer still except crows and buzzards—water fowl especially. Left at night on the train for Cin.

- 7 Arrived at Chattanooga too late for our train and had to stop over from about 11 A.M. till 7.20 P.M. We went up incline No. 2 to Lookout Mt. A surprising incline. Went to Lookout Inn and got dinner—walked around to see views then went back to the city and drove around to see it and other views. Left on the evening train for Cin.
- 8 Got to Cin. about 7.20 A.M. Sunday. Went out with Julia and breakfasted with them—then she sent me in to the City of Louisville and I came down getting home about 3 P.M. safe and well, Thank God.

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- 8 Sunday. Got to Cin. about 7.20 a.m. Went to Julia's with her to breakfast. L. Julia gave me a birthday telegram from the children bless their hearts. Came down on the City of Louisville—got home about 3 P.M. found home all right and people well for which I am humbly thankful. Chilly after Florida but bright pretty day.
- 9 Cool, 26° at sunrise, pleasant day. Dick came to tell me about the stock. He says the white sow (Brashear sow) had pigs first, had 11 lost 5 and of the remaining 6 one is a wretched little runt. The spotted Storer sow had pigs Feb. 21st he says had 6 lost 3. Black Storer sow had pigs the 20th had 7 lost 4 so that of the three sows I have only 12 pigs. He says the sheep were put up Feb. 8th and then had 4 lambs. On the 18th it set in cold and from that till the 21st continued cold. Mike Corbin says that on the 21st the thermometer was 2° below 0 at his place and it was colder on the hills they say. Dick says 3 ewes died and 17 lambs. I found 2 more dead in the cellar and I bet Dick doesn't know how many died. Found Joe West walking with a cane. He has not worked for me since Dec. 13 but tried to cut hedge after dinner. Went to Bellevue to get my mail and took letter to Patty. Got letters from Sally (old one) from Hilda, Belle R., Mattie D., Miss Mary S., Aunt Eliza and J. H. Nolan.
- 10 Milder—40° at sunrise. Sent letters to Belle Raymond and Hilda. Sent Harry with Kitty and Allan to Mr. Birkle and had them shod. Joe was cutting hedge. I went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty.
- 11 Snowing when I got up—wet snow that melted off. Towards sundown snowed hard again. It was colder to-day, 33° at sunrise.
- 12 Colder, 17° at sunrise. Sent by Harry letters to Patty and Julia. Got letters from Sally and Patty of the 9th saying Frank has typhoid fever—also letter from Julia. A cold raw disagreeable day.
- 13 Colder, 11° at sunrise, but bright. Sent letters to Sally, Patty, Belle R. and Julia. Katy and Flora came over.
- 14 Not so cold—began to thaw. George R. came to get Harry's money. I paid him in full up to March 6th. Got letter from Julia.
- 15 Sunday. Snow over everything this morning and snowed off and on—very unpleasant. Ernest and Lily dined with me.
- 16 Snow still on the ground—very disagreeable. Sent letter to Sally—got letters from Sally, 2 from Patty, from Julia and Belle Raymond.
- 17 Cold morning, 21°—turned milder. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Went to see Susie Saxton—took her 3.00 for Katie for Patty. Hunted for turkey peas but did n't find any—ground too cold—snow still on partly.

- 18 Disagreeable day—began to snow after 1 and kept on till night. Wet snow. Went to Bellevue—sent by R. Aikin box of meat to Sally—sent by C. Burns letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from Julia. Went to see Betty. Joe worked some.
- 19 Very disagreeable day—snowed a wet sloppy snow almost all day. Georgy Loudon came up and we went over Jesse's book. I got a letter from Patty.
- 20 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letters from Sally and Hilda. Went to Bellevue. Joe, Dick and Jesse worked part of a day. The two men hauled coal for themselves too. Took letter to Sally. Settled with Fanny and paid her in full to the 23rd, 6.65. Milder snow melted some.
- 21 At sunup, 28°. Got letter from Patty about sending Becky to Cin. Also letter from Julia.
- 22 Sunday. Isabella's birthday. She is 10 bless her little life. I walked the woods over hunting for turkey peas—in vain. A lovely spring-like day.
- 23 Snowing a regular blizzard to-day with thermometer 30° at sunup. Snow on roof of porch 5 in. Joe said he found another ewe dead. He sheared her and hauled a little fodder. Mr. Birkle stopped by and I paid him his account and got receipt, 3.75. Sent by Dick letter to Isabella with 2.00. Got 2 letters from Patty with photograph of Isabella—Sally saying Frank was getting well—Belle Raymond and little Julia Foster.
- 24 Colder, 18° at sunup. Sent letters to Patty little Julia Foster and Belle.
- 25 Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty. Joe worked and Jesse. They hauled fodder I think fixed wire fence and rail fences. Snow melting. George took Patty's filly, Becky, up to Cin—to Miss Eckstein—that is he started with her.
- 26 Rained a little last night and mild this morning. I went to Bellevue and got at J.J. Huey's 3 bus. clover seed lacking 5 lb. at 4.75 a bus. on credit. Told Mike Corbin to return orders with Joe West's account. Joe and Jess hauled manure on garden. Got letter from Julia.
- 27 Still cold, 26° at sunup. Heard doves for the first time. Harry says he heard them before. Found the first turkey peas. Yesterday set out one of the peach trees I raised to-day set out two above the vineyard. Mr. Mauer came and worked trimming the grapevines. Joe, Dick and Jess worked putting in oats and clover in the sand field. Sent this evening letters to Patty, Sally and Sue—got letter from Patty. George Roseberry came this evening and said he took Becky up to Miss Eckstein's and left her with Louis Plummer. I gave him 5.00 on Patty's account Wednesday.
- 28 Joe, Dick and Jess worked all day. They put in oats in the sand field and worked in the garden. Joe and Dick clearing up while Jess ploughed. Mr. Mauer finished trimming vines. I set out about 6 more peach trees with Harry. Mild and pleasant.
- 29 Sunday. Warm, pleasant day—it sprinkled late and at night rained hard—the creek came up in the bottom. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me—they got home from Galveston Friday.
- 30 Warm spring like day—grass is turning green. No one worked for me. Joe bulked part of his tobacco and attended to plant beds. I was out most of the day—trimmed roses &c. Got letter from Patty—sent her letter that came for her.
- 31 Mild spring day—cloudy and some little sprinkles. Joe and Jesse worked for me—they trimmed and grubbed in yard and then hauled out trash that was piled on ground for oats. Turned sheep and lambs on rye that is to be ploughed. Let Mr. Birkle have 4 good locust posts. Got letters from Patty and Belle White. Set out more peach trees above vineyard.

Remedy for Gall Stones or Enlargement of the Liver.

Prescription of Mrs. Dr. A. S. Cook, San Francisco—given 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 threequarters of an hour after take the rest of the citrate of magnesia.

Jan. 6th 1896

Patty paid me for Harry's wages for 7 weeks up to Friday 3rd.

Patty paid me Harry's wages up to May 8th.

July 13th Patty paid me Harry's wages to July 10th

Aug. 27th, 1897—Patty settled in full for Harry's wages to date.

Harry began school Sep. 29th, 1896

Quit Feb. 12th, 1897

April

- 1 Mild and rained about 11 A.M. Joe worked ½ day—he set out potato onions and made a trellis for rose in yard &c. He stripped tobacco for himself after that. I set out peach tree in the corner of the yard next garden. Sent letter to Patty and package of her dress pieces. Got letters from Sally and Sue.
- 2 Colder and blew like Dakota all day. Joe worked in the garden grubbing—piling vines &c.—then cut briars in sand field. Lamb dead.
- 3 Chilly, 32° at sunup and some wind. Joe cut briars in sand field. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Sent by little boat basket of jonquils bulbs to Julia. River very high Harry said.
- 4 Colder 27° at sunup. Daffodils frozen stiff. Turned pleasanter. Joe worked ½ day sowing clover where Dick sowed oats. Katy A. came over this evening. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Sally and Frank gone to Asheville.
- 5 Easter Sunday. Lovely spring day—plenty of turkey peas in the woods. Hills looked blue and sun veiled in mist before it set.
- 6 April shower early—cleared off and turned out a lovely bright day. Dick finished putting in oats. Joe sowed the rest of the clover and I sent round hunting more but could n't get any. Then Joe and Harry fixed the water gap next Mrs. Rice's. Then we got up the sheep and turned them into the big pasture. We counted 64 sheep and only 41 lambs. Left one old ewe behind about to die. Told Joe to put away barrels. Sent letter to Sue—got one from Sally at Kenilworth Inn Biltmore N. Carolina. Got Rep. photographs from buddy. Had greens for dinner.
- 7 30° at sunup and a chilly breeze. Joe only worked ¼ day for me. He planted 6 rows of potatoes in the garden and hauled some manure there. I found to-day that almost a barrel of my cider for vinegar had been drank up. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Patty. Harry stopped pig holes in fence and helped Joe. I stopped at the Arnold's. Dick was planting potatoes to-day.
- 8 33° at sunrise and cloudy. Sent letter to Belle R. Chilly disagreeable day. Sent Harry to Huey's for a peck of clover seed. Joe and Jesse worked – hauled manure on garden, fodder and Joe sheared dead ewe. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 9 George Roseberry came and got 6 bus. 3 pks. of seed oats to be charged at the rate Corbin & Huey sell them. Showers this morning cleared off warmer. Joe and Jesse worked. Joe went to Bellevue with plough—hauled manure and ashes out and some manure on to the garden, some posts out &c. Jesse put out 4 quarts onion sets and sowed some lettuce seed—ploughed with double shovel among the little fruit trees, my asparagus &c. Sent letter to Patty for to-day's mail. Ernest, Lily and the baby came, he took the sheep tank.
- 10 Mild and rather cloudy. Got yesterday's mail, letter from Sally, and packet from Mrs. Justus B. Rice St. Paul. Joe and Jesse worked—Joe hauled load of corn to the barn and some fodder then he went to Bellevue for the plough. After dinner he ploughed in the garden and he and

Jesse hauled chicken manure from under cedars. Before that Jesse worked in the garden and yard. Set out a row of wild raspberries in the ground between the young fruit trees. Heard frogs this evening.

- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday, Lord love her sweet soul, 66. It was like a summer day, 86° in the shade in Bellevue. No one worked for me. Joe planted his potatoes in the garden 5 bus. of seed potatoes from Corbin's. Ernest came by on his way to Burlington. I sent to Bellevue—got letter from Patty.
- 12 Sunday. Warm as summer. Went to church. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. No fire in the house to-day and windows open part of the time.
- 13 Warm and windy. Peach blooms out on some of the trees. Worked clearing yard. Dick Utz came and attended to the lambs. Joe helped him and hauled rock off the ground Dick is to plough. Jesse worked hauling rock too. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Dick helped get off rock too.
- 14 Not exactly so warm. Joe, Dick and Jesse all worked getting off rock. Sent May and Belle to Mr. Birkle's to shoe. Sent letter to Sally. Went to Bellevue later got letter from Sally. Fruit trees in bloom all round.
- 15 Warm day rather windy. Joe, Dick and Jesse worked getting off rock. Worked cleaning yard. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to start home to-night.
- 16 Siegra came up with a new calf, b.c. red with a little white—especially spots on the inside of its hind legs. I went to Burlington—put in P.O. there letters to Patty and Julia. Dined at Hilda's. Joe said he and the others worked hauling rocks. It was warm as summer and fruit trees in beautiful full bloom.
- 17 Turned the sheep out again. Joe worked—in the garden—put in Gen. corn, radishes, peas, bunch Lima beans, beets and fixed paling and helped fix some plants. Rode up on cherry hill—cherry pear and peach trees in beautiful bloom—every old snag a vast bouquet of lovely flowers. Hot.
- 18 Went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to Atlee Burpee & Co. with 2.00 for garden seeds, also note to Mrs. Justus B. Rice. This evening got telegram from Patty and letter from Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped as they went by. Hot again. I took off the wrappings from the rest of the fruit trees. No one worked for me. Joe went away.
- 19 Sunday. Bright hot and dry. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me.
- 20 Bright warm and windy. Patty came home on the little boat. Joe worked drove the spring wagon and raked up and burnt stalks in pasture and burnt out trash in the field road &c. Jesse worked cutting briars. I got letter from Sally.
- 21 Warm but turned cooler at night. Sent package for Sally to Cap. A. to express. Joe worked—he finished clearing out road up hill—planted butter beans—put up doors &c. about the house—hauled ashes from Mrs. McGuire's, fixed hopper &c. Jesse worked cutting briars in sand field and in bottom field.
- 22 Thermometer down to 45° at sun-up after being up among the nineties. This has been very hot April weather, unusually so. Dick attended to the two calves. Joe and Jesse worked. Joe burnt stumps on ploughed ground and Jesse cut briars then they hauled rails from fence next Mr. Rice's beyond the creek. I went to Bellevue.
- 23 At sunup 50°. Last night it was so chilly I had a little wood fire. Sprinkled a few drops. Joe and Jesse worked hauling rails and fixing fence in hog lot. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Sue.
- 24 Warmer 63° at sunup. Joe hauled rail pieces and wood. I went to see about stock hog. At night Amy came down on the break [?] with Miss Sally Woolley, Mrs. Cleanay, Mrs. Woodward, Miss Schroeder and Miss Eckstein and their drivers Louis and Charlie.

- 25 Bright dry and cool. Hilda stopped at the gate going by. Got letter from Julia. No one worked for me.
- 26 Sunday. Did n't write in this till Thursday. The company all went away except Sally Woolley after dinner. Hilda stopped by a moment.
- 27 Warm. Joe and Jesse worked shearing sheep.
- 28 Joe and Jesse worked—finished shearing and then worked in the garden. Joe planted okra and cucumbers, cymbblings &c. Jess hoed.
- 29 Joe and Jess worked—they set posts for the piece of wire fence next to Mrs. Rice's. I went to Bellevue and got at J. J. Huey's 3 bales of wire. Joe ploughed my potatoes and then went for the fence wire. Jesse grubbed and cut briars next ditch in bottom. Patty went to Ernest's and got 4 Schofield wool sacks.
- 30 Sent by Swan letter to Buffalo Ex. with guess about story. Patty went to R.S. to see Ellen about coming to work. Joe and Jess worked—put wool in sacks then made the wire fence next to Mrs. Rice's—then Joe hauled the 3 sacks of wool to Bellevue to be shipped to Schofield Mad. Ind. and Jess worked trimming trees in yard. There was a little rain last night that laid the dust.
Like a simpleton did n't write in this till the 6th and can never get everything straight.

May

- 1 Hilda and Mr. B. called. Joe planted melons and ploughed in the garden.
- 2 Got letter from J. Schofield & Son, Mad, Ind. with returns of the wool. Less the 3 sacks the wool came to 269 lbs. at 13 ½ cts. to \$36.32 and he inclosed check on Natl. Branch Bk. Mad. for the amount. Also got letter from Sally. Patty went to R. Sun.
- 3 Sunday. Still bright and dry. Patty, Sally Woolley and I went to Rock Springs. Columbines in bloom on the rocks.
- 4 Sally Woolley went away on the early boat. Patty and Harry rode to Cin. Clear and warm. I went to Bellevue—heard Mr. John Sam Huey died in the morning. Joe West worked for himself in his tobacco—stripping what was bulked down. Dick and Jess are planting corn—the dust follows the horses and implements and the ground is cloddy and dry as a bone.
- 5 Tuesday. Joe worked in his tobacco again. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. We all went to the funeral of Mr. John Sam Huey. Katy Arnold went with me. Mr. R. E. Kirtley came to call afterwards—also Ernest and Lily. I got letter from Patty in Cin. and letters for her—also cards announcing the marriage of Miss Hattie Nicholls and Dr. Garrett S. Va. Dry and dusty and very disagreeable in the road.
- 6 Joe worked in his tobacco again. Angeline and Sam Beatty came up. They said the trial of Phoebe's Louis was to come off to-day. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally.
- 7 Still clear and dry. Joe worked—cut sumac bushes and worked in garden. I went to Bellevue—got tomato plants and set out over a dozen. Harry came home with the horses May, Beck, and Belle. Patty came home on the boat at night. I went to see Xen Scott and engaged a stock hog from him. Cool and dry yet.
- 8 Did n't write in this till the 10th. Sent Joe with wagon for the hog I got from Xen Scott. We divided the hogs and put all in the fattening lot except the 3 old sows and 2 young white sows the pigs of the Brashear Sow. Put the heifer Dotts in barn lot. Joe scraped the ceiling in room over parlor. It is hot and dustier than ever. Got letter from Ellen.
- 9 Put the stock hog in the lot with the five sows. Dick attended to the 7 barrow pigs. Joe cleaned out the chimney in the dining room and finished scraping ceiling. Worked ½ day. I went to Rising Sun on little boat to see Aunt Eliza who was grieving herself sick about Phoebe's Louis who was sent to the penitentiary. We cleaned the dining room. Got letter

from Julia. Hot dry and dusty 94° in Bellevue. In Rising Sun I went to the Bk. and Mr. Perkins cashed the draft from Schofield (see 2nd) for 36.32 also one Patty sent for \$25. Fanny went away.

- 10 Sunday. Hot and dusty—like a furnace. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way by. I sent by Hilda (I. H. Brady) 7.00 to Xen Scott to pay for the hog. Patty gave me a check for \$26.50 of that 13.50 are for Harry's wages which she has now paid up to May 8th. 3.00 to return what I paid for sewing for her and the rest to spend as she has told me. Almost 94° on the back gallery to-day.
- 11 Patty left on the 6.30 little boat for Cin. on her way to St. Paul. Aunt Eliza came up on the boat. Joe drove the wagon and then ploughed tobacco ground for himself. On the 11.30 boat Ellen came up to set in to work. It was very hot and after 1 P.M. a wind storm and dust storm set in with plenty of thunder and a little sprinkle of rain. I cleaned my room. Got letter from Julia and one for Patty.
- 12 Ben Corbin came out to paint. Put a coat on Patty's room and the company room. Fanny came to settle. I owed her up to yesterday 9.25 and paid her in full. Also gave her 1.00 that Patty left for Myrtie for her work. Sent Patty's letter to P.O. by Fannie. Louise West got the mail. Fanny brought a letter from Sally of yesterday's mail. Another clouding up and thunder and little sprinkle and blowing round again. Joe worked for me, in the garden—ploughing &c. and set out tomato plants—he also cleaned spring &c.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents. Lord love their souls. Clear hot and full of sweet scents and sounds. Went to Burlington to take Aunt Eliza to see Dr. Furnish and he gave her medicine. We dined at Hilda's. She was going to Bank and I got her to get the check cashed that Patty gave me for \$26.50. I got a postal order for 2.50 to send Co. Gentleman and paid Mr. Riddell 1.50 for Boone Recorder up to Jan. 1, 1897. Got 2 letters from Patty from Cin. and Chicago and one from Julia. Joe said he cut weeds on cherry hill.
- 14 Sent letter to Patty and one that came for her and letter to Julia. Ben Corbin came and put a second coat of paint on the rooms—paid him for Patty 2.50. Joe worked—cut weeds on cherry hill till noon. Then made ridges for sweet potatoes, stuck butter beans &c. A little sprinkle to-day about noon—all blew off and windy the rest of the day.
- 15 Cool 53° at sunup. Went to R. Sun to see about paperer. Sent letter to Co. Gentleman—that is to Luther Tucker and Son and to Belle Raymond. Joe shook and beat carpets, cut weeds on cherry hill and patched up water gap. Hilda stopped but I did n't see her. She brought me a note from Patty mailed St. Paul.
- 16 Joe worked for himself ploughing &c. I set out about 2 dozen tomato plants. It sprinkled a few minutes to-day and again to-night. Ellen went to R. Sun with May. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Sue.
- 17 Sunday. Hot and dry as ever. Mr. Howe and Mr. Dick Smith came down to call on Patty.
- 18 Turned the horses over across the pike because they got over on Mr. Rogers's. Sent Joe to clean out springs in that pasture—then he worked in garden. I went to Bellevue. Took letters to Mary C. and to Sarah. Got letters later from Julia and Sally Woolley. Bought 200 s. potato plants from Mr. Kelly. Joe planted more sweet corn, ploughed in garden and set out s. potato plants. I set out a lot of tomatoes and a few peppers. Jesse after noon began to dig a ditch in the hog lot and under the bridge. There was every appearance of a fine rain—heavy black sky, lightning and thunder and it only sprinkled a little and passed around.
- 19 Did n't write in this till 27th. Got up early and left on the little boat for Aurora and Cin. There was a gentle rain after midnight and it was cool and raining when I left home but stopped before I got on the boat. Went to Julia's—she gave me a letter from Patty. Went to the Festival that night.

- 20 Went with Julia to lunch at Mary's and to the concert in the evening.
- 21 Went to portrait exhibition and with Julia to lunch at Mrs. Woolley's and to concerts matinee and evening.
- 22 Went with Miss Sarah Amory out to Ft. Thomas to call at my kinsman Cap. Wetherill's and to concert at night. It rained showers during this time and this night rained at Clifton and home.
- 23 I went in town with Julia and to the two concerts. At home the men set tobacco. While at Julia's I got several letters from Patty and Sally and sent some but kept no day book. Fanny Strader married. Jesse dug ditches this week.
- 24 Sunday. Julia took me to the mail boat Telegraph and I came down home. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to see me. I found the roses beautiful and everything looking fine after the rain.
- 25 The men all set tobacco. The first thing Joe began to plough in the garden but about 7.20 A.M. we had a pouring rain that lasted about 20 minutes and they all went to work setting tobacco. I got Harry to make a bed and set out the Lilies of the Valley Julia gave me. Got letter from Patty and sent postal to her.
- 26 Joe was helping Dick set tobacco till noon. Then he worked in the garden, set out cauliflowers, stuck beans, staked tomatoes—went after my stock animal and fixed fence. I put up three pints of cherries. During my absence they set out the rest of the sweet potato plants and some cabbage and I set out to-day some eggplants. We had another rain last night and the ground seems soaked.
- 27 Went to R. Sun on the little boat to see about paperer. Cool and pleasant. Joe cut bean poles and a few weeds. I put in R. Sun P.O. letters to Patty and one for her and letter to Julia. Canned a few cherries. Dick finished setting tobacco.
- 28 Rained again last night with heavy thunder. Replanted my melon hills—some of them have not a plant in them. Dick was replanting his. Joe replanted tobacco till noon—worked for me ½ day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped—told me about a frightful cyclone in St. Louis last night. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Canned a few cherries.
- 29 Mr. V. Newman and an assistant Mr. Williamson came and papered the room over the parlor. He charged 4.15 and I pd. him 5.00 and he is to get some whitening for Patty's room. The 4.15 I paid him out of the money Patty left (see 10th). Joe drove the wagon to bring and take the men and scraped whitewash off Patty's room. Cool yesterday and to-day.
- 30 Joe worked ½ day for me. He ploughed and stuck the pole beans and then fixed watergaps on dirt road. I got a few cherries to can. It rained a little last night. Ground wet but Joe ploughed his potatoes and tobacco in the garden.
- 31 Sunday. Cool and cloudy and in the evening about 5 rained a cold rain.

June

- 1 Sent by Harry's brothers letters to Mr. Graham and Julia. Cool this morning. Later got letters from Patty, Sally and Sarah. Joe worked for himself this morning resetting tobacco—after dinner he scraped the whitewash off in Patty's room. Very cool, chilly at night. The children say it is so damp and cool in St. Paul they have wood fires at night.
- 2 Still cool morning and night. Joe worked—he scraped the ceiling and then ploughed in the garden. I began to clean the storeroom.
- 3 Warmer, thundered and sprinkled a little. Joe hoed the garden and ploughed among the peach trees and cut weeds in the yard. I sent a letter to Patty and sent her Sarah's. Got yesterday's mail—letter from Belle Raymond. We worked cleaning the wall in Patty's room.
- 4 Harry went down to the little boat for Mr. V. Newman who came to whiten Patty's room. I got letter from Mr. Graham that came by yesterday's mail. Mr. Fred came and said he had

cut weeds 3 ¼ days. He offered to do it for .50 so I paid him .15 and gave him an order on Corbin for \$1.50 in full. Mr. Newman did Patty's room and charged 2.25. He paid .75 for the whitening he got. Harry took him to the boat—took a letter for Sally to the P.O. and got one from her. Turned out to wean Louly's and Little Acky's calves. Joe cut weeds. It was warmer and the thunder rolled but no rain here.

- 5 Warmer and sprinkled before noon. Joe said he cut weeds ½ day and would plough tobacco for himself after dinner. Hilda came and spent the day. Got letter from Sue. Sent letter to Sue to B. by Mr. Brady.
- 6 Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. Ellen went to R. Sun. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia.
- 7 Sunday. Warm day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way.
- 8 Joe cut weeds ½ day for me and fixed trough &c. in that time. He said he worked his tobacco. Ellen came back, and we cleaned house. I got letter from Patty. Sprinkled.
- 9 Joe started in to cut dock in the hog lot but there was a shower and he quit to reset his tobacco. After dinner he hoed in the garden. I worked cleaning the house. Cool.
- 10 Cloudy and cool with a little sprinkle or so. Joe worked in the garden, ploughed, hoed, made hills and planted cucumbers, hoed raspberries, cut weeds &c. We put the stock hog in the big stall and turned Dolly and a little black sow back with the brood sows.
- 11 Very cool really chilly and clear. Went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty and Julia. Went to Ernest's to ask him about hogs. Joe cut bushes and weeds in vineyard and hog lot.
- 12 Cool and had a little shower. Joe worked ½ day for me—he cleared out springs and cut weeds. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped in passing. Got letter from Sally.
- 13 No one worked for me. Yesterday evening and to-day Joe worked for himself. I got note and postal from Sue. After 7 P.M. we had a heavy rain with much thunder. I found a buzzard's nest in the woods.
- 14 Sunday. The rain made a good season. Clear and cool 56° this morning. Lovely cool day no dust and everything fresh and pretty. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped in passing. Sent to the river to be shipped to Mr. J. M. Conner 13 hogs. Joe and Harry drove them down. Sent letter to Mr. Conner by Joe. Harry says there were of Lizzie's 5, of the spotted sow 5 and the black sow 3 among the lot shipped.
- 15 Joe worked for himself this morning resetting tobacco, for me ½ day patching wire fences. Harry took Kitty and Allan to Mr. Birkle—had Kitty shod all round and 1 shoe on Allan. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Patty saying she hoped to be here Wed. night. It sprinkled to-day. I cleaned house.
- 16 Told Joe to cut weeds. Got note from Susie Tew. Got letter from J. M. Conner about the hogs. The 13 weighed 2630 lbs. and at 3.35 came to 88.10. The expenses came to 7.24 and he inclosed a check on the Atlas Natl. Bk. Cin. for the balance 80.86.
- 17 Went to Bellevue—took note to Susie Tew. Joe cut weeds and at night drove the spring wagon. Patty, Isabella and Julia Loving came on the boat. Got letter from Julia. Took letter to Sally.
- 18 Joe cut weeds. Turned warmer and looked like rain.
- 19 Joe worked ½ day in the garden and then in his tobacco. I went to Burlington to take Ellen to the Dr. Went to Bank and got the check (see 16th) for 80.86 cashed. Went to Bellevue with Patty and in her presence paid Mr. Acra \$10. for my toll up to May 1st and got receipt. Got note from Susie Tew.
- 20 Charlie Burns came out and worked over ½ day, paid him in full 1.00. Joe did n't work for me except he drove the wagon to meet the boat at 3.30. Sally Woolley and Susie and Willie Tew came. Very warm day. Got letter from Sally.

- 21 Sunday. George Roseberry came and I went over Harry's account from March 6th to June .
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 28 Sunday. Hilda stopped passing.
 29 Beautiful day, bright and cooler. Charlie Burns came out and fixed some window screens &c. I went to Bellevue—paid W. W. Grant's bill 7.85. Joe began to cut timothy—he ground knives and hoed some in garden.
 30 The day my beloved sister died 29 years ago—Lord love her sweet soul. Beautiful bright day. Joe worked for himself till noon ploughing tobacco—after dinner he hauled hay and Flave and Jess helped. Got letter from Julia. Savannah began to work.

July

- 1 Dr. Furnish came down to see Ellen—I paid him for her in full 2.00 and then settled with her and paid her in full 4.50. Joe worked getting in hay. Jess and Flave helped. Patty went to Aurora. Her filly Becky got hurt—cut her leg jumping. Got letter from Sally.
 2 The little black sow one of Aunt Lizzie's pigs has 8 pigs. Took Ellen and Aunt Eliza down to put them on the little boat. Got telegram from Frank saying meet Sally at Aurora at 6 P.M. Went after her and brought her home. Harry went too. It was warm and showered on the way. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco.
 3 Warm day—rather sultry. Joe worked cutting oats and Flave and Jess helped. Joe also ploughed some in garden. Ploughed up nearly all my melons and planted sweet corn. Dick ploughed up his melons and sowed millet. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$75. and from Natl. with draft for \$10.
 4 Flave came and said he has worked 2 ½ days this week 1 ½ in hay and 1 in oats. I paid him 2.00. No one worked for me. Rained in the morning and hard in the evening. Did n't write in this till the 8th.
 5 Sunday. Rained again.
 6 I went to Burlington—went to Hilda's and dined, took Susie Tew. Went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the two drafts (see the 3rd) and went to the Court House and paid my taxes for 1896 and got receipt \$106.60. Amy Campbell and the Campbell children Theo and Clarence were here when I got home. Joe said he cut weeds till noon and then he and Flave and Jess cut oats.
 7 Joe cut hay and he and Flave and Jess cut oats. Cool and pleasant.
 8 Joe, Flave and Jess worked in hay and oats—hauled in 2 ½ loads of hay this evening. Cloudy and cool. Ellen came up this morning. Found one of the young sow's pigs dead.
 9 Sent letter to acknowledge draft from Natl. Bk. Wash. and one to F. & M. Natl. Bk. Georgetown. Got letter from Julia. It rained hard all night and hard in the morning—cleared off by noon. Ellen went home. Joe cut weeds &c. ½ day.
 10 George Roseberry got .75 on Harry's work and I have now paid up Harry in full to date. Joe and Flave and Jess worked in oats and hay, finished shocking oats and got in what hay was down. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
 11 Susie Tew and Sally Woolley went away on the little boat at 11.30. Harry drove them down. Joe worked ½ day for Dick in oats and Dick is to pay him.
 12 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. called. It showered a little. Sent letter to Mrs. Wetherill.

- 13 Joe cut hay in the morning and after dinner hauled in oats. Natty helped ½ day. Sally got a telegram from Frank saying that Max Cutcheon had a sunstroke. Patty & Willie went to Burlington.
- 14 Patty and Sally went to Aurora and Sally took the cars for St. Paul. They went on the early boat. It was intensely hot. Joe and Natty worked—they hauled in oats and after dinner Flave helped them ½ day hauling hay.
- 15 Very hot day. Joe ploughed some in the garden and hauled manure out of the yard. After dinner Jess helped him haul one load of oats and it rained. Joe tinkered at a maul afterwards. I went to Bellevue before dinner. Roll Aikin sent out a man with telegram for Patty saying Max Cutcheon was better.
- 16 Patty and Willy started for Big Bone. Rained slightly this morning. Joe and Jess made a few panels of board fence in the hog lot and a little rail fence and put the stock hog in there. Then they hauled one load of oats the last of mine. Harry took Cy to be shod. I got letters from Farmers' and Mechanics' Nat. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28. July dividend and one from Sally Wooley. Cooler to-day. Patty and Willy came home after a pleasant trip. Jess cut weeds in kitchen lot and I think Joe tinkered the maul.
- 17 Cooler 57° at 6 A.M. Sent by to-day's mail letters to Julia and Sally. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Susie Tew. At 9 P.M. 6_°. Patty and Willy started this evening to ride to Anderson's Ferry to go to Cin. Joe worked in his tobacco.
- 18 Joe worked for himself again. Pleasant day turning warmer. Got letter from Julia.
- 19 Sunday. Sad anniversary. Whom the gods love die young. May her sweet soul rest in peace. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. Patty and Willy got home from Cin. A cloudy pleasant day.
- 20 Rained off and on all day. Joe worked ½ day going on the hunt of the stock animal. At night it poured down and the creek rose all over the bottoms. I sent letters to Sarah and Sally.
- 21 The watergaps were washed out last night. Joe worked—spent the day getting the stock animal home—found him out at Union. Rained occasionally, cloudy all day. Got letter from Mr. Graham.
- 22 Early rained a little—cloudy hot day. Joe worked cutting weeds. Sent my stock animal up to Cin. at least sent him to Bellevue and a letter to J. M. Conner to be shipped with him. Sent letter to Mr. Graham. Joe took the animal down. Made first Chili sauce.
- 23 Rained part of the day. I think Joe began to work at a watergap and when it rained worked at a wagon rack. I sent letters to Sally and Belle Raymond.
- 24 Poured this morning and rained off and on. Got letter from Sally. Joe worked at rack.
- 25 Joe cut weeds ½ day and he worked this week. Flave came and said he had worked 6½ days in hay and oats. I had paid him 5.00 and now paid him 3.13 in full to date for harvest work. Patty and Isabella went to Aurora to put the Campbell children on the cars for Cin. Sally Woolley came down with them on the little boat. Hilda and Mr. B. called. Hot day.
- 26 Sunday. Very hot day. The river is so high I went down last evening to see it—the papers say it has done much damage already. Patty and Sally W. went to Bellevue to take the City of Louisville for the trip to L. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. Ernest and Lily came to call. Ernest brought me a check from Louis Rabenstein of Rabenstein, Harris and Conner for 17.37 for the young bull (see 22nd). He weighed 930 lbs. at 2 ¼ = 20.92. The expenses came to 3.55. did n't write in this till 29th.
- 27 Joe cut weeds—intensely hot.
- 28 Joe and Jess worked—they got a little piece ready for turnips and Joe sowed turnips and ploughed late sweet corn then they cut weeds and began to fix fence in pasture on dirt road. Patty got home early on the boat—said it was sickening hot in Louisville—river still rising. Got letter from Mr. Graham. It was 95° in Bellevue.

- 29 Hot as ever 96° in Bellevue. Joe and Jess and Dick worked till noon fixing fence on the Arnold's line then Joe and Jess worked on the other fence.
- 30 Still very hot. Joe cut weeds. There was a hard rain about 4 and then another harder still. It was 98° in Bellevue they say.
- 31 A little cooler. Went to Burlington with Isabella. Went to bank and got Mr. Reville to cash the two drafts (see 16th and 26th) from F. and M. Bk. Georgetown \$28.00 and Rabenstein, Harris and Conner 17.37. Went to call on Hilda. Got letter from Mr. Graham. Took box from Bank. Joe cut weeds and worked in graveyard and fixed oil barrel. A year ago to-night poor Til lay dying—after his long agony. God rest his soul.

August

- 1 My poor Patsy has been a widow for a year, poor darling. No one worked for me. It rained hard towards evening again. The river has been destructively high as it was in the number of 1875.
- 2 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. Hot day.
- 3 Joe worked for himself—mowed weeds on potatoes and topped tobacco &c. Hot still. Got letter from Sue. Patty and Willy went to Burlington.
- 4 Willy Tew went away—they took him to the river and as the boat was n't running to-day Harry drove him to Burlington to take the stage. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner. Joe worked for me pulling and cutting weeds in garden. Hot day again.
- 5 Mr. Owen Watts and Clinton Gaines' son Wm. and Jimmy Day came and they got my sheep and lambs. I sold him all my old sheep for 2.00 a head except 3 which he would only pay 1.00 for, that is apiece. There were 106 in all and he gave me a check for \$209. signed by Clinton Gaines. Joe worked helping with the sheep and cutting weeds. I sold to Mr. Watts my four steers and one heifer at 3 cts. for all to be weighed at Burlington—he wants them there early next Wednesday. Hot day.
- 6 Went to Bellevue and took my check from Mr. Clinton Gaines for \$209. see yesterday. Paid M. J. Corbin 100. on my note that he had for \$379.24 (see Jan 30th) and got the note and destroyed it, and gave him in place my note for \$300. to draw six [percent] from date. I gave him my check endorsed and he credited me with \$109 on my account which has been running since Sep. 1st, 1895 and which he said amounted to \$231.48 leaving a balance due him of 122.48. I also paid him a balance due him of 4.15 due on the coal I bought of him up to date. Sent letter to Sally. Very hot. Joe took my cow Patsy to Mr. Jack Walton's and he hauled some tobacco sticks out and chopped weeds. Very hot again, sultry.
- 7 Rained some last night with lightning and heavy thunder. Cooler this morning and rained again. Joe worked—cut weeds and took frames &c. to pieces in wine house. Turned warmer. Did n't write in this till 10th.
- 8 Joe worked for himself in tobacco. Very hot sultry day. Mr. C. E. S. Wood came via Aurora. Katy called.
- 9 Sunday. Extremely hot day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by.
- 10 Hot again. Mr. Wood went on the 11.30 boat. I got letter from Sally. Joe cleaned spring cut weeds &c. Mr. Phipps sent his son to tell me about the sow pigs I spoke for.
- 11 Another hot sultry day. Sent to go by to-day's mail letters to Sally and Julia. Joe cut weeds in big pasture. Harry got up the 4 steers and the heifer towards evening. Patty gave me 18.75 for which she sold 7 of my hams which came to 75 lbs. and that here would be worth about 10 cts. a pound.
- 12 Sent Jesse and Harry to Burlington with the 4 steers and 1 heifer that Mr. Watts bought (see 5th). The steers weighed 4470 lbs. and the heifer 840 lbs. which at 3 cts. came to \$159.30

and he sent me a check on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for that amount signed by Clinton Gaines. It rained before 6 a.m. and after but cleared off before noon. Sent by Georgy letters to T.D and Cos. Mag. C. Burns came to see about buildings.

- 13 Another hot day. Joe cut weeds in the big pasture. I got letter from Sarah. We made 8 gals. wine.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday 'O weary heart thou'rt half way home' Lord love her sweet life. Hot again. Got letter from Sally with little picture of herself on her bicycle—and letter from Belle Raymond in Montana. Joe cut weeds till noon and worked for himself in the tobacco ½ day.
- 15 Did n't write in this till 17th. Joe worked for himself. Patty went to Aurora and Sally Wooley came home with her. We made wine. It sprinkled a little. The Miss Rileys stopped here a while.
- 16 Sunday. Rained some this morning and turned cooler. Ernest and his family called at night.
- 17 Cooler 62° at sunup. This day my beloved mother died, Lord love her sweet soul. We made wine. Hilda stopped by with Mr. B. Joe worked for himself cutting tobacco.
- 18 Still cool and lovely. Joe worked for himself cutting tobacco. Got letter from Julia. Put the wine in the new keg. I have now made three kegs—all Ives Seedling but the new one has a few Concord grapes in it. I put 1 (one) pound of sugar to the gallon of juice. The grapes are fine this year—sweet and juicy and so plentiful that they will not pay for sending to market.
- 19 Only 58° at sunup—bright and clear. I went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins at the Bk. to cash the check of Mr. Clinton Gaines for \$159.30 (see 12th). Oscar Jones not being at home I did n't settle with him. Paid Elliott his bill for Aunt Eliza's coal to date \$7.50 and got his receipt. Went to Mr. J. Corbin and paid him \$100. and .75 for interest on the note for \$300. and he gave it to me and instead made another note for \$200. dated the 20th and at 6 pr. ct. which I signed and destroyed the other (see 6th). Patty and Sally W. went to Aurora. It was cool all day and bright. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco.
- 20 Still cool 58° at sunup and it looked like fall a little. Joe worked for himself till noon, then worked ½ day for me—ploughed my late sugar corn picked pears cut weeds &c. Bessie Thomas and her little Katherine came down on the little boat. Patty went for them.
- 21 George Roseberry came and I paid him 4.75 I was owing Harry 4.50 but could n't make exact change so I have now settled with him in full to date and he owes me .25. I went to Mr. Phipps about the shoats but he was not at home. Got letter from Sally. Bessie sick all day. Much warmer cloudy and showered before noon. Joe worked making a rack for Dick and Dick is to return the work to me.
- 22 Last night there was very heavy thunder and lightning and it rained. Joe worked on the rack. Harry was gone to the Fair. It was very hot—98° in Bellevue and after dark rained hard and the wind blew and the lightning was very bright. Hilda and Mr. B. called on their way back.
- 23 Sunday. Raining again, off and on most of the day. Hilda and Mr. B. came to call. I sent by him letter to Sally. Savannah quit to-day.
- 24 My dear father's birthday, Lord love his sweet soul. 58° at sunup—bright pretty day. I went to Rising Sun after Ellen who came home with me. Went to pay Oscar Jones and found him gone again. Left in Bank with Mr. Perkins \$30. and got certificate of deposit. Ellen set in to work for me. Joe worked on the tobacco rack till noon and then for himself in his tobacco.
- 25 I went to Mr. Phipps's and selected my three sow shoats. Also went to Bob Brady's and Huberts to look at shoats. Joe worked in his tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by. Cool again to-day and flowers and weeds look like fall.
- 26 Did n't write in this till Friday. We gathered and picked some grapes &c. I went to Bellevue late. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco.

- 27 We made wine—a whiskey keg full of Morton's Virginia Seedling with 2 lbs. sugar to the gal. of juice. Joe worked for himself in tobacco. I went to Mr. Utz's twice and went once in spring wagon to take bed &c. It was 54° at 6 a.m. and coming home after dark it was chilly.
- 28 Only 53° at sunup. Joe went to Mr. Phipps's and brought the 2 sow shoats home. He then went to the mill and borrowed from Mr. Parsons 1445 tobacco sticks. After that he worked in his tobacco.
- 29 Went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Eliza. 53° at sunup. Went to R. S. Bk. and got the \$30. I left there (see 24th) and paid Oscar Jones Aunt Eliza's bill \$28.50 and got receipt to date. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Put in R. S. P.O. letter to Julia. No one worked for me.
- 30 Sunday. Warmer. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.
- 31 Warmer but towards evening looked like a fall day. Went to Mr. R. Brashear's to look for peaches. Joe worked for himself in tobacco. Sally Woolley went home on the boat. Sent by her letter to Julia. There has been some intensely warm weather this month. Gardens are failing fast and everything looks like an early fall.

September

- 1 Bessie and her child went home on the little boat at noon. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. Bright pleasant day turned cooler.
- 2 At sunup _5°. Charlie Burns and Mr. Collins came to see about the building. We went to see about the sows. Found one of Aunt Lizzies's sow's with 5 pigs, and the spotted Storer sow with 6 pigs all black. We got her up also the other young white sow. Joe worked for himself in tobacco.
- 3 Sold 27 cts. worth of pears all I have sold this year. Patty and Isabella went to Petersburg on a cook hunt. Rained, but cleared off.
- 4 Made 3 jugs of wine. Virginia Leesburg, with 2 lbs. sugar to a gallon. Cool beautiful day. Joe worked cutting tobacco—all cutting too. Got letter from Sally Wooley. Did n't write in this till 9th. Rained at night I think.
- 5 Went on a hog hunt most of the day. The men busy in the tobacco, no one worked for me.
- 6 Sunday. Mr. Graham came on the mail boat. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. I found the black Storer sow in the weeds in the bottom with pigs.
- 7 The Brashear sow came up, has had pigs and apparently lost them all. Her young white sow came off with 4 pigs. Joe hauled manure and ashes out of yard. He worked cutting his tobacco—finished it. 50° at sunup bright beautiful day. Patty and Mr. G. went to Burlington. I got letter from Sally Woolley.
- 8 At sunup _5°. Did n't write in this. Joe worked in his tobacco. Mr. Graham went away late to Aurora.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. I thought of her and wished her joy—Lord love her soul. The Baptist Association at Bellevue began—I went—had for guests Miss Kate Kirtley—Miss Mary Hollingsworth of the Bap. Orphan's Home, Louisville—Miss Maggie Kirtley and son and her sister Hattie and Mr. R. E. Kirtley. Warmer—sprinkled a few drops—dry and dusty. Got a letter from Julia. Isabella and Julia Loving went up on the little boat at noon to Cin. Joe worked ½ day for me fixing fence round hog lot. Hilda and Mr. Brady called.
- 10 My dear little sister's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul forever. Took my two old ladies down to the meeting—the rest left. Patty started on the early boat via Aurora for West Baden Springs, Ind. to stay a few days with Sally Wooley. Joe and Harry got up the black Storer sow with ten (10) black pigs, and spent most of the time on a vain hunt for the other young white sow. Hilda and Mr. B. called on their way home. Hot day—getting dry and dusty. Saw an immense flock of blackbirds.

- 11 Warm again. Had the two Phipps sow pigs marked and turned into the hog lot. Had my White sow the Brashear one, turned in with the stock hog. Joe spent the rest of the morning hunting the young white sow—found her with 4 pigs. Joe cut a tree by the wine house and cut a little wood. Went to Mr. Ben Kelly's orchard and bought 1½ bus. peaches. Stopped at Mrs. Martha Aylor's. Got letters from Mr. Graham and Mrs. Wetherill. Put in the P.O. letter to Mr. Foster about seed wheat.
- 12 Canned peaches all day. Joe worked ½ day—cut fodder in garden and weeds in kitchen lot. Charlie Burns came out to see about work. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Hot day.
- 13 Sunday. Warm, or rather hot. Isabella and Julia came home on the mail boat. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home. Yesterday there was every appearance of a storm, wind, thunder &c. and only a sprinkle but Middle Creek came down so full there was a big rain elsewhere. Got pictures of monument.
- 14 Hot, 90° between 2 and 3 P.M. in the shade. Sent Harry with Cy to Mr. Birkle to be shod all round. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe digging his potatoes. Jess and Flave began to cut corn in the field next the graveyard. Sent by Harry letter to Patty.
- 15 Sent Harry with Kitty—had her shod before. Rained early and off and on during the day. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Mr. Foster about wheat. No one worked for me. Joe said he stripped some of his new tobacco. Had young black sow Rover turned into the lot with stock hog. Cooler.
- 16 Bright pleasant day. Sent letter to Mr. Foster about seed wheat. Sent spring wagon down to be mended afterwards. Got letter from Sally. Went on a cook hunt. Joe dug his potatoes.
- 17 Warm day. Joe dug his potatoes. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty—and letter for Ellen saying she must come home as Ellen's baby was sick. Settled with Ellen and paid her in full 2.75. She went home on the little boat. Sent by her letter to Patty. They turned the sow Rover back to her pigs. I went to Sally Archer's on a cook hunt, stopped to see Mrs. Doll Walton and came by Mr. Rogers' to ask for sand.
- 18 Joe worked—hailed 2 loads of sand from Mr. Rogers' place and took down part of the chimney in the old basket shop. Henry Raines helped him ½ day. We got all the sows and pigs into the hog lot. Got the bill of the lumber Charlie Burns bought at McHenry's Aurora Sep. 15th. It was 48.63. Rained—hot.
- 19 Rained during the night and this morning. Turned in back pasture to wean Siegra's calf and Amy's calf—turned with them Louise and Patsy cow. Joe hauled 3 loads of lumber and shingles from the river. Got letter from Patty and paper with a notice of the death of Dr. Raymond in Montana. Turned very cool, 52° at 8.30 P.M. Joe worked a little on pulling down chimney.
- 20 Sunday. 41° at 6 A.M. and cool all day. Little frost early. 54° at 8 P.M. Ernest and family dined with us, also Hilda and Mr. B. sent by him letters to Sally and Belle Raymond.
- 21 Not so cool—50° before sunup. Sent Joe to Mr. Phipps for the other Thinrind sow shoat. Sent by Joe \$15.00 to pay for the 3 sow shoats (see Aug. 28th). Had this one that Mr. Phipps said was the finest marked ring 70. Charlie Burns and Mr. Collins came out to work. Joe went with the wagon for Charlie's tools and worked helping him at the lower tobacco house and taking down chimney. Mr. Collins mixed mortar &c. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty saying she would come to-morrow. Sent by Charlie letter to Julia telling her of Dr. R.'s death. Lucy came to work.
- 22 Charlie and Mr. Collins worked. Joe worked hauling bricks rock &c. Cool all day and mostly cloudy. Patty came home on the little boat. We went to see J. I. Huey's hog killing arrangements. Got letter from Julia. Dick attended to 2 shoats.

- 23 Cool—frost 36° at 5.15 A.M. Had fire the first time this fall. Charlie Burns and Mr. Collins worked—the latter finished the foundation and I paid him in full 4.50. Patty went to Ernest's. Got letter from Sue. Julia set out some raspberry plants. Joe worked helping Charlie—after dinner he cut the millet for Dick.
- 24 Frost and thin skim of ice on a bucket 36° at 5.15 A.M. Patty, Isabella and Julia went to R. Sun on little boat. Patty and I went to Burlington. I got Mr. Revill to cash the draft for \$100. that she made payable to my order and left \$25. in bank. We stopped to see Hilda. Charlie Burns worked at the building. Joe helped him. Went to tell Will Arnold again about horses getting in corn.
- 25 Did n't write in this till 27th. Much warmer. Charlie B. worked Joe helping him on the house. Patty and I went to Mr. Lillard's to see about shoats.
- 26 Charlie B. worked ½ day. So did Joe, they began to shingle the new house. Patty went to Cin. via Anderson's Ferry—she took Harry. Sally Woolley came home with her. Warm and cloudy. Ellen came up on boat. Hilda and Mr. B. came by. I went to Mr. Ed Berkshire's and engaged 5 shoats at 3.00 a head. Dick got the 30 bus. seed wheat from Mr. Clore at 60 cts. pr. bus.
- 27 Sunday. Rained off and on all day, a chilly rain. Hilda and Mr. B. drove in to tell Patty goodbye.
- 28 Poured down rain all day and still raining at bed time. Patty, Isabella and Julia started on the little boat to Aurora for St. Paul. Sally Woolley went up with them. Joe drove the wagon with trunks fixed up boxes &c., the rest of the time stripped tobacco for himself. Ellen went home again on the boat. Minnie Loudon began to work.
- 29 Poured down rain all day—rained last night. Joe stripped his tobacco I suppose. I went to Willie Rice's. Harry began school.
- 30 Rained all day again—wind blew. Joe said he stripped his tobacco. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sue. Sent letter to Patty, one came for her.

October

- 1 Lovely bright warm day. Went to Mr. Ed and Mr. John Berkshire's and to Hubert Brady's on the hunt of shoats. Charlie Burns came out and worked on the building. Joe helped him. Dick gathered a load of yellow corn out of the field next the Arnold's—the row of shocks next the hedge. Sent by Charlie Patty's letter from Zimmerman.
- 2 Cloudy chilly day. Charlie Burns and Joe worked began to shingle the wine house. I went to Bellevue twice—got letter from Sally saying Patty and the rest had got here safe and well. Took letter that came for Patty. Went to Mr. Clore's and paid him \$18. for the 30 bus. seed wheat. Went with Harry and spring wagon and took down four boxes of cans to ship to Sally Woolley. Got the hams Patty bought of Mr. Corbin—there were 35 and he said they weighed 415 lbs. Sent by Charlie B. letter to Sally Woolley. George Roseberry brought me from Burlington an invitation to Fanny Resor's wedding and a note from her mother.
- 3 Hung the Corbin's hams—there were only 36 in all—mem. to ask Patty about those left here. Only Joe worked ½ day at pen for stock hog.
- 4 Sunday. Pleasant day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me.
- 5 Foggy and cool 43° at sunup. Sent by Lou letters to Patty (inclosing one) to Belle R. to Miss Fanny R. and to Mary Resor. One of my young black sows a Feb. shoat got in the pen with the stock hog. Joe worked at hog pen and helped Charlie shingle wine house. Found Louise S. with a b. calf red with some white under the body. Went to Bellevue and to Betty's. Got letter from Patty with check for \$50. to spend on our hog business, also note from Sally W. and a French book from Mrs. Fanny Dudley Woodward.

- 6 Rained off and on all day. Charlie B. worked at alterations at the wine house, Joe helping him. They took down papa's old wine press—sic transit. Sent by Charlie Patty's bank book and leather gaiters she sent for, to put in P.O.
- 7 At sunup 38°. Bright pretty day and it was lovely riding and the country looked beautiful. Sent Joe to Mr. Ed. Berkshire's and went too. Got the 5 shoats (see Sep. 26) and one more—two were sows and I got the 6th for my own keeping. Had her marked ring 71 in left ear—she is black and Mr. B. says his hogs are Thinrinds. There is another black sow and the barrows are black marked with white. I paid Mr. Berkshire 18. out of the money Patty left with me. Went to Bob Brady's and to Bellevue. Charlie Burns worked and after dinner Joe helped him. Sent by Charlie letter to Patty inclosing one that came.
- 8 Cool 35° at sunup and skim of ice in bucket at the cistern. Charlie worked putting up flue to building. Joe helped him. Bright day. I went as far as Woolper intending to ride to Aurora—could n't cross went back to Ernest's and up on the little boat. Went to Bank and got Patty's check for \$50. (see 5th) cashed—paid .25 in change. Went to Mr. McHenry and paid him his bill for lumber \$48.63 and got it receipted. Mrs. Ora Rice and her mother called while I was gone.
- 9 Dick brought some potatoes of my share fine large ones. Bright pleasant day. Charlie B. and Joe worked on new building. I got letter from Belle Raymond with Montana paper with notice of Dr. Raymond's death. Sent by Charlie letters to Julia and to Patty and Sally and sent to Cap. Aikin Ex. notice that came for Isabella.
- 10 Joe worked ½ day hauled rails and fixed lot for fattening hogs and sorted hogs the best he could—and started to fatten hogs. Turned Dolly and Rover in with the stock hog. Of the fattening hogs 12 were last Feb. pigs—1 the little sow I turned out of the fattening pen in the summer and 5 Ed Berkshire pigs in all 18 so far. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Julia. I went to Bob Brady's.
- 11 Sunday. Bright pretty day. Hilda and Mr. B. only stopped by.
- 12 Raining this morning—it sprinkled off and on and towards sundown set in to rain. Joe picked and hauled a few Gemstone apples. I went to Mr. Acra's up next to Mr. Phipps's and bought 10 shoats—at 3.00 a head—to be paid for when I got them.
- 13 Sent Joe to Mr. Acra's for the shoats and went myself. Joe got 10 in all for which I paid Mr. Acra, (there were two owned the shoats they said) \$30. out of the money Patty left. Brought them home and had them put in the fattening pen. Joe helped Charlie after dinner and went after Patsy cow. Charlie B. worked he fixed eave troughs at sheep cellar, put pane of glass in Patty's room mended trunk &c. and he and Joe put battening in the wine house—smoke house. It sprinkled in the morning and at noon and after rained. Charlie brought out 2 letters from Patty and an envelope from Sally W. with letters about hams. Sent by Charlie letter to Patty and one that came for her. Mr. Barlow and Mr. Jim Acra came and I sold them Patsy cow to be delivered at Burlington Tuesday the 20th they are to pay \$30. for her.
- 14 Charlie and Joe worked—they fixed steps to new house, and began to batten it—put saddle boards on it and wine house and painted them &c. I dined by invitation at Mrs. Will Rice's at a company dinner. Hilda and Mr. B. went too—they stopped here passing. Warm & pretty. Turned Dolly and Rover out of the stock hog pen.
- 15 This is the wedding day of Fanny Resor and Mr. Waite—a lovely warm bright day. Charlie and Joe worked at the corn crib. I went to Mr. Bob Brady's and then sent Joe up for his jack screws. Dick hauled in the last of his potatoes.
- 16 Bright warm day like summer. Charlie brought out letters from Sally and Julia. Charlie and Joe worked on corn crib. Put Rover back in the stock hog's pen.

- 17 Mild but rained occasionally after noon. Charlie and Joe worked ½ day—roofed one side of the corn crib. Harry cleaned it out. Yesterday Dick put my first load of corn in the new house—it came from the field next the Arnold's. To-day they hauled me my part of the potatoes Flave raised. Dick got from Tom Roberts 5 bus. seed wheat for which I am to pay .75 a bushel. Got letter from Patty and one for her. Gave Charlie the Ex. card for her to give the Cap.
- 18 Sunday. Chilly most of the day. Hilda stopped in passing. Went to see Katy Arnold.
- 19 Charlie began work in Dick's stalls—Joe helping. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Patty from J. K. Tod N.Y. and letter to Belle R. Turned Rover out of the stock hog's pen again. Cold this morning 30° at sunup but turned warmer blew and sprinkled a little after dark. Rained during night.
- 20 Sent Jesse to Burlington with Patsy cow was gone ½ day. Brought me check on Erlanger Deposit Bank from J. M. Barlow & Co. (Mr. Jim Acra) for \$30. (see 13th). Charlie B. worked on the stalls for Dick. Joe helped. Rained about noon but quit.
- 21 Beautiful bright day. Charlie and Joe worked at Dick's stalls. Dick made me a jar of kraut and attended to the young calf. Sent letter to Sally by Lou West. Got letter from Patty with directions from Col. Nicholas Md. about curing hams Fan sent.
- 22 Cool 31° at sunup—turned out a beautiful warm day. Went to Burlington and got Mr. Revill at the Bk. to cash the check for \$30. from J. M. Barlow & Co. (see 20th) also got the \$25. of Patty's that I left there (see Sep. 24th). Paid C. Burns \$15. He and Joe worked at the stalls—began to shingle roof. I went to Bellevue twice to get nails at Huey's. Weaned little thin cow's calf. Let C. Burns have 4.00 to buy lumber.
- 23 Rained at night and all day long—no one worked for me.
- 24 Mr. Kirtley stopped in passing. Pretty bright day again. Joe worked ½ day helping Dick shuck. Dick hauled me a second load of corn to the new building. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Joe hauled in the rest of my potatoes he raised on shares. Got letter from Patty—she sent me J. Kennedy Tod's check for 10.75 for hams. Got check from The Woman's Ex. Cin. for 9.90 also note from Mr. Graham about the horses he gave Patty. Sent letters to Patty and Julia.
- 25 Sunday. Bright pleasant day. Went to church. Ernest and Lily dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. called. Jess found my cow Vic with a calf yesterday—of course no one told me till Monday.
- 26 Got the cow Vic up with her calf—b. calf red with white in face underneath and end of tail.
- 30 Rained last night warm and windy this morning. Charlie brought me letter from Patty, Mr. Graham and bill from Davis 1.50 for Aunt E's shoes. Charlie Burns reset Joe's grate and fixed his hearth. We settled up. He had worked 25 days at 1.25 and I owed him 1.25 for bringing the lumber down—in all 32.50. He had already received 19.00 (see 22nd and 26th) and I paid him 13.50 in full to date. Joe worked—helped Charlie and took his tools down in the wagon. It blew like Dakota nearly all day.
- 31 Rather cooler—had a little fire. Minnie went off for the day. Joe worked ½ day getting wood. Harry took home Mr. Bob Brady's screws. Found young red cow with a b. calf red with a little white speck in forehead. Got letter from Julia and two for Patty. Dick put my share of the turnips in the garden. Beautiful day—air lovely. Take it all in all this has for weather been one of the loveliest Octobers I remember.

November

- 1 Sunday. Another bright lovely warm day—had a little fire in the grate. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Found Blanche with a little heifer, red and white, it looks as if it had come last night or yesterday, named it Collette.

- 2 Turned 2 of the Phipps sows and the black Ed. Berkshire sow in with the stock hog. Turned one young sow Feb. shoat out of the fattening pen. Another warm day. Went to Bellevue sent 2 letters that came for Patty. Joe worked, dug potatoes in garden &c.
- 3 Election day—Presidential candidates Bryan and McKinley. No one worked for me. The three sows got out of the stock hog's pen and we put two in again. Sealed up my kegs of wine. Mr. Henderson came and got 50 bricks for which he is to pay .25. Warm lovely day.
- 4 Warm and raining—rained hard at night too. I went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to N. Clarke Co. with \$4.00 sub. for Century. Got letters from Patty, Belle R. and Aunt Eliza. Joe worked in tobacco for himself.
- 5 Sent letter to Sally by Lou. Blew like Dakota last night and nearly all day and turned cold. Very disagreeable, 40° at 6.30 P.M. Joe worked ½ day digging potatoes in the garden. Had the crepe myrtle taken in to-day.
- 6 Sent letter to Patty by Lou. Joe worked—made a pen for pigs and afterwards hauled out some manure from stalls. I went to Bellevue to see Betty and Mrs. Utz and Mrs. Clore who dislocated her hip. The day was pleasanter weather.
- 7 Joe worked ½ day hauling manure out of stalls. After dinner Harry took the wagon to Bellevue to get the hospital bed—went to Mrs. Clore's and afterwards went there to stay all night. Raw and disagreeable.
- 8 Sunday. Came home early. Raw cloudy unpleasant day. Hilda and Mr. B. came. 35° at 7 P.M.
- 9 Raw unpleasant day. Sent by Lou letter to Patty. Joe helped shuck shock corn Flave's. They hauled 2 loads of my share and 1 load of what I got of Flave. I said I would take 100 bus. of his at .25 he to let half of it go to pay the orders I had advanced to him. They put the 1 load I got of Flave's in the new house. Will Rice came and got my stock hog. Got letters from Patty and Sally Woolley.
- 10 Joe helped Dick shuck corn. They put the 2nd load of Flave's corn in the crib and put my load in the new building. It rained and then Joe went to hunt a hickory for axe handles. We turned the two Phipps sows and the Ed. Berkshire sow in the hog lot. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped going by from church. Did n't write in this till the 13th.
- 11 Warm bright day. Found a turkey hen sitting on 14 turkey eggs. Walked to church at night. Mr. Hill preached. Joe helped shuck corn. Hilda stopped in passing. Sent letter to Sally Woolley.
- 12 Not so warm—turned cool at night. Joe helped shuck corn—they are shucking white corn in the bottom below the barn. Got letter from Sarah. Sent letters to Patty, Julia and Mrs. Brown to-day or yesterday. Sat up with Mrs. Clore at night.
- 13 Colder a little below 30° at sunup and ice in puddles. Joe helped shuck corn—some white from below barn. They put in crib 1 load of yellow from Flave's. Got letter from Patty saying she would start home Thursday.
- 14 Pleasant day—warmer. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. They told me Patty's mare and colt had come so I sent Harry up for them at once and brought from Burlington the mare Molly with the Lord Russell colt that Mr. Graham gave Patty. Joe worked ½ day—buried cabbage and hauled a little manure from stalls. We walked to church at night.
- 15 Sunday. Went to church. Hilda and Mr. B. dined and went home. It was warm and lovely.
- 16 Had my pigs up and Dick attended to them of them. Joe helped Dick shuck corn. Patty came down on the little boat's late trip. George R. worked here for Patty fixing stalls and he and Harry went for her trunk. I think Hilda and Mr. B. stopped. Warm like spring.
- 17 Warm again. Dick attended to the two calves. Joe helped shuck corn again. George R. worked for Patty.

- 18 Patty and I drove to Ernest's—all gone—went to Bellevue. Joe helped shuck corn again. Very warm again. Did n't write in this again till the 29th, like a simpleton—and can never get things straight.
- 19 Raining in the morning—stopped after a while and Patty and I went to Cin., on the noon boat. I went to Julia's. Went with Patty to buy her things.
- 20 Went in to Mrs. Woolley's to lunch and went with Sally to the matinee concert of the Symphony Orchestra. It was warm and sprinkled I think. Joe says they finished shucking Flave's corn.
- 21 Went to Dr. Clancy to get my left front tooth fixed. It rained before night and after. Patty came out to Julia's to supper. I sent my Sally a letter while at Julia's. Turned cooler.
- 22 Sunday. Went to see Bessie Thomas, and later took a walk with Julia and Mr. F. to see his new street Woolper Ave. Patty and Sally Woolley came home on the boat.
- 23 Charlie Burns worked on s. tub. Went in to finish at Dr. Clancy's and went to see Amy. Went with Julia to call on Mary Resor and the bride, Fanny Waite. Warm like spring. Went with little Julia to see Joe Jefferson in Rip Van Winkle. Rained. Harry says Joe and Jess and he went at night for things.
- 24 Came home. Julia took me to the 2.30 train and I came down on the little boat. Mild and pleasant. Patty met me. Found letter from my precious own.
- 25 I think the men were all working at their tobacco but that Joe and George R. went down again for the things Patty bought that did n't come. I went to McVile late to get news from them. Patty and Sally Woolley went to Ernest's to see about hogs. Flave Loudon came to see about his corn that I bought. He said there were 26 loads in all of which 13 were his. He only kept 2 loads so I owed him for 11 loads. The load was 26 bus. Dick said so the corn came to 286 bus. which at .25 came to 71.50. I paid Flave 5.00.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day. Wind blew hard last night and day windy but mild. Went to baptizing at Bellevue. Mr. Utz baptized about 16. Stopped to see Mrs. Clore. Joe worked ½ day fixing fences in hog lots &c. Turned best Phipps sow and little black sow in pen with stock hog. Hilda and Mr. B. came late and stayed all night.
- 27 Rained hard nearly all day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home before dinner. Joe worked at his tobacco I think. Turned colder towards night.
- 28 A little snow on the ground and down to 30° I think. George came and he and Joe went for the things Patty bought and brought them out—furnace boxes of things &c. They then killed the little fat sow. George worked all day. Joe went to Bellevue for coal for himself after they got the hog done. Patty and Sally W. went to Cin. in the buggy via Anderson's ferry. Sent by them letters to Sally and Julia. Rover's red pig found dead in barn lot.
- 29 Sunday. 22° at sunup, stayed cold. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Patty and Sally W. came home after sundown cold and tired.
- 30 18° before sunup. Killed hogs—14 I think. Joe, Dick, Jess and Flave helped, also George R. and Dick Utz. Patty went to Ernest's to see about hogs and later he came down. Joe put together the machines, unpacked them &c. and cut up the hog we killed Sat.

December

- 1 Before sunup 1°. I was so foolish as to neglect writing in this all the week. Ernest Grant brought his hogs down said there were 35. The same hands worked again. Joe Dick Jess Flave George R and Dick Utz. They killed 12 hogs among them 4 of Ernest's sows. Patty sent Harry with a note to Ernest. Weather cold enough to be fine for hog killing.

- 2 Ernest came back and Patty returned the young sows and he sent down more hogs. At night Ernest, Lily and the baby stopped on their way home. Bee (Wm.) Walton came and Patty bought his hogs. The men killed 2 making 29 in all and quit to finish these up.
- 3 Had letter from Sally—she told of a dreadful accident that happened to Miss Carroll from a runaway horse. Mrs. Rice came on business. Got letter from Julia. Joe and Dick rubbed and salted down the meat. I went to Mrs. Corbin's.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Wrote her a letter and sent it to the P.O. by Jesse. Lord love her sweet life. Bee Walton brought his hogs 19. It turned warmer. I think Joe cut some wood and put up shelves in the new building.
- 5 Joe worked putting bricks in the trench Charlie B. made for the scalding tub. Dick worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Joe so that he might finish. Patty and Sally H. went to R. Sun.
- 6 Sunday. Pleasant mild day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 7 Turned warmer 43° at 6 A.M. Sent letters to Miss Carroll and to T.D. Got letter from Julia. Patty had 8 hogs killed. Joe took the horses to Birkle to shoe and helped with killing and other things for Patty. Turned in the pen with the stock hog the two white sows of Aunt Lizzie's and the spotted Storer sow. Turned out the Ed Berkshire black sow and two Phipps sows. Then turned in the black Storer sow. Ellen came up on little boat. Dick put a load of my white corn in the chicken house for hogs.
- 8 Rained all day sometimes hard. Joe salted down after cutting up the meat and Flave rubbed it.
- 9 Clear pretty day. Patty took Sally Woolley to Erlanger. I went to Burlington and stopped at Hilda's. When Patty came back we went to Bank and I borrowed of Mr. Revill \$200. for 8 months at 7 per cent. He said the interest was 9.45 which he took out and I left in Bank 100. and got the balance. Patty went to Mr. Phipps's to see his fattening hogs. Joe went with her. Except that, he worked stripping tobacco for himself.
- 10 Patty engaged 20 Thinrind hogs of Mr. Phipps. Sally Woolley came back on the late little boat. It was a mild bright day. Dick and Joe killed their hogs. After 2 P.M. they killed 5 for Patty. I went to Bellevue got letters from Sally and Sue.
- 11 Dick and Flave Loudon came in to settle for the corn I got of Flave (see Nov. 25th) His corn I bought came to \$71.50. He was owing me on it 20.50 so I paid him the balance 51.00 and paid him also 2.50 he said I owed him on shucking shock corn and settled with him in full to date. Got letter from Miss Carroll. Dick and Joe cut up their hogs and later they killed 6 for Patty. Mild day.
- 12 Sent letters via Aurora to Sally and Sue. Joe worked for Patty in meat. Rubbed and salted down the meat including hams she got from Dick. Bob Brady came to assess. Ellen went home.
- 13 Sunday. Bright spring-like day 43° at sunup. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Katy came over.
- 14 Raining a misty rain 42° at 7 A.M. Orin P. Phipps brought Patty 20 Thinrind hogs—they weighed 3390 lbs. and at 3.20 came to \$108.48. I gave a check on the Burlington Bk. for \$100. (see 9th) and Patty paid him the balance cash. Patty had 9 hogs killed to-day. Joe worked for her to-day. Poured down after sundown.
- 15 Cloudy about 40°. Joe went to Burlington to court having been summoned—got back at noon and worked for $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Patty at divers things, went to mill after some scantlings that were 1.25 he said. Patty and Sally W. went to R. Sun to telephone. I sent to P.O. by them letter to Sarah and one to Julia Loving inclosing 2.00.
- 16 Colder, 32° at sunup. Joe and Jesse salted and rubbed the meat to-day and packed it down. The men killed 10 hogs after dinner. The little spotted black sow a Feb. '95 pig of the

spotted Storer sow's had 4 live pigs & one dead to-day all black. Put her in stall. Joe turned one of my Phipps sows in the stock hog's pen again.

- 17 Colder, 29° at 6.30. Sent letters to Julia and Belle R. Got letter from Julia. Turned warmer. Joe worked. He and Dick cut up rubbed and salted down the meat. I went to see about turkeys—pleasant riding.
- 18 Cloudy and sprinkling sometimes. About 44° between 6 and 7. Sally W. went home on the early boat. Sent letter to Sally. C. Burns came and worked putting tin around smoke house &c. Joe helped him till after dinner when he helped kill hogs. They killed 5 hogs.
- 19 This morning 32°. Joe worked for Patty part of the day. The men rubbed and salted the meat. Jesse worked ½ day hauling wood. Charlie B. finished patching Dick's floor, paid him in full 1.50. Turned all the sows out of the stock hog's pen.
- 20 Sunday. Hilda came down a few moments—said Mr. Brady was sick. Ernest came by a few minutes. Tolerably cold.
- 21 At sunup 30°. It is 24 years to-day since my dear father died—Lord love his sweet soul. Got letter from Sally. Went to see Mrs. Clore. They killed hogs again this evening, 8 of them. Joe helped kill hogs and fixed up things for Patty this morning. They put the sow Aunt Lizzie in stall.
- 22 A skim of snow, 30° at 7 A.M. and turned milder. Katy A. and I went to Burlington to see Mr. Brady who is sick. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked for Patty. They rubbed and salted down the meat. Jesse hauled some fodder.
- 23 Patty left on the early boat for St. Paul. 32° at sunup. Settled with Minnie Loudon and paid her \$10. in full to Dec. 21st. Went to Bellevue for Christmas candy &c. Told Joe to cut some wood to haul. Jesse helped saw wood ½ day. Got letter from Sally Woolley.
- 24 The day my beloved Papa was buried. 'To live in hearts we leave behind, Is not to die.' Colder 22 at 7 A.M. Walked to Bellevue and stopped to see Betty and Mrs. Clore. Got Christmas packages for Patty and self—mine from little sister, Julia and probably Sally W. Joe and Jesse got and hauled wood for 1 day me. Minny went to R. Sun. Paid Harry 1.50 in full to to-morrow.
- 25 Christmas 16° at sunup. No one worked for me. Went to Burlington to see Mr. Brady again—dined there, went to Bellevue afterwards—got postal from Patty and letters for her and Sally W. and books for her and for me. Moderated.
- 26 At sunup 29°. No one worked. Sent Harry with letters to Patty and Sally W. and letter for Patty that came from Mr. Graham. Got letter from Patty in St. Paul. Cordy came over.
- 27 Sunday. Hilda sent me note about Mr. Brady. Joe and George R. went down late after Patty's salt bucket &c.
- 28 Sent Harry down with letters to wait for mail. Got letters from Patty and from Julia and note from Sally W. Sally W. came down on the late boat. Joe hauled fodder and hauled a load of coal from Huey's—he said 50 bus.
- 29 Thermometer 40° and raining. Sally Woolley went home on the noon boat. Got Christmas present from Julia. Joe worked at axe handles I think. Went to Burlington to Mr. Brady's. Found him very low and he died about 2 P.M. God rest his soul. Stayed all night with Hilda. It rained rather hard in the night.
- 30 Harry came back after me. When I got home the men after dinner killed 6 hogs. It was damp and warmer about 38° at noon. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to my Sally from Burlington by Bob Brady. Joe said he helped Dick shuck shock corn this morning.
- 31 Sally Woolley came on the early boat. The men cut up and salted down the meat. Joe worked. After dinner they killed 6 more hogs. It was up to 52° at noon and like spring. I went over to Katy's. Sally Woolley and I drove out to see Hilda after dinner.

It has been a mild pleasant winter so far.

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