

1901

January

- 1 At sunup 20°. Sent letter to Lucy J. Ethel came to set in to work. Mrs. West came in and we went over Rose's account and I now owe her 12.25. Joe worked—the men hauled Jesse's tobacco to Petersburg to Mr. Berkshire. Bright day.
- 2 18° at sunup and cold all day, sun shone. Sent letter to Sally W. later went to Bellevue and took letters to Harriet Young and to Mrs. Brown. Got letter from Natl. Bank of Wash. with draft for \$75. and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash with draft for \$14. also letters from Patty, Sally and Julia Loving. Joe worked ½ day hauling fodder, &c. Jesse brought me the weights of his tobacco and the check. It weighed 3062 lbs. which at 6 cts came to \$183.72 and he brought me a draft for that amount on Cin. Leaf Tobacco Warehouse to Co. signed Berkshire McWethy & Co. by J. W. Berkshire.
- 3 16° at sunup, bright and turned warmer. Went to B. Took letters to Sally and to Natl. Bank of Wash. acknowledging receipt of draft. Got letters from Julia and Mary Cochran. Joe worked, stretching wire in the bottom next to Rice's and patching up fences. Dick helped him part of the time.
- 4 Went to Burlington. Took to Bank the draft Jesse brought for his tobacco (see 2nd) and endorsed and left it with Mr. Revill to collect. He said it might be paid and might not. Got him to cash the two drafts from Wash. (see 2nd). Went to Bellevue and pd. M. I. Corbin 75.00 on the account for 1900. I had asked him to begin a new account with this year. Paid Rose West the 12.25 (see 1st) in presence of Mrs. West. 14° at sunup—bright and turned milder. Mike said the bal. on act. for 1900 was 161.47.
- 5 Milder. Joe said he broke weeds and hauled fodder worked days this week. Got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Natl. Bk. with draft on N. Y. for \$28. and paper to sign. Also letters from Sally and Belle R. and L'Aigton from Patty.
- 6 Sunday. Like spring—began to rain at night but soon stopped.
- 7 Harry began to go to school. Went to Rising Sun with Ethel for company. Got Mike Corbin to sign the paper for the Bank (see 5th) and put it in R. Sun P.O. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft (see 5th) and also the draft from Sally (see Dec. 15th). Paid Oscar Jones and Seward in full to date for Aunt Eliza's bills. Went to see Ellen, &c. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe hauled manure and ashes out of the yard and then went to Dick's wood sawing. It was mild like spring and cloudy.
- 8 Went to Burlington and Mr. Revill received by mail the news that the draft had been collected, Mr. Berkshire's (see 4th) and he gave me the money charging .35. Jesse's half minus half the expenses, .41 came to \$91.45 which I paid Richard Loudon this evening. Got by mail the bonnet Sally sent me and letter from Julia. Joe helped load Dick's tobacco and then chopped on cherry hill. Gave Mr. Revill to take care of for me the tin box with papers, valuables, &c. Mild day damp and cloudy.
- 9 Sprinkled a little early I think, cloudy and warm and misty. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letters to Sally and Julia. Joe did n't work, went over the river. Went to Mr. Jonas Clore's funeral and to McVile to send pig for Aunt Nancy [?].
- 10 Rained last night and misted rain this morning. Cloudy all day. Sent letters to Sue and Hilda—and one from Lucy Johnstone. The men hauled Dick's tobacco to Petersburg. It weighed 2195 lbs. and at 5 cts. came to 109.75. Dick Loudon brought back a draft on Cin

- Leaf and Tobacco Warehouse Co. signed Berkshire McWethy & Co. and J. W. Berkshire but Dick said Mr. Berkshire was not there and a clerk signed it.
- 11 Settlement with Jesse Loudon. Jesse and Dick Loudon came and I settled with Jesse to Dec. 18th 1900. His work up to Nov. 25th 1899 came to 98.63 on which he had received 33.50 and 11.00 for pasture, 44.50 which left me owing him on this settlement 54.13. On the Dec. 18th 1900 settlement his work came to 38.25 and he received 38.00, so I was owing him 54.38 from this 3.00 for pasture left me owing Jesse 57.38 which I paid him in full in the presence of his father.
 - 12 Colder. Dick was going to Burlington he said and I endorsed the draft (see 10th) and gave it to him with a note to Mr. Revill asking Mr. R. to keep my half on deposit till further notice. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Put in P.O. note to Mrs. Joseph Clark Thomas and letter to May Van Meter. Got letter from Harriet. Gave Mike some of my silver to take care of including Hilda's that she left in my care. Joe worked ½ day—hailed fodder and chopped. Dick brought back a little note from Mr. Revill saying he would put all the check to my credit when collected and I could check out Dick's half less .25 ex.
 - 13 Went up to Cin at night on the Louisville Sunday on my way to N. York to visit Sally. [separate journal starts here] Sunday, January 13. Went up to Cin on the Louisville.
 - 14 Went to Julia's. Started on noon train R.LO for New York.
 - 15 Got to N. York about noon. Sally met me at ferry.
 - 16 Sent letters to Patty and Julia—we went downtown shopping.
 - 17 Went to dressmakers. Sent letters to Mr. Revill about ____ and to Dick with check for his half of the _____. Belle Breckenridge came to see me. Got letters from Patty, Sue and Mr. Lassing sent me policy for 1500 the Co. ____ cancelled the other ____ check for 22.50 for the difference ____ the ins ____ of last Jan. Sent ____ to Aunt Nancy.
 - 18 Sally went to Englewood. Julia and Ruth came to see us. Light skim of snow last night, bright.
 - 19 Turned very cold and wind blew hard. Went to matinee to see Julia Marlowe. Coldest night in two years down to 0.
 - 20 Sunday—cold, sent letter to Julia. Patty came with Miss Charlotte, Belle and Mr. B. came.
 - 21 Sent letter to Hilda. Patty and the young ladies came in.
 - 22 We lunched at Delmonico's with Miss Hill and Patty. Spring like day. Called on Belle B. and Maud T. and went to Lenore L. and in the evening went to the ____ to see the 12th ____ reviewed by Gen Wilson Mr. B. ____ of Co F. Got letter from Julia. We lunched with Julia and Ruth. ____ letters from home. Pleasant day.
 - 24 We lunched with Alice Allen and she took us to the Lyceum Th. to see Annie Russell in A Royal Family.
 - 25 We went to call on Patty and the Hill's and then went to the Eden Music.
 - 26 Julia and Mr. E. and Ruth and Ruty Miller dined here. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
 - 27 Sunday. Miss C. and Patty came for me and I went to high mass at the cathedral. Sally had an informal tea. Bright day. Sent letter to Willie D.
 - 28 Got letter from Isabella. Sally had lunch. Mrs. Lamborn, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Forte. We had tea with Patty and the _____. Cold and windy.
 - 29 Sally took me to the Met. Art Museum. Patty came. We went to dine with Mr. Patterson and went with him to the theatre Weber and Field's Music Hall. Clear and rather cold.
 - 30 Colder 28° at breakfast time, snowing. Got letters from Willie D. and Julia. Sent letters to Julia and Aunt Nancy. Went to see Mrs. Yandell and Mrs. Elsie Barber. Went by invitation of Miss Charlotte to dine with the Hill's and Patty at the Netherland and to the opera at the

Met. O. H. to hear Melba and the de Resyke's and Plancon in Romeo and Juliette. Snowed all day, snow ploughs running, &c.

- 31 Got letter from Cousin Mary Goodrich. ____ Sally one from Cousin Frankie D. ____ snowing and sun out. Sleighs in the park, much milder. Patty and Miss Charlotte and Enips lunched with us. Later we went to tea at Enid's to meet Mrs. Woodward. Patty, Miss Charlotte and Enips came. Mad. de Bronecher and Enid entertained us—Enid showed a number of ivory miniatures of Lucy Perkinson Trowbridge (Mrs. Ingersoll) and a little ____ of Rodin's beside the model of her fountain, &c.

February

- 1 Colder, 19° after breakfast, bright. Went with Sally to meet Enid and Mrs. Woodward at the Natl. Acad. of Design 76th Am Ex. Got letter from Sue and sent letters to Sue and Hilda. Went to the opening of the new Yacht Club ____ and saw tables full of trophies the ____ given in 45 and the America's cup. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon.
- 2 Sent letter to Fanny G. Went to lunch with Belle B. Patty and Sally both to meet Mr. B's sister Mrs. Laura Ten Eyck and his Aunt Mrs. Maltby. Then went to call on Mrs. Cox and Julia, and Alice Allen. Got letter from Julia to-night.
- 3 Sunday. Got letter from Ethel and from Lassing & Riddell about the Ins. Policy. Sent letter to Julia. Went Sat. night with Miss Hill's party to the Casino Th. to see Florodora. Stayed at home, at night it snowed.
- 4 Snow seems deep. 32° at breakfast. Sent letter to Lassing and Riddell inclosing ins. policy. Also letter to Aunt Nancy. Horrid day, snowed hard part of the time, sleeted, &c. Got telegram from Cousin Frankie about going there and later letter from her and letter from Julia. Frank sent telegram to Cousin Frankie.
- 5 The 10th anniversary of Sally and Frank's marriage. Cold day and keen wind. 25° and 26° during the day. I went to lunch with Patty who came for me by invitation from the Miss Hills. Met Miss Maud T. there. Went with Sally and Frank to dine at the Cafe Boulevard, a Hungarian place, one of the sights. Julia came to call.
- 6 Bright but cold wind. Sally took me to Frank's office 40 Wall St. and he took us to the Stock Exchange. Then we went to see the City Hall. Saw the ____ of Nathan Hale by Mc Monro and the City Hall in the room of the President of the ____ in which the portrait of Gen. Alexander Macomb (with the name spelled wrong McComb—such is fame) by Waldo—a full length portrait in white trousers and old style uniform high collar and stock, &c. Then we went to Knoedler & Co. 34th St. and 5th Ave. to see a collection of pictures and miniatures among the latter one of Belle Breckenridge by Helen de Minud. We also saw a wonderful sea picture by Turner and one by Frans Hals. We went with the Miss Hills and Patty to lunch at the Holland House and then went to Goupils to see another collection of miniatures and one of pastels by Everett Thinsé, views of Paris and Parisian scenes, remarkable. Got letter from Ethel.
- 7 Sent letters to Cousin Mary and Julia. Patty came, later Enips. Sally and I went on the 3.30 P.M. to Staatsburgh to visit at Willie Dinsmore's. He and Cousin Frankie, Helen, Mr. Rob. P. Huntington and their children Helen, Alice and the new boy not yet named and Madeleine Ingram D. were there. Miss Rita Lockwood of Boston was up in the train with us to visit there. It was cold and windy and the snow about a foot deep. We went in a sleigh from the station—river frozen over and scenery beautiful.
- 8 Very cold. Willie said it was below 0. Bright sunny day.
- 9 Still cold but not so extreme. On the same train we went up on, Frank, Patty and the Miss Hills, Clara and Charlotte arrived there. Frank brought a letter from Cousin Mary G.

- 10 Sunday. Went with Willie and Mr. H. to see the greenhouses, palms, &c. Not quite so cold. Frank left for N.Y. on the 6 something train P.M.
- 11 Beautiful bright day. Willie, Patty, Sally, the Miss Hills and I came back on the 9X train A.M. We had a sleigh ride to the station, beautiful drive. Got to N.Y. about noon, milder weather. Received note from Patty saying that the girls found their sister Gertrude very ill with appendicitis and she was to undergo an operation to-day—poor girl. Went to Hotel but they were not there. Sent letter to Julia. Mrs. Lamborn called. Later ___ and the Miss Hills came and said Miss Gertrude had been through this operation. Mrs. Maud T. came too. Got letter from Julia. Much milder.
- 12 Got letter from Sue. Sent letter to Aunt Nancy. Patty came by herself and we signed the note to renew the one Mr. Revill has that was due the 23rd. inst.
- 13 Turned colder—bright morning. Sent letter to Cousin Frankie. Patty and Miss Charlotte came and I went with them to the Garrick Theatre to see Capt. Jinks, then to the Netherland to see Mrs. Hill. Cold and very windy. At 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. 12°. Sent L'Aiglon to Harriet.
- 14 Cold and very windy. Patty came to see us, later Miss C. Sally and I went to Tiffany's to see the wrought iron eagle and dragon from the German Ex. Paris and the ___ glass punch bowl and other specimens. We then went to the Exhibition of the ___ Color Society. Then went to call on the Hills. Met Julia there. Frank sick had doctor.
- 15 Bright and not so cold. Sent letter to Julia. Patty and Miss C. came. Sally and I walked in the park, saw the zoo. Sent letter to Hilda. Patty and Miss C. and Miss Maud came and Mrs. Yandell and Mrs. Barber.
- 16 Much milder, pleasant out and snowing. Patty and Miss C. came. Sally and I went to the Museum of National History. Dr. still coming to see Frank. Sally got letter from Mrs. Cutcheon telling of the death of cousin Maria Fox at Grand Rapids, aged 85. Got letter from Julia. Patty and Miss C. came to-night.
- 17 Sunday. Bright but not as warm. Patty came up to tell Frank goodbye. Sent letter to Julia. Patty came after me later. Miss Clara came after Sally and me and we went to tell Patty goodbye. Sunday. Patty and Miss Charlotte and her brother Mr. J. Hill left for St. Paul on the 5 something P.M. Frank got up.
- 18 Snow soft and wet 32°. Got letter from Hilda in Burlington. Sent letter to Hilda. Went to afternoon concert at Mrs. Damrosch's where young Mr. Whitney and Miss Marguerite Hall sang charmingly. Mrs. D. Robinson sent Sally the tickets. Mrs. Hill and Miss C. came. Frank better, went out.
- 19 Mardi gras. Lovely spring-like day. We went shopping. Sally and I went to the Waldorf A. to meet Mrs. Jane Cox, Harriet's sister and went with her to a concert in the ballroom. Schumann Heink and M___ sang and Miss Martina Johnstone played the viola and Mr. Romaine Simmons played the passimento—all fine. Then we went to call on Mrs. ____, Miss Foote and Alice. Got letter from Ethel.
- 20 Ash Wednesday. Got note from Patty in Chicago. Went to three exhibitions of pictures Peters mostly California scenes. Shurtleff's woodland scenes and Laforge's watercolors mostly of south sea island scenes. Saw a Turner that was never shown before in this country and saw some Sir Peter Lily portraits. Sent letter to Patty and to Julia. Sally got telegram to-night from Patty in St. Paul. Sally Frank and I dined with Julia E., there were Mr. Irving Cox and Mrs. Jane E. C. Mr. Cox is 6 ft. 7 in.
- 21 Colder 28°. Got letter of 18th from Mrs. Thompson R. S. saying Ellen died. Wrote Mrs. T. and to Aunt Nancy. Dined at the Plaza with Mrs. Woodward and Enips.
- 22 Washington's holiday. Sally took me a long ride in an automobile up to Riverside and to Grant's Tomb and to see the buildings of Columbia University, &c. and round by the park.

Went to call on Belle who was gone to her mother's and to see Mrs. Hill. Some snow, slight and cold wind.

- 23 Got letters from Patty and from Hilda in B. the 19th. Cold and clear this morning. Went with Sally to make some calls to Julia's but did n't see her. Went to see the Astor Library and across the Brooklyn Bridge to see the East River islands, &c. Frank got my check cashed 22.50 that Mr. Lassing sent (see 3rd).
- 24 Sunday. Snow this morning and bright. Snow ploughs running. Sent letter to Mike C. to tell them send down for me. Sally had to lunch with Miss Hill and Miss Clara, Miss Nanny Wood and Miss Emma Gilfillan.
- 25 Sent letters to Julia and Patty. Went with Sally to see the Appellate Court Building frescoes, statues, &c. Very fine. Bright pretty day. Sally went with me in a cab all round the Central Park sight-seeing. Got letter from Julia to-night.
- 26 Warmer, almost like spring. Went with Sally to Miss Spence's school to see Miss Gertrude Hill. Miss Clara came. Later went with Sally to Miss Gordon's to hear her sing and meet Miss Pauline Ferguson and Miss Ruth and Rachel Hill.
- 27 Sally and Frank put me on the train about 1 o'clock for Cincinnati. Took my last view probably of cousin Willie's place as we went by Staatsburgh. Snow and ice everywhere in N.Y.
- 28 Train 9 hours late on account of freight wreck. Got to Cin. after 7 P.M. and raining. Went to Grand Hotel to stay all night. Sent Sally and Patty letters from there.

March

- 1 Came to Aurora on early train. Left Cin. on early train for Aurora. Found neither Swan nor ferry boats running on account of floating ice. Sent trunk over by John Klopp ferry man. Came down with Taylor's surrey to McVile and crossed in skiff and walked out home. Spring like and muddy. Sent Harry for my trunk and so got home all right and found the home so, thank my Maker.
- 2 Heard doves before I got out of bed and afterwards—mild and muddy. Harry came in to settle and I paid him in full to date 8.00. Joe sowed some clover seed Harry got yesterday and said he would cut hedge to make ½ day. Got note from Sally.
- 3 Sunday—blew like Dakota all day. Mrs. Rice and Will came over.
- 4 Joe did n't work for me. Sent by him letter to Sally. Went to Bellevue later and took letters to Patty and Julia. Got one from Patty and Julia Ethridge. Cloudy and chilly, sprinkled towards evening. Stopped to tell Mrs. Ora Rice goodbye.
- 5 Went to Burlington to see Hilda and hunt a cook. It was cold 23° when we got back. There were whirls of snow and about 5 P.M. it snowed hard for half an hour. Joe said he hauled fodder and began to cut hedge but it was so cold he quit.
- 6 11° at sunup and a cold wind. My birthday, 68. No one worked for me. Joe went to Rising Sun. Got letter from Sally with one from Mrs. Robert Brown, &c.
- 7 28° at sunup. Poor old May was dead in her stall this morning. She was found May 25th, 1878. Had her buried well on the edge of the hollow in sand field between two locust trees, the tree to the west was double. Patsy's pet, poor May. Joe then hauled hedge brush to put over the place where she was buried. He then cut hedge I think. Harry cleaned the chicken house.
- 8 Started for Rising Sun but the river was so rough I would n't cross. The wind blew hard all day with a few sprinkles. Got letter from Patty and book from Miss Clara Hill and card from P.M. N. Orleans about letter. Joe worked cut and hauled some wood to finish smoking the

meat. Ploughed a piece in the garden fixed cooking stone, &c. One of my cows had bad luck he said. No chance of her being fresh now.

- 9 Went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Eliza. Paid up her taxes to Mar 28 and brought home receipts for Co. state and city taxes. Went to see Mrs. Thompson to thank her for her kindness in Ellen's illness and death, &c. Went to see girl to engage her to work for me, Emma Tolliver (Mitchell). Put in R. Sun P.O. the card for P.M. of N.O. with postage for . Got letters from Sally and Sally W. It rained last night and misted rain this morning. Joe cut hedge ½ day.
- 10 Sunday. Poured down last night and rained this morning and blew hard.
- 11 Colder and still blowing. Sent Harry out to Burlington to take Hilda's tea set to her. Settled with Ethel and paid her in full to to-morrow. Sent by Harry to B. letters to Patty and Sally. Joe did n't work—was sick.
- 12 Mr. Maurer came to trim vines. Had the wild sow put in pen with Dick's stock hog that he bought of Will Rice. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sally W. with 1.00. Got letter from Patty. I think Joe cut hedge. Pleasanter day.
- 13 Mr. Maurer finished trimming vines. Joe helped him before noon, then cut hedge. Turned unpleasant and blew hard.
- 14 Harry took Kitty to have a shoe put on. Got letters from Sally and Harriet. Joe said he finished cutting hedge and hauled manure. Disagreeable day—towards night snowed a little.
- 15 Very disagreeable day snowed off and on, a wet, windy snow. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sally, to Harriet inclosing note to Sarah, to Julia, to Miss Clara Hill and one to Atlee Burpee with P.O. order for 2.00 for garden seeds. Joe hauled manure from stalls. Paid Harry 3.00 in full to date.
- 16 Pleasanter. Joe did n't work—said he worked 4 days this week. Sent Harry for Hilda who came down. Went to B. to take her to church. Got letter from Julia.
- 17 Sunday—a spring day. Took Hilda to Burlington. Ethel left—paid her in full. Heard frogs singing in Mr. Walton's pond.
- 18 Sent Harry to R. Sun after cook, Emma and she did n't come. He brought the bundle of things I left with Sally from Cap. Aikin's. Went to B. and put in P.O. letter to Fanny Strader. Sold George some chickens at 6½ cts. a pound and he came and caught them to-night. Bright and warm but very windy. Joe hauled manure in garden.
- 19 George Roseberry came and got 41 chickens that came to 14.81 he paid me 9.50 and owes me 5.31. Got letter from Patty inclosing one from Sally. Joe hauled manure in garden. Warm and sprinkled sometimes.
- 20 Very disagreeable day—raining, blowing and chilly. Sent letters by Harry to Patty, Sally, and Belle R. Joe did n't work this morning.
- 21 George Roseberry came and paid me the balance on the chickens 5.30. Ethel was married to Clarence Castleman. It was a most disagreeable day, cold and windy. Got notice from F. and M's Bk. Wash. Joe hauled manure on garden.
- 22 Isabella's birthday—15. Lord love her life. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty about Mr. Patterson's hams. Joe packed them 17 in a barrel. Before that he hauled manure.
- 23 Joe shipped the barrel of hams on the early boat. He took down my sides and packed them and sacked and hung my hams worked ½ day. Went to Bellevue—pleasant day. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Fanny Strader, also garden seeds. Rained a little at night I think.
- 24 Sunday—regular spring day. Started on another cook hunt—got a promise of one.
- 25 Harry found the youngest sow with two dead pigs. Rained hard last night and this morning, thunder. Joe worked ½ day cutting briers. Sent Allan down to be shod. Sent letters to Mrs. Robert Brown and to Patty and Sally—got letter from Patty.

- 26 Cook did n't come. Went to Burlington to Hilda's. She was not at home. Continued useless cook hunt. Later went to Jake Strader's and got another cook promise. Dick turned his cattle 4 head and horses 4 head on pasture. Joe and Dick worked getting posts taking down palings, &c. While I was gone Lily came and Flora. Chilly and rain.
- 27 Went up to see Ernest. Found him sick, confined to his room. Went to Bellevue got garden seeds. Got letters from Sue and Amy Campbell. Joe and Dick worked getting out posts. Very chilly and unpleasant. Lily Strader came to cook!
- 28 Very chilly and unpleasant. Dick helped Joe at the garden fence. Sent letters to Patty with Amy's to Julia and Sue—got letters from Julia and Belle R. Amy sent down on the night boat ___ [?] Phaeton for Patty.
- 29 Harry went down and got the Phaeton. Think Joe and Dick worked at fence and that I sent letter to Sally.
- 30 Rained, but think Joe worked all day. He worked this week days. Got letter from Sally. Lily Grant came.
- 31 Sunday—another sunless day. Went up in the woods and found turkey peas in bloom—probably out before.

April

- 1 Went to B. to spend the day with Hilda. Put in P.O. there letter to Sally. Left Joe and Dick working at garden fence. The sun was out for part of the time.
- 2 Raining. Joe went to Bellevue for his seed potatoes. He worked for himself cutting fence after . Got letter from Julia at home, and one from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$16.00. Cloudy and chilly but it did n't rain.
- 3 Got letter from Patty in Chicago. Chilly and sunless again.
- 4 Jesse got at Corbin's 5 bus. potatoes for Dick so D. said. The ham and the flour I exchanged. Sent letter to Sarah—got one from my Sally. Harry brought out the clothes Patty sent him. A bright pleasant spring day. A hen came off with 5 _____ a hen on 12 turkey eggs. Joe and Dick worked at the fence on pike. I planted some Matchless Tomato seed in a box.
- 5 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Joe planted his potatoes in the garden. Dick said he worked 2 ½ days this week. 5 bus. northern seed and filled out a row with mine. He did n't work for me. Got letters from Patty and Sarah in N.O. Sent letters to Sarah and to Sally and Patty. Chilly cloudy and rained late.
- 6 Raining. Joe worked ½ day—he worked 3 ½ this week he said.
- 7 Sunday. Easter. Sunless, chilly and unpleasant.
- 8 Sun came out a while in the morning. Joe and Dick cut and sawed a dead oak and worked at fence on pike. Went to Bellevue. Took letters to Patty and Mary C. Went to see Betty. Chilly wind.
- 9 Joe went down for fence wire, could n't get any—he worked—he ploughed in the garden. I went to R. Sun—could n't get any fence wire except some netting. Sent Harry to Mr. R. L. Huey's to take Belle R. to his horse Dandy Christo. Bright day but chilly. Went to the Bank in Rising Sun and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for 16. (see 2nd).
- 10 32° at sunup. Heard that Mike had received the fence wire and Joe went down and brought out 6 rolls. Later I went to B. and engaged 4 more rolls. After noon Dick helped Joe work on the fence on the pike. Got letter from Julia—bright day but chilly.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday. I do not forget it or her. Got letter from brother Charlie. A bright pretty day warmer. Sowed some seeds in boxes tomato, pepper and eggplant. Joe and Dick worked on the pike fence.

- 12 Did n't write in this till 16th. Can't remember of course. Got letter from Sally, sent letter to her.
- 13 Rained off and on. No one worked. Think I took letter to Sally and garden seeds for buddy and got letter from Patty. Dick said he worked 3 days this week.
- 14 Sunday.
- 15 Went to B. and McVile and to leave word at Mr. Roland's about logs. Joe and Dick worked at hedge.
- 16 Fanny Strader Smith came down on the Workman with her twins to work for me. I sent wagon for her things and Harry also got the 4 balls of wire from Corbin's. Paid off Lily in full and she went home. Mr. Will Gibson came and Dick engaged 25 lbs. twine at 9 cts. and 125 lbs. at 9 cts. Paid May 23. Mr. Eugene Kelly bought 2 bus. of potatoes paid me 1.00. Mr. Parsons sent a young man to haul one of the oak logs for fence stays, Mr. Jarrel I believe. Joe helped him after noon with the horses. Dick worked ½ day at the fence garden. Mr. Rogers came to look at the sheep tank and I said I would sell it to him. Some peach blooms out in full. Harry hauled some corn out of little crib.
- 17 Rained off and on. Joe went to Mr. Parson's and hauled some of the oak ties. Mr. Rogers sent for the dipping tank. G. was told that there is small fox in Bellevue at Ben Corbin's.
- 18 Rained nearly all day and last night. Cold and disagreeable. Went to Burlington, put in P.O. there letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and Sally W. Went to see Hilda. Joe said he bored piling for ties. Did n't write in this again till 22nd.
- 19 Unpleasant day, blew like Dakota.
- 20 Joe and Dick worked till noon at garden fence and I think Dick cut bushes on pike afterwards. I went to Bellevue for mail. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Cold and windy. Told Mike Corbin to credit me with the 3.00 I gave him Monday to get strawberry plants, he said he could n't get them. Dick said he worked 3½ days.
- 21 Sunday. Snowing hard and roofs and ground white—turned to cold rain and later back to snow again. The peach trees are in bud and blooms are probably killed. Did n't write in this till 24th.
- 22 Rainy and chilly 34° at sunup. Think Joe worked at gates.
- 23 Sent letters to Patty and Sally to Burlington by Mr. Clutterbuck Jr. Joe and Dick worked at fence. Chilly and unpleasant.
- 24 Milder. Went to look at line with Will and Hugh. Went up to see Ernest. Joe and Dick worked at fence. Mr. Parson's man hauled the 2nd log and got stalled with the third.
- 25 Bright pleasant day. Let Mrs. West's sister's man have 4 bus. potatoes at .40 to be paid for in a week or two. Joe and Dick worked at the garden fence. Joe hung gate, &c. I went to Burlington after dinner—put in P.O. there letters to Patty and Sally—got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Went to Hilda's but she was not at home. Went to Bank and got 30.00 of the money I had there left 25 (see Jan 12th). River very high, over bottoms.
- 26 Bright pleasant day—heard there was another case of smallpox in Bellevue. Joe and Dick worked at making a wire fence on the Arnold pasture. Harry set out onion sets.
- 27 Dick said he worked 4 days this week. No one worked for me. Bright pretty day.
- 28 Sunday. Beautiful day—warm and lovely. Fruit trees in full bloom every old snag in flower, birds singing on their nests, a perfect contrast to last Sunday.
- 29 Mr. Sullivan said Sat. that he wanted to put 3 yearling heifer calves on pasture to-day. Joe and Dick worked before noon in the garden. Harry helped. They planted corn 4 rows Co. Gen and watermelons and muskmelons, cucumbers, cymbblings, lettuce, radishes, beets, peas, early beans, spinach and I planted okra. The ground was warm—it was a lovely bright spring

day. After noon, Joe and Dick worked at raking trash and browning from clover. I went to see Ernest.

- 30 Warm beautiful day. Did without fire in the evening. Joe and Dick worked at the fence on the Arnold line. Sent by Mr. Roy C. letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and Lucy J. Harry hauled old posts &c. from garden paling. Planted some cauliflower seeds.

May

- 1 Did n't write in this till the 4th. Went to Burlington—got letters from Patty, Sally and Amy C. sent letters to all three. Hilda came home with me. Warm and bright day.
- 2 Fanny cleaned my room. Bright beautiful warm day. Joe and Dick worked at the fence till noon then raked clover. Had my crêpe myrtle taken out. Planted some vine seeds &c.
- 3 Dick said he worked ½ day. Turned cooler towards evening. I planted more vine seeds.
- 4 Took Hilda home—stayed to dine. Put in Burlington P.O. letters to Patty and Sally. Cool early turned warm. Dick said he worked 4 ½ days this week.
- 5 Sunday—beautiful day. Rode to Ernest's before dinner.
- 6 I went to Bellevue and got the mail. Joe worked on the wire fence. Got letters from Patty and Sue. Little shower at night.
- 7 Joe worked on the fence till noon, then after that, he and Dick began to work on the fence but it rained hard and after the rain Joe hauled some lumber from the mill. A pleasant day before it rained—turned cooler. Doll Walton came to see me about pasture.
- 8 Rained hard last night. Cool. Doll Walton turned in the pasture 11 head of steers with a crop off the right ear. I am to get .75 a month. Mr. McGuire wanted some money on the rock he broke and I paid him 5.00. Jesse and Leeomer worked ½ day hauling trash off clover. Joe and Dick worked at fence.
- 9 Went to Burlington—got letters from Patty and Julia. Jesse and Leeomer went to Bellevue and got 3 balls wire to haul to the fence row—then hauled trash off clover till noon. Jesse cut briars on cherry hill after noon. Joe and Dick worked at fence. Sprinkled sometimes and was cool.
- 10 Sun came out and turned warmer. Mr. McGuire brought me Doll Walton's measurement of the rock he broke. It was in all 31 ½ perches and at .35 a perch came to 11.03. I had paid him 5.00 (see 8th) and paid him the balance 6.03.
- 11 Dick said he worked 3 days this week. Joe worked . . . No one worked for me to-day. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Sally and Mrs. Brown. Jesse said he worked 2 days.
- 12 Sunday—blew like Dakota all day.
- 13 My parents wedding day. Lord love them. Frost this morning, plenty of it on fence boards in the garden. Joe worked ½ day for me. Went to see Ernest and to Bellevue. Bright and cool. Old turkey hen hatched 13. Had three heifers that are to have calves turned into the back pasture. The frost hit some of my beans.
- 14 Bright but cool—have fires at night. Mr. Bob Brady took the order Doll Walton sent me for the rock (see 10th) and gave me a check on the Burlington bank for 31.50. Harry planted some more beans. Joe worked at fence and Everett helped part of the day. Sent by Mr. Clutterbuck letters to Patty and Sally.
- 15 Went to Burlington Bank—got Mr. Revill to cash the draft Bob Brady gave me yesterday. Got letters from Sally and Lucy Johnstone. Went to Hilda's. A perfectly beautiful day. Joe worked at the wire fence and had Everett helping him. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown from Burlington.
- 16 Bright day and warmer. Went to Bellevue and got letters from Margaret Ames and Aunt Eliza. Harry set out over 300 sweet pea plants. Joe worked in the garden and putting tops on posts, &c. and after dinner at the wire fence with Everett. Had some sweet corn planted.

- 17 Another beautiful day, warmer. Worked in the yard and garden. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe worked on the fence, Everett helped.
- 18 Went to Burlington for Hilda who came home with me. Put in P.O. three letters for Patty and Sally and Sarah H. Joe worked ½ day I think on fence and hung gate on pike. Occasional sprinkles.
- 19 Sunday. Took Hilda down to church. Cool. Went with her after dinner to see Ernest. Rained towards evening. It has been so cool we had fires at night yesterday and to-day.
- 20 Joe worked grubbing wire fence out next Bob Brady's, then cut briars but it rained. Hilda went home after dinner—sent by her letter to Sally. I set out about 18 tomato plants and Harry set out some cabbage plants Mrs. West let me have. Rained steadily after dark, cold rain.
- 21 Rained hard nearly all day a very cold rain, had fire all day to sit by. No one worked.
- 22 Joe worked till noon cutting briars after that on fence next Bob Brady's. Dick helped ½ day on fence. Still cool but sun came out part of the day. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty.
- 23 Went to Rising Sun in Charlie's boat to see about Aunt Eliza. Paid Gibson for 25 lbs. of twine 2.25 (see April 16th). Sent letter to Patty from R.S. Joe and Dick worked on the line wire fence. Brought up Dick's twine. Bright pretty day.
- 24 Replanted all the watermelon that were planted April 29th and most of the muskmelons. The bugs had ruined them. Also replanted the preserve melons, cymbings, cucumbers &c. About 6 P.M. there was a storm with unusual hail, thunder, and torrents of rain. I have never seen it hail harder here that I know of. Searcy branch was wild—brought down logs, swept away part of the fence of Dick's hog lot and overflowed cultivated land. Harry worked in the garden—hoed vegetables, planted beans, lettuce, &c. Joe and Dick worked at the line wire fence.
- 25 No one worked for me. Rained and was cold as charity. Got letter from Sally and book from Charlie Flandrau, his 'Diary of a Freshman.' Good fire all day.
- 26 Sunday. Cloudy, gloomy, cold and horrid. Sat by a fire and had to have it.
- 27 Cloudy and gloomy again chilly and towards evening rained again. Joe cut briars on cherry hill. I began to clean the house—took up the carpet in the little back room upstairs and Joe and Harry beat it. It was so wet and chilly the floor would n't dry. Nothing grows in the garden and the worms and bugs are very bad. Did n't write in this again till June 10th like a simpleton and everything will be missed up. It rained off and on all the week and I continued to clean the house
- 30 Took up the dining room carpet. Joe cleaned the chimney, beat carpet, &c. worked.
- 31 Put the dining room carpet down. Got letter from Patty saying she would come Monday.

June

- 1 Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Susie Tew. Fanny went to L.
- 2 Sunday—rained of course.
- 3 Sent Harry to Aurora with the buggy and Patty and Isabella came down. Later Harry and the baggage came on Charlie's boat. Rained.
- 5 Joe worked ½ day in the garden. After dinner there was a hard rain with some hail. Got letter from Sally.
- 6 Rainy day. Joe did n't work. We put up strawberries.
- 7 Clear, cool day and very windy. Isabella and I went to see Ernest and to Bellevue. Got letter from Julia. More cases of small pox around.
- 8 Put up strawberries again.

- 9 Sunday—clear and cool. Patty and Isabella went to see Hilda. Charlie Burns came out.
- 10 Turned warmer. Joe worked and I went to see Mr. Roland about hauling the log. Frances Grant came.
- 11 Hot day—summer at last. Went to Doll Walton's and agreed to take a young (year and a half old) Hereford, am to pay \$35 and take it out of the pasture money. Joe worked hauling rails and hoeing in the garden. I got letter from Susie Tew and sent her one. Lou West sick, we fear with small pox.
- 12 Another warm day 90° at noon. Rained after dinner and turned cooler. Joe worked—hauled rails till noon and harrowed a strip in the garden till it rained. Fanny wanted to sprint and go to L. on account of small pox scare. I paid her in full to date but she did n't get off in time.
- 13 Fanny went on the boat to Lawrenceburg. Joe worked in the garden and hauled rails. Mrs. Roland came to bring word about his hauling log. Rained hard later. We had some sour cherries picked on shares.
- 14 Rained off and on this morning. Joe worked after dinner I think cutting briers. Lily Grant came to invite Patty and Isabella there. Got letter from Julia.
- 15 Dr. Williamson told me Lou West was in for the smallpox. He sent word to Dr. Smith who telephoned Dr. Clore. I went to Burlington and told Dr. Smith too. Went to Bank and Mr. Riddell gave me the 25. I left there (see April 25th). I met Hilda coming down. It rained off and on while I went to B. and afterwards and at night. Put in P.O. in b. letter to Julia. Went to Bellevue to take Hilda—got things for Joe at Corbin's 1.28. Had my cows turned in back pasture and got Dick to milk. Mr. George Hillis who lives in the Sam Reese house Rabbit Hash, came to see me about painting the house. Joe cut briers this morning. Did n't write in this again till 19th.
- 16 Sunday. Hilda went to church and later went home. Patty took Isabella up to Ernest's to stay a while. Dr. Clore the health officer came down to quarantine Joe West's family and tell him the law, &c. Poured down rain last night and the creek was all over the bottoms.
- 17 Have been very busy putting up cherries, &c. Patty sent up to Isabella.
- 18 Rose came to wash. I canned cherries and went with Patty to see Isabella and Ernest's family—much cooler.
- 19 Rose came to iron. Lily Strader came back to work. Patty got from Aurora a telegram from Sally and Frank about smallpox, &c. I replanted my watermelons with the melons, Hungarian Honey and with Netted Gem and E. Gem muskmelons. Also hoed and Harry hoed vegetable and I preserved cherries. Got letter from Miss Charlotte Hill. Warmer again. I think Joe is cutting briers.
- 20 Replanted okra and planted row of dwarf butter beans. Canned cherries. Patty went to Ernest's. Doll Walton came and I sold him 300 bus corn at .45 he to give me a check any time I want it and to take the corn away by the 10th of Aug. After night a gentle rain with much lightning. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca.
- 21 Sent Harry up to Doll Walton's and he and Doll brought down the stock animal I bought (see 11th). Turned my 3 two-year old heifers the mates of the one (see Sep. 15th) into the back pasture with the animal. Patty went to Rising Sun. After noon there was a hard rain with plenty of thunder, &c. Sent by Patty letter to Sally. Got letter and photographs from Julia and note from Susie Tew.
- 22 Turned the line back cow in the back pasture with the rest. There are now in there Siegra, Blanche, Lucy and Lisielback cows. Amy, Louise and Dolly heifers to be fresh soon—three 2-year-old heifers and 2 yearlings. Joe has cut briers.
- 23 Sunday. Patty and I dined at Ernest's to meet Horace and Mrs. Horace.

- 24 Fanny came back from Lawrenceburg on Charlie's boat. Dr. Clore came down to see Louise. Harry ploughed some in the garden and hoed. I worked there too—hot.
- 25 Very hot day—sweltering. A threatening of storms but it passed around and after dark we had a pleasant rain. Patty went up to see Isabella. Doll Walton sent for the first load of corn—with sideboards on.
- 26 Very hot—think I sent letter to Julia.
- 27 Harry hoed a little in the garden—it stays very hot. Patty went to Ernest's. Mr. Dave Aikin came to look at the gallery and make an estimate on the floor repairs.
- 28 Very hot. Patty and I went to Rising Sun. I went to Oscar Jones and paid him in full 18.00 and got receipt. Also took Mrs. Jarvis a dress and goods for Aunt Eliza. River high. Got letter from Julia. Harry went and got a load of lumber that Mr. Dave Aikin brought down. Dick began to cut wheat with cradles.
- 29 Harry hauled another load of lumber. Let Dick have 6.00 for harvest. Paid Aug. 11th.
- 30 Sunday. Hilda stopped here. Isabella came home.

July

- 1 Very hot. Mr. Dave Aikin came out to repair the gallery. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. with draft for \$75 and one from Natl. Met. Bk. with draft for \$16. Will Rice Mrs. Anne Rice's son came to see me about the cattle getting into his corn. Dick has been cutting wheat. Joe has been working since his quarantine cutting briers, &c.
- 2 Mr. Tom Wingate came out with Mr. Aikin to help. Very hot again. Went to Bellevue & McVillie. Got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for \$16. (see yesterday). Sent letter to Natl. Bk. of Wash to acknowledge draft and to Farmers & Mechanics Natl. Bk. Georgetown. Last night threatened thunder storm, had showers.
- 3 Mr. Aikins and Mr. Wingate came out to work on the gallery. Began to lay the floor. Doll Walton came. We went to see about the fence and Will Rice's corn. Doll said the damage would amount to about a shock or two bushels. He said he wanted to cut some of the clover. Dick finished cutting wheat yesterday. Dr. Clore came and said he had disinfected Joe's house taken down the yellow flag and raised the quarantine. Found my young red heifer Dolly with a calf, steer, red with white face and tip of tail. Rained several times to-day very hard with plenty of thunder and wind. Got letter from Sue at Chautauqua. Very hot still, papers full of account of deaths from heat.
- 4 Got the heifer Dolly up and Joe milked her—she had so little that I had her turned out with her calf. Pd. Aug. 11. Let Dick Loudon have 10. Mr. Doll Walton sent for another load of corn. The second and this was to be weighed, Herman said. Weighed my self to-day 114 lbs. Joe cut weeds in pasture. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Wingate worked at gallery. Got letter from Sally—from Manhattan Beach. She told of the dreadful heat in N.Y. Hot here.
- 5 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Wingate worked at the gallery and Mr. A. repaired and hung wire doors of kitchen. Joe hauled rails from fence row.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—got Mike Corbin to take the draft for \$75 and credit me on the bill for 1900 \$40 and he paid me the balance \$35. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Wingate worked not a full day. Joe worked for himself.
- 7 Sunday. Turned very cool, lovely day. Patty and Isabella went to Ernest's.
- 8 Doll Walton send hands to cut clover. Joe worked in garden—ploughed hoed planted corn, &c. and went to B. for tin, cement, &c. Patty went to Rising Sun. Harry went down for lumber. Patty went to Cin. via Erlanger. Tom Clore and Mr. Aikin worked on gallery. Got letter from Farmer's Mechanic's Natl. Bk. with draft on N.Y. for \$56. Cool, lovely day. Sent letter to Sally. Everett found sow with 8 pigs.

- 9 Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore worked on gallery. Sent Harry to R. Sun to Gibson's for more tin for gutter. Joe worked in the garden—staked tomatoes hoed, &c. Got bill from Gibson's of things Patty got. Still remained cooler. Doll Walton's hands were here putting up clover hay.
- 10 Let Dick Loudon have 10. for harvest. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore worked—mostly making a trough—finished the gallery. Doll Walton came down. His hands finished getting in clover. Joe worked mostly cleaning out a drinking hole. Patty came at night on the mail boat. Turned warmer.
- 11 Hot as pepper again. Joe went down for the paint, &c. and got a shoe put on Cy. Then he worked cleaning out springs in both pastures. Had five head the 3 heifers and red cow (line back) and the stock animal turned into the big pasture. Joe turned the milk cows in yesterday. Mr. Aikin began to paint the house. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Doll Walton sent for the 3rd bag of corn.
- 12 Not as hot. Joe worked—hauling away the refuse lumber from gallery—put props under peach trees, mended wire fence, &c. Mr. Aikin painted. Tom Clore came to paint but went home before dinner sick.
- 13 Hot again. Went to Burlington. Got Mr. Revill to cash draft (see 8th) for \$56. Put in B. letter to Julia, got letter from her. Hilda came home with me. Mr. Henderson brought honey. Mr. Aikin worked painting the house. Joe worked ½ day—cleaned barn lot spring I suppose and cut weeds. In Burlington it was 100° and 102° Thursday and in Bellevue 104 Thursday.
- 14 Sunday. Hot day. Patty and Isabella went up to Ernest's.
- 15 Found heifer Amy with a red b. calf, had her milked this evening. Joe cut weeds with machine in clover field. Mr. Aikin painted and so did Tom Clore. Hot and very dry—water failing in all streams and springs.
- 16 Very hot—100° in Bellevue when I was there. Paid Mike Corbin \$40 on last year's bill. Also pd. Mr. Birkle in full to date 5.90. I got letter from Sue. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore worked painting. Joe cut weeds in clover field with machine and hauled rails and patched up calf lot fence.
- 17 Very hot and dry. Joe cut weeds in clover field with machine. Let Dick haul some of the weedy clover for himself. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore worked painting.
- 18 Hilda's birthday—after dinner Patty took her home—got letter from Julia. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore painted on shutters mostly. Still very hot and dry. Joe cut weeds and timothy and cleaned springs in big pasture. Harry took Cy down and had his shoe put on.
- 19 Patty and Isabella went to Big Bone, took Harry, stopped at Mr. Lee Huey's to see about Belle R. but did n't bring her. I went to Bellevue twice and to McVille. Took letters to Sally and Julia. The two men Mr. Aikin and Tom C. worked to-day. They repaired chimneys before noon and Tom painted them. Joe said he cut weeds by new wire fence. Still very hot. Remembered this anniversary.
- 20 Tom Clore worked ½ day. Mr. Aikin all day—painting. Very hot and dry. Patty went to Rising Sun and Isabella. Patty got a letter from Cousin R. saying buddy had another stroke Wed 17, not so severe as the first. Doll Walton sent for the 4th load of corn. Joe worked for himself. Hilda stopped by.
- 21 Sunday. Intensely hot and dry. Hilda stopped by again.
- 22 Ther. 104° at 3.15 P.M. in the shade on the back gallery—never knew it so hot here before. In Bellevue it was 108° and Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore worked painting. Joe cut weeds in the garden till he was taken sick from the heat. The garden is drying up as we scarcely have vegetables for the table. About sundown clouds and wind and a sprinkle of rain, hot afterwards. Sally wrote Patty they had leased a house for 5 years 128.

- 23 Hot still but more endurable. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore painted. Joe fixed granary in the office and cut weeds.
- 24 Still hotter 102° at 4 P.M. on the gallery. Mr. Aikin and Tom Clore painted. Tom said he was done and I paid him in full 12. Joe cut weeds and cleaned out springs. Got letter from Julia, her Julia and Joe and little Polly have started for Europe. Patty and Isabella went to Ernest's. After sundown till late in the night there was almost constant thunder, lightning but no rain.
- 25 Still hot and drier than ever. We have potatoes and some okra—all the other vegetables are drying up. Joe worked cutting weeds and helping Mr. Aikin who painted and put the shutters on. Patty got letter from Dr. Foster telling of her father, and one dictated by him. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 26 Found the heifer Louise with a calf red. Mr. Aikin worked and Joe helped him—he patched new painted cellar door worked on screen for my window and on walk to kitchen. Sent Harry to Mr. Belden Petersburg for sacks, he got 175 he said and 75 for Mr. Rice. Harry Botts and Mr. Cobb of Georgetown came. They are Life Insurers. Let Dick Loudon have a shoulder 16 lbs. Sent letters to Sally and Miss Charlotte. Very hot again and pitifully dry.
- 27 Doll Walton sent for 5th load of corn. Let R. Loudon have order on Corbin's for 10 bus. coal and 1.00 and got barrel of flour for myself. Joe worked all day helping Mr. Aikin, the latter got done and I settled with him in full. He said he had worked 25 days that at 1.25 per day came to 31.25 and he had received 25.00 so I pd. him 6.20. He and Joe worked on kitchen steps and walk. Got letter from Julia. Very hot and crops and gardens burning up.
- 28 Sunday. Very hot with chinook wind.
- 29 Sent letter to Belle R. by Joe who took Mr. Aikin's chest and ladders home. Had the heifer Dolly with her calf turned in the big pasture, and Joe cleaned spring. The threshers came and I had my half put in the office granary. Joe said there were 49 sacks—and allowing 2 bus. to the sack it would make 98 bus.
- 30 Joe cleaned ashes and manure and painted and fixed spring and cut thistles, &c. Harry went to Mr. Lee Huey's and brought back Belle R. After sundown we had a pleasant little shower. Doll Walton came.
- 31 The threshers came and finished Dick's wheat. I got 19 sacks, Dick the same so the crop was 272 bus. in all, of which my half is 136 bus. Joe cleaned stalls and cut weeds. Hottest month on record in U.S.A. Julia Loving came. Harry went to Aurora for her. I went to Bellevue got letters from Sally and Miss Charlotte H. Patty's filly Mr. Graham sent her came. This month of July has been one of the most disagreeable for weather that I remember, hotter than pepper, dry as a powder horn and generally torrid and horrid. Cooler.

August

- 1 Much cooler and dry as ever. Joe cut weeds and we went to see about the spring in the wheat field, Dick also. Got letter from Sally.
- 2 Doll Walton sent for another load of corn the 6th. Sent letters to Julia and to T—D. Cooler this morning, hot wind later. Patty went to Cin via Erlanger. Joe worked cutting weeds I think.
- 3 Not quite so hot but hot enough and still no rain. Joe worked ½ day cutting weeds.
- 4 Sunday—some clouds, Patty came home on the boat. Hilda stopped on her way to and from church. Dick turned 4 hogs in on the wheat stables.
- 5 Cooler and very dry. Joe worked. He hauled a load of wheat 15 sacks to Petersburg to Belden, then cleaned springs, &c. Sent Cy to have a shoe put on. Dick hauled some of his wheat—said the price to-day was 64 cents at Belden's. Got letter from Belle Raymond.

- 7 Sent Kitty down to be shod. Cool early—60° at sunup. Turned hot. mistake [Julia's journal shows August 7, 6 in this order.]
- 6 Joe hauled another load of wheat 30 bus. 50 lbs. Then cleaned out spring in barn lot, &c. Got postal from Sue, not so hot. Made a mistake above see 7th. Joe went to Petersburg with the 3rd load of wheat. Mr. Belden's bill said the wheat was 94 bus. 15 lbs. and he paid 65 cents. I had told him to let Joe have two barrels flour so he took out 10 bus. and sent me a check for \$54.76 on the Citizen's National Bank of Lawrenceburg. Dick said his wheat weighed out 138 ½ bus. Doll Walton sent for another load of corn the 7th I think. Went up to 92° to-day. Joe cleaned springs and cut weeds.
- 8 Went up to 98°. Joe hauled some rock and laid them in the yard and fixed fence on mud road after dinner. Dick helped some. Got letter from Julia. Patty's spring wagon came down from Cin. It was made by the O. Armleder Co. and her father sent her a check for 75 to buy it—it cost \$78.50.
- 9 Doll Walton sent for the 8th load of corn. Came in himself. Sent letters to Sally, Sue and Julia. Very hot to-day, drier. Joe and Dick worked making a foot bridge over Middle Creek but Dick quit to go help thrash.
- 10 Doll Walton sent for his 9th load of corn. Joe worked at bridge, probably ½ day. Dick said he worked 1 day this week. Patty, Isabella and I went to Ernest's. Got letter from Sally.
- 11 Sunday. Dick brought me \$16 from his share of the wheat. I had advanced him 26 on his crop so he still owes me 10.
- 12 Re-sacked my hams. Hot and dry as ever. Joe cut weeds. Doll Walton came to see about the corn. I got the weights 3 loads 2140 lbs. 6 loads 2240 lbs, total 283 bus. 50 lbs.
- 13 Doll came again got 1 bus. corn making 284 bus. 50 lbs. Joe cut weeds again. Hotter and powdery dry. Doll Walton yesterday gave me a check for \$135 on the Boone Co. Bank.
- 14 Went to Burlington and got Mr. Revill to cash this check and also the one from Ben Belden (see 7th). Went to the Sheriff's office and paid my taxes \$66.10 in presence of Patty and got receipt from Mr. Allphin. Went on Patty's note for \$200 (see Aug 21, 1900) that was renewed last Feb. and she renewed it for 6 months more. The effects of drouth were pitiful between here and Burlington. Went to Bellevue and pd. Mike Corbin \$81.47 the balance on my last year's account and brought it home. Met Bob Brady and paid him 2.00 for the two calves. Got letter from Sue. Joe cut hedges on cherry hill. This was my darling big baby's birthday. About sundown there was a sprinkle.
- 15 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Joe cut weeds, fixed springs, &c.
- 16 Joe cut weeds. Sent letters to Sarah and Julia.
- 17 The day of my beloved mother's death. Lord love her soul. Willie Tew came via Aurora from Chicago. There was a shower before he got here and a good shower about 2.30 and later we had a good rain. Hilda came and stayed all night. I think Joe worked ½ day.
- 18 Sunday—about noon a light shower and another towards bedtime. Patty took Hilda home.
- 19 Doll Walton sent for the last of his corn. Joe worked in the garden, ploughed corn, sowed turnips. Made hills and planted cucumbers. I planted pole beans and Sat. planted bunch beans.
- 20 Did n't write in this till 23rd. Got letters from Sarah and Julia. Joe cleaned springs and cut weeds. Patty went to R. Sun.
- 21 Went to Bellevue. Joe cut weeds and briers. I have been canning peaches this week.
- 22 Patty, Isabella, Willie and Harry went to Big Bone. Joe cleaned out fence row and cut weeds in clover field. We had some sprinkles occasionally. Dick has been selling watermelons this week.

- 23 Had a good shower after 6 A.M. Fanny and family went to the L. Fair. Joe did n't work, went to R. Sun. Got letter from Sally.
- 24 My dear father's birthday. Lord love his soul. Dick brought me 18. watermelon money. No one worked for me. I have been canning peaches this week. Got letter from Julia.
- 25 Sunday. Hot day.
- 26 Willie Tew went away on the noon boat. Fanny came back this evening. There was a sprinkle about that time. Joe cut briars and weeds. Canned peaches.
- 27 Paid back to Aunt Nancy in presence of Patty and Isabella 7.50 that she had let me have. Joe cut briars and bushes.
- 28 Made 3 kettles of soap. Hot day. Joe cut bushes and briars. Lily Grant came to bring Frances.
- 29 Went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia. Joe cut and burnt trash in clover field.
- 30 Patty went to Cin. via Aurora to meet Miss Ferguson. I took Frances home. Katy came over. Dick paid me 11.87 watermelon money. Got letter from Willie Tew. Harry went to Aurora in the evening for Patty, but she telegraphed she was not coming. There was a hard rain with thunder and lightning and wind after dark.
- 31 Had my three steer calves attended to. Joe worked ½ day I think. Patty and Miss Pauline Ferguson and her maid Mary Cullen came on the mail boat from Cin. Did n't write in this till Sep. 4th.

September

- 1 Sunday. Told Dick to take his hogs out of the wheat and clover, but he did n't. Much cooler after the rain.
- 2 Joe nailed up the ___ gap, and then he began to plough the ground in the clover field I told him he could have for tobacco. I had my hogs turned out of the wheat stubble. Joe hauled some poles out of the slough before he began to plough.
- 3 Poorly all day nearly. Got letter from Julia saying little Polly was sick in Geneva. Joe ploughed his tobacco ground. Cool.
- 4 Willie Rucker came on the afternoon boat. I got letter from Sally at Bar York Harbor at Cousin Mary's. Sent letter to Julia this evening. Joe finished ploughing before our dinner and then I told him to haul broken rails from the wire fence row. Not as cool as yesterday but still cool.
- 5 Joe hauled rails again. We went up and picnic fashion spent the day up Rustling Branch. The rest drove out to Burlington and I went to Bellevue.
- 6 Joe cut fodder in the garden and oil soaked the wagon wheels. Patty and her company went to Rising Sun.
- 7 Joe worked ½ day I think at painting wagon wheels. I went through most of the corn—found it bad. Got news of Pres. McKinley being shot at the Pan Am. This week have been putting up peaches.
- 8 Sunday. Did n't write in this till the 12th.
- 9 Joe began to dig his potatoes in the garden. Got letter from Julia. This was my dear mother's birthday and I remembered it. Lord love her soul.
- 10 And this my darling little sister's and I remembered it and thought the same. Got letter from Mrs. Thompson about Aunt Eliza. Joe digging his potatoes. Willie Rucker went to Cin. and back. Patty, Pauline F. and Isabella went to Big Bone. Sprinkled a little.
- 11 Patty got a letter from Cousin Rebecca saying buddy had another attack Sunday. I went to Burlington—got Mr. Revill to cash two checks for Pauline sixty, for Patty forty dollars. Went to Hilda's.

- 12 Had a pleasant rain last night—gentle soaking rain, and it sprinkled this morning. Willie Rucker went away on the 11.30 boat. Joe hauled in my part of the garden potatoes. Have been putting up peaches this week.
- 13 Joe worked ½ day for me, cleaning springs, &c. Pauline Ferguson and her maid Mary Cullen went away on the noon boat, Patty with them, sent letter to Sally.
- 14 Saturday. Heard that President McKinley died at 2 A.M. Went to Rising Sun. Paid Aunt Eliza's bills at Jones's and Seward's in full and moved her to Mag Marshall's to board at 1.00 a week. Dick gave Isabella for me 4.46 melon money. Was cool and turned windy and there was a good shower after we got home. Patty came down on the boat. No one worked for me.
- 15 Sunday. Showered a little in the morning, cool and bright. We went to Ernest's.
- 16 Dick got his hog out of the clover and the other three out of the back pasture. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Dick shucked corn for himself in the field above pike where Joe cut fodder. Patty went to Burlington to Hilda's. Sent T—D. to Sally. Cool bright day.
- 17 Joe cut fodder again. Patty shipped her large rug to Sally's on the noon boat. Got letters from Sue and Willie Rucker. Turned much cooler.
- 18 40° at sunup and saw frost on a roof at 9.15 P.M. 46° cool all day and we had the first fire in the dining room. Sent Harry for Hilda who came. Got letter from Pauline Ferguson. Joe cut corn. Hilda brought me a bank book of Boone Dep. Bk. showing that she had put 100. there to my credit.
- 19 At sunup 38°. Patty, Isabella and Julia went away on the noon boat on their way to St. Paul. Sent Linda home to Ernest by Harry. Joe cut fodder and hauled Patty's trunks down, and brought me a barrel of flour.
- 20 50° at sunup and cloudy. Harry began to feed some corn to the hogs again. Joe cut fodder till noon and then worked at cistern top. I put up chili sauce, the first on account of the drouth. There is a meeting going on in Belleview and Hilda is going to it—went to-night with the Waltons. Dick has been cutting tobacco.
- 21 Did n't write in this till 23rd. Got invitation to Miss Charlotte Hill's wedding, to be Oct. 9th.
- 22 Sunday—turned warmer, let fire go out. Went to church with Hilda, lovely day.
- 23 52° at sunup, warm and pleasant. Went to R. Sun to see about Aunt Eliza. Paid Mag Marshall 2.00 in full to 28th. Left clock at Ward's. Got letter from Patty in Chicago. Joe worked—cut corn till noon, then fixed cistern at the kitchen and tinkered. Mr. Ben Kelly's son Wilbur came and I pd. him 2.50 for barrel of apples Patty got.
- 24 Warm as summer. Sent Hilda to church and she was to go to Betty Rice's to stay all night. Joe worked—cut corn till noon, then cleaned springs, painted cistern top and tinkered things. I went to the Rue's about their hogs. Dick is cutting tobacco this week and getting it ready to cut.
- 25 56° at sunup. Warm and like summer. Hilda came back. Joe worked—cut corn and hauled rocks off wheat ground. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 26 Warm again. Etta Moody Teuth dined here with Hilda on their way to Burlington. Got letter from Isabella. Joe cut corn and hauled rock.
- 27 Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Went to Bob Brady's with Hilda. Sent her to church. Had an attempt to get up the sow and pigs—we could n't do it. Joe cut corn and hauled rocks. Warm.
- 28 No one worked for me. Joe went away. It drizzled a little. Went to the baptizing Mr. Atwood baptized 10 in the river about 5 P.M.
- 29 Sunday—went to church with Hilda.

30 Cooler. Sent Harry to take Hilda home. Joe came back this evening. Went to Bellevue. Got letters from Sally who had the asthma, and from Julia. Harry picked the small grapes. Turned cooler.

October

- 1 Joe cut fodder. I worked at the little grapes. Harry dug the sweet potatoes.
- 2 Sent letters to Sally and T—D. and my regrets to Mr. J. J. Hill. Went to Bellevue later and to Betty's. Got letter from Patty, bill of lading from Sally for box by R. R. freight, and check from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Washington for 16.00 dividend. Joe cut fodder. Mr. Rains began to cut fodder.
- 3 38° at sunup and frost, that bit the ends of tomato vines. Had the crêpe myrtles put in the cellar. Sent Alan to have his front shoes put on—a letter came for Pauline Ferguson. Joe cut corn till noon, then cleaned out springs and other things. Mr. Rains was cutting corn. I made a little dab of Norton Virginia wine.
- 4 34° at sunup—bit flower vines, &c. Joe cut fodder till noon then hauled rock. Sent Pauline's letter. Went to Bellevue—got Johnny Huey to cash the check for 16 (see 3rd). Sent by mail Patty's dotted skirt.
- 5 32° at sunup. Ice in chicken water. Mr. Rains had cut 50 shocks of fodder and I paid him in full 2.50. Joe was cutting in brick yard bottom and I told him to quit cutting fodder at noon. The frost has injured it so. Annis [Annie?], Sam, &c. came up and I sent by them 1.00 to Margaret for Aunt Eliza. Still dry—water scarcer than ever.
- 6 Sunday—went to church and to the baptizing, 6 I think, including Bob Huey's Estelle and Garnett. Hilda came home with me to dine. Dusty.
- 7 Harry started to school. Dick came in to talk about renting and began to put in wheat to-day. Joe hauled rock off wheat ground. Sent letter to Sally this morning, got one from her. Went to Bellevue and to McVille to see Mrs. Louisa Aikin who is sick. Warmer.
- 8 Joe was hauling rock. Dick putting in wheat. Went to Bellevue. Made chili sauce.
- 9 Remained warm and was raining before day a little, rained again after dark. Joe was hauling rock. After noon, Dick shucked shock corn for himself above pike next clover. Doll Walton's animal got in with my two yearling heifers.
- 10 Foggy but no rain. Beautiful warm day, almost like summer. Went to R. Sun on the Vines to see Margaret about Aunt Eliza. Pd. Margaret 1.00 in full to Sat. After dinner went to Mrs. Lanora Huey's to see Franklinna Grant. Got letter from Patty.
- 11 Like summer, beautiful. Went to see the spring Doll Walton described to me. After dinner went up to Ernest's. Got letter from Sarah. Joe was hauling rock up the wheat ground and Dick's fence putting in.
- 12 Sent to go by mail letter to Sarah. Began to rain and turned cooler. Rained most of the day and after dark wind blew. Fanny and the twins left on the noon boat for a trip to Lawrenceburg. I went to Mr. Bob Brashear's to see him about his note. Got letter from Patty and wedding cake from Miss Charlotte's wedding. Think Joe hauled rock this morning.
- 13 Sunday. Turned cooler had fire at night. Lily Grant and Mrs. Claypool came to call.
- 14 38° at sunup. Lily Strader came to work. Joe hauled rock.
- 15 34° at sunup, pretty, bright day. Went to see Louisa Aikin who is still sick. Got letter from Julia and T—D. Joe hauled rock off wheat ground. Dick was putting in wheat after dinner.
- 16 Sent letter to Sally. Joe hauled 3 loads of Raymond City coal at 12 from Mr. Clore's. 120 bus. he said and then helped Dick who hauled rock off the corn field next the hog lot, with his team. Jesse and Lee Omer were getting out rock. It turned warmer. Harry worked on the road he said.

- 17 Turned colder again. I started to go to Ernest's but got a note and went to Bellevue. Got letter from buddy with his piece about Bishop Whipple. Harry worked on the road. Joe hauled rocks off the field next the hog lot.
- 18 30° at sunup. Sent letter to Sue. Pretty bright day. Joe hauled rock till noon then helped hunt the wild sow we did n't get her. Woods and sky beautiful.
- 19 52 at sunup. Charlie Burns came with an account of 3.50 for bringing the lumber, &c. for me and 4.40 for things for Patty. Think Patty & I got to N.Y. the 22nd. He told me to get 2000 shingles for the kitchen roof at Dick's. Had another hog hunt this morning and caught the sow. Joe worked ½ day at it. Jesse said he worked 4 ½ days this week getting up rock. Lee Omer worked 4 days at the same, and Dick said he had worked 2 ½ days hauling rock, &c. It was warm to-day—no fire to-night. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Sue and copies of T—D.
- 20 Sunday—warm beautiful day. Dined at Ernest's to meet Ed and Mrs. Ed. G.
- 21 Warm and beautiful too. Joe hauled rock. Dick was putting in wheat again.
- 22 Still warm and dry. Joe hauled rock and Dick put in wheat. Went to B. and McVile to Louisa Aikin's. Sent Sally T—D.
- 23 Like summer. Went to Burlington and dined with Hilda. She lent me 20. (pd. Jan 3, 1902). Joe hauled rock out of Searcy Branch. Dick was putting in wheat. Pd. D. Walton Nov. 15th.
- 24 Sent Joe to Doll Walton's and he got 1 bus. seed wheat. Went to Bellevue—sent letter to Amy C. with 4.00 for sub. to Century Mag. In McVile paid C. Burns' wife 8.00 (see 19th). Charlie was n't there. Joe was hauling rock—warm to-day 49° at sunup.
- 25 35° at sunup, much cooler. Went to Aurora in spring wagon. Got the box Sally sent with things for Harry. Sent Sally 2 boxes of glass cans of jam, jelly, &c. and a package of two hams. River low, roads dirty and fields parched. Put in P.O. in Aurora letter for Patty and envelope inclosing to Sally the receipt and bill of lading for the boxes.
- 26 30° at sunup. Joe worked ½ day hauling rock. Put up posting notices. Got letter from Patty and from Fanny Smith. Sent by Harry 2.00 to Margaret Marshall.
- 27 Sunday. Sprinkled a little, warmer. 40° at sunup. Went over Joe's time since our last settlement.
- 28 Warm and hazy. Went with Joe to get some pitiful apples up in the pasture. After noon he hauled rock. I went to Bellevue—had Kitty shod. Got letter from Sally. Sent one to Julia this morning. Went to see Betty. Dick and Jesse got out rock in the clover field.
- 29 Still warm, no fire at night. Dick and Jesse got out rock and Joe hauled. I went to B. and McVile to see Louisa. Got letter from Julia and from Amy C. with receipt for sub. to Century.
- 30 Another warm day—no fire in the house. Joe hauled rock off clover. I got the bill for 1.05 for moulding from Hurlbert. Sent postal to Fanny this morning.
- 31 Dick shucked me my first load of corn out of the shocks Mr. Rains cut and put it in the barn crib. He says he has shucked 3 loads of bottom corn for himself—that he shucked in the field above the pike he divided by the shock. Warm and bright again. Sent letter to Sally. I think Joe hauled rock. Went to B. and McVile and to see Louisa Aikin. Gave Charlie Burns the postal Express notice that came Friday or Saturday also Hurlbert's bill that came yesterday and the money to pay for them. Got letter from Patty with letter from Cousin R. saying buddy had another attack the night of the 23rd. Patty sent me check for 6.65. I got letter from Sue.

November

- 1 Sent letter to Patty returning check and letters to buddy and Sue. There was a sprinkle last night. Got letter from Julia. Joe hauled rock off clover. Mr. Tom Willis the assessor came.

- 2 30° at sunup. Mr. Bob Brashear came and brought me 14.00 which I credited him for on his note. Went to Bellevue. Engaged 2M shingles from Mike Corbin. Fanny Smith came back twins and all. Joe worked ½ day. Settlement.
- 3 Sunday. Joe West and I settled up to 2nd and I pd. him in full 4.27. The whole account and figures are in my little account book with his name. Mr. Bob Brady brought me a note from Franklinna Grant. About noon it began to rain and at night rains steady.
- 4 28° and clear. Sent letter to Patty. Had 5 of the 6 hogs a year old turned into the fattening pen and the best sow kept out. Joe hauled rails and fixed the fattening lot, corn crib, &c. till noon, then helped Dick shuck shock corn in the bottom. Jesse said they put two loads in the corn crib at the barn. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Emma Mitchell in R. S. about Aunt Eliza. It has been the coldest day so far this fall, puddles in the road.
- 5 26° at sunup. Turned the other sow in with the fattening hogs that were put up yesterday. Paid Leomer for his work he had worked 6 days at .50 and I had paid him one dollar. Georgie wanted me to take out of it 1.00 she owed me so I paid him 1.00 in full to date. Joe worked shucking corn, in my fodder in the morning and in the stalk corn after noon. Dick hauled me 3 loads.
- 6 24° at sunup. Lanora Huey and Linny Grant spent the day with me. Went to B. got letters from Patty, Sally and Margaret Ames. Joe worked and Dick ½ day sawing up poplar logs, &c. Turned warmer.
- 7 Dick sent in some late potatoes. Dick put in some more. Joe helped shuck till noon—they put a load in the crib. Then Joe went to see Mr. Roland and left wood about logs, then grubbed in sand field.
- 8 28° at sunup. Went to Doll Walton's to see him about cattle. Not at home. Dick brought the rest of the late potatoes. Joe grubbed, and cut briars in sand field. I went to B. Got Mike Corbin to cash the check Patty sent back for 6.65.
- 9 Went to B. and McVile. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca about buddy and she told me of Mrs. Atwater's death. Joe worked ½ day grubbing, &c. There was a sprinkle of rain during the night.
- 10 Sunday 28th at sunup. Turned warmer. Miss Genie Moody stopped to give a message from Hilda. Sent by Harry 2.00 to Margaret for Aunt Eliza.
- 11 55° at sunup. Sent letters to Patty and Belle R. Warm and windy all day. Mr. Roland came. He and Joe sawed off another cut of the poplar that fell across the line fence and Mr. Roland's team took one log to Mr. Parson's and one of the best to Botts and Setters. Joe helped Mr. Roland. Jesse put 1 load of corn in the crib.
- 12 Rained a little last night, nothing this morning, cleared off cooler. Joe grubbed and helped Mr. Roland about the logs. He hauled one to Botts and one to Parsons. Harry did n't go to school. I went to Mr. Setters to see Will Botts about the sawing, and to McVile. Stopped to see Louisa Aikin. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Jesse said he put in 1 load of corn.
- 13 33° at sunup. Mr. Roland came and finished hauling the logs, hauled the oak log off the clover to Parson's. Told me I owed him 10.50. Went to see Doll Walton about cattle. Jesse said he put in one load of corn. Joe grubbed.
- 14 32° at sunup. Joe hauled manure. Doll Walton came and I sold him my 2 steers for 3 ¼. Got letter from Sally.
- 15 Cold and disagreeable. Doll Walton came and got his 11 steers and the 2 I sold him. These weighed 1910 lbs. and at 3 1/3 came to 62.07. What was due me on the pasture after paying for the stock animal (see June 11th) and the bus. wheat (see Oct. 24th) came to 15.30 and Doll gave me a check on the Boone Co. Bk. for 77.37. Turned the 2 heifers and 1 steer

yearling into the big pasture. Jesse put a load of corn in the crib. Sent Joe up for Hilda and she came.

- 16 Dick said I owed him and Jesse for cutting 27 shocks of corn at 6 cents. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue with Hilda.
- 17 Sunday. 32° at sunup—not so disagreeable. Margaret Marshall's husband Abe came up to see me about Aunt Eliza's property.
- 18 20° at sunup, bright pretty day. Went to Rising Sun in the buggy—river very low. Went to the Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft Doll Walton gave me (see 15th). Went to see the Mayor of Rising Sun, Mr. John Spencer about Aunt Eliza's property and took a notice he wrote about it to the office of the Local and paid for two insertions. Went to see Aunt Eliza and gave Margaret a dollar extra for coal. On my return to Bellevue paid Clore and Walton's bill for 120 bus coal 14.40 and got receipt. Also left with Mike Corbin 10.50 to pay Mr. Roland (see 13th). Got letter from Julia. Mr. Albert Kelly was here to exchange a little poplar lumber at the mill for oak. Dick put one load of corn in crib Hilda said. Joe hauled manure.
- 19 Took Hilda home—rather cold. Joe hauled manure and began to plough sand field.
- 20 34° at sunup. Joe ploughed in sand field. Got letter from Sally—she said Mr. Patterson died of typhoid Monday in N.Y. Got card from Cin. P.O. about paper.
- 21 Sent letter to Sally and card back to Cin. Dick put a load of corn in back crib. Joe ploughed sand field for himself. Cold but bright. Doll Walton had some of his clover hay hauled away.
- 22 32° at sunup. Cloudy most of the day and a little cold sprinkle of rain after 8 A.M. Sent letters to Patty and Cousin Rebecca. Went to Bellevue—river had risen some they said and Vixen was running. Joe ploughed in sand field for himself. The rock crusher came and they began to crush the rock Joe hauled.
- 23 Raining a cold moderate rain. Dick attended to 3 of the July pigs 5 of them are pigs. No one worked for me. Got letter from Patty. Sent by Harry 1.00 to Margaret
- 24 Sunday. Gloomy, cloudy day. Went over to Flora Arnold's after dinner. Chilly and raw.
- 25 Another cloudy raw day. Joe hauled lumber from Botts & Setters. Dick was shucking in the field next hog lot—put a load in the lot and big crib. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Belle R. Patty went to Boston last Thursday to take Isabella to visit cousin Mary and Mrs. Selmes. Got copy of R. Sun Local with notice (see 18th).
- 26 Sent letter to Sally. Harry hunted turkeys. Charlie Burns came out and he and Joe worked shingling Dick's kitchen. It was cold and raw. I think Mr. Rain's helped Dick shuck in my shock corn.
- 27 Started for Clifton to visit Julia. Joe drove me to B. to take the Vixen of course missed the train and went up by the Electric to Anderson's Ferry and then to Fountain Square and Clifton—got there at dusk. Before starting, got letter from Patty in Boston, also letter from the Mayor of Rising Sun and from Dr. Stevenson R.S. about Aunt Eliza, &c.
- 28 Thanksgiving—spent the day and had a family dinner at Julia's.
- 29 Mary invited me to lunch with her and she sent us in to the Symphony Concert that Julia asked me to. Heard the pianist Eduard Zeldewriest.
- 30 Spent the day at Dr. Clancey's. Joe says he worked 5 days this week.

December

- 1 Beautiful spring-like day—stayed at Julia's. Sent letter to Sally—had sent card.
- 2 Cloudy—sprinkling, wound up with a fine drizzly east rain. Julia took me in to town—took the 2 o'clock train in Aurora found the little boat not running, got a surrey from Taylor's crossed in the skiff in a rain and dusk walked out home and got here at 6:15 P.M. Joe. [?]

- 3 Sent Joe down for my bags, &c. He says old Siegra had a calf Thanksgiving. Named the calf Thanks. Also says he hauled lumber and tobacco sticks 800 and stacked them in the barn. He worked to-day, sorted potatoes and set up some fodder that blew down. Chilly day.
- 4 Joe said he shucked shock corn for Dick the last he has to. I went to Mr. Rogers to see about the rock money. Bob Brady brought me a check on the Boone Bk. for 34.20 in full. They only counted my rock 114 perches at .30 but they paid every one else but me from .50 to .40 a perch. I went to see Mrs. Luly Walton who is sick. Colder and a chilly wind.
- 5 Went to Burlington to Bank. Got Mr. Revill to cash the pike check 34.20 giving me a check for 5.00 for Dr. Clancy. Went to see Hilda, cold and disagreeable. Mr. Rains said he had shucked 4 days and I paid him in full 3.00. Joe drove the buggy and hauled lumber from Mr. Parsons. Got letter from Patty and 2 from Sally.
- 6 24° at sunup, bright. Sent letter to Patty and Sally. Joe did n't work for me—said he was getting wood for himself. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally with check and 2 from Julia. Met Mr. Bob Brashear and he paid me 11.00 on his note of which he has now paid the principal since April 1894. I put in the P.O. a note to Dr. Clancy inclosing the check I got yesterday. Also got a P.O. order for 1.50 and sent it to Luther Tucker and Lou for sub. to Co. Gentleman.
- 7 Went to R. Sun. Saw the Mayor, Mr. Joshua M. Spencer about Aunt Eliza's property. Pd. Dr. G.A. Stevenson for Aunt Eliza in full to date 10.00 and got his receipt. Pd. Margaret Marshall 2.00 up to date and left with Mr. Perkins at the bank 5.00 to be paid to her weekly 1.00. 35° at sunup—windy and cloudy, river somewhat rough. Joe worked 4 days this week.
- 8 Sunday—46°, a sprinkle early—stayed cloudy and after sundown blew and rained slightly. Went to see Mrs. Doll Walton.
- 9 Rained all night I believe and to-day it rained steadily and turned colder, about 3 P.M. began to snow in big flakes and a skim was on the ground at dark. Joe worked in barn and fixed stove.
- 10 Wes (W.W.) Gaines came and brought my fat cow, gave me a check on the Rising Sun Bk. for \$25.00. Joe said he weighed 1380 lbs. Doll Walton came to see about buying corn. Went to Bellevue, got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for 25. Sent to Mr. Parson's mill and paid him his bill for hauling and sawing 12.50 and got it receipted. Sent from P.O. (put in I mean) box of things for Patty, also letter to Sally returning check (see 6th) and one to Amy C. It cleared and turned milder. Joe worked—helped catch some turkeys hunted hand gun, &c. to prepare for killing hogs. It cleared off after dinner.
- 11 32° at 7 A.M. Sent letter to Julia. Killed hogs—__ of the 6 young hogs and the wild sow. Joe, Dick Loudon, Jesse and Dick Utz worked. It was a beautiful mild day with a rose of dawn and a molten gold sunset. Will Botts came to get his money for the logs he sawed. He told me the amount out of his note book and I paid him in full 11.13 without bill or receipt. Mr. Conner came for the turkeys. They weighed 108 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. and came to 6.53. I sold him some chickens young and old 81 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. came to 4.26 in all 10.79 and he paid me 5.00 on them. Got note from Ernest about coming.
- 12 Joe and Dick worked cutting up the meat and salting it, and grinding sausages. Dick Utz tried out the lard. Dick Loudon said Jesse put a load of corn in my crib to-day. At sunup 32°, mild.
- 13 Warm and windy. Joe worked at sausage meat cleaning up, &c. I fixed sausage went to Bellevue, got receipt from Dr. Clancey (see 5th, 26th) note and her photograph from Miss Clara Hill, letter from Julia, Joshua M. Spencer Mayor of R.S. about Aunt Eliza's house, old Aunt Hulda and a letter from Mrs. Brown for Hilda.

- 14 Rained last night and this morning. Was sleeting and turned to snow and was cold at 3 P.M. 16°. Sent Harry down with sausage to ship, but the boat was n't running. Paid Harry in full to date and advanced him 3.00 in order on Corbin 2.50 cash .50.
- 15 Sunday 6° below 0 at sunup. Had the cattle brought from the big pasture and turned in the back one. Told Jesse I would buy his heifer calf for 10.00 he owes me for pasture. Ernest, Lily and little Frances dined with me, bright day, 2 below 0 at 6 P.M.
- 16 7 below 0 at sunup. Cold, gloomy day. Will Arnold came and gave me a check for 3.50 for horse pasture. Joe fed. Got letter from Julia, one from buddy for Patty.
- 17 0 at sunup, 17 above later. Went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin cashed Will Arnold's check for 3.50. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Put in P.O. letters for Julia and Mrs. Brown and also the letter from buddy and redirected another that came for Patty. No one worked. Joe fed I suppose.
- 18 6° above 0 at sunup. Joe said he would send the horses to be rough shod. Sent the buckets of sausage by George to Erlanger.
- 19 5° above 0 at sunup. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Patty, to Isabella with 5.00, to Belle Raymond, to buddy, to a man for corn plaster. Got letters from Belle Raymond and Amy C. Belle's was written the 17th and she had just received a telegram saying Cousin Tom Dinsmoor was dead. Mr. Conner brought me the 5.79 due on the turkeys and chickens (see 11th).
- 20 2° above at sunup, cold all day. Sent Harry down with letters to Sally with 2.00 in it to Belle R, to Sarah and to Miss Clara A. Hill. Got letter from Sally.
- 21 10 below 0 at sunup. It is 29 years since my beloved father died. Lord love his soul. Coldest day this winter. Katy came over. I don't think Joe has done anything but feed and milk this week.
- 22 Sunday. 25° above 0 at sunup.
- 23 36° at sunup, snow melting. 39° at noon. Joe said he hauled fodder ½ day. Went to B. Got letter from Patty and Christmas gifts.
- 24 Still warm and thawing. Got letter that Hilda sent last week with Mrs. Brown's. Joe says Blanche has a calf. It is a heifer white except red sided, named it Carrie after Mrs. Brown. Went to Mr. Jim Rogers'. He paid me 3.00 for the dipping tank and Mrs. R. 2.50 for some turkeys she sold with hers by request. Joe hauled me 3 loads of coal from Corbin's 142 ½ bus. Got letter from Julia. It is 29 years to-day since papa was buried.
- 25 Christmas. Cloudy, gloomy weather.
- 26 Same kind of weather. Went to B. got C. gifts and letters from Sally, buddy, Sarah and corn plaster sample. Joe went away.
- 27 Hilda came down from Mrs. Walton's. Got letter from Julia and from Ernest. Left letter for Julia yesterday.
- 28 Hilda went away with Mrs. Walton. I sent by her letters to Sally with her father's and Sarah's. Went to B. Chilly and foggy and at dusk rained. Joe has been gone.
- 29 Sunday. Gloomy, cloudy day.
- 30 Pleasant bright day. Joe worked. He hauled 2 loads of coal 229 ½ bus. from Corbin's. Sent by him letters to buddy, Mattie Dinsmoor and corn plaster man. Got letters from Hilda, little Julia and Julia Loving and paper from Mattie D.
- 31 At sunup, 32°, bright mild day. Sent letters to Sarah, Mrs. Brown and Patty. Joe worked hauled fodder and cut a little hedge. He found the spotted pig dead in the spring.

List of Pieces of Verse

The Seventh Sea-bird

Times—Democrat June 6, 1897

'That's for Remembrance'

T—D. October 29, 1899

Memory

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The Arrow head

T—D. April 3rd, 1898

The Stirrup-cup

T—D. January 3rd, 1897

The Spinning Wheel

T—D. January 21, 1900

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Funeral Hymn

T—D. January 25th, 1903

An Airship Barcarolle

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The sheaf is bound wheat as trees all string

List of Sonnets in Sequence and others

How sad life seems when all is said and done

Times—Democrat Dec. 25th, 1904

In spangled space the glittering Scorpion basked

T—D. May 13th, 1906

Innuendoes

Shrill Katydid yon prate of many a night

T—D. August 18th, 1901

Victor – Vanquished

T—D. June 2nd, 1907

'Beyond these Voices'

T—D. October 13th, 1901

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Once when he held my hand along my wrist

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Maiden and Moon

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Once in the spring the gladdest of all springs

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A Trick of Drams

T—D. August 7, 1904

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T—D. June 30, 1889

By the Shack – A Kodak

T—D. July 29, 1904

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T—D. May 14, 1893