

1903

January

- 1 7° above at sunup. Sent Harry with letters to the 3 banks. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Julia Loving. Joe went to Petersburg to see a tobacco buyer.
- 2 Rained steadily all day and raining at night. Sent letters to Patty and Sally at N.Y. Patty was to leave St. Paul to-night. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft on Am. Exchange Natl. Bk. N.Y. for \$75.00 and letter from Natl. Metropolitan B. Wash. with check for \$16. Sent Isabella. Frank cashed it in Florida. After 7 P.M. it poured down and thundered hard several times. Sent letter to Julia too and T—D. to Sally.
- 3 Misting rain a little early, cloudy all day. Joe went to Burlington and sold the tobacco his crop to Johnny Hogan for 6½ all round (see Dec. 31st). Got letter from Julia.
- 4 Sunday. Cloudy, chilly day.
- 5 Joe took 2 loads of his tobacco to the Conner and Hogan warehouse Burlington. The two loads weighed 3975 lbs. Harry drove Dick's team. I went to the warehouse and afterwards to Miss Furlong's. It was snowing when I got up and kept on snowing.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—got letter from Farmer's Mechanics' Natl. Bk. with draft on N.Y. for \$28. Also note from Patty and paper from Bk. to sign to vote stock and 3 letters from Julia.
- 7 Went to Burlington. Had put in P.O. three letters to Julia, Belle R. and Patty. Went to Conner and Hogan's warehouse and Joe delivered his last load of tobacco trash tips, &c., it weighed 2005 lbs. and added to the 3975 lbs. (see 5th) made 5980 lbs. This at 6½ all round came to \$388.70. Mr. Owen Conner went to the bank and gave me a check for the amount. It was a dreadful day—snowing and blowing and sometimes like blizzards. Went to Bellevue paid Mike Corbin on my bill for 1902 a payment of 100. Paid him the 5.00 borrowed Dec. 23rd. Got Mike to witness the bank paper (see 6th) and mailed it. Paid T. Clore bal. on coal and Mr. Sandford for doctoring Cy. Had Alan shod, went to Betty's.
- 8 Settlement with Joe West. Joe's share of the 388.70 tobacco money was of course 194.35 and he paid .50 toll leaving 193.85. He said he had worked 56½ days which came to 42.38 to that is added 16. milking and feeding and 3.10 I allowed him on fodder total due him 61.48. What he had received since our settlement came to 107.78 leaving a bal. due me of 46.30. I paid Joe 147.55 and settled in full to Jan. 3rd. Cold and sunless 22° snowed some last night. Sent letter for corn plasters, got letter from Patty, at 8 P.M. 12°.
9. 14° at sunup, bright day. Joe and Harry took up the meat and hung it to smoke. Got letter from Julia saying she had got places in the tram to leave the morning of the 23rd. Sent her two letters and one to Patty.
10. Got letter from Julia. Bright and cold.
11. Sunday 32° at sunup and turned colder, rained and then snowed off and on and was very windy.
12. 2° above 0 cold all day and windy. The frozen snow is like a sheet of ice. Joe and Harry cut a hickory in the hog lot this morning and Joe got smoking wood. Sent Harry with letters to Sarah, Harriet E. and to T—D. Got packages from Patty and Sally, letter from Sally also one from Hilda and one from Julia and Belle R. At 10 P.M. 6° above 0.
13. Thermometer 3° above. Sent letters to Patty and Sally and to Hilda. Mr. Birkle shod Kitty. Went up to 22°. Got letter from Julia.
14. 22° at sunup. Much milder to-day. Joe hauled 2 loads of coal 91 bus. from Tom Clore's and I went down and paid him 14.86. Also pd. Birkle's bill 6.15. Went to McVile saw the river with plenty of ice in it. The Swan is laid up. Got letters from Patty and Isabella and corn plasters.

15. Milder. Went to Burlington—put in P.O. letter to Julia. Took Hilda's little box of papers to Bank and got Mr. Revill to take it. Went to Miss Furlong's and got my sewing. Went to Susie Clutterbuck's and stayed to dine.
16. Milder snow thawing. Went to Bellevue and to Ernest's but there were gone. Got letters—2 from Julia and from Lucy J. and Sally Woolley.
17. Bright day. Got letter and package from Sally and letter from Sarah.
18. Sunday. Ernest and Lily came and dined. Colder and bright.
19. 15° above 0 at sunup. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Took jug to R. Aikin and paid him 2.50 to get gal. whisky for Aunt. Gave C. Burns 7.50 and 1.00 to give Margaret the latter for Aunt Eliza. Put in P.O. letters to Sally and packages returned (did n't fit) and to Sally W. Got letters from Hilda and Julia and notice from T—D.
20. I left home via Erlanger for Cin. Went to Julia Foster's. Left with her the 25th for Florida—also her maid. Went to Miami after stopping at St. Augustine part of a day. Got to Palm Beach Jan. 26th. Left there the night of the 20th March for St. Augustine. Left there night of the 22nd. Got to Cin. Monday night 23rd. Came home Tuesday March 24, 1903.

March

24. Arrived at Cin. last night from Palm Beach, with Julia Foster and her maid. Stayed at Julia's last night and came home via Aurora on the Swan. Got home about 4.30 P.M. found all as I left it except that spring has come and am humbly thankful. Sent Harry for my things and note to Sally and for mail.
25. Bright, but cold—freezing at sunup. Planted some seeds in boxes. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Patty. Pink has heifer calf. Dolly and Cherry had heifer calves the 22nd.
26. Milder. Dick Loudon gave me the weight of his tobacco. He sold it to Mr. John Berkshire at 6 cts. all round and delivered it after I left. He had 3850 lbs. which at 6 cts. came to 231.00. For weighing .30 was charged leaving 230.70. My half of this he left with M. J. Corbin 115.35.
27. 36° at sunup. Joe ploughed the garden. Went to Bellevue and McVile and to see Betty. Sent letter to Isabella with draft or check for \$16. see Jan 2nd. Also letters to Sue and Hilda. Got letter from Sally and two from Julia. Paid M. J. Corbin the balance on my bill for 1902 and including the bill for this year up to date. \$85.35 amt of the 115.35 tobacco money and he paid me the rest after receipting the bill. Mike said that Feb. 19th the thermometer was 9° below 0. Joe ploughed the garden.
28. Cloudy chilly day. Harry planted onion sets. Got letter from Patty with check for 11.50 for hams sent Enid Yandell. Also letters from Hilda and Lily Grant forwarded. Dick attended to Blanche's calf.
29. Sunday. Chilly. Ernest and Lily dined with me.
30. Raining off and on, not hard. Went to Bellevue—sent for garden seed, &c. to Phil.
31. Harry took Alan and had him shod. I got letters from Julia, and from Hilda saying that Sophie Mitchell's husband was dead.

April

1. Went to Rising Sun. At the bank got Mr. Perkins to cash Patty's check (see Mar. 28th) and my draft for \$28. (see Jan. 6th). Left with Mr. Perkins and got cert. of deposit \$50. Harry planted radish seed. Paid the state and city taxes on Aunt Eliza's lot and got the receipts—2.42 and .65. Paid Gibson's sons for the things I got see Oct. 11, 1902. Paid Margaret Marshall in full to the 4th. Pleasant spring day but hazy. Joe planted potatoes in the garden.

- 2 Spring day, no fire this morning. Harry planted peas, and beans. Rode around to look at cattle. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with check for \$16. Also letter from Isabella and from Julia. Sent letter to Sally. Spot has b. calf white face red and white.
- 3 Went and helped drive up Spot and calf. Sent letter to Julia.
- 4 Sent Harry to have CY shod and get barrel of flour and salt. Got letter from Patty in Boston. Cold this morning, below freezing, ice in buckets. Had Spot milked.
- 5 Sunday. Cold again, below freezing.
- 6 Wind blew all day cloudy. Made ham bags.
- 7 Sacked the hams in new bags the 14 of this year. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Julia and Sue. Went to Ernest's.
- 8 Rained hard last night and raining this morning, cleared off. Put all the rest of the meat in clean sacks. Left at the wine house 14 this year hams, 14 this year shoulders 6 old hams and 1 old shoulder. The garden seed from Burpee's came, planted in boxes eggplant Cayenne pepper and Savoy cabbage. Got letter from Patty in Boston and postal from Willie from Zurich.
- 9 Went to Mr. Ed Berkshire's and got 150 strawberry plants and Harry set them out. Went to the line fence to see Mr. Rogers and Will Arnold about the line. Warmer and rather windy.
- 10 Cloudy, chilly day. Misted rain later. Went to Bellevue—sent letters to Patty, Julia and Sue—got letter from Julia. Harry planted some spinach seed. Mr. Jap Sullivan put in the big pasture 4 head of cattle—he said 1 two-year-old and 3 yearlings, two of the latter are heifers he says. Joe and Leomer were piking fence.
- 11 Rained last night and showers this morning. My darling sister Belle's birthday. Went to B. got letter from Sally. Had shoe put on Kitty. Fanny went to Aurora. Joe cut briers till it rained.
- 12 Easter Sunday. Very unpleasant day. Hard rain and chilly.
- 13 Sent Harry for 50 more strawberry plants and he set them out. Rained off and on.
- 14 Chilly and unpleasant. Got letter that had been to and from buddy and one from Patty.
- 15 Cold and horrid. Sent letter to Sally with 1.00 also letter to buddy. Got letter from Lizzie Mitchell Hodges and from Julia. Got note from Hilda saying she got home last night. Joe worked.
- 16 Cold and very unpleasant. Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to Lizzie Hodges. Stopped at Betty's. Joe worked on cherry hill. They found Siegra's heifer Thanks with a calf that could n't walk, weak and chilled, a b. calf red with white in its face and white along its back. Joe worked on cherry hill.
- 17 Got letters from Sally from Sue and one for Sue. Got sewing machine Sue sent me. Went up to Burlington after Hilda who came home with me. Got letter from buddy.
- 18 Bright pleasant day. Joe hauled out manure and ashed.
- 19 Sunday. Rained part of the day hard. Sue came on the boat.
- 20 Sold Mr. Wm. Pope 15 bus. of corn, the half of 30 bus. he engaged last week at .45 a bus. Sun came out.
- 21 Mr. Pope came and got the other 15 b. corn and gave me a check for 13.50. Took it to M. J. Corbin and got him to cash it. Paid him 10.00 for my subscription to the Bellevue church and he gave me a receipt. Got letter from Lizzie Mitchell and from Julia. Sent letter to Sally.
- 22 Very chilly disagreeable day, sprinkled sometimes. Mr. Vest the surveyor came to run the line between me and Mr. J. Rogers and Will Arnold. He set a corner stone up at the northwest corner of me and Mr. Rogers, my end post of the wire fence is a little on his side of the line. Mr. Vest also set a stone on the line where the Rogers and Arnold lands corner, also he set one on the hill above the pike. My fence there goes over on Will Arnold's side

none of us having known where the line was. Mr. Vest marked on a log in the woods where I was to set another stone in the line. Paid Mr. Vest 1.50 for my share of the expenses. The little calf of Thanks born 16th died. Got letters from Sally from buddy and bill from Mr. Birkle 3.45.

- 23 Sent this money 3.45 to Mr. Birkle by Mr. Hubert Conner. We went to Bellevue. Sent Harry down to get a bale of hog wire at Mike Corbin's.
- 24 Got Leigh Mitchell's wedding announcement. Chilly and unpleasant.
- 25 Rained part of the day, we went to Bellevue. Got a letter from Frank N. Cleaveland Canton. St. Lawrence Co. N.Y. about the Macomb's purchase. Joe and Dick worked part of this week at the wire fence next the Arnold's. Sent Margaret by Harry 1.50. Rained at night.
- 26 Sunday. Sun came out part of the day, still chilly. Ernest and Lily came to call this evening.
- 27 Went to see Doll Walton to get the fence wire he borrowed and brought it home. Harry planted beet seed. Sent Hilda to Mrs. Susy Walton's. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and paper with notice of Leigh Hodges' marriage. Joe and Dick finished the wire fence next Will Arnold's. Pleasant day!!!
- 28 Doll Walton stopped in and we went over the account of the sheep pasture. It came to 24.16 and deducting .50 for the bus. of rye I got from him leaves 23.66 for which he is to bring me a check. Planted some eggplant and pepper seeds. Harry planted 4 rows of sugar corn. Joe planted butter beans and cymbans and cucumbers. Doll Walton brought me the check for 23.66. Doll Walton turned into the big pasture 11 head of steers 2 of them three-year-olds and the rest 2 year olds. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked of a day.
- 29 Bright pretty day—no fire at night. Harry planted beans salsify and I planted okra.
- 30 Had Louise and Howard turned into the back pasture. Rained and turned colder. Sent letters to Julia and to Frank N. Cleaveland Canton N.Y. and Charles W. Collins Malone N.Y. about A. Macomb.

May

- 1 38° at sunup.
- 2 Went to Bellevue with Hilda twice to the funeral services of old Mr. Deck the last time. 36° at sunup. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia.
- 3 Sunday warmer 58° at sunup. Ernest and Lily came to call.
- 4 33° at sunup at Bellevue 32°. My beans frozen. Grape leaves and bloombuds frozen. Hilda went home. We went to Bellevue—sent hat to Patty, got letter from Sally and Candy and letter from Frank with paper to sign. There was ice on tub. Killed beans.
- 5 Turned Dolly and Cherry into the big pasture. Turned Blanche's calf out to wean. Sent letter to Patty. Sent by Harry the power of att. Frank sent me to C. W. Gordon. Had Kitty's shoe taken off.
- 6 Sprinkled off and on. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Lizzie Hodges.
- 7 Pretty day—started to Ernest's, went to Bellevue.
- 8 Went to Ernest's to call. Pretty day still cool. Radishes for breakfast.
- 9 Pleasant day, warmer. Went to Burlington and to the Bank. Endorsed the check Doll J. J. Walton gave me see April 28th and left it on deposit 23.66 and added enough to make it \$25. Went to call on Hilda, and to Bellevue later. Ernest came to call. Planted some flower and vine seeds.
- 10 Sunday. Dined at Ernest's—bright warm day.
- 11 Began to clean the house, cleaned my room. Got letter from Patty.
- 12 Joe finished corn—at 4 P.M. he worked a little in the garden, planted melons. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Betty.

- 13 My beloved mother's wedding day. Planted some vine seeds—had strawberries off my little patch. Went to Bellevue. The men were putting up the telephone poles in front of our yard. Got letters from Sally, Hilda, Julia and Julia L.
- 14 Went to Hilda's with Sue and dined. Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
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- 16 Went to Bellevue. Joe worked till 8. A.M. in the garden—planted corn and Hubbard Squash. I picked a glass dish full of strawberries. Hot in the middle of the day. Got Davis's bill of 2.00 for Aunt Eliza's shoes.
- 17 Sunday. Sue went away on the City of Wheeling at sundown. Mike Corbin said it was 93° in Bellevue to-day. Sent by Sue letter to Sally.
- 18 Sent letter to Sarah. Warm and windy. Took up the dining room carpet. Joe worked nearly an hour at noon cleaning the chimney. Went to McVile to take the jug to Cap. Aikin. Got letter from Patty and Frank and invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarence Pruyne to their daughter Ruth Williams wedding to Dave Goodrich.
- 19 Put the dining room carpet down. Had a shower about 3 P.M. Set out tomato plants.
- 20 Went to R. Sun. At the bank got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for \$16 see April 2nd, also drew 10. of what I left on deposit April 15th. Pd. M. Marshall 7.50 in full to 23rd for Aunt Eliza. It was hot and clouded up as if for a storm but only sprinkled and cleared off cooler.
- 21 60° at sunup. I made strawberry preserves. Harry took up the carpet in the little back room upstairs. He helped Joe set out tobacco in the afternoon. He set out some Savoy cabbage plants before. I got letters from Sally and Julia. At night there was a rainstorm with almost incessant lightning.
- 22 The storm of rain washed the hill land badly and the creek came over the bottoms. Harry helped Joe set tobacco till after noon. I went to Bellevue. Sent Patty by mail her Wood book and letter to Julia. Dick attended to Spot's calf. Did n't write in this till the 26th.
- 23 Put down the carpet in the little back room. Very warm, even hot.
- 24 Sunday. Hot day.
- 25 Got letter from Sally written the 22nd just as she and Frank were to go on the steamer Cedric to start to Liverpool. Cleaned house again. Hot.
- 26 Harry worked in the garden. Joe worked ½ day for me ploughing, &c. in the garden, planting corn, cutting thistles back of the house too. Had the company rooms cleaned. Hot. Harry replanted butter beans, hoed, set out cabbage plants and I set out some more tomato plants. Finished one row.
- 27 Sent letter to Cousin Mary and regrets to wedding. Blew hard all day, was hot and between 5 and 6 began to rain. Rained hard.
- 28 Harry got 400 sweet potato plants and set them out also another row of cabbage. I set out another row of tomato plants. We had peas and spinach for dinner. I made some strawberry preserves. Got letter from Patty, 2 from Julia, from Sue and note from Margaret sent.
- 29 Rained last night and cloudy part of to-day with sprinkles. Rained again after night. Got letters from Susie Tew and Lizzie Hodges and letter from Fan for Patty. Men setting out tobacco. Sent Alan to Mr. Grant to have a shoe put on. Sent package to Patty by Cap. Aikin.
- 30 Lucy has a calf. Sent to R. S. by Harry letter to Susie Tew and to Patty inclosing Fan's. Rained off and on. Set out pepper plants and Harry set out some Early Jersey cabbages. Put up strawberries. Mrs. Gaines and family stopped by on account of rain.
- 31 Sunday—cool and rainy. Some of Doll Walton's cattle got out.

June

- 1 Sent Joe to fix pasture fence. Doll came to see about his cattle. Sent letters to Sally, Sue, Sally W. and Lizzie Hodges. Cleaned house. Went to see Mrs. Rice about our line fence, I mean Mrs. Annie Rice. Got telegram from Patty saying Sally had reached England safe. Letter from Julia. Rained off and on.
- 2 Rained frequently off and on. Cleaned the parlor. Got letter from Patty.
- 3 Stopped cleaning to can cherries and strawberries. Towards evening rained very hard.
- 4 Cleaned the big passage. Rained again towards dusk and after night.
- 5 Did n't write in this till the 10th. Sent for Hilda who came down. Rained hard late.
- 6 Went to Bellevue with Hilda. Got letter from Patty telling about Dave's wedding. Rained of course. Put letter for Patty in P.O.
- 7 Sunday. Hilda went home after church.
- 8 Got letters from Sue and Susie Tew. Sent letter to Patty by Hilda Sunday.
- 9 Got letter from Sally written on the Cedric and mailed at Queenstown. Worked in the garden and Harry too. He finished putting poles of beans and replanted hoed, &c. Kitty shod. It rained hard between 3 and 4 P.M.
- 10 Mr. Wat Brown got the corn I agreed to let him have at .45, a wagon full and 6 sacks, the load to be weighed in Burlington. Harry cleaned the back gallery. I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Doll Walton. Gave M. J. Corbin a check on Burlington Bank for 15.00 and got the cash.
- 11 Sent by Fanny letters to Sally and Belle R. Harry worked in the garden some. It was dry enough to be good hoeing. Set out more peppers, egg plants and reset cabbage. Turned cool and was cloudy most of the day.
- 12 49° at 6 A.M. At Bellevue 45° and cool. Got letter from Julia. Harry hoed &c. in the garden. I set out more peppers, hoed, &c. Joe ploughed melons and sweet potatoes late in the morning. Harry hoed in strawberries.
- 13 This is the day my darling big baby, Isabella and Julia Loving are to start for Europe. Sent letter to Julia to P.O. 44° at sunup. Louise cow has a b. calf red and white spotted. Warmer.
- 14 Sunday. Went down for Susie Tew who came on the mail boat. Had Louise and calf brought down. Mrs. Hunt and Eliza Walton and children came to call. Warmer and sprinkled towards sundown.
- 15 Bright pretty day. We went to Bellevue. Got letters from Patty and Isabella from Sally and postal from London and postal from Paris June 3rd and from Belle R. and Jamie and Lizzie Hodges. Patty and Isabella were to sail the 13th. Harry planted corn field beans and hoed strawberries.
- 16 Susie and I went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Mr. Wat Brown paid me 13.00 for the 29 bus. corn he got (see 10th). Set out tomato plants Lily Grant brought me. Rained a little on our way home. Plenty of thunder and lightning. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Sent from Burlington letters to Sally and buddy.
- 17 Cool all day. Sent Tom and Cy down to be shod. Got letter from Julia. Picked some raspberries. The telephone men were putting up the wires. Sent hay rake to be mended.
- 18 Cool all day. Harry scraped wall of little passage. Dick attended to Louise's calf. Dick was planting corn yesterday and to-day in the bottom where it was washed out.
- 19 Worked in the garden hoeing, &c. Harry was scraping the wall. Went to B. Got postal from Sally and letter from Lucy Johnstone. Sprinkled before dark and I heard a shower after 2 A.M.
- 20 Bright pretty day.
- 21 Sunday. Beautiful day. Went to the funeral of Fred Birkles' wife in the new cemetery.

- 22 Rained off and on sometimes hard. Sent Harry down to get the hay rake. Sent letter to Sally, later went down, took letters to Patty and Mrs. Brown. Got postal from Pauline from Venice. Worked in the garden before the hard rain.
- 23 Cool and bright. Went to B. got letter and souvenir postals from Sally and letter from Amy. Got telegram from Charlie saying Patty had arrived safely after a fine voyage.
- 24 Sent letter to Amy early. Later got letter from Cousin Rebecca saying buddy was worse and one from Mary C. Cool day. Dick was cutting wheat in new ground. Sent letter to Sally.
- 25 Went to the funeral of Jake Klopp and he was buried in the Petersburg cem. Got letter from Charlie F.
- 26 Was busy whitewashing, &c. getting ready for company. Harry hoed in the garden a little. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Sprinkled late and note from Hilda.
- 27 Dick cut wheat, had Al Rogers' binder he said. Got note from Amy. Amy Campbell and Harriet Eckstein came down, drove. Cloudy but pleasant.
- 28 Sunday. Warmer and looked like rain. Gave Amy check on Rising Sun Bk. for 16. to buy me a harness. The girls left at 3 P.M.
- 29 Went to Bellevue. Gave Mike Corbin a check on Burlington Bk. for 10. all I had there and got the cash. Put in P.O. letter to Patty. Let Dick Loudon have the 10. to pay for his wheat cutting. Will Rogers cut part of my rye. After that Joe who had helped Dick shock it cut some clover. Mr. Fred worked in vineyard. Got letter from Sally from Fontainebleau.
- 30 I always remember my beloved sister Belle. Went to Rising Sun. At the Bank told Mr. Perkins about the check for 16.00 and got the balance of the 40. in cash 24. Went and paid Mag. Marshall 8.00 that is in full to July 4 and .50 on the next week. At Gibson's got little cultivator, hay fork and hoe total 5.90 on credit. Paid July 10. Left Patty's ARC buggy at W. W. Grant's shop. Put in R. S. P.O. letter to Cousin Rebecca. Got letters from Amy and Lizzie Hodges.

July

- 1 Had a busy day. Joe, Dick, Everett and Harry began to take in the hay Joe cut 29th. I rode till after noon hunting hands. Gilly Wiesickle came and worked ½ day helping. We only ran one wagon. It was hot and breezy.
- 2 Hot. The same hands worked in the hay and finished by noon. Harry said they hauled 14 loads. Gilly Wiesickle worked ½ day again. Sent Alan and had 2 new shoes put on. Harry got cultivator and worked some with it in the garden. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$75. and one from Natl. Met. Bk. with draft for 16.00. Mr. Fred worked in the vineyard. Hot 92°. Harry brought out the cultivator and tried it in the garden.
- 3 Very hot. Susie and I went to Ernest's to call and on to B. Got letter from Patty written on the ship Minnehaha inclosing one from Julia Loving both written Friday (19th June). Had a fine agreeable voyage. Also got letter from Amy inclosing receipt from Perkins Campbell Co. for 12.25 and postal order for 3.75 which I got Otty to cash. She said she had ordered the harness sent. Harry went away.
- 4 Very hot day, lightning all the evening and Fanny says there was thunder and a little shower during the night. Got letter from Sally in London June 21st.
- 5 Sunday. Hot, bright day. Hilda stopped to see us. She was with Mary Gaines. Gave Hilda to post letter to Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Georgetown and one to Julia. Took Susie Tew to the boat. She went on the Cincinnati, got on just before sundown.
- 6 Joe worked ½ day in the garden ploughing and laid off some corn rows that Harry planted. I worked too till after 12. Very hot day. Harry brought Patty's ARC buggy book from Mr. Grants, also had shoes put on Alan. Got letter from Julia and Ex. notice.

- 7 Bright day not quite so hot. Mr. Setters brought the machine and they thrashed Dick's wheat 144 bus. he said and my little dab of rye 9½ bus. They began to thresh at 10:00 A.M. and went by 3. Joe helped and I think Everett. Sent Harry to Bellevue and got a barrel of flour and salt. Went myself afterwards—got postal from Susie Tew. The harness had come by Swan.
- 8 Very hot day. Worked in the garden in the morning, but off runners, &c. Harry hoed some. Joe West worked for me part of a day. He began to cut clover, broke the mowing machine, had to go to B. and R. Sun, &c. I went to B. and put up berries.
- 9 Very hot day 96° in the gallery. After noon they put up 2-½ small loads of hay. Dick helped, also Mr. Wiesickle. I went to B. put in letter to Sally. Got letter from Susie T. at home and one from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. W. with draft for 56.
- 10 Very hot 97° on the gallery. Stayed at home.
- 11 Fanny went to L. Sent by her letters to Patty, buddy and Amy R. The piece for the mowing machine came on the Swan. Got letter from Julia. Clouded up and thundered and turned rather cooler.
- 12 Sunday—blew hard about day and is showering between 7 and 10. Rained a gentle pleasant rain and cooled the air.
- 13 Sent for mail but Harry brought word that our Post Master Otty Grant committed suicide with carbolic acid. Later Fanny brought the mail. I got a telegram from Sally saying she arrived yesterday and was going to St. Paul to see her father, also letters from Patty and Julia Loving in London and cards of the marriage (sic) of Jimmy Dinsmore's daughter Harriet Alden to Mr. Walter Judson Hunting from Eugene Oregon. Went to Bellevue later. Joe cut clover to-day, broke one knife. He went down this morning and got machine.
- 14 Joe worked ½ day getting clover stacked. Mr. Wiesickle and Harry's two brothers helped. I went to the funeral of Otty Grant at the new cemetery. He was buried by the Odd Fellows and had an unusually large funeral. Sent Harry to Burlington in the morning.
- 15 Joe worked to-day and Everett too I think as he cut some timothy. Joe stacked clover. Mr. Rains and Harry's 2 brothers worked all day. Harry and Mr. Wiesickle ½ day. I went to R. Sun after dinner, took my 3 drafts (see 2nd and 9th) to Mr. Perkins at the Bank. Left 100. on deposit with him. Got the balance. Paid Gibson's sons 5.90 and got receipt. (see June 30th). Got 2 letters from Sally from N. Y. and Chicago, one from buddy and postal from Hilda.
- 16 55° at sunup. Looked like rain but cleared off. Joe, Dick, Mr. Wiesickle and Harry worked ½ day hauling timothy and topping the stacks of clover. I made jam.
- 17 Went to see about Mrs. Annie Rice's fence and Harry tinkered it. Went to Bellevue and to see Betty Rice. Got letter from Belle R. and from buddy's and answered it at Betty's and mailed it. Harry planted some corn in the garden. Postal from Lucy.
- 18 Harry fixed at the wire fence in big pasture. I went to Mr. J. H. Lowell's sale and to Bellevue. Got letters from Sally in St. Paul and from Patty and Isabella in London—invitation from Jamie and letter for Susie T.
- 19 Sunday—never forgotten day. Hilda came with Ab and Mary Gaines and Estelle Huey on their way. Bright dry day.
- 20 Went to Mr. Lowell's to get the things I bought at the sale. Harry took the wagon. He dug the onions, and planted a few bunch beans.
- 21 Howard has a calf to-day, heifer red with white and white head. Harry cleaned out the spring in the hog lot. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty, postal from Isabella. Canned.
- 22 Ernest and Lily called before dinner. Sent letter to Lit. Digest people about bill. Got letters from buddy and Julia. Made jelly worked in the cabbages, &c. Last night we had a fine rain with unusual lightning and thunder. It was much needed—ground was very dry, in pastures

cracking open and slops and gardens suffering. Noticed the Katydids singing very loud to-night.

- 23 Belle Raymond came this morning. Sent Harry down to the Swan for her trunk but it did n't come. Sent Susie Tew's letter to her. Joe cut clover after dinner—had Howard got up and he milked her. Did n't write in this again till 28th.
- 24 Harry went to see Roll about bringing Belle's trunk and later to get the trunk. Went to look at the hay and found the clover not worth putting up. Dick put up the little timothy on the shares. Got letter from Sally saying she would be here Sunday. Sent letter to buddy. Mr. Owen Conner came probably to-day to look at corn, no one can say positively what day. Got letters from Patty and Julia Loving.
- 25 Belle and I went to Bellevue.
- 26 Sunday. Sally came on the mail boat from St. Paul. Bright, hot day.
- 27 Harry prepared some ground for turnips and Mrs. West sowed the seed for me.
- 28 Mr. George Blythe came and got a big load of corn at .50 to be weighed in Burlington.
- 29 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Mr. Davy Snyder sent for a small load of corn at .50. Had good shower and some rain at night.
- 30 Went to the funeral of Mr. Albert Kelly in their burying ground. Found Amy with a calf, heifer, white faced.
- 31 Did n't write in this till Aug. 3rd and will get things wrong. Harry was off getting up a picnic yesterday and to-day.

August

- 1 Tilden has been dead 8 years of peace I trust. Got postal from Isabella and letter from Patty and letter from Patty. Ernest and Lily called to see us. Harry and Fanny gave a picnic and were gone.
- 2 Sunday.
- 3 Heavy fog this morning—pleasant day but warm. We all went to Hilda's and spent the day. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Isabella and postal from J. and letter from Julia.
- 4 We got ready to start to Cin. but it rained and we gave it up. Had a good rain till towards noon. Towards sundown another shower. Cool and pleasant.
- 5 Cloudy and hot. After dinner we started to go to Ernest's but only went to Bellevue—got home just before a heavy rain with thunder at 3 P.M. Sally got letter that buddy was worse.
- 6 Mr. Wat Brown sent Ward Coleman down to get a load of corn to be weighed in Burlington—had side boards on the wagon. Sent letter to Isabella. Did n't write in this again till the 16th and must make all kinds of mistakes trying to remember up to 16th.
- 7 Can't remember
- 8 Went to meet the Swan and send by the Cap. a telegram for Sally.
- 9 Sunday
- 10 We all got up soon and took the early train from Aurora as Sally wanted to go to New York. Belle went to Clifton to Julia's. Sally took the train about noon. I went out to Julia's later and Belle and I came down on the Madison Packet Sunshine at night. Found letters from Patty and Isabella.
- 11 Sent out for Hilda who came. I think it was to-day that Joe and Dick hauled wheat to Petersburg. Joe said each hauled 18 sacks. Had Howard turned into the big pasture, calf too, of course.
- 12 Mr. Davy Snyder came and paid me for the corn he got (see July 29) 10.20. I went to R. Sun and at the Bank drew 70. (see July 15th). Mr. Perkins was not in the bank. Paid Mag up to 15th.

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14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her—sent her a letter.

15 This week I received letters from Sue and from Lizzie Hodges telling me of Sibyl's engagement to Mr. Malcolm R. Patterson of Memphis, and from Julia. Gave Mr. Fred an order on Corbin for 1.50. He said he cut briars 3 days. Fanny and the twins and Harry went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. Hilda went to church meeting.

16 Sunday. Hilda went to church and after dinner went home. Sent by her letter to Sally. Did not write in this for over a month and can never recollect all.

17 I never forget my darling mother's death. Lord love her soul. Belle Raymond and I started for Chautauqua to visit Sue Tew.

18 Arrived at Chautauqua and went to Sue's 6 Scott Arena. Susie, Jamie and Margaret were all there. We took a trip to Jamestown one day, perhaps Thursday. Cousin Harvey came up Sat. and stayed till Monday. We went to all the Chautauqua sights and doings.

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25 Tuesday we (Belle, Jamie Tew, and I) went to Niagara and were gone all day till late. Went on the trolley to Queenston and Lewiston, &c. on the Islands and all. While at Sue's I sent and received letters which I can't remember.

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27 Thursday. Sue, Belle and I went to Westfield, New York where we spent the day and dined with Cousin Wm. W. Dinsmore, then Belle and I started home.

28 Belle and I got home. Found letters but can't tell what all, from Patty, Isabella, &c. Very hot and sandy coming from Aurora.

29 Belle and I went to Ernest's to spend the day.

30 Sunday.

31 Belle and I spent the day with Hilda.

September

1 Tuesday—Belle started home. We went to Aurora and she took the S. F. St. Louis train home. I bought a range from Mr. Spaeth in Aurora and brought it home in the spring wagon. I went to Bank and gave Mr. Davis a check on R. Sun Bk. for 30. all I have there. See Aug. 12. It was extremely hot and dusty and the sand was very bad. I got something in my eye and it was inflamed all the week and after, so I could n't write. Had to send Harry up one day this week to Aurora to get bolts for the range. Joe set it up one day, probably Thursday. He also cleaned manure and ashes out of the yard.

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5 Saturday. Got telegram from Sally saying her father was very low. I went to Bellevue and borrowed of M. J. Corbin \$75. and gave him my note for it. Came home and packed and got ready to go. Got letter from Sarah, and Belle R.

6 Sunday. Started early for St. Paul via Aurora. Went to Cin. Posted notes to Hilda and Sarah. Took the noon train for Chicago.

- 7 Got to St. Paul after 9 A.M. Sally got there about 7. Found brother Charlie unconscious and he remained so.
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- 9 Buddy died peacefully about 8 A.M. and went I trust into eternal peace. I did not forget it was my dear mother's birthday.
- 10 My dear little sister's birthday.
- 11 Brother Charlie was buried in Oakland Cemetery St. Paul. The funeral was at 2.30 at the house. Rev. Wm. Pope officiated. Sally and I saw him laid in his lonely grave—the New Ulm wreath upon his breast. One of the hardest thunderstorms I ever heard that night.
- 12 Sally and I started home Sat. night.
- 13 Sunday. We got to Cin. about dusk, stayed all night at the Grand. It was intensely hot, sultry.
- 14 Left Cin. at 7.00 A.M. Came home via Aurora in Knox 6 conveyance. Got letters from Patty, Cousin Rebecca, Charlie, Julia, Fanny G. Sally W. and letter and postals from Julia L. I wrote letters in St. Paul to Julia and I think to Sarah but all is vague. Harry said Mr. Farmer got a load of corn while I was away.
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- 16 Ernest and Lily came. Got letters from Mrs. Selmes, Belle R. and from Julia forwarded from St. Paul. Rained at night.
- 17 Raining, but Sally went to Aurora on her way to N. Y. Cleared off and turned cooler.

For Asthma

Equal portions of linseed oil, honey and whiskey.

To take the soreness out of corns. 1 oz. spirits of camphor and ½ oz. Iodine. Mix well in a bottle and rub on corns and bunions.

1903

April 1 Eggs	.40
April 16 Eggs	.85
May 20 Eggs	.35
May 26 Hens 2 Rooster 1	.97
May 27 Eggs	.23
June 7 Eggs	.35
July 8 Eggs	.34
22 Eggs	.40
Sep 1 Hen and rooster	.57
3 Eggs 48 chickens and rooster	2.83
Oct 15 Chickens	<u>.87</u>
	8.01
1904	
Rooster	.15
March 9 Eggs	.71
17 Eggs	.60
Eggs	.50
April 6 Hens and eggs	4.78
14 Eggs	.56
21 Eggs 72 chickens (roosters) 76	1.48

May 4	Eggs	.42
July 21	Eggs	.70

1903 Calves

March 22 Dolly has heifer calf red with white face
 22 Cherry heifer calf red face white hind legs
 25 Pink has heifer calf, red and white, red spot in w. face
 April 2 Spot has a b. calf red and white – white face hind feet and tip of tail.
 16 Thanks had a b. calf. - died the 22nd.
 May 30 Lucy has a calf heifer red and white face with spot
 June 13th Louise has a b. calf red and white – had a white mark something like a 7 in his face and a red spot on white ground on his hind quarter named him Seven Spot.
 July 21 Howard has a heifer calf, red with white and a white face.
 30th Found Amy with a heifer calf white faced.

1901

July 6	Pd. Mr. T. Wingate	4.75
	Pd. Mr. Dave Aikin	5.00
15	Pd. Mr. Aikin	10.00
July 20	Pd. Mr. Aikin	10.00
24	Tom Clore	12.00
27	Mr. Aikin I pd.	6.25
	Hulberts bill lumber paint &c.	41.05
Oct. 19 th	Hulberts dr. moulding I pd.	1.05
	Barron Boyle Co. Bill for paint, oil, &c.	49.60
	Patty got rebate 6.+	
	Gibson's Sons bill for lumber shingles tin &c.	13.28
Oct. 19 th	C. Burns bill for freight on lumber &c. I pd.	3.50
	Workman's freight bill	

8 sheets iron roof 8 ft. long coal house 8 x 16

July 17, 1902. to date 8 spring chickens. 20th 2 chickens 24th 2 27th 2 31st 2 Aug 2nd 2. 3rd 2, 5th 2. 6th 1 8th 2 10th 2 13th 2 21st 2, 24th 2. 28th 2. 31st 2. Sept. 3rd 3. 7th 4. 11th 1. 19th 2. 24th 2. 28th 2. 29th 2. Oct 3rd, 1. To Nov. 18 at least 15.

1902

March		
26	Eggs	.48
April 10	Eggs 1.43 two hens	.70 2.13
16	Eggs	.22
30	Eggs	.51
May 7	Eggs	.20
June 18	Eggs	.65
Aug 6	Eggs	1.17

Sep. 17	Eggs	.71	
25	Hens 3.15 rooster .20	3.35	
Oct 8	Hens	1.40	
Nov. 12	Rooster 2 hens, chickens	3.35	
19	4 turkeys	4.51	
Dec. 4		4.21	
Dec. 10	2 old roosters .50 young do. and pullets 8.35	<u>8.85</u>	
March	Fanny sold chickens		31.75
	" sold eggs		6.55
			<u>1.64</u>
			39.94

1901

March			
19	eggs .81 chickens (41)	14.80	
		.81	
27	eggs	.52	
April 2	eggs	.90	
11	eggs	1.00	
17	eggs .66 gobbler 1.00	1.66	
23	eggs	.45	
May 1	eggs	.45	
8	eggs	.65	
16	eggs	.30	
22	hen	.25	
June 5	hen	.25	
July 30	eggs	.14	
	eggs	.72	
Oct 2	hen – 2 chickens	.55	
17	eggs	.30	
23	eggs	.30	
Nov. 14	Roosters hens chickens	2.76	
Dec. 11	Turkey & chickens	10.79	
1902	1 chicken	.20	
Jan 1	Hens and roosters	2.05	
March 12	Hens	3.85	
19	Eggs	<u>.78</u>	
			44.48

Calves 1902

April 7	Lucy has red b. calf white face
18	Cherry has b. calf red with spotted white face
May 5	Spot has b. calf red with white block in face
11	Dolly has heifer calf red
15	Pink has b. calf red with white head &c.
June 7	Louise has b. calf red and white face white and legs white
July 30	Amy has b. calf red with pure white face white hind legs and fore feet and other white in places.

Aug 5 Bought Dick's b. calf red with white and red face and tail with tresel red white and black found July 9th.
 Aug. 15 Blanche's heifer Howard, has a b. calf red and white with a red head and a white shield in it and white legs with tail top red and end white. Sally named it Howdy.
 Dec. 1 Blanche has a b. calf white face, red and white.

James Dinsmore (Hebron Nebraska)

Jane Fell

Harriet Alden May 19th '76

Susan Bell, Dec. 15th '78

Sally Masim April 22nd '80

John Bell Jan. 16th, '83

Hugh Fell July 28th, '85

Roses Mr. Graham sent me Nov. 1902

2 Lord Pensance

2 Crimson Rambler

2 Pink Roamer

2 W. C. Eagan

2 Lady Pensance

Anne of Gierstein

Ross Bradwardine

Flora McIvor

Lucy Bertram

Amy Robsart

Mr. Graham 5145 Lindell Ave.

1900 Corn

Sep. 24 –	2 loads	51 bus.
Oct. 17	1 load	21 "
18	2 loads	42 "
19	1 load	21 "
22	2 loads	42 "
23	1 load	21 "
24	2 loads	42 "
30	3 loads	53 "
31	3 loads	63 "
Nov 1	1 load (in big barn)	21 "
2	2 loads (in lower crib)	41 "
5	2 loads with sideboards	
7	2 loads " "	
8	1 loads " "	
9	1 load " "	
10	1 load " "	
12	1 load " "	
13	1 load " "	
14	2 loads " "	

15 1 load “ “

May 7 – sides .12 ½ shoulders .10 jowls .81

Care Schuchardt and Schutte
Zeughans. Strasse 16
Cologne Koln

1900 Calves

May 15th Lucy has a heifer calf red with white face

19th Blanche has a heifer calf red and white with white head. Oct. 27 weaned.

Cows

May 27 Red line back cow Nov. 15th again

29 Jersey heifer (Amy)

June 9th Spotted heifer (Louise)

Oct 9th Siegra – Nov 2nd Siegra again

Dec 1 Lucy

Feb. 22 1901 Joe took Siegra to Doll Walton's

March 22 Blanche again to D. W.

June 21 Brought home Hereford bull

1901 Calves

July 3 Heifer Dolly – red b. calf white face and white tip of tail. Walton's
Hereford

July 15 Heifer Amy – red b. calf. Brady's a-horn

26 Heifer Louise red b. calf “ “

Nov. 28 Siegra heifer calf Thanks Walton's Hereford

Dec. 24 Blanche heifer calf Carrie Walton's Hereford
White except red sides

1902

Feb. 25 Blanche My Hereford

Mrs. John b. McIntosh

40 Union St. New Brunswick N.S.

Mrs. H. W. Young 1460 Elinore St. N. O.

May H. Wetherill 1716 S. St. Wash.

Fanny G. 1644 – 21st St. N. W. Washington

Mrs. Bartlett Arkell Canajahorie N.Y.

Kate Willis

Mrs. A. H. Conner 311 West 25th St. Kearney Neb.

2210 Ohio Ave. Sally Gray car 5th & Elm

Mrs. Annie Combs 1722 Chestnut St. Phil.

Harcourt Place Sem. Gambier O. I.D.T. 24 Westmorley Court Cambridge

Sue 1868 Convent de la Retrarte 15 Rue du Regard, Paris

Mrs. D. C. Anderson 2480 Grandin Road

Wellman's Rheumatism Cure, A. F. Wellman N.E. Car Sixth & Main Cincinnati

H. H. Eckstein 510 E. 9th Cin.
Mrs. John C. Breckinridge 94th St. one door from Madison West towards Park.
Sally J. S. Morgan & Co. Sorosis Shoe 55, style 34 22 old Broad St. London, Eng.
May Eaton 417 West 118th St.
Sue's wide-toed shoes. J. J. Lattimer New York
Mead's Rubber Adhesive Plaster (Leabury & Johnson)

32 lbs. corn from the girls – Amy Room 34 Carew Building
Willie Tew – 833 Washington Boulevard Chicago
Belle R. 729 North Niam, Independence
Valerian
Window for k cellar 2 ft 9 in x 14 in
Susie T. 12326 Fowth St. N. O.
Snake root
Chamomile flowers
Prof. Long's Magnetic comb
Standard Sewing Ms.
Cameo Cotton Ladies Cloth
\$30.00 Frank's office 24 Broad St.
W. Rice got 400 tobacco sticks
George Roseberry got 500 short ones Sep. 21
Miss Clara A. Hill 240 summit
M.B.C. Care William N. Moore 434 Highland Ave. Redlands Calif.
The Soldiers of King Philip's war
24 East 94th St. Belle Breckinridge
Sue's shoes Kohler N. York
Kerr's Lustre Twist
634 Sutter St. San Francisco M. B. C.
Patty Monroe ___ 7 Rue Scribe
Mrs. James Dun, 503 North State St. Chicago
Mrs. Seth C. Foster 134 Glennary Ave. Clifton
Everlasting linen lace
Sally 28 E. 75th
P.A.F. 555 Summit Ave.
Church meeting the Sat. before the 3rd Sunday
2372 ft. in logs
The Picayunes Creole Cook book by mail .35

Wedding [newspaper clipping from 1903]

Albany, June 2 (Special) – Miss Ruth Williams Pruyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Pruyn was married to-day at noon in St. Peters Church to David Marvin Goodrich of Akron, Ohio. The Rev. Dr. Walter W. Battershall, the rector, performed the ceremony. The church was decorated with flowers. The ushers, fourteen in number, were William Woodward, Fletcher Harrett, F. Townsend Irving, Nicholas Biddle, John C. Greenway and Lockett Coltman of New York; John A. Mellkinney, of New-Orleans; Frank Graham Thomson of Philadelphia; Benjamin S. Coble of Chicago; Theodore Hogue and Norman Cabot of Boston; Grenville Emmett, of New-Rochelle, and Richard L. Pruyn and Langdon Marvin, of Albany.

Miss Pruyn, who entered the church on her father's arm, was attended by a maid of honor, Miss Betty Metcalfe, and by the following six bridesmaids: Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Roosevelt; Miss Natalie Fenderson [?], of New-York; Miss Janet Mann and Miss Jessie Mann, of Troy, and Miss Elizabeth Pruyn and Miss Mary Bowditch of Albany. A reception at Mr. Pruyn's house followed the wedding.

[Clipping in Mike Corbin's handwriting]

Miss J. S. Dinsmore
Oct 2 – 3 Loads coal
“ 3 – 3 “ “
“ 4 – 4 “ “
418 Bus. M. J. C.

[Clipping for advertisement of Fairbanks' Standard Scales of All Kinds.]

[Clipping of receipt from M. J. Corbin]:
Weighed on Fairbanks' Standard Scale
Oct. 27 1899
Load of..... Corn
From.... R. Linden
To.....Miss J. S. Dinsmoor (sic)
Gross.....2545 lbs.
Tare.....1075 lbs.
Net.....1470 lbs.
Net.....21 bus.
Fees.....10¢
Signed by M. J. Corbin....weigher

[Copy of receipt from sale of wheat to Dick Louden:]

Petersburg, KY Sept. 26 1899.
M. Dick Louden
Bought of Ben Belden
Custom and Merchant Miller
And Dealer in Coal

1 Load Wheat	2720
Wagon	<u>1140</u>
60	1580 2613
	<u>120</u>
	380
	<u>360</u>
	20

[Clipping:]
Louden

Load wheat 30 Bu 26#
Load " 31 " 21#

Ben Delden
Set

[Clipping:]
Weight of Load Corn
R. Louden to Miss J. S. Dinsmoor (sic)

[Clipping:]
Georgy has 84 ham sacks
There are 52 hams in the smoke house to be sacked.
20 pieces (sides) smoking packed in boxes.
March 24th, 1899

[Clipping with random math:]

15	<u>62</u>
<u>40</u>	2.4
6.00	.35
33	<u>6</u>
<u>27</u>	2.10
6.55	
<u>210</u>	
4.45	

3.45

[letter:]
Kearney Neb.
March 13th 1900

Dear Miss Julia.

I can almost hear your exclamation of surprise when you see this letter.
But I never think of my dear old Ky Home without a nice picture of your lovely family, presenting itself. My Mother tells me you still live at the old place & also she thinks Belle died. (maybe missing a page) is your P.O.
I send this letter to find out if this is true and if so, will you please write & tell me – I am anxious to correspond with you about a subject that will possibly interest you as well as myself.

Hoping to hear from you without delay. I am your old friend
A____ Willis Conner

address:
Mrs. A. W. Conner 311 West 23rd Street Kearney Nebraska

[Envelope:]
Miss Julia Dinsmore
Bellevue

Grant
Boone Co. KY Kentucky

Blackberry Cake

3 eggs
1 cup jam
2/3 cup butter+
3 cups flour
1 cup sugar+
tea spoon full of soda
½ cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 “ cloves
1 “ allspice

3 tablespoons new milk
½ cup sugar

[Letter:]
The National Metropolitan Bank
Washington D.C.

January 2, 1900

We beg to enclose Check for Dividend No. 73. Six per cent declared from earnings of the last three months.

Yours truly,
E. S. Parker,
President

[Clipping from Newspaper on Shooting Star Display for November 14 (year unk)]

Clipping on the State of Kentucky

Governor: W. O. Bradley
Lieutenant Governor: W. J. Washington
Secretary of State: Charles Finley
More....

[Ad for Cook Book by the Royal Baking Powder Co.]

[Letter:]
The National Bank of Washington
Organized 1909

Washington D. C. July 13, 1890

Miss Julia S. Dinsmore
Grant P.O.
Boone Co. KY

For divid @ 2% I enclose dft a Am ES. Bk. N.Y. 8th ____.
Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,

[Calendar page]

June 23

Thursday

Prince Edward of York born, 1894

All holy angels shower their blessings on his head, and prosper and preserve him.

Charles Dickens

[Note in Julia's writing:]

Waked hearing myself called by name.

[September 1903, cont'd.]

- 18 Rained last night and still raining steadily. Sally started for Aurora on her way home. Mr. Fred came and said he had cut 35 shocks of fodder. It stopped raining and turned cooler. Doll Walton stopped to see about corn.
- 19 At sunup 42° and white frost on the shed roof—it feels chilly, but is bright. This is the day Patsy was to sail home. Dick gave me 15.50 watermelon money. Mr. Fred came again—said he gets 6 cts. for fodder and I paid him to date 2.10. Had some grapes picked. Went to Bellevue and stopped at Belle Clore's to see old Mr. C. who is very sick. Got letter from Sally in Cin. yesterday from Julia sent on by Cousin Rebecca with clippings about buddy and from Lizzie Hodges. 50° at 8 P.M.
- 20 41° and some white frost. Went to Burlington for Hilda who came home with me. Went to Bank and Mr. Cecil Gaines gave me 32.04 that Mr. Adams had left there to pay for the corn Mr. George Blythe hauled see July 28th. Went to Bellevue. Doll Walton came and I engaged him to let him have 100 bus. corn at .55.
- 21 Sunday 45° about 6 A.M. Hilda's Ollie came down and she went home with her. I sent a letter to Sue to Grant P.O. and one to Mrs. Selmes to Burlington.
- 22 46° at sunup. Had Spots and Pink's calves turned out to wean. Went up to Mr. Ed Botts' and got some peaches. Harry fixed the house cistern. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca's lawyer Carl Taylor of How, Taylor, and Mitchell about buddy's will. Also letter from Sally Woolley.
- 23 48° at sunup. Sent by Harry letter to Sally and Sally Woolley. Got letters from Patty in Paris and Sally at home. Bright pretty day. Joe cutting tobacco in hog lot. Doll Walton sent and got a load of corn, wagon with sideboards and sacks.
- 24 51° at sunup. Went to the funeral of Mr. Mike Clore at the house that was Bob Clore's. Dry dusty and warm. Stopped to see Betty Rice. Took M. J. Corbin \$50.00 on the note I gave him for \$75.00 see Sep. 5th. Doll Walton sent for two more loads of corn. Ernest Grant came and left 6 hams here for Enid Yandell, small hams with a Y on each sack.
- 25 48° at sunup. Mr. Jackson's son came and got 5 bus. corn, paid me 2.75. Sent letter to Patty early. Went to Bellevue and stopped to see Mrs. Rice. Turned cooler.

- 26 41 at sunup. Sent letters early to Cousin Rebecca and to Sarah and Julia. Dick sent me 2.25 watermelon money. Mr. Ed Rice came and I engaged of him a Hercules wire stretcher for 6.00 to be delivered shortly. He says I must get a 'Come along' to use with it to build wire fence. Got letter from Sue.
- 27 Warmer and windy. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty in London and one from Sally. Ernest came and brought 12 hams for Patty marked with her name and hung them in the wine house. Little shower at night.
- 28 Sunday. Spent the day at Ernest's. Turned cooler.
- 29 40° at sunup. Went to Bellevue—got telegram from Patty in N. Y. She arrived yesterday. Sent Harry to get things from tollgate.
- 30 Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Mary Klopp and her grandchild Beatrice dined here. Mr. Bernard (Fundy) Berkshire came and cleaned the kitchen cistern with an implement that sucked up the dirt from the bottom. Doll Walton brought me the weights of the corn he got (see 23) 113-2/3 bus. at .55 and gave me a check for 62.33. Turned warmer. Joe finished housing tobacco he said.
- 31 Much warmer. Went to Bellevue—got M. J. Corbin to cash the note of Doll Walton (John J.) and paid him \$25 of it and got the note I gave him (see 23rd) and burnt it. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Isabella from Julia, from Belle R. with package and another bill for Literary Digest. Went into the new Baptist church where they were putting in the seats. Sally said in her letter that Charlie had telegraphed that Miss Dotts McClure had dropped dead Saturday the 20th. Mr. Conner brought me a P.R. rooster, no good.

October

- 1 Rained a little gently after sunup. Quite warm. Joe working for Will Arnold.
- 2 Went with Joe to count fodder. He says he cut 137 in the field next the Arnold's 55 in the field by his house and 8 in the garden total 200. Mr. Fred cut 35 Mr. Raines 20 and Clarence 42. I paid Joe for cutting 200 shocks at .06 12.00 for the fodder of 90 shocks his third 9.60 in all 21.60. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Washington with check for \$12.00 also postal from R. Clarke & Co. Got barrel of flour from Corbin & boxes. Fanny kept the children from school this week. Put in P.O. letter to Belle R. Did n't write in this again till 5th.
- 3 Dick Loudon came to talk about renting. Got message from Hilda and went to Burlington. Hilda gave me the weights of the corn Mr. Wallace Tanner got Aug. 31st and Sept 16th (while I was gone) and the money he left with her to pay for it 42.25. She said she had given Mr. Tanner a receipt for it. One of the weights was to W. Y. C. Tanner. Hot and dry. Got Miss Olga to give me a postal order for 2.00 and sent it to pay for Literary Digest—that I never subscribed for. Let Dick have a load of corn.
- 4 Sunday. Ernest came to tell me goodbye as they were going on a trip to Baltimore, &c.
- 5 Sent by Dick letter to Patty with note inclosed for Isabella also letter to Cousin Rebecca and forwarded mail for Julia L. Got letter from Hilda and later from Julia Foster. Joe West was digging his potatoes in the garden. I went with Dick over to Mr. Rue's and bought a sow and pigs from him, am to pay Mr. Rue \$12. He says the sow is a young gilt born last Jan. and she has 6 pigs born last Sat. night. 2 of them are sow pigs. Hot to-day, a shower very light after 8 P.M.
- 6 Went over to Mr. Rue's and he brought the sow and six pigs. I paid him 12.00. Did n't write in this till the 12th. Sent Harry for Hilda who came.
- 7 The centennial of the Bellevue Baptist Church was celebrated. Sent Hilda to church and later went. Hot and a strong wind like a dust storm. Came home after the basket dinner just

- ahead of a hard rain. Company came by invitation. Belle Kirtley Cropper and Mr. Cropper, Mrs. Clint Gaines and her daughter Miss Zaidee, Miss Bernice Duncan and Mr. Charlie Gaines and later Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Northcutt of Cov. It poured and turned cooler.
- 8 The Association meeting began. Hilda went and later I did. My company with the exception of the Northcutts did n't return. Doctor and Rev. Adams of Walton (Mrs. Mary A.) came and stayed all night. Much cooler. Joe West went away.
 - 9 The Association finished. Hilda went I did n't. Emma Hunt came by to see me. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Cool, had fire at night I think.
 - 10 Cool—fire. Hilda went home after breakfast. Fanny went visiting. Dick turned his calf on pasture.
 - 11 Sunday—cool. Had fire.
 - 12 Sent letter to Patty—got letters from Hilda and from Mrs. Susan L. Parish, Orange N. J. Went to Bellevue—saw Charlie Burns, gave him 3.50 to get iron roof for coal house. Joe came home from Gallatin he said and after dinner went to work cutting and grubbing along the fence by the graveyard. Doll Walton came and told me about the 5 shoats he bought for me from Mr. Rue and I went to see Mr. R. about them. Cool, fire at night.
 - 13 Went to the funeral of Mrs. Cy Kelly at the Kelly graveyard. Got letters from Sarah and Sue. Came home and went to Rising Sun and telegraphed Sarah as she requested. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the check for 12.00 (see 2nd) and paid Margaret for Aunt Eliza in full to 17th. Dry and dusty and river very low. Mr. Ed. Rue came and brought the wire stretcher. Fanny paid him the 6.00 and he left receipt for me.
 - 14 Sent Harry up to Erlanger with the spring wagon. Sarah Humphreys Louisiana Arkell (Mrs. Bartells A.) and Sue Grigsby came. It was a perfectly beautiful day. Dick and Joe went over to Mr. Rue's and got the 10 hogs that Doll Walton bought of him for us. 5 for me and 5 for Dick. Dick is to feed them in my lot on the partnership corn and we are to divide the hogs. They weighed 1040 lbs. and my share is 26.00. Rained a little at night.
 - 15 Another beautiful day. Harry took Alan and Ty to get them shod. I got letters from Patty and Isabella and card receipt for 2.00 for Lit. Digest see Oct. 3rd.
 - 16 Sarah and the others went away. Harry drove them to Aurora to get the train for Cin.
 - 17 Went to Burlington for Hilda who came home with me. Got letters from Sally and Julia.
 - 18 Sunday. At sunup 38° and little skim of ice.
 - 19 Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Charlie Burns came out to see about work. Gave him 8.00 to buy more iron roof, &c. Went to Bellevue, got Mike to cash the check Mr. Belden sent and afterwards sent to pay Mr. Rue for the hogs (see 14th) but he said Doll Walton had paid for them with Dick's. Doll owes me for pasture. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca. At sunup 42°, windy. Joe was shucking his corn opposite his house this morning. Dick was putting in wheat to-day.
 - 20 Perfect day. Harry went to McVile and got iron roofing. Mr. and Mrs. Sproles and child came out with Hilda and dined. No one worked for me.
 - 21 Charlie Burns came to work. Joe West helped him. He put a roof on the coal shed and on the side of the old buggy house—next the other buggy house. It was a perfect day. Sent by Charlie letter to Sally. Dick said he got 9 bus. seed wheat from Doll Walton.
 - 22 At sunup 42°. Beautiful day. Charlie B. came to work and Joe helped him—they finished old buggy house roof, painted roofs, began to fix house cistern, &c. Had Becky and Belle turned into the big pasture. Got letter from Sally and from Julia inviting me to go to Florida. Sent letter to Sally by Charlie.

- 23 39° at sunup, turned cooler. Charlie B. came to work and Joe helped him. They fixed cistern tops, office gutters, the flue on shed, cellar steps &c. Got letter from Isabella and from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. proxy to sign for voting. Also notice about paper.
- 24 37° at sunup but seems colder, vines, plants &c. killed. Doll Walton took his cattle out of the pasture. Charlie B. worked. Joe helped him. They painted, put in window glass, &c. We went to the baptizing. It was a beautiful sunset scene with the new moon to the left. Mr. Atwood baptized Mr. Jack Walton, Mrs. Williamson and a boy named Gully. Cold at night. I got letter from Patty in N.Y.
- 25 Sunday. Went to church with Hilda to the new church. Colder, 27 about sunup.
- 26 Chilly morning but bright. Went to Burlington to take Hilda home. Mr. Walter Brown gave me the 18. for the corn he got, see _____. I went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to give me a check for 10.00 for Sibyl J. Hodges. Charlie Burns worked, Joe helped him half the day and then dug potatoes. They made black walnut troughs and Charlie painted the porch roof, &c. Mr. Watts the Assessor came to take my list. Dick brought me some potatoes 12 bus. he said, and put them in the wine house. The cold has killed vines leaves, &c. and the country is dry and dusty. Sent Harry to have a shoe put on Kitty. Got letters from Patty and French books and letters from Ernest in N.Y. Got Miss Olga to send Postal order for 4.00 for Century.
- 27 At sunup 25° bright. Sent letter to Lizzie Mitchell Hodges with draft for 10. Joe worked till noon shucking corn for himself and hauled 1 load of coal for me after noon. Also had wagon mended. Dick hauled some potatoes in for me. Got note from Sue.
- 28 25° at sunup, turned pleasanter. Had crêpe myrtles put in the cellar. Ernest came but I was n't here to see him, they got home last evening. I went to look at the springs in the big pasture and Harry cleaned at them. Joe hauled corn and shucked for himself till noon, then went to cut briars, because Dick wanted to use the team, said he was putting in rye. Went to Bellevue paid M. J. Corbin \$26 and told him it was for 200 bus. coal. He said Joe hauled 43½ bus. yesterday. Paid Will Grant's bill 6.20. Dick hauled in some more potatoes of a different kind.
- 29 Warmer and some clouds. No one worked for me. I went after dinner to see Lily Grant. Got Ernest to witness the proxy for Mr. Charlie Gordon St. Paul (see 28th) and took it to Bellevue and put it in the mail. Got letter from Patty telling me about Cousin R. and Charlie F. Got letter from Susie Tew.
- 30 Lovely warm day and bright. Sent Harry down to Bellevue to get the gutters that is the eaves troughs for the stable and Charlie came and worked and Joe helped him. They put them up, tinkered things, put in a pane of glass, &c. I settled up with Charlie Burns in full. I had given him 11.50 of which he had spent 6.50 leaving 5.00. His work and time came to 7.00 and I paid him the 2.50 in full. Charlie bought for me on credit at Gibson Sons Rising Sun 102 ft gutters 7 cts, 7.14 cross cut saw 2.75 brace .75 total 10.64 that I owe Gibsons. Sent this morning letter to Patty and by Charlie one to Sally.
- 31 Letter to Patty came back—got letters from Frank, Sally W. and Susie Tew. No one worked for me. Got letter from Lizzie Hodges and note from Sibyl. Warm.

November

- 1 Sunday. Foggy cloudy and warm.
- 2 Sprinkled a little last night. Went to Bellevue before breakfast and put in P.O. letters to Patty, Sally, Frank, Cousin Rebecca, Sally W. Susie T. and box with tintype of herself and Charlie G. Got from Lizzie Mitchell Hodges her son Leigh's book 'The Great Optimist.' No one worked for me. I packed 5 boxes of canned fruit, &c. for Sally. Rained a little as warm as summer. Doll Walton said he would come to look at steers.

- 3 He came and I sold him 2 two year old steers Amy's and Louise's calves (Brady's Shorthorns) for \$60. and the old corn for .45 a bushel. Doll Walton also paid me the balance on the pasture money. The pasture came to 51.34 and from this was taken the 26.00 he paid Mr. Rue for the hogs (see Oct. 14) and 7.20 for 9 bus. seed wheat Dick got and 5.00 he paid for me toward repairing the school house total 38.20. What was coming to me was 13.14 and I said 13.10 was enough so he paid me that in full. Election day. The men did n't work for me. Joe got at Gibson's Rising Sun 3 locks for which I gave him an order. Joe rung the sow's nose. I had her turned out yesterday. Mr. Jap Sullivan sent me a memorandum about his cattle (see April 10th) saying he took them out May 16th.
- 4 Raining. Joe gathered a load that was mine (of corn) but it was so wet. I told him to take it and I would take one in place of it. Doll Walton sent for the old corn in the rear end of the crib a large load with sacks. Doll Walton got the two steers he bought yesterday.
- 5 Rained part of to-day, sun came out this morning. Harry went to work on the road but they had to quit. He brought me telegrams from Frank C. and Patty and letter from Isabella.
- 6 Colder. Joe put a load of corn in the crib for me and said he would fix watergap. Harry worked on the road. Mr. Doll Walton and Mr. Ed Botts stopped the latter to see me about potatoes.
- 7 Went to Burlington. Saw Doll Walton on the way and he gave me a check for \$79.50, 60. for the 2 steers and the 19.50 for 43 bus, 28 lbs. corn at .45. Took this check to the Bank and Mr. Revill cashed it. I then went to the Court House and paid Mrs. Allphin the Sheriff's wife and deputy my taxes for 1903, \$73.20 and got receipt. Went to Hilda's (Mrs. Brady's) and borrowed of her \$75.00 and gave her my note for it (Paid Jan 3, 1904). Put in Burlington P.O. letter to the Clerk of the Probate Court St. Paul inclosing 5.00 and asking for certified copy of brother Charlie's will. Also letters to Sally and Julia Foster. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Cousin Rebecca and package of papers buddy had about my lots, investments, &c. and Historical Society Notice. 25° at sunup, bright day. Dick said he had cut 22 shocks at .06 and worked 3 days putting in rye.
- 8 Sunday. Ernest and his family came and dined. He got 2 of Enid's hams and took them home to send, see Sep. 23rd, as he had received a letter from Enid. Bright day.
- 9 Went to Cincinnati via Aurora and from Aurora sent Sally 5 boxes of canned fruit jelly, &c. Left Cin. on the 2 P.M. 20th Century train.
- 10 Got to N.Y. before 10 A.M. Patty and Sally met me at the train and and we went to Sally's. Stayed in N.Y. till Dec. 2nd. Did n't keep my day book while there.

December

- 2 Left N.Y. on the 1 o'clock train.
- 3 Got to Cincinnati about 11 A.M. went to Aurora on the 12.20 and came down on the Swan. Snow on the ground, they say it snowed Sat. Nov. 28 and Sunday. Bright day. Got home just after sundown. Sent Harry for trunk and mail. Got from clerk of Probate Court St. Paul certified copy of brother Charlie's will and postal order for 4.20. Also got letter from Cousin Rebecca with pieces from papers about buddy. Also letters from Mary C. and Susie T.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. Pretty bright day, 30° at sunup, went to 40° later. Sent Harry down with letter to Sally.
- 5 Sent Harry after Hilda who came down. Sent by him letters to Sally and Julia. Went to Bellevue, got the P.O. for 4.20 cashed. Joe and Dick fixed up for hog killing and fixed house cistern. Bright & mild day.
- 6 Sunday. Hilda went home after church and dinner. Sent by her letters to Patty and Sally Woolley.

- 7 Killed hogs, my 5 weighed net 772 lbs. George R. came to help. Dick's 5 net 807. Harry put straw on strawberries. Pleasant 28° at sunup. Got letters from Hilda and Julia that Sally sent with note from her.
- 8 22° at sunup and cloudy. George worked in barn. Joe cut up and salted meat. Harry ground sausage meat.
- 9 22° Harry went to Aurora. Got letter from Patty and 2 from Julia. Snow on the ground and snowing.
- 10 Sent Harry with buckets of sausage for Julia and Sally W. to Swan. Cold all day, 22° at 6 P.M.
- 11 9° at sunup. Ice in the river and the Swan did n't go up. Sent letter to Sally. Ernest came to see about hams.
- 12 40° at sunup, cloudy and rained a few sprinkles, after dark rained more then blew hard and turned cold and snowed. Mr. B. Walton came and I sold him a hundred bus. corn at .50.
- 13 Sunday 14° at sunup and fresh snow but not deep.
- 14 9° at sunup. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Sally W. also from Margaret Marshall about Aunt Eliza. Joe says the wind blew down fodder in all directions.
- 15 ___ at sunup. Went to Rising Sun via Rabbit Hash and ferry skiff to see Aunt Eliza. Found her sick in bed. Dr. Stevenson had been there 3 times Mag said. Borrowed 10.00 of Mike Corbin (paid 31st), paid Mag in full to 12th and agreed to pay her 3.00 a week while Aunt Eliza is so sick. It was cold, the river is so low we walked out the bar and crossed the open channel after walking on the ice to reach the bar. Leomer says Dick Lacy and ___ Slayback cut down a tree in the woods to-day. Did n't write in this again till the 26th.
- 16 Had bad rheumatism or something in my right arm. Doll Walton came also Mr. Harry Acra and bought ½ bus. potatoes, pd. 31. Sent Harry down to get Alan rough shod. Sent letter to Julia. Mr. B. Walton sent for corn. Joe helped Clarence get a load out, think he sent for another.
- 17 Sent Harry down to get work horses shod. Sent note to Julia. Think Mr. Walton got 3 loads of corn.
- 18 Sent Harry for Hilda who came. Sent postal to Sally by him. Pretty day and milder. Hilda began to rub my arm.
- 19 Bad day, snowing and raining. This week I got letters from Sue and Sally Woolley, also from Mag saying Aunt Eliza was better. Miss Botts bought 1 bus. potatoes .60.
- 20 Sunday. Rained last night, snowed this morning. Very bad day but Hilda went to church.
- 21 Day my dear papa died, Lord love his soul. Borrowed 10. of Hilda. Harry took her home. My arm is better. Sent letter to Sue. At night got letter from Sally.
- 22 Sent letter to Sally and one to Isabella with 6.00. Later sent letter to Sue and got one from Patty about things she and Sally sent by express for Harry. Bright pleasant day. Heard that Minnie Clore Maurer is dead.
- 23 Harry went up by land to Aurora and got the things that came by Express box and bag. The river was gorged with ice above Aurora he said and he crossed below in a skiff. Bright mild day.
- 24 Day of papa's funeral. Rained and was most gloomy. Got Christmas things yesterday and to-day. Minnie Clore was buried to-day.
- 25 Christmas. Letter to Aunt Nancy came from Patty. Got more things.
- 26 Snowed a skim last night and turned cold. Harry said it was 5°. Becky Loudon, Leomer's wife had a son this morning. Sent Harry for Hilda. Sent by him letter to Patty. Hilda came down. Sent skirt to Aunt E.
- 27 Sunday. Not so very cold. Lily came.
- 28 Katy came over. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia.

- 29 Sent Harry to Ernest's with eight hams for Ernest to send to Mr. Lanier N.Y. The 8 hams weighed net 187 lbs. Went to Mr. William Walton's and he paid me for the corn (see 16th). He said there were 94½ bus. at .50. He gave me 10. cash and a check for 37.25. I paid Hilda the 10 (see 21st). It snowed hard to-day, like a blizzard part of the time.
- 30 8° at sunup, stayed cold all day.
- 31 Went to Bellevue. Took my check to M. J. Corbin and told him to take the 10. out of it that he lent me (see 18th). He said he could n't cash it to-day but let me have 1.00 on it. I sent the 1.00 in a letter to Isabella. Sent a postal order for 1.50 to Co. Gentleman for next year's subscription. Got 2 letters from Julia and Ex. notice for Aunt Nancy and mittens from Patty. Went to see Betty. Mr. Harry Acra came to engage 10 bus. corn.