

1906

January

- 18 Sent letters to Farmer's and Mechanics Natl Bk. and to Natl. Met. Citizen's Bk. Wash and to Julia. Got notice of the death of my dentist Dr. Clancy from his son. Rode over to the big pasture to see the 12 P. Angus heifers and the sheep. Patty and Sally went to Burlington. Mild day, sunny and cloudy. Sheep turned on back pasture.
- 19 Telephone man came and put a _____ switch in the telephone to keep off lightning. Patty & Sally went to Bellevue. 26° at sunup but turned milder and cloudy. Will Arnold came over about his tree.
- 20 Warm and cloudy thermometer up to 70° to-day. Mr. Parsons came and pd. me 3.00 for the old spring wagon.
- 21 Sunday. Warm and cloudy at 3:30 P.M. the thermometer was 72°. After sundown sprinkled. Went to see Doll Walton—found him better.
- 22 Raining hard—rained most of the day but quit before night. Patty and Sally went away on the Swan on their way to N.Y. Everett went down with the wagon. Warm.
- 23 Blew hard last night and turned colder. 30° at sunup and cloudy all day. Mr. Davy Snyder came and got the hospital bed and a mattress. Got telephone message to send to the boat for a box of oranges from Patty and Sally—got it. Ethel went back to Rising Sun on the Swan. Got letter from Julia and letter for Patty and Sally.
- 24 25° at sunup—bright beautiful day. Rode to Bellevue—the first time I have been down since my return. Pd. Clara Smith 1.00 for her father Mr. Joe Maurer that Patty left with one for him. Sent P.O. order for 1.50 to Luther Tucker & sons, Albany subscription to Co. Gentleman and got receipt. Got letter from Farmer's & Mechanic's Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft on N.Y. for \$28 dividend, also letter from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. saying that they now pay dividends in October and April only. Got telegram from Sally 23, 3 P.M. saying they got home safe, had comfortable journey. Put in P.O. letter to Patty and the letter that came for her and Sally yesterday.
- 25 Went to R. Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash the two drafts (see 15th) and 24th and got the little balance I had in Bk. 15 total. Left Bk. book with Mr. Perkins. Stopped to see Roddy—got letter from Patty on N.Y. and one from Harriet Young. Bob Huey came to see me about insuring. Went to Doll Walton's but no one was home. Dick and Joe are both done stripping tobacco.
- 26 28° at sunup. My cow Betsy Berkshire has a calf heifer. Sold it for veal March 8th. Rode over to see the black heifers and sheep counted 47 sheep and saw the remaining of two that died before I got home. Had all salted. Dick and the workers fixing wire fence up cherry hill and looked over tobacco ground. Mild bright day.
- 27 23° at sunup—mild day. Got letter from Patty.
- 28 Sunday 32° at sunup. Ernest, Lily and Frances dined with me.
- 29 Mild and cloudy. Sent letter to Patty & Sally and got letters from both. Went to John J. Walton's (Doll's) and as he was not at home. Paid Mrs. Lulah Walton 48.55 and got her receipt of this 21.15 was for the 23½ bus. seed wheat Dick got at .90 a bus. and the rest was the balance due on my half of the black cattle (see Nov. 25th, 27th, 28th) and also see Jan 17th.
- 30 Went to Bellevue—put in letter to Sally—got one from Julia. Harry went on the Swan, paid him in full to 26th. Mild cloudy day.
- 31 Disagreeable day—cloudy, sent

February

- 1 Raw cloudy day. Sent letter to Julia—got letters from Patty and Sally and photographs returned by Lucy J. Turned colder and a little snow fell after sundown.
- 2 14° at sunup. Bright and cold all day. Flora came to see me. I saw 5 or 6 new lambs.
- 3 14° cold, bright and windy all day. Ethel came back on the Swan— ____ sick.
- 4 Sunday. Milder, after dark snowing. Katy came to see me.
- 5 14° and snow about 4 inches high—bright sunshine. The men brought the sheep over from the big pasture and there were only 45. Got letters from Patty and one from Louly Maxfield saying she is to be married at St. Augustine to Mr. Frederick Hugo von Engelhorn of Germany—such is life! Harry came home today from Ripley. At 9:00 A.M. it is 10°. Sent letter to Sally.
- 6 2° at sunup and turned colder _____. Sent letter to Patty.
- 7 10 below 0 at sunup. Joe said he found one of the calves in the back pasture dead. Before I got home one got under the ____ and was found dead—too cold. Went to see the sheep—Dick said there were 2 dead lambs. The thermometer went up to 23° after noon but at 10 P.M. It is down to 0. Went to Bellevue to-day—got letter from Sally—sent little scrap to Patty.
- 8 3 below 0 bright and moderate. Letters from Patty, Sally and Sarah. Set up to see the eclipse of the moon. Ethel went away this morning.
- 9 Moderated 3° above about sunup and at 9 A.M. 20°. Got letter from Hilda and telephone message. Doll Walton, Mrs. Walton and little Missouri stopped to see me.
- 10 4° above at sunup, chilly and bright. Dick said that 3 more sheep died. 8 that are known of. Harry went to R.S. sent by him letters to Sally and Sarah. The Swan is not running on account of ice.
- 11 6° above at sunup. Kept warmer and thawed. Sunday.
- 12 Milder—went to Bellevue, bought 2½ bus. clover seed at 8.50 per bus. Sent early letters to Patty, Nina C and Julia—got letters from Patty and Julia. Saw Mr. Aikin about work and pd. Will Grant to date. Ethel came back to-day.
- 13 Mild and pleasant—turned cloudy and later rained. Mr. Davy Aikin worked and Dick helped him. He fixed the trough to water sheep and put in the barn cistern a pump I got of Dick, one that had never been used. He also fixed the barn door hinge, front gate, &c.
- 14 Mr. Aikin and a hand he brought, Mr. Staley worked taking down the big crib. It was cold and turning colder and later snowed. I went up on cherry hill to see about Joe and Dick's tobacco ground. Got letter from Sue.
- 15 Cold at sunup 14°, at 7 P.M. 20° and remained cold and penetrating all day—afternoon bright. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked they partially hewed a piece for a sill and cut some locusts for posts. Everett worked—hauled ____ chestnuts and some old crib lumber and posts. Got letter from Julia saying she saw a piece in the paper about Louisiana's marriage.
- 16 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. 13° at sunup—very chilly—went up to 32°. Everett hauled lumber & timbers from the old crib after noon. Dick said there were 2 dead sheep this morning and a dead lamb.
- 17 18° at sunup, went up to 32° and about sunset snowed a skim of snow. Mr. Aikin and his hand worked at the building. I paid Mr. Aikin 10.00. Got letter from Sally saying Frank got home from San Francisco the 13th and that they expected to sail for Genoa the 27th also that Patty, Isabella and Bob were going to Washington in the ____ wedding. Got letter from Patty and paper from Julia about Louly Maxwell's marriage to Mr. von Engelhorn.
- 18 Sunday 32° at sunup.

- 19 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. I showed them 2 blk. walnuts for shed plates. It was a bright mild lovely day. I went to see Hilda after noon. Paid for _____ 1.5 and got receipt. Dick Loudon sold and delivered his tobacco to John (Pepper) Smith and brought me this evening a check for 226.00 on Farmer's Bk. Petersburg signed Mr. P. Wingate by Al Rogers for my half. He said the weights, figures, &c. were at Al Rogers'. The sheep were turned out to-day. I saw 2 pairs of new twins and a new lamb and a lamb that was dead late, also another ewe dead. Harry got a letter with the news that Fanny Strader's husband John had died yesterday. Joe turned the 12 blk Angus heifers in the back pasture to-day on account of the fodder all being over here.
- 20 Sprinkled during the night warmer. Went to Bellevue and got the figures about Dick Loudon's tobacco. Al Rogers said he had 5857 lbs. of which 800 lbs. sold for 6 cents, the rest 8 cents. On account of loading tobacco at different prices on the same wagon and forgetting to keep the sticks separate, they made a mess of the calculation but Al said he got it right and that the weight and check are correct. Went to Mike Corbin's and got 3 bus. clover seed at 9.00 a bus. Everett hauled a load of coal from Corbins' &c. Also he hauled some lumber from the old crib. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. I went to see Jimmy Botts about hay. Took letters to Sally and Julia.
- 21 Raining and about noon cleared. The men did n't come to work on building. After noon, Joe and Everett hauled a load of hay from Mr. Jim Botts 18 bales at a load—he sent me a paper stating that 4 loads in all had been hauled of 18 each. Daisy took lame, Kitty to have 3 shoes taken off. Got magazine from Sarah with a piece about her stop in Dakota in 186_.
- 22 Bright mild day like spring. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. Joe hauled rocks to the places they made for the foundation. After noon I think he began to plough his ground on cherry hill. Everett helped him haul rocks from ___ to Bellevue—stopped to see Betty. Got letter from Sally—she said Patty, Isabella and Bob went to Miss Alice Roosevelt's wedding.
- 23 Mild bright spring-like day. Went to Burlington for Hilda and brought her back. Went to Bank and got my check cashed (see ___) and left 50. in bal. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. Also Everett worked helping them. Gave Mr. Aikin 40. He said he would go to ___ and get things for the building and I gave him 35. for that and the 5 for his pay. Mr. Maurer worked trimming vines in vineyard. I ___ on cherry hill after they hauled fodder. To the best of my knowledge 8 lambs have died and 11 grown sheep. I saw a very weak pair of new twins this evening.
- 24 Mild and cloudy after dark, rained with plenty of thunder and lightning ___ wind. Mr. Maurer came and finished the vines. Mr. Aikins brought down the lumber and cement for the building. Everett went with Harry to meet the Swan and haul on the lumber. Sent by Cap. A. letter to mail to Sally, Hilda and I went down in the wagon. I paid Mike Corbin my bill since July 14th, 1905. It came to 106.00. Also paid Al Rogers order for Joe West flour 5.10. An order for Joe is in Corbin's bill. Joe was ploughing on cherry hill. Bob Brady came to see Hilda. Found 3 lambs dead to-day one several days old apparently—that makes 11 I have kept count of.
- 25 Sunday. Pleasant day. Susan went away to visit her family she said.
- 26 Cold and bright—turned cloudy and about 3 and 4 P.M. snowed hard and windy at night. Dick got up the sheep. I found 2 dead one of the two a large good lamb. With 3 that died since I set down. 13 lambs are dead. Hilda went home after dinner. Mr. Aikins and Mr. Staley worked but had to quit. Mr. Aikins brought 16. of what I paid him (so 23) he took 6.50 for himself and pd. the rest for lumber and cement. Everett hauled wood, &c.
- 27 Mardi Gras to-day, Sally and Frank were to sail for Italy. Got letter from Patty and letters from Julia and Belle R. It was 22° at sunup snow on the ground and cold all day.

28 7° at sunup, bright and very cold for so near spring, moderated later. Mr. Carpenter brought home the hospital bed. Sent letter to Belle R, got one from Sue.

March

1 29° at sunup. Harry says he found a lamb dead yesterday and the one I was feeding died last night makes 15. Joe went after noon to Mr. Jim Botts' for hay he was gone and Joe and Everett waited and got one load bales. I went too and on to Bellevue—got letters from Sally who was to sail the 27th with addresses &c.

Settlement with Richard Loudon March 1st 1906

This settlement is the first since March 11 1904. Dick said he had worked 47 ½ days which came to 35.63 and I owed him 3.42 for cutting 57 shocks of corn and credited him 27.54 on his wheat of 1905 total 66.62. He had received in 1904 28.05 and in 1905 40.60 total 68.65 leaving him owing me 2.03. I bought of him a pump for 4.00 which I am to pay for or replace. For pasture extra he promised

5 down and put in the garden! Then as an experiment put the one that had a calf in with Mrs. West's calf to adopt. Everett took Cy down to be shod to-day. Joe said the dead calf was a heifer. Got letter from Patty, and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with check for 8.00.

6 My birthday 73. At sunup 33° and milder and more pleasant. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley [sic] came to work. Joe was ploughing on cherry hill and went down later for the lumber that came on the Swan that Mr. Aikin sent for—he also got more lumber out of the barn. Mrs. West wanted her calf back so the adoption was canceled at her request. Went to Bellevue got letters from Patty and Julia. Sent one to Patty; Joe only got part of the lumber. Dick was gone over the river.

7 Raining and snowing together and kept on a slow chilly rain most of the day then quit. Joe West went to Bellevue and got the rest of the lumber Mr. Aikin sent for. I got a bill from R. C. Mattox Aurora of 20.25 for the lumber. Harry went to Burlington for Susan who came back.

8 Cloudy and chilly. Ethel and child went away. Sent letters to Sally and Belle R. Mr. John (Pepper) Smith came to see Joe's tobacco and offered 7 ½ all round for it and we sold it to him at that. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the building. Sent my sow to Mr. Bob Brady's. Went to Bellevue—sold my calf (Betty Berkshire's) to Mike Corbin. Everett and Harry took it down about 4 and brought back a load of coal bus. About noon it turned pleasant and felt like early spring. Heard doves this evening. At bedtime it is raining.

9 Chilly and raining—quit and turned colder. I went to Rising Sun, got Mr. Perkins at the Bk. to cash my check for 8.00 (see 5th). At Gibson's bought on credit steel roofing and sundries to the amount of 35.25 mostly for the building. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley came out after noon and worked. Flora A. came over. Sent for Hilda who came down. Everett said his father and he hauled 2 loads of hay from Mr. Jim Botts' and Everett took the wagon to Mr. Grant to see about the spindle. Saw Mr. Loheit about hay. After night it rained again—chilly. Got letters from Patty saying Sally and Frank had crossed in safety and from Julia and Fanny Gibbon. Saw ducks flying north and sea gulls on the river.

10 Joe went to Bellevue for roofing but it had n't come. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the building. Gave Dick an order on Gibson for a wagon skein. Harry said another old sheep was dead. Chilly and cleared up. Towards evening found my blk. Angus heifer with 2 white hind feet and little white cap had a calf in the vineyard, a black b. calf.

- 11 Sunday. Gloomy chilly day sprinkled or snowed a little off and on and after dark rained a cold rain. Gave Hilda a check for 20. on the Burlington Bk. Mr. Revill's and she cashed it. After dinner she went home—sent by her letter to Patty. Harry said the roofing was at the landing.
- 12 25° at sunup a skim of snow and cloudy. Joe went down for the roofing. Old Blanche was hooked down by the cows and had to be helped up. Joe was ploughing on cherry hill after dinner. It was very disagreeable all day. One of the black Angus heifers in the garden had a heifer calf black. Sent Harry to the Swan to ship a box by Ex. to Mrs. Parish N. Y. with 3 hams weighed 61 lbs. Got letters from Patty and Belle R. Harry brought the sow home from Mr. Brady's.
- 13 26° at sunup snowing hard when it quit snowing it sleeted and then rained and froze and was at it all day and after dark. A perfectly horrid day. Sold Mr. Clutterbuck 14 doz eggs and 2 at 11 cts.
- 14 27°. Cloudy and chilly all day—snow frozen in a crust. Towards sundown began to sleet and rain and at bedtime still at it—a horrible night with wind and sleet. Got note from Sue saying she had a cablegram that Willie's wife Eleanor had a son the 12th.
- 15 24° and snowing hard on top of the crust. Stopped snowing later and at 7 P.M. was 26°. 2 more sheep dead. Sent letters to patty, Julia and Sue, got one from Rutger B. Miller. This week the weather has been terrible for spring, so discouraging and hard on the stock.
- 16 22° at sunup—snowed a little. Turned warmer and at 8 P.M. it was 31°. Went to Bellevue took letter to Lizzie Hodges and to Fanny G. with newspaper for her. Got letter from Patty and telegram from Willie Dinsmore's. Willie dated 15th. Father died early this morning. Clarence died last Nov. May they rest in peace.
- 17 10° at sunup—cold and clear but the snow melted some when it moderated. Susan said she saw 2 dead lambs. Sent letters to Cousin Frankie, Patty and Sally, early to mail. Got two letters from Patty inclosing one from Helen about Willie's illness also notice from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bank.
- 18 Sunday. Not so cold—above freezing at sundown. Everett came and got 5.00 on his work and said he was going to Cinti.
- 19 Horrible weather. Sleet and raining. About noon the big hollow leaning catalpa that my mother planted broke off and fell from the weight of sleet. It rained froze and snowed, one of the worst days I ever saw. Had 2 of the heifers put in big stable. Harry went to Aurora. Got letter from Julia.
- 20 One of the Polled Angus heifers has a heifer calf. 26° at sunup—ice and snow everywhere, after a while the snow thawed some and in the wind the ice covered trees rattled like clashing chains and when the sun came out millions of diamonds shone—every weed bush wire twig and tree glistened. Got a letter from Sue—sent note to Hilda by Mr. C.
- 21 26° at sunup bright with a piercing wind. It is a dazzling world. The wind blew all day the ice fell off the trees and the snow melted fast though it wasn't warm. Sent letters to Patty and Julia, got letter from Patty. Joe and Dick hauled hay 3 loads 36 bales.
- 22 22° at sunup. Pink has a red & white bull calf. Isabella is 20 to-day. Lord love her. This is the week Patty said she would move into their house. Two of the Blk. Angus heifers in the garden had calves by noon—a field-day for calves. Chilly but bright day, most of the snow gone. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked again putting the steel roof on the crib barn. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Lizzie Hodges. Mr. Tom Roberts and Mr. Phipps came to ask to put their telephone line through here.
- 23 24° at sunup—chilly and raw—had the Angus heifer with her calf turned from the barn into the garden—also the first one that had a calf and lost it. Had sheep turned out the first time

since the snow and sleet. Harry said there were 2 more dead lambs. H went to Bellevue for the wagon as Mr. Grant had put in the new skein Gibson sent and brought out a load of coal 40 bus. he said. Mr. Aikin said he and Mr. S. worked. Got letter from Sally of the 6th mailed at Gibraltar. Harry hauled out 16 lambs and there were 2 he did n't get in the pasture—he also got the 3 latest dead sheep. Sent letter to Patty.

- 24 25° at 6 A.M. deep snow and snowing hard from the East. Horrid day. Joe said he was going to see Everett. Got letter from Patty.
- 25 Sunday. No sun but milder and snow thawing—gloomy lonesome day.
- 26 Let Joe West have check for 20. On the Burlington Deposit Bk. he to pay me out of his tobacco money. Repaid 29th. He and Dick went out to settle and pay for the scrape Everett and Lee Omer got into. I went to the funeral of Mr. Jack Barnett who was buried in the old Rogers burying ground. It rained off and on and at the burying and I rode home in the rain. The roads were dreadful. This morning I went to Flora's. Got gloves from Patty. At night raining hard still, snow gone.
- 27 Cloudy. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the building. Joe and Dick hauled 2 loads of Joe's tobacco. Dick used his team. Sent letter to Patty got one from her. Mr. Aikin finished the building,
- 28 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked tinkering up and repairing. They made new steps and put in the outside house cellar door—put a window weight in upstairs—cleaned out eaves gutters, cemented in smoke house and corners of parlor hearth kitchen grate stove &c. put wire frame in foundation air hole under parlor. Harry turned out sheep said there was 1 dead lamb. Joe and Dick hauled 4 loads of Joe's tobacco today and Dick used his team. I went to Al Rogers to get the weights & check. Joe West's tobacco 6 loads in all
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- This at 7 ½ cts. a pound comes to \$627.00 of which ½ is mine 313.50. At Joe West's request Al. Rogers gave me a check for the full amount 627. On Farmers' Bank. Petersburg signed M. F. Wingate by Al Rogers. It only misted rain a little to-day once or twice and was cloudy and chilly. Joe got a barrel of flour at Al's 5.05 on my credit. Afterwards said he would pay for it.
- 29 Settled with Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley up to Sat. last. Mr. Aikin said I was owing Mr. Staley to that date 5.00 which I paid him. Mr. Aikin said I owed him 3.00 to Sat. and as I could n't make the change I paid him 5.00 the two to go on this week's work. They began to take down the old house by Dick's but it rained and after dinner they put in 3 panes of glass and tinkered a little. Mr. Staley said he had worked 17 ½ days up to Sat. last and Mr. Aikin said he worked 19½. Yesterday the Black cattle got out of the garden through the hedge and after dinner Harry turned them into the back pasture again. The lamb Susan was feeding died. Everett came home on the boat. Harry heard he was broken out with measles. This was a horrid day a cold rain with wind—the pike very bad. Went to Burlington and took the check to the Bank. Joe's half being 313.50 I got that less 20. (see 26th) being 293.50. and brought that amount with Mr. Riddell's figures back to Joe, took it to him as he was sick, and Mrs. West counted it in our presence and said it was right. I got draft for 20.25 and gave it to Mr. Riddell to mail to R. C. Mattox, Aurora, for lumber bill see 7th. Also got draft for 20. To

send Patty. Left in Bank 200. of the check money to my credit. Went to see Hilda got home to dinner for the workmen. At night and after a steady pouring cold rain.

- 30 Sent letter to Patty with draft for 20.00. Got two letters from her. She said Frank cabled they would sail on the Caronia the 27th. Isabella and Bob left 28th for their trip to Havana with Mrs. Roosevelt. Got letters from Sarah, and Julia who was to leave for home the night of the 25th. It poured down rain most of the day a cold rain and is raining after night.
- 31 Ground white with snow and snowing hard. Chilly wind and snow melted fast. Found plenty of turkey peas blooming. Got letter from Julia at home, box of ruined orange blossoms from Sarah. Julia spoke of Jenny Anderson's husband being dead. River high. Got receipt from Mattox for lumber (see 29th).

April

- 1 Settlement with Joe West.

Our last was March 7th 1905. Since then he says he has worked 72 ½ days which comes to 54.38. I had paid for 4. Barrels flour at Rogers' and at Corbin's 28.00 and 1.35 for canvas total 29.35 which leaves me owing him 25.03. April 5th I paid Joe West this balance and we are now settled to date.

Harry said Dick told him 2 more lambs were dead. I saw on cherry hill this evening a black-faced black-legged ewe with a long tail and a bell on that had new-born twins black. Katy came over to see me. In spite of the sharp air there was a look of spring.

- 2 Dick sowed the last of the clover and on the tobacco ground in the field next Will A. Joe hauled 12 bales of hay from Mr. Botts'. After dinner they worked getting out posts for fence Joe hauled. Mr. Aikin worked ½ day for me and fixed the house for Leeomer after dinner. Mr. Staley worked for me—helped Mr. Aikin till noon and Dick sawing afterwards. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Sent Kitty down and had her shod. Found blk twin lambs dead. Sent letter to Patty.
- 3 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the little outbuilding. Harry hauled ashes &c. out of the yard and the scrap lumber and kindling from over by the crib barn and also the tier poles from the old place and put them in the barn. Joe was making plant beds and Dick off on a telephone setting. Leeomer was moving. Found another lamb dead below the spring. It was a real spring day, it was bright and so much warmer I had to take my jacket off.
- 4 Thanks has a heifer calf red and white with a white head and line down the back. Got telephone of a telegram that Sally had landed safe and well—thank God. Went to Bellevue—sent letter to Julia—got one from Cousin Frankie. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—they finished the little building and began to repair the one in the yard. Cloudy but mild day.
- 5 Rained all day—chilly. A dull lonesome day. Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Got note from Mrs. Parish with check for the hams (see March 12th) not indorsed.
- 6 Sent back the check to Mrs. Parish. Got letter from Sally. Sent Harry for Hilda who came. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on plastering patches in the little building and took down Page woven wire fence.
- 7 Went on cherry hill found one of the blk Angus heifers dead in a hollow. Later found the Angus calf that had the white spo[t] in forehead and white tip to tail dead in the woods. Turned all the cattle that were in the back pasture into the field next the Arnold's. Got letter from Julia. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on back fence on the hill, I paid Mr. Aikin 10.00.
- 8 Sunday. Mild and sprinkled early. Hilda went home after church and dinner. Ernest and Lily came to call. Everett still very sick and Josie has the measles—probably Lou too, as she is sick. Dick milked the cows. Blowing hard and raining by 9 P.M.

- 9 58° rained a little early. Mrs. West said Joe had a high fever all night probably has measles, doctor said he had later. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fence on hill back of the house. Heard Miss Emma Moody died last night. Katy came over. Spot cow had a calf to-day, a large b. calf red and white—pure white face and front of all fore feet white. Sent letter to Patty—got the check for 20 (see March 30th). Of this 18. was to pay Dr. Crisler's bill for Alan that Patty paid him. Very windy—sprinkles. Harry hauled some rocks to fence line on sled. Had no fire in the house till after 2 P.M.
- 10 Bright pretty day. Went to the funeral of Miss Emma Moody. She died in Lawrenceburg at her sister's Mrs. Smith and was buried from the Baptist Church in the new B. Cemetery. Dick went over the river for hay—found it had been sold. Mr. Aikin worked on fence alone. I went to Betty Rice's. Got folder from Julia about May Festival. Rained last night.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her. Everett West died about 11 A.M. of pneumonia with measles. He has been very ill for days and sank suddenly. Joe and the two girls are laid up with the same disease. Whom the gods love die young, he is 17. Mr. Aikin worked on fence stays. Got letters from Patty, Julia, Sally Woolley and note from Mrs. Parish returning check (see 5th). Sold roosters and eggs 2.51 and took it in trade except .46. Rather chilly had fires.
- 12 Everett West was buried this evening from 2 P.M. on in the Baptist Cemetery. Mr. Maddox had services at the grave. Mrs. West went to the funeral. Joe and Lou and Josie were too sick and had to stay at home. Harry is sick and Susan says Dr. W. and Dr. Hopkins say he has measles. Mr. Aikin worked here at fence stays &c. Mr. Rogers told me some of my sheep were at Doll Walton's. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letters to Patty and Hilda. Got letter from Sally who has been sick since she got home from Europe.
- 13 A real spring day. The sick thought to be rather better. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. Had no fire.
- 14 Raining—cleared off and turned cooler. Saw 8 head of Mr. Bee Walton's cattle on pasture on mud road. Dr. W. said Harry was improving. Sent letters late to Sally and Sally W. Got letter from Patty. Had fire this evening again.
- 15 Sprinkled—chilly and cloudy, not much like Easter Sunday. Dick and I turned Blanche and Howard and 4 weaned calves in the big pasture.
- 16 All the Wests and Harry better. Chilly day cloudy till after noon. I went to Bellevue—sent to Atlee Burpee for garden seeds, and letters to Sally and Farmers & Mechanics Natl Bk. Got letter from Sally and from Natl Metropolitan Bk. with check for \$16. Dividend, also a postal from Telephone Co. Sent return card by Mr. Aikin. Paid him 5.00 for himself and 3.00 for Mr. Staley. Sent letter to T—D.
- 17 34° at sunup and a heavy frost and ice at the cistern. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fence. I went to Bellevue to buy fence wire. Got letter from Hilda.
- 18 40° at sunup—pleasant warm day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fences. Joe had potatoes planted in the garden. Leeomer worked for me. Sent him for fence wire—he hauled out 2 balls and some staples from Mike Corbin's and 10 balls and 8 lbs. staples from Al Rogers. Also barrel of flour from Corbin. Leeomer then hauled some fence posts. We turned into the big pasture Nancy cow Fanny S. and her calf and a heifer red and white with white spot in face—also the 11 blk. Angus cattle with their 4 calves. Then he worked in the garden grubbing the asparagus bed and raking and burning. Joe's brother-in-law ploughed the piece that was in tobacco last year in the garden for potatoes. I rode around in the big pasture and saw millions of wild flowers, spring beauties, anemones, wild hyacinths, Dutchman's breeches and others—the grass was growing well, water plentiful.

- 19 Warm in the middle of the day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fences. Leeomer worked for me hauling manure. Mr. Cason got 4 bus. potatoes pd. me 2.00. Went to Bellevue—gave Al Rogers a check on B. D. Bank for 32.16 for 11 bales of fence wire and 8 lbs. staples. Got letter from Patty—sent one to her. Heard the whip-poor-wills loud and clear for the first time this spring. Harry came out and walked around the lots a little. Got paper describing the earthquake in San Francisco that took place Wednesday—a tale of horror.
- 20 Not so warm but pleasant. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fence on pike and mud road. I went to B. and stopped at Betty's. Put in P.O. letter for Julia—got one from Sally. Sick all improving. News from San Francisco worse and worse.
- 21 Real spring day warm and bright—after sundown blew cooler cloudy and lightening sometimes. All the sick better. Harry rode down for the mail—paper full of the San Francisco horror. Cleaned my room and moved back in it. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at fence on pike. Dick dragged some of the logs of the old house out of his way. Got letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl Bk. Wash. with draft for 28.00 dividend.
- 22 Sunday—rained last night not much apparently. Bright pleasant morning—blew up chilly towards night. Harry turned the little colt out.
- 23 35° at sunup and ice on the bucket at the cistern. Leeomer says he worked 5 days last week and 2 the week before. He worked to-day grubbing hedge on cherry hill and helped turn the sheep in the field next the Arnold's. We found 1 dead sheep and one down to die. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. Harry began to work again. Ploughed a piece or so in the garden and took Cy to be shod. Joe worked some for himself fixing plant beds. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty. Bright but chilly day.
- 24 Down to freezing at sunup—ice and frost. Went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash 3 checks or drafts (see 21st) (see 11-5th)(see 10th) total 59.00. Went to Gibson's and pd. his bill 37.50 (see March 9th) including for wagon skein. Joe gave me the money to pay his bill at Steele's and I did and brought him the receipt and gave it to him. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fence on mud road. Got letter from Sue saying she expected to sail for Glasgow the 19th May [sic]. Coming home Ty kicked over the dashboard and broke it and hurt her leg a little. Sheep got out on wheat 18 or so sow[s] got out. Joe brought out a box Patty sent me with clothes for Harry and me, that came on the Swan. Chilly all day. Lily Strader came to work to take care of Aunt Nancy.
- 25 48° at sunup and windy. Found another blk. Heifer with a heifer calf. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. Mr. Hall worked ½ day hauling rock for the fence. Leeomer worked for me grubbing and cutting briers. Harry set out onion sets and helped haul rock—hauled out 2 dead sheep &c. Grace Loudon sick—probably measles—its turned warm and sprinkled towards sundown. Thundered heavily in the night—little rain.
- 26 Sent Harry down to have Ty shod—and see if the gates were there—later went to B. myself. A letter from Julia came this morning. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked for me also Leeomer grubbing—mostly on fence rows. Grace Loudon was taken sick yesterday—measles. Dr. Hopkins came to see her. Harry sacked and hung—14 hams—7 shoulders and 5 sides of meat—cured this winter. It was warm and bright—real spring.
- 27 Another warm lovely day. Finished attending to and sacking meat—altogether there were 13 sides and 9 old hams of uncertain age. Harry went to the river and got the gates and a gallon of roofing paint from Al's. After dinner he raked part of the clover hill that was in rye. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on mud road fence. I went to Mr. Jim Botts's about hay, did n't see him. Sent letter to Patty by Mr. A. Got programme from Julia.

- 28 Harry finished raking the clover. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—they got out more posts. Settled with J. E. Botts for hay—gave check for 70. see March 3d.
- 29 Sunday. The Wests began milking again. Last night thunder and lightning but no rain. Hot bright day. The woods have come into leaf suddenly, ground getting hard.
- 30 Sent Harry to the Swan with my suit case to be sent by E. to Julia. Rode down later. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Patty was at Isabella's and Sally was to move to the country this week. Got the garden seeds from Burpee and Harry planted a few in the garden I planted some in boxes. Mr. Hall worked ½ day for me and Leeomer helped and I think grubbed afterwards. They hauled locust posts to the fence and then some of the trash that was raked off the clover. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on wire fence. It was warm and bright—towards night it clouded and thundered, after dark rained. The ground is hard seems baked in bottoms and it turned hot so suddenly rain is needed.

May

- 6 Sunday. To-day I came home from Julia's on the boat City of Cin. Tuesday the 1st I went to Cin. via Aurora—went up in the buggy the other side of the river to visit Julia and go to the Musical Festival. George and his wife Mrs. Alice F. were at his father's and left Thursday. Polly and I went to the concerts together. There were 5 in all. It was very pretty weather most of the time—turned chilly yesterday and is right cool to-day. I have had a wood fire and found it pleasant. Got a letter from Patty at Julia's and wrote to her and Sally. It rained sometimes.
- Sunday—When I got home they said Lily is in bed here with measles and has been sick ever since I left—went to bed Thursday. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley have been working at the fence. Harry says he got another roll of wire for them—and that he put the sheep in the big pasture yesterday. The day I left the 1st I could n't get a check cashed in Bellevue, so borrowed 5.00 of Al. Rogers and got Mr. Davis at the Aurora Bank to cash a check on the Burlington Bk. for 40.00.
- 7 37° at sunup, a light frost some say. Sent letter to Patty. Harry got mail T—D. and letter from Fanny Strader. Joe came to settle for Everett's work. Everett had 20 days down which came to 13.00. He had received 10.50 on it and I pd. Joe the balance 2.50. Sent Harry down to get a roll of barb wire at Corbin's. Later went to Al Roger's. Paid him the 5.00 he lent me May 1st also 1.70 for things I got paint, plough point and hoe handles. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—at fence and gate above the back pasture. Heard there was ice this morning had fire off and on all day and at night. Telephoned at Al's about fixing my telephone.
- 8 Chilly and windy—at noon rained. Mr. Rouse and Mr. Riddell came and fixed the telephone about 3 P.M. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence—back of the big barn. Sent Harry down for roll of no. 11 smooth wire—he said he got it at Al Rogers's. Blew hard all day and most disagreeable. Sent note to McCulloughs. Leeomer grubbed fence-row before noon. ?
- 9 Another chilly windy very disagreeable day. Mr. Hall and Leeomer worked hauling off the trash that was raked off the clover and Harry helped. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence.
- 10 Chilly and cloudy 40° at sunup. Sent letters to mail to Julia and Sue. Got letter from Sally with check for 24. And one from Hilda. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence and Mr. Hall and Leeomer too.
- 11 Went to Burlington for Hilda. Went to Bk. and got Mr. Revill to give me the bal. of what I had there . Hilda came home with me. Lily and Mrs. Claypool called. Harry brought out a box with the lamp I got Julia to buy for me and letter from Patty. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley

worked on the fence—also Mr. Hall and Leeomer hauling and chopping on fence row by barn. Turned warmer.

- 12 58° at sunup. Leeomer said he worked to date 18 ½ days in all—this came to 13.88. I paid him 10. on his work. Harry turned out the sow. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on fence below barn—paid them 10. each. Got note from McCulloughs about alfalfa. Warm pretty day.
- 13 Sunday—the wedding day of my beloved parents—a beautiful bright warm day. Hilda went home after church—sent by her letters to Sally and to Julia.
- 14 Warm bright day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—finished putting page woven wire fence between calf lot and bottom field and began getting ready to put it up the hill to the corner of the sheep shed. I paid Mr. Aikin 10.50 and Mr. Staley 6.00. Leeomer was grubbing fence row on mud road. Joe and Mr. Hall were planting corn in the lower field bottom next Mrs. Rice's I went to Doll Walton's to see him about blk. Stock animal—did n't see him. Harry planted some garden seeds—radish, spinach, lettuce.
- 15 Bright warm day. Joe finished planting corn—in the bottom next Mrs. Rice's. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on barn lot fence. Went to Bellevue. Got T—D., got letter from Patty. Set out some tomato plants Mr. Clutterbuck brought. Dick finished plowing in the bottom. Very dry, need rain.
- 16 58° at sunup. Harry went to Doll Walton's and brought back his Blk. Polled Angus 'stock animal' and turned him in the big pasture with the 11 heifers. Settled with Susan since March 7 and paid her in full to date 9.50. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—on fence round barn lot next Dick's. Mr. Hall worked for me—ploughed the rest of the garden, harrowed it and laid off some rows and hauled some posts and rock for the fence. Sent Harry for 2 rolls of fence wire from Mike Corbin. Got letter from Patty, Sally, and from Lawrenceburg Roller Mills Co. Dick was planting corn and probably Leeomer helping him. Warm.
- 17 Another bright dry day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at barn lot fence. Mr. Hall worked for me. He planted corn and watermelons and butter beans and made some hills—then he hauled posts and rail pieces. I set out the tomato plants I raised in the flower pot. Mr. Hall also planted some Hubbard Squash. Sent letter to Sarah—got one from Julia. Harry and Susan went to Aurora. Cy stuck an old nail in his foot and lamed himself. Planted moonflower seed.
- 18 Went to Aurora in the spring wagon. Harry drove Hector with old Tom, and took the 5 boxes of books that Patty had packed last winter, I shipped them as fast freight to R. Munro Ferguson paid 2.85 on them and got receipt for the boxes from B. H. Stockman. Went ot Bank (Mr. Davis's) and got check for 24.00 cashed (see 10th). The day was hot and it was very dusty—blew up clouds and looked like rain but all passed by. I set out a dozen tomato plants got in Aurora. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at fence. Mr. Hall was working grubbing fence row. Ott Scott came by to tell me he could n't shear my sheep. Dick finished planting corn.
- 19 Dick attended to 3 calves, Pink's Spot's and the blk Angus with white feet's. Had the crêpe myrtles taken out of the cellar. We had thunder showers last night. Joe had his potatoes in the garden ploughed. I can't remember ever seeing such a profuse locust bloom—some trees are so white with blossoms that at a little distance the leaves are not seen. No one worked for me. Harry and Susan went to Ethel's. I planted vines on frame and by porch. Mr. Grant shod Tom all round.
- 20 Sunday. Bright pretty day—cool evening. Harry and Susan came back towards sundown. I went to Will Arnold's and he telephoned Ernest about a hand to shear &c.

- 21 Had sheep sheared. Flave Loudon, Mr. Rue and Charlie, Mr. Wilson, and Willie McMurray sheared and Leeomer helped get up sheep &c. They said there were only 80 sheep and 50 lambs. I pd. .08 a head and pd. for 86! such is life. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—at barn lot fence. Mr. Hall worked ½ day grubbing fence row on board fence. A beautiful day—still very dry grass and grain suffering for rain.
- 22 Still hot and very dry. Planted muskmelons and preserve melons, it seems absurd. Leeomer worked for me grubbing fence row on pike and in garden. Found a ewe that had n't been sheared—had her driven up and they drove up two with her, one of which the cow hooked to death. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the barn lot fence. I saw the D. Sheriff drive by with two robbers. Harry deadened some buckeye trees in the big pasture. Saw one of the black heifers with a new born calf.
- 23 Sent Leeomer and Harry to patch up the fence next Mrs. Annie Rice and Leeomer grubbed in the vineyard. Sent Harry to tell Doll W. about his stock animal. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty up at Helen Huntington's. Saw a black calf with a queer white spotted face—alone.
- 24 Went to R. Sun in a skiff. Mr. Ernest Ryle took me. At Gibson's bought on credit a roll of wire fencing—and a brier scythe and ordered some eaves troughs for Dick and Joe by Mr. Aikin's directions. Got back to Bellevue by 11 A.M. Put in P.O. at B. a letter to Patty and postal for Sally. Leeomer grubbed and fixed scythes and I sent him to cut briers next Will Arnold's. Mr. Hall grubbed in that field—told him to grub creepers.
- 25 Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the barn lot fence. Leeomer was helping his father lay off tobacco ground. I planted okra seed. Lily and Ernest stopped by. I went to see Hilda she lent me 25.00. Paid June 4th. It was hot dry and dusty. Mr. Hall ploughed Joe's potatoes in the garden and perhaps grubbed ½ day for me.
- 26 Raining gently before 4 o'clock—a good little shower and that is all. Planted some pumpkin and cucumber seeds. No one worked for me. Rode up to see the line fence and cattle. Got letters from Patty and Sally. An automobile passed here going towards Bellevue—the first I ever saw go by here.
- 27 Sunday. Looked like rain but did n't rain. Harry and Susan went to Erlanger.
- 28 Raining a chilly slight rain from before day but quit. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. Josephine West said that Everett had quit milking March 3d. Dick milked 3 weeks in April. I paid Josie in full to June 3d 4.50. Went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letters to Sally and Susie Tew. It was cool even chilly to-day. Harry set poles for the butter beans, I replanted them and set out some tomato plants after the rain. Paid Mr. Aikin 10. Had wood fire at night.
- 29 Mr. Aikin said he saw some frost this morning I did not. He and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. I paid Mr. Staley 10.00. Went to see Willie and Forest (Tot[?]) Rice about the line fence. Dick and Mr. Hall hauled hay from Mr. Edgar Berkshire's. Dick brought the weights of my load 2175 lbs. Sent Harry to Jane's. Dick hauled out from the river the eaves trough &c. that I ordered at Gibson's (see 24th). Harry found Doll's stock animal in Mr. Rue's pasture. Got T—D. Very dry, cool.
- 30 Neglected to write up my book. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—at the fence and gate of kitchen lot. They put up Joe's eaves troughs and gutters. Mr. Aikin said Dick's were made wrong and I sent them back on the Swan to Gibson's with a note he wrote. We had a fresh cherry pie for dinner. Got letter from Patty (at Helen's) and Julia.
- 31 Went to Bellevue before dinner and there was a shower. It looked like rain afterwards and sprinkled a little. Mr. Birdzell came and bought 4 cows of me, Louie, Howard, Nancy and Fanny S. Harry helped drive them to Bellevue and brought the weights and check. The 4

weighed 3690 lbs and at 3 cts. came to 110.709. The check was on the Natl Bk. R. Sun signed Alex Birdzell. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—at gates and Mo. Gates as Mr. Aikin calls panels to fill the place of bars on gates. Spoke to Zecky Rice about their line.

Calves 1906

March 22 Pink has red and white b. calf
April 4 Thanks has heifer calf red and white
April 9 Spot has large b. calf red and white, pure white face front of all four feet white

Mem. about I. H. B's estate—4 Baltimore and Ohio bonds \$1000 each, First Mortgage 4 per cent 50 years M355—M356—M357—M358

Mortgage for \$1500 signed by Sallie M. Hedges and R. D. Hedges her husband. Note dated June 20th 1903 at 6 per cent. Paid up.

2 Mortgages in the hands of John H. Hill, Pine St., Jacksonville Illinois. One is on Mr. Joe Williamson's store for \$4000—the other on Mr. Potter's farm of Linnville, Morgan Co. for \$3000. Wm. Walton Ewing. X dead

80 acres of land 4 miles back of Meredosia in the hands of Mr. D. Lollis (since dead). Sold ½ acre lot in Bellevue Boone Co. Ky. sold

1 House and lots in Burlington Ky

6 Lots in the new Bellevue Cemetery and the Vault built on this land.

\$3500. In the Lafayette Home Telephone Co. Cleveland Ohio

1904 Calves

January 17 Blanche has b. calf red and white with white face and feet.
Feb. 23 Dolly and Pink both have heifer calves. Pink's has 3 white legs and a white foot face and head and above and below the rest red.
March 5 Spot has heifer calf—red and white—hind legs white—shield in face white.
10 Found Cherry with a heifer calf dark red and white red head with white in forehead
22 Thanks has heifer calf red with white and red face and white under the body
April 23 Louis has a b. calf red and white
June 13 Found Howard with a heifer calf red with white head and face—white hind feet and tip of tail
13 Found red heifer named her Fanny Strader, probably Dolly's (May 11th 1902) with heifer calf black red with white tip of tail white face with red spots and white under fore legs.
15 Found Amy with heifer calf, white and red with white legs and white head and face
20 Found Blanche's heifer (named her Nancy) with a b. calf white and red 3 white legs and a white foot, head and breast &c.

Ernest's address in Baltimore 25 North Liberty

Sep. Joe West said he borrowed 1000 tobacco sticks of Mr. Jim Rogers
24 Dick said he borrowed 600 of Al Rogers.
Aug 22 Ben Belden gave Joe mem. of wheat he hauled 49 bus—Joe to get 2 bls. Flour.
April 13 1904 Got of Mr. Clyde Berkshire from Stark's
1 Montmorency King Cherry

1 Napoleon Bigar [Bigarreau]
1 Black Tartarian
1 Wickson Plum
1 Gold Plum

Mary Castleman says she began to work for me June 7th 1904

Mary left Oct. 26th 1904

Susan Riley came to work for me Oct. 26th 1904

Sally Mallory 1722 21st S. Washington [daughter of Mary Spalding Reed]

Pointe au Pie Promise of Quebec C.

S. D. T. 1231 Washington Ave. N.O. [Susan Dinsmore Tew]

West Plains, Howell Co., Missouri. G.W.P.D. [George Washington Patterson Dinsmore]

Snow's roofing Paint

The J. M. McCullough's Sons Co. No. 316 Walnut St. Cincinnati

Sally's house built in 1678

Jan 28th 1905 she will be 5 years old Julia Anderson

Mrs. C. D. Chenault 461 North Limestone Cor. Fifth Lexington

Susie Tew 1231 Washington Ave. N.O.

Nina M. Cochran ~~1327 Calumet Ave.~~ 1807 Orange St. Los Angeles and 6926 Bruno Ave. St. Louis

Eugene Oregon J.D. [probably cousin James/John Dinsmore, sons of John B. Dinsmore]

B.B.G. Dec. 26th 1840—Dec. 11th 1904

Frank C. 24 Broad St. N.Y.

~~N.M.C. 1203 West 10th St.~~ Los Angeles [Nina M. Cochran, dau. of Catharine Dinsmore]

Mrs. Paul Beck was a Tracy—her grandmother was Aunt Wilson [½ sister to Martha Macomb]

503 North State St. Mrs. James Dun

Sullivan rubber heels

M.B.C. 1807 Orange St. Los Angeles [Mary B. Cochran, dau. of Catharine Dinsmore]

J. F. Loving 1612 Corcoran St. N.W. Washington D.C.

27 Chase St. Baltimore F. M. Gibbon [Fanny Gibbon, dau. of General John Gibbon]

Isabella 135 East 69th St. N.Y.

Burlington, KY Mch 5 1909

Received of Miss Julia S. Dinsmore

\$1 and 50 cents for one years Subscription to the Boone County Recorder from Jny 1 1909 to Jny

1 1910. W. L. Riddell

[day calendar]

May 24 Monday 143 Days Past, To Come 221

Tho' that realm were in the wrong

For which her warriors bleed,

It still were right to crown with song

The warrior's noble deed.

Epilogue

Oct. 5 1905

Wad [weighed] for Miss Julia Dinsmore

2 cattle weight 1335 lbs

J. J. Walton

Weight

Fee for weighing 10\$

1335

3 ¼

4005

333

43.48

Dec. 18 1906

Wade for Miss Julia Dinsmore 7 calves

Weight 2295 lbs J. J. Walton Weighing fee _____

2295

3 ¼

6885

573

7458

4338

117.96

[newspaper clipping] New York _____y, August 20, 1910

"Seven New Poets—or Amateurs? Some Recent Votaries of the Muse and Why Much of Their Verse Disheartens the Critic"

It is difficult to say just what it is that makes an amateur, though it is easy to distinguish the thing itself. Amateurishness is not precisely awkwardness or a lack of facility in the use of the medium employed. It is not even stupidity, or absence of sincerity or originality, or ignorance. There is of course the amateurishness of the beginner, but the thing we are alluding to is a distinct quality, an at _____ something inherent that does not disappear with the practice of the art, something as hopelessly permanent as a squint. It is as unmistakable as the aroma of onion on the breath, and a like unconsciousness is manifested by its possessor, who is, indeed, apt to regard himself as esoteric, as peculiarity favored on his chosen path to Olympus, and whom all the criticism on earth could not persuade that his offense is rank and smells to heaven.

Among the seven volumes of verse written by as many women proposed for review in this column more than half are excellent examples of this particular characteristic. This is not to say that many among the songs are not marked by sweetness or grace or an occasional felicity of expression; but they do not, nor will they ever, bear the master stamp. They are not poetry and their writers are not poets, but amateurs.

Take, for instance, "Earth Songs" and turn the pages at random, and you find a vast deal of iteration as to various aspects of nature, phrases like "The moon's pale, strange, transfiguring light," or "Now the pale primrose offers up her precious golden cup," or "The scattered flocks of fleecy sheep are lying in the tranquil sky," or philosophical reflections like those that make up the poem called "Shadow Dance," of which the following quotation conveys an idea:

What ill-bred fantasy is here?
What fateful Dance of Death is near?
But whirling phantoms,--never fear.
For Life is what you make it, dear,
And Death is what you make it, too:
Sweet Life, with Hope forever new,

The Christ to follow, love the true,
Stern Hate defying, with the blue
That shines above, it will suffice,
And thus we find our Paradise.

#[Julia's mark]

Then there is a volume containing some fifty-odd "Sonnets for Choice" and though the remark is obvious, we cannot refrain from saying we think it a bad choice. A sonnet has one reason above all others for its existence—perfection. There is not, in the whole of this book, a single example of the sheer beauty which is a sonnet. Mrs. Ald- _____

Th' unwinding of our musing's reassurance. By
This still, cool river all our minds immerse
In pastorals, to energy averse,
Whose wistful maids and shepherds "Pleasure" cry.

Led by the piping passionate of these
Far-off musicians, we drift into years
Whose heat, whether from sun or temperament
Is long accomplished. Late above the trees
The moon in greater magic softly steers,
Closing our dreams, our day, with wonderment.

Certainly, we are conscious of wonderment, with a mixed idea that there is some sort of advice in the above which the lady appears to have followed. And of course any one has a right to use the empty frame that has been so gloriously filled by the great poets, with any conglomeration of words they choose, and still label the production a sonnet. But they ought not to suffer such result to escape into print. # [Julia's mark]

The third book in the row is called "In Love's Garden" and has been distinguished by an Introduction contributed by its publisher, Mr. George Wharton James, wherein the gentleman seizes the opportunity to say to the world at large what he confesses to having for many years believed and taught in California, namely, that from that state is to come the artistic and literary regeneration of America. He also rings the changes on the word Spontaneity, and heartily recommends the poems that go to fill the pages of the book. The chief recommendation of these verses is this spontaneity, which consists largely in their contempt for any rules of structure and form. They are described, in fact, as "purely individualistic—more so even than Walt Whitman's."

The poems themselves do not, for what they omit, give a return of new beauty or fresh perception. They are the unformed, undigested and general thoughts of the young person who has not yet discovered that to evade the laws of beauty and the restraint of art is not to transcend these laws and restraint. This is at once the deepest as it is the most convenient persuasion of your amateur, who feels that to be different is to be great, and to be slipshod sincere. But among the sillinesses and bad grammar of such lines as

Two eyes I see in the mists of life;
Two eyes I feel—two blue, blue eyes;
Two eyes that ruleth me—
Compel my thought to fly to thee
O heart of mine, far, far, estrained.

or:

To wait, to wait!
What fate! What fate!
How drag the hours;
How sink the powers.

[Julia's mark]there are signs that Miss Anderson, should she lose some of the conceit that belongs possibly to her youth, and be willing to do a little more work and a little less elf-exploitation, might come

to write true poetry. There is a fine directness to be found here and there, a promise of power, a stir of emotion—best exemplified, we think, in the following fragment:

Love's Trembling Joy
O thou day-star, thou night-star,
Thou blessed lamp of life!
O if I should lose thee—
God cleave the dark
And reach a hand!

"Helderberg Harmonies" has been written, so we are told by the author, to attract attention to the country region, with its mountains and its legends, where she lives. It is illustrated with photographs showing several lovely views, and doubtless the various descriptions are accurate enough. But they have been thrown into the most commonplace of verses, though entirely amiable and often sentimental, and possibly there are some readers who will find them worth perusal. We choose "Echo" as a sample of Miss Merritt's art:

Floats a murmur faint and airy,
Hark! 'Tis echo calling
Like the whisper of a fairy
On the mountain falling.
Echo, maid, where is thy dwelling?
It is where they note is welling
Soft and tremulously knelling
Light as Summer air!

Art thou true an aerie spirit?
Thy elusive voice—I hear it—
Yet I ne'er can get a-near it—

In addition to Miss Merritt's contributions there are included a number of short pieces by the editor, M. G. Kains, whose quality may be judged by the following:

When does the henbane cackle,
Her wattles all aglow?
And I should so much like to know
When does the hay cock crow?

A book of a different order is "From the Cup of Silence." There is a clearer expression, a more definite sense of the meaning of words and of harmony of construction, and though the thought is neither particularly new nor deep, nor the emotion intense, there is a finish and a charm to the little volume, from which we take "The Secret" as typical of the write's scope and expression

I looked on the liar with hate,
On the wanton with scorn.
"not so," said a voice in my soul,
And compassion was born."

Then I looked on my sister with love,
On my brother with peace;
From the evil of earth and its taint
My desire found release.

The last two books on our list are of a deeper significance and merit a more careful consideration than the rest. In _____ and fine spirit expressing itself in a direct and tender way, singing of many matters, of things as diverse as the telephone and Easter lilies, love and loss, liberty and the fire-fly, but remaining sincere and individual, without pose or sentimentality. The initial poem, a dialogue between a

mother and daughter, has real dramatic force. It is too long for quoting, and we must content ourselves with the second part of "Rhymes of an Old House" as more convenient for our space, and as translating into graceful form a feeling common to most hearts:

The New Householder.
Who sits under my roof-tree?
One whom I have not known;
He dug not the old foundations,
He laid not a simple stone;
Where a thousand echoes greet me,
He hears no word nor breath
And the walls that to me are lettered,
To him are as blank as death.

Here I come as a stranger,
Faring at his behest;
Here he rules as the master,
Greeting a haunted guest;
For, as I sit by his fireside,
Faintly I see and hear
The light of a by-gone presence,
The call of an old-time cheer.

Here I wept in the darkness,
(Hark, how the old griefs cry!)
Here she lay in her beauty,
She who can never die.
Aye, though he pay the purchase,
I have the right divine!
His is the shell—the shadow—
The soul of the house is mine.

The last book is by an Englishwoman and reveals the true poetic instinct. She is capable of emotion and of giving that emotion voice. The book is uneven and a good many of the poems lack interest, but it is one to be loved, nevertheless, for what is good in it is of real excellence, delicate and strong, while a faith in what is high and beautiful inspires it at times to a true nobility of phrase and music. The note of passion and of wildness is occasionally struck, as in the lines "Come Back," of which we can quote only the last stanza:

The winds know your name, Eugene,
They shriek it aloud, aloud;
Ah, though you lie between
Breasts of the bride whom none desert
Leave her a moment, heal my hurt,
Come back for me, Eugene, Eugene!

Of quite another sort is the "Gardening Song," of which this is the first verse:

When I am in my garden
I am a monk of old
Illuminating missals
With blue and green and gold
In cunning, burnished letters
He wrote the name of God,
In daffodils and tulips
I print it on the sod.

And this on "Memory" shows Miss Bunston's felicity in producing, with a few words, a genuine impression:
[end of clipping]

Memorandum of travelling expenses [in Jas. Dinsmore's handwriting]

Anderson County share August 1845

Passages to Frankfort	\$9.00
Expenses at do	1.50
Carriage hire to Lawrenceburgh	6.50
Bridge & Turnpike tolls	1.37
Expenses at Frankfort on return	3.75
Expenses to Lexington	3.75
Do at Brennans & porterage	2.00
Do at Mrs. Dunhams	10.00
Do back to Frankfort	3.75
Do at Frankfort	3.75
Passage to Bellevue	<u>7.50</u>
	<u>3/\$52.87</u>
	<u>17.62</u>
Expenses Mrs. Ramsay & Mrs. Bloomfield	\$35.25
Cash received	<u>34.00</u>
	\$ 1.25

G. B. Gibson's Sons

Hardware, Stoves, Furniture, Implements

Rising Sun, Ind.

[total bill for \$5.80 but illegible]

No. _____ Grant. Ky. 4/17/1911

Citizens Deposit Bank

Pay to Myself or bearer, \$8.37

Eight & 37/100 Dollars

For Cash Julia S. Dinsmore

T. R.'s father had 2 brothers and 5 sisters. T. R. had 26 first cousins and a half sister named Funkhauser with a family. The first cousin said he wrote to and visited them—well!

Mrs. Robert Munro-Ferguson

Assynt, Evanton

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[advertisement]

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Packed ½ gross in carton 10 gross to the case.

1 Calf weight 150
 7
 \$10.50
July 5—10 M. J. C. [Mike Corbin]

[newspaper cut-out]

“The Psalm of Life.”

Henry W. Longfellow.

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Tell me no, in mour[n]ful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream;
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world’s broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe’er pleasant;
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o’erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o’er life’s solemn main,

A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Tobacco of 1906

Dick's	8580 lbs	657.60
Joe's	9120 lbs	843.60
Leeomer's	4820 lbs	<u>403.80</u>
	22520	\$1905.00

5/25 1910

D. R. Green & Co.
Coal, Lumber and Cement
Rising Sun Indiana
Deliver to Miss Julia Dinsmore
When _____

Terms _____
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5 " 1/4-14' B & B Floor 3/ 3 00 .69
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Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Your Money and any freight on Express charges you paid will be promptly returned for any good not perfectly satisfactory

Concerning order No. H654434
Mr. I. S. Dinsmore,
Petersburg, Ky.

Apr. 18, 1910

Dear Sir:--

Your order for incubator and breeder was placed with the factory for prompt shipment and while we cannot give the exact date of shipment we have every belief that same has been sent and trust you have received same ere this.

If, however, for any reason shipment has been delayed and same has not reached your station we ask that you wait a few days longer—then write us and we will have shipment traced and rushed to you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.

Post Office Department
Official Business

Miss J. S. Dinsmore
R. D. Route No. 1

4282
RECEIPT
for
U.S. Postal Money Order
3.00
Petersburg, KY
Apr. 6 1910

The J. M. McCullough's Sons Co.

On board the good Steamboat

Madison Packet

Bellevue Landing Ky

Miss J S. Dinsmore

Dated at Cincinnati, this 18 day of May 10

1 Box Sundries 25 [lbs]

Madison Packet

At Cincinnati, O. 5-18 190 10 From THE FOY PAINT & GLASS CO.

Consigned to Miss J. S. Dinsmore

Destination Bellevue Landing State of KY County of Boone

1 Box 50 [lbs]

2 Cans Oil 100

5 kegs Lead 300

65

[signature which I cannot read]

Madison Packet

At Cincinnati May 1 1910

From The Kentucky Co. [?]

Consigned to Miss J. S. Dinsmore

Destination Bellevue Landing State of Ky

Route, Madison Packet

1 One bdle ____

1 One crate gals __d

Tax Notice.

Grant, Ky. Aug. 23, 1910.

Miss Julia S. Dinsmore.

Dear Sir:-

By an order of the Board of Trustees of the Bellevue Graded School, Dist. #2, directing collector to send notices to all tax-payers. Said school tax must be paid by the 19th of Sept., 1910. On that day the limit is out, and taxed property will be advertised. Amt. \$ 54.75

Please call at Citizens Deposit Bank and settle.
J. J. Walton, Treasurer and Collector

Be sure

To return

All of these bills

If you have to write
us about this order.

**If you fail to return them we will
be delayed in answering you.**

We can give you prompt
attention if you will

Return all the bills

If you have to write us.

Statement of Account

Chicago, 5/20/10

To I S Dinsmore [sic]
Town Petersburg State Ky.
R.F.D. No. 1

You Owe Us

88 cents

If you will kindly refer to the footing at the end of your bill you will see that there is a small balance due us as shown above.

The money you sent was not quite enough to cover the full amount of the order, and we decided to accommodate you by shipping your goods at once, temporarily charging the small balance against you, rather than to inconvenience you and delay your order by writing you for the balance. Your bill fully explains why this amount is due us.

You will oblige us very much, therefore, if you will send us postage stamps, money order or check to close this account. If, however, you expect to send another order to us before long, you may wait and then send enough extra to close this account.

BE SURE

To return this statement when you send the money to us

SEARS, ROEBUCK, AND CO.
CHICAGO

Statement

Bought of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Order No. M654434 Date May 20

Shipped by Freight

Merchandise we shipped you amounts to	15.98
Freight charges	<u>.90</u>
Total	16.88
Cash sent by you	<u>16.00</u>
Balance due us	.88

Dear Customer:

After billing your Order, we find there is a balance due us as shown on the enclosed U. O. US Statement.

We would great appreciate your kindness in sending us this amount by return mail so that we may close your account.

When you send this amount, be sure to enclose the U.O. US Statement in your letter with your remittance, to prevent any possible misunderstanding.

We hope you will be pleased with the merchandise in this shipment, and trust you will send us another order soon.

L1023A

Very truly yours,

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.

P.S.—DO NOT FORGET that if you write us about this order, your bill (all the sheets of it) must be returned to us in the same envelope and attached to your letter.

[envelope]

Oscar Jones

Dealer in

Groceries, Provisions

Notions, Etc.

Rising Sun Indiana

Miss Julia Dinsmore

Grant,

Ky.

Boone County.

[envelope]

Oscar Baxter

Rising Sun

Indiana

Oscar Jones

Dealer in

Family Groceries, Provisions, Notions, etc.

Walnut Street.

Rising Sun, Indiana, 6—10 1910

Miss Julia Dinsmore

Grant Ky.

Madam

Will you please tell me about the relations-ship of the Simpson heirs of Covington Ky. how they were related to Aunt Liza and if you have a claim against the property please tell me the amount. Enclosed find stamped envelope.

Please answer soon.

P.S. The heirs as I remember are Lewis Everson, Polly Mitchell & the Simpsons is that correct or do you know?

Respt,

Oscar Baxter.

[newspaper clipping]

Funeral of Mrs. Mitchell

Short service here Today—Burial to be at Mexico, Mo.

A short funeral service was held at four o'clock this afternoon for Mrs. Sophie Mitchell, who died yesterday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hodges. Tonight the body will be taken to Mexico, Mo., for burial, accompanied by Mrs. Hodges and Miss Sally Boon.

Mrs. Mitchell, nee Sophie Bayless, came of an old Maryland family. She was born in Portland, Ohio, living there until her marriage to Leander C. Mitchell. Most of her married life was spent in Alton, Ill., later in Mexico and Louisiana, Mo., but since the death of her husband, eight years ago, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hodges, where her declining years have been a season of happiness and contentment, surrounded by every comfort and care that love could devise and her passing away, silently, painlessly as a child falls to sleep, was a great comfort to those who knew and loved her.

She was a woman endowed with mental ability of the highest order, and during her active years, her accomplishments made her the leader of the intellectual and social circles in which she moved. Always a strong member and when health permitted she was an ardent worker in the Episcopal church. She took great pride in her lineal descent from Bishop William White, first consecrated bishop of the United States.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hodges of Carthage and Mrs. R. M. White of Mexico, Mo., two grandsons, Leigh Mitchell Hodges of Philadelphia, Mitchell White of Mexico, Mo., and there [sic] great grandchildren, Elizabeth Patterson of Memphis, Tenn., and Mitchell and Mary Hodges of Philadelphia.

Patriot and Aurora Daily Packet

Nov. 28, 1910

Mrs. Julia Dinsmore

Bellevue Ky

Leaves Patriot Daily at 6:30 A.M.

Leaves Aurora Daily at 2:30 P.M.

To Steamer ALMA Dr.

1 express pkg freight 25 amount 28 [?]

[env.]

Gran Realty Co.

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St. Paul, Minn.

Julia S. Dinsmore

Petersberg, [sic]

Kentucky

R. F. D. Route No. 1

[in Julia's handwriting]

Lucy Allen ½ sister

Willy Thomas daughter

Abe Ballard

118 Center St.

Red Cross Infirmary

[env]

Sheet Metal Works Dept.

The L. Kruckemeyer Co.
108-110 Liberty St.
Cincinnati, O.

Miss I. S. Dinsmore,
R. F. D. #1, Petersburg,
Boone Co. Ky.

Madison Packet
Received at Cincinnati May 13 1910
The Kentucky Co.

Consigned to Miss J. S. Dinsmore
Destination Belleview Landing State of Ky
Route Madison Packet

1 One bale pipe [?]
1 One crate galv. Hood
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HEAT YOUR HOME
With
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THE L. KRUCKEMEYER CO.
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The L. Kruckemeyer Co.
Tin, Slate, Tile, and Comb-doition Roofing [?], Skylight, Sheet Metal and Cornice Work
Cincinnati, O May 13, 1910.

Sold to Miss I. S. Dinsmore,

Terms: Net Cash

R. F. D. #1 Petersburg, Boone Co. Ky

Making 1 hood & base as per bid.

10.00

1906

June

- 1 Looked like rain and sprinkled about noon. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—hung gate on the pike at Dick's and began on back kitchen lot fence. Patched floor in the kitchen &c. Harry went to Doll Walton's and got wool sack—then rode till noon after cattle that the Rices turned out of the big pasture. I went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to Patty got one from her still up at Helen's. Set out over 40 tomato plants. Harry laid off the rows and hauled gap panels &c. for the men.

- 2 Gave Joe West order on Al Rogers for a barrel of flour. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the yard fence. It was dry and warm but turned cooler at night. Willie Rice came to see me about the line fence. Harry hauled posts &c. for the fence makers this morning—he said the eaves troughs for Dick's house came.
- 3 Sunday. Warm and bright—no rain.
- 4 Sent by Joe letters to Sally, Mary C. and Jamie. Sent for 6 rolls of fence wire 1 from Al Rogers, also for Dick's eaves troughs. Went to see Dick and Leeomer working at the creek they are trying to turn. Harry burned pile of creeper vines. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence by the kitchen. I went to Burlington after dinner took Mr. Birdzell's check for 110.70 (see May 31st) to the Bank and Mr. Revill cashed it. I left 50. in bank. Went to Hilda's and paid her the 25. she lent me (see May 25th). Went to Bellevue and McVile, got letter from Patty at Helen's. It had thundered and looked like rain off and on and by 8 P.M. it rained.
- 5 There was rain enough to make a tobacco season and all hands were setting out. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked. Mr. Vest the Co. Surveyor came down and after noon we were going to run the fence line next to the D. G. Rice heirs, but we had a rain storm—after the rain quit we went over and Mr. Vest ran the line. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley helped and under his direction set stakes on the line, and marked my half. Harry got sweet potato plants at Uncle Jake's and set them out also some early cabbage. Sent letter to Julia.
- 6 Warm and cloudy. Had milk cows turned into the back pasture. Harry spent most of his time hunting the other cattle and put them in the big pasture. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—paid each 10. Set out more tomato plants. Mr. Aikin and his hand were patching up the yard paling &c. sent by him letter to Patty. Got letters from Sally and Susie Tew and invitation from Lucy Johnstone.
- 7 Patsy's wedding day—poor child—such is life. Bright hot day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked—patched floors in Joe's house and yard paling and gutter &c.
- 8 Another bright hot day. Went to see Will Arnold about pasturing cattle till my fence is made. Harry turned the black cattle and the calves into Will's pasture this evening. Harry ploughed my six rows of corn and put some rows with the cultivator between other vegetables—hoed butter beans, and went for the sow that was at Bob Brady's. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the line fence between me and Mrs. Annie Rice's sons. They cut trees sawed posts &c. Mr. Hall Joe's hand hauled some rocks and posts for them after dinner. Leeomer and Tobe McCarthy worked ½ day (after dinner) on the fence row, pulling down the fence butting briars and grubbing and cutting bushes. I saw Mr. Fred cutting thistles. Harry said there was another calf with the black cattle 7 in all. Ernest Grant came this evening.
- 9 Did n't write in this till the 11th. Sent for Hilda who came down. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. Jesse came and told me that Hector Patty's young horse was badly cut on Will Arnold's fencing fighting with Will's young horse. Sent Harry for him and found him badly injured—one cut at least 9 inches long and deep and gaping—under his shoulder—other small cuts. Sent for the new Doctor Perkins after asking his consent to come by telephone. He stitched up the wound &c. Mr. McCarthy worked ½ day till noon on the fence row. Leeomer the same—cleaned it out. Got letter from Sally. Joe's family went to Aurora.
- 10 Sunday. Bright pretty day—turned cool at night. Hilda and I went to night meeting and the wedding of Miss Mae Cason and Mr. Sandford. Mr. Mattox married them and Mr. Arthur Rouse and Mae's sister stood up with them. My Crimson Rambler rose is in its glory the most beautiful one of the kind I ever saw.
- 11 Hilda went home. Cool bright day. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the fence. Joe and his hand and Dick were ploughing corn. Mr. George Blythe came and bought a hundred bushels

- of corn at fifty cents—and I said I would take 4 barrow shoats at 6 cts in part pay—he took a load with him. I worked in the garden—hoed, and set out Egg Plants also worked and replanted my flower vines in the yard. Harry hoes sweet potatoes and cabbage plants.
- 12 Got letter from Patty at Sally's. Mr. Blythe brought me 4 barrow shoats Duroc Jerseys—that he says weigh 530 lbs at 6 cts = 31.80. He got another load of corn—is to have it weighed deduct the money for the hogs and leave the balance in Bank with Mr. Revill. Cool morning 54° at sunup. After noon Leeomer worked at picking over and sacking wool. Harry helped. Got letter from Sarah. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence next the Ras Rice heirs. I worked in the garden hoed and bugged the Hubbard squash and melon vines—cucumbers eaten up. It was cool cloudy and looked like rain. Joe went to Cin.\
 - 13 Cool again—began to rain about 9 A.M. Lily came down and said she could n't come to work. Mr. Hall hauled over to the fence row the stretchers, staples, smooth wire and 2 part rolls of barb. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley were there—then Mr. Hall harrowed weeds out in the garden till the rain stopped him and finished the ½ day helping with the wool. Leeomer worked ½ day with the wool. Mr. Aikin and his hand did n't come to dinner—on account of rain I suppose. It was a chilly east rain. Harry set out early Jersey cabbage and I set out peppers.
 - 14 A fine season and all hands setting out tobacco. Harry worked for Joe till 3 P.M. There was a good rain about noon while the hands were in for dinner. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the fence. I went to Bellevue—got M. J. Corbin to cash a check for 30. on the Boone Co. Dep. Bank. Put in P.O. letters to Patty and Sally and got one from Sally. Turned warmer.
 - 15 Good season all hands setting out tobacco. Harry worked ½ day for Dick. There was a fine rain between 1 and 2 P.M. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked at the fence. I set out a few pepper plants and Harry the rest of the early cabbage.
 - 16 Got from Boone Co. Dep. Bk. the weights of the corn and hogs from Mr. Blyth and notice of 8.95 put to my credit in Bk. The corn was 82 ½ bus. at .50 came to 41.25. He took of .50 for the weighing, making me pay for weighing his hogs, which brought it to 40.75 and the hogs 31.80 deducted leaves 8.95. Mr. Hall said he had worked 11 days and I had pd. him 6.00. I gave him an order on Corbin for 2.25. Paid June 21st. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley worked on the fence.
 - 17 Sunday. Sally Woolley came down on the boat.
 - 18 It sprinkled sometimes and about 5 P.M. there was a hard rain. Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley came and said they finished the line fence Sat. They patched up the yard paling a little and painted the metal roofs and the graveyard gate. Sent Harry down and got another gallon of Roofing paint at Al. Rogers'. Settled with Mr. Aikin and Mr. Staley. They said they had worked 28 ½ days since we last went over the work. I paid Mr. Staley 8.50 in full and Mr. Aikin 12.15 and owe him 3.50. Paid June 21st. The men were setting out tobacco.
 - 19 At 5 A.M. sprinkling rain. Turned out the 4 shoats (see 12th) the smallest seeming to be sick for some days. Died the 20th. Mr. Lee Huey and Mr. Hicks came to see my wool and lambs. It rained off and on sometimes hard. The men set tobacco said they were nearly done.
 - 20 Rained off and on during the day. The men finished setting tobacco I think. Got letter from Patty, with Sue's from Glasgow.
 - 21 Sally Woolley went home on the Swan. It was clear and cool. I went to Burlington and to Bank. There was only 28.95 to my credit. I left a check for 10.88 for Mr. Edgar Berkshire and took the balance. Went to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin the cash order (see 16th) and left 3.50 with Al Rogers for Mr. Aikin. Got letter from Sally. Went to see Hilda. Mr. Fred Utz came to see me about the lambs and sheep.

- 22 Susan went to Aurora. Young Mr. Pope came and got 20 bus. of corn pd. me 10. I turned my black cattle Doll's stock animal 4 calves and 2 two-0year-olds from Will Arnold's pasture back into my own (see 8th). Also went to Mrs. Annie Rice's to see Will about the fence. Harry ploughed some in the garden and I hoed. Sally Woolley called me up on the telephone to-night.
- 23 Did n't write in this till the 26th. The garden being in condition to work although it rained last night Harry hoed some and I did too. Got note from Sally Woolley. Rained at night.
- 24 Sunday. Looked like rain but did n't till night then had a harder rain than we have had since the drouth.
- 25 I went up on cherry hill—all hands setting out tobacco, replanting. After noon Zecky Rice cut Dick's wheat on the pike in front of the yard. Sent letters to Patty and Belle R. got letter from Patty.
- 26 Rained hard last night. Dick says Middle Creek was higher than it has been this spring. After Noon Zecky Rice cut wheat. Mr. Gaines came to look at sheep. Sent letters to Sally W. and Julia.
- 27 Mr. Jim Gaines got 20 bus. corn—then he and his brother Elmo came and the latter gave me a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 10. Zecky Rice was here cutting wheat—his machine broke before he got done. Had letter from Hilda. It did n't rain, very hot and looked like rain.
- 28 Zecky Rice came and finished cutting wheat. I indorsed the check I got yesterday and made it payable to E. C. Rice and let Dick Loudon have it and 5.00 to pay for cutting wheat. Pd. Aug. 4th.
- 29 Went to Bellevue—got photograph of the Sound view from Sally and letter from Sue in Glasgow. Sent 2 cows old Blanche and Amy down to be shipped on the boat to Geo. Blong and Co. that Mike advised. Rode to see the Rice's new wire fence (9 wire) and the cattle, colts, sheep & lambs. Very hot 94° when I was in Bellevue, no rain.
- 29 Did n't rain—very hot. Sent Harry to get Aunt's whiskey—got letter from Sally and sent her one. Harry ploughed weeds in the garden and hoed vegetables. I hoed and tied up tomatoes and set out peppers and a few late egg plants. 96° in Bellevue.
- 30 The day my darling sister Belle died. Lord love her sweet soul. It was hot and did n't rain. Got letters from Patty and Julia—also from Geo. Blong & Co.—the returns from the cows (see 28th). The cows weighed 1520 lbs and sold at 2 cts came to 30.40. Expenses came to 5.55 and he sent me a check on Fourth Natl. Bk. Cin. for 24.85.

July

- 1 Sunday—fair and hot.
- 2 Had milk cows turned into the big pasture. Mr. Hall cut clover this morning and laid off some corn rows in the garden after noon. Harry planted some corn and beans and hoed the butter beans that I tied up, and also melons. Went to Bellevue—got Mike to cash the check from Geo. Blong & Co., see June 30th. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. also letter from Patty saying she was going to the Adirondacks.
- 3 This morning I worked in the garden. Harry ploughed it and planted more corn and beans. Dorry Cook made Joe's hearth of concrete. Got letter from Belle R. saying she expected to be here Friday—also one from Jamie Tew. It rained hard between 3 and 4 P.M. Harry went away on Swan.
- 4 Warm day. Frances Grant came to see me.
- 5 Harry was back. Lily washed and ironed for me. Mr. Hall at 9.30 came down and raked up the clover cut Monday. It rained a shower at noon—the hands waited on account of the

- appearance of a storm and hauled in two loads of hay. Mr. Hall and Dick and Harry helped. I worked helping clean the balcony room for Belle R. and late hoed in garden.
- 6 Sent Harry up to Aurora for Belle—he waited till the next train but she did n't come. Got letters from Patty at Lake Ragnette and from Sally and Mrs. Brown. Sent by Harry letter to Patty and postal to Sally. Ernest and Lily came to call. After dinner Mr. Hall and Dick got in the rest of the hay, the clover that had been down since Monday and rained on. Cooler night. There were only 2 loads of the hay.
 - 7 Belle Raymond came down from Aurora. Sent Harry for Hilda who came and went to church. Mr. Hall cut clover before noon and broke the mowing machine. At night it rained with plenty of lightning.
 - 8 Sunday
 - 9 Mr. Fred Utz came and bought all my sheep and lambs as follow. He takes

60 head of sheep at 4.00 a head
20 head " " at 2.00 "
30 lambs at " at 4.00 "
20 lambs at " at 2.50 "
Lambs to be taken Total 450.

 about July 20th
 Sheep about Aug 10th 1906
 Went to Rising Sun—got cashed at Mr. Perkins bank my draft see 2nd. Pd. Gibson's bill to date. Paid taxes on Aunt Eliza's lot and got receipts. Pd. Dr. Perkins in full for attending to Hector's cut 5.00 in presence of Harry. Paid Mr. Gene Kelly 1.90 for canvas Joe got of which he is to pay half. After dinner Harry laid off and planted come sweet corn and ploughed a little. Got letter from Patty in the Adirondacks.
 - 10 Harry brought the sheep over and put them in the back pasture—he says there is the 8th calf among the black heifers and it has white in it. Dick and Mr. Hall worked in the hay to-day—after noon Harry helped. They got in 5 loads he said, all there was. Lily washed. Aunt Nancy seemed more feeble.
 - 11 We took up the dining room carpet and cleaned the room.
 - 12 Put down the dining room carpet and cleaned up. Got letter from Patty.
 - 13 Aunt Nancy seems much worse. Moved her on to the hospital bed. Went to Bellevue. Paid Al Rogers for Joe's flour 6.65 and paid him in full for wire and sundries 8.33 also .80 for oil cloth. Pd. W. W. Grant in full to date 8.25 and .75 for Patty. Al Rogers telephoned me to go down to see the wool buyers, Mr. Lee Huey and Mr. Hicks. I had sent by wool down by Dick who went to thresh. They said my wool weighed 340 lbs. and allowed me 30 cts a pound and docked for 1 blk fleece and Mr. Hicks gave me a check on the Union Dep. Bk. for \$101.40 from Hicks Huey and Rice. The threshers came in the evening and threshed Dick's wheat. Aunt Nancy so much worse that I stayed in the kitchen at night to take care of her.
 - 14 Dick Loudon came and I let him have 6.25 for the thresher—he said there were 125 bushels. Pd. Aug. 4th. To-day I write up my book from the 10th as I had no time before to do it. Susan sick this morning. Aunt poorly still. It sprinkled.
 - 15 Sunday. The anniversary of Isabella and Bob's wedding. Aunt still very feeble.
 - 16 After noon Mr. Hall and Dick hauled wheat to the river. Got letter from mPatty. Got paper with notice of the burial of Sally Mallory's eldest son Philip Wythe last Sunday. Sprinkled several times and at evg.
 - 17 Sent letter to Patty. Worked in garden.

- 18 Put slug shot on the cabbages. Rode up on cherry hill to see the tobacco—it needs rain and is uneven and backward. Sent for Dr. Williamson who came to see Aunt Nancy. Got postal from Patty and letter from Fanny Strader, also from Mary C.
- 19 Unforgotten day. Whom the gods love die young. Hot and bright. Harry ploughed in the garden and I hoed some. Sent letter to Fanny Strader inclosing 2.00. Got telephone from Mr. Fred Utz about lambs. Got letter from Julia.
- 20 Mr. Fred Utz came and got all the sheep and lambs, and gave me his check for \$450.00. I counted 80 sheep—he counted 78 and is to count them over and let me know. Belle and I went to Burlington and to see Hilda Brady. I got Hilda to go to Bank with me and gave Mr. Revill Mr. Utz's check and the one for 101.40 of Hicks and Huey for wool (see 13th) indorsed. I paid Hilda in Bk. 200. And she gave me my note (see July 31sts 1905) which I have destroyed. Hilda had refused to take the interest. I got Mr. Revill to pay me the 1.40 and left in Bank 350. Thank Heaven the sheep are gone. The 200. I borrowed of Hilda went towards paying for my half of them. Hot at noon after 2 P.M. there was a hard rain with much thunder about sundown a lighter rain and at night another hard rain. I heard the Katydids loud and long.
- 21 Hot and often cloudy. Got letter from Patty. Rained some in the morning.
- 22 Sunday. Rained again in the morning.
- 23 Rained off and on, turned cooler—got letter from Patty. Sent letters to Sally and Julia and to Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk.
- 24 Cool. Lily and Miss Louise Prest came to call.
- 25 Fanny Strader Lee and the twins came last night on the boat. I did n't know it till this morning. Sent Harry down after their baggage—sent letter to Patty. Went to Bellevue later. Paid Susan in full to date. Belle and I went up to see the tobacco crop. Aunt Nancy still sinking every day. Cooler.
- 26 Aunt Nancy ate a biscuit the first solid food sincne the 13th. Had Hector turned out of the yard. Went to look at the black cattle—there were 9 calves. Cordy and Katy came to call. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Sally.
- 27 Aunt Nancy seems worse. Bright pretty day. Got letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. with draft for \$28.00 and one from Patty, she said she expected to leave L. Ragnette to-day.
- 28 Aunt Nancy apparently getting worse—seems failing fast. Hilda stopped as she went by and Mary Gaines. Hot. Harry ploughed in the garden some.
- 29 Sunday—a shower about 2 A.M. but light. Aunt Nancy died peacefully about 6.20 A.M. unconscious and had been so for some time. Joe went with me in the spring wagon to Steele's Rising Sun to get her coffin and box as of course there was no boat Sunday. Later he and Dick and Mr. Hall worked at digging the grave. Ernest and his cousin Mr. Prest called this evening. Mary Gaines brought Hilda to stay.
- 30 Aunt Nancy was buried about noon—in our graveyard. She looked peaceful and pleasant. All the people on the place and Rose and Leomer [sic] were here—also Lily and Flora and Miss Prest and the turn out of colored people was better than we expected. The colored preacher that Mag Marshall was to get did n't come so at the last minute I sent for Mr. Acra who kindly officiated and Dick's and Joe's daughters and Mr. Acra sang two hymns "Some sweet day" and "They never say goodbye in Heaven." The day was beautiful and all passed off well. The last link is broken that bound me to the southern past of my childhood, but a hundred years of this world is enough and to spare. "And now peace laps her round." After dinner Hilda went home. I sent a letter to Sally by her. A beautiful day.

- 31 Dick Loudon brought me the check for the wheat from Lawrenceburg Roller Mill Co. signed G. H. Lewis for \$92.23. The wheat weighed 134.10 bus. and brought 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents. Jane, Dick Utz's wife Aunt Nancy's heir came and got her things and things that Aunt had used that I gave her, also 23.45 that Aunt Nancy told me to give her in consideration of her washing Aunt's clothes. Fanny Strader Lee was the witness—as Aunt Nancy had told her all about it. Will Arnold came and I got him to say what the pasture came to see June 8th 22nd—he said 5.50. Mrs. West sowed the turnip see for me and later Harry raked them in. Harry took Tom down and had him shod. Mr. Joel Corbin came and got a load of corn at .50. I got letters from Patty and Julia.

August

- 1 It is eleven years since Tilden left us. Lord love his soul. Hot bright day. Harry took Susan over to Ethel's. Belle and I went to Bellevue. Miss Dolly Botts came and got a sack of corn 1 bus. Got the men to rope Pink cow and had her lame shoulder rubbed. Took Dick's wheat check down and Al Rogers indorsed it.
- 2 We went to Burlington to visit Hilda but she was not at home. I went to Bank and gave Mr. Revill the check Dick got for the wheat (see July 31st) and indorsed it. I left 30. Of it in the bank and took the rest. Mr. Revill said Mr. Joel Corbin left with him 22.65 for 45 bus. 20 lbs. corn he got. I gave Mr. Revill .25 for Mr. Hogan for weighing it. It was hot. After dinner I rode round to show Joe what poles he could cut for tier poles. He and his hand worked at getting them. Got letter from Sally and notice from Bk. about the corn.
- 3 Bright and hot. Sent Harry down with Kitty and had her shod. Got letter from Patty at Mrs. Robinson's Mohawk, and one from Julia. Went to Will Arnold's and paid him 5.50 for pasturing cattle (see June 22nd). Harry went to salt the cattle—said the black calves were there. Mr. Hall cut weeds and briers in the vineyard $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 4 Dick Loudon came to get his wheat money. His half of the check 92.23 (see July 31st) is 46.12. On this I had let him have 21.25 (see June 28 and July 14th) which leaves 24.87. I gave him 25.00.
- 5 Sunday. Hot and sultry.
- 6 Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Had a shower about 7 A.M. a light one. Got letter from Sally W. at Narragansett. Joe was going to Bellevue and took Cy and had him shod. Leeomer worked for me cutting weeds in vineyard. Hot and sultry.
- 7 Joe Mr. Hall and Leeomer worked on the road. Hilda came with Estell Huey to call. Belle and I went to Bellevue. Sent letters to Julia and to Isabella, got one from Sue home again at Chautauqua. Still hot and sultry. Had first corn. Got a telephone from Julia Foster.
- 8 Rained a good shower early. Joe said he and Mr. Hall worked on the road till noon. Sent letter to Isabella inclosing \$20. as a present from Belle to her at Belle's request, and letter to Patty. Got letter from Patty, Sally and Isabella. Harry whitewashed the room in the kitchen. Leeomer cut weeds in the vineyard after noon. Mr. Parsons got 5 bus. nubbin corn and paid me for it 2.00.
- 9 Rained again last night. I walked up to the tobacco and through it. Cloudy and hot. Belle and I walked to see Flora. Harry went over the river to take Susan's trunk to her.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day. Holda came. Mary Huey brought her. Belle and I went to call on Lily Grant. Harry took Ty down and got her shod behind. I sent letter to Sally Mallory. Got one from Sue. Very hot and sultry.
- 11 Leeomer said he worked 5 days this week cutting weeds and briers. Hilda went to church. Got letters from Patty in N. Y. and from Julia.
- 12 Sunday. Hilda went home. Hot.

- 13 Sprinkled about sunup. Air very misty round the horizon for several days. I went to Bob Brady's to see about hogs—sent Harry for the sow. Harry laid by the corn in the garden—it is too high to plough again—then he hauled out ashes &c. We walked to the big pasture the springs are filled up with mud.
- 14 My darling b.b.'s birthday, Lord love her. We had fine rains very much needed. Sent letters to Patty and to Sue. Got paper with piece about the death of Lizzie's daughter, Sibyl Isabel Hodges (Mrs. Malcolm R. Patterson) died August 6th.
- 15 We went to Hilda's and spent the day and Belle stayed. Cloudy most of the day. I stopped at Mr. T. D. Goodridge's and engaged ½ bus. damsons.
- 16 Went to Rising Sun got Mr. Perkins to cash my draft (see July 27th) went to R. A. Steele's and pd. \$30 for Aunt Nancy's casket and got receipt. Got letters from Patty Sally and Isabella, the last saying she received my letter with cousin Belle's 20. (see 8th). It was hot, and rained after noon.
- 17 Remembered the anniversary of my dear mother's death, and I 'rise up and call her blessed.' Sent Harry for Belle who came home. I canned the first tomatoes. Rained.
- 18 Hot and threatened rain then rained with thunder and lightning. Got letter yesterday from Patty.
- 19 Sunday—hot.
- 20 Hot as pepper. Harry took down all the meat and we went over it and resacked it. Went to Bellevue—stopped to see Betty. Put in letters to Sally and Lizzie Hodges—got one from Patty.
- 21 Rode all around to see the tobacco—then preserved pears. Towards evening there was a very hard rain with heavy thunder. Middle Creek was up so they could n't get the cows.
- 22 Leeomer came and said he had worked 8 days, cutting weeds and helping build rail fence. I paid him in full to date. Weather very hot.
- 23 We went to Bellevue and I got Mike Corbin to cash a check for 20.00 on the Boone Co. Deposit Bk. Went to Doll Walton's to ask him to come down and settle for the sheep. Intensely hot these days. Harry got 2 packages of 2 lbs. Paris Green for Joe the other day.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday. Lord love him. Got letter from Patty. Picked a mashed grapes—hot as pepper, hot in N. York too.
- 25 Everybody on the place went to the Lawrenceburg Fair except Belle and me. I canned tomatoes and made a little wine. Hot as "toba" and a shower towards evening. Fanny and the children came home at night.
- 26 Sunday. Very hot again, about noon a shower with lightning—about 8 P.M. a thunderstorm, very heavy rain with it. The lightning flooded [?] from the telephone after the circuit was cut off, and it cracked like a pistol.
- 27 Cooler and rained—cleared off right cool. Mr. Bob Brady came by with his hogs and took my sow on with them. Got letters from Patty and Sally Woolley. Belle and I walked up to see the tobacco, and the men were all worming it.
- 28 55° at sunup and clear, a sudden change. Yesterday sold Mr. Clutterbuck a dozen chickens and some eggs 3.46. Went to Aurora with Belle Raymond and saw her on the train for Cin. on her way to Julia's. Did some errands in town. Went to Bank (Mr. Davis's) and got a check cashed on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 10.00. Came home by Ernest's and dined there to see Miss Louise Prest by invitation.
- 29 Harry brought the mail, a letter from Sue. They were putting in the new iron bridge by Dick's. Mr. Bob Brady brought my mail, letter from Patty. It was still cool. 55° at sunup. Sent Harry with the ladder to get some Seckel pears—he then took the wagon to Will Grant's and got him to put new irons on the hames. I canned tomatoes.

- 30 58° at sunup and turned warmer. I worked at Chili Sauce and pears. Mr. Bob Brady brought me a check from George Shiner for the sow. She weighed 400 and at 5.10 came to 20.40. The charges were 1.36 and the check on the Stock Yards Bk. and Trust Co. for 19.04. Got letter from Sally. Did n't write again till Sep. 2nd.
- 31 Made tomato catsup. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Belle R. in Clifton. 64° at sunup. This was Boone Fair Week.

September

- 1 Began to make Grape jelly (Concord). Got letter from Patty of the 30th. Lily Grant came to see me. Ernest stopped for her. Hot again.
- 2 Sunday. Dick Loudon got a side of last year's bacon 18lbs. I went to the burying of Millard Fleek's baby in Bellevue Cemetery. Hot again—sultry. About 8 P.M. heavy rain with severe lightning.
- 3 Sent Harry over to salt and count the cattle and he found Sally's filly cut on the shoulder with wire—spent the best of the day trying to drive her to the barn lot and gave it up. I bottled my little wine. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Hilda inclosing a postal that had been sent to Burlington to me. It was from R. L. Gorman, Clerk Board Public Works, St. Paul and asked my statement about an assessment for paving my lots. They are lots 16 to 30 Block 7 Gilberts Addition North side of Minnehaha St. St. Paul. Also letters from Patty of the 1st and letter from Lizzie Hodges. After noon Mr. Hall hauled out trash hay from the sheep cellar, he and Joe had been tiering off the new barn. Ella Rice (Mrs. Is. Smith) stopped by to see me.
- 4 Sent by Harry to mail letter to Frank inclosing the card received yesterday and a note to Patty. I canned some tomatoes and put up a little grape juice. Went to B. this evening to see Ella Rice Smith.
- 5 Got telephone from Cin. "Isabella has a daughter, both doing well S. G. F." Thank God for the poor child and all of us. Went over to Flora's and telephoned Lily my telegraph about Isabella. Harry took the small sled to Mr. Grant to repair. I sent letters to Patty Belle R. and Lucy J. for Sarah. Got note from Patty and letter from Julia. Made canned tomatoes. Pleasant day—cooler.
- 6 Warmer—sent letters to Sue and Julia. Harry went to take pears to Susan. Got letter from Sally written the 4th and note from Susie T. Went to the funeral of Mr. Charlie Acra's father Mr. Reuben Acra at their family burying ground near Huntsville. On the way saw some tobacco cut and some corn cut. Miss Botts got another bus. of corn and paid for both 1.00.
- 7 Went to Mr. T. D. Goodridge's to get damsons. Mr. and Mrs. Keim of Chillicothe O. and Mr. Keim of Petersburg and his granddaughter Miss Hauper (?) of Cin. (14—13th St.) were here when I got home and spent the day. Lily Grant stopped in passing. I got note from Bob Ferguson about Isabella and a letter from Belle R. Warm.
- 8 Sent for Hilda who came. I went to B. to see about wagon—borrowed one from Mike. Joe got barrel of patent flour at Corbin's on my account 4.75. Got letters from Patty and Sally and one from Frank about my lots. Canned tomatoes.
- 9 Sunday. My beloved mother's birthday—Lord love her precious soul. Rained. Hilda went home after dinner.
- 10 Remembered my darling sister's birthday. Made up my damsons and canned tomatoes. Hot and rained about 3 P.M.

- 11 Sent Harry to meet the boat with note to Cap. about Susie's coming. Went to the river later Susie Tew came on the Swan. It was hot. Got letter from Julia. Sent letter to Patty.
- 12 Harry went over the river to help Rastus he said. I went to Bellevue and hired Charlie Snelling's wagon for a week at .25 a day. Rode up to see the tobacco. After dinner it rained a shower and there was a rainbow. I cleaned my room.
- 13 It rained last night and this morning and cleared off warm. I got letters from Patty and from Sally at Maplewood Hotel White Mountains. Worked in grapes. Turned cooler at night.
- 14 Much cooler this morning—a fine day to work in tobacco. Got letter from Sarah at Sumner's Forest. Mr. W. W. Grant sent word the skein had come and the wagon was done. Cool this evening.
- 15 Joe sent back Mr. Charlie Snelling's wagon and got mine. A beautiful day. I walked up to see the tobacco. Got note from Mr. O. J. Baxter about Aunt Eliza's lot in R. S. Cool at night. Sent letter to Patty with Sarah's.
- 16 Sunday. 52° at sunup—bright pretty day. Harry came back at night. Still cool.
- 17 Warmer. We went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty—she said Isabella's baby was named Martha after her. I rode up to see the tobacco. Got Mike to cash check (see Aug. 30th).
- 18 Turned hot again. Let Harry help Dick to-day in his tobacco. Joe said he hauled in all he had cut. I made Chili Sauce.
- 19 Sprinkled off and on and after noon rained. Harry worked ½ day for Dick in tobacco. Got letter from Sally with check for also postal from Hilda.
- 20 70° at sunup, pleasant day. West to Aurora to put Susie Tew on the train for Cin. on her way to New Orleans, got home by 1.30 and rode up to see the tobacco. Got letter form Lucy J. and one for Susie.
- 21 Harry worked to-day in tobacco helping Dick. I made quince marmalade. Joe has had Mr. Deck and his boy helping him.
- 22 Sent to P.O. Susie's letter by Lou. At last Doll, John J. Walton came down to settle for the sheep. I had paid \$235. for ½ of the sheep (see Aug. 5th 1905) and now pay him for the other half that I took off his hands (see Jan. 17th 1906) also for 2 bucks in addition for which he charged 15.00. I gave him a check on the Boone Co. Dep. Bank for \$250.00 in full. I worried with the sheep about a year was at all manner of expense and trouble with them and sold sheep and lambs all together to Mr. Fred Utz for 450.00 which is 35. Less than the sheep alone cost—such is life and partnership farming. It sprinkled during the day and after dark rained with thunder and lightning.
- 23 Sunday. Bright pretty day—warm.
- 24 Rode to Bellevue—took letter to Sally with the check (see 19th). A beautiful morning. Went to the funeral in the new Cemetery of Mr. Sam Clore. Harry worked ½ day in tobacco for Dick. Then he took the wagon down and Mr. Grant mended the hounds and also put 3 shoes on Cy. I made a little wine. It turned cooler this evening.
- 25 Went to Burlington and to Bank. Mr. Revill said I had 122.65 dollars to my credit. I got the 22.65 and left the 100. Then as the D. S. Mr. Cropper was at Bellevue with the book I went there later and paid him my taxes 88.88 and got his receipt. I paid him by check on the bank which leaves me a balance there of 11.12. When I got home settled with Fanny in full paid her expenses back as I did here, in all 7.00, and gave her 5.00. Dined at Hilda's and called on her cousin Miss Kate Shreve who is visiting her. Got letter from Julia. It was warm and sprinkled in the evening. Went on a general cook hunt without success.
- 26 Rained last night and all day. Fanny intended to go back to Ripley O. to-day but could n't go on account of the rain. Harry took her trunk and boxes to the river. Joe tried to work in his tobacco but gave it up.

- 27 Fanny an[d] the twins went on the Swan on their way home to Ripley O. Harry took them down and had Ty's shoes reset. Later he took Hector down and had him shod. I got letters from Belle R. and Susie Tew. Rode up to see the tobacco. Little Julia came and stayed all night.
- 28 Went up on Double Lick on a girl hunt for nothing—got home about noon—then it rained off and on. Sent letter to Patty and got one from her.
- 29 Raining of course—some hard showers. Rained so hard later that they did n't get the cows across the creek in time to milk. Harry went over the river. I gave him an order on Mike for 1.00.
- 30 Sunday. Sprinkled off and on of course.

October

- 1 Sprinkling again and at night raining. Julia Loudon stayed here last night. Harry came home this morning. I went to Bellevue—pd. Ben Corbin the 1.00 and got the order (see 29th). The men were trying to work in tobacco and had extra hands. I got letters from Sally saying Frank had bought a house in New York 147 East 36th St. and letter from Julia. Did n't write in this till the 4th.
- 2 Went to Bellevue to catch the mail with letter to Julia and on to McVille on the hunt of corn cutters and stopped to see Belle Clore.
- 3 Worked in the garden cutting peppers &c. It rained off and on of course. Went to Bellevue got letter from Fanny Lee. Julia Loudon stayed with me at night and I think last night. Put letter to Isabella in P.O.
- 4 Went up Bacon Branch to the old Merchant place to Sarah Bradford about coming to work for me. Raining off and on of course. Mr. Gilly Wiesickle began to cut corn for me said he would cut 12 hills square for 7 cts. Stopped to see Mrs. Bob. Brady on the way home. Doll Walton came down and I sold him two heifers Fanny Strader's calf and a larger one red and some white with a white shield in her forehead for 3 ¼ and the price is to go towards what I owe him for ½ the black cattle. I also agreed to winter his Angus stock animal—and if satisfied with his next set of calves pay 40. for him. The black cattle look well. The pastures are very green but of course the grass is watery. Julia stayed here last night.
- 5 Doll Walton came down for the heifers. Harry went to see his wife last night and Julia stayed with me again. Doll Walton came again and brought the weights of the 2 heifers. They weighed 1335 lbs and at 3 ¼ came to 43.38 which is to go towards paying for his half of the Angus cattle, see Nov. 27—28 05 an[d] Jan 17, 1906. I paid Doll .10 for the weighing, also Jan. 29th. An automobile with a surgeon from Cin. (as I was told) went by here going and returning. Cloudy all day and sprinkled. Mr. Tobe McCarthy came to see about cutting corn. Went to Bellevue and got Al Rogers to cash a draft for 10.00 on the Burlington Bk. Put in P.O. letter to Sally. Stopped to see Betty Rice. Rained at dark.
- 6 Raining—chilly. Let Joe West have to pay his hands 11.00. Let Dick Loudon have 12.00 to pay his tobacco hands. Pd. March 6 1907. Harry came back and says Susan had a girl baby yesterday—he went back this evening. He went after Sarah Bradford who came to work. It cleared off and turned very chilly. Got letter from Patty written Monday.
- 7 Sunday. Bright cool and breezy. I went to inquire about Belle Clore. Harry came back at night—said Susan was better.
- 8 Took to P.O. letters to Natl. Metropolitan Bk. and to Patty and Fanny Lee. Bright morning. Went to Burlington and to see Hilda and he[r] cousin Miss Kate Shreve. Went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to let me have a note for which I sent in a letter from B. to Patty to endorse and return so I could borrow the money from Bank. Borrowed of Hilda and gave her my receipt for it, till I can get the money from Bank. The wind blew hard all day—the men said it

- whipped the tobacco leaves and damaged it—so if it is n't one thing against the crop it is another. Went to Dick Loudon's and he engaged from Mr. Will Goodridge by telephone 21 bus. seed wheat at .75 a bushel. Rained at night, blew hard.
- 9 56° about sunup. It blew hard and rained and for the last two or three days the wind has been such that it ruined what fodder was left and the men quit cutting. Mr. Wiesickle had cut 49 shocks Mr. McCarthy 11 and started on some others. I went to B. and paid them in full as they requested—left 3.45 with Al Rogers for the former and 1.00 with Mr. Kelly for the latter. It turned so cold and blew so that it seemed like frost and I picked peppers and beans and had my citron melons and egg plants brought in. At night very cloudy and trying to rain. Had first fire this evening—wood in the grate.
 - 10 40° at sunup, at 8 P.M. 35°. My vines show the effect of cold though I could n't see any frost—the leaves are parched as if they had been scalded—about noon it was 'spitting snow' a few moments and chilly all day. Sent Harry down after noon and he hauled 2 loads of coal at .13 a bus. from Al Rogers, 82 bushels in all he said. Got letters from Patty Sally Julia and Sue. Joe and Dick were hauling tobacco this morning and cutting I believe with extra hands. Had fire all day.
 - 11 29° at sunup—hard frost and ice at the cisterns and casks. Rode up to see the destruction in the tobacco. Joe had at least 1600 sticks frozen—in the part Leeomer cultivated they had about 286 sticks destroyed—bright and cold to-day. The vines and vegetables frozen. Later Joe and Dick both concluded to haul in some of the tobacco as it was not all frozen. Harry dug the sweet potatoes and Joe began to dig Irish potatoes but quit to haul in tobacco. Sent letter to Sally.
 - 12 Not so cold—bright pretty day. Dick said he got in the rest of the tobacco that was cut. He wanted 35. to pay hands. I gave him \$20 and an order on M. J. Corbin for \$15. Paid March 6, 1907. Joe was hauling his tobacco that was cut and housing it in the new barn. Got letters from Patty and from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. saying the dividend would be declared the 15th and check sent.
 - 13 Mild pleasant day. Bob Brady brought Hilda and Miss Kate Shreve down to stay for church to-day and to-morrow. D. V. Dick said he was going after seed wheat to Mr. Goodridge's and I gave him the money to pay for it, he got 21 bus. and at .75 it came to 15.75. Mr. Hall said he had worked 1 ¾ days and I paid him 1.51. Got letter from Patty returning the note endorsed (see 8th). Dick brought the seed wheat.
 - 14 Sunday. Mr. Bob Brady took Hilda and Miss Kate to church, Harry being gone.
 - 15 Warmer—pretty day. Joe was digging potatoes in the garden. Harry hauled from Al Rogers 2 loads coal. Sent letter to Patty. Doll Walton came down to tell me about turning cattle in on grass on cherry hill &c., later I went up there and cut and burned burdock burrs. The others went to church at night.
 - 16 Went to Burlington to take Hilda and Miss Kate Shreve home. Went to Bank and gave Mr. Revill the note that Patty endorsed (see 13th) and signed it. The note was for \$103. Payable in six months. Paid Feb. 20, 1907. Went to pay Hilda what I borrowed (see 8th) and she wanted me to keep half of it for the present so I paid her fifty and gave her my note for fifty. Went to Miss Adams and paid her .70 due for telegram and telephoning. After I got home Harry and I brought over the cattle from the pasture across the pike—the stock animal 11 blk cows and 9 calves and the 4 calves Dick and I turned in April 14th and put them in the back pasture to go on cherry hill. Sarah Bradford got news that her sister Mrs. Clore of Bellevue had died and Harry took her to Bellevue. Little Julia stayed with me at night.
 - 17 Warm and looked like rain. Harry hauled 2 loads of coal from Al Rogers'. Rode up to see where Dick is putting in wheat in the tobacco ground. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Clore in

the new cemetery—where I went to the funeral of her husband Sep. 24th. Sarah Bradford came back later. I went on to Bellevue. Paid M. J. Corbin 15.00 and got the order I gave Dick (see 12th). Also engaged 1 1/3 bus. of timothy at 2.15 a bushel, and ordered some. Got letter from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with draft for 12.00 also letter from Patty. Warm and looks like rain at night. Doll Walton stopped to tell me about rye.

- 18 Joe went for some coal for himself and brought out the timothy 1 1/3 bus. Later he moved the scaffold off the wheat ground. I cut and burned more burdocks on cherry hill. Harry cut the rest of the fodder in the garden. After dinner it rained, a gentle rain. Dick was putting in wheat, Joe digging potatoes. It was like summer till it rained.
- 19 Damp and cloudy this morning—cleared off and was beautiful. Sent Harry down to get 8 bus. of rye that came on the Swan. Doll said it was to be .70. Got letter from Sally and one from Willie Graves about Aunt Nancy's death. Mrs. Brady stopped in to telephone. I rode and walked around to see fences watergaps grass &c.
- 20 Cooler 46° at sunup. Went to Bellevue after breakfast. Paid Al Rogers 6.60 for 8 bus. of rye and 3 sacks. Harry went down and got the sack of timothy from Mike Corbin. On the way home I paid Mr. Acra 7.35 for freight bills of Roll Aikin and got receipts. Talked with Dick Loudon about his proposition to put all the upper bottom in rye this fall. After noon Dick and Leeomer worked ½ day finishing the rail fence and fixing watergap in pasture on mud road. Joe hauled in and divided what potatoes he had dug. Warm and windy. Got paper to sign voting power of attorney, from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Al Rogers said I got in all 253 bus. coal and at .13 it comes to 32.89 which I now owe him. Paid Jan. 3d 1907.
- 21 Sunday. Warm beautiful day.
- 22 Warm and beautiful. Went to Bellevue after dinner and to Ernest Grant's—got Ernest to witness the power of attorney (see 20th). He told me that Franklina Frank Grant's widow was to be buried to-morrow. Got letters from Sally and Julia. After noon Dick was putting in wheat. I told Al Rogers to get me 8 bus. more rye.
- 23 Misty and looked like rain but cleared off warm and pretty. Went to Fanklinia Grant's funeral from Mrs. Agnes Grant's and the Christian Church to the Petersburg Cemetery. Dick was putting potatoes in the wine house cellar when I got home.
- 24 Warm and windy. Sent letter or rather the power of Atty (see 22nd) by Julia Loudon. Got letter from Fanny Lee. Turned out three calves to wean 2 steers 1 heifer, Pink's Thank's and Spot's, see Mar. 22 Apl 4 and 9. Harry hauled out 8 bus. more of seed rye and a sack of cement from Al Rogers. It rained about noon and then cleared off. Turned 7 of the black calves in the pasture on mud road—left the youngest b. calf and the other young one with the Angus cows. Made pickles. Dick was putting in wheat and timothy but had to quit on account of wind and rain.
- 25 Sent by Julia letter to Sally. Jay Cook came out to fix Dick's cistern. Joe and Mr. Tobe McCarthy began to put in rye in the bottom the one Dick tends. Dick was putting in wheat. Had the 7 blk. calves and their mammies changed about and the latter put in the calf pen and milked all but one that went on a rampage and knocked Dick against a tree. Harry got another sack of cement at Al's and Mr. Cook made a concrete hearth at Dick's.
- 26 Went to Bellevue—got letters from Hilda telling of the death of her cousin Mr. James Webb, from Frank about lots in St. Paul and from patty. Paid Al Rogers for the other 8 bus. rye and 2 sacks cement. 8.30 Joe and T. McCarthy put in rye. Went to church at night to hear the evangelist Farrar. Sent letter to Sally.
- 27 Raining and blowing like Dakota—the men could n't do anything with rye. Got letter from Sally and announcement of the marriage Oct. 24th of Bessie Cropper (Elizabeth Page) to Dr. Carleton Graves Crisler. Stopped raining but blew hard all day.

- 28 Sunday. Chilly and gloomy.
- 29 31°. Ice at the cisterns. Sent letter to Sally by Julia. Had cleaning up done in the house.
- 30 Pretty morning but changed at noon and sprinkled and was chilly. Mr. Acra set a grate at Dick's yesterday. Harry pulled the largest turnips—most of them not worth pulling. Dick attended to the youngest b. Angus calf, and I had my crêpe myrtles put in the cellar. Joe put the first load of his corn in the crib. Dick said he got 4 bus. wheat from Doll Walton. Dick had to quit sowing for wind and sprinkles. At night received via R. Sun a telephoned message from Jamie Tew about coming to-morrow.
- 31 Cooler—bright day. Hilda came down with Mrs. Tanner and stayed Mrs. Tanner returned. We went to the Bellevue Baptist Church to the wedding of Miss Genie Moody and Mr. Will Green, by Mr. Maddox. Got letter from Sue inclosing one from Mrs. Brown—and from Julia.

November

- 1 31° at sunup—bright and pretty. Jamie Tew came after breakfast from Aurora. Harry went after Susan and the baby and they came. Hilda went to church but came home later. Sent letters to Mrs. Brown and Sue—got letters from Patty and Jamie. Joe shucked corn and Dick said he was going to put in rye.
- 2 Jamie took Hilda home. I went to Bellevue, rode. Paid Al. Rogers for the things for Dick's hearth. It was a very pretty day. Dick said he finished putting in rye—in bottom field. Did n't write in this again till 5th.
- 3 Another pretty day. Dick got for me at Al Rogers' 2/3 of a bus. of timothy seed..
- 4 Sunday. Hilda stopped by with Eva Carver.
- 5 Perfect fall day—walked round to salt the cattle—after dinner went with Jamie to call at Ernest's. Got letters from Patty and Belle Raymond. Patty said Pauline Emmet has a girl baby—and was very low.. Dick said he finished sowing timothy on tobacco ground—sowed what Leeomer tended last. Very dry up there.
- 6 Election day—got letters from Sue, and by Jamie letters to Sue and Belle R. Another beautiful warm day. Mrs. Bradford said Hubert Brady joined the Baptist Church to-night. Joe and Dick gathered corn.
- 7 Another beautiful day. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Sent letter to Patty.
- 8 Still warm and pretty. Doll Walton came to tell me about cow. After dinner I went with Jamie to Mr. Len Kite's out at Waterloo and bought a cow and calf for 37.00. He says she is five years old—sound and gentle. Mr. A. Acra brought home Patty's rolling chair.
- 9 Went to Bellevue and borrowed 10. of Mike Corbin. Paid Dec. 4th. Mr. J. L. Kine (Len) brought the cow and calf and I paid him cash 11. and gave a check on Burlington Dep. Bk. for 26.00 to pay for her. He says this is her 4th calf and yesterday that she was 5 years old! Jamie went away. Harry took him to Aurora to take the train. The rock crusher came to the barn lot this evening. Harry brought from Spaeth's Aurora the grate shaker for the Resor stove.
- 10 Sent Harry to Burlington for Hilda and Miss Kate Shreve who came down. We went to Bellevue to church and afterwards to the baptizing. Mr. Maddox baptized about 39 there were some who were not. It was a mild pretty day. I got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Later it turned cooler and windy and there was a sprinkle during the night.
- 11 Sunday. Harry drove up Spot who had n't been milked since Friday morning. Hilda and Miss Shreve went home after dinner. Hilda went to church and said that Will Arnold joined. Cooler and cloudy.
- 12 Went to church and baptizing—6 baptized among them Will Arnold and Bernice Corbin. Colder and cold wind. Got 2 letters from Patty. The rock crusher was working here.
- 13 Not so cold but chilly.

- 14 24° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally by Julia. Doll Walton showed me the registry papers of the Black Angus 'stock animal.' It is named Dewey A. and was calved Aug. 16 (I think) 1904. Went to see Becky L. who is sick, and to salt the cattle and get Doll to look at them. Sent Harry to get Belle R. and the colts out of Mr. Rue's pasture. About dark it began to snow and by bedtime the ground was white with snow.
- 15 34° and snow over everything that seems about an inch—the sun came out and by sundown it was gone. Got letters from Sally and Jamie. The crusher still going.
- 16 26° at sunup and bright. The crusher finished and they left before noon. Bob Brady said they crushed 315 perch here. They moved Becky down to Dick's. Joe was gathering corn.
- 17 Blew hard last night and raining. 51° at 7 A.M. Mr[s]. Sarah Bradford went home—she has been working for me 6 weeks. Rained harder at night with thunder.
- 18 Sunday. Warm and wet—took a long walk on cherry hill and in the woods—rained off and on and at bedtime raining harder. Tobacco in high case. Susan says the Dr. said to-day that Becky Loudon has typhoid fever.
- 19 Rained a little in the morning—chilly. Sent Harry down for a barrel of patent flour for me and one for Joe West with order, flour . Sent letters to Patty Sally W. and Mary C. At night raining again.
- 20 Warm as spring—creeks right high and everything steaming—walls sweating. Harry hauled ashes &c. out of the yard and took Tom down to have a shoe put on. It rained again about 4 P.M. and after dark poured again.
- 21 Cloudy and damp. I went out to Burlington to see Hilda and Miss Kate Shreve who is sick in bed. Got home about 1 P.M. and it rained about 1.30 and blew like Dakota. Harry and Susan moved up to the kitchen.
- 22 Went to Aurora in the spring wagon. Took Patty's rattan set—bed—2 chairs baby wagon—and sent to Isabella. The chairs and wagon wheels were in the crib and the carriage body separate, also sent Isabella 2 soap boxes of glass fruit cans pints—prepaid these as part freight and got receipts. Sent Sally 1 large box of same kind of cans, also fast freight prepaid and I got receipt. Went to Aurora Bk. and got Mr. Davis to cash the draft for 12.00 see Oct. 17th. Sent by Ex. from the Am. Ex. Office a box to I. D. Raymond, Independence Mo. with 2 small hams, got receipt. Paid Spaeth for Dick's grate basket 1.50. after a disagreeable early morning it cleared up and was mild and pretty. The river was high and had drift in it and rising. After I got home Doll and Mrs. Walton called. Doll to tell me about the Voshell hay, at 13. a ton. This morning Orin Phipps telephoned that he wanted some corn and I told him I would let him have 30 bus. at 40 cts. Got letters from Sally, Hilda, Mrs. Brown, Julia Loving and bill from Telephone Co.
- 23 Cooler but mild pretty day. Went to Woolper and the J. W. Gaines hill to see the Voshell hay—saw Mr. Jim White who sells it. There are about 10 tons he says, about 3 tons nearly clear timothy, the rest timothy clover, and weed stems. Came by Doll Walton's to see him about it and telephoned Mr. White that I would take it all at \$13 a ton. Doll Walton came this evening and telephoned here to Mr. Jim Conner. He delivered cattle to-day. I went to Burlington Bk. and told Mr. Revill I wanted to borrow \$130. For four months, so he wrote a note for that and I put it in a letter to Patty for her to endorse and put it in B. P.O. Note was for 132.60 for interest. Went to see Hilda and Miss Shreve who is better. Mr. Revill told me Mr. Jerry Tanner had thoroughbred Plymouth Rocks.
- 24 Frosty misty morning and beautiful by noon. Got letters from Julia and Sue and announcement cards of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Hill to Mr. Michael Gavin—Erin go bragh!

- 25 Sunday—mild and pretty towards noon—walked up to see the wheat on tobacco ground. Ethel was here. Picked a pretty violet in the yard.
- 26 Joe and Dick hauled the Voshell hay the timothy that was in the building on top of the J. W. Gaines hill. They said there were 81 bales. Joe had my wagon Dick his and they hauled 3 loads apiece and put the hay in the double stall next to Joe's stripping stall. It rained a little about noon—was very mild.
- 27 Had the cattle in the back pasture let into the big field and grass on left of pike going to B. 3 blk. cows 9 blk. calves and 7 red and white. Cloudy and chilly. Went to Bellevue—borrowed another ten dollars of M. J. Corbin (see 9th). Got letters from Patty and Sally W. and letter for Patty from Eaton Brothers, Wolf, Wyo.
- 28 Sent this letter to Patty by 'little' Julia. Did n't write in this again till Dec. 1st. Harry and Susan went over the river. Sent by him to Bellevue letters to Patty and Sue Tew. Mild and pleasant.
- 29 Thanksgiving. Stayed home alone. Joe and all his family spent the day away. It was mild and pleasant.
- 30 Harry and Susan came back and he brought out the letter from Patty inclosing the note I sent her (see 23^d) endorsed so I took it to Burlington Bk. and signed it and left the money 130. in Bank to be checked out—also left my bank book to be filled out. Paid Feb. 20, 1907. Dined at Hilda's and found Miss Shreve better. Mild and cloudy.

December

- 1 Rained last night and this morning but cleared off and remained mild. Made citron preserves.
- 2 Sunday 24° at sunup—cloudy and chilly. Walked up on cherry hill to look at the wheat.
- 3 Cloudy and not so chilly. Nanny Loudon and Josephine West were baptized this morning about 8 A.M. at McVile, having joined the Christian church last night. Orrin Phipps came from the Poor House and got a load of corn at .40 a bus. is to send the money. Sent letter to Sarah. Later went to Bellevue and posted letter to Mrs. Brown. Got letters from Patty and Julia and Sally Mallory who is not at Governor's Island. Later sent Harry and the men down to the river with Spot and Thanks and the calf of the Len Kite cow.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. 26° at sunup bright pretty day. Mr. Clutterbuck brought me 13.28 from Orin Phipps for the corn he got yesterday and a receipt which I signed for the Poor House. Later went to Bellevue and gave Mike Corbin 10.00 to return what I borrowed Nov. 9th. Then went to the P.O. and sent postal order to Century Mag. for sub. for the year beginning last Nov. Sent note to Bob F. this morning and posted letter to Sally.
- 5 Raining a drizzling rain off and on. Turned back into the big pasture across the pike 9 head of the black cattle including the 'stock animal' and the milk cows—they had been out of that pasture 7 weeks. After it stopped raining it was cloudy and warm. Harry dragged the down cherry trees and some tree limbs out of the yard. The men were working on their tobacco.
- 6 58° and windy. It seems to have rained last night. Cloudy all day, turned cooler. Went to Bellevue got returns from the calf (see 3^d) from John T. Kisker & Co. 11 & 13 Main St. Cin. The calf a heifer weighed 143 lbs at 7 ½ brought 10.73 the expenses were 1.33 and he sent a check to \$9.40. This I endorsed and gave to M. J. Corbin with .60 besides to pay back the other 10. I borrowed (see Nov. 27th). Later Ernest Grant brought me from M. J. Corbin the returns from the cows (see 3^d). The 2 cows weighed 2030 and at 2 ½ came to 50.75 and the expenses to 6.15 so he sent a check for 44.60. Mike kept the check as it was made out to him he having written and shipped the cows. I got a letter from Belle Raymond with check for \$100. also letter from Sally. Ernest and Lily came this evening.

- 7 Cooler. Made citron preserves.
- 8 Went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin could n't cash my check for the cows (see 6th) but let me have 10.00 on it. Chilly. Got letter from Patty and bill from Telephone Co. for box rent.
- 9 Sunday. Dull gloomy rainy day.
- 10 Rained nearly all day. Got postal from Hilda at Bordentown, and postal card receipt for Sub. to Century Mag. see 4th. Sent letter to Patty. The men were bulking tobacco, which was in high case.
- 11 Went to Doll Walton's—was invited and spent the day. Paid Doll 3.83 for the 5 ½ bus. seed wheat Dick got deducting .30 he wished to pay for telephoning to Cin. Cloudy gloomy and chilly. Got letter from Sally.
- 12 Mild and clear—walked through the bottom with Dick to look at the rye—what Joe and Mr. McCarty sowed on the other side of the creek and a strip in the brickyard is up—the rest shows no sign of life. I bought 8 bus. at two different times (see Oct. 19, 24) evidently one lot was worthless. Telephoned Mr. A. B. Rouse about mistake in Bill (see 8th).
- 13 48° at sunup. Sent letters to Belle R. and Sally W. Susan and Harry went to R. Sun. I rode up to see the cattle and then the wheat and timothy. Got paper scrap from Sally about John Riddle and letter from Julia—cloudy and warm.
- 14 Warm and cloudy again, raining at 9 P.M. Went to Bellevue. Got from Mike Corbin 34.60 the rest of the cow money (see 6th and 8th). Told Al Rogers about the rye not coming up. Ben Corbin came out to-day with a Mr. who was trying to get people to take stock in a cannery to be in Bellevue. 'Suffice it to say' I did n't take stock. I put in P.O. letters to Sally and Harriet Young—also sent her and Patty French books.
- 15 Chilly, and cloudy. Hear that Lizzie Flick's daughter Minnie died.
- 16 Sunday. Most disagreeable day—snowing sleeting raining and so horrid I could n't go to dine with Lily as invited. I accepted conditionally about the weather. Doll Walton and family stopped by so he could tell me about those calves I went to see him to sell said he would take the 7 blk. Angus heifer calves at 3 ¼ to be weighed at Mr. Jack Walton's and the money to go on what I owe him for the Black cows which I wanted. Am to send them early Tuesday—see Oct. 5th. At dark and after it was sleeting hard.
- 17 31° at sunup. Snowed part of the day, disagreeable. Sent 2 steers up to Doll Walton to dehorn. Harry brought them back poor things. Went to the funeral of Lizzie Rice Flick's daughter Minnie at the Christian church—she was buried in the new cemetery. Harry sorted out the 7 heifer calves and the black cow that one is sucking and put them in the kitchen lot. Joe went to get his three hogs and Dick hauled some fodder to the cattle in the big pasture, a little. Got a letter from Patty with a check for 5.00 to get Christmas candy for the people on the place also letter from Julia and a new black skirt with no name, from Belle R.
- 18 Sent Joe West and Harry with the 7 heifer calves of the Blk. Angus cows up to Mr. Jack Walton's where they were weighed for Doll Walton. The 7 weighed 2295 lbs. which at 3 ¼ comes to 74.58 (see 16th) and Oct. 5th). Before night the little white faced heifer that was sucking came back Harry said. Joe worked for me to-day. He and Harry put 5 calves (the 2 little Angus steers and the 3 weaned calves of the milk cows) into the sheep cellar and brought over to the back pasture the Black cattle 12. Also brought over Belle and the colts. Colder 24° at sunup. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Slept in the dining room last night.
- 19 18° at sunup. Joe fed cattle and worked for himself the rest. They got ready to kill hogs. Sent Harry to have the horses shoes sharpened and he went to see if his father would come—then to see Dick Utz.
- 20 At least 2 inches of fresh snow—seems milder. Snowed and misted rain off and on and towards dark began to rain steadily. Killed hogs—I had 3 Dick 4 Joe 3. Mr. Harry Acra came

and worked for me. Mr. Clutterbuck and Orin Phipps came to get turkeys. I sold them 9 and Mr. C. gave me a check for 11.43 for the turkeys came to 11.76 and he took out .25 for weighing the corn I sold Orin Phipps and 8 cents due him on balance. Went to B. later and got Al Rogers to cash this check. Got notice from Georgetown Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. with paper to sign, also box of cakes from Belle. Sent letters to Sally, Hilda and Sue. Ben Corbin and the canning factory man came out to see Dick and Joe about raising tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

- 21 The day my beloved father died. Lord love his soul. A fresh skim of snow and misted snow sometimes. Dick Utz did n't come—so I did n't get the lard cooked. Joe cut up the hogs and salted the meat &c. Harry cut the lard and ground sausage meat.
- 22 A little more snow—towards evening colder. Ben Corbin came and cooked the lard, and I seasoned and mixed sausage meat. Harry went away. I gave him an order on Mike Corbin for 5.00.
- 23 Sunday. 14° at sunup—cold all day.
- 24 10° above 0 at sunup—cold and bright. Went to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin the 5.00 (see 22nd). Sent by Leeomer buckets of sausage to be sent by Ex. from Aurora to Julia and to Sally Woolley. Got Mike Corbin to witness the paper from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. (see 20th) and put it in P.O. Got letter from Belle R. and later from Patty, Sally, Sarah and also books candy presents &c. Harry and Susan went away to her mother's he said.
- 25 Christmas 6° above 0 at sunup. Bright day. Stayed at home. Dick Loudon brought me letter from Julia and handkerchief from little Julia. Brought word that Ex. agent would n't ship the sausage yesterday on account of meat law and he brought it back.
- 26 8° at sunup—bright day. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 27 Rainy. Stayed home.
- 28 Stopped raining. Walked to Bellevue with Lou and put in P.O. letters to Patty, Sally, Julia, Mary C. Belle R. and Fanny Lee with 1.00. Sent P. Order for 2.05 to Co. Gentleman to pay sub. for next year and for Alfalfa book. Got letter from Hilda—things from the children candy from little Julia and wall motto from Lucy J. Harry and Susan came back. It was foggy and misty.
- 29 Raining at night—cloudy and misty day.
- 30 Sunday. Rainy day—everything dripping and very muddy.
- 31 Another gloomy looking day.