

1909

January

- 1 24° at sunup. Sent letters to Belle R and Mary C. by Harry. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash a draft on Boone Co. Dep. Bank for 15.00. Stopped and paid to Mrs. Charlie Snelling 3.00 for his hauling logs (see 17th Dec). Harry and Susan went over the river—brought Cleo back with them. Leeomer hauled fodder to cattle.
- 2 Sent letters to Harriet Y, Isabella and to Farmers and Mechanics' Bk. Georgetown. Got letters from Patty and Julia, and piece about the ball. I think Leeomer hauled fodder to cattle.
- 3 Sunday. Mild day Amy, Harriet, Miss Blanche and Mrs. Sexton of South Africa and Miss Whittaker came down in Amy's automobile on a picnic—got here about 1 and left before 4. Had a pleasant time.
- 4 Tried to sprinkle early and after dinner really rained a gentle but good rain and after dark is still raining. Sent letters to Patty and Belle R. Got letter from Julia and one from Frank C. inclosing a quitclaim deed to be signed for Emma O. Bath's who has a lot that I did n't know I ever owned—some remnant of the business brother Charlie transacted for me in St. Paul I suppose. Harry took Sally's Sprightly and Mr. Grant shod her. Leeomer hauled fodder.
- 5 Rained all day off and on and was as warm as spring 59° at sunup. Very dark day. No mail.
- 6 Turned cold last night 23° at 8 a.m. Remained cold all day. Joe West came and he and Harry took the meat out of the salt and hung it in the smoke house up at the wine house. Harry said Dick L. took his out of the little smoke house. Leeomer hauled fodder. I sent letter to Sally—got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft on N.Y. for 120. div. one from Farmers and Mechanics Natl with draft on N.Y. for 28. div. and one from The Texas Co. with draft on N.Y. for 21. this last forwarded by Frank Cutcheon. Went to Burlington to Bank (Boone Co. Dep.) and got Mr. Cecil Gaines N.P. to make out the quitclaim he sent me (see 4th) and it was signed by Messrs. Jo. C. Revill and N.E. Riddell witnesses and seal affixed by Mr. Cecil Gaines. 16° by 9 P.M.
- 7 14° at sunup Harry said Susan was up with Becky Loudon last night who has a boy baby. Sent letter to Frank C. inclosing quitclaim see yesterday. Got letter from Belle R.
- 8 18° at sunup. Got letter from Sally. Harry got a barrel of Flour at Mike Corbin's. Settlement with Joe West. Joe West came and wanted to settle from our last settlement April 1st 1906 up till the end of 1907. He wanted to leave 1908 until his son-in-law could be present—I had to go by his book about his time as he had not told me by the week for me to set down. His work came including feeding to 100 days 75.00. Within that time I had paid him cash 38.25 and for flour 42.05 total 80.30 which left me owing me [should be him owing me] 5.30 I agreed to take the tobacco rack and shaving horse (his interest) at 2.00 so that leaves him owing me 3.30.
- 9 Sent letter to Sally. Leeomer came and said he had worked 9 days which comes to 6.75 I paid him 6.
- 9 Settlement with Joe West and W. Snelling. Willy Snelling and Joe West came together and I settled with both. Willy's was from Feb 13th when I had paid him in full. I was owing him 4.59 which I paid him in presence of Joe. I settled with Joe West from Jan 1st 1908 and included the 3.30 in the settlement of the 8th. That left me owing Joe West 3.36 and I paid him cash 1.36 and gave him cash order on M. J. Corbin for 2.00 and both are paid in full to date.
- 10 Sunday—Ernest and Lily dined with me. Mild day and cloudy.
- 11 Sent letter to Julia—got one from Frank C. inclosing check on Equitable Trust C. for 50. int. on bonds of Pacific Light and Power Co. also one from Natl Met. Bk. Wash. With check for 6.00 dividend. About noon 28° and sleeting. Julia telephoned me.
- 12 Snow 4 or 5 inches on the ground. 18° at sunup, fell during the night. Turned clear and bright before noon. Sent letter to Julia. Got one from Patty. From Grant P.O. got one from Harriet Young.

- 13 16° at sunup about 8.30 A.M. began to snow hard and continued for hours—the snow must be 8 or 9 inches deep to night and is not so cold. Sent letters to Sally and Laura Foster and returned Kindergarten circular. Got postal from Lucy J. with picture of Sumner's Forest.
- 14 35° at sunup—thawed fast all day. Sent letters to Sally and Lucy J. got letter from Julia and at night one from Grant P.O. from Mrs. Brown saying she expected to go to Cin. to consult a doctor.
- 15 35° at sunup—thawed. Sent letter to Sally and to Mrs. Brown. Went to Bellevue after dinner. Got Mike Corbin to cash a check for 20. on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Went to Al's and got .25 (see Dec 24th) did n't get orders because Al was n't there. Went to see Miss Cynthia Kelly who is sick—sent commode.
- 16 Raining and freezing—bushes incased in ice. Got letters from Patty and from Sally inclosing her check for 50. and from Frank saying he got my letter with quitclaim (see 6th). Sent letter to Sally.
- 17 Sunday—Chilly sunless day—ground covered with ice in places as slippery as glass. Little Julia telephone me that they all expected to start to-morrow morning.
- 18 Did n't write in this again till March 6th I started for New York this morning. Went to Aurora on this side—at the Bank in Aurora Mr. Davis cashed 2 [inserted "drafts] checks for me, one from Farmer's and Mechanics' Natl Bk. Georgetown Wash. D.C. for \$28 (see 6th) and one from Equitable Trust Co. for \$50 (see 11th). I went on to Cin. and took the fast train for N.Y. about 3 P.M. and got there the 19th in the morning. Patty and Sally met me and I went to Sally's to stay. Stupidly I did n't keep any journal of my visit. I took back to Sally her check for \$50. see 16th and told her I did n't need it as she does too much for me anyhow. Jan 20 Frank Cutcheon sent me a check for 10. that he received for my quitclaim see 6th and 16th. Before leaving New York city Feb. 24th I got Sally to get cashed for me two drafts one from National Bk. of Wash. For 120. see Jan 6th and one for \$6 from Natl Met. Bk. Wash see 6th. I brought home with me not cashed [?]. I stayed at Sally's till Ash Wednesday Feb 24 when she took me over to the 7 P.M. train on the Erie Road to start for Jamestown to visit Sue. I arrived there the next morning—stayed till Wed. March 3d, when I left about 4 P.M. got to Cin. the morning of the 4th and came home on the Swan. Telephoned per Mike Corbin for Harry who came down for me and I got home about 5.30 P.M. It was a clear day but cold and with a very chilly wind. The river has been very high and was still so high that neither ferry could run. Isabella came down from Saranac the week I left N.Y. to see the babies and me—the baby was sick but thank Heaven soon got well. While I was away my dear friend Mrs. Caroline Brown of Louisville died of apoplexy after an operation for cancer. It was a coup de grace, may she rest in peace.

March

- 4 Got home from Jamestown and Cincinnati on the Swan about 5.30 P.M. It was clear and chilly with a keen wind. Found all well apparently and the house as it was left for which, I am humbly thankful. Telephoned Mr. Hume to bring down my baggage that was sent via Erlanger.
- 5 Bright and warmer. Sent Harry to Burlington and he got my trunk and suit case. Cordy Scott and Anna Arnold stopped to see me. Mr. Cason came to see about corn. Sent notes to Sally, Sue and Julia. Heard robins sing.
- 6 My birthday, 76. Raining off and on not hard but a spring-like little rain. The roses and lilacs are budding out the daffodils up and I heard doves sing this evening. Flora came over. Got letters from Patty, Sally and one from Julia forwarded. Sally's said she had just received my telegram from Cin. sent the 4th—it is quick work.
- 7 Sunday—Bright and mild—spring-like—heard turtle doves again. Rode up on cherry hill to see the timothy meadow, Harry said there was another black calf, the little cow's that has white feet, a b. calf
- 8 Another black calf Raining but quit remained cloudy all day. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Mary C. and later one from Sally Mallory. Went to Bellevue. Saw Robert Rice and paid him his rent for the house Joe lives in in full to the first of March and got his receipt. Joe's time with me was out

- March 1st and I have no more paying of rent for him. Went to Mike Corbin and got him to cash a check for \$25. on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Settled with Leeomer and Harry and Susan. Engaged clover seed and seed oats from Mike. Rained hard at night and thundered so I turned off the telephone.
- 9 Raining steadily again with thunder. Sent letter to Sally inclosing Mary C's. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Willie Tew. Rained and blew hard during the night.
 - 10 Blowing hard and colder. Sent letters to National Bk. And Natl Met. Bk. Washington and to Julia—got letters from Sue and Fanny Gibbon.
 - 11 Bright and mild. Got letter from Sally with key and one from Julia. Mr. Clyde Berkshire came by and I ordered some trees 7 of him 2 peach 2 quince and 3 cherry trees. Went to Bellevue got 3 ½ bus. clover seed and 10 bus.—2 lbs seed oats. Told Mr. Sebe Berkshire to put me on his list for 5.00 sub. to bridge over Middle Creek. Found turkey peas in bloom 'Hail gentle spring'!
 - 12 Black cow with white under belly next bog [?] has a calf. Cloudy with some sprinkles—got registered package from Mrs. S. Thruston Ballard (Sunshi[n]e Harris) Glenview, Jefferson Co. Ky. containing a jet and gold breastpin sent me as a souvenir of my friend Mrs. Carrie Brown (George H.) who died in my absence. Also got a letter with Bank statement from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash and one from Julia. Mr. Mauer came and trimmed grapevines.
 - 13 Little buddy [Robert M. Ferguson] is a year old to-day—bless his sweet life. It had rained some before day. Sent letters to Patty, to Harriet Young and Mrs. Ballard. Sent Harry to Bellevue to get the suit case Sally sent me with things I bought, books, &c. Got letter from Patty saying Isabella was there again, and that Frank had gone to Cal. also Mag. From Lizzie H.
 - 14 Sunday—Colder—gloomy chilly day.
 - 15 Ice at the cistern—bright pretty day. Sent letters to Sally, Belle and Sue. Got letter from Hilda and from the 2 Banks (see 10th). Leeomer worked ½ day after dinner for me helping Harry haul rock they piled before I left home. Harry hauled some wood in the morning. Mrs. Bob Brady called.
 - 16 Raw windy disagreeable day. Dick sowed some clover seed this morning. Leeomer and Harry hauled rocks off field where they were piled. Sent letter to Hilda, got one from Julia and card from Mr. Forest Brown cas. of the Bellevue Bk.
 - 17 22° at sunup and a sprinkle of snow. Leeomer and Harry worked at the rocks again. After dinner I went to Bellevue and he got [sic] Hector's shoes reset by Mr. Grant. I stopped at Betty's. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Found another black cow's calf.
 - 18 24° at sunup—turned warmer and towards evening rained some. I went to spend the day with Lily and Ernest who got back from the south Sunday. Ernest witnessed my bank certificate. Harry and Leeomer hauled rock he said. Sent letter to Patty.
 - 19 Spring like day. Got Mr. Perry Mahan to sign two letters—one to G. O. Wilson Nat. Met. Bk sending Certificate of stock to be exchanged, the other to A. B. Buff Natl Bk Wash. inclosing receipt for 1050. to get Certificate of 7 new shares.
 - 20 No so pleasant—chilly. Went to Bellevue. Got Mike Corbin to cash check for 25.00 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. and paid him the order 2.00 and got the order see Jan 9th. Got telephone from Harriet Eckstein that she and Amy would come to-morrow. Got letters from Patty, Julia and notice from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl Bk Wash. Harry worked with Leeomer hauling rock in the morning and afterwards in the house. Went to Mrs. Rue's.
 - 21 Sunday. Bright day—cool wind. Amy Campbell, Harriet Eckstein and Mr. Hastings French came down in the motor and dined with me. We walked in the woods and picked turkey peas and daffodils in the yard.
 - 22 Isabella's birthday 23 Lord love her and hers. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Sent letters to Patty and Julia (sic). Leeomer worked ½ day helping Harry on the hill—we tried to burn off the weeds after Harry hauled rock before dinner. Dick attended to 3 of the black calves—chilly and windy.

- 23 Mr. Mauer came to trim vines—bright but chilly. Got letter from Sue. Did n't write in this till 25th. Harry worked on the hill side ploughed I think.
- 24 Disagreeable day—chilly and raw—at night rained. Harry ploughed on hillside and Leeomer burnt piles of trash in gully and I think piled rock. Got letters from Patty and Hilda.
- 25 Raw and chilly spitting snow. Sent letter to Sally. Got registered letter from National Bk. Washington inclosing certificate of stock sent in exchange for the receipt returned (see 17th) The certificate is no. 1568 for 7 shares stock and is signed by C.F. Norment Pres. and W. W. Yairn Ass. Cas. Harry ploughed this morning and broke the plough point. Later took Susan to start to visit her mother.
- 26 Have been sick most of this week—did n't write to-day. Got registered letter from J. Gales Moore inclosing the new certificate sent in exchange. It is certificate 1465 for 2 shares stock of Natl Metropolitan Bk signed (the letter) by J. Gales Moore Auditor. Got letter from Julia too. I think Harry worked on the hill getting rocks out and ploughing. I did n't go to see.
- 27 Milder and sunshine—signed receipt and sent it to J. Gales Moore. Got letter from Sally. Still poorly with cold. Leeomer sick did n't work.
- 28 Sunday. Bright and milder.
- 29 Went to Burlington to Bk. Gave Mr. Revill Hilda's Bank Box key and he got out her 7 coupons to send and get the interest as she directed me. Deposited with Mr. R. 100. Paid Miss Olga .80 for Ins. Ass. and got her to send postal order to Burpee for seed 3.15. Put letter in there for Sally. Got letter from Julia note from Frances G and postal from Lucy J. Chilly and disagreeable and I felt very bad with my cold.
- 30 Did n't write in this—felt very bad still. Did n't send or get any letters. Harry worked on the alfalfa ground and said he hauled all the rock off what he ploughed. Dick and Georgy both sick in bed with grippe. Disagreeable chilly day.
- 31 28° at sunup. Raw and chilly. Went to Bellview and to see the new Bank. At Mike Corbin's gave Forrest H. Brown Cas. my check for \$100. on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. which is half of my stock subscribed. I engaged to take \$200 stock in it. (see April 23d)

April

- 1 Since my remembrance I don't think I ever saw such a barren looking desolate country as this neighborhood shows at this time of year, brown parched withered—wheat looks like nothing, rye not much better—grass in spots and not green at that. Hay is nearly gone. Had the calves turned in by Jesse's and the 10 cows and their 8 calves and the stock animals turned across the pike in the big pasture for change of air. Sent Harry down with Betsy's calf this evening to ship. He said it only weighed 110 lbs. and is seven weeks old to-morrow. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got from Patty, Sally, Julia Sue and little Julia. Susan came home to-night—after a week's absence at her mother's.
- 2 Cloudy and rather windy. Dick sowing oats where Joe had corn on the hillside left of pike. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letters from Belle R. and from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk check for 28. Rode round to see calves and walked to see Dick putting in oats—he had Leeomer and Jesse ploughing. Harry was hauling rock. At night rained a chilly rain, cleared off and turned cooler.
- 3 Sent Harry down to get 1 ½ bus. clover seed from Al Rogers he said it would be 6.50. Windy and chilly. Could n't sow the clover. Leeomer said he had worked 5 days since I last paid him. I paid him 2.00 on this. Sent letter to Mary C. and one to Sally with copies inclosed. Got garden seeds from Burpee's, also Easter card from Hilda. Harry and Susan went to R. Sun.
- 4 Sunday. Warmer and cloudy. Harry came back at night by himself.
- 5 Warmer and very windy. Rode over in big pasture to see cattle—had Pink and the little red and white cow turned over there. Harry fixed up broken part of garden fence. Dick was harrowing in oats. Got letter from Patty and envelope from Sally with check from Texas Co. for 21. also letter from Hilda.

- 6 Warm and rained off and on with thunder and lightning. Harry began to plough in the garden. One of my black calves got down and had to be hauled to the lot. Went to Flora's. At night rained again and blew very hard.
- 7 Colder and very windy. Sent letter to Hilda and envelope of copies to Sally. Got letter from Sally and card from Stark about fruit trees. Harry harrowed the piece he ploughed on the hill and ploughed part of the garden. I sold Jane a bushel of potatoes for .75. Calf living and eating.
- 8 Sunny and not windy. Sent letter to Sally with copies. Got letter from Julia saying Laura F. is engaged to Dr. Robbins of Boston. Leeomer came and I gave him a cash order on Mike Corbin for 2.13 Harry and Susan went to R. Sun to the funeral of his brother Clarence's child. Colder.
- 9 32° at sunup and ice on the water pan. Sun came out but it remained chilly. Got letter from Sue with a newspaper notice of the death of cousin Sally Marvin aged 85, Uncle John's daughter. After five there was a furious little snow storm. Good Friday.
- 10 24° at sunup, remained cold and horrid all day. Sent letters to Sally with copies and to Julia and Sue. Got letter from Harriet Young. Went to the funeral of Olly McCarthy, son of Nancy Moreland and Roland McCarthy at the Christian Church—burial in the new cemetery. My few little fruit trees are in bloom—probably killed—plums and peaches.
- 11 Easter Sunday. The birthday of my beloved sister Belle—which also came Easter Sunday. It was not so cold and was sunny. I took a little walk—in the woods—saw flowers.
- 12 52° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty and in an envelope sent Sally the key of her suit case. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Went to the Aurora ferry and by the time we got there it was so windy the ferryman said he could n't cross. Stopped to see Ott Scott who is sick—got home by 11 A.M. It blew like Dakota all day. Harry said he hauled some rock after dinner. Let George Koons have a bushel of corn for .75.
- 13 Rained last night and part of to-day—chilly. Sent letter to Belle R.
- 14 Went to Aurora and at the Bk. got Mr. Davis to cash three checks and drafts Texas & Co. (see Jan. 6th) (see April 2nd and 5th). It was chilly with a cold wind but not enough to prevent the ferry from running. Sent by American Ex. Sally's suit case and got receipt for it. Got letters from Patty and Isabella. Stopped to see Cordy—Ott better.
- 15 Went to Bellevue—pd. Mike Corbin the cash order 2 & 3 (see 8th) paid Al Rogers for the clover seed (see 3rd) 9.75 Paid Mr. Acra the Swan freight bills 2.50 Went up to the saw mill. Mr. Baldon not there so I paid his bill for sawing 3.75 to Omer Porter in presence of a Lambert. Mike said Dick's orders for flour Apl. 29, 1908 June 13 and July 11 came to 16.50 Sent letter to Sally with Ex. receipt—got letter from Julia and telephone from little Julia saying she was going to N. York to-night. Harry hauled lumber from the saw mill and harrowed on the piece he broke for alfalfa. The sick calf died last night it was a steer Harry said and would have been a year old this spring or summer. It turned warmer and was very pleasant after noon and I can see that grass begins to grow and wheat begins to show.
- 16 A pleasant spring day bright and much warmer. Sent letter to Julia—got one from Patty telling me that Willie Tew's Dinsmore has been very ill also letter from Natl Met. Bk. Wash. with check for 8.00. Harry worked in the garden ploughed a place for onion sets and planted them also peas and beets. I planted a few tomato and pepper seeds in a box. Susan set turkey eggs. Mocking bird sang at nearly 10 P.M.
- 17 Warm—had no fire in the house—heard tree frogs after sundown. Sent letter to Willie Tew—got one from Sally. Sacked the last 6 shoulders. Went to Mr. C. Berkshire and got the fruit trees I ordered (see March 11) and paid 3.95 for them. Set out 2 he gave me little wild plums they call Lillard plums. Little Jesse found a black calf dead over beyond the graveyard and I went to see it.
- 18 Sunday—Warmer and a hot wind blew hard most of the day. Miss Emma telephoned me that Hilda came home Friday and Miss Kate Shreve came with her. Harry and Susan went over the river to a funeral.

- 19 Cooler sprinkled off and on and towards sundown set in to rain right hard with heavy thunder at first—rain rather chilly and I had a fire made. This morning Harry set out on the hill in the garden the trees I got 3 cherries 2 peaches 2 quinces an apricot and 4 grape vines that were thrown in. He then planted some garden seeds, beans radish, spinach. Mike Corbin told me by telephone that our tobacco money has come. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia.
- 20 Sent letters to Julia and Mary C. It rained this morning and off and on till after noon—chilly. Got 1 bus. 12 lbs seed potatoes at Corbin's. Went to the Bank in Bellevue and Will Arnold gave me one a Winchester check that he said was 95 per cent of my tobacco money. It was for \$673. and I think 55 cents. I took this out to Burlington and got Mr. Revill to give me a draft on New York for \$470. payable to F. W. M. Cutcheon. It was on the Bank of America N.Y. The balance I left with Mr. Revill and told him it was to be checked out soon. Went to Hilda's to see her and Miss Kate Shreve and stayed to dine. Got by mail to-day a postal card from the Sec. of the Boone Co. Ins. asking for an assessment of 3.60. Heard whip-poor-wills in the yard and woods to-night, the first.
- 21 Settlement with Richard Loudon. Dick brought up his book and I settled by it. He said he had worked since I paid him in full for his work Aug. 7, 1907 (see cash book) 96 days which comes to 72.00. since then he had received in cash orders, and so (see Dec. 3, 1907) 60.73—this left me owing him 11.22 which I paid him and we are now settled in full to date. I also paid him 2.00 for Perrins work piling rock on hill Harry ploughed.
Sent letter to Frank Cutcheon inclosing the draft on Bk of America for \$470. (see yesterday). Got one from Patty. Harry and Dick put rings in the shoats—and Harry said he got the sheep out of the grass and fixed the holes in that fence and the garden hedge, it rained some off and on—chilly.
- 22 Patty's mare Ty had a horse colt—light bay almost sorrel with an oblong white spot on his forehead. Harry brought them into the yard—the colt frisks and sucks. Harry hauled manure on garden and ploughed it partly. Dick was patching the rail fence round the hog lot where he expects to put in tobacco. Sent letters to Sally, got candy from Patty. Little Julia telephones me that she was home from N.Y. saw Patty, Sally and the baby who could walk around the room. Took a long walk to the oat field up the grass field to the meadow on along the hill. The fruit trees up there in full bloom not killed. Chilly and raining at night.
- 23 Sent letter to little Julia, got letters from Sally and Julia. Went to Bellevue and to the new Bank, gave the Cash. Forrest H. Brown my check for \$100 on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. and he gave me my Certificate No. 1 for 8 shares of stock of the Citizen's Deposit Bank of Grant, I paid the other 100. March 31st. The certificate is signed by Mr. Brown and Mr. James Rogers, the President. The shares are \$25. Also gave M. J. Corbin a check for 100. on the store account of 1908. Also paid W. W. Grant to date 7.45. Harry ploughed on the hill below where he ploughed for alfalfa. The river is high and it is colder. Dick worked patching up fences.
- 24 Frost last night and a little skim of ice at the cistern. Dick says he worked 2 days this week. Harry ploughed to-day on the hill. Sent by Dick to Mike Corbin for a barrel of flour—he said it was 7.00 Got letters from Patty, Julia, and little Julia.
- 25 Sunday. Warmer—pleasant day.
- 26 Sent letter to Patty at Saranac—got one from Frank Cutcheon in answer to mine (see 21st) inclosing his check for 20. as he would n't take any interest on what he lent me—also one from Sue. Harry laid off and planted the potatoes from Mike's and some stringless pod beans—then he harrow[ed] the last ground he ploughed—did n't get done. Dick was working at the bend of the creek he filled up. Pleasant pretty day.
- 27 Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty. It rained sometimes hard off and on—after noon stopped. Harry harrowed the ground he ploughed till the rain stopped him—later he hauled some of the manure out of the new barn sheds to poor points.

- 28 Harry said there was a little skim of ice on the chicken pans—it was chilly all day. Got letters from Sally and little Julia. After dinner went to Burlington and got Mr. Revill to cash Frank's check (see 26th) Paid Miss Olga Kirkpatrick 3.60 Ins. Assessment and got receipt. Went to Hilda's. Harry hauled manure from new barn to bare spots in field.
- 29 Blew like Dakota all day and turned warmer—had no fire after noon. Sent letter to Sally. Harry finished harrowing what he had ploughed and cleaned up in the house. The wind was so strong it blew clouds of dust.
- 30 Rained last night cloudy and turned chilly. We had to have fire again. Sent Harry for Hilda and Miss Kate Shreve who came down. Got letter from Patty at Saranac.

May

Had Ty and colt taken out of the yard.

- 1 Chilly and windy. Dick came up and said he and Leomer dug the ditch below the barn lot in the upper bottom, said he worked 3 days this week. It hailed and snowed a little at times. Got maple sugar from Patty—sent letter to Julia. After dinner Harry took Hilda and Miss K. home.
- 2 Sunday. Colder and blew a gale all day—blew the sand in clouds off the ploughed fields. Ernest took dinner here. Raining at 9 P.M.
- 3 Raining a cold rain. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Patty, Mary C. and Julia.
- 4 Went to show Dick where to cut a ditch. Harry took Betsey to the big pasture for the day. It showered off and on and was chilly so that fire was comfortable. Harry hauled some manure from the new barn to poor points but went to R. S. on the boat.
- 5 Turned much warmer and was very windy most of the day. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Harry came back on the boat and hauled some more manure after dinner.
- 6 Went to Aurora got Mr. Davis at the Bk. to cash the check for 8. (see 6th). Sent Isabella by Big Four fast freight a box of jam. Sent Sally by Ex. bonnet and waist. Got plants and set them out Ponderosa S. and cabbage. The river was high. Sent Julia letter from A. Harry planted a little sweet corn. It was warm and windy. After dinner Harry worked in the garden—laid off, made hills &c. Leomer said he and Dick had finished digging and worked on the creek in bottom.
- 7 Much cooler this morning but turned warmer. I planted okra and cucumbers. Dick was planting watermelons. I got letter from Sally, and one from Frank with his check for \$90. int. Will Rogers came and got 3 bus. seed corn. Harry finished breaking up the garden. Turned cooler and I had a fire at night.
- 8 Warmer, pleasant day. Went to Burlington and to Bank. Got Mr. Revill to take my check, see yesterday and got a draft of the Bk of America N. York for 20. payable to Mary B. Cochrane—and got 10. cash and left the balance in Bk. Brought Hilda home with me and Harry took her to church. It thundered and sprinkled a few times. I set out some more cabbage plants. Sent letter to Sally—got letters from Patty & Juila.
- 9 Sunday. Rained hard part of the day and thundered—servants went away. Cooler—had a little fire at night. Jesse said he was going to his father's and would quit milking.
- 10 Susan began to milk. Rained off and on before noon—turned chilly. Sent Harry to have Ty and Hector shod—after dinner he took Hilda home and later went to Bellevue to take me. Sent letters to Patty & to Isabella with freight receipt and to Mary B. C. with draft on N.Y. for 20. Got note from Ernest about telephone poles. Got box from Patty—top.
- 11 Bright but chilly. Harry worked in the yard trimming grubbing and hauling trash &c. I sent note to Frank acknowledging his check (see 7th).
- 12 Bright and not so chilly—have no fire at night. Harry worked in the garden—cut peach trees hauled limbs and trash &c. I worked my tomato and cabbage plants. Got letters from Patty in Va. and from Sally. Harry and Susan went to show. Julia came up at night. Rode to Doll Walton's.

- 13 Papa and mamma's wedding day. Lord love their souls. Bright pretty day and warmer. Sent letter to Patty—got one from Sally—and box of visiting cards—she moves Tuesday. Harry went after Doll Walton's dray that I borrowed yesterday. After dinner he worked in the garden—we planted melons, water and musk—also some Citron melons and some cucumbers. Susan made soup.
- 14 Bright warm day. Sent letter to Sally, got one from Julia. Harry worked in the garden and harrowed on the hill. He planted pole and Lima beans and Hubbard Squash and a little corn. I worked in the garden and yard. Dick planted corn. Susan cleaned the cellar.
- 15 Harry finished harrowing over the piece for alfalfa and then went to Bellevue and got the bushel of alfalfa seed that Mike got for me. I walked to look at the ground clover &c. Got letter from Patty in Va. Leeomer said he had worked 6 ½ days and I paid him in full—also paid Georgy in full for Jesse's milking. Warm and after noon there was rain with thunder, and it rained at night.
- 16 Sunday. Bright pretty day. Harry got my 12 shoats up in the pen.
- 17 Had the cattle up that were in the back pasture and sorted. Put 8 head in the big pasture—the young red cow the 2 largest heifers and 5 steer calves. Turned back in the back pasture the 9 heifer calves. Had the shoats rung. Dick and Leeomer worked and helped with the stock. They all cut the hedge on the pike and fixed the fence—then Dick said Harry went to work at the alfalfa and Leeomer worked at the hedge. Dick sowed 2 bus. of alfalfa on the ground that was prepared about 4 acres and Harry dragged what he could of it. Sent letter to Sue and Julia—got one from Sally at the country place. It was a beautiful day—bright and warm, ground drying fast.
- 18 Leeomer worked—finished fixing hedge on the pike. Harry finished dragging alfalfa—and worked in the yard. I set out some of my tomato plants. A beautiful day. Sent letter to Patty.
- 19 Harry worked in the garden—ploughed—planted corn peas and beans—&c. I planted some nasturtiums by the kitchen. Looked like rain. Dick was breaking up the lower bottom. Got note from Sue.
- 20 Rained off and on all day harder towards evening and all night probably. After dinner I went to the funeral of Frederic William Maurer the son of Becky Cook—he was buried from the Christian Church in the new graveyard. Sent note to Sue, got letter from Sally.
- 21 Rained off and on during the day. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash a check for 15.00 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Harry fixed chicken coops and set out some cabbage plants. I set out some tomato plants I bought and some I raised. Saw tobacco set out the first I have seen this spring—fine season.
- 22 Pretty day. Went to see where Dick cut a ditch to turn the creek. No one worked for me. Harry went to Cin. Susan went over the river in the evening. Sent letter to Sally—got letter from Julia and one from Mary C. (see 10th).
- 23 Sunday. Harry went over the river. He and Susan came home before night. My little robins on the front porch left the nest. It was a lovely day. Saw a balloon about sundown.
- 24 Harry went to see the cattle, cleaned the dining room and worked in the garden. He planted beans spinach and radish, and some Burpee mustard—remade hills &c. I replanted melons that did n't come up and set out a few tomatoes hoed &c. Sent letter to Sally Mallory—got letters from Patty, Sally, Susie Tew, Julia and heard that Isabella was sick and Sally unwell, also got letter and circular from Texas Co. There was a shower at dusk.
- 25 Sprinkled off and on and then rained. Harry ploughed the potatoes and corn, I set out more tomatoes. Sent letter to Frank inclosing the papers from Texas Co. and letters to Isabella and to Susie T. Rain chilly had fire again.
- 26 Did n't write till 27, think I sent letter to Sally and got one from Patty and Julia. Sent Harry to get some tomato plants from Mrs. Rue and set them out. Harry cut mullein but it rained harder and during the night with thunder.

- 27 Went to look at my vines—found swarms of melon bugs—they killed several hills of Hubbard Squash entirely—attacked melon vines. Harry cut weeds in meadow again—had to get breakfast first. Will A. and Mr. Vest stopped to talk about surveying the line. Betsey [?] Got the engraved invitation to Laura's wedding.
- 28 Fair cool day. Sent letter to Julia. Mr. Bob Green came and cut the telephone poles that Ernest wanted and set them—8 I think. Harry cut mulleins in the meadow. Dick was ploughing and harrowing—worked Ty. Rode around to see the cattle over the creek.
- 29 Did n't write in this till June 3d. Harry took Susan over the river to have teeth pulled.
- 30 Sunday—pretty day.
- 31 Harry worked in the garden all day, ploughed &c. One of the warm days. About sun down it poured—a drenching rain.

June

- 1 Harry put horses in pasture. Began to clean house—took up the carpets in the dining room and Patty's room. It was cloudy and later rained again. I got letters from Patty at Saranac from Frank about Texas Co. from Hilda and Julia. Dick was setting tobacco.
- 2 Raining off and on. Worked at house cleaning. Put down the carpet in the dining room wrong side up. Got letters from Patty and Susie Tew.
- 3 Sprinkled sometimes. Sent letter to Patty. Harry continued to clean house—we put the carpet down in Patty's room. Susan went over the river after dinner. I set out the last of my three rows of tomatoes in the garden. Dick was setting out tomatoes ___ pike.
- 4 Went to Burlington to visit Hilda dined there. She gave me a daguerreotype of herself, also she lent me 20. Paid July 9th. There was a very hard rain before we left B. with lightning—the streams were rushing and the ground badly washed—there was a hard wind too. Got letter from Joe H. with Memorial of R. L. G. also found letter from Patty at Saranac and envelope with papers from Texas Co.
- 5 Everything soaked and things washed out. Dick Loudon set in tobacco the strip I let him have in the garden. A man from R. Sun who bought out Burdsal the butcher and said his name was Bunger (?) came and bought Pink my red and white cow—at 4 cents a pound. He wants it weighed at Al's and delivered at the McVile ferry Tuesday morning. Sent the Texas Co. papers to Frank with letter—got letters from Patty and Julia, later from Bellevue a letter from Mrs. Eliza M. Brown. Harry went over the river and Julia stayed with me.
- 6 Sunday—bright pretty day. Ernest and Lily stopped on their way by and Ernest gave me a check on Citizen's Dep. Bk. for 3.60 for 9 telephone poles (see 28th May.) Harry and Susan came home before night and brought Cleo.
- 7 Hot day—did n't rain. Harry worked in the garden got poles and stuck beans—got up Pink cow. Got letter from Sally and from Sue & Julia. Began to pack my trunk.
- 8 Sent Harry down to the McVile ferry with the Cow Pink—she weighed 1085 lbs at Al's and H. brought back a check for 43.40 signed George H. Bunger on the R. Sun Dep. Bk. Will Arnold and Mr. Vest came to run the line between Will and me. No one could find the stones the stump of the ash tree at Bob Brady's corner was the only mark we could find. Dick Loudon went with them ½ day for me and Harry after dinner. Mr. Vest said the corner was at the end of our old hedge in the Scott Rice and Arnold line, the next corner the elm tree on the left hand as you go up from the gate by the watergap, of the branch—he showed and had a stake set for the corner up the branch and one on top of the hill from Will's gate as a line mark and in Will's and my presence Jess Loudon and Harry set the stones—my wire fence up the branch is not on the line its partly over on my land and partly on Will's. Sent by Harry letters to Sally and Julia got one from Patty. A little after 5 P.M. there was a

rainstorm with much thunder and lightning and very heavy rain—the country is drenched and ground washed.

- 9 Got letter from Sally and package, dress waist and letter from Julia. Finished cleaning Patty's room. Went to Bellevue and the Bank got Mr. Brown to cash my two checks (see 6th and 8th) Left with Mr. Acra 2.50 for Will Arnold for my half of the surveyor's fee.
- 10 Rained last night and this morning. Intended to go to Cin. via Aurora but gave it up and telephoned little Julia Foster—cleared off later and though it thundered and looked like rain it did n't rain here again. Sent Kitty down and Harry said all her shoes were reset. Sent letter to Patty and got one from her. Harry tinkered at mowing machine. Did n't write in this again till the 20th.
- 11 Went to Cin. via Aurora. Julias met me and I went out with them to their home. It was a bright cool day. I went up to go to Laura's wedding.
- 12 Saturday. Julia asked me to go with her to see her brother Burnet who was sick—he was very poorly and trying to rest and she did n't see him.
- 13 Sunday. Early this morning Julia got word that her brother Burnet died—a great shock with bridesmaids and bridegroom in the house and preparations for a big gay wedding. My Sally arrived from N.Y. to attend the wedding and come home from there with me. Julia and I went to Burn's.
- 14 Sally and I went in town—went shopping and we lunched in town. Mrs. Sexton and Amy lunched with her after we called on Amy. I bought some things for the house—china, linens &c. Mr. Foster and Julia recalled their invitations, but the wedding was to go off as usual.
- 15 Tuesday. We went to the wedding—it was in Calvary Church Clifton. Laura Walcott Foster married Dr. Chandler Robbins of Boston—they had a maid of honor 6 bridesmaids, ushers best man and all the accompaniments. The bridegrooms relatives and friends from Boston &c. were at the wedding breakfast—poor Julia of course did n't appear. The bridal pair went away afterwards.
- 16 Sally and I went with the family to the funeral in Spring Grove. Amy sent for us and we went to the station and came home via Aurora. We had lovely weather while gone—a few little showers. Found a letter from Patty—got one from her in Clifton—she is at Isabella's. Did n't write any more in this till 22nd.
- 17 Stayed at home with Sally.
- 18 Went after dinner to Burlington to see Hilda. Went to Bank and got 20.00 from Mr. Revill. It was a beautiful day. Sent letter to Julia.
- 19 We stayed at home—got letter from Julia. Sent one to Belle R. Rained I think.
- 20 Sunday—Bright pretty day.
- 21 Rained again at times. Mr. Wilson came to see about the telephone. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 22 Harry ploughed in the garden. Got a letter from Patty and Hilda. Lily and Frances came.
- 23 Sent letter to Patty—got letters from Julia and Amy. Went to Bellevue with Sally, to the Bank, to see Betty to Minnie's &c. Harry hoed some in the garden, Al Rogers paid me 5.20 for the seed corn his brothers got. Dick Loudon told me since I came home that he owed me 4.50 for beans he sold. It has been hot for several days.
- 24 Sent letters to Julia. Got one from Belle R. Harry ploughed and planted seed corn and I think beans. Susan went to R. Sun. Sally and I went to Flora's. After sundown there was a thunder storm and rain—with wind. Very hot.
- 25 We went to Hilda's to dine. Very sultry. Hilda gave Sally old lace. In the night rained some. Got letter from Patty—said it was hot up there.
- 26 Did n't write in this till 29th can't remember.
- 27 Sunday—Sally and I went to Ernest's to spend the day. Harry and family went to Florence.
- 28 Doll Walton came Sat. to see me about the graded school tax. Sent Harry to take the mowing machine to Mr. Grant. Sent letter to Patty.

- 29 Rode up to ask Doll's advice about my mowing machine. Harry said Dick was breaking up ground in the bottom. Very hot.
- 30 Rather cooler. Went to R. Sun and got repairs for mowing machine. Paid taxes on Aunt Eliza's lot 2.15 and got receipt. Got Mr. Perkins at Bank to cash a check on Burlington Dep. Bk for 15.00. Harry planted corn field beans. I remembered the day.

July

- 1 Sent Harry down to Mr. Grant's—he got Hector's shoes reset and brought home the mowing machine. Got note from little Julia. It was hot. Harry cut some hay and hauled it down as Dick said the man was coming to cut rye.
- 2 Man did n't come. I rode round in big pasture to see cattle—found Mr. Rue's stock animal and cow with my cattle. Got letter from Patty and check from Farmer's and Mechanics' Natl Bk for 28.
- 3 Got letter from Frank with check for 50. interest and one from Julia. Harry went for Hilda who came down after dinner. Turned very cool, bright day.
- 4 Sunday. Lovely day. Hilda went home towards evening. We walked up to look at the timothy. Not so cool.
- 5 Mr. Everett Clore brought his machine to cut rye—he got here for dinner and they began to cut after that—it began to rain and by 3.30 was raining so they had to quit and he went home. Dick and Leomer and Harry were helping, Ernest and Lily came to call on Sally. It turned very cool and kept on raining.
- 6 Raining hard and still chilly, and rained off and on all day. Harry took Kitty to have her shoe put on—after dinner we went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Patty, got check for 21. from Texas Co. Stopped to see Betty about school tax.
- 7 Sally went to Aurora on her way home—it rained before and after she started but quit and Harry said she did n't get wet at all. A letter came for her from Frank and I sent one from her for Patty. Sent Harry to look at cattle.
- 8 Mr. Everett Clore came about 9 and finished cutting the rye. He charged 9.00 and I gave him 10 and asked him to leave the dollar at the store. Dick, Leomer and Harry helped. It turned much warmer. Sent letter to Sally inclosing the one that came, and one to Julia. Got one from Sally at the St. Nicholas Cin.
- 9 Went to Rising Sun. At the Bank got Mr. Perkins to cash three checks (see 2nd, 3^d, and 6th) and paid Steggemiller for the machine knife blade he sent up on the Swan. Got a bushel of alfalfa from Mike Corbin. Later went to Burlington paid Hilda (I. H. Brady) the 20. I borrowed June 4th—and put in Bank with Mr. Revill 50. Went to see Mr. Cropper about graded school tax. It was a perfectly beautiful day. Got letter from Patty.
- 10 Hilda went to church. I got letters from Patty and from Mrs. Parish. Dick sowed the alfalfa in the piece of corn on the hill in the bottom field on the mud road.
- 11 Sunday. It rained. Hilda did n't go to church and after dinner Harry took her home. Sent by him to Susan Clutterbuck a side of meat 15 lbs. Sent letter to Sally.
- 12 Cloudy—sent letters to Patty and Mrs. Parish. Got 2 letters and book from Sally and one from Julia. Harry went on cherry hill and got the mowing machine and began to cut the oats—after 3 it began to rain and he had to quit.
- 13 Was raining in the morning but cleared Harry and Dick Loudon fixed the barn for hay and worked on the road up cherry hill. I got letter from Patty. Mr. Cason came and bought three bus. corn paid me 2.25. I went to the funeral of Andy Cook's baby in the new cemetery. Harry put up the point of corner gutter from Gibsons. Hot day.

- 14 Harry cut Dick's oats with the mowing machine and finished about 4 then hauled a little hay for the horses. He found the mongrel Jersey heifer that was the black cow's calf dead. Got letter from Patty. It was hot and humid.
- 15 Harry hauled off the dead calf before breakfast, then helped, using my team. Dick got in the oats—said they hauled 6 loads in all. It was hot day and night. Sent letter to Sally got postal from her.
- 16 Got letter from Patty—sent one to Sally. Harry worked for Dick till noon helping him get in oats—then after dinner fixed the newest knife in the machine and began to cut the oldest timothy on cherry hill. I walked up there. It was hot but turned cooler towards evening.
- 17 Sent letters to Natl Bk. Washington and to Julia and to Mrs. Eliza M. Brown, got one from Patty. Got note from Ernest telling me Joe is now in Lexington. Harry cut some timothy this morning. Took Ty to have him shod and Kitty later. Got postal from Laura Robbins in Ireland.
- 18 Sunday. Shower about 9 A.M. Harry and family went away.
- 19 An unforgotten day. Weather perfectly beautiful. Dick Leeomer and Harry worked in hay and I went to Bellevue and Elbert Clore and Ray Cook came and worked after noon. I think they hauled to the barn 6 loads. Dick used his team. Sent letter to T—D. Got one from Sally.
- 20 Dick, Leeomer and Elbert Clore and Ray Cook and Harry worked at the hay. Harry cut most of the time. They hauled 8 loads to the barn. It was a perfect day for hay harvest 54° at sunup—clear and cool. I sent letter to Sally—got one from Sue and note from Lily Grant. Rode over to see the cattle—found the milk cow that Flave and Harry broke last summer with a young calf—and a new calf of a black cow—these are calves of the new 'stock animal' Found Mr. Rue's Jersey in with my cows—Mr. Fred cut weeds.
- 21 Sent Harry and Leeomer to bring up the milk cow Blanche—her calf is a heifer dark with white spots in head and face. The men worked at the hay again. Dick Elbert Clore, Ray Cook and Harry—they hauled in 7 loads to-day. Elbert had to quit and I paid him 3.50 in full. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from National Bk Wash—and from Patty, Sally Julia. Bright day, warmer.
- 22 Sent letter to Natl Bk. of Wash. got postal cards of Adirondack scenery from Patty. Dick and Leeomer Ray Cook and Mr. Pepper Smith worked in the hay. Dick has been using his team. Harry quit cutting on account of rain and helped haul they got in 10 loads two of them small. Between 3 and 4 P.M. there was a shower light. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked two days and until the rain. I heard Katy-dids at night. The day was much warmer.
- 23 Cooler and cloudy—cleared off later. Harry and my team, Leeomer, Elbert and Ray Cook worked in the hay—they hauled all that was down 5 loads Harry said. Dick ploughed his late bottom corn. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 24 Clear and cool, turned warmer. Sent letter to Sally. Went to Bellevue Bank and got Mr. F. Brown to cash a check for \$20. on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Harry was cutting timothy in the new meadow and broke the piston rod on a stump—took it to Mr. Grant but he could n't fix it to-day. No one else worked for me. Last evening Harry ploughed the late sweet corn.
- 25 Sunday. Bright pretty day.
- 26 Worked at the hay again. Elbert and Ray Cook came and Dick and Leeomer worked—my Ty being too lame to work they only got in 3 loads and I paid off the Bellevue boys—Dick and the rest said they would fix the barn for more hay. Old Kitty was so lame I had the shoe taken off her bad foot she seemed to suffer with it. Got letter from Patty and one from Natl Bk. Wash with draft for 176.
- 27 Cloudy and sprinkled off and on, later cleared. Harry dug the onions and went to see about the cattle. After dinner he and Susan went to R. Sun. I gave her a cash order on Mike Corbin for 6.00 pr Aug. 2nd. Got note from little Julia. Warmer
- 28 Went to Bellevue could n't get a check cashed. After we got back Harry went and spread the hay that was piled and let it dry. After their dinner Dick and Leeomer hauled what was down 3 loads

Harry said. I made jam again. Sent letter to Patty. Got letters from Patty Sally and Julia. It was the hottest day we have had lately.

- 29 Another very hot day. After 7 P.M. it rained but neither hard nor long. Harry finished cutting timothy and after dinner cut the grass in the yard and some in the kitchen lot. I went to look at the alfalfa.
- 30 Very hot. Harry worked in the house in the morning. After dinner Dick Leomer and Harry hauled down 2 loads of hay then it rained hard with heavy thunder and they had to quit. Probably this ends hay harvests for this year. Got letter from Sally. Hot after the rain.
- 31 Gave Harry a check for 12.00 on Bur. Dep. Bk. and cash 66 in full to Aug. 2nd cashed in Bellevue. The Rising Sun meat man Mr. Bunger came and bought 9 head of Angus cattle at 3½ the 3 year oldster and the 8 heifers in the back pasture—to be weighed at Al Rogers—he wants them Wednesday. No one worked for me. Harry went to Aurora. Sent letter to Patty, got notice from T—D. It was hot—sprinkled off and on and after 4 P.M. there was a hard rain. Leomer said they were topping tobacco.

August

- 1 Sunday. My Patty has been a widow 14 years. Bright, pretty lovely day—weather still hot.
- 2 Clear and hot but not so hot as before the rain. Sent letters to Joe Humphreys and Lizzie M. Hodges. Went to Aurora via McVile at the Bk. in Aurora got Mr. Davis to cash my draft on N.Y. from Natl Bk. Wash. (see July 26th) Sent 2 boxes of jam to Isabella and one to Sally, they were packed ready to take when Sally went. Got freight receipts. On my way back got the cash order for 6.00 from Mike Corbin and paid him the 6.00 (see July 27th). Got letters from Patty Sally, Frank, and Julia. Sally said they were to sail Thursday 5th on the George Washington for Bremen. Doll Walton came to look at the young blk. cattle I sold Sat. Sent Harry down to Grant P.O. with letter for Frank and Sally.
- 3 Hot day. Harry mowed the alfalfa with the machine. Sent letter to Patty.
- 4 Sent the steer and the 8 heifers (see July 31st) down to Al Rogers to be weighed. 3 men on horseback and a gentle cow with them. They could n't even get them weighed one got away and they brought the 8 home and later the other. Sent Harry over the river to tell Mr. Bunger and he sent word he was glad he did n't get them (well he might be!) and that I could sell them to anyone I wanted to—such is old maid farming, and life. Leomer put in a good ½ day with them. Harry cut some weeds after dinner. It was as hot as “Toba” and clouded up and thundered at noon. Got letter from Patty. They were all together Sunday at Isabella's.
- 5 Leomer came and I paid him in full to date 10.65. Went to Burlington and paid Mr. Cropper D. S. my taxes 86.67 and got his receipt. Went to Bank and got Mr. Gaines to fix my bank book and left 50. on deposit. Went to Hilda's and brought her home with me—she went to church.
- 6 Dick came and said he had worked 17 days since we settled. I had paid him 1.50 and and (sic) I paid him in full to date 11.25 but did n't put in the bean money he owes me. Sent Harry down for a barrel of flour, also sent a cash order on Mike Corbin for 6.00 (see 14th) and Harry brought me the money. He also brought out a box Sally sent me with a double harness new a present from Sally. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Lizzie Mitchell Hodges. Hot again like yesterday. Ralph Cason came and got 2 bus. corn paid me 1.50 Harry went over to see the cattle—found some in the clover and wheat in bottom field.
- 7 All went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. Hilda went to church with Susie Walton. I got two letters from Sally one from the ship George Washington 5th and note from Lily. Sent letter to Sally yesterday. Harry brought me a letter from Peabody & Co. about St. Paul Title Co. shares. Hot.
- 8 Sunday. Hot day. Harry and all went over the river. Hilda not well.
- 9 Hilda went home. Got letters from Patty, Julia and note from Lily. Very hot again. After Harry took Hilda home he cut weeds on the garden. I got the first musk melons. It sprinkled two or three times.

- 10 Sent Harry down for a clothes line. He brought out a box Sally sent me—dresses she had fixed for me. Sent letter to Patty and got one from her. Hot day. Harry cut hauled and ploughed up weeds in garden.
- 11 62° at sunup—turned hot again. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Got a notice from Frank's coachman Morris that he shipped the station wagon the 10th crated in 4 pieces. Harry mowed some weeds.
- 12 Hot—about 1 P.M. a shower—towards evening much thunder and lightning and before 8 P.M. more rain. Harry finished fixing the turnip patch in the garden and sowed the seed. He pulled off the load of hay. Leeomer worked ½ day. He helped Harry patch up the wire fence above the alfalfa field and they turned the cattle out of the pasture next Will Arnold's. Sent a letter to Peabody and Co. St. Paul about my Title and Trust Co. stock. Got letter from Patty, and one from A. B. Renaker, Cas. Peoples Bk. Burlington about Patty's mare's colt. Went to see the fence, the alfalfa and also the alfalfa (sic). Dick sowed in the corn.
- 13 With all the lightning and thunder the rain last night was slight. It was cloudy and threatening most of the day—after dinner I started for Burlington but it poured so I had to turn around—and come home. It rained hard afterwards. Harry got some green peas this morning and cut some weeds. I got letter from Joe H. and note from Hilda.
- 14 My darling Patsy's birthday, sent her a letter and got one from her saying Frank had cabled saying 'Perfect trip.' She got it the 12th they sailed the 5th. Also got letter from Julia. Went to Burlington Dep. Bk. and got 30. Went to the Peoples' Bk. and paid Mr. A. B. Renaker 20.00 for the colt Patty's mare had from the Co.'s coach horse. Went to see Hilda. Went on to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin 6.00 and got the cash order (see 6th). Harry and family went visiting. Julia came up and stayed with me.
- 15 Sunday—did n't write in this till the 19th. Hot day and rained a hard shower after noon. The family got home before night.
- 16 Ken Scott brought me a bus. of peaches and I worked canning them after putting up some peas. Doll Walton came and bought the young cattle 8 heifers at 3 ½ and the steer at 4 cts. Mr. Kirkpatrick came to look at the steer of course after he was sold. Very hot day.
- 17 Remembered my beloved mother and the day. Worked at canning again. After dinner Joe Humphreys came with Ernest. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from Patty saying that Blair was to be married the 21st to Miss Grace Hodgson, 22. Also one from Susie Tew. Still hot.
- 18 Went up to Ernest's to spend the day. Got letters from Lucy Johnstone, Julia and Peabody & Co. St. Paul. Cooler pleasant. Paid Ernest 1.65 for my sub. to Post.
- 19 Doll Walton (J. J. Walton) and Frank came down to get the 8 black heifers and the steer Leeomer L. and Harry and the rest rode on the hunt of them till about 11 and could n't find a little heifer so gave it up. Later Harry found it and drive it down to the rest and shut the gate to cut off cherry hill pasture. Ernest and Joe Humphreys came down and stayed all night. Did n't write in my book. Think a letter from Patty came. Hot day.
- 20 Lily and Frances came down and dined and later Joe and all went back to Ernest's. Doll Walton came down and got the 9 black cattle. Leeomer helped drive them. They were weighed by Doll at Mr. Jack Walton's. He sent me the weights steer 805 lbs. 8 heifers 4410 lbs. The steer came to 32.20 and the heifers to 154.35 total 186.55 He took from this 55.73 and gave me a receipt for the Bellevue graded school tax and a check on the Bellevue Bk. for 130.82 Got letter from Patty. Turned cool this evening.
- 21 Took John J. Walton's note (see yesterday) to the Bank in Bellevue got Mr. Brown to cash it—left 60.00 on deposit. Paid M. J. Corbin 49.33 and got my account for last year receipts and pd. W. W. Grant's blacksmith bill to date—5.45 also Swan freight bills to Mr. Acra 3.25 Canned the first

- tomatoes I have put up this year. Harry took down Sprightly to be shod. It is now hot in the middle of the day and cool at night. Sent letter to Patty.
- 22 Sunday. Pleasant cool bright day. Joe came down with Ernest to tell me goodbye—he is going home in the morning. Will Arnold stopped by and gave me 1.65 from Susan Clutterbuck for the side meat she got.
 - 23 Sent letters to Sally and Susie Tew. Got letters from Patty from Sally written on the ship George Washington and ship chair, from Julia and from Frank. Sent Harry to Ken Scott's for peaches—put up peaches and Seckel pears. Harry went to see the cattle and cut some weeds. Bert Arnold came to say howdy. Cool morning turned warmer.
 - 24 Did n't fail to remember my beloved father's birthday—and love his soul. Bright warm day. I canned peaches and pears. Dick was cutting tobacco. Harry cut some weeds and later took Blanche's heifer calf to Bellevue to Mike Corbin—he said it weighed 160 lbs. I sold to the huckster 30 lbs young chickens at $15\frac{1}{2} = 4.65$ Warmer.
 - 25 Hot day. I canned and made sweet pear pickles. Harry got fruit went to Bellevue for spikes and cut weeds. Later he drove Sprightly to the wagon with old Tom. I got a letter from Patty with letters about Blair's bride, one from Cousin Rebecca. Dick was housing tobacco—found a defective beam in barn.
 - 26 Rained last night—and a little this morning. Turned clear and hot. Sent letter to Patty—got letter and postal from Susie T. and notice from B. and O. Railroad Agt. that the wagon Frank sent me was in Aurora—sent Harry up to pay freight and have it hauled to the wharf boat. He went to Bellevue before
 - 27 Heard that the station wagon came down on the boat last night. Sent Harry down for it—he got Mr. Grant to help him set it up—and brought it out. Mr. Grant shod old Tom. Harry fixed the entrance to the best buggy house so he could put in the carriage—cleaned out the old buggy house put the buggy and runabout in and put the spring wagon in the barn. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her in N.Y. where she had seen Googoo and bride. Very hot—sweltering. Canned tomatoes. Like a simpleton did n't write in this again till the first of Sep.
 - 28 Canned tomatoes I think and made pear pickles. Went to Ernest's to call on Mrs. Ed. Grant. Got letter from Mr. Jaccaci with proofs of my verses. Sent letter to Sally.
 - 29 Sunday. Harry and family went to Lawrenceburg they said. Cool pretty day.
 - 30 Harry and the rest came back. He cleaned the hall. Got letter from Patty. Turned cooler.
 - 31 Continued cleaning the house. After dinner went to Bellevue to the funeral of Lena Clore. She was buried in the old graveyard. Got more proofs from Mr. J. also letter from Sally at Carlsbad and one from Julia, and postal from B. and O. agent. Did n't write in this till Sep. 4th and have things all mixed up—went one morning before Thursday to see Doll Walton about threshers.

September

- 1 Continued to clean and get ready for company.
- 2 Went down to the river to meet Susie Tew and Miss Shields. Used the wagon Frank sent me for the first time—got letter from Patty. 44° at sunup. Think I sent letter to Patty.
- 3 The men with the threshers came—it was raining but being my last chance they threshed the rye wet. Doll Walton sent two hands and teams and lent me sacks. Mr. Cason and son and Mr. Price helped—they had to stop sometimes for rain—had dinner and quit at 1.30. The man charged 6.25. I had the wet rye poured on the office shed floor. 60° at sunup. Got letters from Patty and Julia. It cleared off after noon and was pleasant.
- 4 67° at sunup. Did n't write in this till Monday. Sent letter to Sally. Got one from Patty with photographs of the family. Turned cooler.
- 5 Sunday. Cool but a perfect day. I was busy correcting proofs and writing.

- 6 Went to Burlington to take my company to Hilda's. Went to Bank and got 15.00 and paid Susie Tew the 11.75 she lent me when the threshers were here. Left with Min. Olga Kirkpatrick's mother the book and 2 rolls of proof for Mr. Jaccaci and the money to put stamps on and register them—and put in the P.O. letters to Mr. Jaccaci and to Patty. It was a cloudy day and chilly. Susie Clutterbuck sent me quinces.
- 7 Warmer and much pleasanter. Got letter from Patty inclosing one from Sally at Carlsbad. Will Arnold's tenants were putting tobacco in the little barn. I told him before that he must have it taken out in time for me to use it for cattle.
- 8 50° at 6 A.M. Yesterday gave Harry a cash order on Mike Corbin for 2.00. Turned warmer. I made quince marmalade.
- 9 My darling mother's birthday—Lord love her. Rained last night and raining now. Sent letter to Sally—got letter from her and from Mr. Jaccaci, and box of chocolates from Patty. Went to Bellevue Bk. and got Mr. Brown to cash a check for 15.00. Paid Mike Corbin the 2.00 cash order (see 8th) and got it. Stopped to see Mrs. Mary Rice and Ella Smith. Did n't write in this till the 13th.
- 10 My precious little sister's birthday—Lord love her. Rained last night and looked like rain but cleared off. Went to Aurora to take Miss Maria W. Shield's to get the train for Cin. on her way to N. Orleans. A roll of proofs came for me and receipts for the two rolls I registered in Burlington, also letter from Julia.
- 11 Sent Harry for Hilda who came and went to church. Corrected the proofs and gave them to Mr. Mahan to register. Turned warm
- 12 Sunday—Hilda went to church.
- 13 Hilda went home. Harry got damson's on his way back from Zen Scott. Sent letter to Patty at Henderson—got letter and 2 postals from her and letter from Julia. Hot again. Went to see and salt the cattle. Found black cow with white belly and bag [?] with a new b. calf—it looked several days old. Pasture getting dry and water scarcer. Harry dug garden potatoes.
- 14 Harry finished digging potatoes in garden and took Ty and had his shoes reset. Got from Corbin a barrel of salt. Sent letter to Sally. Made damson marmalade. Hot
- 15 Sent letter to Julia—got one from Patty at Mrs. D. Robinsons and registry receipt from Mr. Jaccaci. Made damson marmalade again. Cut peppers the first time. Harry cleaned up vines and weeds in the yard. Hot but turned cooler at night. Yesterday Bob Brady brought me Hilda's vault key
- 16 54° at sunup. Went to Bellevue Bk. got 10. on a check. Paid Mr. Eph. Clore 5.50 freight bill on carriage. Gave Ben Corbin the key to Hilda's vault to point the iron doors. Got lot of picture postals from Sally at Carlsbad and postal from Patty. Harry mowed the yard with the machine.
- 17 50° at sunup. Got letter from Nina C. saying that Mary was very ill not expected to live. Got letter from Miss Shields. Made quince marmalade. Harry cut weeds on clover in the sand field and broke the machine.
- 18 Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Nina C. Cool day. Harry got Mr. Grant to try to mend the broken piece.
- 19 Sunday. Turned hot. Harry and the rest went to Burlington.
- 20 Went to Aurora to take Susie Tew on her way to Cin. and N. Orleans. Hot and dusty—the country over the river very dry. Sent by Susie letter to Belle R. Got letters from Patty at Mrs. Robinson's and Sally at Carlsbad from Julia and from Natl Met. Bk. Wash. asking me to open an account there! Harry began to cut weeds on clover. Dick was cutting tobacco and had some beans pulled.
- 21 Warm day—towards sundown a hard wind and later the same and some rain. Susan and all went to R. Sun. Sent letter to Julia. Picked some grapes.
- 22 Harry took Blanche to the big pasture. Hot day. Got letter from Patty and from Julia. Harry cut weeds on clover over the creek. I fooled with bad grapes and made a little jelly.

- 23 Sprinkled a while—cleared off and turned cool. Harry cut weeds on clover across the creek. I made some grape jelly. Got letters from Sally 9th in Carlsbad and Patty at Mrs. Robinson's.
- 24 44° at sunup—cool all day. Harry finished cutting weeds off clover. Dick finished cutting and hauling in tobacco. Ernest stopped by with Mrs. Lonti [?] Leonard. Heard about the tobacco money. Dick has been cutting corn. Mr. Stevens the Assessor came.
- 25 45° at sunup. Went to Bellevue—got Mike Corbin to witness a proxy for voting my stock in Bellevue Bk. and gave it to Mr. Brown. At the bank in Bellevue received from Will Arnold the Tobacco Pool's check for 340.32 on my tobacco. Endorsed the check and deposited it in the Bk. Got check for 5.00 and left it with Mr. F. H. Brown for Mr. S. Berkshire as sub. to bridge over Middle Creek. Got postal from Susie T. letter from Mary's sister Nina saying Mary is better, also letter from Julia. Dick came and told me he had pooled his tobacco and that he got 198. for his share. He gave me 3.60 as my share of watermelon money!
- 26 Sunday. Chilly day
- 27 Went to Bellevue. Met Will Arnold and pooled my tobacco in his book with Dick Loudon. At the Bellevue Bank drew 110.00. Went on to Burlington and at the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. paid Mr. Revill the note I had there 106.00 and got it. Patty had endorsed it (see Oct. 29, 1908.) Got from Mr. Revill a draft on N.Y. payable to Nina M. Cochrane and enclosed it in a letter to Mary C. for her, sent it from Bur. P.O. also one to Patty. On my return got letters from Patty, and Sally at Lucerne. Went to Hilda's—dined there. It was 39° at sunup and there was frost but I could n't see anything frost-bitten. It was so cold I wore wraps and had a fire in the dining room this evening—the first of this fall. Having drawn and spent the money of the note I paid I only set down the interest to-day. Went to Burlington to get the 8 per cent still due on the tobacco but Mr. Hughes and Will Arnold said my check had n't come and would be sent to me.
- 28 Turned a little warmer—had fire. Harry cut a little garden corn and hauled in the garden potatoes. After dinner he went for apples for Susan.
- 29 Harry got up the 2 youngest black b. calves and Dick attended to them. He also cut a little corn in the garden and cleaned out springs in big pasture. Mr. Lin. H. Kelly came and got 8 bushels of rye. Gave me a check on Bellevue Bk. for 5.60. I went to see Mrs. Louly Walton and her new son. It is very dry and dusty and I have no fire.
- 30 Turned cooler had fire again. Harry cut a little corn in the garden and patched up the rear of the coal shed. Got letters from Patty, Sally at the Italian lakes and Susie T. Walked through the corn in lower bottoms. The two light frosts hurt the late corn fodder and the wind for two or three days did it more damage.

October

- 1 Cooler 44° and fog. Harry cut the rest of the garden corn, and later mowed the grass on Dick's potato patch. Dick said he found seed wheat over the river—and that he cut the corn on the brickyard bottom to-day. Sent letter to Patty in N.Y. and to Sue.
- 2 Went to Bellevue to Bk. Got Mr. Brown to cash Mr. Kelly's check (see 29th) and besides got 20. Let Richard Loudon have 12.50 to pay for 10 bus. seed wheat over the river and .60 for expenses on it. Settled with Harry and paid him in full to last Monday. Harry and family went away to Big Bone they said. Julia stayed with me.
- 3 Sunday. After 2 P.M. got telephone from Julia's saying that Sally and Frank had got home safe. Pretty day bright and dry—no fire Harry and the rest came home.
- 4 Will Rogers came and got 26 bus. rye at .70 18.20 Sent Harry down with wagon to get Mr. Grant to fix the wheel tap. He brought two loads of coal 80 bus. he said from Al Rogers at 13½ cents a bushel. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got letters from Patty and Sue and one for Patty from Fanny G. Bright

mild day—very dry. Mr. Revill telephoned me an invitation from his wife to dine Wed. with Kate Lewis (Stephenson).

- 5 Sent Harry for another load of coal at Als—he said he got 41 bus. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Sent Harry to look at cattle and clean out springs. They he cleaned some up stairs carried coal up fixed grates &c. I cleaned house. It was mild and very dusty.
- 6 Went to Burlington to dine at Mrs. Revill's to meet Kate Lewis—saw Patty Flandrau Revill. Went to Hilda's going and coming—saw her. At Mr. Red Ole's store he gave 3.75 that the thresher man left there for me Sep. 3^d. Put in P.O. at B. letter to Sally. Found letters from Patty, and Julia and Frank. Sally has n't been well since she left Carlsbad. Very dust on the pike.
- 7 Frank's letter had check for 21. Texas int. Sent note to Frank and one to Patty. Got a note from Patty—the one I sent her was inclosing Fanny Gibbon's letter. Took up the dining room carpet cleaned the room and put the carpet down. Harry worked and Susan helped some. Beautiful bright warm day—very dry.
- 8 Did n't write in this till 11th. Continued to work fixing the house. Still very warm.
- 9 Send Harry after Hilda who came down and went to church. Got letter from Julia. Think I sent letter to Julia. Harry began to fatten the hogs. Warm as summer. Violets blooming in the yard.
- 10 Sunday. Poured down rain—about noon went with Harry to Bellevue to meet Sue who came on the boat the Kanawha. The wind blew hard with the rain and it turned cool—had fire in the evening.
- 11 Harry took Hilda home. It was cloudy and windy with sprinkles and colder. Sent letter to Sally, got one from Patty.
- 12 Sent letter to Julia. From Grant P.O. got letter with proxy to sign for St. Paul Title Ins. Trust Co. and imitation to the wedding of J. _N[?] Macomb Jr. [Guessing this is John Navarre Macomb Jr.] Worked at pickles. Had pears picked. Cold windy day.
- 13 30° at sunup—ice at cisterns—cold and turned warmer a little and rained at night a chilly slight rain. Dick hauled in potatoes and divided them. Leomer said there were about 45 bus. in all mostly small. Harry went to Bellevue with wagon—got runabout shaft iron fixed and had Hector shod—he hauled 2 loads of coal from Al's said one was 40 and the other 41 bus. Sent letter to Sally and one to St. Paul Co. with proxy signed—got one from Patty.
- 14 Got two letters from Sally and one from Julia. Worked putting up mangoes [peppers] and told Harry to cut weeds in graveyard. Dick brought me a share of sweet potatoes. It was not so cold.
- 15 39° at 6. Harry said he cleaned stalls and hauled away the manure. Sent letter to Sally.
- 16 Colder ice at cistern but turned pleasant. Got letter from Patty saying she would come to-morrow and later telephone from Julia that she would not. Also letter from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. with check for 8.00. and letter from Mary C. Dick was putting in wheat.
- 17 Sunday. Patty telephoned from Cin. and Aurora and I sent Harry for her and she got home before dark. It rained before he started and was raining when she got home—and chilly. When she left Isabella's it was cold and snowing.
- 18 Rained hard last night and steadily all day. Harry went down to the Swan and got Patty's trunks. Sent letter to Sally, got one from her and from Julia and from the Southern Trust Co. Certificate No. A224 for 35/100 shares of stock of this Co. of Houston, Texas.
- 19 Sent signed receipt for the above Certificate Mr. Pope came out to see about the repairs I want made. Clear and mild. Susan went to R.S.
- 20 41° at sunup—turned warmer and rained off and on. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Sent for Concrete book. Went to Bank and got 40.00 and went to Al Roger's to settle about the rye and coal. The rye came to 18.20 (see 4th) and 203 bus. coal which Harry hauled to 27.40 leaving me owing him 9.20 on the coal. I then engaged another hundred bus. at 13.00 and gave him a check on Citizen's Bk. Bellevue for 22.20.

- 21 Sent Harry with the wagon to Aurora for shingles lumber &c. Mr. Dode Pope went with him. I sent by Harry 25.00 and the bill from R. C. Mattox was 32.60 with the credit on it, leaving me owing him 7.60. Gave Mr. Mahan 4.00 and .05 to send to Century Magazine as mail order for subscription. Beautiful and warm but wind blew hard all day. We gathered Lima beans it was so warm.
- 22 Warm and bright—at night rained with thunder. Patty went to Mr. Berkshire's for apples. Sent letter to Sally and to Mary C. Went to hunt cattle but could only find six.
- 23 Rained off and on all day. Got letter from Julia. Patty Sue and I went to Burlington and dined with Hilda. Rained at night too.
- 24 Sunday—clear and cooler. Patty and I walked to look at alfalfa.
- 25 Bright cool 29° at sunup. Harry took Dick's mare to get it shod for Patty. Turned warmer. Sent letter to Julia. Told Dick about milking.
- 26 42° at sunup. Dick began to do the milking. Bright mild day. Patty went to see Lily Grant. Harry went to see about the cattle.
- 27 40° at sunup. Went to Bellevue—got barrel of flour 7.00 payable to R. C. Mattox—to pay balance on lumber—also 10. for myself. Got letter from Julia. Mr. Dode Pope and Charlie Clore came out to work—began to put a roof on the gallery. Dick was working on the ground in front of the house preparing for wheat.
- 28 Sent Sally a letter inclosing one of her father's telling about my Title Ins. and Trust stock. Sent R. C. Mattox a check for 7.60 see yesterday. Got letter from Sally telling me about the funeral of Gen. A. E. Bates at West Point. The men came out to work Dode Pope and Charlie—they finished putting on the shingles on the gallery. Sent Harry for the jack screws and for three gallons of paint from Corbin's. Bright but turned cooler. Went to Mrs. Rue's.
- 29 26° at sunup—ice and frost but bright and turned milder. The men came out to work—they fixed the wine house door and then painted on the gallery roof. I did n't write in this till Nov. 2 and forget about letters.
- 30 So warm and bright it was lovely. Doll Walton measured my pile of rock—the crusher is going now. Doll sent me the measures 87 perch 20ft. I walked over to the pasture to see Daisy cow. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Susan went away on the Swan.
- 31 Sunday—Patty Sue and I went to Ernest's to spend the day. I was warm and pleasant.

November

- 1 the men came out and worked on Dick's house put stone pillars under it and began to fix the floor—it sprinkled off and on and after sundown rained hard with some lightning. Harry went after the horses that were in Doll's pasture and closed the gate on cherry hill. Patty went after Susan who came on the boat. They say Charlie Snelling shot a mad dog that came by where the crusher hands were working.
- 2 Warm pleasant day—turned cooler at night. Mr. Pope and Charlie came and worked at Dick's. They mostly put in window frames &c. The crushers worked.
- 3 35° at sunup. The men worked on Dick's house and painting the gallery roof. Beautiful day. Sent letter to Sally. Got one from her and Isabella.
- 4 Beautiful bright mild day. Mr. Pope and Charlie worked on Dick's house—said they finished but they did n't do some things I told them.
- 5 Mr. Pope and Charlie worked again. They made an eaves trough for the coal house—tinkered some things in the house, reset some posts in the sheep cellar made a gate they said, fixed stable eaves troughs and finished at Dick's. Settled with Mr. Dode Pope—he charged 1.75 a day for himself and Charlie Clore too and they worked 8 days=28.00 and he charged 1.00 for the barrel of lime he bought for me. I gave him a check for 29.00 on the Bellevue Bank. Lovely day.

- 6 Lovely spring like day. Patty went to Aurora to take the 3 P.M. train for Louisville—she was going to visit Mrs. Sunshine Harris. Amy Campbell, Miss Louise Shaw and Miss Morse came down in Amy's Motor to make a call—they came and went after dinner. Sent to Aurora a box of jam to Isabella. The crusher has been working this week and the rock is put on the pike.
- 7 Sunday. Lovely and warm—picked violets and a fresh nasturtium bloom. Misty.
- 8 Cloudy and misty with slight sprinkles. Sent letter to Sally and postal to Patty. Got note from Patty at Mrs. Ballard's and letter from Frank inclosing check for 90. From N.Y. Title Co. Harry hauled coal from Al Rogers' 3 loads.
- 9 Sent note to Frank and letter to Julia got letter from Patty. It misted and rained a little. Sent Harry to tell Will Arnold about the tobacco and Dan McCarthy came and moved some tobacco in the little barn. Harry went to see about the cattle too. Sent Patty letters.
- 10 Cleared off warm as spring. Got postal from In. Co. asking for 2.00 assessment. Harry went after horses again—that got in Doll's pasture. Bob Brady told me to ask Doll for an order for my rock. Went to look at alfalfa.
- 11 Went to Bellevue Bk. got 15. And paid Will Grant's bill 4.65—got 2 boxes at Mike's. Warm pretty day. Got letter from Patty and notice from Southern Trust Co. Houston Texas, with proxy to sign.
- 12 Sent the proxy signed and letter to Sally. Bright warm day. Patty came home—from Aurora in a motor boat. The rock crushers finished the piles here. Did n't write in this till 15th.
- 13 Sent for Hilda who came down to church. Amy Campbell, Mr. Sexton and Mrs. Blanche and Miss Whittaker came down and dined They came in the motor and went home
- 14 Sunday Ernest and Lily came down to dine. Flora came over later. Hilda went home. The day was like summer with a strong wind. At night it rained a little.
- 15 Went to Aurora to take Sue to the train on her way to Akron to visit Jamie, and then she is to go on home. It was misting rain early and cleared off. I went to Mr. Davis's bank and got him to cash the three checks (see 8th and Oct. 6th and 16th). Got letter from Isabella and 2 for Sue. Rained again at night.
- 16 Raining a misty rain, and then stopped and the wind blew. Dick was stripping tobacco. Sent Sue's letters to her—got letters from Julia and Amy C. Sent Harry to hunt for Daisy and found her with a b. calf—apparently several days old—drove them up. Rained hard later and turned colder. Sent by Harry 2.00 to Miss Olga Kirkpatrick to get receipt for Ins. Assessment.
- 17 35° at sunup—no sun, gloomy chilly day. Sent note to Sue, got letter from cousin Mr. Gumbes and notice from St. Paul Title & Trust Co. Went to Bellevue Bk. and got from Mr. Brown 30. Went to Mike Corbin's and paid him my 1909 store account in full to date 110. and got it. Went to Doll Walton's and he gave me an order on R. A. Brady for 43.90 for the rock the pike crushed see Oct. 30. Pd. Doll for his hands' work threshing 1.00 (see Sep. 3d) Harry put the crepe myrtles in the cellar.
- 18 27° at sunup. Mr. Bob Brady came and gave me a check for 43.90 on Peoples Bk. Bur. For the rock the pike crushed. Leeomer came and said he was to get all the money for the 142 shocks he and Dick cut so I settled with him in full to date paid him 7.19 Got letter from Sue.
- 19 Sent our trunks by Harry to Burlington to be sent to Central Station Cin. Warmer.
- 20 Sent our trunks to Burlington to be sent to Cin. Went to Bellevue Bk. and got Mr. Brown to cash Bob Brady's check (see 18th) left 10. In Bank to my credit and got the balance. Very windy. Sent letter to Julia. Amy and Harriett came down in the motor. Susan's mother and step-father came. Warmer and looks like rain.
- 21 Sunday. Did n't write in this again till Dec. 12th and will try to remember a little of the things in the time Patty and I were away from home. The girls spent the day with us and Susan had a dinner for a big company. At 3.30 P.M. Patty and I left with Amy and Harriet in the Motor—got to Cin. after dark and stayed all night at Mrs. Ecksteins 510 East 4th St.

- 22 Patty and I left for Lexington on the 8 A.M. train. Sue Grigsby met us and we went on to Woodford on the trolley to Station 27—there we got off and Lucy's carriage met us and we went to Sumner's Forest. The wind blew a gale all day so we could hardly keep our hats and bonnet on and at night there was a rain and thunder storm. It was warm.
- 23 Stayed at Lucys. Mrs. Hart came to see us.
- 24 We went to Versailles and to see Ridie Field Mary Burke and the rest.
- 25 Thanksgiving. We went to Lexington and dined at Lucy Chenault's. Saw Joe Jr. there.
- 26 Stayed with Lucy.
- 27 Went to Lex. and went out to Ingleside to see Mrs. Gibson and Mitty Foster who was there with her little girl Elizabeth Dunster, and the rest.
- 28 Sunday. We went to Spring Hill to visit Susie Camden and her family dined and stayed all night. It was so lovely and warm that we sat out on the gallery like summer, and Patty took a long walk in a shirt waist.
- 29 They sent us back in the Motor via Versailles where we stopped to see Ridie.
- 30 Stayed with Lucy. While we were here the weather was unusually warm and beautiful for this time of the year and the country looked lovely. I had letters from Sally and others. During our stay Lucy had Acetylene gas put into her house and it was all lighted before we left.

December

- 1 We went to Lex. And took the 3 P.M. train for Cin. got there and Julia sent for us and we got to her house for dinner.
- 2 Patty went to Dr. Clancey about her tooth. I stayed with Julia.
- 3 Patty had her tooth treated and then pulled
- 4 Sally's birthday—wrote to her. Patty was so miserable with her tooth that I can't recall things. She says we went to Mary's to lunch to meet some of her friends Jenny A. and others.
- 5 Sunday. Amy dined by invitation at Julia's. It rained and began to turn cooler.
- 6 Patty had a tooth filled—getting better.
- 7 Went to Mary Stettinius to a tea she gave Patty to meet her old friends. Eloise sick. It was getting very cold.
- 8 It was bitter cold. Patty went to make visits. It went down to 3° above 0 this night.
- 9 We came home on the 2 P.M. train to Aurora and on the Swan. Harry met us—said it was 7° about here at sunup. While at Julia's I got letters from Sally and others—wrote her and to Lucy &c.
- 10 10° above 0 Harry shipped hams at least took them to Bellevue that Patty sent to Amy and Mrs. Eckstein. He brought out the stove that I bought at Shillito's and the armoire that Patty got in Louisville.
- 11 30° Raining and sleeting. Heard that Hilda had a fall and hurt her wrist. Harry took the horses to try to get them shod—could n't get it done. Harry then hauled some fodder to the cattle, the first. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Mary C. Sally said Mrs. Cutcheon was there and she had a letter from Blair. Mary C. said she and Nina were tolerably well again. Julia sent me an account of the accident to Amy's Motor yesterday, fortunately she was n't in it. Fred was hurt and Miss Shaws gardener killed, and the motor probably ruined. This is the one Patty was making visits in.
- 12 Sunday. Rainy and chilly. Went to see Hilda—poor thing with her right hand done up in a sling. Rain partly frozen.
- 13 Telephoned to Will Arnold to take the tobacco in the new barn away and he took it. Rained blew and snowed—horrid day. Mrs. Brady telephoned that Bob went to see Hilda to-day and she was in bed and suffering with her wrist. Got letters from Julia saying the Dr. thought Eloise a little better and that she had a chance to get well.

- 14 33° Sent letters to Miss Kate Shreve and Julia. Got letter from Sally. Went to Bellevue to the Bank and got 10.
- 15 Killed hogs—6 of those I bought from Willy Huey. Dick killed his up here. Mr. Rue helped and I am to return it. Joe West came after dinner to work on the meat. Patty went to see Hilda. Sent Harry after his father who did n't come. Sent letter to Sally. Snowed off and on during the day and at night. Harry hauled some fodder to cattle.
- 16 Skim of snow but mild and bright. Sent letter to Julia Ben Corbin came and tried out the lard. Joe West came and cut the meat and salted it. Dick Loudon helped with the lard. Sent 6 hogs down to Bellevue to be shipped to Cincinnati. Patty walked down to B. Got letter from Julia.
- 17 28° at sunup. Yesterday 16th I got the checks for the hams Patty had sent up see 10th one from Harriet H. Eckstein for 47.42 and one from Amy Campbell for 16.89. Joe West helped part of the day He said he worked 2¼ days and I paid him in bones and .36 I had the sausage ground and made. Turned colder.
- 18 Patty went to Aurora—it was cold, 10° at sunup at bedtime. She took and Expressed sausage meat for Sally, Isabella, Julia and others. Also a box with 2 hams to go as freight to Belle R. Harry took down to Mike Corbin a lot of sausage meat for which he is to pay .12 also some bones at .07. Harry brought out the barrels Lucy sent me with the lamp she gave me. Patty brought a box from Sally that was in Aurora. Got letter from Julia. Dick said he hauled some fodder to cattle. Patty said that at sunset she saw beautiful sun dogs like those they see in Minnesota and after dark we saw moon dogs a thing I never saw before. There was a wonderful circle round the moon—in fact two circles and double moon dogs—it was one of the most exquisite sights I ever saw in the heavens and made me think of polar nights I have read of.
- 19 Sunday. 7° above 0 at sunup. Ernest and Lily dined with us. Cold all day.
- 20 Mr. Rue killed hogs and I sent Leeomer to return Mr. Rue's helping me, at sunup 6° above 0 but moderated some. Got letter [forgot to do one page!!!!]
- 23 Got letter from Sally with check.
- 24 Had the cattle sorted. Harry said he left the 2 young calves with the cows—put the big calves and steers in the sheep cellar. It snowed off and on. Patty went to Bellevue. I sent a letter to Julia one day.
- 25 Christmas. Snowed most of the day and cold. Got packages yesterday and to-day.
- 26 Sunday—still cold. Harry and family went to Susan's mother's. Snow on ground.
- 27 Got letter from Julia—sent one to Sue. Snow still on and cold.
- 28 20° at sunup—seems colder. Sent letter to Belle R.
- 29 Colder 16° I think. Sent letter to Sally. Got letters from Julia, Fanny Lee and from Natl Met. Bk. Wash. with proxy to sign
- 30 0 at sunup. Returned the proxy to the Bank. Cold all day. At night Harry came back.
- 31 Did n't write in this till Jan 4th. Turned warmer. At night heard by telephone from Cin. that Joe H. was coming.