

1911

January

- 1 Sunday. Dark wet day—later poured. Did n't go out at all Mr. Jack came to supper.
- 2 Very misty dark and rainy. Got book from little Julia D. H. Holmes' Poems. Got letter from Fanny and the twins. Sent letters to Patty and Julia and my book to Laura D. and letter to Hilda. Rained hard later—Sally and Mrs. C. went to Opera and Mr. Carl Taylor dined here.
- 3 Raining and dark. Got letter from Patty of Thursday saying Bob had bad toothache and had it pulled such is life. Belle Breckinridge and Mrs. Parish came. Sally took us all to Belasco's to see a play 'The Concert'—very amusing.
- 4 Frank says it hailed last night and there is a little snow on the ground. Papers give account of a severe cold wave in the west and south. Got letter from Julia, and one from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl B. Georgetown with check for \$28.00 div. and proxy to sign, also one from Julia. Got letter from National Bank of Wash. with check for \$176.00 div. for Jan. Miss Susan Casey Carroll came to see me.
- 5 Went shopping and to see Butler's pictures at Club . Got from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. proxy to sign. Sally signed and mailed it. We all went to Belle Breckinridge's to lunch. Mrs. Maltby was there. Rutger Miller called later. I got letter from Julia Loving. Sally got one from Charlie saying Cousin Rebecca is better. Willie and E. dined here. Rather cold. We went in the little motor to lunch with Julia Ethridge. On the way home stopped at the Church of the Ascension to see Lafarge's picture of the Ascension. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her saying her Julia [was] sick in bed and one from Patty, saying it was 16° at sunup in her tent, and 30° in the dining room at breakfast and windy. Got letter from Hilda written by Sally V.
- 7 Wrote letter to Patty. Sent her P.O. order for 9.00 which was left from the check for 15.00 she sent me after paying the int. due on her note. Went round with Sally in the little motor. Pleasanter.
- 8 Sunday. Mrs. Lily Emerson lunched here. Louisiana Arkell came to see us. It rained at night.
- 9 Got letter from Frank—receipt for the two checks (see Dec.30th) also one from Helen and one from Julia saying her Julia is still very ill—sent letter to her. Went shopping with Sally—got waist. Sent letter to Susan. Went with Frank to the Opera, Tannhäuser.
- 10 Sent letter to Patty. Went with Mrs. Cutcheon to the Metropolitan Museum. Bright and rather cold. Mrs. George Edward Wood called to see me. Got letter from Julia saying her Julia was very ill.
- 11 Sent letter to Julia. We went to lunch with L. Arkell—to meet Sue and Louly and Mr. Von Engelchen [sic]. It rained later.
- 12 Sent note to Julia and postal to Patty. Got letter from Julia and sent her another note. Sally got letter from Patty. Sally Woolley came says she is going to England. Went to theatre to see Vanity Fair.
- 13 Rained. Mrs. Cutcheon went to Washington. Stayed home. Got letter from Patty. Mrs. Beard came to see us (Miss Ruth Hill that was). Dr. Cutter came to see about Frank's tonic and Sally made him prescribe some tablets for me for slight hoarseness.
- 14 Got letter from Susan. Very dark gloomy weather. Sent letter to Julia.
- 15 Sunday. Went to Mr. Damrosch's concert—lovely Beethoven programme. Miss Kathleen Parlow violinist played, as I never dreamed of hearing a girl play. Rainy and gloomy.
- 16 Got letter from Julia saying her Julia was a little better. Sent letter to her and to Susan, and to Patty. Sue Grigsby came and stayed all night and we went to the Opera Madame Butterfly. Clear and much colder.
- 17 Got two letters from Julia, saying her Julia was worse—sent letter to Julia. Sue went home. Sent letter to Belle R. Got one from Cousin Helen Huntington. Sally went to sit for photograph.

- 18 Sent letter to Julia, got one from her saying Julia had taken a turn for the better. Louisiana A. lunched with us and I went with her to the theatre to see Baby Mine—saw the real baby elephant named after the farce. We went with Sally to see the portraits painted by Miss Ellen (Bay) Emmet. Bright and milder. Went to Mrs. Scott's.
- 19 Sent letter to Julia. Got one from Harry saying Susan has another girl born Friday 13th that she has named Essie Fay! Sent letter to Patty. Emma Eaton came from Montclair to lunch with us. Her daughter-in-law Mrs. Sally Morgan Eaton came for her. This morning we went to the Belmont to see Cousin Frankie and Madeleine, to arrange about my going up with them to-morrow to Helen's. Sally cashed for me the check from the Texas Co. for \$25. (see Dec. 30 1910). Emma Eaton has a telegram to-day from Cin. saying that Julia was slightly better. Louisiana and Mr. Von E. and Mr. Taylor dined here.
- 20 Got letter from Julia saying I. Julia was better and they were very hopeful. Did n't write in this again till 24. Went with Cousin Frankie and Madeleine to Staatsburg. Helen met me and took me to her home Hopeland House. It was dark when we got there—rained at night.
- 21 Rained most of the day. The river is frozen and like a sea of glass. At Helen's the views are beautiful, and the house which she showed me. Cousin Frankie and Madeleine came up to Helen's to lunch and brought me a letter telegram from Sally.
- 22 Sunday—beautiful bright day. There are at Helen's, herself and husband R. P. Huntington—their two youngest children Alice and Bobby, Mr. Ford Huntington, the English governess Miss Porter and the trained nurse Mrs. Hasking. Cousin Frankie sent for me to go down to 'The Locusts' for lunch. When I got back Helen took me to see the stable barns—milking, separating &c. During the day I watched ice boats on the river—beautiful—that I had never seen before. There was no snow up there.
- 23 Helen put me on the 9.30 train and Sally met me. Mrs. Cutcheon is here. I found letters from Patty and Belle R. and 3 from Julia, all encouraging. Sally took me to see the portraits by Fleming of Cousin Frankie and Madeleine. Found light snow here.
- 24 Sent letter to Julia—got one from her, saying the doctor said Julia is getting well, clearly. Went with Sally to the French Opera to see Mary Garden and Renaud in Thaïs.
- 25 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letter from Julia. Eleanore Tew came to call.
- 26 Sent letters to Sue, Hilda, and Susan R. Mild and raining. Sally sent her doctor to see me about my sore throat.
- 27 Got letter from Julia—still improving. Raining and dark. Miss Carroll came to lunch.
- 28 Got letter from Hilda that Sally V. wrote—and got one from Sue. Sent letter to Julia. Later got one from her and from Lucy Johnstone. Went for a ride in the Park—bright and pretty. Mrs. Sheridan came to fit me. May Eaton telephoned Sally from Montclair.
- 29 Sunday. Stayed in all day. Frank and Sally went to the L.I. place—it was bright early—snowed a little about lunch time and turned to slight rain.
- 30 Got letter from Harry—said Susan was up and around. Alice Allen came. Had rheumatism in my right knee—woke up with it and later had to send for the doctor. Dr. Condiet [?] Walker Cutler—and had to give up stay in bed and be dosed. I stopped writing in this and have not written in it till Feb. 17th. Mrs. Cutcheon left 31st. I have had all sorts of letters of which I could not keep any account.

February

- 15 Dr. Cutler came and said I was improving and he allows me to sit up and walk a little. I have got a letter from Mr. John Wilson Townsend, at Lex. Ky.—wrote me on the subject of my book—and I sent him two copies and later wrote him a note. Margaret Ames came to lunch and to see me. Mrs. Parish came too.

- 16 Mitty Gibson and her husband Harry Foster and their little girl Dunster and Louisiana Von and her Von were here to tea (5 o'clock) and came to see me. Had a letter from Julia I think and sent her one. I have written to Patty, to Sue and to Hilda.
- 17 Mrs. Sheridan came to fit me. Sally went to lunch with Miss Clara Hill. I got a letter from Sue. It was rainy and gloomy. Mrs. Gardiner (Janey Hatch) called to see me.
- 18 Got up, dressed as usual and stayed in the library the morning. Got letter from Julia—they expect to start to Florida the 25. Also got letter from Hilda. Sent one to Patty. Sally went to lunch with Madame de Mora [sic]. Alice sent me lovely lilies of the valley. Belle Breckinridge and family were to sail for Italy to-day. Sue Grigsby came.
- 19 Sunday. Frank went in the motor to Long Island. Miss Olivia Cutting came to lunch and told us about her visit at Bob's at Cat Cañon. Alice Allen and Katharine came. Eleanore and Dinsmore Tew came. Julia Ethridge came.
- 20 Got letters from Julia and Susan. Sent answer to Susan. It was snowing hard this morning and the snow is right deep, it has snowed most of the day—5 inches. Sent letters to Cousin Frankie and Julia. Sally and Frank went to hear Tristan.
- 21 Got letter from Hilda. Bright pretty day. Went out in the motor with Sally to the Park. Frank and Sally went to the Opera—Carmen. Louly and Mr. Von came to see us. I gave him to post letter to Julia. Margaret sent me a pot of flowers.
- 22 Bright. Got letters from Isabella and Ernest. Sally took me to the Park and Riverside—beautiful scene. Park gay with riders and children.
- 23 Bright pretty day, rather cold—got letters from Patty and Julia. Dr. Cutler came to see me and said he need not come again. Cousin Frankie and Madeleine came to see me. Sally bought her outfit for Cat Cañon. Mr. Parish came to see me. Sent letter to Hilda. Frank and Sally went to the theatre.

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April

- 3 Settled with Harry from Dec. 5 1910 to April 1st. He said he had worked 87 ½ days which comes to 65.63. He had received cash 48.15 and corn to the amount of 3.71 = 51.86 which leaves me owing him 13.37. Raining again to-day. Got book from Miss Marian Carroll Markham. Patty's mare Ty has a horse colt—bay with white spot in forehead like Major, her two-year-old colt.
- 4 Patty went to Rising Sun on the hunt of a cook. I gave Harry one of Mr. Sullivan's checks 10.00 and paid him 3.40 in full to 1st. Sent letter to Susie Tew. Harry first went to the river to get the linoleum Sally sent and later put it down in passage and pantry.
- 5 Rained and turned warmer. Took my last dose of Dr. Cutler's medicine. Susan said yesterday that all the incubator chickens died. Wrote to Sally and Isabella—got letter from Sally and postal from Lucy J. and letter from Lizzie D. Goodrich telling me that John B. is in Lincoln Neb. very ill with heart disease. Patty went to see Fanny Strader and to B. to see Hilda.
- 6 Sent letters to Sally and John B. and Lizzie D. Goodrich, got note from Julia in Clifton. Harry put the Prairie Queen Rose at the porch on a frame. It blew hard all day was very warm—at night suddenly turned colder and rained. Harry sold the heifer of his twin calves.
- 7 Cool and not raining—sent letter to Mrs. Cutcheon and note to Miss M. C. Markham. Burpees Garden seeds came. Patty went to Burlington to meet Pearl Pettit. I sent by her Mr. W. Sullivan's note for 8.25 (see March 30th) and Mr. Revill cashed it. Patty heard from little Julia by telephone. She dined with Hilda.
- 8 Did n't write in this till 11th and can't remember much. Planted some seeds in cans.
- 9 Sunday. Sent for Sue who came on the mail boat. It was a bright pretty day but chilly.

- 10 I went to Mr. Carl Rouse's and bought a Durse Jersey sow and 7 pigs. He said she was young. Ernest Grant and Lily came after dinner. It was bright and chilly.
- 11 My dear sister Belle's birthday—may she spend it in bliss. It turned warmer. Harry ploughed in the garden and planted a few radish and lettuce seeds. About 4 P.M. it began to rain. Got a side of meat from Mr. E. E. Kelly. Sent a letter to Julia and got one from her. Got Boone Fire Ins. ass. card for .80.
- 12 Rained off and on and later rained steadily. Patty went to Bellevue. Mr. Woody Sullivan came and Patty bought of him an old mare named Nelly—she is an indescribably ugly color with gray dashes here and there—and sway backed to a degree—a regular old plug—she gave Mr. Sullivan a check for \$100. Harry was busy. Sue was sick all day.
- 13 Rained hard last night with thunder, and rained off and on all day—creeks very high. Sue sick all day again. I got a letter from Julia. Harry helped Patty. Dick Loudon brought his book up and we settled in full to date. I owed him 12.00 and gave him a check on Bellevue Bk. for it.
- 14 Harry took the Sullivan heifer to Bob Huey's and he says he thinks it is no good. Sent for Dr. Williamson to see Sue and he came. Sent letter to Sally—and got one from her inclosing Ex. receipt and got from Mr. John Wilson Townsend his notice of my book in Lex. Leader Sunday March 5th. Rained of course but cleared off later. I took the straw off my strawberries. Harry helped Patty with the sofa she fixed and took the spring wagon to McVile to be painted. They say there was a lightning storm last night, unusual, with heavy thunder.
- 15 Dr. Williamson came to see Sue again, she is still in bed. Bright pretty day but windy. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Sent Harry for the sow and pigs I bought of Mr. Carl Rouse. She is a young sow Durse Jersey he said, with seven pigs and I paid him 25.00 for them. After dinner Harry went to Rising Sun. Got Ex. notice.
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 17 Sent Harry for Pearl Pettit who lives about 9 miles off she says on Gunpowder somewhere. She came and set in to work for me. Later I went to Bellevue to Bank. Got check cashed for 8.37 and had my book straightened. The 20 per ct. on the tobacco money of the pooled crop of 1909 was set down as 76.45 Feb. 24th 1910. Got check for 8.00 from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Washington. Bright pretty day. Mike Corbin gave me the .50 from Mr. Parsons (see March 25). Got photographs, Kodaks, from Isabella.
- 18 Will and Flora Arnold's house burned to-day—a total ruin. We went over there. They sent Will's and Jesse's meat over here and put it in my smoke house. Jesse said there were 32 pieces including jowls. The out-houses near the house at Flora's were burnt too—before noon. Harry started to fix the fence round Dick's potato patch—but stopped to help about the fire. It began to rain a little. They brought a lot of Flora's things here.
- 19 Rained off and on and part of the time blew very hard. Harry fixed fence round the potato patch and helped Patty and went to Bellevue and got the harness, wall paper and cretonne [heavy cotton upholstery fabric with floral pattern] that Sally sent. Wrote to Julia.
- 20 Harry turned the Rouse sow and 7 pigs into the back pasture. He fixed the fence—hailed some trash and later took his calf to the river. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia.
- 21 Rained in the morning and again at night. Harry worked cleaning out manure. Patty went to Burlington and brought Hilda down. Sent by her to pay Miss Olga .80 Ins. Ass. Mr. Woody Sullivan came and got 15 bus. corn and paid me 8.25. Sent letter to Bell R. and note to J. W. Townsend.
- 22 Bright to-day and much colder. Harry hauled manure and went to get meal and chicken feed. Fred Archer got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.10. Got letter from Julia. Harry hauled some wood for himself. Flora came over.
- 23 Sunday—bright but chilly. Pearl went to church with Hilda—and her young man came to keep company?

- 24 I went to Burlington to take Hilda home, drove Nellie the old Sullivan nag. Mr. Jack Walton came and bought 6 bus. potatoes and paid me by check on Citizens Bk. 3.00. Harry helped Patty in the house. There was ice on the chicken water and it was very chilly driving.
- 25 Bright day and milder. I rode old Nellie over to Will Arnold's. Harry helped Patty and hauled hedge brush into the gully beyond the garden, where Dick was ploughing.
- 26 Patty went to Cin. via Aurora—took Harry with her to see about getting a wagon—he came home. Mrs. Nanny Kelly's son came and got the hospital bed. Bright day and warmer. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her. Endorsed and gave Patty 3 checks one for 25. (see April 3d) one for 28. (see same) and one for 8. (see April 17th) total 61 and 20 cash. Harry went up to Cin. with her to see about getting a wagon. Sent Sally check for 4.44 that Frank forgot to sign.
- 27 Ernest and Lily came for a while this morning—later Flora came and dined. Sent letter to Mary Cochrane. Harry worked ½ day in the garden—planted corn, beans, peas, and beets—worked for himself in his garden after noon. Warmer and towards night began to rain a little. Patty came home on the mail boat, at night.
- 28 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Think Harry worked cleaning out the store room and it rained off and on. Jack Walton got 6 bus. potatoes and gave me check for 3.00 on Bellevue Bk.
- 29 Mr. Pete Clore came and got some seed corn. Will Rogers came and got 4 bus. seed corn and gave me a check for 3.00 on Bellevue Bk. It rained off and on and very hard about 2 P.M. Harry went down and got the wagon. It is a Studebaker and cost 83. He also brought out the picture mouldings she got—and he helped Patty in the house. I got letter from Julia and Lizzie Hodges, and sent one to Sally yesterday or to-day. Heard whip-poor-will first time.
- 30 Sunday. Pearl Pettit who came the 17th left to-day. Her brother came for her—paid her in full. It was cloudy but not rainy. Flora and Will came over to get some things—they have moved into the little building he put up. Rained at night.

May

- 1 Ora Archer set in to work for me—well! Rained some early—blew a gale and turned colder—had fire again. Patty painted and Harry helped in the house taking the paper o[f]f the parlor. Mr. Dode Pope came to see about the work and make an estimate. He opened the floor in the little back room and found the sleepers perfectly rotten as I thought. Sue and I sorted magazines. I gave Mr. Pope \$16. To buy things in Aurora for the work. Got letter from Sally and bedspread she sent me—letter from little Julia inclosing one from Charlie Eaton about my book, and postal from Isabella. Mr. Pete Clore came after is corn paid me 1.50 for it. Mrs. Roland got 1½ pd 1.38 for it.
- 2 Mr. Pope and Harry went to Aurora to get the lumber &c. and other things. It was cold and we had a good fire all day. Harry brought back from the Ex. in Aurora a box that Sally sent of the things she took on with her to have replated. Patty and Sue went to Burlington. Patty paid off her note for 200. in Mr. Revill's bank and got the note, it was the one I endorsed (see May 14 1910).
- 3 Frost last night. Mr. Pope came out to work. He brought me back 15.50 as he got the things on a bill and only spent .50 for nails. Mattox's bill is 57.61. Sent Sally letter yesterday. Sent by Harry Will Rogers' check for 3.00 to get cashed (see Apl. 29). Harry and family went to Florence to a wedding. Sent letter to Julia—got letter from Sally inclosing Frank's check for 4.44 signed, and letter from Belle R.
- 4 Patty went to R. Sun to see about getting a paperer. Mr. Pope worked and had Eddy Kelly helping him—he put the window in the downstairs back room and took up the floor &c. Harry went to get the boxes Sally sent. The pictures of papa and sister Belle came and are lovely—also the whirli-gig for the table &c. Cold, had good fires. Sent note with Kodak to Lizzie H.
- 5 Mr. Pope did n't come. Eddy came and went back. Elbert Clore came and got 4 bus. seed corn and paid me 3.00. I sent letter to R. C. Mattox, Aurora inclosing my check on Rising Sun Bk. Mr. Perkins'

for \$57.61 to pay his bill. Sent letter to Sally. One of my front teeth came out at dinner. Morris Rice got some seed corn.

- 6 Did n't write in this till the 10th. Went up to Cin. via Aurora. Patty went with me. In Aurora got Mr. Davis to cash for \$28 (see Jan. 4th). We went to Dr. Arthur H. Clancey's by appointment and later out to Julia's, where I stayed, and Patty came home on the boat that night. Mr. Pope and Eddy worked.
- 7 Sunday—spent the day at Julia's—weather perfectly lovely.
- 8 Went to Dr. Clancey's and spent the morning. He put on a new front tooth—paid him in full 18. Julia took me in town to the mail boat Cincinnati and I came home. Mr. Pope and Eddy worked. A girl named Florence was here and they cleaned the dining room. Harry cleaned the chimney and helped—they took up, turned and put the carpet down &c.
- 9 The colored girl Florence, Mort Thomas' daughter, engaged to come to work for me next week at 2.00 has one little child. Will she even come? Mr. Pope and Eddy worked on the little back room. Harry went down towards evening to meet and bring out the paperers. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Claude Merrill of Rising Sun. When I got home I found letters from Sally and Mary C. It has turned suddenly warm—was up to 82° they said. Dick was working my horses ploughing in the bottom. Mr. Snelling got some seed corn 1 ½ bus. and was to leave the money at the store. All windows and doors open—and no fires. Sent letter to Julia.
- 10 Joe West came out to see about making fence. Mr. Jap Sullivan got some seeds corn. Mr. Merrill and his son, Claude M., whitened and papered the parlor and little back bedroom upstairs—then charged 7.35 which I paid them and Harry took them to the boat. He worked helping in the house. Mr. Pope and Eddy worked—they finished the shelves in the store room and opened a place for ventilation by the parlor windows in the foundation. Dick ploughed with my team. Warm and windy. Got letter from Julia and Ins. Ass. for 2.00 on the Arnold loss.
- 11 Warm and windy and had showers 3 or 4 P.M. Sent letter to Julia—helped clean up the house. Patty and Harry fixed the parlor, put down matting &c. Mr. Pope and Ed Kelly worked on windows shutters and fixed house cellar steps. Harriet and Amy came down and took tea—and went back by motor.
- 12 Rained last night with thunder—showered before noon. Patty left for Aurora about 1 P.M. on her way to Cin., Knoxville, and Virginia to visit the Douglas Robinsons. Harry drove—this morning he hauled manure out of the yard and took Sprightly to Bellevue to be shod. In Aurora he got the 2 sacks of cement they neglected to bring before—also hinges and a lock. Mr. Pope and Eddy worked, they fixed doors—put a roof on the little house—fixed floor in cellar closet—patched roofs—painted shutters &c. Flora came over and got her jewelry that I was taking care of. Harry brought Ex. package to me from Sally—little sofa cushion. Got Harry to cash for me Mr. Jack Walton's check for 3.00 (see April 24th). Did n't write in this again till 16th.
- 13 Did n't forget that it was my parent's wedding day. Lord love them. The men both worked at Dick's—putting in a new door &c. Harry hauled a load of gravel from Mrs. Huey's, and worked in the garden. Got letters from Sally and Julia and sent one to Sally. Harry planted melons &c.
- 14 Sunday—bright beautiful day.
- 15 Harry went after the colored woman Florence Thomas who came to work. Paid off Ora in full. The men came and worked on putting a galvanized iron roof on the other side of the kitchen. Sent order by Harry and got 5.00 from M. J. Corbin who has hay and tobacco money of mine (Paid June 15th). Harry worked in the garden. Sent letters to Lizzie Hodges and Patty and postal to Sally. Harry had horses shod.
- 16 Mr. D. C. Pope and J. E. Kelly worked here to-day and finished up for the present. They finished putting the galvanized iron roof on the kitchen. Made the concrete hearth in the parlor and tinkered up odds and ends. I settled up with them in full to date. Mr. Pope had worked 12 days at 2.00 and I gave him a check for 24.00 on the Citizen's Bk. Bellevue. Eddy had worked 10 days at 1.25 = 12.50. I

deducted what he owed me for pasture and potatoes 3.22 and gave him a check for 9.28 on the same bank. Harry worked for me ½ day in yard and garden and for himself ½ day in his garden. Sent letter to Julia and got one from her. I sent to Patty envelopes from Isabella and Clara Hill. Warm and clouded up towards evening.

- 17 Sue and I went to Hilda's to spend the day. Paid Miss Olga 2.00 and got Ins. Ass. receipt. Warm and bright. Went over to Flora's later. Harry worked hauling grubs, stumps &c. off grass. Did n't write in this again till 20th.
- 18 Think Harry worked at the same hauling. Very hot. Mike said it was 93° in the shade. Got letter from Patty.
- 19 Sent letter to Patty. Sue and I went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin gave me .78 from Mr. Jap Sullivan and .60 from M. R. Rice for corn. Got letters from Sally and Lizzie Hodges. Sent one to Patty. Went to M. J. Corbin and had a settlement with him. He sold alfalfa and hay for me during my absence last winter and weighed it and received the money. He gave me a check from Ernest L. Grant for \$100.60. He deducted for weighing and I paid his bill to date \$30.47 and gave me his check for \$96.78. He told me the 20 per cent on the 1909 tobacco has come and I went to the Citizen's Dep. Bk. to see about it. Mr. Forest Brown said the check from Walton was for me and Richard Loudon 152.89. my half being 76.44. I put all three of these checks in Bk. and took 20. For which I signed a check. Not having my bank book Mr. Brown gave me a Cer. Of Deposit for the 273.72. It was very hot up in the nineties. Harry worked—hauled lumber from yard &c. and after noon worked in the garden.
- 20 Hot again. Clouded thundered and even sprinkled. Cin. papers speak of the extreme heat and deaths from it. Harry worked ½ day for me in garden and making flower beds. Sent postal to Sally—got letter from Patty. Planted vine seeds by my window. Tobe McCarthy got 2 bus. potatoes pd. .70.
- 21 Sunday—hot and dry.
- 22 Harry cracked rocks in gullies in alfalfa. After 10 A.M. there was a good shower. Harry set out tomato plants and egg plants and pepper, later went to B. to get corn ground for chicken feed—got sweet potato plants 200. and set them out. Turned cool after the rain. Sent letter to Sally and note to Louden Machinery Co. Got letter from Patty from Konnarook and one from Lucy Johnstone.
- 23 Cooler. Dr. O. S. Crisler, Vet. Came and attended to Patty's colt Major. I paid him 1.50. Joe West came and began to get posts ready for the fence he is to build. Harry helped Dr. Crisler and hauled some mouldy clover hay in poor points and hauled some posts. I worked at the trash out of the store room. Got letter from Julia.
- 24 Sent letters to Sally and to Julia. Went to show Joe where to run the fence. He and Willie Snelling worked at the fence. Harry went to B. and got a roll of 11 smooth wire at Al's and staples, nails and salt at Mike's. He then hauled some posts and later worked in the garden—replanted melons &c. and fixed trellis and flower beds for me. I planted moon flower and some nasturtium seed.
- 25 Mr. Rains came for his ditching money said it came to 5.00 I took out of it 1.00 he owed for potatoes and pd. him 4.00. He still owes me 1.25 for beans to be paid when he works in hay. Bright and warmer. Got letters from Patty and Sally and postal and pamphlet from Patty, letter from Julia and note from Frances Cochrane Sampson. Harry worked ½ day for me—hauled rock to the fence and wood—he turned his hogs into the lot. Joe West and Willie S. worked at the fence—wire not coming they began on the line fence next Doll Walton's.
- 26 Harry worked in the garden, and helped me some with my flower planting. He said Joe and Willy worked on fence. It was very hot. Got letters from Patty and Sally and Julia. Patty was at Sally's.
- 27 Up in the nineties. Harry mowed the yard and lot with the machine. I worked at cleaning up the books and trash out of the store room. Sent letter to Sally and forwarded one that came for Patty.
- 28 Sunday. Sent for Mary Cochrane who came on the mail boat about noon. Hot and had a thunder shower later—not much. Harry found Betsey with a heifer calf, evidently one of my Polled Angus

stock. Sue went to Aurora on her way home. I gave Harry a check on the Bellevue Bk. for 7.00 for my use. It was hot and sultry. Dick took the rolling chair to Elbert. Got letters from Patty and Julia.

30 No mail. Decoration day. Harry got the machine ready and after noon cut the Alfalfa at the top of the field. It was hot and of course it rained towards evening and at night with heavy thunder.

31 Harry worked mowing the old hay—there was thunder and a little rain late. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got letters from Patty and Susie Tew and Lizzie Hodges. Had a few strawberries for breakfast.

June

1 Went to the funeral of Mr. Rell Sullivan the husband of Arny Aikin at the Baptist church and Cemetery. It was a perfectly beautiful day. Got letter Patty sent me about Fanny Strader. Harry worked—moved old hay and after noon Dick and team and Joe and Willie who were working on line fence helped getting in alfalfa, they hauled 6 loads.

2 Went to Bellevue—got \$10. from Bk. Went to see Elbert. Dick and team helped get in alfalfa till noon, Joe West and Willie helped too. Harry worked and after dinner Joe and Willie worked on fence and Harry hauled posts. I went up to see the line. Got letter from Sally. Cool and turned warmer.

3 Cloudy and cool with threatening of a storm that came about 10.30 A.M. with heavy thunder lightning and rain. Mr. Mahan the mail carrier stopped in out of the storm. Sent letter to Julia got one from her and from Sue. Yesterday Mike Corbin gave me 1.12 that Mr. Snelling left to pay for corn. Settled with Harry to date and paid him in full \$27. by check on Citizens Bk. .35 cash.

4 Sunday—turned hot and looked like a storm. Ernest and Lily with Mr. and Mrs. Keys came to call. Flora and Will drove over after some of their meat.

5 It thundered off and on all night and towards morning rained. Did n't write int his again till Thursday. Got note from Susie Tew and letter form Patty and Sally. Harry hauled rolls of fence wire from Corbins, and worked—I think hauled some posts for Joe.

6 Harry worked—at something—hauling rock or in garden. Sent note to Susie Tew and Margaret Ames and letter to Sally. Sent one to Julia this week.

7 Mary and I went to Hilda's to spend the day. Got letter from Patty—sent her one that came for her. It was her wedding day—and beautiful. Harry worked—in the garden till noon and then cut alfalfa.

8 Sent letter to Patty inclosing one from Miss Mary Selmes probably. Harry worked in garden and raked and cut alfalfa. I hoed in garden. Cool morning and evening.

9 Mr. Rains came and he and Harry got the alfalfa ready to haul. Joe and Willy came down and they all, and Dick worked after dinner getting it in. Got letter form Julia. Turned hot again. Did n't write in this till 14th.

10 Mr. Rains, Dick and Joe worked till noon getting in the alfalfa. I got letter from Susie saying she would n't come till Tuesday. Went after Hilda. Harry worked in the garden I think. Very hot.

11 Sunday—very hot. Hilda went to church.

12 Got letter from Patty—saying she was going to Stockbridge to motor home with the Ballards. Harry cut the rest of the alfalfa, and worked in the garden. He . Did n't write in this again till the 16th and can't remember much about the work.

13 Took Hilda home to Burlington. Harry worked and at night went to the river for Susie Tew who came. It was a beautiful night and cool.

14 Took in the rest of the alfalfa 2 loads Dick, Joe and Willy helped—the two latter were working on the pike fence row. Saw in the paper yesterday notice of the death of my old friend Robert Brown. Got letter from Sally. Harry worked cut some clover. Towards evening it thundered and looked like a storm but sprinkled and passed by.

15 Harry took Ty to Northcutt's O. He worked in garden and cut some weedy clover. Took me to Bellevue. Mike Corbin said that in our settlement he forgot an order for 5.00 (see May 15th) so I gave

- him a check for 10.00 on Bellevue B. and paid him the 5.00. Went to see poor Elbert. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Margaret Ames, and paper from Sally Gray with obituary of Robert.
- 16 Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Sue and Loudon Co. Harry worked—fixed foundation in yard, hauled rock for Joe, worked in the garden. It was cloudy and chilly and at noon there was a shower. We found the redbirds were hatched.
 - 17 Did n't write in this till 20th. Harry worked in the garden and piled hay after raking it. Elbert Kelly, Minnie Loudon's husband died. At night rained hard with heavy thunder and much lightning. Got letter from Sue.
 - 18 Sunday—cloudy and looked like rain but did n't rain. Susie went via Aurora to Cin. to start for Chicago. Left a little after 2 P.M. Harry drove.
 - 19 Went to Bellevue and to Bank. Got 15.00 and gave a check for it. Went to see Minnie. Later about 2 P.M. went to Elbert Kelly's funeral in the new cemetery—service by the Odd Fellows. Harry drove the runabout and worked in the garden some. Cool pretty day. Sent letter to Julia—got postal from Patty and letters from Sally and Margaret A. Blanche had a heifer calf.
 - 20 Went to Rising Sun—and bought at G. B. Gibson's Sons 2 rolls crimped wire and Am. Woven wire 26 in/6in. 120 rods—6 rods 49 in./6in. 1 keg staples 1 five ft. hog trough and blocks and rope. They came including 15 ft. trellis wire to \$53.76 and I gave him a check on Citizen's Bk. Grant for that amount. Joe and Willie are here making fence. Dick began to cut wheat. Got letter from Patty and postal for her and one from Susie, Chicago.
 - 21 Dick finished cutting wheat and later helped Harry in with a load of weedy clover. Harry cleaned places in yard and I don't know what all. It turned warmer. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and from Julia and Susie Tew.
 - 22 Sent Harry down to R. Sun after the fence material (gate at Whitlocks for which the bill is 3.50) hog trough, ceiling pd. 2.90 at Green's &c. Paid July 17th. Did n't write in this till 17th. Harry hauled wire and material for Joe &c. Can't remember about letters.
 - 23 Harry worked in the house getting ready for company. I went to Bellevue—got 5.00 from Mike Corbin as the bank was shut. Pd. 28.
 - 24 Harry worked in the house again. Joe and Willie worked this week, off and on, on fencing. Patty telephoned from Cin. and later she got home with Mrs. Sunshine Ballard and her brother Credo Harris and their chauffeur Will. Patty had come with them in their motor from Stockbridge Mass. via Albany, Ithaca, Buffalo, Niagara, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton &c. to Cincinnati without accident. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Gave Harry check for 8.00 on Bellevue Bk.
 - 25 Sunday. Rained in showers. Heard the Mr. Cy Kelly was buried to-day. The company were with us.
 - 26 Mrs. Ballard and Mr. Harris and the chauffeur went away after breakfast. It was cloudy and warm. Got the letters to-day instead of Sat. as written. Joe West and Willy Snelling who has been working helping Joe came and said they had finished the fence rows I had ordered and we went to measure them—there were 54 rods at .25 and 155 ½ at .35 [=] 68.00 and they charged for 13 days cleaning fence rows and working in hay 1.50 a day 19.50 total 87.50 and I gave Joe a check for this amount on Citizens Dep. Bk. Bellevue. Harry worked—after dinner he rolled barb wire on the line fence row on cherry hill. Dr. Crisler came to see Patty's colt Major that is lame.
 - 27 Cloudy and hot. Dick told me that my pigs had got into his potato patch and I had them put back into the pen. Harry went to the river for Patty's trunk &c. and had a shoe put on Cy. After dinner he went to work getting barb wire from the fence row but was sick and had to quit. Got letter from Sue.
 - 28 Sent letters to Sally Gray, Julia, and Sue. Went to Bellevue to see the machinery unload coal and haul the wagons up. Went to Bk.—got 10.00 and paid Mike Corbin the 5.00 (see 23d). Harry rolled barb wire on fence rows. Cool again.

- 29 Took Mary C. out to Burlington to dine with Hilda and to go to see Mrs. Fount Riddle (Babe Hawes). It was a lovely day. Harry hauled barb wire and picket fence from fence rows. Got letter from Julia and notice from R.R. that the things Sally sent by freight have come.
- 30 Did n't forget it is the day my beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her soul. Went to the funeral of Mr. Sam Wingate aged nearly 95—from his daughter Mrs. Clore's house in Bellevue in the new cemetery. Harry and family went to Cincinnati—hot. Got letter from Mr. Taylor about book.

July

- 1 Sent Harry to Aurora after the things Sally sent by freight—a book case and bath tub. He got me a roll of poultry wire fence. Very hot day. Sent postal to Sally.
- 2 Sunday—very hot 94 in the shade.
- 3 Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got note from Frank Cutcheon inclosing his check for \$125.00 interest on bonds collected by him, one from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. Georgetown for \$28. and one from Texas Co. for \$25. Between 1 and 2 P.M. it was 98° on the gallery. Harry worked in the garden and fixed at the fence around Dick's potatoes.
- 4 Hot again 98 on the gallery. Patty went to Bellevue late and Mike said it was 105° on his porch. She got 5.00 for me from Mike. Paid 12th. Harry uncrated the bookcase and tub Sally sent and cleaned them, also worked in the garden and took out and put in the pen again the pigs that got back into Dick's potatoes.
- 5 Got from National Bk. of Washington check for 176.00 div. also letter from Sue saying what the Dr. told her about herself. Harry put rings in the pigs' noses and fixed the fence again—then cut alfalfa—the oldest piece—it was 96° on the gallery—and Sally wrote it was very hot on L. I. and in N. Y. Late Patty drove out to Hilda's to stay all night.
- 6 Mr. Rains came to help Harry with the alfalfa—after he had dinner between 1 and 2 it rained very hard—came down in sheets for over an hour with heavy thunder and lightning. Late Patty came home and with her she brought Virgie Smith, Fanny Strader's daughter. It was very hot even after the rain. Got letter from Julia.
- 7 Sent Sally postal. After dinner Mr. Rains came to help with the alfalfa and it rained again and they had to quit. I think Harry hauled some rock to gully in barn lot. Hot as usual but not so bad.
- 8 The kitchen cook stove pipe was out of fix [?] and Harry put another piece in &c. He worked ½ a day—it rained again later and was very hot. Dick brought his book up and said he had worked 9¼ since April 13 and had got 1 bus. corn and he got ½ bus. corn. I got bill for 'castings' from H.P. Spaeth & Co. Aurora 2.20. Think I sent letter to Sally.
- 9 Sunday. Very hot. Threatened rain but no rain. Ed and Mrs. Ed and Horace Grant came to call—and later Patty went up there.
- 10 Hot but breezy. Mr. Pope came out to work, and as Patty's whitening for her room was not the right kind he went up to Aurora later to get it and some other things for his work. Joe came out to hang the gate and work on fence and after dinner helped with the spoiled alfalfa. Mr. Rains helped too and after dinner Dick, Mary and I went up to Ernest's to dine. Ed and Mrs. Ed and Frances were there. Got letter from Sally and note from Petersburg P. Mistress.
- 11 Harry went down for Mr. Pope and the things he got in Aurora—and brought out the buggy that Mr. Holmes has been repairing. Harry said there were 2 loads of alfalfa out. About 9 it rained hard with heavy thunder and lightning. Mr. Rains came and we settled—he had got beans and corn and deducting what he got I owed him 1.70 and paid him in full. Sent letters to Sally, to Lucy H. and note to P.M. Petersburg. Joe and Willy came to work and worked at alfalfa and putting hay in the barn to rights—while it stormed—after dinner Joe helped Mr. Pope work at Dick's ceiling—and Willy had to quit. Mr. Pope worked in the house the rest of the time. After dinner Harry took the horses to be shod. The Coons boys brought blackberries. About 9 P.M. another thunder storm very heavy.

- 12 Mr. Pope and Joe came out and worked on Dick's house—they finished ceiling the front room. I made jam and Patty canned blackberries. Harry cut the yard grass with the machine and some weeds with scythe. Went to Bellevue got 20. from Bk. And paid Mike Corbin 5.00 (see 4th). Very hot and sultry. Florence went over the river.
- 13 Mr. Pope and Joe came out and worked, in the house in Patty's room and Joe in the graveyard. It turned cooler after dark was 66°. Harry cut some timothy on cherry hill and broke the machine. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Julia and from Lizzie saying John B. was better and about again. Susan cooked to-day.
- 14 Cool but turned warmer. Sent letters to Julia and John B., got letters from Sally saying she expected to come Sunday and from Lucy J. Mr. Pope and Joe came out and worked. Mr. Pope made fly screens &c. and Joe worked in the graveyard and after dinner in the hay. Harry went to R. Sun to order piece for the machine and to neighbors to see if he could get it and after dinner raked hay, timothy. Patty went after Florence who came back. I made jam again.
- 15 Joe came out and worked in the timothy hay, helping Harry. Mr. Pope worked at his carpenter work and after dinner he helped in the hay. Dick went to Petersburg for sacks &c. and after he came back helped with his team in hay. Patty had Minnie working to finish fixing her room.
- 16 Sunday. All the colored people went to Burlington to meeting. Cloudy and cooler. Patty went down for Sally who came on the boat. Frank went to California. She brought me to-day's Enquirer in which I read the notice of the death of Charlie Eaton, Sally Foster's husband—July 14th. Later I called up Mr. Foster's and heard from Augusta. Nanny Maguire Dick's daughter had a boy baby.
- 17 Went to Aurora on the Greyhound with Mary Cochrane to put her on the 10 A.M. train for Cincinnati. Put in the P.O. letter to Julia. Went to Bank and got Mr. Davis to cash for me Frank's check for 125. one from Texas Co. for 25. and one from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. for 28. (see 3^d). Came home on the G. and Patty met me. Mr. Pope worked ½ day—patching barn roof and finishing odds and ends of work—said I owed him 12.25 and I paid him that in full to date. Joe helped him and worked all day. I went to Rising Sun with Patty and Harry went with the wagon. At Gibson's I bought a Deering mower and paid him \$45. for it and Harry brought it home in the wagon. I also got 50 sacks from a young man named Barns at the mill. I paid Whitlock for the gate 3.50 (see June 22nd) and Davis 3.00 for the shoes Mr. Fred got on my order—forgot to ask for order. On the way home stopped in McVillie and paid Mr. Holmes \$32.00 for fixing the buggy. Patty being witness that I paid him. It was a cool and beautiful day.
- 18 Cool morning—turned warmer. Mr. Gibson's man Jones came and set up the Deering machine and went on cherry hill to see it work. Joe was here helping Harry with it and he worked in the hay. I sent letter to Julia and got two from her about Charlie Eaton who died the 14th at Neah Bay, Washington. The piece for the broken mowing machine that Harry ordered came to-day.
- 19 Did not forget the sad day—never do. Warmer and partly cloudy. Got two letter from Julia about Charlie Eaton. Joe worked in hay. Harry cut some alfalfa—after noon Dick and Omer worked in hay—hailed in what was on cherry hill.
- 20 Joe came out and worked—he cut weeds and shocked alfalfa and Harry cut alfalfa. After dinner it rained hard for at least an hour. Dick was shocking wheat. I made jam. Sent Julia post card, got letters from her.
- 21 Joe worked—cut weeds on line fence row and opened out alfalfa shocks. After dinner they worked getting in alfalfa and Omer Maguire helped ½ day. After he finished stacking Harry said Dick helped. I sent letter to Julia, got one from her. About sundown it rained again with thunder.
- 22 Did n't write in this till 24th. Patty went to Burlington and brought Hilda home with her. Joe worked, helping with the alfalfa—after dinner Harry said Dick helped and they got in what was down.
- 23 Sunday. Harry and family went away over the river. He said his sow had 8 pigs. Patty took Hilda to church. It was very cool early and turned warmer and rained at dusk.

- 24 Rained a little in the night. Cleared and was a beautiful day cool and more like September. Joe worked—he fixed the fence he made next Mr. Walton's at the gullies and shocked alfalfa. Harry finished cutting the alfalfa and cut timothy over the creek next Will Rice's. Sent letter to Julia and got one from her. We got the photographs Mr. Harris sent, that he took when he was here. Turned cooler.
- 25 54° at 5.15 and clear. Joe worked. Harry cut timothy beyond the creek—after dinner Ray Cook helped and Dick with his team—they got in the alfalfa and part of the timothy—at a quarter of 4 there was a hard shower that stopped them. Sally and I went to Bellevue. Patty took Hilda home. After the rain it was really chilly. I endorsed a note for 200. that Patty borrowed of Mr. Revill—Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 6 months.
- 26 Patty said it rained last night. She and Sally started for Cin. Harry took them up to Aurora Ferry and got back by 10.30. I sent letter and two of my books to Mrs. George Fort Milton, Knoxville, Tenn—who is getting up a library of Southern literature for the K. Exposition. Got letter from Sue and one from Frances Sampson written for Mary C. After dinner they got in the rest of the timothy over the creek. Ray Cook helped ½ day. Dick ½ day with one of his horses and Cy. Joe worked all day. I gave Sally my two Doubleday & Page checks one for \$31. the other \$16.89.
- 27 Harry found the hay across the creek too weedy—after dinner he fixed up the old machine and cut weeds on what was the old clover field. I went up there to look at the alfalfa &c. Joe cut weeds. Patty telephoned me from Cin. and at 8 P.M. Patty and Sally came home—Amy sent them in her motor. Fred and her business manager Mr. Byron came and they both stayed all night.
- 28 After breakfast Mr. Byron and Fred went away. Harry cut weeds with machine and Joe by hand. Patty was getting ready to go away. Lovely day. Got letter from Julia.
- 29 Looked like rain and sprinkled at noon. Patty went to Aurora on her way to N.Y. Harry drove. He went to get meal ground got ½ bus. bread corn for himself. Joe quit at noon. He had worked 17½ days and charged me \$26.25 and I gave him a check for that amount on Citizen's Bk. of Grant. I owe Willy Snelling for ½ day. (pd. Sep. 5th) Did n't write in this till Aug. 2nd.
- 30 Sunday.
- 31 Went with Sally to Burlington and dined with Hilda—lovely day. Harry cut weeds with old machine on clover field. I got letter from Mrs. G. F. Milton Knoxville and one from Patty in N.Y. Got letter from Julia either to-day or to-morrow.

August

- 1 Did not forget dear Til. Sent letters to Patty that came for her. It rained in the morning, after dinner we went to Ernest's no one at home—went to Bellevue and to Flora's where they are building. Harry drove and worked.
- 2 Sally went away—via Aurora to take her train—it was cloudy and looked like rain—she went in the spring wagon and took her junk sideboard. Harry brought back a tank Patty got in Aurora. It rained a little shower here before 12 and after Harry got back rained about 3 P.M. Sent letter to Patty got one from her and from Julia. Rained hard and again at night.
- 3 Hot. Sent letters to Patty and Sally and got letters from both. Harry worked setting up the tank. George Koons came and put poor old Kitty out of her misery.
- 4 Cloudy and hot but did n't rain. Harry cut weeds with machine. Doll Walton came to see about pasture for steers. Set letters to Julia and Isabella and one of my books to Jimmy Dinsmore.
- 5 Cloudy and hot. Sent letter to Patty and some that came for her—and one to Sally. Got letters from both—Sally at home. Harry worked ½ day—in strawberries. Settled with Harry to date since June 3d. He had got in cash 18.00 in corn 1.62 = 19.62. He had worked 52 days = 39.00. I paid him 20.00 cash and charged him the .62 as he could n't make change. Got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 6 Sunday. Hot had shower after dinner. Ernest and Lily came to call.

- 7 Mr. Northcutt brought peaches. Dick Loudon brought me 8.30 watermelon money—from first load. Harry worked, cut weeds in timothy meadow—about noon Virgie's father Will Smith and her uncle Will Strader came and stayed till 4.30. Harry cut wood and stayed with them, as I asked him to. They wanted Virgie to go with them. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Hot.
- 8 Hot and sultry. Sent postal to Sally and forwarded letter to Patty. Got postal from Patty. I canned peaches and tomatoes. Harry dug onions and cut weeds with machine on cherry hill. Doll Walton came about 8 P.M. with 9 head of cattle—he bought for me and they were turned in the back pasture. A colored man named Bob Dulaney drove them, stayed with Harry.
- 9 John J. Walton (Doll) came down and we got up the 23 cattle he brought down last night—he sorted out the 10 steers he bought for me (it was a mistake his calling them 9) and we looked at them carefully in the calf lot. Of the 10 there were
4 head 3230 lbs at 4 ¼ cents
3 head 2090 lbs. at 4 cts.
2 head 1220 lbs. at 3 ½ cts.
1 head 620 lbs. at 4 ¼
These came to 289.92 and expenses down to 5.08 total \$296.00. A year from this August he is to buy these cattle back at 4½ (four and a half) cents, and is to have permission when I am away to come and see about the feeding and care of them. The other 13 head of larger steers are his and I am to pasture them at .50 a month till weather requires them to be taken off the grass—and they are not to remain on after December 1st. The 23 head were all turned in the big pasture across the creek. Frank Walton, Bob D. Caney and Harry turned them in. I gave Mr. Walton a check for \$295.00 on the Boone Co. Deposit Bk. Burlington to pay for my 10 steers. Cooler early but turned hot. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Mary C. Harry cut weeds with machine on cherry hill.
- 10 Harry cut weeds with machine and with Frank Walton rode round the pasture fence where the cattle are. Very hot. Got letter from Julia and one for Patty.
- 11 The threshers go there after noon—they kept hands waiting for them. Let Dick have 6.00 Got letters from Patty and Sally—sent letters to both and to Julia, Mary C. and Sally W. Mr. Hewitt finished threshing at 5 P.M. Harry said there were only 110 bus. he helped thresh. Very hot and sultry.
- 12 All the black people went to the Fair at Lawrenceburg—went early and came late. It was a hot day. Sent letters to Lucy J. and Susie Tew—got postal from Patty and letter from Sally.
- 13 Sunday. Hot and after dinner thundered and sprinkled. The first moon flowers came out this evening.
- 14 My darling Patty's birthday. Lord love her. Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay. [Tennyson] Dick and Harry hauled my part of the wheat to the mill in R. S. The man sent me a mem. that it was 53 bus. 13 and that it was musty and worth only .75. Harry said they found 1 bus. of mine had been left behind. Dick had his team. Harry took back to Gibson the 6 rods fence wire 2.40 that was wrong. He brought from Minnie's the bedstead and rolling chair lent Elbert. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got one from Julia. I canned tomatoes. Flora came over, said my sow and pigs had been getting in their place. Harry got from Mike Corbin 2.00 that Mr. Northcutt left there when I got peaches and he could n't make change.
- 15 Raining hard early and rained hard after dinner. Harry cut some weeds off potatoes and tinkered around. I canned soup stuff. Got letter from Patty and one for her. Sent one to Sally.
- 16 Clear and hot—sent letter to Patty with the other inclosed. Went to Burlington for Hilda and brought her home. Harry hauled wheat to Petersburg for Dick Loudon. Harry went to Aurora and looked for the bookcase and box Sally sent by freight and brought them home. The man said they had been there a month or so but he had not notified me. The box was broken—one board off. Got letter from Mary Cochrane telling me of the death of Frances' step-son Mr. Moore.

- 17 The day my dear mother died. Lord love her soul. Harry cut alfalfa and of course it rained just as he finished before night. Not much however. Bob Brady came and took Hilda to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and Patty.
- 18 Sent letter to Julia and forwarded one to Patty. Mr. Raines came and helped with the alfalfa. Mr. Rue got 5 bus. corn and paid me 3.00. Harry raked the alfalfa and they piled it. Turned cooler.
- 19 Mr. Rains and Joe and Willy came and helped with the alfalfa, Harry too, and they got all the piece that was cut the piece next the woods in by 3 P.M. and it was in fine order. Harry hauled the last load to Bellevue to Scott Kelly. Mike Corbin weighed it. Gross 3835 lbs. Tare 1450 lbs net 2385 lbs. It was a beautiful day, cooler. Sent postals to Patty and Sally—got letter from Sally. Dick Loudon was taken very sick after dinner with pain in the foot he cut a week ago Wednesday—and chill and high fever—he had Dr. Williamson and I fear blood poisoning. Georgie is away at Dora's who met with a bad accident being thrown out of a buggy. Went to see Dick.
- 20 Sunday. All in the yard went to Erlanger to big meeting. Hilda and I stayed home. Lovely day.
- 21 Sent Hilda home as she wanted to go. Harry got back before his dinner—did n't work for me afterwards—went to Rising Sun with Susan to have her teeth pulled. I made some Chickasaw plum jelly. Got letter from Patty—one from Sally saying they had started on a vacation—she sent me the book by Mrs. Baker, 'The Wandering Joy.' Got letter from Jimmy Dinsmore Eugene Oregon about my book and two letters from Julia. Dick has blood poison went to see him twice. Flave Loudon gave me 6.50 that he said was my half of the load of watermelons he took to Mr. Kelly to-day for his father. I gave Harry a check for \$10.00 on the Bellevue B. of this 3.68 was for money and ferriage he spent for me—getting the bookcase and box (see 16th) and the balance 6.32 on his wages.
- 22 Went up to see Mrs. Luly Walton whose baby is very ill—Virgie went with me. Harry cut weeds with machine. Dick still sick—dangerously so I think. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 23 Went up to see Mrs. Walton—her baby Henry Allen died last night and I went to its burying after dinner—it was in the new Cemetery right next the Brady lot (Hilda's). Harry took me to both places. He salted the steers in the big pasture and put in there Dick's mare and colts and his work horses in the back pasture as there is no water in that on the mud road. Went to see Dick, still ill. Went to Bellevue. Got letters from Sue and Cousin John B. Photographs came for Patty from E. E. Devlin? Detroit.
- 24 My dear father's birthday. I hope he is in bliss. Warm and sprinkled sometimes. Harry cut weeds with machine—some in garden and lot. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Dick very ill—seems worse. Rained at night.
- 25 Raining this morning. Mr. Rains came and said he worked 1¾ days in hay 2.63 and cut weeds 2½ days 2.50 = 5.13. I paid him 4.13. Rained off and on. Harry uncrated the bookcase and put it in the parlor—cut some weeds. Dick worse—when I went to see him again just before dark I gave him up. He was in delirium and industrious to the last was talking about cutting corn—poor Dick.
- 26 It is happy Dick to-day. He died last night about midnight. Has 'entered into rest' as the pious express it—the first he has had since he was big enough to work. If 'laborare est orare' [to work is to pray] he was as pious as any of them. Peace to his soul. Georgie says he used to say he never would leave Miss Juley till he was hauled away—and it has come true. Harry said he did n't want to work to-day—he tinkered at the tank, and went to Bellevue for Georgie &c. Ernest and Frances and Miss Cornelia Atkins came to call this evening. Sent letter to Patty and Sally, got letters from them and one from Julia. Cloudy all day.
- 27 Sunday—hot day. In the afternoon towards 3 P.M. went to Dick's funeral. Richard Loudon was born Feb. 12th 1851 and came here to live March 4th 1880. His parents were tenants of papa's and Dick worked for him when he was young, so he spent the most of his life on the place. He was buried in the old Bellevue graveyard in his lot. Rev. Edgar Riley was the minister. Dick had been baptized into the 'Christian' Church Sep. 3d, 1884. He had a large number of descendants and his funeral was a

large one considering the ways of this world. They sang a fool hymn about 'Will there be any stars in my crown'—instead of reading, Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Mat. 11-28. Harry was kind and helped the family in their arrangements—he had worked with Dick on the place over sixteen years without a cross word. 'Man comes and tills the ground and lies beneath.' Dick was by nature industrious and kind, and liberal and good to his family.

- 28 Raining off and on. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got postal from Patty and 2 from Sally, one inclosing check for 3.50 from Doubleday, Page & Co. for my book. Also circular from N.Y. New Public Library thanking me for a copy of it that Sally gave. Got letter from Isabella too. Mr. Dode Pope came to see about getting a place as tenant. Harry cut weeds and took Sprightly to be shod and the cutter bar of old machine to be fixed.
- 29 59° at 5.30. Turned cooler last night. Harry went to Ernest's and got his Jersey 'stock animal.' Sent letters to Sue and Mary C. Got letter from Sue and one from Sally Gray at Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Sue said Mrs. Lucy Higgins died the 18th. I canned. Georgie came up to divide Dick's watermelon money. She said he paid Dr. Williamson 10. out of it and Flave by my direction spent 1.40 out of it, so she gave me 6.40 and then divided the rest, my share being 42.03. Harry cut some weeds with machine. It looked and felt like fall to-day.
- 30 Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty. Lily and Mrs. Lucy Keys came and dined. It was cloudy but did n't rain. Harry cut weeds with machine.
- 31 Cloudy morning and a sprinkle or so, cleared. Rode over in the big pasture to see the 23 steers, and Mrs. Rains cutting weeds. Mr. Fred cut in the vineyard as yesterday. Harry cut weeds in the field next Jesse. I went over to Flora's. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letters from Patty and Sally—they have to leave Hot Springs on account of Frank's hay fever. Seems like fall all day.

September

- 1 Lovely day—warmer. Sent letter to Sally and Joe H. Got letters from Sally and Lucy. Canned and made a little jelly, and went to Bellevue. Harry cut weeds with machine and some in the yard. Paid Mr. Rains in full. Went to see Betty Rice.
- 2 Sent letters to Sally, Susie T. and Lucy J. Got letter from Susie T. and envelope for Patty from Altman's. Harry cut weeds with machine and broke it. Ernest and Frances and Miss Ethel McCullough stopped by. It was much warmer—made some grape jelly. Susan and children went over the river.
- 3 Sunday. Settled with Harry from Aug. 5th to Sep. 2nd and paid him in full see his book. A beautiful day, seemed like fall.
- 4 Little Martha's birthday—5 years old, bless her little life. Georgie Loudon came up and divided water melon money with me, gave me 10.85. She also talked about wanting to stay here and to get me to rent to Jesse. Flave said the same yesterday when he came to see me. Went to Rising Sun via Rabbit Hash. Crossed Middle Creek on the new bridge (new to me) and the river on the Katie Piatt gasoline ferry boat for the first time. Went to Dalrymple's mill—took back the one sack that was mislaid. He gave me a check for the wheat (see Aug. 14) 39.95 on the Dep. Bk. and I got it cashed there. The river was high and rising. 'Labor Day' no mail. Made catsup after I got home. Warm again.
- 5 Rained off and on, very hard at times and there was some unusual thunder and lightning. Harry began to fix the pen of his little pigs. After dinner Mr. Pope came and repaired the cellar closet and Harry helped him some. The huckster Mr. Blythe came and Susan sold him 32 young chickens 85 lbs for which he paid 8.50 of which Susan received 2.85. I sent letter to Patty, Sally and Susie T. Got letter and postal from Patty, letters from Sally, Julia and Hilda per Sally V. also got books from Sally Jean-Christophe and 2 letters came for Patty.
- 6 Andy Cook who married Miss Cordy Clore came to see about renting. I went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Went to Mr. Revill's Bk. and got \$15. and my Bk. book straightened up. Went to the Court House and paid my taxes to Mrs. M. Fowler D.S. and got receipt \$75.44. Went to Susie Walrath's.

Harry came from R. Sun and was to cut weeds. Harry said Ernest Grant sent Roland and got a load of alfalfa. It looked like rain but did n't rain—was warm. Got letters from Patty at Henderson and from Lucy saying they were coming Sunday 10th. Fool-like did n't write in this till 9th. Think I got letter from Joe H. and note from Sue. Harry cut the grass in the yard with machine and cut weeds. I canned tomatoes and made jelly. Hot.

- 8 Harry cut weeds and cleaned out house in yard. He said some one had attended to the two pigs of my seven—that get through the fence. We cleaned the house for company? I sent three postals to Sue, to Julia and to Sally. Got little note from Susie T. and letter from Patty. At night it rained gently.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday and the day buddy died. Lord love their souls. Sent letter to Sally—got postal from her and letter from Patty. Georgy Loudon gave me 1.90 my share of water melon money. Harry cleaned off gallery and tinkered around—ran a nail into his foot. Engaged lard from Mr. Ira Ryle.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday—how blest. Sunday. All day looking for Lucy J. and the automobile party. About 4 P.M. a thunderstorm—hard rain. Lucy telephoned from Walton that they had a breakdown and on account of that and the storm they had to stay all night in Walton. Ernest and Lily came to see about Joe Humphreys and the rest when the rain was over. Harry and Susan had a big company to spend the day.
- 11 The motor party came to breakfast—Lucy, Sally and Lewis—after the breakdown Joe flew the coop. It cleared off and was warm. I sent Harry to Ira Ryle's for the lard—he brought a 4 gal. jar that weighed 45 lbs. and Mrs. Ryle sent word it was 14 cts a lb. I sent the money but they could n't weigh it and sent it back. Paid Oct. 3 4.27. Harry's foot lame. Got letter from Patty written in the Boston station on her way to Bretton Woods N. Hampshire. Ernest and Lily came towards night and visited my guests. Harry salted cattle and got a few apples.
- 12 After breakfast Lucy, Sally and Lewis started for home in their Motor. No further news from them. Got telephone from Susie T. in Cin. Got letter from Sally at Bretton Woods—both better there. Looked like rain but turned cooler and cleared. Sent letter to Patty inclosing two. Sent Harry to the river for Susie Tew who came on the late trip of the Greyhound. Mr. Blythe brought me ½ bus. quinces from Susan Walrath.
- 13 Raining this morning—cleared up and turned cooler. Made quince marmalade. Got letter from Julia and two for Patty one of them from Isabella. Mr. Rains came—said he had worked a day and a half—1.50. He had the paper for Mr. Fred's benefit. I gave him a five dollar bill—told him to take the 1.50 for himself the 2.00 for my sub. for Mr. Fred and to leave the balance with Mike for me. Harry's foot better.
- 14 Rained hard with heavy thunder and lightning and very chilly. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Patty at Bretton Woods and card from Boone Co. Ins. Co. with ass. of 3.20 on Mrs. Mat Graves' Ins. Jesse Loudon came to see me about renting and I told him he must speak to Will Arnold first. Made quince marmalade.
- 15 Cloudy and rainy again. Sent Patty two letters to her. Got letter from Sally and box of candy from Lucy J. Harry wanted to work to-day and hauled one load of coal 37 bus. at 13 ½ cts. from Al Rogers. It rained nearly all day—about noon in torrents.
- 16 Raining again—cleared off after noon. Sent letter to Sally, got one from her. Harry said he piled manure in sheep cellar—after that hauled 2 loads of coal from Al's 38 bus. he said. He brought a paper from R. M. Shepherd 2nd St. Aurora about the sideboard Sally left there to be repaired. I canned tomatoes.
- 17 Sunday. Warm and looked like rain. Ernest and Frances came towards evening.
- 18 Georgie brought me 10.62 as my half of the last watermelon money. My share of watermelon money is \$89.57 for 1911. It poured in torrents with heavy thunder and lightning but stopped after storming. I sent letter to Sally inclosing one for Patty and the note from the furniture man Aurora.

Got letter from Sally. Harry hauled two loads of coal from Al's. Later drove the spring wagon to Bellevue. I went down with Susie Tew who went on the Greyhound to Aurora on her way via Cin. to New Orleans. The river was high and still. Went to Bk. and got my book. Scott Kelly settled for the load of alfalfa he bought (see Aug. 19th). It weighed 2385 lbs. and at 15.00 a ton came to 17.88 which he paid me in presence of Mike Corbin who figured it up. I left 20. in gold for Mike to keep for me and got from him the 1.50 Mr. Rains left there (see 13th). Hot to-day 90° at 4 P.M. Between 8 and 9.30 P.M. there was a severe thunder storm—the heat lightning was unusual.

- 19 Harry hauled another load of coal from Al Rogers. Got letters from Lucy J. and Julia. Harry went over to see and salt the cattle. Sent him to meet the Greyhound and he got a package Sue sent me and one of stationary for Patty I suppose. I told him to cut weeds on cherry hill. It was clear to-day and cooler.
- 20 Clear and cool to-day. Sent Sue's letter to Susie and letters to Sue and to Patty—got letter and picture postals from Patty and letter from Belle R. Harry cut alfalfa. Jess Lee Omer, Perrin, Joe West &c. cut Dick's tobacco.
- 21 Rained again so Harry had to let the alfalfa alone. He was telephoned that Ernest's 'stock animal' was out and gone and he went to hunt him and take him home. Later I think he hauled some rock to the barn lot. Ernest came and brought Joe Humphreys who stayed here. Got note from Miss Emma Adams and letter from Julia.
- 22 Sent postal to Sally and got letter from her. It was cloudy and chilly most of the day. Ernest had to go to his uncle Jimmy's funeral and at 5 P.M. Harry took Joe up to Ernest's—before that he hauled some rock. Got postal from Susie T. in N. Orleans.
- 23 55° and a heavy fog. Joe and Willy came out but the alfalfa was so wet they went back. After dinner Harry raked it. He got the sow home and fixed at the fence. Sent letter to Sally. Mr. Wat Brown, Emma Brady's husband, died last evening. Georgy gave me 2.80 water melon money. Florence went over the river early this morning.
- 24 Sunday. Clear pretty day. Went to the funeral of Mr. Wat Brown who was buried on Hilda's lots. She was there with Bob Brady and stopped and stayed with me. Harry and his family went to Florence and I sent by him to Hilda the suit case key Patty sent. Jesse told me he had told W. Arnold he was going to rent of me. Turned warmer.
- 25 Monday—sprinkled but did not rain. Mr. Rains and Willy Snelling came out and helped get in all the alfalfa that was cut. They cut some sugar corn in the garden while it was wet. Got letter from Sally—from Bretton Woods N.H. Florence came home after dinner.
- 26 Harry took a load of alfalfa to Dr. Perkins, he said it weighed 2200 lbs but did not bring the weights said Mike kept them. (Dr. Perkins paid for it Dec. 21 \$9.00 check.) He said he hauled wire and posts to the line fence next Will Arnold who came to see me about the hogs and fence. Mr. Bob Brady came and took Hilda to the Cemetery and to Bellevue. Told Harry to cut weeds. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty and from Julia. Cool and looked like rain.
- 27 Sent letter to Julia and wrote note for Hilda to Belle F. Andrews. Got letter from Patty and Susie Tew. Warm. Harry cut weeds—then cut some alfalfa and later hauled in the red beans Dick had in the field with the watermelons. Joe West and Willy Snelling came out before dinner to fix the fence next Will Arnold and Harry hauled some wire posts &c. up there. Towards evening it rained steadily with thunder.
- 28 Cloudy morning. Joe and Willy finished fixing the fence and we measured it. It was 17 ½ rods. Joe charged 30 cts. a rod because he said he had to take down the old fence—the 17 ½ rods came to 5.25 and I added 1.50 for Willy helping get in the alfalfa and gave him an order for 6.75 on Mike Corbin of the money I left there (see 18th). Hilda went home. Bob Brady came after her. Harry cut weeds &c. and went to roll up old wire. It rained off and on the latter part of the day. Sent letter to Patty—got one from Sally—she said they would stay longer up there.

- 29 Rained and blew hard last night. Mr. Dump Rains came and I gave him an order on Mike for 1.50 of the money I left there (see 18th) for helping in alfalfa. Later I went to Bellevue and got from Mike the balance of the money 11.75. Paid W. W. Grant's bill 8.90. Went to see Betty Rice and to Flora's. Harry took Cy and Nellie to be shod—salted and counted the cattle and hauled the old wire, posts &c. from the fence Joe fixed. Saw in the paper at Bellevue that Amy's motor had run over a man, so the police said.
- 30 Went to the funeral of Cap. Jim Aikin, Julia's grandfather—buried in New Cemetery by the Masons. Bright pretty day. Harry went to drive me—he cut some garden corn and piled the alfalfa to catch the rain. Sent letter to Patty, got one from her and Sue.

October

- 1 Sunday. Harry took his family to Erlanger to visit Susan's kin. It sprinkled early and rained before noon after he got back.
- 2 Rained hard last night and some this morning. Sent letters to Sally and Sue, got letters from Patty, Sally, and Julia and from Doll Walton about cattle. Told Harry to cut weeds. Sally Ramey and Louvenia came this evening to visit Susan she said. I made citron preserves.
- 3 Sprinkled and cloudy. Went to Burlington. At Bk. got 20. from Mr. Revill. Went to see Hilda—got home by 12.30. Got from Miss Olga P.O. Order for 4.00 to send Century Mag. Sent letter to Sally. Got one from Lizzie Hodges. Harry drove and opened the alfalfa shocks.
- 4 To be drenched again—as it poured with thunder last night. I sent letters to Patty inclosing piece for Sally and P.O. Order for 4.00 to Century Co. N.Y. sub. to Century Magazine. Got letter from Sally and check for 12.50 from Texas Co. Harry tinkered trunk and cut weeds. Turned cool.
- 5 Cool and bright. Sent letters to Sally, Mrs. Roosevelt and John B. Got letter from Patty and later at B. one from Sally Chenault. Harry cut alfalfa &c. Sally R. came back. Went to see Betty Rice.
- 6 Turned warm and very windy. Harry hauled the alfalfa that got wet to the little barn—dug sweet potatoes, salted cattle &c. Got letter from Sally. Sent letter to Lizzie H. and to Sally Eaton. Got letter from Sally.
- 7 Pouring again in the night and this morning. Sent letter to Sally and sent to Patty Mrs. Ballards. Got one from Patty. Sent letter to Julia. Turned chilly again. Perrin and Jess came for corn knives to cut fodder. Harry sorted corn in the crib.
- 8 Sunday. So chilly I have a fire in the dining room the first time this fall. Flora and Will came and got the last of their meat.
- 9 Gloomy and about 3.30 began to rain—at night raining steadily. Harry took Hector and got him shod—after that he and Mr. Rains got in one load of alfalfa. Sent letter to Sally W. and got one from her in N.Y. I packed boxes of jam to send Isabella. So damp I have fire again—warmer. Grace said they were cutting fodder again to-day.
- 10 Raining at night and this morning—it quit later. Harry hauled manure from stalls to hill in watermelon patch. Sent letter to Patty, got one from Sue. Warmer, walked around but had fire at night.
- 11 Georgy brought me .15 watermelon money. Bright day and warmer. Sent letters to Sue, Julia and Sally—got letters from Patty, Julia and postal from Hilda (by Miss Olga). Harry got in the last jag of alfalfa, salted cattle &c. Got receipt from Century Mag. Susan got home.
- 12 Went to Aurora. Got Mr. Davis to cash my National Bk. Wash. check (see July 5th) and the Texas check (see 4th). Shipped two boxes of Jam to Isabella—got receipt. It was a beautiful day and the country looked green and lovely—the river was high. I bought 6 bus. rye and had to pay six dollars!
- 13 Bright and cooler 44° about 6 A.M. Sent note to little Julia and her book. Got letter from Patty and from Bell F. Andrews. Went to Bellevue. Paid Al Rogers for 223 bus. of coal \$30.10 and got his receipt. Went to Citizen's Dep. Bank and paid Mr. F. H. Brown \$62.36 my tax for Graded school and

got his receipt. Deposited \$40. in Bk. Went to see Betty Rice who is very sick in bed. Harry stopped holes in hog lots—after dinner sorted the hogs. I had my 2 barrow pigs and the largest sow put in the lot to fatten. I bought 5 of his red pigs at 1.50 apiece and his black young sow and turned them out with mine. He put his 3 barrows up to fatten and got a flour barrel of the soft corn. Sally R. and Louvenia came back.

- 14 Harry turned out to wean Betsey's calf May (born May 29) and Blanche's calf Juno (born June 19) both heifers and by my Polled Angus. Sprinkling this morning. He also weaned Patty's May's colt Minor. Rained hard at night with thunder.
- 15 Sunday. Bright lovely day like summer. Sue telephoned from Cin. that she was coming on the boat. Sent Harry down for her and she came. Lily and Ernest came and dined. Little J. telephoned. Went down to see Betty Rice, found that she died about 7 P.M. Sunday night. After I got home sent Harry for Hilda who came—it blew and rained just as she got here about 4. Harry tinkered around in the morning about the pigs. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and one from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with check for 8.00 and letter from Lizzie Hodges.
- 17 Poured down last night and this morning. Went to Betty Rice's funeral. She was buried from the B. Baptist church in the new cemetery. Rev. Kimball officiating. Betty was born Feb. 1836 and had been a widow over 50 years. [Census records show that an Elizabeth Stephens married William Rice.] Jesse Loudon came at noon to sow the rye for me, sowed the 6 bushels. Harry went with him. Got note from Julia Foster Jr. and at Bellevue, a proxy from St. Paul Title & Trust Co. to sign.
- 18 Got Sue to witness it and sent it appointing Charles W. Gordon and letter to Patty, and got one from her. Sent Harry to salt and count the cattle and he found only 17. Later Mr. Bob Brady drove home the missing 6, and they have been out some days as Harry says he saw them Sunday night by Mr. Jack Walton's and supposed they were his. Sent Harry to take Hilda home. Warm and bright.
- 19 Did n't write in this. Harry said Ernest Grant sent and got a load of alfalfa. He went to see about cattle, fixed pen for pigs &c. Sent Patty a letter that came for her. Got letter from Julia and I think from Sally. Sally Ramey and Louvenia went over the river, and Florence went too. Warm and bright.
- 20 Got two letters from Patty inclosing one from a lady to her about my book. Harry was patching and hanging the gate on hill road. Mrs. Luly Walton and John E. came. Warm in the middle of the day. Fogs morning and evening. Think Harry worked on gate.
- 21 Harry dug his potatoes in the morning. After dinner went to B. to get meal. He got ½ bus. bread corn and has got 3 flour barrels of the other corn. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Warm. Virgie 14 to-day.
- 22 Sunday. Rained last night and this morning, and rather chilly. Virgie's father Will Smith and her cousin Everett Strader came.
- 23 Slight frost 38° at sunup. No damage done. Sent letter to Patty—got letter from her, Julia, Sally W. and a note from Frank inclosing his check for 5.65 interest. Jess helped Harry ring my cows and pigs and put the crêpe myrtles in the cellar. Jesse was shucking corn for his mother. Harry hoed my strawberries. Florence came back. We went to Bellevue, and I went to Mrs. Grant's and got the fern she gave me that was Betty's. It was bright—but cooler.
- 24 32° at sunup—frost and little thin flakes of ice in the chicken pan. I had the dining room carpet taken up and Harry worked housecleaning. Bright and pretty. Jesse hauled me a load of corn to the crib the first for me but his mother had a load and also had corn gathered for her hogs.
- 25 Harry got a barrel of new corn—and began to feed mine new corn. About the same weather as yesterday. Got letter from Sally. Harry worked at housecleaning till noon, washed vehicles afterwards. We went to Bellevue. At Bk. got bill for Patty from Closson. Jesse and Elmer Jarrel brought the potatoes they dug in Dick's little patch.
- 26 40° at sunup. Sent note to Frank acknowledgin[g] his check (see 23d) and to Patsy inclosing Closson's bill. Harry hauled some wood for me and later some for himself and his potatoes. Warm and lovely. I went to see the hogs and the alfalfa. Harry said Jesse hauled me the 2nd load of corn.

- 27 Cloudy and chilly, felt raw. Sent letter to Julia—little Julia telephoned me—she got back to-day—saw Patty and Sally yesterday. Got letter from Patty. Perrin brought me 2 barrels of apples from Flave. I paid him 3.00 for them. Dr. Williamson came to see Sue. I telephoned for him.
- 28 About the same as yesterday till afternoon—then the sun came out. Sent letter to Patty—got one from Julia. Harry hauled rock ½ day. Settled with Harry from Sept. 2nd to date. He had received cash 13.40 corn 3.52 = 16.92. He had worked 41 days = 30.75 and I gave him a check on Bellevue Bk. for 13.83 the balance. He had got one flour barrel of new corn which is to go on the next settlement.
- 29 Sunday. Lovely mild bright day. Dr. Williamson came to see Sue.
- 30 Sent letter to Sally and French books to little Julia—got letter from Julia. Rained this morning—later cleared. We went to Bellevue. Harry said he piled manure in the sheep cellar and hauled rocks to the stall doors.
- 31 Mild early—looked like rain part of the day. Got letter from Lucy J. saying that Mrs. Hart died the 28th of heart failure on the ship returning to N. York. Mary Burke being with her. Harry hauled rock and went to see about the cattle.

November

- 1 Bright and colder. Sent letters to Lucy J., Susie Camden and Sally—got one from Patty. Went to Bellevue and to Bank—got a check on Burlington Dep. Bk. cashed for \$50. for Sue—and got a check for \$5.00 on Mr. Brown's Bk. cashed. Stopped at Flora's to see the house. At night Sue got a telephone from Jamie in Akron that he was coming for her to-morrow. Harry said he hauled rock.
- 2 30° at 6.30 our coldest morning so far, bright. Jamie Tew got here before 12 m. and he and Sue left at 20 min. of 2 P.M. Harry drove them in the station wagon on this side. He brought back Patty's comfort from Jamestown, Ex. package. Sent letter to Patty. Jamie said his father was worse. Harry worked at fixing stalls in the barn.
- 3 20° at sunup. Got up early and saw the comet. Sent letters to Sally, Julia & Susie T. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Harry hauled a load of coal for himself—for me he went to Georgie's after my share of the red beans and fixed up stalls. Mr. Tom Willis the Assessor came.
- 4 38° at 6.30 and very cloudy. Sent Sue's letter to her with note—got 2 from Patty, one from little Julia and from Hilda. Harry said he worked at stalls.
- 5 Sunday—cloudy and mild—at night rained. Went to baptising [sic] at McVile. Sent note to Hilda by Susan.
- 6 Raining steadily. Harry got the 3d flour barrel of corn. Rained off and on with some thunder and lightning—later cleared. Wrote to Patty—got letters from her and Sally—saying they hoped to be here the 19th, one from Sue and from Julia. Harry worked at manure cleaned carriage &c. I went to see Mr. Pope about coming to work.
- 7 Election day—bright and mild. Sent letters to Patty and to Ridie Field—got them from Mary C. and Sally Eaton. Went to Ernest's and spent the day—he gave me a check on Farmer's Bk. Petersburg for 24.12 for 2 loads of alfalfa he got I think it was 3215 lbs at 15. a ton. Harry took his sow away and said he put rocks in washes in alfalfa.
- 8 Went to Mrs. Rue's. Got letters from Patty and from Lizzie Hodges. Went to Bellevue—took Ernest's check to Bank. Deposited 20. got certificate of Dep. and the balance in cash. Harry said he took rocks off alfalfa and put in washes. Got pens and crochet needles from Sue.
- 9 Sent letters to Sue, Sally Chenault and little Julia and postal to Sally—got letter from Julia. It was cloudy and looked like rain. Georgie Loudon had a corn shucking. Jesse hauled with their team and Harry with mine. Harry said they hauled three loads and part of one to Georgy, and four loads and part of one to me. The corn is not good—big ears but much of it wet and some rotten. The fodder looks very bad and the bottoms soaked and the water standing in puddles.

- 10 Sent letter to Sally and French book to I. Julia—got letters from Patty and Julia. Harry sorted corn and after dinner went for Hilda who came. It was cloudy and warm. Harry said he got 4 lbs. flour, bl of corn. I walked to look at alfalfa—it was really warm walking.
- 11 Rained a little off and on so Hilda did not go to church. Harry sorted corn and patched up work harness. He brought out box of candles later. Jess Loudon came over about renting.
- 12 Sunday. Dreadful night last night—the wind blew a gale and it rained some and turned to snow. A skim of snow and 30° at 7 A.M. Wind continues to blow with little gusts of snow. Turned colder.
- 13 18° at sunup—and bright but rather windy. Harry went to see about cattle and tinkered about the barns &c. Sent letter to Sally and got one from her saying they expected to be here the 26th and one from Julia. Harry said he would get some of the new soft corn.
- 14 28° at sunup and cloudy. Hilda went home. Sent letter to Sally and postal to Sue, got letter from Sue. Harry drove and tinkered at various things later.
- 15 34° at sunup—mild and bright. Sent letters to Sally and Sue and forwarded letter to Patty from England—got letters from Patty, Mrs. Roosevelt, Julia and Ridie Field. Harry went hunting. Went to Bellevue.
- 16 Harry went to B. after 2 barrels of apples. Took the cow I got from him to Mr. Rogers'. Sent notes to Patty and Sally Woolley. Flora came over this evening.
- 17 49° at sunup—warm and windy—after noon began to rain and at night is still raining and very windy. Harry and Georgy Loudon pulled and divided the turnips. I got letter written for Sue telling me that cousin Harvey died after ten P.M. Tuesday 14th, peacefully and in his right mind. After long weariness, rest—peace be with him. Found that Harry's sow is a chicken-eater.
- 18 34° at sunup. Sent letters to Sue, Susie T., Sally and Julia—got letters from Patty and Sally Woolley. Went to the sale of Betty Rice's household goods at her house. Harry went with me—this morning he cleaned out old cellar under buggy house. Windy and chilly.
- 19 Sunday. Bright but rather cold. After dinner went to the funeral of Mr. John Presser who married Dick's sister Mary Loudon. He was buried from his home in McVile in the New Cemetery. He was killed by falling off the B. and O. bridge in Aurora.
- 20 Harry took Blanche to Doll Walton's Hereford. Went to Bellevue and got the things I bought at Betty Rice's sale. They came to 9.50. I went to Bk. and got \$15. and paid Mr. Brown the 9.50. Robert Rice administrator let me have the things. Sent letter to Patty—got one from Julia and notice of Ins. Ass. 1.60. It was bright but chilly and windy. After dinner Harry hauled sawdust from old mill place.
- 21 Did n't write in this till 23d. It was colder. I put in a comfort to tack [?]. Harry went to see and count the cattle—hailed sawdust.
- 22 Harry hauled corn as Georgy had a shucking. He said they hauled 5 loads to her and 4 to me. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Sue and one from Patty inclosing Mary Burke's about Mrs. Hart. Flora stopped by. Took my comfort out.
- 23 Rained after 6 A.M. and off and on all day and rains at night. Harry said he sorted corn. Had cleaning done—got letter from Julia.
- 24 30° at sunup and snowing. Minnie came out and sewed—it quit snowing before night. Harry hauled coal for himself—worked for me I think afterwards. Got letter from Patty and Julia.
- 25 25° at sunup and bright. Harry took the horses to be shod—got meal &c. Katie Corbin came. Harry said he had got 7 flour barrels of corn, 3 good 4 the bad corn. Did n't write in this again till 29th.
- 26 Sunday. Harry went for Patty and Sally who came on the noon boat—safe and well thank Heaven. It was a bright mild pretty day. Ernest and Lily came to call.
- 27 Still mild—at night rained. Harry went to help Fred Archer kill hogs.
- 28 Raining. Sent Harry down for the trunk that did n't come with the others. Later he drove the wagon and Patty went to Aurora. Patty brought home Sally's sideboard. It was a very windy, chilly disagreeable day. Got invitation from Emma Eaton to her granddaughter Margaret's wedding.

- 29 Sent Harry to salt and see about the cattle—it was snowing and cold. Patty went to Burlington. Sent by her check from Frank for 5.65 (Oct. 23d) and she cashed it. Sent letters to Sue and Julia. Got letter from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with check for 4.00 div. and invitation to the wedding of Mary Rebecca Squires. Patty paid the Ins. Ass. 1.60 and got it receipted by Miss Olga. Rose's boys said my red sow was down over there and Susan drove her home acting strangely. Patty says Hilda got her to write her will and had it witnessed and she appointed Patty her executrix and Judge Cason and Mr. Jo Revill witnessed it. Did n't write in this till Dec. 6th.
- 30 Thanksgiving day. Minnie came out to sew. Pretty day.

December

- 1 Minnie came out to sew.
- 2 Minnie came out.
- 3 Sunday. Snowed a little off and on. Ernest and Lily dined with us—I had a cold.
- 4 My precious own's birthday 45! Patty went to Cin. to the dentist's—on the Alma. Harry drove her. They made me go to bed on account of my cold. Got a letter from Lucy Johnstone, pretty day.
- 5 Minnie came out to sew. Patty came home on the Alma. Patty got news that her stepmother Cousin Rebecca was ill.
- 6 Minnie came to sew. Georgy had a shucking and Harry hauled corn. He hauled me the corn that was to make up for what Georgy fed her hogs and . Wrote to Sue, Julia and Lucy J. I got up and came down stairs. It was a perfectly beautiful winter day and a wonderful moonlight night.
- 7 Went to Georgy's and bought a barrow of her. Minnie came out to sew. Harry got ready for hog killing and went over the river for his father.
- 8 Had hogs killed, my three, two of them barrows and one sow all of the pigs I bought last spring, and the barrow I bought of Georgy—it weighed 269 lbs. after it was killed. Jesse Loudon helped and George Roseberry. Patty got a letter from Charlie Flandrau telling her that his mother—Cousin Rebecca died the 5th. Warm and bright. Minnie came out to sew.
- 9 Warm—rained last night and a little this morning. Joe came to cut the meat and put it down in salt. Jesse Loudon and George Roseberry helped and they tried out lard and made sausage meat. Later Patty went down after 12 hams and eight pieces of bacon from Stahl in Aurora to cure with ours. She took some sausage meat to Mike to sell. It was so warm honey bees were out and it was like spring. Sent by Patty to M. J. Corbin check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for \$15.00 and she got the cash for me. Minnie sewed.
- 10 Sunday. Rained last night and off and on to-day. Harry found Daisy with a b. Calf one of Bob Huey's Jersey stock. Ernest and Lily called to see us in the afternoon.
- 11 Rainy. Patty went to town on the Alma. Harry took her down and went to see about the steers, found one in Mr. Rue's pasture. Then he fixed the hay in the barn. I got letters from Sue and Sally Chenault. Rained all day.
- 12 Harry worked. Went after Patty who came on the Alma. Mr. Brown sent me a proxy to sign to vote my bank stock. Patty stayed all night at Julia's last night.
- 13 Georgy Loudon came up to settle for the hog. It weighed 269 lbs. and at 6 cents came to 16.14 and I paid her 16.15. Harry worked at something—did n't rain. Got letter from Sally Woolley. I am still poorly off and on. Minnie sewed.
- 14 Raining—sent for Minnie and sent her home on account of rain. Got letter from Frances Grant and Mrs. Lamborn's book, 'Reminiscences.' Harry worked at something.
- 15 Raining again. Harry finished sorting corn and piled some manure. Patty went to Bellevue and I gave her a check for 25. on Mr. Brown's Bk. and she got it cashed, and I sent by her to M. J. Corbin the proxy I signed and she witnessed to vote on my Bk. stock—see 12th. Read in to-days paper the death of Dan Hemmingray.

- 16 Bob Huey came and said my insurance would be out April 1st 1912 and he took my application to renew it. I am to have the house insured for \$2500 for five years and he is to send the policy to Mike Corbin to keep for me. The charges were 6.50 which I paid him. Sent Julia a birthday letter. Harry took Patty to Burlington and brought Hilda back. Rained and blew and was cloudy all day.
- 17 Sunday. Mr. Eddings came to fix the telephone. Gloomy day. Flora came over.
- 18 Signed a will this morning. Sent letters to Belle R. and Lizzie D. Goodrich—got letters from Sue and Julia and calendar from the latter. Sun came out to-day. Patty went to Aurora I gave her two little checks and she got them cashed for \$4 ad \$8. She took Virgie with her, and Minnie. Harry drove the wagon to the river twice and helped Ernest's hand load alfalfa &c.
- 19 25° at sunup and bright. Signed a note for \$200. for Patty to renew for 6 months see July 25th. She went to Burlington and Hilda went home. Harry drove the carriage. Patty was witness to Hilda depositing in the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. 1000. Minnie sewed.
- 20 Cloudy most of the day, rained towards night. Harry went to Rising Sun. Got letters from Mary Cochrane and Harriet E. and present from Julia Loving, and proxy to sign for Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk.
- 21 The day my father died. Lord love his soul. Raining early but stopped. Harry hauled coal and wood for himself. Sent letter to Sally Woolley—got one from Susie Tew. Dr. Perkins came to pay me for the alfalfa (see Sep. 26) gave me a check for 9.00 on Mr. Brown's Bk. Mrs. Laura Botts and Mrs. Genie Green came to see me. Flora and Will came and got their things that I have been keeping for them since the fire.
- 22 Went to Bellevue got M. J. Corbin to receipt his account and gave him a check for 69.85 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Got Dr. Perkins' check for 9.00 cashed. Asked Scott Kelly to go to Mike Corbin's and Mike calculated what was overcharged on the alfalfa (see Sep. 18) and I paid Scott Kelly 7.15 in presence of Mike. Got 5.00 for myself of Mr. Brown's Bk. Sent letter to Julia and proxy to vote Bk. stock (see 20th). Got letters from Julia, Belle R. Lizzie Hodges, calendar from Susie T. and Christmas cards from Leigh Hodges and Margaret Ames. Settled with Harry in full to date. Owed him 5.16 paid him the .16 and gave him a check for \$10. on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. as he wanted me to advance 5.00 on his wages.
- 23 Harry went to Cin. Did n't rain this morning and cooler. Doll Walton came to see me about the cattle and gave me a check on Mr. Brown's Bk. for \$30.00 on the pasture of the cattle his 13 head. Got letters from Lizzie Dinsmore and Frances Sampson—present from Isabella and cards from Sally W. and Eleanore also book from Lucy J. Minnie sewed part of the day.
- 24 Sunday. 34° at 7 A.M. Rained last night and turned to snow—a skim of snow over everything. The sun came out and it melted some. My namesake Julia Loudon was married to-day to Elmer Jarrel. She was sixteen July 6th and he is 22. They were married in Petersburg by Rev. Bradley Methodist. Grace Loudon and Lee Snyder witnesses.
- 25 Christmas day. Mild and cloudy—sent letter to Belle R. Got postals from Cousin John B. and Sally Chenault—also card from Helen Huntington, book from Bob & I. book from little Julia and calendar from Mrs. M. G. Ellis, Harriet's sister. Virgie's father and uncle came to see her. The boys gave Julia and Elmer a charivari. Georgy came up to see me and Jesse came to see about the work &c.
- 26 Patty, Sally and I went on the Alma to Aurora and took the 11 A.M. train for Cincinnati. Frank met us there and we all went to the Sinton Hotel. It poured most of the day. Amy lunched with us—afterwards I went to Dr. Arthur H. Clancey my dentist. We stayed all night at the Sinton and on Wednesday morning Frank, Sally and I left on the Cin. Southern for Florida. Patty went back home. Our train left at 9.10 A.M. We went to Jacksonville—lunched at the Seminole, left between 5 and 6 P.M. Got to Palm Beach Friday morning and to the Breakers about 7 A.M. Dec. 29th 1911.
- 30 Saturday. Frank left for New York at night. The 26th I got Mike Corbin to cash Doll Walton's note for \$30. see 23d.

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Left home Tuesday Dec. 26th 1911

Patty, Sally and I went on the Alma to Aurora and took the 11 A.M. train for Cincinnati. Frank met us and we went to the Sinton Hotel. It poured down rain most of the day. Amy lunched with us and lent us her motor. After lunch went to Dr. Arthur H. Clancey's to my dentist's appointment and then shopping. We stayed all night at the Sinton and Frank, Sally and I left on the Cin. Southern Wednesday morning for Florida. Patty went back home and as the boat did n't run she had a horrid time getting there as she wrote. Our train the 8.15 did n't get off till 9.10 and we were five hours late and got to Jacksonville at 2 P.M. we lunched at the Seminole and the train they waited for being late we did n't leave till 22 m. of 6 P.M Got to Palm Beach Friday morning and to the Breakers about 7 A.M. Dec. 29th 1911. Cloudy windy day cool and the sea rough. After lunch posted letters to Patty and to Julia. Frank left for N. York on the night train Saturday Dec. 30th.