

## 1912

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Did 'nt keep any diary of our stay at the Breakers. At first it was very cool and windy and the sea very rough—then turned hot. Sally found it did not agree with her and thought it best to change and telegraphed to Ormond for rooms and Friday night the 5<sup>th</sup> we left there. It was a chilly night and very windy and we had a comfortable trip up. We got to Ormond about noon Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1912. It was a bright beautiful day. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Patty left home in the morning taking Virgie with her—it was very cold and as they drove up to Erlanger they had a tough time. I got and wrote letters at Palm Beach but kept no account. I got Mike to cash Doll Walton's note for 30. and got Frank to get cashed at the Breakers my N.Y. draft for 100. (C. F.) We got some telegrams from Patty on the way and one from Silver City Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> saying they got there safe. Here I have received letters from Patty—got check from Natl. Met. Bk. with check for 28. and proxy to sign. Sally witnessed it and I sent it on. Patty also sent me check for C. F. for \$100 Christmas gift and my div. from National Bk. Wash. \$176. And check from Frank for interest \$125. This came the 7<sup>th</sup>. I have sent letters to Julia often and to Sue and Hilda and to Susan, also cards. Julia wrote me it was zero in Cin. and there has been a very cold wave. It has been cloudy and rainy most of the time since we got here, this is the 12<sup>th</sup>. It poured yesterday and is raining again today.

Jan. 12 Rained all day and still pouring at night. Got Telephone Co. bill \$18.70. Got letter from Patty from Kinsley Kansas—she was on that horrible journey. Got letter from Susan telling me about Patty's trip to Erlanger—Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> when the thermometer was 4 above 0. Susan's letter was written 7<sup>th</sup> and she said it was 0 with 3 in. snow and her pig and some chickens were frozen to death. We could n't even sit on the gallery to-day, it was so rainy.

### January

5<sup>th</sup> Patty left home for New Mexico taking Virgie with her.

Patty forwarded me from home check from Natl. Met. Bk. with check for \$28. Later I sent this to Patty at Silver City. Got at the same time proxy to sign. Sally witnessed it and I sent it to the Bank. Patty also forwarded me check from C. F. \$100. Christmas gift. Also she sent my check for div. from Natl. Bk. Washington for \$176.00 and check from Frank for interest—125. This came Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Got Frank to get cashed at The Breakers my N.Y. draft for \$100. C.F.

12 Got bill from Telephone Co. 18.70. Sally insisted on paying this and sent her check.

Friday night Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> we left Palm Beach and got to Ormond about noon Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1912. Frank got to Ormond Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Frank, Sally and I left Ormond Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> for Jacksonville. Left J. the night of 5<sup>th</sup> got to Tryon N. Carolina noon Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### March

Frank left for N. York Feb. 20 and got back 28<sup>th</sup>. Frank left for N. York Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and came back 28<sup>th</sup>. [sic] Frank left for N. York March 9<sup>th</sup> and returned to Tryon March 18<sup>th</sup>.

18 I left Tryon the night of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Got to Cincinnati, met Sue there and we came home the night of March 19<sup>th</sup> on the mail boat. It was mild—there was a hard rain with thunder and lightning. Amy and Harriet met us and were kindness itself.

20 It rained, but I went to Bellevue and got my box and silver that Patty left there. The river is high and rising fast. It rained off and on most of the time. Harry worked as he could.

24 Sunday. A chilly rain that turned to snow.

25 30° at sunup and a skim of snow, that soon melted as the sun came out. Susan came in and settled—paid me my part of the chicken and butter money 12.95. Mail carrier did n't come.

26 We went to Bellevue to see the river which is very high—over the bottom on the other side of the river—and the back water is over the Woolper bridge. Mike Corbin gave me \$45.50 which he said

was my half of the tobacco money that was left there for me when Georgy Loudon sold Dick's tobacco. I took \$45. to Mr. Brown at the bank and he gave me a certificate of deposit. The mail carrier came down the other way and got our mail. I sent letters to Patty and Sally—got 2 from Patty and 3 from Sally. It was very mild and bright. Ernest, Lily and Cordy came down after dinner. Ernest gave me his check for \$54.80 for the hay he got 3 loads at 16. a ton.

- 27 Mild and mostly cloudy. I found turkey peas blooming in the woods. Ot Scott brought us our mail. I got letter from Patty—from Mrs. Bob Carver, card from Lucy J. and a notice from Natl. Bk. Washington. Harry worked at hot bed in the garden.
- 28 Raining most of the day and at night hard. Harry went to Bellevue to get some old roofing for the hot bed he made. Mail came. I sent letters to Patty and Sally—got 2 from Sally and one from Lizzie and French Plays from Mrs. R.
- 29 Raining steadily. Quit towards evening and Flora came over.
- 30 Bright day. Mail came. Sent letter to Patty—got letter from her, 2 from Sally, one from Julia, and one from Amy C. and Ins. Ass. of Boone Co. Ins. Sally forwarded. Got telephone from Julia per Augusta. Harry came in and we settled. He had worked 79 days = 59.25 and had received from me 5.00 advance 3.00 on Flaves apples 10. check sent him from Tryon and 7.00 Patty paid him, and corn he got 2.45 = 27.45. That left me owing him 31.80. From this he deducted 4.12 for 5½ days for himself on ice and smoking work, leaves 27.68 and I paid him cash 27.70. Harry told me that Doll Walton's cattle 13 head were brought from pasture Jan. 6 and Doll took them home Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1912. He said my black sow I bought of him had 9 pigs March 9<sup>th</sup> of these 4 died and the sow has 5 including one runt. Harry said Patty paid him 7.00 and paid Elmer Jarrel 6.00 for helping 4 days with putting up ice. Harry brought from Bellevue, notice from St. Paul Title and Trust Co.
- 31 Sunday. Very pretty day—bright and a real spring feeling in the air. Walked in the woods and picked plenty of Turkey peas.

## April

- 1 Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from her and 2 from Sally, one post marked N. York March 30<sup>th</sup>, also one from Julia and a postal from Lucy J. and notice from Am. Ex. Co. Aurora. Also check from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl Bk. Wash. for \$28.00. Sue and I went to Burlington to Hilda's. Went to the Baptist Church to the funeral of Mrs. Ella Duncan Baldon. Dined at Hilda's—she said she was dissatisfied with the will she got Patty to write for her (see Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1911) and brout [sic] it up in my presence. I paid the .80 Ins. Ass see March 30<sup>th</sup> to Miss Olga—she receipted it. I paid Mr. Riddle by check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. 3.00 for two years sub. to Recorder from Jan. 1, 1912 and told him to give the popularity votes to Alice Carver. It misted rain in the morning and rained harder later and at night. Yesterday the river was falling.
- 2 Rained off and on all day except when it snowed a little while after dinner. Mail came—Jesse came to ask about trees to cut.
- 3 Bright and pretty—went up in the woods to show Jesse about trees. Harry went to R. S. yesterday and got back with Harvey to-day as the river is rising again. After dinner went to Bellevue—and to Bank—deposited 54.80 (see March 26) Ernest's check. Got Sue's check cashed. Went to Mrs. Grant's for my plant—river high backwater over bottom on the Indiana side. Got onion sets. Got the steamer chair and lounge cover Sally sent. One of the Flick's brought it down.
- 4 Bright and mild. Mail carrier came. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with check for \$66.00. from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. check for 6.00. from Texas Co. for 12.50. Got 2 letters from Sally from N. Y. and note from Patty about Isabella's meat—also letter from Mary C. Sent letter to Sally and postal to Patty and letter to Mr. Charles A. Oberg, St. Paul Title and Trust Co. about Cer. of Shares. Also sent check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 12. to Mr. Thomas E. Randall for season for Patty's mare Ty—

he[r] colt is Minor born last spring. Sent note to Amy Campbell. Harry said he drove Patty's colt Major 3 year, to the wagon with old Nellie—then grubbed by alfalfa.

- 5 Harry went to Burlington to take the Barrel of meat that Patty wanted shipped to Isabella via Erlanger. Mr. Orin Phipps received it. Harry said Mrs. Brady (Hilda) sent me word that she had her will type written and I would be pleased to see it. Sent by Harry postal cards to Patty and Sally to mail in B. Mild and pleasant.
- 6 Mr. Phipps telephoned me that he had the barrel of meat shipped and had the receipts. Harry grubbed and hauled some manure. We had a mail. I got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia. Warm. The river is very high and the flood from Cairo down dreadful.
- 7 Easter Sunday. Rained last night. Much cooler to-day. Plenty of daffodils out—grass getting green.
- 8 Bright. Harry hauled some brush he grubbed and drove to Burlington to take Sue to Hilda's. Sent by her letters to Patty, Sally and Lizzie D. No mail. I went to Flora's River falling rapidly they say.
- 9 Bright and warmer. Harry ploughed some in the garden. Later I went to Bellevue. Told Mr. Walrath to send for a harrow for me. The mail came—got letter from Sally and Julia and two Easter cards. Harry got P.O. Order of Sue's cashed 8.00. Got from Orin P. Phipps the receipts for the barrel of meat he shipped via Erlanger. Mike Corbin gave me my Insurance Policy that was left with him last winter (see Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1911).
- 10 Warm pleasant day. Harry went for Sue who had been to Cin. yesterday to Dr. C. R. Holmes the oculist and she came home. He planted the onion sets and some radish seed. Sent letter to Sally, got one from her.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Sent \$4.55 for Burpees seeds P.O. order. Harry took Hector and Spright to be shod—brought back 2 bus. potatoes for me and later planted them. They only made rows. It was a warm lovely day. I heard doves for the first time. Susan has heard them days before. Got letter from Patty Harry brought, he said Mike C. had sold out.
- 12 Harry planted his own onions & potatoes and afterwards ploughed in the garden for me. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Got letter from Patty. Warm—had the house open. Got notice of P.O. Order receipt. Planted a few pepper and egg plant of last year and worked in flowers.
- 13 Rained last night and showered to-day. Harry worked in the yard—cutting down rose, bushes, honeysuckles &c. that were killed to the ground last winter, grubbing and cleaning up generally, I helped some. It was warm. Got letters from Sally and Julia, also one from Title & Trust Co. St. Paul about my certificate.
- 14 Sunday—last night I think and this morning [it rained?]. Cleared and was windy and warm.
- 15 Rained last night with lightning thunder and hail. Bright lovely morning. Jesse attended to the shoats. Harry worked in the yard grubbing and cleaning up. Sent letter to Frank with the letter that came from Title & Trust Co.—also letter to Mr. F. G. Ingersoll of the T. and T. Co. St. Paul. Got check from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash for \$10. and letters from Julia and from Patty with one from Fanny Strader's lawyer. Mr. G. S. Walrath Susan Arnold's came and I gave him a check for 10.00 on the Bellevue Bk. to pay for the harrow he got for me.
- 16 Made soap—2 kettles. Harry hauled trash and vines out of the yard and after dinner he ploughed in the garden—and some for himself. I got from Mr. Kelly's wagon ½ bus. potatoes for Harry for seed .90. Sent letters to Patty and Sally got one from Patty. Bright and turned rather cooler. Doll Walton came to see about pasture. Harry was going to hunt sweet potatoes for seed. I gave him a check for 5.00 on the Bellevue Bk. of this he used for himself 1.00.
- 17 Rained hard last night and about noon very hard with lightning and thunder. The creek was over the bottom from hill to hill and Searcy branch like a river, and rained steadily most of the day. Sent Patty letter—got postal from her—also got seeds from Burpee's. To-day's paper has an account of the wreck and sinking of the Titanic Sunday night. Sent letter to Mary Cochrane.

- 18 Turned cold after the rain—disagreeable. Harry worked cleaning up and grubbing in the yard—sent letter to Julia—got letter from Sally who had gone to Locust Valley.
- 19 Not so cold and bright. Jesse helped Harry to-day they fixed fence in big pasture and on pike and cut down the catalpa snag and hauled trash out of the yard. Sent Sally 4 crocheted washrags—got letter from Patty and one from Frank about Title and Trust Co. Stock St. Paul.
- 20 Warmer and clear. Went to Bellevue—paid M. J. Corbin store account in full to date 14.95 and paid him freight on the harrow .55. The bill I paid by check on Bellevue Bank and also gave my check and got 10. out of bank. Sent letter to Sally—got letters from Sally, Julia and Lucy J. Harry hauled rock and went to B. mill for chicken feed &c. Heard that Mrs. Florence Clore died.
- 21 Sunday. Turning warmer. Went to the funeral of Florence Clore who was buried in the old graveyard Bellevue.
- 22 Rained last night with thunder. Jesse helped Harry ½ day putting a water-gap across Searcy branch—then Harry hauled rock. It was chilly. Sent letter to Patty and two to Ex. agents in Aurora—got 2 from Patty and 2 notes from Julia.
- 23 Bright and rather warmer. Sent letter to Julia and postal to Sally—got Ex. notice from Am. Ex. Aurora and seeds from Congressman. Gave Ex. notice to Spinny Smith to get my box. Went to Bellevue. Harry hauled rock. Told Doll Walton to turn in cattle and he brought the 13 steers that I pastured for him last fall and I am to pasture them at .75 a head.
- 24 Harry brought down my 10 steers and turned them into the big pasture. There was a big bunch of hogs in the pasture on cherry hill and Harry drove them back into Mr. Rogers's pasture and patched up watergap and fence. After dinner he began to plough for alfalfa but it thundered and sprinkled and he quit. Thundering at night. I sent a letter to Sally—got one from her and answer from Agt. U. S. Ex. Co. Got book from Mrs. Parish—Theodosia Garrison's poems.
- 25 Harry ploughed for alfalfa ground. I walked to look at the alfalfa. Got letter from Patty. Heard whip-poor-wills this evening.
- 26 Rained at night and nearly all day in torrents part of the time with thunder. The creek was in the bottoms. Harry tinkered around and went to Mr. Rue's. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got note from Sally with inclosures.
- 27 Bright pleasant day. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from Julia. Took Florence to Bellevue to go to R.S. Gave Harry a check on Bellevue Bk. for \$12. He got my hat box Sally sent from Tryon. Harry hauled rock before dinner and worked for himself after.
- 28 Sunday. Harry said one of the red Jersey sows had a pig and one dead pig.
- 29 Rained last night and off and on to-day. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and from Patty and Belle R. with melon seeds. Harry drove Major and tinkered around.
- 30 Cloudy, chilly and raw. Harry hauled manure I think. Got bill from Morris Rice for 8.35 for the potatoes Jesse got to plant 4 bus. 15 lbs.

## May

- 1 Turned warmer and sun came out. After dinner went to Bellevue—at Bank got a check cashed for 20. and left with Mr. Brown 8.35 for Morris Rice see yesterday. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her, one from Patty inclosing Virgie's to address—one from Sally W. and postal from Hilda. Harry hauled manure till noon, said he was going to rake weeds and then harrowed some in the garden.
- 2 Went with Sue to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. She asked me to go to Bank with her to read her will. Mr. Revill got it out of her box and I read it. In that she made me executrix without bond, left me \$2000 and 500 each to Patty and Sally. The will was type written and witnessed by P. E. Cason (Judge) and W. D. Cropper. This is her latest to date. Heard that Doll Walton shot himself this morning dying in a few moments. Went up to see Mrs. Walton—ah que la vie est amere [how bitter is life]! Peace to his vexed soul. Harry worked in the garden and drove me.

- 3 Perfectly beautiful morning. Had the crêpe myrtles set out of the cellar. Florence came back. Sent letter to Frank inclosing notice from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. and letters to Patty and Julia. Got registered letter from Frank Cutcheon inclosing 2 Certificates of stock in the Texas Co. one for 3 and the other for 7 shares in my name. He sent them for me to sign so he could sell and reinvest. Harry worked in the garden and ploughed some—he planted melons, corn, beets, beans, lettuce and I planted some cucumbers. Got telephone from Harriet Eckstein.
- 4 Got Sue to have registered letter for Frank containing Certificates of shares (see 3d). Went to the funeral of John J. Walton 'Doll'—at his home. Rev. Edgar Riley held the services and he was buried by the Order he belonged to. I did not go to the Cemetery—expecting Amy and Harriet who came and went back after dinner. It was a beautiful day. Sent by Amy to be sent to Patty box with her hat. Got letter from Patty. Gave Jess the watermelon seed and he said he was going to plant it. Did n't write in this again till 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 Sunday. Pretty day. Went to see Mrs. Walton.
- 6 Went via Aurora to Cin. We went up on this side and there was a thunder storm while we were on the ferry boat and it rained more. Got to Cinti. about noon and little Julia met me and stopped at Amy's for the suit case and bonnet box she took up. Amy gave me the Ex. receipt for the hat box she sent to Patty. Went out to Julia's in motor.
- 7 The Musical Festival began this night. I stayed at Julia's till Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 The Vet from Aurora operated on Patty's colt Minor. While at Julia's I went to 6 concerts at the Music Hall. We had hard rains and thunder storms while I was there and it turned very cool. While there I went to Dr. Clancey and had my teeth fixed. Harry said Patty's Artell mare Ty had a filly born Friday night 10<sup>th</sup>. It is bay. Got letters and sent some to Patty and Sally. Sue had house cistern cleaned 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 12 Sunday. Little Julia and Sally Eaton brought me home in a motor via Covington, Florence and Burlington. It was muddy after the nights' hard rain, and cloudy and windy. A man named Goody brought us down. The girls stayed to dinner and started back at 3 P.M. and later telephoned me that they got back at 5. Found letters here one from Frank inclosing a check for \$170. from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. 2 from Patty and one from Sally.
- 13 My beloved parents' wedding day—may they be together in Paradise—or some perfect bliss. Sent letter to Frank inclosing the check for 170. see yesterday endorsed for him to invest. Sent letter to Patty. Got one from Patty with check for \$103. to be paid to Mrs. Brady for a hundred Patty borrowed before she went to Silver City. Went to Bellevue and McVile and paid Mr. Dolph for brake on carriage and work on runabout 6.50. Also paid W. W. Grant in full to date 8.35. at bank got M. B. Rice's receipt for 8.35 for seed potatoes Jesse L. got. Day cool and clear.
- 14 Went to Burlington—got Mrs. Brady to go to Bank and get Patty's check for 103. see yesterday—cashied, she and Mr. Revill counted it and I paid it to her with him as witness and he saw her sign the receipt for Patty. Got home by 11.20. After noon it rained and harder at night with thunder.
- 15 Harry set out sweet potato plants we have on shares. Sent letters to Julia and to Patty, got letters from Julia and Sally. Harry worked for me after dinner cutting briers &c.
- 16 Cloudy and before 10 A.M. raining. When I got home Sunday, there was fire in the dining room and we have had it ever since and sleep under blankets. The ground is so wet the bottoms are pools and can't be ploughed. Gave Harry check on Bellevue Bk. for 5.00 4.00 of which I charge to him.
- 17 Did n't write in this till 19<sup>th</sup>. Don't think it rained. Florence went over the river after dinner. Got letter from Frank Cutcheon saying he got the check (see 13<sup>th</sup>) and inclosing a check for 4.71 interest. Got from Mr. Credo Harris a copy of his novel 'Toby,' and letter from Patty.
- 18 Sue and I went up to see Lily Grant, who is in bed with a scalded foot. It was so chilly we wore wraps, but did not rain. Got letter from Patty. Harry harrowed the piece he ploughed for alfalfa and went to Bellevue for chicken feed.

- 19 Sunday. Bright day and turned warmer—so we sat out on the gallery and let the fire go out. Harry turned Ty and her little filly out in the back pasture.
- 20 Bright again. Mr. Rains came out to work cutting briers and helping in the garden. Harry worked in the garden. Got the invitation to Christine Graham's wedding.
- 21 Bright again. Mr. Rains worked digging flower beds in yard and grubbing &c. in the garden. Harry worked partly for me and partly for himself in the garden and began to plough his corn ground. Sent to Sally check from Fs' and Ms' Bk. Wash. for 28. in a letter. Planted some nasturtiums.
- 22 Harry ploughed his corn ground. It turned warmer, planted some more nasturtiums. Got letter from Sally. Turned warmer. Sent letter to Frank.
- 23 Harry ploughed corn ground. Warmer. We went to Bellevue. Bank safe was locked. I got a check for 10. from Mr. Brown and Mr. Walrath cashed it. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got letter from Patty. Planted moonflowers.
- 24 Sue went to Aurora on her way home. They crossed at McVille ferry and Harry had to come home by Rabbit Hash. He got the package Sally sent—for which the notice came to-day. It was hot—sprinkled a little this morning. Another red sow came up with one ratty little pig. Got letter from Julia and another invitation from Mrs. Graham.
- 25 Harry ploughed his corn ground. Sent postal to Sally—and a letter to Sue that came for her—got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Patty said she expected to be here the 28<sup>th</sup>. I planted moonflower and other flower seeds. Susan went to R.S. to have tooth [teeth?] out. Ome[r] Rogers came to see me about Doll's cattle—the 13 I am pasturing—and to appraise them. Harry said at 60. a head. He told me to make out my account for pasture, feeding &c. and present it.
- 26 Sunday. Bright day—getting dry. Florence came back after dinner.
- 27 Sent letters to Sue inclosing one, and to Mrs. Graham. Sally Woolley and Mr. Credo Harris. It was warm and sometimes looked like rain. Harry finished putting in his corn ground. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to get to Cin. Wednesday and from Sally saying she and Frank expected to come Thursday.
- 28 Did n't write in this till the 31<sup>st</sup>. Harry went over the river and brought Ethel to work, to help get ready for Patty and Sally. There were some light showers. Sent letter to Julia and Hilda I think.
- 29 Got telephones from Patty in Cin. saying she was coming down Thursday with Sally & Frank. Harry worked partly for me and partly for himself setting out sweet potato plants for there were hard showers—at night he went to the boat and got Patty's trunks. Ethel and I were fixing the house &c. Turned cool after rain. Got letters from Sue, Amy and Susie Tew.
- 30 Very cool—went to Bellevue with Ethel and sent by Mr. Smith the Ex. order for a barrel Patty sent to Aurora—also my wringer to get Mr. Spaeth to have mended. Decoration Day—no mail. Frank, Patty and Sally came down in a motor from Cincinnati. Mr. Goody the man who brought Julia Foster and us down ran the machine and a Mr. Infeld came to see about a chimney and furnace. They went back. Harry and Ethel helped work. We put in the refrigerator the first time.
- 31 Sent by Patty a check for 10.00 on the Bellevue Bk. and she got the money for me. Harry worked about the house and garden partly for himself in garden. It was bright but cool.

## June

- 1 Harry says he found their cow with a b. calf. Got postal from Susie T. and note from Hilda (from Miss Olga). Cool. Frank and Patty went to Ernest's after dinner. This is Christine Graham's wedding day. Harry worked in the garden and went to Bellevue for chicken feed &c.
- 2 Sunday. Harry's cow very sick. Frank Cutcheon went to Aurora on his way home. Harry brought back a V. S. with him named Falk who treated the cow. Sent by Frank postal to Susie T.

- 3 Patty went to Aurora to see about getting a chimney built. I sent by her to be cashed at the Aurora Bk. 3 checks—2 of Texas Co. for 12.50 cash and the one for 4.71 from Frank (see May 17<sup>th</sup>). It was a lovely day. Harry drove and I think salted cattle.
- 4 Harry said he was too poorly to work and took the horses to be shod—then got some bean poles I think. I went to Bellevue.
- 5 Harry worked for himself and had Mr. Rains helping him replanting corn—Jesse had little Jesse helping him plant corn and plough watermelons. I got letters from Julia and Sue.
- 6 Did n't write in this till 11<sup>th</sup>. I think Harry worked in the garden. The weather is dry and cool at nights chilly.
- 7 Harry worked in the garden partly for himself and for me. Mr. Northcutt brought his stallion here.
- 8 Mr. Gridley came down to see about chimney.
- 9 Sunday. Harry went for Susie Tew who came on the boat. Lovely day.
- 10 Harry moved my mother's rose from my window—set out two parts of it. They he sharpened mowing knives and got ready and after dinner cut alfalfa. Cool still and very dry.
- 11 Mr. Rains and Harry worked at alfalfa. Harry raked and Mr. R. put it in shocks and after dinner Ray Cook helped. Harry hauled brick after dinner and Charlie Snelling and team hauled plaster and brick that came down on Shipper's boat, to build chimney for my room and up stairs and furnace. Got letter from Julia.
- 12 Dixie the heifer I got from Mr. Woody Sullivan has a b. calf by Ernest's Jersey. Mr. Gridley and Mr. Bielman pulled down the chimney in my room. Harry and Charlie Snelling hauled bricks and sand. Engaged of Scott Kelly by Harry 20 bus. corn at .90
- 13 Mr. Rains and Ray Cook helped with the hay and Jesse with his team—they got it in by 3 P.M. 6 loads of fine alfalfa without a drop of rain on it. The day is warm and breezy. Mr. Gridley and his men built on the chimney. Sent by Patty & Sally to get my bank book. Harry hauled a load of sand from McVille.
- 14 Harry hauled water for the workmen—also hauled sand—said he got 5 loads in all. Harry hauled some corn I bought of Scott Kelly—almost 23 bus. at .90 a bushel! Mr. Gridley and Mr. Bielman worked on the chimney. Towards evening we had fine showers, very much needed by all. Got letter from Julia.
- 15 Fine shower early. People planting tobacco. Harry worked, taking off paper in my room &c. Mr. Gridley and man worked at chimney, till about 3. and went to the river to take the omnibus for Aurora. I went to Bellevue—at Bank got Mr. Brown to cash a draft for 10. on Mr. Revill's Bank. Pd. Scott Kelly by check on the same, Burlington Dep. Bk. 20.58 for 22 bus. 59 lbs. corn (see yesterday). Sent letter to Julia—got one from Sally Woolley.
- 16 Sunday. Hot—showers early, and the wind blew. Ernest and Frances came after dusk.
- 17 Mr. Gridley and assistant came back. Sally and I went out to see Hilda. It rained as we were coming home—we got here at 3. Mrs. Lulah Walton came to see me while I was gone.
- 18 Rained all day. Mr. Gridley and hand worked inside the house, at fireplaces. Harry worked tinkering round. Sent letter to Sally W.—got one from Julia. Chilly.
- 19 Patty, Sally and Susie T. went up in the spring wagon to Aurora. Harry got back at 2.30 and it has n't rained yet. Susie was starting home and Sally too. Gave Patty 3 Bank checks to cash Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. 2 one for 10. one for 6. and Natl. Bk. Wash. for 66. Mr. Gridley and hand working on chimney outside.
- 20 Clear pretty day. The men worked on the chimney outside. Harry cut alfalfa and it was full of weeds. Got letter from Julia. Susan went over the river.
- 21 Rained last night. Harry cut some more weedy alfalfa. Mr. Gridley and man worked on chimney—rained again a while and they worked in the house.

- 22 Bright pretty day. Mr. Gridley finished the chimney. Patty got letter from Sally at home. Harry went after the mattress and box spring for Sally's bed. Sent letter to Julia. Harry took the men to the river.
- 23 Sunday—did n't write in this till 26<sup>th</sup>. Lovely day—we rested.
- 24 Mr. Gridley came back alone to finish up. Mr. Rains came out and worked. Helped Harry move bricks and clean and haul rubbish from the cellar and yard from the old chimney &c. Mr. Gridley put a new window in the cellar under my room and worked at hearths &c.
- 25 Jesse and his team worked in the alfalfa and Mr. Rains and Ray Cook. Mr. Gridley finished mantle pieces &c. and Harry took him to the boat. Patty said his bill for the chimney was 142.90 including extras. Harry worked at alfalfa all the time—this cutting is so weedy and bad it is hardly worth hauling in—mere trash.
- 26 Jesse and his team worked ½ day getting in the last of the alfalfa and Mr. Rains and Ray Cook also ½ day. It was hot and after dinner we had a good shower with thunder. Patty went to Aurora in Mr. Spiny Smith's boat and got back about 1.30. I got a letter from Sally and got one before and note from Susie T. and letters from Julia this week. Harry went down at night to meet the boat and the 3 furnace men Mr. Quick, Mr. Sweikirt and another. They brought Mrs. Quick too! And did n't get out till late.
- 26 [?] Jesse and his team and Harry hauled out the furnace and all the belongings and also the mantle folding bed Sally sent me. Jess hauled ½ day. Later Harry ploughed in the garden partly for himself. It was hot and thundered. The three men worked at setting up the furnace and putting in registers &c.
- 27 It rained last night but did n't hear it. Will Arnold came over and said he owed me for alfalfa he got last winter—not quite a ton and he gave me a check for 16.00 on the Bellevue Bk. Patty got the bill from Miller Co. for the furnace 196. Sent a letter to Julia, got one from her. I did n't write in this again till July 1<sup>st</sup> and can't recall everything. Harry worked at something. The 3 men worked at furnace.
- 28 Harry harrowed his corn two hours—but I let him have the time—he then salted cattle and helped about the house and garden. The 3 men worked at setting the furnace and putting in registers. Ernest and Lily came to call. The men got along well.
- 29 Mr. Rains worked ½ day I think. The furnace men finished—showed Harry and us about the furnace and about 10 A.M. they all left. Spiny Smith took them up to Aurora in his boat. It was hot and looked like rain. Harry worked some in the garden. At night it rained, with thunder and lightning.
- 30 Sunday. The day my beloved sister Belle died. I remembered and hope she is blest forever. Hot. After dinner an automobile stopped and Bessie Cropper, Mrs. Carleton Graves Crisler, and the Dr. her husband, and her little boy Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Crisler Sr. came in to see us and made a pleasant call.

## July

- 1 Harry went down to meet and bring out Mr. Marshall the paperer from Aurora that Spiny Smith brought down. It rained showers. Harry worked hauling lumber to wine house cleaning up trash &c. Sent letter to Julia and got one from her. Sent postal to Sally—got letter from Sally Chenault and a check for 28. from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Wash.
- 2 Hot sultry and threatened and sprinkled. Mr. Marshall worked papering my room and put one coat on the staircase passage. After 2 P.M. Harry took him to Bellevue and brought back 20 bus. coal from Al Rogers'. He helped Mr. Marshall and cleaned up around the chimney. Mr. Rains worked ½ day cutting weeds and grubbing in the yard. Got letter from Sue in Chautauqua and card from Cin. Pub. Library and note from St. Louis firm about hats.
- 3 Did n't write in this till 5<sup>th</sup> like a simpleton. Got letter from Frank C. with check for 125. interest and from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington with check for 3.00 and from Natl. Bk. Wash. with check for 66.

- 4 Worked at patching the dining room carpet that we took up and put down too. Harry worked all day helping Patty and so did Grace, cleaning house. It rained off and on sometimes hard and was hot.
- 5 Harry and Grace cleaned house again, mostly up stairs. I went to Bellevue—deposited in Bk. with Miss Stella the check Will Arnold gave me see June 27, also cashed a check for 10. that Patty gave me for money she borrowed. A preacher Rev. Mc Clernon came asking aid for a mountain school. Hot and at dusk rained. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Mrs. Lizzie Weindel and her daughter Mrs. Keim came to call.
- 6 Patty and I went to Burlington. At the Bank Mr. Revill renewed her note for 200. (see Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>) and I endorsed it. We dined at Hilda's and went to call on Patty Revill. It rained in showers off and on. Harry worked—went to Bellevue and got Sally's box spring and the Stearns & Foster mattress for my bed. Hot sultry evening. Sent note to Frank acknowledging his check (see 3d).
- 7 Sunday. Hot day.
- 8 Frank Walton and Mr. Jim Rogers came and they and Harry sorted out Doll's 13 cattle that were on pasture here and took them. Harry worked in the garden—had to plough a weed patch with a turning plough and planted sweet corn. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Susie Tew. Hot—sprinkles.
- 9 Harry and his company last night saw a remarkable and beautiful meteor that passed with a noise like thunder. The Cin. Enquirer says it was seen in Ohio and fell into the river at Louisville. Patty and I went to Mrs. Lulah Walton's sale—got home before noon—it was a stock sale for men and I was told they sold the 13 head they took from here. Harry worked in the garden and drove us. Mr. Robert McGuire came over to telephone and I lent him what he needed to make out his money to be operated on. Gave him a check for \$33. on Bur. Dep. Bk. The poor fellow said he would pay me out of his tobacco—ah! que la vie est amère. Hot as 'Toba'.
- 10 Mr. Rains worked ½ day—in the garden and helping Harry carry the dirt the men dug out of the cellar. Harry ploughed some in the garden. It showered after noon. Hot.
- 11 Patty and I went to Bellevue and then to Ernest's to spend the day. Harry worked for himself in his garden. Cloudy and cooler at Ernest's.
- 12 Hot as blazes. Harry worked for himself in his garden and ploughing his corn. Patty went to Burlington for Hilda and brought her down. I sent letter to Julia and got one from her.
- 13 Did n't write in this till 17<sup>th</sup>. Think Harry worked in his corn and after dinner went to the river for the box bed spring and worked at that.
- 14 Sunday. Very hot. Patty took Hilda to S. School.
- 15 Harry was working in his corn and afterwards took Hilda home. Very sultry and hot. I sent note to Julia, I think and also got some letters from Sally.
- 16 Harry cut weeds and then alfalfa. It thundered and seemed going to rain but did n't.
- 17 Packing to go to Sue's—about 1 and 2 it rained hard. Then I went to Bellevue. About 9 P.M. it began to rain again gently.
- 18 Gave Harry a check for 20. Patty and I went to Cin. to Aurora in Spinny Smith's boat and from there by train. Got checks cashed in Aurora 97. Julia sent in for me and I went to her house and Patty came out later. Found little Julia ill in bed—saw her for a few moments. Julia took us in her motor to Spring Grove and later to Winton Place where we took the train for Chautauqua.
- 19 Got to Chautauqua—it was chilly. Susie and Miss Shields were there.
- 20 Think Patty went to Jamestown with Sue the 21 and stayed all night—did not keep any day book. Patty went to Henderson to see Mrs. Robinson and from there to N.Y. and to Locust Valley to Sally. I stayed at Chautauqua till Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, making one trip to Jamestown in the meantime. It rained most of the time and was damp and gloomy. The 29<sup>th</sup> Sue and I went to her house to stay the rest of my visit. Had letters and telegrams from Patty and Sally, letters from Julia, Sally W. &c. Sally and

Frank sailed Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> on the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. Patty went to North East Harbor Maine to visit Mrs. Parish.

## August

- 3 I got ready to start home and left on the Erie train about 3.30 P.M. Sue then went back to Chatauqua.
- 4 Sunday. Got in to Cin. in time to get to the Mail boat Louisville. I had written to Harry to meet me and he was at the landing. I got home safe and sound and found it as I left it thank God. They were all going to church in Burlington and I sent word to Hilda. Florence was here, came to-day. They all went to the Lawrenceburg Fair yesterday. In Jamestown it rained almost every day and we had one hard hail storm with sharp lightning. Found a drouth here—everything needing rain. During my absence one of the little red sows had 5 pigs. The heifer Dixie had such a bad teat Harry had the Vet from Aurora. Melons ripe—vines drying up.
- 5 Mr. Dump Rains came out to get the money for his work during my absence. He said he had worked 5½ days on the hay 8.25 and three days cutting weeds 3.00 and I paid him in full 11.25 also paid him 1.00 for Harry. Harry worked mowing the yard and fixing the fence to turn the hogs on rye. Very dry and rather cool. Sent letter to Sally and postals to Patty, Sue and Julia. Got notice from Charles A. Oberg about St. Paul Title and Trust Co.
- 6 Harry fixed fence and hauled me some wood—think he hauled for himself too. Sent letters to Sally Woolley and Lizzie Hodges. Got one from Patty and from H. W. Johns, Manville Co. 654-656 Main St. Cin. about asbestos shingles. Frank Walton and Mr. Jim Thompson came to look at the steers. Still dry.
- 7 Sent letter to Patty and to C. A. Oberg—got letter and package from Sally—bed cover &c. and samples of asbestos shingles. Harry cut weeds with old machine in the field he ploughed for alfalfa. Had a shower a light one. Flora came to see me.
- 8 Went with Flora to see Mrs. Lanora Huey who is sick. There was a light shower before 11. Harry cut weeds with machine and took Dixie's calf down to Bellevue. I sold it to Mr. Walrath for 9.50 also told him I would let him have a ton of hay. Sent letter to Julia got one from her and one from Patty and one from Shillito some for Patty.
- 9 Sent this to Patty also letters to Belle R. and Mary C. Got letter from Julia and one for Patty from Foy Paint Co. Cin. Harry salted the steers. Mr. Walrath sent out Ray Cook to help Harry load the hay he engaged. Ray brought me a check from Mr. Walrath for 9.50 on Bellevue Bk. for the calf. After the rain Harry hauled the load of alfalfa 2115 lbs. We had a heavy rain in different heavy showers and later fine quiet rain—a wonderful and much needed rain, from before 11 A.M. on.
- 10 Harry turned the milk cows and black heifers into the mud road pasture and brought over the 10 steers and put them in the back pasture to go on cherry hill. Sent letter to Patty and the one from Foy Co. got one from Lizzie M. Hodges. Harry mowed weeds with machine again.
- 11 Sunday.
- 12 Sent letters to Sally, Lizzie Hodges, Sue and Julia—got one from Julia, from Patty who sent me one from Mammy and book about asbestos roof, also notice from Cin. Post. Canned tomatoes for soup, and Harry got some pears off cherry hill and I canned some. He also cut weeds with machine. After 5 P.M. there was a good shower with thunder. Saw in Lex. Paper that Joe Humphries [sic] Jr. was married Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> to Miss Ezza R. Twyman of Woodford.
- 13 Got letters from Lucy J. and Sue and Patty sent me a copy of the cable from Frank saying they had a good passage across and were both well—thank Heaven. I canned more pears—it rained very hard again with heavy thunder lightning and wind. Some trees were blown down.
- 14 My darling Patsy's birthday. Lord love her. I wrote to her and got one from her and from Julia. Harry cut weeds. Flora came to stay all night.

- 15 Sent Sue's letter to Patty—one to Lucy J. and request for Sally M's address. I put up more soup stuff and canned pears. Harry went to Bellevue to get Sprite shod and cut weeds in the yard &c. and after dinner went to haul coal for Mr. Walrath. Did n't write in this again till 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 16 Harry hauled coal for Mr. Walrath. I went to Bellevue and deposited in Bk. Mr. Walrath's check for 9.50 on the calf. Jesse came up to divide the watermelon money—my share was \$33. & I am not certain about the cent .65 I think. Flora stayed all night with me. Got letter that Lizzie Hodges was coming Tuesday. Can't remember about the others.
- 17 Took Florence to Bellevue to go over the river. Took to Bk. 20. and deposited and afterwards the check for 18.75 that Mr. Walrath gave me—16. for alfalfa Harry's hauling 4.50 and I got some groceries &c. 1.75. I then went to Hilda's Harry drove. Went with her to pay her taxes to Mrs. Fowler 45. got home by 1. Harry and his family went over the river. Flora and Frances came and stayed all night, it was very hot and looked like a storm. I did not forget my mother or to wish he[r] eternal bliss.
- 18 Sunday—hot as 'Toba.' Flora went home early Frances stayed till after breakfast. In the afternoon Ernest and Lily came. I gave Ernest 1.50 for my sub. to Post club.
- 19 Grace Loudon came and we cleaned up the house. It was very hot and there were two very heavy rains with unusual thunder and lightning. I got 8 letters—one from Sally, 2 from Patty, one from Lizzie H. saying she wasn't coming now, one from Belle R. saying she was coming, one from Mary C. and two from Julia. Harry worked ½ day in garden and then went for damsons for himself and got me some.
- 20 Another torrential rain last night with lightning and thunder. Sent letters to Patty, Lizzie H. and Julia—worked on damsons. Harry cut weeds in yard and garden. Emmet Williamson came for the hospital bed for his father who has had a stroke of apoplexy.
- 21 Belle Raymond came from Aurora coming from Independence, Mo. Got postal from Patty—rained early and sprinkled. Harry tinkered at fence and cut weeds. I made damson jam.
- 22 Sent letters to Patty and Julia—got them from Sally in Paris and from Julia and Sue. Harry finished cutting the weeds in the sand field. Mr. Jay Cook came to see about the work in the cellar. Rained at night.
- 23 Turned cooler. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Patty and Julia. Harry hauled 3 loads of sand from McVile. I finished damson jam.
- 24 My dear father's birthday. I did n't forget it. Lord love his soul. Hot—got postal from Patty who was going to Orange. Harry hauled 4 loads of gravel—he took Dixie away to Mr. Rue's.
- 25 Sunday—very hot day. Went to Bellevue to ask about Dr. Williamson—went to see Will Grant who is sick.
- 26 Rained last night with terrific thunder and lightning and remained hot. Sent postal to Patty and letter to Sally—got one from Julia. Harry hauled 6 loads of gravel from Mrs. Huey's. Turned cooler.
- 27 Jesse brought more watermelon money to divide—my share was \$36.70. Sent letter to Julia—got 2 from Patty a postal from Sally and one from Lizzie H. Harry worked cleaning out the cellar. Turned much cooler.
- 28 Did n't write in this till 30<sup>th</sup>. Harry and Mr. Rains worked digging the dirt in the cellar and hauling it off. Think I got note from Julia. Turned hot again.
- 29 Belle and I went to spend the day with Hilda. In Burlington I deposited 30. with Mr. Revill and got my Bank book straightened. Bought from Orin Phipps a Jersey heifer that he said was a year old last spring. I am to pay \$26. for her. Got letter from Patty en route to Orange and one from Mr. David A. Piatt Petersburg—asking for literary information for Mr. Townsend about authors unknown to me. Harry and Mr. Rains worked at the cellar.
- 30 Frank Walton and Herman came to get the 10 steers (see August 9<sup>th</sup> 1911) and Harry helped drive them to Mr. Jack Walton's where Joseph E. Walton weighed them. The 10 weighed 10580 lbs and at

4½ cents came to \$476.10. Frank gave me a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Grant (Bellevue) for that amount signed by Loulah B. Walton as Ad. of John J. Walton's Estate. Went to Bellevue and got Patty's Ex. box &c. After Harry helped Frank take the cattle home he went on cherry hill and got some green apples and pears.

- 31 Sent Harry up to Burlington for the Jersey heifer I bought of O. P. Phipps. Sent check for 26. on Cit. Dep. Bk. payable to him—sent it to Mrs. Phipps because he had gone to the Fair. I name the heifer Ella after her. Harry went to Bellevue ball game after dinner brought out my box of groceries that I sent to Amy to get for me. Sent letters to Patty and to Mr. David A. Piatt Petersburg. Got letters from Patty and Amy. Julia got Augusta to telephone me that I. Julia got to Olympia. Hot.

## September

- 1 Sunday. One of the hottest days I have felt for a long time.
- 2 Went to Bellevue—it was labor day and county court, no mail, Bk. closed. I went to see about cement at Al's. Sent by Ernest to Burlington letter to Sally and postal to Julia. Ernest and Frances came by this evening—said they were at Hilda's. Harry did odd jobs about the place and whitewashed. Blanche had a fine Hereford b. calf to-day (see Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1911). Very hot to-day.
- 3 Sent Harry to get 10 lbs. cement at Al Rogers'—he went to Mr. Dolph and got the horses shod. After he put away the sacks he whitewashed a little. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Patty, one for her from Sally, or Frank—a line from Amy with the bill for the groceries 6.42, one from Julia and a note from Lizzie H. saying she expected to be here to-morrow night. It was very hot. I made up the peaches, canned—and cooked some grapes—got French book from O. Bay.
- 4 Went to Bellevue and to Bank. Mr. Brown was n't there, neither was Miss Stella. Left with Mrs. Brown the check Mrs. Walton sent for the cattle see Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> and she marked deposit 476.10. I also got 20.00 from Bk. and sent and paid Al Rogers 20. for the cement and left with him 1.00 for Mrs. Lamora Huey for gravel. Got letter and postals from Sally and can't remember about the other mail. Harry took me to Bellevue and worked cleaning for company. At night he went to the river for Lizzie and Mr. Hodges who came on their way from Philadelphia. Very hot. Sent postal to Julia. Made jelly and juice.
- 5 Sweltering hot weather continues. Sent note to Amy with .50 in p. stamps due her on grocery bill, and forwarded letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally and French book and charge for my electric light and 2 letters from Patty from Sally and Frank. Harry worked about the place fixed harness &c. Bob Huey and Louly came and I showed him about the chimney, furnace &c. on account of my Ins. Policy.
- 6 Hot as ever—think Harry cut weeds. Sent two letters that came for Patty to her. Got letters from Patty and Susie Tew.
- 7 Sent letter to Susie T. got one from Mary C. Very hot—had a sprinkle and a little cooler this evening. Don't know what Harry did—he went to R. Sun this evening.
- 8 Sunday—very hot, sultry.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday—may she be at rest in bliss. Very hot still—the night a little cooler. Mr. Jake Cook came out and worked ½ day on the cellar. Harry helped him and continued to get sand out of the cellar. Sent postals to Patty and Julia. Got notes from Sally with postal and from Sue.
- 10 My darling sister's birthday. Lord love her. Very hot again. Sent letter to Sally and postal to Julia—got letter from Julia. Harry worked helping Mr. Jay Cook who came and worked at the cellar but went away in the afternoon to hunt an assistant Harry said.
- 11 Mr. Cook and Mr. Eph Clore worked in cellar. Harry worked at odd jobs and drove to Burlington. At the Bank I got Mr. Revill to cash a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for 25. Paid Harry 15. of this. Took Lizzie and Mr. Hodges to see Hilda (Brady). Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and from Patty. Another very hot day.

- 12 Harry turned the milk cows and heifers into the back pasture. He then hauled 2 loads of gravel. I went to Bellevue. Mr. F. Brown said that my share of the pool tobacco money from 1909 crop came to 74.65 and he put it on my bank book. Harry worked till noon and started for the Fair in Lexington. Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore worked in the cellar. I sent Patty a card that came from Sally—got letter for her from Sally and got one and picture postals from Sally. Turned much cooler.
- 13 50° at sunup, cool in the evening. Got letters from Patty, Isabella and Julia. Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore worked at cellar.
- 14 Hot again—had showers last night. Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore came out and did n't stay long—said they would come Monday and finish up. Let Mr. Cook have 5.00. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her—and one from N.Y. only a prospectus of poetry magazine. Got card with Ins. Ass. 1.00. Pd. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 15 Sunday. Showered sometimes—sultry. Harry came home on the mail boat. Heard that Mary Huey threw herself in the river last night and was found after noon miles below toward Rabbit Hash.
- 16 Went to the river to take Lizzie and Mr. Hodges to Mr. Spinnny Smith's boat and saw them start for Aurora. Harry drove and then took me to the funeral of Mary Huey from her sister Belle Clore's in the new cemetery. 'Peace troubled soul.' Afterwards he put the new teeth in the hay rake and ground machine knives. Got letter from Patty at Cousin Frankie's.
- 17 Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore came out to work. Harry helped them. They took out the locust post under the stile rock—made a concrete foundation and a path to the house cistern &c. Harry hauled 1 load of gravel from Mrs. Huey's and from Al Rogers' cement, 9 sacks and one part of a sack he threw in. Between 3 and 4 P.M. it rained and after dark rained hard. Sent letter to Patty at Cousin Frankie's and also one that came from Margaret Meadows and got one from her there. Not so hot.
- 18 Rained off and on. Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore worked—mostly in the cellar. Harry helped them some, cut weeds &c. Sent letter to Julia, got one from Patty and from Lizzie in St. Louis. Turned much cooler.
- 19 49° at sunup. Remained cool all day. Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore worked—finished in the cellar, reset the stile rock &c. Harry helped them and drove me to Bellevue to the funeral of Cap. Will Moody—from the Baptist Church to the new cemetery. Got letter from Sally in Venice and one from her and Frank for Patty. I got one from Julia.
- 20 Mr. Cook and Mr. Clore finished what they could do now and left at 9.30 A.M. Mr. Cook charged 18.00 in addition to the 5.00 I paid him (see 14<sup>th</sup>) and 10.88 for Mr. Clore—so I gave him a check on Bellevue Bk. for 28.88 in full—the cement work having cost 33.88. Harry took the men and tools to Bellevue and began to dig my potatoes. Got letter from Patty.
- 21 Harry finished digging my potatoes. I canned pears. Started to Bellevue but rain turned us back—rained towards 3 P.M. and later and at night. Got letter from Mary C. note from Hilda.
- 22 Sunday. Raining. Jesse came and brought the last of the watermelon money—my share was 10.32. Harry got some apples. Cool.
- 23 Bell R. went to Aurora to take the train for St. Louis. Harry drove her up and after dinner dug his potatoes. I wrote to Patty and Julia—got letter and postal from her, Patty, the latter from Mohawk—letter from Sally from Venice. I made some apple jam and canned pears.
- 24 Cloudy and sprinkled. Hugh Arnold came and got 200 bricks and paid me 2.00 for them. He told me that Mrs. Lamora Huey died yesterday. Harry finished digging his potatoes and hauled mine to the cellar, 24 feed baskets—then hauled his own.
- 25 Went to the funeral of Mrs. Lamora Huey at the Baptist Church Bellevue—she was buried in the new Cemetery—Rev. Oscar Huey officiating. Harry drove the buggy and cut alfalfa. Sent letter to Sally to N.Y., got letter from Patty from Henderson and from Julia. Turned warmer. Rained at 7 P.M.

- 26 Rained some, then cleared and turned cool. Harry tinkered wagon and cut alfalfa. I went to see Belle Clore. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her, one from Sally at Milan, one from Belle R. and postal from Lizzie H. Mr. T Willis Assessor came.
- 27 40° at sunup—chilly. Harry finished cutting alfalfa and raked some. A letter and a postal came for Patty. I worked at cellar closets.
- 28 Mr. Rains helped Harry part of a day shocking alfalfa. While the hay was wet they sawed up log in yard &c. Got letters from Patty and Julia—sent one to Julia. Remained cool. Jesse put some potatoes in the cellar for me. 6 feed baskets full.
- 29 Sunday. Settled with Harry—our last was March 30<sup>th</sup>. Since then to Sept. 28 he has worked 127½ days = 95.63. He has received 73.75. I now owe him 21.88. See my little account book with Harry. It turned very cool and at night I have a little wood fire—the first this fall. I went to see Mrs. Walton and ask after Dr. Williamson who is very ill. Ernest and Lily came to call.
- 30 38° at sunup. Turned out a beautiful cool bright day—had a little wood fire at night. The men worked at getting in the alfalfa. Harry and my team Jess and his and Mr. Rains and Perrin and little Jess helped. Sent letter to Belle R. got one for her from Silas and one from Patty, Sally and Lizzie H. from Carthage. Gave Harry a check for 21.88 on Cit. Dep. Bk. see 29—in full to Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## October

- 1 37° at sunup—bright and lovely like yesterday. Jesse and Harry say they have seen frost these cool mornings. I have n't. The men got in the last of the alfalfa by noon—thank Heaven, 12 loads in all Harry says. Got letter from Julia. Jesse and team, Mr. Rains, Perrin and little Jess helped ½ day. Later Harry hauled a load of sand from McVillie. I picked the peppers. Charlie Snelling got 100 bricks.
- 2 38° at sunup. Beautiful day and warmer. I went to see Mrs. Lulu Walton whose father Dr. Williamson died yesterday. Harry hauled another load of sand—then drove me and later hauled a load of coal from Mr. Walrath's 2840 lbs. as the weight he sent stated. Sent Belle R. a note inclosing the one from Silas. Got letter from Patty—one for her and one from Banker's Trust Co. Wall St. N.Y. with check for 22.75 dividend from B. F. Goodrich Co.
- 3 Went to Bellevue and got 21. from Bk. Pd. Al Rogers 6.50 for 13 sacks cement. Went to Will Grant's and paid him to date 3.15. Got letter from Natl. Bank, Washington with dividend check for 66.00 also card from Hilda and letters for Patty. Harry hauled 4 loads of gravel. Turned warmer—had no fire.
- 4 52° at sunup. Turned much warmer. Got letters from Patty and Sally—the latter got home to New York the 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Carmania. Miss Edith Ferguson came with Frank and Sally. Patty wrote she was going back to Sally's. Thank Heaven Sally got back safe and well. Got letter from Belle R. Harry hauled 10 sacks of cement from Al Rogers and then 3 loads of coal from Mr. Walrath 32-35-39 bus. each. I began to make pepper mangoes.
- 5 50° at sunup and a heavy fog. Sent some of Patty's letters to her and wrote to Sally. Got letter from Patty. Harry worked ½ day—taking down cellar closets &c.—went to ball game after. Turned warmer. I made pepper mangoes.
- 6 Sunday. Warm beautiful day.
- 7 Mr. Cook and Mr. Ed Sandford worked at concrete—in cellar and putting top on house cistern. Harry helped them, hauled dirt out of cellar and later hauled a load of coal from Mr. Walrath's 35 bus. I sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Patty, at Sally's—and Mrs. D. Robinson's new book of poems from herself. Lovely day—cooler at night.
- 8 Cooler, had fire in the morning and at night. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia. Mr. Cook and Mr. Sandford worked at the cellar and a walk to the little outhouse. Harry hauled a load of coal from Mr. Walrath's 39 bus. 60 lbs. After that he hauled dirt dug out of the path and two loads of gravel. Jesse put potatoes in the wine cellar. Bright day.

- 9 Warm and windy part of the day. Mr. Cook and Mr. Sandford worked part of the day—finished the path—had to stop after dinner for want of cement. Harry hauled 2 loads of gravel and helped the men—after they left he hauled away dirt lumber &c.—put old cistern cover over Joe's cistern. He began to wean Ty's filly. Got letter from Patty saying she would start for home Friday, and letter from Lucy Johnstone and from Julia. Jesse Loudon told me Mr. Jim Thompson had offered him 10 cts. all round except 300 lbs. for which he would pay 5 cts. He wanted to take the offer and I agreed to it. I did not see Mr. Thompson. Hot tonight. Jesse hauled in some Hoosier Boy potatoes that Mr. Cook says are worthless.
- 10 64° at sunup—like summer. Sent Harry down after cement—sent back 12 sacks to Al. Mr. Cook and Mr. Sandford came to work. Mr. Cook brought 1 sack of cement and Harry brought 7. The men finished their work a little after 2 P.M. Mr. Cook charged 16.50 for his and Mr. Ed Sandford's work and I gave him a check on Bellevue Bk. (Mr. Brown's) for 16.50. Sent letters to Lucy J. and Lizzie H. Got another letter from Patty saying Miss Edie was sick and she did n't know when she would start home. Frank Walton brought home the hospital bed. Letters came for Patty from Isabella and mammy I think. Harry went for Hilda and brought her down—had Nellie shod in Burlington. Then took the men's tools to Bellevue—Mr. Cook's I mean—he took back to Al Rogers 9 empty cement sacks and one full one. Sent by Harry the card and Ins. Ass. 1.00 and Miss Olga Kirkpatrick signed it, see Sep. 14.
- 11 Harry worked cleaning up the trash left by the workmen &c. putting away things. Sent letter to Sally—got letter from Patty and circular from Cen. Mag. It was warm and windy and during the night rained.
- 12 Pleasant after the rain. Went to Bellevue and to Mr. G. T. Walrath's. I owed him for 180 bus. 60 lbs. coal at 12½ 22.60. In addition I owed him for salt, coal oil and a bucket—it all came to 25.05 so I paid the .05 and gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue (Mr. Brown's) for \$25.00. Went to Al Rogers' and paid him for 17 sacks of cement. Gave him check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 8.50. Got from Mr. Brown at Bk. \$10.00. Harry cleaned up in the yard and hauled 1 load of coal from Mr. W. 40 bus. Turned cooler—had a little fire at night.
- 13 Sunday. 45° at sunup. Lovely bright day. Hilda went to church.
- 14 Went to Ernest's to call—to take Hilda. Harry hauled 2 loads of coal, 39 and 4½ bus. from Mr. Walrath's—later he hauled some rocks off alfalfa. I sent a note to Star Milling Co. Aurora. Pretty day.
- 15 Beautiful day, warm. Hilda went home. Harry took her and after dinner whitewashed on buggy house. Sent postal to Saly—got one from Patty and letters from Julia and from Lizzie H. Mrs. Lulah B. Walton came to pay for the pasture and feed of Doll's 13 head of steers. I told her the pasture of last year I called settled by Doll's note for 30. (see Dec. 23d 1911). For the alfalfa fed them last winter I charged 32. for 2 tons—the pasture from April 23 to July 8<sup>th</sup> 24. and she gave me a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for \$56. in full.
- 16 Got telephone from Patty in Cincinnati saying she would be down to-day. Went to Bellevue—met Charlie Snelling who paid me 1.00 for bricks (see Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>). Went to Mr. Walrath's and pd. him for the 3 loads of coal 14. by check. Went to Bank and Mr. Brown was not there. Gave Miss Stella Mrs. Walton's check endorse[d] and told her I wished to deposit \$40. and took the balance 16. see yesterday. Went to Rising Sun got a bucket pump hog trough etc. [sic] and got home by 2 P.M. got letters from Patty, Sally and Susie T. and from Nat. Met. Bk. Washington a check for 10. div. Sent Harry to the river for Patty—who came later by land from Aurora. Beautiful warm day. Got bl. apples from Flave.
- 17 Cloudy and sprinkled. Harry worked for himself part of the day—dug his sweet potatoes—a little dab. Said he was going to haul some wood for himself. Went after Patty's trunks. Sent letter to Susie Tew.

- 18 Patty went to Aurora in Spinny Smith's boat to see about shingles &c. It rained nearly all day—sometimes steadily. Got note from Star Milling Co. Aurora. Harry began to cut corn in the garden, took Patty to and from the river &c.
- 19 Did n't write in this till 21<sup>st</sup>. Harry finished cutting garden corn—transplanted rosebush by cellar window. Got letter from Julia saying Mr. Foster had his eye operated on for cataract. Sally V. telephoned that Hilda was sick and wanted us to come out. Flora came over. Sent letter to Acme Milling Co. A. about seed wheat.
- 20 Sunday. Patty and I went to Hilda's—found her sick but she got up and came down stairs—we dined there. Susan and the children went to visit her brother. Isaac Sanders, our Isaac's son, came to see Harry and us. He says his Aunt Judy Jones is living. It was 37° at sunup and some frost, our flowers not injured. John Ed Loudon came out later and made an estimate for the amount of shingles and lumber required for the roof, coal bin &c.
- 21 Warm—a sprinkle. Harry worked for himself till dinner—hauled a load of coal for himself and shucked some of his corn. He put 2 2/3 tubs of corn in the barn for me—mostly wet. After dinner he began to fix fence for hog lot. Got permit from Mr. Souther of Boone Ins. Co. to use furnace. Got postal from Susie T. and letter from Julia and proxy to sign for title Ins. Co. St. Paul.
- 22 Warm and rained part of the day. Harry went down to get some chairs Patty got in Cin. and paint and then he fixed fence round hog lot but had to stop for rain. Sent letter to Julia and the proxy that Patty witnessed.
- 23 Flave came down and attended to Blanche's calf. I settled with him in full for the wagon. I let him have and his boy's work in alfalfa and apples—and pd. him 50. I got letters from Susie T. and Sally W. Sent letter to Mary C. Turned colder. Started to Bellevue but old Nellie was so crippled I had to turn back. Harry fixed the feeding lot for hogs. Miss Roxanna Cason came. Got Ins. Ass. for 1.50.
- 24 34° at 6.30 a skim of ice on tub, bright, pretty day. Harry finished getting the hogs in the fattening lot. There are 8 of them, the 5 shoats I bought of him and 3 of the little red sows, the pigs of the Carl Rouse sow. He went to Bellevue after the 3d chair Patty got. I went to Bank and got \$15. from Mr. Brown. Got letters from Sally and Julia.
- 25 Harry hauled out shingles and material for roof. Charlie Snelling hauled—they made 2 loads apiece. Harry hauled the seed wheat, 6 sacks from Acme Milling Co. Aurora. The shingles, lumber, wheat &c. came down on Shipper's boat. 32° at 6.30. Bright pretty day. Sent letter to Sally, got one from Sue.
- 26 34° at sunup—bright. Did n't write in this till 29<sup>th</sup>. Harry hauled coal for himself and I think pulled corn. Beautiful weather.
- 27 Sunday.
- 28 Harry went to Bellevue for coal for me—could n't get any. Mr. Gridley and Mr. Byrams from Aurora came and began to put a new roof on the house. Harry helped them some and tinkered round. Fritz Zellers brought a sorrel mare named Babe from Erlanger for Patty to see. Harry brought me a letter from Miss Kate Shreve. I got receipt for P.O for 4.00 sent to Century Magazine the 26<sup>th</sup>, also bill from Acme Milling Co. Aurora for 22.50 for 15 bus. seed wheat (see 25<sup>th</sup>) and letter from Julia. Weather warm and lovely. Jesse began to put in wheat. Mr. Rue helping him.
- 29 Very windy day and turned warm. Sent Acme Milling Co. check for 22.50 for seed wheat. Got R. C. Mattox's bill for shingles and lumber \$111.13 and letter from Lucy J. Mr. Gridley and Mr. Byrams worked on the roof and Harry waited on them and helped. Mr. Rains came to cut Harry's corn. Jesse was putting in wheat.
- 30 Looked like rain last night but did n't rain. Jesse finished putting in wheat in Harry's patch of corn. Mr. Gridley and Mr. Byrams worked on the roof and Ray Cook ½ day. Harry took 2 trips to Bellevue—as we sent by Spinny Smith for more material for the roofing—the rest of the time he shucked his corn. I sent to R. C. Mattox Aurora a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 111.13 for lumber and

shingles 23 m. got letter from Julia and bill from Lex. Herald, also note from Spaeth asking directions about stove lining. A beautiful bright warm day.

- 31 Sent letter to Julia and note to 'Poetry' Mag. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Jake and Ray Cook helped shingle. Mr. Gridley and Mr. Byrams worked. Harry helped too. It rained off and on hardest while they were at dinner—they worked most of the time.

## November

- 1 Rained and blew last night. Cooler and cloudy this morning, sprinkled sometimes. Mr. Jake and Ray Cook shingled  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. They got the roof finished by dinner. Ray Cook said he and Mr. Jake charged 2.00 a day so I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 7.00 to pay both. Ray worked 2 days and Jake 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Harry helped and cleaned up. They tried the furnace again and the chimney smoked so Mr. Gridley took out the part of the partition between the flues of the fireplaces. Mr. Byrams worked in the cellar making coal bin and putting up cellar closet. Got note from Sue and letter from Sally Woolley.
- 2 Clear and colder—skims of ice at cistern. Mr. Byrams finished the cellar closets &c. and Mr. Gridley got done his work and I settled with him. He charged 6.25 a day for the work for 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  days, 3.00 for himself and hand getting shingles &c on boat and 1.00 expenses back. Then I let him have 6.00 to pay Shipper for bringing them down and it all came to 44.38 and I gave him a check for that amount on Cit. Dep. Bk. Mr. Brown's. Harry helped the men and tried the furnace again. Sent letter to Sally—got prospectus of Poetry Miss Harriet Munroe's Magazine.
- 3 Sunday. 24° at sunup—bright pretty day.
- 4 34° at sunup. Mr. Chester Aylor came to see about painting gutters &c. Patty and I went to Burlington. I took to Mr. Revill at the bank check of F. W. M. Cutcheon for 125.00 and got it cashed. Went to the Sheriff's Office and found it was n't enough—went back to Mr. Revill and got 30. on my own check and paid my taxes to Mrs. Maud Fowler D. S. State tax 57.08 County 22.83 Graded School 57.08 total 136.99 and got receipt. Patty wanted to renew her note for 6 months and I endorsed it. Went to Hilda's and dined. It was windy—and warmer. Sent letter to Belle R.
- 5 Presidential Election Day. Mild and cloudy some sprinkles. Ernest and Lily came to call. Harry worked at putting away shingles. Susan and the children got home.
- 6 Central says Wilson is elected—thank goodness. Warm and rather cloudy. Flora came over. Sent 3.00 by Mr. Mahan for P.O. Order for two subscriptions to Poetry—Chicago, also letter to Lex. Herald. Had the crêpe myrtles put in cellars. Rained hard later. Harry worked at shingles and cellar.
- 7 Patty got note from Sue saying she would come Sunday. Mild. Harry worked in cellar and went to Bellevue with me. I left the 6 sacks for Acme Milling Co. at Spinny Smith's. Went to Bank and got 10. from Mr. Brown. Got P.O. receipt for the 3.00 I sent by Mr. Mahan yesterday. Put the things out of the old cellar closets into the same replaced.
- 8 Jesse Loudon brought a note payable to Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for 75.75 and asked me to endorse it. The note was for 1 month and he said he would have corn money and tobacco money then and he wanted it to pay for a horse and I endorsed it. Bright day. Harry worked cleaning up shingles. Sent letter to Julia. Canned Kiefer pears &c.
- 9 Beautiful day. Harry worked at shingles till noon and then gathered some of his corn for the hogs. I made pumpkin chips &c. Got a letter from Belle R.
- 10 Sunday. Got telephone from Sue in Cin. that she had missed the boat and Patty went up in the spring wagon and they brought Sue down. It was a lovely spring-like day.
- 11 52° at sunup. Lovely day—got letters from Sally, Julia and Lex. Herald. Did n't write till 13<sup>th</sup>—think Harry cleaned up the yard.
- 12 Mr. Chester Aylor came down and painted the gutters—worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Harry went to Bellevue for d\_\_\_, helped Mr. Aylor and cleaned up trash &c. It was a spring day. Mr. Blanton Pope came and got

165 new bricks—paid a cent apiece. Amy and Harriet came in the motor—got here after 3 P.M. Patty went back with them.

- 13 Wind blew hard last night and it rained. Did not write in this till 16<sup>th</sup>. I think Harry shucked his corn till noon. He went for Patty who came home via Aurora.
- 14 Harry worked at something—took the soldering pot of Mr. Spaeth to Spinny and a mattress to be shipped. Got bill from Lex. Herald. Turned colder.
- 15 Harry went to get turkeys from Mr. Lambert's and spent time hunting sow—then sorted come corn &c. I sent to Lex. Herald 1.00 to pay for and stop paper. Sent letters to Julia and Belle R. Cold raw day.
- 16 23° at sunup, bright day. Harry worked about the house part of the time. I sent postal to Hilda—got Ins. Ass. 1.00. Did n't write in this again till 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 17 Sunday. Beautiful bright warm day. Amy and Harriet came down in a motor and spent the day. I went back with them and Amy took me to Julia's where I stayed till the 21<sup>st</sup>. The weather remained mild and beautiful. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Sally Eaton arrived from Olympia at her mother's. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, I went to Dr. Arthur H. Clancey and had my teeth fixed. Wednesday Patty went up via Aurora and stayed all night at Julia's and Thursday Julia Foster and Sally Eaton brought us home in a motor after lunch and went back the same evening. Patty took to me at Julia's a letter from Belle R. saying that Miss Fanny was ill. Patty also brought me one from . While in Cin. I went with Julia Foster and got cashed at her Bank the draft or check for 100. that C. F. gave me Christmas, also the check for 22.75 from div of Goodrich Co. (see Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>). Sent letter to Belle R. While I was gone Harry took my black sow to Mrs. Lily Walton's Chester White Wed. 20<sup>th</sup>. He said he finished shucking his corn, worked 2 days at it. He helped Patty pack fruit for me to send to Isabella. Patty shipped my boxes from Aurora to Isabella.
- 22 Sent letter to Belle R. Pretty day.
- 23 Harry went down to get mattress that came on boat—then went hunting. After his dinner he took me to Bellevue to the sale of Dr. Williamson's effects. It turned colder.
- 24 Sunday. Windy, cloudy and snowed off and on but melted. Ernest and Lily came after dinner.
- 25 30° at sunup—bright and chilly. Sent letters to Sally and Belle R.—got one from Belle saying Miss Fanny was ill and could never get well—and one from Julia. Harry sorted potatoes and corn—he said Jesse finished gathering corn to-day.
- 26 We all went to spend the day at Hilda's. I went to Bank Mr. Cropper was there and I deposited \$60. It was bright and rather cold. I paid Miss Olga 1.00 and got her to receipt my Insurance Ass.
- 27 Harry helped Jesse kill hogs—a bright pretty day but colder. Got letters from Sally, Julia and from Title Ins. Co. St. Paul—sent letter to Belle. Patty went to Bellevue later—Harry drove.
- 28 Thanksgiving day. 18° at sunup—cold and bright. Harry sorted corn—put manure on plants &c.
- 29 30° at sunup—bright and windy. Patty went via Aurora in Spinny's boat to Cin. on her way to New Mexico. She telephoned to me from Cin. this evening. Harry went to Aurora too. Brought back the harness Sally sent. I sent to Frank the notice from St. Paul Title & Trust Co. (see 27<sup>th</sup>) also note to F. G. Ingersoll about it. Got letter from Belle R. saying Miss Fanny was better—also French book from Sally and some of my books that Frank had sent from the publisher.
- 30 Harry tinkered around getting ready for hog killing. Sent Patty some letters that came for her, also got letter from Julia and sent her a note. Turned warmer.

## December

- 1 Sunday. Like spring—warm. I walked for hours. Joe West came to see about buying hogs. Ernest and Lily came to call.
- 2 Rained last night and blew hard. Harry helped Jesse bulk tobacco and went to hunt later. Sprinkled this morning and cloudy. Sue got postal from Patty at Memphis. I sent her letter from Mr. Ronald F.

and note with it. Got letter from Sally and she inclosed one from Mrs. Graham—also got one from Lizzie. Joe came again to buy the 4 fat sows.

- 3 Mild and pleasant. Harry cleaned the smokehouse and tinkered round. Sue and I walked to Bellevue. I got 10. out of Bk. from Mr. Brown. Sent letter that came for Patty—got one from her at Bellevue. Got Spaeth's bill.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life—sent her a letter, also Patty's that came for her and a check to H. P. Spaeth & Co. Aurora for his bill for tin, nails, galvanized iron, stove repairs, gutters &c. on Bellevue Bk. for \$43.28. Harry did little things around and got ready for hog killing and his father came over to help—before bedtime it was raining gently.
- 5 Warm and rainy and misty. Joe came out but the weather is so unfavorable we put off hog killing. It rained most of the day sometimes hard. Got letters from Patty in Oklahoma and from Belle R. Harry fixed wire fence—transplanted rose &c.
- 6 Clear and colder—sent letter to Patty with one dollar, and notes to Sally and Belle R. Got postal from Patty postmarked Silver and letter from Sally. Harry hauled manure from stable to sand field.
- 7 34° at sunup and clear. Sent letter to Julia—got one from Sally W. Went to Bellevue with Sue. Harry helped Mr. Rue kill hogs.
- 8 Sunday. 32° at sunup—cloudy and chilly. Went to Jesse's to see Julia Jarrel and her baby Helen Mary. Later Sue and I went to see Flora. Harry went for his father who said he could n't come. Harry brought the shade frames for Patty that Spinny brought.
- 9 18° at sunup, cold all day. We all killed hogs I had 4, Joe West 4 sows, young, that he bought of me, Harry 4 including his chicken eating sow. Jesse, Joe West, Mr. Rue, Willy Snelling and Herman helped. They weighed the sows for Joe—1 279 lbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> 278 lbs, 3d 270 lbs, 4<sup>th</sup> 289 lbs. = 1116 lbs. The boards on the scales weighed 7 lbs x 4 = 28 lbs to be deducted, balance 1088 lbs at 7c. —.35 a head for expenses of shipping which comes to 1.40.  $1088 \times 7 = 76.16 - 1.40 = 74.76$ . Sent letter to Sally—got letter and card from Patty at Cat Cañon and one from Belle R.
- 10 28° at sunup—windy and chilly. Joe West paid for half of the 4 hogs 37.38. Willie Snelling paid for the other half. Joe and Mrs. West and Willy came out and they div. up their's and Harry's lard and ground their sausage. Joe cut up and salted my meat, and they worked some on my lard. My cow Daisy had twin b. calves, one dead and the other weakly—they were the calves of a Guernsey. I sent letter to Sally—got letters from Patty and Sally—the latter was expecting Isabella last Sunday—also got one from Julia.
- 11 30° at sunup. Mrs. West, Joe, and Willy finished up the meat business. Willy finished my lard and my sausage meat was ground and seasoned. Harry helped. Later he hauled Joe's bones, lard &c. home—when I went down, I took to Spinny Smith a bucket of sausage to be sent from Aurora by Ex. to Julia .75. Went to Bank and deposited 60. of the hog money. It was cold with a keen wind. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from Patty saying the snow was a foot deep at the Cañon and snowing, also letters from Belle R. and Julia. Got two notes from Frank C. one inclosing check of Mr. Ingersoll Pres. of the St. Paul Title & Trust Co. for \$68.00 capital.
- 12 14° and cold all day. Sent letter to Patty, got one from Mary C. from Phoenix. Harry emptied the tank—ice on it nearly 3 inches. He tinkered around &c.
- 13 15° at sunup—bright. Harry worked. I sent him to Mr. Walrath's with sausage and bones—and he carried coal and other things. Got letter from Patty.  
Settlement with Jesse Loudon.  
Jesse came up to settle—he had worked 26½ days at .75 = 19.88 and in hay 4 ½ . I paid him 1.00 a day for himself and 1.00 a day for team = 9.00 total 28.88. He had bought timothy he said 14.24 leaving due him \$14.63, and I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for that amount.

- 14 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Harry worked about the yard—after dinner went to Bellevue and Susan too to get coops to put chickens in that they caught at night. Ernest and Lily came down to stay all night—did n't get here till after dark.
- 15 Sunday. Much warmer—lovely day. Ernest and Lily went home after dinner. Harry took to Mr. Walrath 59 chickens, 237 lbs hens and 43 ½ lbs roosters—the hens at 10½ came to 24.88 roosters at 6 to 2.61 total 27.49 and he sent me a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for the amount.
- 16 Went to Bellevue and got Mr. Brown to cash this check—gave Susan Roseberry \$9.20 of it as her share. Mild, bright day. Got 2 letters from Patty one from Julia and card from Margaret T. Harry went with Blanche cow on hunt of a stock animal—a wild goose chase. He hauled out some sawdust from ice cellar &c. Sent letters to Patty and Julia.
- 17 Rained last night—mild to-day. Sent letter to Sally—got 2 from Patty. Harry took the horses to be shod. Mr. Dolph shod them he charged 2.20. Harry did odd scraps of work.
- 18 Misting rain, then rained, then snowed hard, ground white. Harry hauled some old sawdust out of ice cellar and such. Sent letters to Cin. Enquirer and Co. Gentleman. Susan went to R. Sun.
- 19 Chilly, cloudy and snow remained on ground. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Belle R. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia, and note from Leigh Hodges and card from Jamie. Harry hauled some hay to little barn &c.
- 20 31° at sunup—pretty day—mild, snow melting. We went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Went to Bk. and gave my check for 20. and got draft on N. Y. payable to M. B. C. Sent letter to Patty inclosing Joe's and to Sally. Harry drove the carriage.
- 21 24° at sunup. It is 40 years to-day since papa died. Got rest his soul. Sent letter to Mary B. Cochrane and note to Patty. Got letter from Sally saying Miss Edie had been operated on—and two from Patty. Mr. Bob Brady came and got 4 bus. potatoes at .65 paid me 2.60. Harry went to Ernest's and took me to Bellevue. Settled with Mr. Walrath for the bones and sausage they came to 7.46 see 13<sup>th</sup>. Settled with Harry.  
Our last was September 29<sup>th</sup> and was to 28<sup>th</sup>. He said he had worked 59½ days which came to \$44.63—he had received 20. Balance 24.63. He wanted me to advance 6.00 which I did and paid him 30.65 in full to date—see his book.
- 22 Sunday. 16° at sunup. 40° after noon. Florence and Louis went away. Harry took them to Rising Sun. My cow Betsy had a b. calf, Hereford stock, a fine strong looking calf. Clear pretty day.
- 23 Cloudy day and at night snowed a skim. Harry was gone all day—went to Cincinnati. Presents came for me—books from Julia, cards &c. Got letter from Sally saying that Miss Edith was n't expected to live through the day (Saturday) also two letters from Patty—one from Belle R., books from Lucy J. and Lizzie Hodges. Susan cooked our meals.
- 24 Mild pretty day—snow melting. Harry said old Cy and Nellie were both poorly. Nellie got over it. Got letter from Patty. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Went to Bellevue—took Betty's fern to Mrs. Grant to take care of. Went to Bk. and got \$15.00 from Miss Stella, gave check for it. Left at Bank 2.20 for Mr. Dolph see 17<sup>th</sup>. Got present from little Julia F.
- 25 Christmas. Bright and mild. Got letter from Sally saying that Miss Edith Ferguson died peacefully about ten o'clock Saturday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Roosevelt Hospital. Peace be with her. Sent Sally a postal. Got letter from Julia and Ex. notice from Lawrenceburg. We cooked for ourselves to-day.
- 26 Did n't write in this. Sent letter to Julia and to Agt. Am. Ex. Co. Lawrenceburg—and perhaps to Patty. Got letter from Patty, and book from Bob Ferguson. Flora came over. Susan cooked breakfast.
- 27 Still mild. Sent letters to Sally and to Patty inclosing one from Annie Anderson, also to Curtis Pub. Co. Phil. to discontinue the Co. Gentleman after Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 1913 and to Belle R. Got 3 letters from Patty.
- 28 Sent letters to Bob Ferguson and Hilda. Got note from Sally and letter from Julia and card from Sally W. Susan had a dinner party and gave us our dinner. Mild still.
- 29 Sunday. 32° at sunup. Mild and at night rained. Susan cooked dinner for us.

- 30 Chilly and windy. Sent letters to Sally, to Sally W. and Lucy Johnstone. Got letter from Sally, card from Leigh M. and bill from Telephone Co. 16.85. Sally's letter contained check for sixty dollars. I packed my trunk. Got telephone from little Julia. Harry said he took my Jersey heifer Ella to Mr. Rue's.
- 31 3[0?] at sunup. Mild and pleasant. Went to Bellevue and got Mr. Brown at the Bk. to cash Sally's draft for 60. for reasons I will explain to her. Sent letters to Mrs. Douglas Robinson and Hilda—got 2 from Patty.