

1914

January

- 1 Spent New Year's Day with Julia in Clifton where I arrived the day before coming from home via Erlanger—Motor bus and trolley. Little Julia met me in Cin. and took me out. Weather disagreeable and dark but not very cold. Found Fanny Foster Laura and 2 children and Lulu there and was told that Sally Eaton was in the hospital after an operation. Julia took me motor riding.
- 2 Went in town with Julia and I. Julia—the latter got a check for \$66 on Natl Bk. Wash. cashed for me—got my tickets &c. and later took me in to the Pennsylvania R.R. station where I started for New York—about 2 P.M.
- 3 Saturday. Arrived in N.Y. about 9.32 A.M. Sally met me at the Station—it rained and at night there was a wild and destructive storm on the Eastern coast. Frank went to the L. I. place. Sally gave me my checks, one for 125. int. from money here, one 28. from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk. Wash. and one 22.75 from int. Goodrich Co. Sent telegram to Julia. Letter from Bob F. here. Sally witnessed proxies and I had them mailed to Bks.
- 4 Sunday. Rained and very dark. Frank Patty and Julia Loving who is getting well after her operation came up from the L. I. place and they took Julia to her cousins. We stayed home. Patty and Sally and Frank well as usual thank Heaven.
- 5 Snowing hard but stopped. Patty and Sally went to Miss Margaret Roosevelt's funeral. Sally Patty and I went shopping and I bought a suit to be altered. Sally Mallory called while we were out. Sent letter to Julia. I think Sally bought me a bonnet.
- 6 Mrs. Parish came to see me. Mrs. D. Robinson came and invited us to a reception at the Continental Club to which we all went and heard the English poet Alfred Noyes lecture and recite his own poems—very interesting. Got letter from Julia—sent one to Susan. Went shopping and to have suit fitted. Sally left watch at Tiffany's. Bright and mild.
- 7 Pretty day—mild and bright. Sally Patty and I motored up to 222 Riverside drive to see Sophie Bledsoe (Mrs. Herrick) who was with her daughters Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Wall and receiving—stopped to see Miss Grace Hoye. Julia Ethridge came to see us and John Riddle. Got New Year card from Lizzie's Leigh. Sent letter to Mary C. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with check for 66.
- 8 Got letter from Julia saying that Mary Resor died the night of the 6th at her sister Fanny's. Sally and I went to try on my suit and it was sent home in the evening. Went around with Sally. Patty and I went at night to Carnegie Hall to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Karl Muck, Con. and Frank and Sally went to hear Harr Lauder. Weather mild.
- 9 Warm as early spring. We all went to lunch at Mrs. Douglas Robinson's—where we met Mrs. Barry, daughter of Sarah Morgan (Mrs. Dawson) author of A Confederate Girl's Diary also, Mrs. Marquand, Mrs. Stevens Mrs. Miller Mrs. Garrison Mrs. Ellsworth Miss Auriol Jones. After the lunch we went to a concert at the Waldorf Astoria for the Orthopaedic Hospital where we sat in a box Willie Dinsmore's wife gave Patty. Mad. Eames Gogorza and G. himself sang. Miss Auriol Jones played the piano and Mr. Paul Kefer the cello, a lovely concert. Mrs. Sunshine Ballard was with us. We stopped to call on Mrs. Sturgis on her day—met lots of people. Sent letter to Hilda. Mr. Carl Taylor dined here.
- 10 Pleasant weather. Patty and I went to a matinée as Mrs. Parish's guests in a box at the Metropolitan O. H. to hear Manon by Massenet Farrar and Caruso. Met Patty's friend Mrs. Lawrence Rotch. At night we all Frank, Sally, Patty and I dined with Pauline Emmet. Sent letter to Sue.

- 11 Sunday—bright and colder. Belle Breckinridge and Mary Marvin came to call. Mrs. Ballard and Mr. B. and Mrs. Rotch came to 5 o'clock and Mr. Parish called.
- 12 Patty got a letter from Virgie saying the dictionary Mrs. Parish sent me had come. Got Frank's check from Mr. O'Leary for 5.99. Patty and Sally both lunched out. I stayed at home. Sent letter to Julia. Wrote to Cousin Frankie. Turned cold.
- 13 Got letter from Sue. Turned very cold. Sally took me to Metropolitan Club to a concert and Miss Ruth Draper's Monologues &c., and we went to Louisiana Arkell's. After dinner at 9.50 they went with Frank to the Lusitania to see him off for England ship to sail before day.
- 14 Last night the thermometer went down to 4° below 0—dreadfully cold and paper's give accounts of suffering and deaths from cold—bright day. Got letter from Hilda. Sally got wireless from Frank, moderate sea—cold—well.
- 15 Papers say the thermometer went down to 6 and 10 below 0 in the borough and people froze. It moderated and snowed part of the day. I stayed in the house all day. Sally paid my bill and got receipt.
- 16 Got letter from Susan and Patty note from little Julia, much milder. Sally took me to a Damrosch concert. Fritz Kreisler the violinist was the soloist and played beautifully. Sent letter to Julia. It rained at night.
- 17th Very dark, misting and some wet snow flying. Patty got letter from Ernest. Sent letter to Ernest saying that I would give \$50. towards making a pike from his gate to Petersburg and Aurora. Sally took us to the Theatre to hear Maude Adams in 'The Legend of Leonora' by Barrie. Patty went to Orange with Mrs. D. Robinson to stay over Sunday. Milder.
- 18 Sunday. Cousin Frankie came to see us and told us that Willie D. has been dangerously ill but is about again. Mr. Taylor dined here. Patty came back and brought me a box of beautiful carnations from Mrs. D. R. After Cousin Frankie left we went to the Park and to Julia Etheridge's who was not at home.
- 19 Got letter from Julia and sent her one. Went with Patty by Mrs. Robinsons invitation to a French play by the French Drama So. They played Racine's Britanniens and Th. de Bienville's fairy play Le Baiser. At night I went to the Opera with Sally. It was Manon, with Farrar and Caruso. Weather very mild. Sally got cablegram from Frank—said they had a rough passage and would land at Liverpool.
- 20 Sally got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Sally took me to see exhibitions of old masters of the British school Turners, Gainsboroughs, Reynolds, Laurences, Raeburns, Hoppner &c. and at one place to see the portraits of the Hill family by Henry Caro-Delvaile at Simpel & Wilderstein's. We saw some of the family. Very mild and at night rained.
- 21 Sally got cablegram from Frank—in London and well. Got watch from Tiffany's. Turned mild and bright. Mrs. Siehel Miller called —née Dorathy. Stayed at home.
- 22 Madeleine D. came to see me and later Sally and I went to the Belmont to see Cousin Frankie, and Madeleine came in. It was mild and pleasant—we called on Mrs. Scott and daughters, and walked home from there.
- 23 Got letter from Ernest about my letter in which I said that I would subscribe 50. towards the road from his gate to Aurora. I did n't set down the day I wrote to him. He said it had been the pleasantest Jan. so far he ever knew. Got note from Julia of 21st—she expected to start for Palm Beach the next morning.
- 24 Raining. Last night Sally got cablegram from Frank saying he expected to sail the 30th. Sent letter to Julia. Poured down all day. Patty and I went to Mrs. James's, Dr. Walter James's wife to lunch and with her to the Manhattan Opera House to see Forbes-Robertson in The Passing of the Third Floor Back, and his wife Gertrude Elliott.
- 25 Sunday. Turned much colder. Miss Gilfillan lunched here. We took a drive and left cards for Belle B. and Louisiana A. All three of us went to supper at Mrs. D. Robinson's.

- 26 Cold. Mr. Parishe's [sic] sister Mrs. Dodge whom I met at Isabella's called. Sally's cook left and a new one came. Julia Loving came to see us. Sally Mallory came to see us. Got letter from Sue. Patty and I went to the Opera and heard Humperdinck's *Köningskinder* with Farrar and Carl Jörn Hertz, Conductor.
- 27 Warmer and cloudy very foggy day and night. We all went to Julia's to a lunch party—and afterwards went to the shop of Oliver & Oldham where we saw Mrs. Siebel Miller, and also to an exhibition of silhouettes by August Edmart at Vernay's.
- 28 Got letter from Harry. Bright morning, and very mild. Sent letter to Susan. Sally took me to a *matinée* at Manhattan Opera House to see *Within The Law* [sic] with Jane Cowl. At night Sally and I went to the Opera. It was *Madame Butterfly* with Farrar and Riccardo Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Shedd went too.
- 29 Cloudy and mild. Henry the chauffeur's wife came and told Sally that Henry had an accident jumping Frank's hunting mare and is in the Hospital with a broken collar bone and a cut on his head. Sally got letters from Frank in England—he had a very rough passage, and got the influenza. I got letter and picture card from Julia. Stayed in all day.
- 30 Mild and cloudy. Went with Sally to afternoon tea at Mrs. Dora (Willoughby) Sharp's. Julia E. was there. Then went to see Louisiana Arkell who is laid up with her foot. Mrs. Desha Breckinridge was here.
- 31 Rained hard all day, poured, and was so dark they had to light the electricity. Sally had company to lunch—Mrs. Desha Breckinridge Mrs. Fanny Parsons and Mrs. Walter Damrosch for Patty. Got letter from Julia.

February

- 1 Sunday Bright and mild. Belle B. stopped for Patty who went to lunch with her. Sally and I went to the Ritz-Carlton to a concert of the Society of the Friends of Music, and heard Quintet, op. 51 (B. Minor) by Florent Schmitt and songs by Blair Fairchild, Georges Húe and Courtlandt Palmer sung by Paul Reiners. In the audience saw Lady Constance Stewart Mackenzie! Mr. Carl Taylor came to dinner.
- 2 Bright and mild. Sent letter to Julia. Patty went to Mrs. Parish's in Orange. Went with Sally to see Miss Posey W. and to Wannamakers shopping. At night Sally and I went to the Opera. *La Tosca* with Farrar, Caruso, and Scotti. Was sick all night.
- 3 Stayed home all day—not well. Mrs. Cutcheon came after 3 P.M. Later Patty came home. Still bright and mild. Got card to lecture.
- 4 Got letters from Julia, Mary C. and Susan. Mrs. Cutcheon left for Augusta. Bright and spring like. Sally and I went in the motor and left cards at Mrs. James's and Mrs. Robinson. John Riddle called. Posey Whiteman dined here.
- 5 Got Sally to have cashed for me 3 little checks 1 for 10. 1 for 3. and one for 5.99 (see Jan. 12th)—.10 exchange came to 18.89.
- 6 Very unpleasant day, snowed rained and I did n't go anywhere. Patty went with Sally to meet Frank who got home from England on the *Lusitania* at night.
- 7 Had such a bad cold I stayed in bed all day and they sent for Dr. Cutler to see me. Belle B had invited me to go to the Opera *matinée* with Sally and she had to go alone. Sally got a note from Lizzie Hodges. The paper stated that Bob's brother Mr. Ronald C. Ferguson had been appointed Gov. Gen. of Australia. Turned colder. Another cook came.
- 8 Sunday. Sally had Miss Mary Johnston of Louisville to lunch. I was in bed all day.
- 9 Sent letter to Susan inclosing for Harry check for 20. On Bellevue Bk. Mrs. Barry called. I am up again. Mrs. Parish sent me flowers, and came to see me. Sally and Frank went to the opera. Colder.

- 10 Gloomy and cold and snowed at night. Evening paper says there was an earthquake shock at 1.30 P.M. Patty and Sally both in bed with influenza. Dr. Cutler came to see them. Yesterday sent letter to Lizzie Hodges.
- 11 Got letter from Julia, wrote to her and to Sue—at night got one from Sue. Dr. Cutler sent a nurse, Miss Woodruff to give the medicine to Patty and Sally—both better. Cousin Helen called up to invite us to lunch to-morrow.
- 12 Much colder, about 0 and bright. Holiday. Frank went to the country—said it was bitter cold. Cousin Helen came to see me. Patty and Sally still in bed.
- 13 Still cold. Sally got up part of the day. Patty not so well. Towards night began to snow and blow.
- 14 Horrible night. Blizzard and sleeting and snowing hard. Papers say deep snow and blizzard in Ky. Ohio and Va. I have n't been out of the house since a week yesterday. The nurse Miss W. left after noon.
- 15 Sunday. Papers say 10 in. snow. Bright. Frank went to his country place—said it was not very cold in spite of deep snow. Patty is still in bed. Mr. Parish came to see us.
- 16 Snowing hard and the street E. 36th looks like Minnesota. Patty says she is better. The paper say[s] 5 inches of snow fell and that before it was nearly 10 inches so now it is within a fraction of 15 in. About 1 P.M. it stopped and the sun came out—later it turned colder. I sent letter to Lily Grant, and to Hilda.
- 17 Got 2 picture postals from Julia. Patty still poorly. Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. Parish came to see her. Mrs. Scott came. Snowed a little more, towards night.
- 18 Milder. Went with Sally in the motor because it is two weeks since I was out of the house. Snow piles like Dakota and streets full of hands and wagons cleaning off the snow. Cousin Helen H. came and took me to the opera. It was Tosca with Farrar, Scotti, and Martin.
- 19 Got letter from Julia. Sleeting and dark, and before night snowed nearly an inch. Did n't go out. A new cook came Brunhilda no. 5 since I have been here. Mrs. Parish came.
- 20 Mostly cloudy. Sally had a luncheon. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Cooley Sr. and Jr. Frank went to L. Island by train. Sally and I went to the Station—snow deep—streets blocked motoring like a bad dream. Got T—D. from Sue. Frank went to Piping Rock. Patty better—she went out in the motor and dined with Mrs. P.
- 21 Got letter from Julia—bright and cold. Sally took us to the Fulton Theatre to see 'The Misleading Lady' very funny. Patty seems better.
- 22 Sunday. Mr. Lew Bigelow came to see Patty. Frank came home from L. Island Patty went to Mrs. Parish's and motoring with Sally—they said it was much warmer. Sent letter to Belle R. Mrs. Scott called Sally up to-night and told her Eleanor has another boy baby, incubator baby.
- 23 Got letters from Credo Harris, Sally V. and Susan and picture card from Julia. Cloudy and cold. Sent letter and one of my books to Credo Harris and letter to Sue. Patty better, she went to the opera. Frank said it snowed a little after dark.
- 24 Mardi Gras. Very cold. Sent letter to Julia. Very cold. Helen H. came to see us.
- 25 Ash Wednesday. Papers say the thermometer went to 0 last night. Turned rather milder. I went out in the motor with Sally. She had company to dine Pauline and Mr. E. Mr. Charlie Gordon and Mr. Taylor.
- 26 Got letter from Sue. Turned warmer and was comparatively pleasant. Sally had Mrs. Janey Gardiner and Mrs. Bessie McNeil to lunch. Mrs. Kissel came to see me—and Julia Ethridge too. Got Sally to have cashed for me the Goodrich Co. check 22.75.
- 27 Bright and milder. Got letter from Lily G. and card from Lucy H. in Florida. Cousin Frankie and Helen and Madeleine came to lunch—said they were going home. Pauline Emmet lunched with us too. Patty started for Silver via N. Orleans—she left from the Pa. Station about 4.30. Frank and Sally saw her on. Went with Frank and Sally to the theatre to see Potash and Permuter—tiresome, stupid.

28 Mild and pleasant—went shopping with Sally. Got at noon postal from Patty beyond Phil. At night got letter from Belle R. Sally was taking around Miss Christie of Cowden, Perthshire.

March

- 1 Sunday. Horrible weather—began with rain then turned into snow and was a blizzard all day. About one got telegram from Patty in N. Orleans—said it was a summer day—she had been to see Sue and was all right so far. We did n't try to go out—not even Frank.
- 2 Snowing hard—the papers say that at 8 P.M. last night the fall of snow was 9.6 in. wind 80 miles an hour. Got letter and card from Julia. Sent letter to Patty. Miss Christie of Perthshire Scotland came to dine and Frank took her to the opera. Mr. Carl Taylor dined here too.
- 3 Mild and bright. Sally took me to the Museum of Natural History to see a beautiful collection of stuffed birds mounted in the most wonderful manner. The snow and the removing of it is a sight to behold—motoring bumpy and bad—puddles of water any and everywhere—biggest teams and motor omnibuses stalled &c.—pretty overhead. Later Sally went for Miss Christie and we went by invitation from Mrs. Robinson to the Booth Theatre where Mrs. August Belmont and Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Stitt made speeches and the school children of the Dramatic League performed a little play by Mrs. Hewitt, 'The High Cost of Living.' They did it well and it was all interesting. Mrs. Robinson went with us to her house to afternoon tea where we saw her daughter Mrs. Alsop and children and her son. 17000 men and the sun were taking off the snow. Sally had letter from Patty.
- 4 Bright mild day—still hauling snow off the principal streets—side streets sights. Sent letter to Julia. Sally got telegram from Patty who arrived safe at Silver and was at Isabella's. Sally and I went out in the motor. Mrs. Sturgis came to see us.
- 5 Mild day. Went with Sally to look at Victrolas. She bought one for me at Wanamaker's with the book money. Went with her later and stopped to see Eleanor Tew. Got letter from Sue and note from Madeleine with tickets to hear Paderewski.
- 6 Frank's and my birthday Frank fifty. Got telegram from Patty for us. More snow, either last night or soon this morning. Men actually cleaning the street here. Sent note to Cousin Frankie. We went to see the Morgan Collection at the Museum. Frank's brother Mr. Max C. Came. Frank left for Virginia. Very unpleasant out.
- 7 More fresh snow! Sally got letter from Patty written on the way. The Victrola came from Wanamaker's. Sally and I went to Paderewski's concert at Carnegie Hall. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Hilda.
- 8 Sunday. Mostly bright and mild. After lunch Sally and I went out in the motor and to see Louisiana Arkell. Met Miss Kruntz of Maysville there.
- 9 Frank got home to breakfast from Virginia. I got postal from Lily G. and letters from Susan R. and from a Mrs. Ethel Valentine Perkins. Mrs. L. Arthur P. Taylor Park—enquiring about furniture. Sally and I went to Wanamaker's to choose records for Victrola. She went to Farmington lunch. I got letter from Patty at Cat Cañon, Wednesday. Bright—turned colder. Sally and I went to the opera Tristan and Isolde with Gadski, Homer, Bergor Amato &c. beautiful.
- 10 Got little birthday remembrance from Fanny G. Sent letter to Patty. Went in the motor with Sally—we stopped at the Woman's Exchange. A flurry of snow came down. Later went to Altman's shopping. Fred ran into a motor and damaged both. Ethan Allen and Mrs. Campbell dined here.
- 11 Got letter from Julia, said she expected to get home the 28th. Sent letter to Sue. Chilly and cloudy. Went with Sally to Astor Theatre to see Seven Keys to Baldpate—amusing. Got birthday letter from Patty. Saw the eclipse of the moon but it was hazy and not distinct $\frac{3}{4}$ total.
- 12 Got letter from Hilda. Went in the motor with Sally. Sent letter to Susan. Went to the opera with Sally—it was Offenbach's Tales of Hoffmann in French, with Bori Hempel and Alda and Carl Jom [?] &c. music beautiful, Alda wore a blue wig that looked green in the stage light.

- 13 Bobby's birthday—he is six. Lord love his sweet little life. Sent letter to Fanny G. Sally had Sally Mallory and Mrs. Isabelle Wood to lunch. We went to Mrs. Parish's to hear a lecture on Keats by Mr. Powys (a Welshman)—interesting. Bright day.
- 14 Lovely mild day. Went with Sally to choose records. Sent note to Julia Loving. Got paper from Mary C. Sent letter to Patty. Went all 3 to the little Theatre to see Bernard Shaw's 'The Philanderer' Charles Maude as Charteris—very amusing.
- 15 Sunday. Bright spring like day. Hands and teams started in to clean off snow on our square and quit to clean above it. Mr. A. F. Jaccaci took lunch here. Willie Tew came to see me, brought Lucy. He said that his little Eleanore was a year old to-day. Later Sally and I went in the motor and stopped to see St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- 16 Bright morning. Teams and hands actually cleaned the snow off our street taking away the banks of filthy snow that have lasted since Feb. 14th. Got postal from Julia. Sally had cashed for me two checks Natl Bk. Wash. 66. and Natl. Met. Bk Wash 28. Sent note to Cousin Frankie. Sally sent by Express the Victrola and a box of records to me to Aurora. We went to the Opera and heard Caruso and Farrar in Charpentier's Julien—opera mostly scenery that was very beautiful.
- 17 Got letter from Julia—sent one to Mrs. Perkins, and one to Mary C. Began to pack. Lovely spring like day. Julia Ethridge came.
- 18 Raining. Got letter from Susan. Sally went to Miss Nora Godwin's funeral. Little Helen called up on the telephone about opera tickets. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Julia and note to Lily, and letter to Lucy J. Sally and I went to the opera on the tickets Helen sent. It was La Gioconda with Caruso, Destinn, Homer, Duchiene, Amato, and was grand, one of the most beautiful I ever saw. Got note from Julia Loving. Colder.
- 19 Got letter from Fanny G. and cared from Julia. Endorsed and gave to Frank his note for \$125 interest to add to some he already had of mine. Julia Loving came to see us. Madeleine sent us two opera tickets and we went to see Tosca! again with Farrar and Martin and Scotti, Helen wrote a note saying she was going to S. Carolina. Sally and I lunched at Belle B's and Mrs. Breckinridge was there. Got letter from Sue in N.O. It was colder and snow still banked in upper streets.
- 20 Gave Frank for my tickets 24. Julia Loving came. I stayed home till rather late and we went to tell Mrs. Scott and Eleanore goodbye. Cousin Frankie and Madeleine came and I missed seeing them. We all dined at Mrs. Parish's.
- 21 I got letter from Credo Harris, sent one to Patty. Sally and I started via the Pennsylvania for home—about 9.30. Bright but cold. The snow was on the mountains as we came through. We had a fine view of horseshoe bend—saw our 3 locomotives ahead of our train and grand scenery.
- 22 Sunday. We got to Cin. on time—and came down on the Indiana—got home about noon. Harry met us at the landing. It was cold and windy and there were some little wafts of snow during the day. We had a safe comfortable trip, and found home all right thank God. Susan says she heard doves early this morning. The daffodils are up and some of them show the buds. Had the furnace started and the house is warm and dry. Grace Loudon started in to work for me cooked dinner. Isabella's birthday—and Sue's.
- 23 Chilly but bright. Sent note to Mrs. Parish. Sally and I got letters from Patty. After dinner we went to Bellevue. Mr. McNeely at the Bank told me that Jesse left my tobacco money there \$194.35. I paid Mr. Delph 10. for blacksmith bill. Later Harry went to B. to meet Spinny Smith and got and brought out the things he got at the Ex. the Victrola, records and a lamp that Sally sent. She set up the Victrola and played it. I heard turtle doves this evening. Went to see the calves, Blanche's born
- 24 Jesse told me the tobacco weighed 2990 lbs. at .13 it came to 388.70 my share 194.35 and he put the check in Bellevue Bk. for me. Sent letter to Sue—got one from Julia at P. B. Sally and I went to Bellevue and I got seed potatoes 2 bus. 2.50 from Mrs. Walrath and ordered 2 bus. for Harry—also got onion sets. Harry ploughed in my garden and after dinner in his own and went after potatoes.

- 25 Windy and rained a little. Harry cut and planted my potatoes and his own. Sent letter to Patty. Turned so warm we had to stop the furnace.
- 26 Cloudy and warmer. Harry planted my onion sets. Lily, Ernest and Flora came after dinner. Flora said they had fed a little flock of quails during the deep snow and 10 redbirds. I heard doves again.
- 27 Rained hard during the night and still raining—all day and still at night. Sent note to McCullough about plants—sent letter to Julia and got one from her. Harry sacked the new meat and worked.
- 28 Misty and cloudy but did n't rain. Sally and I went to Hilda's and dined. On the way home we met Amy and Harriet in the motor—they had been down to our house and were on the way back to Cin. Daffodils were in bloom in the yard and it was very mild. Harry said he was going to make chicken coops.
- 29 Sunday. Sally and I found turkey peas in bloom in the woods. So mild we had the doors open. Susan and Mr. Walrath came after dinner. Did n't write in this till We. April 1st.
- 30 Sally and I went to Ernest's after dinner—it was warm and misty. Ernest was gone to take his mules over the river. River high and rising. Harry got post for gate about graveyard—dug hole &c. Think I wrote to Patty.
- 31 Sent letter to Mrs. Webb. Got 2 from Julia and card from Patty. Yesterday I got a letter from Credo Harris inclosing one from Prop. Josiah N. Combs saying he had received the book (see Feb. 23d) speaking highly of it and saying he would put "That's for Remembrance" in his Anthology. Let Sally have Prof. Comb's letter. Jesse helped Harry set the gate post and swing the gate to it and ring the hogs. One of my black and white pigs (sow) of last fall's litter took thumps and died Harry said. Sally and I went to see Flora.

April

- 1 Began with a thunder shower—the first thunder and lightning since we got home—showers off and on. Mr. Harry Ryle sent his motor that Sally had engaged and she started for Cin. just after 8 A.M. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and postal from Patty and letter from her for Sally. It hailed to-day among other things. I went for Flora and she went to visit Miss Lizzie Roger—she was too ill to see us. Harry tinkered—made chicken coops perhaps.
- 2 Gloomy and chilly. Sent letter to Sally with Patty's in her. Got letter from Sue inclosing one from Lizzie D. G. one from J. Chas McCullough Co. Cin. and one from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. Washington with check for 28. Went to Bellevue Bk to see about my Warehouse receipt for the pooled 1909 tobacco. Mr. McNeeley said he had already sent it with others to Verona. Went to Mrs. Maurer's and to Mrs. Will Grant's and got my fern she kept for me last winter. Harry worked—cleaned out little building. After dinner Jesse helped him cut the willow tree that fell on the fence at the fattening pen.
- 3 Cloudy and chilly very unpleasant. Sent to Burpee for melon vegetable and flower seeds. Gave Mr. Mahan 5.00—seeds ordered 4.35. He said the river was within 1½ foot of the Woolper bridge. Got telegram by mail from Aurora that Sally met Frank and they got to N.Y. safe—thank God. Got letters from Lucy Johnstone and Julia—and Seed. Cat from J. Chas. McCullough. Sent letter to Patty. Mr. John Deck came out and trimmed and tied up the best he could the old wrecks of grapevines. Harry worked—he fixed the fence where they cut the willow tree and a hot bed.
- 4 Chilly last night and to-day. Sent letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and Sue—got letter from Sally—from National Bk. Wash check for 66. and from Byrns & Cutcheon Goodrich Co. check for 22.75 and receipt for money order see yesterday. Mr. Mahan gave me .60 change.
April 4th Settlement with Harry
Since our last settlement up to Dec. 6th 1913 Harry said he had worked 88 days—that comes to 66.00. He had received up to date 35.00 and I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bank for the balance 31.00 in full to date.

- 5 Sunday. Chilly day—occasional sunshine and fire felt very good. Went to Flora' and took 1.00 to send by Will to pay for a setting of Mrs. Graddy's eggs.
- 6 Cool and very windy till after noon, then turned rather warmer fire at night—it rained slightly. Sent letter to Sally—got letter from her with a scrap saying that the T-D and N.O. Picayune were going to merge. Got letter from Patty one from Mrs. Sara B. Webb and announcements of Jane Anderson's marriage. Harry sowed seeds in hot bed &c.—got the hogs to fatten up in the lot. Isaac Sanders came to-night. Went to Bellevue, Mr. Isaac Flick paid me for the fat young sow he bought of Harry after I left. Jan 8th. She weighed 215 lbs. and at 7.40 came to 15.91 Mr. Flick gave me his check for that among and I took it to Bk. and deposited it. Mr. Walrath brought the setting of eggs 15 and Susan put them under a hen. Susan helped me transplant a Crimson Rambler. Went to see Will Grant. Georgy Loudon went with me to the Bank to see the tobacco checks that the Equity sent as the last payment. There were 3 checks
 - 1 Julia S. Dinsmore 1909 crop—7.49
 - 2 " " 1907 crop—24.96
 - 3 Richard Loudon 1907 crop 13.12
 I could n't make anything of these. Georgy and Mr. McNeely knew no more than I—so I left all three with Mr. McNeely for Leeomer to see.
- 7 Rainy day. Sent letter to Belle R. magazine to Bob F. and Patty's card from Jenny A. Got card from Sally and letters from Julia and from Mary C. Harry went over the river to hunt for corn for me—engaged 100 bus. at .73 to be delivered at the river—by Mr. Harry Loring, brother-in-law of Eph. Clore. Isaac went with Harry. Susan settled with me for the butter, eggs &c. Paid me 8.00. Dec. 17 I lent her 5.00 she charged 3 for white washing and cleaning kitchen and paid me 2.00. Isaac went away.
- 8 Chilly and gloomy. Sent letters to Sally and Credo Harris—got letters from Patty and Sue. Stanley Clore came and paid me 6.60 for pasture of his colts last summer. Joe West came to talk about making fence. Harry worked at grape trellis and went to hunt sacks. He said Miss Lizzie Rogers died to-day. Thermometer at 32° at 8 P.M.
- 9 28° after sunup—icicles on the tank after 11 A.M. found a bucket setting in the sunshine with ice from 1 to ½ in. thick. Sent letter to Cousin Frankie. Harry went over the river and got corn from Mr. H. B. Loring. According to Mr. Loring's figures Harry got 114 bus. 38 lbs. and at .73 a bus. it came to 83.62. The corn was brought to the landing at McVile and Harry said Mr. Williamson charged for ferrying and help 2.00. I went to the funeral of Miss Lizzie Rogers at the Bellevue Baptist church and she was buried in the New Cemetery. It was very cold and the wind seemed to come off snow.
- 10 28° again. Sent check for 83.62 on the Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue to Mr. H. B. Loring and letter to Sally—got note from Patty. Jesse and team helped haul the corn up and out—he and Harry hauled it from McVile in two loads by dinner time. Jesse helped unload—then Harry hauled some to the fattening hogs and took home the borrowed sacks.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. 45° and looks like rain. Went down to Bk with Georgy Loudon. Mr. McNeely thought that by the Warehouse receipt for 1909 crop the check for 7.49 (see 6th) was to be divided between me and Dick so I signed it and he gave her 3.75 and she cashed Dick's for 13.12 my 3.74 and 24.96=28.70 I deposited. It was sprinkling when I got back. Sent letter to Patty. Harry and family started off in the rain to hunt Easter celebration &c.
- 12 Easter Sunday. Clear but chilly and lonesome.
- 13 Bright and not so cold. Sent letter to Julia got two from her, one from Patty, Sally, and Belle R. Rode and took Harry to see about the fences in the pasture over the pike—drove out Mr. Rue's sheep and lambs and 10 cows. Got by P.O. box from Sally and seeds from Burpee. After dinner Harry went to take the old barbed wire from and old plant bed in the big pasture. Went to see Joe West about making the fence along the pike from Will Rice's corner past the barn lot. The corner posts and gate

posts to be set in concrete properly. I am to furnish the material at the place do the hauling have the old fence taken away and fence row cleaned and he is to get out the posts prepare them set them and put on the wire for .35 a rod. The fence posts are to be 8 ft. long and six in. at the small end. Ernest Grant came along and witnessed the bargain. I stopped to see Willie Snelling and he agreed to the terms and is to help Joe make the fence.

- 14 Joe West and Willy came and began to get out posts. It looked like rain and after one rained. Sent letter to Sally—got box from her with my electric light she gave me. Harry set out 3 Canada Red apple trees brought here yesterday that Patty ordered. He said he hauled 3 loads of gravel from Willie Huey's.
- 15 Rained last night and till noon to-day. Sent letter to Sally—got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Orin Phipps came and I paid him for the 3 apple trees set out yesterday .60. Joe came out after noon to work at posts. Harry took the work horses down and got them shod—and hauled out some posts for Joe.
- 16 Warmer—pleasant—had a slight shower before noon. Got letter from Sally and 7 records for Victrola by mail—note and pamphlet about the Festival from Julia—from Natl Met. Bk. Wash. check for \$10.00. Joe and Willy worked at fence. I telephoned to Spaeth, Aurora and he sent down by Spinny Smith 16 sacks cement. Harry hauled water for concrete 4 loads of gravel and the cement from Bellevue. Spinny brought the hats Sally sent Virgie and Susan. Heard that Mary Ann Loudon Jim's wife is dead.
- 17 Much warmer and bright—the first time this spring that I have had no fire in the evening. Joe and Willy worked at the fence and finished setting the big posts in concrete. Harry hauled posts and water and helped them. Sent letter to Julia. Got line from Sally with piece about Vincent Astor's illness, and note from Bernice Corbin.
- 18 Warmer—after noon the wind blew hard from the west. Sent letter to Patty and her book from Countess Chambrun and one to Sally—got letter from Patty. Joe and Willy worked at the fence. Harry at taking down the old fence. I worked in the garden some. Grace went to Aurora.
- 19 Sunday. Turned chilly—spent most of the day looking over and burning letters.
- 20 Most disagreeable day—sunless cold and with a keen little wind that chilled to the marrow. Started for R. Sun in the little runabout and Harry with the big wagon—at Bellevue concluded to come back—bought of Mr. Walrath 5 rolls 26 x 6 in. stay woven wire and a roll of two point barbed—this latter 1.80 the woven .23 a rod. Harry went on to R. S. to get crimped wire and gate but could n't get either. He hauled out what I bought. Joe and Will worked at the fence. Got letter from Sally she said Frances Grant was coming to visit her Sat. Got note from Dinsmore Tew. At 10 P.M. 40°
- 21 At 6 A.M. 35° but bright. Telephoned M. J. W. Conley, Beaver Lick, and he said he would come to run the line between me and Will Rice one day the last of next week. I wrote and sent a note to Wm. S. Rice North Manchester Indiana to notify him. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia and postal from Patty. Harry hauled the crimped wire that came on the boat last night Gibson's order and said there were only 4 rolls—he got 2 rolls of 2 point barbed by order on Walrath.
- 22 At sunup 45° beautiful bright turned warm. Harry and Jesse attended to the 6 pigs. Joe and Willy came out and we measured the pike fence they finished yesterday—it came to 1606 feet = rods. They then began to work on the gate posts and wire fence at the entrance to the big pasture. I went to Bellevue and paid Mr. Walrath for the fence wire Harry got yesterday, by check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue 28.40 I brought out the 2 bus. of alfalfa seed he got me. Paid Mr. Epp Clore .90 freight on the 4 rolls crimped wire. Pd Mr. Dolph and ordered 2, 11 ft gates. Rode round the place—talked to Mr. Rue about the line fence. Harry hauled and planted some beets and peas. Sent postal to Patty.
- 23 Cooler. Sent letter to Julia, got one from Patty. Joe and Willy worked fence making I started them on the calf lot fence. Harry hauled, and dragged fence posts and went to Bellevue and got from Al

- Rogers 1 roll of woven wire and one of smooth. I went to Susan W. and we went up to see Cordy Scott, who is sick. Went to Bellevue and paid Spinny Smith for bringing cement and hat box.
- 24 Warmer, had no fire at night—there was a shower towards evening. Joe and Willy came and worked on the calf lot fence and began to cut posts for the string on the pike below Jesse's. Harry went to Al Rogers and got 2 more rolls of woven wire. He began to plough in the garden and hauled posts. I worked in the yard and planted nasturtiums by the cellar door. Sent letter to Patty got one from Julia.
- 25 Sent letters to Sally and Sue—got letters from Sally and Julia and postal from Mrs. Graddy about eggs. Joe and Willy came out to work at fence but it rained and they quit. Harry worked helping. Went to Bellevue, gave Al Rogers check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 18.28 to pay for the fence wire (see 23th and 24th [sic]) and my part of canvas Jesse got, also gave Mr. Walrath check on Cit. Dep. Bk for 16.75 to pay for 2 bus. alfalfa seed and expenses. Went to Bank and got 10. from Mr. McNeeley. Saw Mr. Rains—he said he worked 1½ day and I paid him. We had some good showers and before noon it thundered, and rained hard afterwards.
- 26 Sunday—no fire to-day—pleasant—at night I heard whip-poor-wills sing for the first time this spring. Last night my foot hurt so it kept me awake. Ernest and Lily came.
- 27 Warm. Sent letters to Mary C. to Julia and gloves, and note to G. Gibson's Sons, R. S. got letters from Patty and Sally. Mr. Rains was cutting briers ½ day. Joe and Willy and Harry worked.
- 28 Beautiful warm bright day—went to Burlington. Took to Bank F. W. M. Cutcheon's check for 125. (see Jan. 3d) endorsed it and deposited 75. and took the balance. Went to see Hilda got home by noon. Sent letter to Patty. Harry ploughed in the garden and planted 4 rows of corn and some snap beans and went to Bellevue and had a horse shod and brought 2 gates and 2 single trees that Mr. Dolph made. Joe and Willy did n't come. Harry set out 4 tomato plants.
- 29 They did [n't] come to-day either. Harry worked in the garden for me after dinner a while for himself. He planted watermelons, muskmelons, okra, spinach, and such for me. Mr. Rains said he was working cutting briers—he helped Harry put the crêpe myrtles out. I planted some zinnia seed and worked in the yard. Sent letter to Dinsmore Tew and postal to Patty. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Warm and bright—turned cooler late.
- 30 Mr. Conley the surveyor telephoned he could not come—went to tell Mr. Rue and he was n't there so told Mrs. Rue. Went to Willie Huey's and settled with him for pasture and gravel. I owed him for 12 loads of gravel got last Sep. and 7 lately = 19 at .20 a load that came to 3.80. He owed me for pasture last fall 8.25—from that deducting the 3.80 he pd. me the balance 4.45. Willie Snelling and Harry worked at the line fence next Will Rice's getting out posts and repairing it. Joe did n't come—sick. Mr. Wilson and his assistant came by and said they would come to-morrow. I went to Bellevue and paid Mr. Dolph for the gates, singletrees and shoeing 10.60 (see 29th). Sent postal to Sally got postal and letter from Patty. It was hot yesterday and cold to-day. I have had a good fire since I got back and at 7 P.M. it is 50° and a chill wind all day. To-day is the wedding day of little Helen and Vincent Astor, my blessing on the pair.

May

- 1 The Cin. Post describes the wedding which was at Helen's home and very quiet. 40° at sunup. Al Rogers said he saw some frost. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sturgeon came and worked at gates—repaired 2 gates 12 ft. and hung one at the barn lot and one at the big pasture and began to hang the new Dolph gates. I went to Bellevue for bolts, hooks &c. for them. Willy Snelling came by himself and helped Harry patch up the fence next Will Rice's and at the creek by the mud road. I sent letters to Patty and Julia—got letters from them both. Henry Rains was tinkering at two ditches. Turned rather warmer and was very pretty day—foliage grass lilacs &c looked beautiful—fire pleasant at night. The books came that Mrs. Parish sent back.

- 2 38° at sunup, and frost they say. Joe West and Willie Snelling came out and finished measuring the rest of the fence they made—and I settled with Willie as Joe can't figure. The four strings of fence they made came to 162½ rods and at .35 a rod it came to \$56.88 and I gave him a check for that amount, to William E. Snelling on the Cit. Dep. Bk. in Bellevue. I also paid Willie 3.00 for working two days helping Harry fix up my old fence in big pasture &c. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and Sue. Harry worked hauled old lumber part of the time. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sturgeon worked they finished the gates and made a p_mel for the gap by mud road—then put window cords and hung sashes. Flora came over. The carpenters went home. Pd. Mr. Wilson 6.50.
- 3 Sunday—bright pretty day—cool in the morning and turned a little warmer. I was getting ready to go to Cin. Polly Foster telephoned me after dinner.
- 4 Went up to Aurora on my way to Cincinnati to visit Julia and go to the Festival. Went to Spaeth's and Harry returned 13 of the cement sacks—the 4 barrels of cement he charged 9.20 for, credited me with .83 for the sacks and I pd. him the balance 8.47 and got receipt. Telephoned Julia went up on the 11 A.M. train and Julia sent Polly in for me in the motor. I went to Aurora in the runabout and got caught in two hard rains, before we crossed the river. Sent from Cin. letter to Cousin Frankie.
- 5 Poured hard most of the day. The Musical Festival began and Polly and I went to the concert. Julia Foster was in N.Y. at a private hospital Dr. Lockwood's. I stayed at my Julia's till Sunday morning the 10th. There were six concerts during the Festival and I went to all. Sent postals to Patty and Sally—letter to latter and got one from her. Mrs. Julia Foster got checks cashed for me 28.—22.75. and 10. It rained off and on—was cool and turned warmer. Mr. Foster not well.
- 10 Sunday. Julia, Sally and Polly went to the boat with me—came down on the Louisville. River rather high—bright and windy. Got down before noon. Susan met me. Harry was helping Flave. After dinner I went to the funeral of Sadie Lambert Flave Loudon's wife. She was buried in the new Cemetery. I found letters from Patty, Sally, Mary C. and announcement cards of Helen and Vincent Astor—also Gibson's bill for the wire (see April 21st). Things have grown much the last week.
- 11 Harry worked in the garden ploughing for me and for himself—and planting seeds &c. He said he hauled from the old fence—rails posts &c. while I was gone. I sent letters to Julia and Sally and got one from Sally. Pleasant day.
- 12 Harry worked some in the garden—then I telephoned Orin Phipps and sent Harry to Burlington to get a McCormick Disk Harrow. Orin Phipps came down to set it up for him. I paid Orin Phipps cash for it 27.00 and got his receipt. Sent letters to Patty Sally little Julia and check to G. B. Gibson's Sons for 16.63 on Bellevue Bk. to pay for coiled fence wire. Began to clean house, took up the dining room carpet and that in Patty's room. Cooler at night. Jesse was ploughing in the bottom. Planted some sunflower and hollyhock seed and some more gourds and morning glories.
- 13 My blessed parents' wedding day—in Paradise. Cloudy and chilly with some drizzles. Began house cleaning again. Harry beat carpets cleaned chimneys &c. later he tried the new disk harrow and said it worked well. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 14 Dixie has a b. calf went to see it later. We worked cleaning house—my room and other work. Sent letter to Patty. Harry worked on the alfalfa ground with the disk harrow. It was chilly and sprinkled a very little.
- 15 Still chilly but bright. We cleaned house up stairs. Harry worked on alfalfa ground, after dinner ploughed more, helped some about the house. Mr. Rains was cutting briars and grubbing. Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Got invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Brodhead to the wedding of their daughter Léonie and John Gibbon McCoy June 4th South Bethlehem Pa.
- 16 Chilly and bright. Stopped house cleaning till next week. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and Sally and Lizzie Hodges. Worked in the yard with flowers—planted moonflower—blue moonflower, Cardinal Climber, fern cypress seeds—also 4 o'clocks and mammy's hollihocks, Harry worked ploughing &c. for alfalfa. I went to Bellevue later and went to see Will Grant ill in bed.

- 17 Sunday—bright pretty day but very cool. Ernest stopped as he went by.
- 18 Sent letter to Lucy J. Regrets to Mrs. Davis Brodhead and letter and washrag to Sally. Got letter from Patty and from Julia saying Mr. F. was sick again—had trained nurse. Jesse sowed the alfalfa and Harry dragged it, they got done before dinner. Harry worked in the garden ploughed, planted Lima beans made a trellis &c. I sent to see Lily Grant. Bright and a trifle warmer. Harry got a barrel of salt and turpentine.
- 19 Harry says one of my sow shoats is dead. He went to Bob Brady's and got his stock hog. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and one from Patty. Mr. Wilson came to work. He painted gate posts and made a gate. I went to Bellevue after dinner for linseed oil bolts for gate and a lot of things paid for them and for what Harry got. Heard that Mr. Davy Snyder died this morning. Sally Eaton called me up to tell me her father was better. Warmer to-day. Planted the rest of the gourds and vine seeds by trellis.
- 20 Mr. Wilson worked putting tin on gate posts and end posts—hung the gate he made at the calf lot new fence painted &c. Harry ploughed his corn ground. Planted more flower seeds. Sent letter to Sally. Warmer during the day.
- 21 I went to Burlington to Mr. Davy Snyder's funeral in the Baptist church. Rev. Campbell officiating. Hilda went with me. I dined at her house. Mr. Wilson worked on painting gates and chicken house. Sent Virgie for more oil at Walrath's. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and from Sally Belle R. and Sue. Harry ploughed and harrowed on his corn ground. It was a lovely day and the country looked beautiful.
- 22 Sent letter to Julia—got one from her and 2 postal cards from Patty. Mr. Wilson painted gates and tops—he worked to-day and said he wanted to go home—he had worked 4 days this week and I paid him in full 8.00 by check on Cit. Dep. Bk Bellevue. Sent down for 4 galls. Linseed oil at Walrath's and 6 lbs Venetian Red at Al's. Harry worked in his corn ground harrowing and laying off.
- 23 Bright and pleasant—needing rain now. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Maurer. Went to Bank and got \$10. Sent washrag to Sally, postal to Patty and letter to Julia. Got letter from Sally from Sue and photographs, old ones, from Belle R. Harry worked at his corn, finished and his garden.
- Settlement with Harry.
Since our last settlement April 4th Harry says he has worked 36½ days, that comes to 27.38. He has received cash 11. leaving a balance of 16.38 I paid him the .38 and gave him a check for \$16.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue in full to date.
- 24 Sunday—bright and much warmer. We are needing rain badly.
- 25 Bright and warm Sent letters to Sally, Julia, Sue, Belle R. and Mary C. Got letter from Julia inclosing one from Sally Eaton about little Julia who was operated on Saturday in New York. Yesterday I had a telephone from Julia and a telegram from my Sally about it. To-day I got by telephone from Aurora a telegram from Patty saying she expected to reach Cin. Thursday night. Mr. Wilson came back and worked. I think he put another coat on the chicken house and he worked on gates too. A hot wind blew hard all day. Harry took Bob Brady's hog home I think and worked in the garden for me and himself. Got postal from Lucy Johnstone.
- 26 Hot day—sent letters to Lucy J. and to Julia and postal to Sally—got letters from Sally and Julia. Mr. Wilson worked on gates and on house locks &c and on swinging seat. Harry cut grass and mowed in the yard. I went to Bellevue. Mrs. Belle Clore paid me for her pasture last fall 2.00. Her son John said he put in the big pasture this evening her mare and a mule colt. Sherman Burcham said he put his mare and colt this evening. I told them I would charge 1.50 a month.
- 27 Settlement with Jesse Loudon.
Jesse's work since our last settlement was 37 days—which came to 27.75. He had got 2.99 on this May 17th and we spoke of it but in writing the check I neglected to deduct the 2.00 and gave him a

check on Cit. Dep. Bk for the whole and he said he would return the 2.00 which he did the next morning.

I went to Bellevue and to Bank to take my book to be brought up to date. Mr. McNeeley said my account was overdrawn 10.05 and I wanted 10. so I gave him an check [sic] on Burlington Bone [sic] Co. Dep. Bk. for 20.05 and got the 10. I also told him to honor the check to Jesse and I would pay it. Mr. Wilson finished up for the present—he had worked 3 days this week and I paid him in full 6.00. He put up the chicken house gutter—made cellar (wine) steps and put up my swinging seat &c &c. Harry hauled out the grass he cut in the yard helped Mr. Wilson &c. It was very hot and dry.

- 28 Mrs. Belle Clore's John said he put in the big pasture 3 head—1 a black steer the other 2 heifer calves, one whitish the other reddish. Harry put my two steer calves off cherry hill and the largest one in the calf lot over in the big pasture. Harry worked about the yard and cleaned up and put away things getting ready for Patty. At night I got a telephone from Patty—she was in Cin. with Amy said she expected to come down to-morrow on the mail boat. I sent letter to Julia and got one from her—sent Postal to Sally.
- 29 Did n't write in this till June 1st like a simpleton. Harry worked getting things in order for Patty—can't remember if I sent any mail. Got a package from Belle Raymond for Marian Resor. Harry went to the river for Patty who came on the mail boat—got here safe and well, thank God. Very hot.
- 30 No mail so mine did n't go as it was Decoration Day. Mrs. Lucy Stearns Keys and Mr. Keys stopped by on their way to Ernest's. Very hot dry and dusty—turned cooler at night. Harry worked.
- 31 Sunday. Lily invited Patty and me to dine with them and we drove up. I[t] was lovely except for the drouth, being cooler—and there was a lovely breeze on the river. The Keys went home. Roses in full bloom.

June

- 1 Sent postal to Sally 2 postals to Lucy J. and letter to Julia—got one from her. Between 8 and 11 A.M. we had two good showers you might say rains with thunder. Jesse had begun to plough watermelons. Harry worked in the garden. Rain refreshing. The mail carrier brought a parcel from cousin Belle Raymond containing the beautiful patchwork quilt she gave Patty and one she made for Sally.
- 2 Cool and bright after the rain but turning warm. Went to Bellevue and to Bank. Mr. McNeeley had my book balanced all but the check for 27.75 (see May 27) so I gave him a check for that amount on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. and my book was balanced. Went to see about having my hogs shipped to-night and got at Eph. Clore's Patty's hatbox. Sent letter to Sally and washrag and postal to Lucy J. Got letter from Lucy and from Sue. Mrs. Graddy sent 5 chickens by the huckster to make up partially for losses on her eggs. Harry worked. Towards evening he took the fattening hogs down to Bellevue to Mr. Eph. Clore to ship. Elbert and Wilber helped drive them—there were 19 of them 10 white 6 black 3 red hogs. It was very cool at 10 P.M. 59° and there was no dust. Jesse got some tobacco set.
- 3 Harry says the hogs got on the boat about 9.30. I have left now only two sows—one listed and one black, and 10 pigs. This was a busy day. Harry ploughed the bank part of the sand field and Flave and Leomer with their teams ploughed for Jesse in the bottom on the dirt road and Jesse was harrowing. It turned much warmer. Sent letter to Julia—got one from Mary C.
- 4 Very hot day and windy too. In the evening a shower with thunder. Harry worked in the garden before noon and I think ploughed later. I worked in the yard—got letter from Julia. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Geo. Blong and Co. Eggleston Ave. Stock Yards Cin. The 19 hogs weighed 44450 lbs. and sold for 8.25—came to 367.12. The expenses came to 12.68 and he sent me a check for 354.44 on the Lebanon Natl. Bk. Lebanon Ohio. Took to Spinny Smith for Patty an Express notice and 1.75 for Ex. charges.

- 5 A fine rain last night making a season-setting tobacco everywhere. I went to Bellevue and to Bank—gave Mr. McNeely the check of Geo. Blong & Co. endorsed and deposited 340. the balance 14.44 I took. Patty was fixing up the hall. Harry helped. Sent letters to Julia and to Marion R. got letters from Cousin Frankie and Belle R. Susan and Virgie went after sweet potato plants.
- 6 Did n't write in this. Harry set out sweet potato plants &c. Sent letter to Sally. Hot day.
- 7 Sunday. Jesse's boys picked some cherries on the shares and I canned them. Harry took Ty to Erlanger. Hot day and perfectly beautiful night.
- 8 Sent note to Amy. Very hot day—got letter from Julia. Harry began to cut alfalfa—broke the machine wheel and went to Gibson's R. S. to get another. The boys picked cherries again and I canned mine. Went to Bellevue later. People were still setting tobacco.
- 9 Very hot 95° in the shade of the gallery. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Sally and Vic record and Dr. Cutter's bill. Canned cherries. Patty painted. Harry cut and raked alfalfa.
- 10 The last little robin in the nest in front of the dining room window got away at breakfast time. Sent to Dr. Cutter check on Burlington Bk. for 5.00 for his visit last winter. Harry worked at alfalfa. Mr. Rains worked and Harry said Willie Snelling worked ½ day after dinner. Very hot and heavy thunder but rain went round.
- 11 Intensely hot. Harry worked at alfalfa. Leomer and team and Herbert Loudon, Mr. Rains and Willy Snelling helped, and they got in all worth hauling. Patty went to Cin. after dinner via Anderson's Ferry and Amy met her and she telephoned me from Miss Shaw's after 6 P.M. I sent by her to Amy Campbell's care the box sent to my care from Belle Raymond for Marion Resor (see May 29). Also endorsed and gave Patty to get cashed check for 66. from Natl. Bk. Wash. (see Apl. 4).
- 12 Not so hot and cloudy part of the day and really cooler in the evening. Patty got home—she had been to Dr. Clancey and to Dr. Phinny ? Awiet for her ear. She got my check cashed. Harry cut alfalfa. I fixed the ground and set out some balsom flowers &c. Got letters from Sally and from Lucy Johnstone.
- 13 Sent letters from Burlington to Sally and Lucy Patty and I went to Hilda's. Went to Bank and left my Bank Book with Mr. Revill. Gave him 60. to deposit. Signed a new note for Patty to run another 6 months for 200. Got from Mrs. Vaughn Sally's pink Irish chain quilt that Sue made her, brought it home. Harry was taking in and putting in shocks alfalfa. Leomer and Mr. Rains were helping, they worked till noon. Mr. L. Kelly came to see about pasture. Flora came over. When Virgie went after Patty's boxes Mr. Dolph put on Fanny's shoe. Cloudy part of the time—sprinkled at night.
- 14 Sunday. Bright pretty day. Julia Loving 'mammy' came on the boat—from N.Y. She looks fine after being carved and I weighed her 197 lbs! The children got more cherries.
- 15 Went to Bellevue and to Bank and got 20.00. Stopped and paid Josie 2.25 for Willie's work in hay. Sent postals to Sally and Julia. Got letters from Julia, Marion H. Resor, and from Sue with notice of Mrs. Alice Tew Fenton's death—and a notice from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Harry and Mr. Rains and Leomer finished with the alfalfa. It was very pleasant day and cloudy towards evening. Patty had a telegram from Sally.
- 16 Did n't write in this till the 18th. Sent letter to Sue—got one from Frances Grant. Harr ploughed his corn. Got telephone from Lucy and before dinner Lucy and Lewis Johnstone, Ridie Tevis Field and Sue Grigsby, came in the motor from Woodford. It was so cool that at night we slept under blankets, and was a heavenly day for a motor trip. Patty had been packing to go.
- 17 I got letter from Belle R. saying she had a letter from Marion Resor saying she had received the package I sent her for Belle (see 11th). Had the pleasantest time with Woodford friends who left between 2 and 3 P.M. for home. It was another 'ideal' day for motoring. Harry worked at odd jobs.
- 18 Patty started to Aurora to go to Cin. on her way to New York. Harry drove the wagon and stayed to see her on the train, she sent back a note. Cool and pleasant. Got postal from Sally.

- 19 Cool and showered a little towards evening. Harry ploughed some. Got note from Amy and letter from Julia saying I. Julia had come home. Got telegraph from Patty from N.Y. I made soap.
- 20 Warmer and bright. Got letter from Sally sent one to Julia. Flora and I went to Ernest's to call on Mrs. Mildred Buckner—we saw there Mrs. Elsie Buckner and Mrs. Carrie Caruthers. Harry ploughed sand field.
- 21 Sunday. Stanley Clore said he put in the big pasture 2 colts one 3 yr old one 2 yr and that he would put in a driving horse and would keep account of its time. Hot and very dry.
- 22 Sent letters to Mary C. and to Patty—got letters from her and from Julia. Harry worked in the garden. Hotter still. Went to Bellevue after dinner—and to Bank got 10. from Mr. McNeeley.
- 23 Bright hot and dry. Sent Patty note with Bank notice that came for her. Harry said he had to change the milk cows on account of water failing. He dug potatoes for the first time this year, and worked in the garden for me and for himself. Flora came to spend the day in the afternoon. Mrs. Mildred Buckner and her friends came. I got a letter from Lucy J. Very hot day.
- 24 Very hot again, and remains very dry. I made a kettle of soap. Got letters from Patty and one from Ridie Field. Harry worked for himself ½ day in his corn. He fixed up the hog lot—cleaned out springs &c.
- 25 Got telegram from Patty who had returned from York Harbor. Sent letters to Sally and to Julia. Clouded up thundered and began to sprinkle and all went round. Got letter from Julia and from Sally Vaughn. Julia said she had had a spell—could n't speak for ten minutes—called them up on telephone later. Harry worked in his corn. Still very hot.
- 26 Sent letter to Sally and Julia—one came for Patty. Harry worked in his corn most of the day. Towards evening we had a shower with tremendous thunder but not much rain and a beautiful rainbow—perfect one.
- 27 This is the day Patty expects to sail. Lord love her. Sent her the letter that came yesterday to Paris.
- 28 Sunday. Cool and bright. All but Julia went to big meeting at Florence.
- 29 Very cool. Harry hunted calves hogs and ploughed a little in sand field. Got letter from Patty and from Sally at York Harbor Maine. Went to Bellevue to see the sick &c. Cooler at night.
- 30 The day my darling sister Belle left me—for Paradise. Cool and pleasant. I went to Burlington to see poor Hilda, took Julia L. Harry worked—said he finished ploughing the sand field, water getting scarce. He took Dixies calf down to have shipped. Sent letter to Sally—got letter from Julia and receipt for Patty from Foy Paint Co. for \$10.05.

July

- 1 Cloudy and before 7 began to rain and rained off and on during the day. Harry took Dixie to Mr. Kite's at Waterloo. Sent letters to Patty Julia and Mrs. Webb—got postal from Patty on the ship. Cool all day.
- 2 Harry worked on the garden and at the ford at Middle Creek. I got letters from Lucy with account of a party she gave for Sarah Chenault to announce Sarah's engagement to Prof. Garret Davis Buckner—the party was last Friday. Also got letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. Wash. with check for 28.00. I made a kettle of soap—and after dinner went to Ernest's. They all got home Sunday from their trip to see Frances graduate at Vassar and to N.Y. Boston &c. They went to see Sally on Long Island.
- 3 They all stopped on their way by, to Susie Walton's. Got letter from Sally at York Harbor postal from Susie Tew on her way home and from Natl. Bk. Washington with check for 66. and check from Goodrich Co. with check for 22.75. Went to Bellevue and got at P.O. letter from John V. Kisker or rather account of sale of calf and check. The calf weighed 144 lbs and sold for 10 – 14.40. Expenses were 1.52 and he sent a check for the balance 12.88 which I took to Bk. and had cashed. Paid Mr. Dolph 5.00 for putting tires on the wheels of the runabout. At Grant P.O. got note and paper from

Mrs. Buckner. Sent from there note to Bloomingdales asking about parcel Patty sent from there. Harry worked in his corn after dinner ploughing. I rode up on Cherry Hill. Cool and still very dry.

- 4 I think Harry worked ½ day before they went visiting. Hot and dry.
- 5 Sunday. Hot and dry, evening cool.
- 6 Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got letters from Sally, Julia and Frank's clerk Mr. O'Leary with check for \$125. At night got telegram from Sally repeating Patty's cable—she was across and well. Harry went to see about water and in hog lot and tinkered.
- 7 Sent letter to Patty. Still very dry—evening cooler. Harry cut timothy across Middle Creek. I canned blackberries and set out some flowers, and planted cucumbers.
- 8 Did n't write in this till Sunday 12th. Got note from Julia saying that Mr. Foster was very low and later telephone that he died about half past 10. I got ready as soon as I could and went to Aurora and on the B. and O. 4.45 to Cin. telephoned at the Union Station and Polly came in for me. It was hot and dusty beyond words. Harry raked timothy and took me to Aurora.
- 9 Fanny Foster—Laura and Dr. Chandler Robbins came on from Brikleford [?] Pools to the funeral. I stayed at Julia's. It was so intensely hot and dry that people talked of it and the papers were commenting on it. Poor Julia was pitiful—little Julia better but still under the care of Miss Christina Robertson the nurse who came from N.Y. with her.
- 10 Mr. Foster's funeral was at 3 P.M. He was in his 91st year. Mr. Frank Nelson, May's husband officiated. I never saw beautiful Spring Grove look so strange—bare and sere. It was fervently hot and there was thunder but no rain. Julia and little Julia not able to go to the Cemetery. Fanny and the rest came over with John later. Went into town with Polly before noon. Got her to endorse my check from Frank (see 6th) and had it cashed. Left for Cin. to take the 4 P.M. train for Erlanger. Polly went in with me. At Erlanger took a motor for Burlington—went to Hilda's telephoned and Harry came for me.
- 11 The heat in Cin. and the heat and dust on the way to Burlington I can't describe—everything is perishing for rain. Coming home after dusk it seemed cool in comparison. I found 2 letters from Sally—1 from Sue, a note from Julia—letter from Bloomingdales about lost package—a letter for Patty and a book from Mrs. Buckner. Sally said Martha had been sick ever since they got to Chicago on their way to York Harbor.
- 12 Sunday. Like a fiery furnace—lounged about all day—saw a balloon.
- 13 Sign of rain at sunup. Sent letter to Patty with the one that came for her—postal to Sally one to Julia—to Bloomingdales, paper to Belle R. Got letter from Patty on the other side and from Sally with kodaks of the place at York Harbor. After 3 P.M. we had a wonderful fine rain—that fell heavily slacked and fell again—with thunder and it was raining when I went to bed after 9. This rain saves much that was perishing.
- 14 Called up central and she says she thinks the rain was general through the county. The ground is well soaked thank Heaven. Went to Bellevue—got at Bk. 12. and let Virgie have 2.00. A book came from Patty from Miss Christie. It was warm but did n't rain. Harry cut weeds &c. Heard katy-dids for the first time this summer.
- 15 Sent letters to Sally and Sue and note to Sally Resor with photograph. Got note from Julia saying they had a fine rain. Had a sprinkle about 4 and Grace said it rained hard over on Gunpowder where she was. Harry cut weeds and got some plums off cherry hill and I made jam. Still hot. Letter from Sally.
- 16 Sent letters to Belle R. and Mary C. Hot—between 3 and 4 another hard rain with thunder. Harry cut weeds and Hubert began after dinner. There was hail with the rain, and it was a washing one.
- 17 Sent letters to Julia and Lucy J. Got 2 letters from Patty from Hamburg. Canned black berries and made jam. Harry cut weeds. Hot. Little Julia called me up.

- 18 Cooler early. Sent letters to Patty and Sally and note and book to Mrs. Buckner. Got letters from Belle R. and Bloomingdales. Turned hot—canned blackberries—had the first muskmelon. Harry got corn crushed.
Settlement with Harry.
Harry said that since our settlement May 23^d he had worked 43½ days - \$32.63—he had received 6.00 leaving me owing him \$26.32 and I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for that amount in full to date.
- 19 Sunday—never forget. Lord love their souls. Cooler and a radiant summer day.
- 20 Turned hotter. Harry worked in the garden and planted more sweet corn—got a note from Julia—sewed some.
- 21 Hot day—sent postal to Sally and note to Julia—got letters from Sue and Mary C. Harry worked ½ for me—then in his garden. I canned black berries.
- 22 Another hot day. Sent letter to Patty—got letters from Sally and Julia. Harry cut alfalfa.
- 23 Hot as pepper again. Sent letter to Sue. Got one from Patty at Marienbad. Harry worked in alfalfa. Had an ear of corn for dinner.
- 24 Went to Bellevue to Bk. got 10. and left my book to be balanced. Went to see Mrs. Maurer, and stopped at Flora's to buy eggs. Got note from Mr. O'Leary inclosing Frank's check for 9.95 in it. Very hot. Flave's boys, Jesse and Hubert helped in the alfalfa.
- 25 Very hot again. Sent letter to Patty, got one from Sally and Julia. Flave's boys worked ½ day in alfalfa and got in what was cut Harry said—he also said we had the last of the ice to-day.
- 26 Sunday—rained a shower last night. I did n't hear it, but it had been cloudy and plenty of thunder and lightning before night. To-day rained hard with much thunder and some wind. Very hot.
- 27 Threatened but did n't rain. Very hot but evening was cooler. Stanley Clore brought Pepper Smith's horse to put in the big pasture. Harry fixed the wire fence where the tree fell on it and brought away the old barb wire Joe left in the pasture &c. Flave came and cut weeds. Got a letter from Patty. Moonflowers are blooming.
- 28 Leeomer came to cut weeds and I sent him to Al's to get a brier scythe and swath, and told him to begin on fence rows. Harry went to see about the steers and cut weeds with machine—mowed the yard with it. Sent letter to Patty and to Julia—got one from Julia. It turned much cooler towards evening.
- 29 Harry turned out Blanche's heifer calf to wean. Virgie took Fanny down and Mr. Dolph shod her. Sent letter to Sally. Flave and Leeomer both worked I think. Harry too.
- 30 I went to Burlington intending to pay my taxes but did n't when I found they were 170.04. I got 30. of Mr. Revill and took back and dep. 25 of it, also \$120. that I took up there. Hilda was at the bank and I saw Mr. Revill pay her 49.95 int. that came from Jacksonville, Ill. he said. Miss Mary Furlong was with her and talked to me about Hilda's business that she is not capable of attending to. Harry worked—said Flave did not but he thought Leeomer did. It was a cool lovely day. War declared in Europe from 28th July to Aug. 4—1914.
- 31 Cool pleasant morning. Went to Bellevue in spring wagon. Went to Bk. and got \$15.00 at Al Rogers' got a 20 rod roll of woven wire fence 26 in. and paid for it and for the scythe &c. Leeomer got. Had letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Sally Woolley at Narragansett Pier. After dinner Jesse helped Harry put wire on the fence next to alfalfa.

August

- 1 It is 19 years to-day since Tilden died. I trust he has passed them in perfect peace. Sent letters to Patty and Sally W. Got postal from Lucy J. and Virgie got a note from Martha. Harry worked at the old fence. It turned warmer. Harry got the first watermelon out of the garden. The little wrens on the gallery went away.

- 2 Sunday. Harry and family and Virgie went to Burlington to church. After dinner I went to Ernest's to see Mrs. Keys and the rest. They are working on the pike from Ernest's gate he said. It was hot in the middle of the day.
- 3 Went to see about Leeomer's brier cutting. Harry worked in the garden and took the spring wagon to Mr. Dolph. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her and one from Bloomingdales.
- 4 Sent this in a note to Amy C. Got letter from Sue. Rode over in big pasture to see about work &c. did n't write in this till 7th from neglect. Think Leeomer quit cutting bushes to-day. Harry worked.
- 5 Went to Bellevue got 15. at bank. Got letters and picture postals from Patty letters dated the 23d July. Went to see Mrs. Maurer. Sent letters to Julia and Polly don't remember what day. Mr. Rains cutting weeds back of the house. Harry cutting in the garden. Mr. Rains worked 1 day.
- 6 Flave sent his Tom down for his money 4.50 and I gave it to him. Mammy and Susan went to R. Sun visiting. Got 2 letters from Amy C. and from Julia. At night little Julia telephoned. Mr. Rains worked ½ day Jesse hauled off first load of watermelons.
- 7 Sent letters to Sally and Amy C. Got picture postal from Patty at Marienbad July 25. Amy Campbell called up and said she was coming down next Monday. Hot rained a nice shower about 9 A.M. Mr. Rains began to cut weeds and quit. Gave Harry check for 6.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue. Harry worked ½ day—brought the spring wagon back.
- 8 All but mammy and me went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. Sent letter to Sue. Got letters from Sally saying that Mr. Parish cabled he was in London and would sail for home as soon as possible. The package from Bloomingdales came by post Amy had hunted it up in Cin. Mr. Lee Gaines telephoned for Jesse about melons. Hot and looked like rain.
- 9 Sunday. Raining gently. Julia says it showered in the night. Warm.
- 10 Sent letter to Sally and I think Julia. There were showers but it cleared off. A letter came from Bloomindale from Sally Vaughn and from Julia. After dinner Amy Campbell came down in her motor—brought Mrs. Alida Kelsey Babcock a friend from Chicago. They stayed all night—it was a lovely evening. Jesse took another load of melons. Curtis Kelly put a horse in pasture.
- 11 Poured down most of the day. Towards 4 P.M. Amy and Mrs. Babcock left. Later little Julia telephoned they expected to come down Saturday. My little electric light came that Polly had mended for me. Mr. Kelly sent me a barrel of flour.
- 12 Clear and not quite so hot as it has been. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got one from Sally Sue and Polly Foster. Sally said they heard by cable that Mr. Parish was coming home alone via Montreal. Harry went to see about calves—tinkered up the old mowing machine &c. I put up a little soup stuff and okra.
- 13 Sent letters to Sue and Polly and I think Sally. Can't remember anything worth mentioning.
- 14 My darling Patsy's birthday. I wish I knew where she is and hope she is not worrying. Susie Tew telephoned from Cin. and came down via Aurora and Harry brought her from there. Mrs. Rice's daughters Emma Singer and Aggy Spacey came and spent the day with me. Ernest and Lily came later. I paid Ernest 2.00 for my sub. to Post and gave him a check for 25.00 on the Cit. Dep. Bk. for half my subscription to the pike from his gate to Aurora, the check was made to Riley and Grant, Secretaries. Beautiful day.
- 15 Got ready for company. Sent letter to Sally. Got Ins. Ass. for 2.00. After dinner my company from Clifton came. Julia and Polly Foster, Miss Robertson, and Mr. Lawson Reed. We motored down to the river. After supper they all started home. It was a perfect summer day.
- 16 Sunday. Pleasant bright day. After dinner Miss Collins of Covington Susie Tew's friend came down in a motor with her sister and Mrs. Bell and young man whose name I did n't catch and took Susie back with her. Harry went to R. Sun and brought his family back—they had been there during centennial week and Susan said Cleo was very sick Tuesday night.

- 17 They day my beloved mother went to her home in Paradise—remembered always. Sent letter to Patty to Paris. Got letters from Sally, Martha, Julia, Amy and Mrs. Alida Kelsey (Guilford Carlisle) Babcock. Went to Bellevue got there too late for Bank and got Mr. Walrath to cash a check for 10.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Went to see how Mrs. Maurer and Will Grant were. Canned some of the peaches Julia sent me Sat. Harry worked.
- 18 Got postal from Susie T. Harry went to see about calves, worked in the garden—helped Jesse off with his 4th load of melons &c. I canned pears and made jelly. Turned hotter.
- 19 Jesse Loudon came and divided the watermelon money—my share was 51.25. Harry went to Mr. Bee Walton's and got 15 bus. rye at .80 per. bus. Got telegram from Sally at Bar Harbor. Patty and Susie in Berlin with Ambassador Gerard, am writing—thank God. Sent letter to Julia and postals to Sue and Susie, got letter from Sally and invitation from Mrs. Walter Damrosch to her daughter Alice Blaine's wedding to Mr. Hall Pleasants Pennington Sep. 5th. Went to Bellevue and to see Will Grant, Mrs. Maurer and Lou West Fowler. Lily stopped by with Mrs. Keys while I was gone. I canned pears and soup stuff. Very hot.
- 20 Very hot and sprinkled several times. Sent letter that came for Susie T. and postal to Sally. Canned pears. Harry had to fix fence for hogs again. Heard that Minnie Kelly got home last night. The paper said that Pope Pius 10th is dead.
- 21 Started to Burlington—it poured down on the way up the hill—stopped at Mr. B. Walton's—paid him 12.00 for 15 bus. rye (see 19th), turned round and came home. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Susie T. 2 from Julia and one from Mrs. Caroline B. P. Carothers, Newport. Harry took Dixie to Waterloo, and went to Mr. Bowze Kelly's and got peaches.
- 22 Sent letter to Julia—got letter from Sally and photograph from Mrs. Babcock. Grace went to the fair. Harry went too. I put up peaches. Cooler at night.
- 23 Sunday. Very hot day. Minnie Kelly stopped by to see me. Virgie went with Susan over the river to big meeting.
- 24 My dear father's birthday—may he be in bliss. Sent regrets to Mrs. Damrosch and note to Mrs. Babcock. Got letter from Julia. Still hot. It rained hard before noon and off and on. Harry tinkered round fixed barn &c.
- 25 Julia Loving had a bad spell with her heart last night. Rained during the night and still raining. Sent letter to Sally. Don't know what Harry did.
- 26 Sent letter to Sue—got one from Patty written at Marienbad July 28—one from Julia and from Susie T. Went to Bellevue to see the sick. Susan got home from her trip to her Uncle Rube's—said the rain made Gunpowder too high to cross. Harry cut the yard &c. with machine.
- 27 Went to Burlington to see Hilda—took Julia Loving. Paid to Emma Brown 2.00 for Ins. Ass. (see 15th). Sent postal to Sally—got two letter[s] from Sally—she said Frank had a cable from Patty saying she and Mrs. Parish were at the Hague and well—thank God. Harry was cleaning out the wine cellar.
- 28 Rained hard last night and poured down to-day. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got one from Julia. Did n't write in this till Monday.
- 29 Harry took some corn to be ground for chickens. Think it rained in the morning. After dinner I went to Bellevue to the funeral of little Loretta Maurer who was buried in the Cemetery. Think Harry cut weeds—it has rained most of this week hard. Sent postal to Sue.
- 30 Sunday—gay day for the colored circle. Harry had a big dinner—did n't rain.
- 31 Cloudy and looked like rain and sprinkled. Harry went to see about the calves and dug my garden potatoes—scant 2 bus. very poor. Got 3 letters from Sally one from Julia one from Fanny G. in Berlin and a letter for Patty. Sally wrote they had heard from Patty by cable. She and Susie P. were in London, well, and expected to sail Sep. 1st on the Lapland from Southampton—very thankful.

September

- 1 Warm and cloudy. Sent letters to Lucy J. to Julia, Susie T. and Amy Campbell, and postals to Sally and Sue. Got letters from Mrs. Ballard and Lizzie H. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Becky Maurer. Will Grant very low. Cleared off—perfect night. Harry dug his own potatoes. Julia Foster telephoned me.
- 2 Sent letters to Mrs. Ballard and Lizzie Hodges. Went to Ernest's after dinner. Harry went to Cincinnati with Mr. Walrath. Was hot in the morning and turned cool—and was clear.
- 3 Clear and cool. Sent letters to Isabella, Julia and Mrs. Carothers. Got letter from Lucy J, telling me that Sally's girls and little Joe had received Mary Illiopolis farm, returned by the Deys—also note from little Julia with a copy of the Dream of Gerontius. Harry helped Jesse and another load of melons up the hill and then cut alfalfa. Grace went to Aurora.
- 4 Clear and cooler Put up pear pickles. Sent letter to Mary C. got one from Julia. Harry cut alfalfa. To-day paper says the new Pope is Benedictus XV formerly Cardinal Della Chiese. This is Martha's birthday—she is 8.
- 5 Got 3 postals from Patty from Marienbad 1 letter from The Hague and one from London postmarked Aug. 28th 1 postal was written July 28. Put up pear pickles. Went to Bellevue and got my bank Book—went to see Becky Maurer and to ask after Will Grant. Got letter from Sue. Harry cut and raked alfalfa. Cool and bright.
- 6 Sunday. Jesse divided watermelon money my part was 26.26. It began to rain before 7 A.M. not very hard nor very long. After dinner went to the funeral of Mrs. Bob Green (Lou Rogers). She was buried in the new Cemetery, services at the Baptist Church.
- 7 Labor Day—no mail. Looked like rain and even misted a little—cleared off. Harry cut the earliest corn in the garden after helping Jesse up the hill with a load of melons, and then worked in alfalfa. Amy telephoned and she and Miss Shaw came down and stayed a while. It was a lovely cool day.
- 8 Strange day—cloudy and very cool—looked like rain and even sprinkled a little but did n't rain. Harry worked in alfalfa—before noon. Oakley and little Jesse helped, after noon in addition Jesse and his team and Hubert and Richard—they only got in 4 loads. Sent letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and postal to Mr. Spaeth about stove—got letters from Sally, Julia, and Lizzie Hodges. Heard that Mr. Will Grant died this morning.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Her children arise up and call her blessed. Very cool day. Harry worked getting in alfalfa. Jesse and his team, Oakley, little Jess. Richard and Hubert helped and finished by dinner time. Then Harry fixed the fence and looked for the listed sow. Jesse was cutting tobacco. Ernest and Lily came by and left Frances with me. Got a telegram from Patty. Safe, well, in N.Y. Sally and Isabella met her and she was going to York Harbor. Got letter from Sally inclosing one from Patty—sent one to Belle R.
- 10 My darling sister's birthday—in eternal peace. Clear and cool. Harry found my listed sow in the woods with 9 pigs—he worked. I sent a postal to Julia and got letter from her. Frances and I went to the funeral of Mr. Will Grant—he was buried from the Christian Church in the New Cemetery. He was an Ex-Confederate—belonged to 4 Orders and was buried with the ceremonies of all—Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Rebekahs—all the frills. Turned cloudy and cooler 46° at sunup.
- 11 Rained last night and raining. Cleared off later.

- 17 Sent letter to Patty. Turned warm
- 18 Finished making quince marmalade pickles &c. Warm day—got letter from Julia. Harry tinkered around and began to lay a stone wall in a wash by the spring.
- 19 Sent letter to Julia, got one from Patty. Harry went to Petersburg helping to move Elmer Jarrel and Julia. Very warm again.
- 20 Sunday. Mr. Keys and Lucy and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the latter's mother Mrs. and her two sons stopped by on their way to Ernest's. Beautiful warm day

- 21 Harry took the runabout to Mr. Dolph to have the spring mended, and fixed fence round the hog lot. Sent letter to Sally got one from Julia. Went to see Jesse's tobacco and corn over by Will A's. Really hot flowers lovely.
- 22 Sent letter to Sally—got 2 from Patty and one from Sarah Chenault. Went to Bellevue to Bk. and endorsed Julia Loving's check for 50. and got the cash for her. Harry worked at building on the rock wall by the spring. Hot and looked like rain.
- 23 Julia Loving went to Aurora and on her way to New York. Harry took her to the train. It rained nearly all day and was right cold. Sent letter to Sally and card to Patty.
- 24 Clear and not so cold. Sent letter to Sally Julia and card to Sue—got letter from Sally. Had the matting in Hilda's old room taken up and the room cleaned. Harry worked at the rock wall by the spring.
- 25 Harry took Blanche away to Rogers' animal. He worked on the rock wall. I sent Julia Loving's letter that came yesterday. We put down the carpet &c. in Hilda's room. It has been cool all day 48° at 9.30 P.M. Got two letters from Patty written at Marienbad the last of July and Aug. 2nd.
- 26 44° at 6 A.M. Sent letter to Sue—got a postal from Patty at Henderson. Went to Rising Sun by the pike via Waterloo—a dreadful even dangerous road—of course the ferry boat did n't run—and I had to come back by the river road from Rabbithash bad and even dangerous too. Saw Dode Pope on the way and he promised to come and work next week. Harry drove—the river was low and it was cool and bright. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the check from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. for 28.00 (see July 2nd) and Frank's for 9.92 (see July 24th). At Gibson's paid him 6.50 for the mowing machine which Harry got June 8th and bought harness for the road wagon—without lines or collars gave 29.75 and 1.00 for a whip. On the way home got at Al Rogers's 3 sacks of cement on credit. Met Mr. Pepper Smith—he said his horse had been on pasture 33 days. I charged him for a month's pasture and he paid me 1.50 in full.
- 27 Sunday. Jesse came and gave me the last of the watermelon money 9.32. All went away. The colored portion to Florence to church.
- 28 Harry worked. Did n't write in this till Wed. night. Sent letter to Sarah Chenault and I think to Sally. Went up to Ernest's and Lily came home with me and stayed.
- 29 Lily and I went on an expedition. We went via Burlington, Hopeful Church Union &c. to the farm of the late J. L. Huey to a sale. It was a beautiful day—the sale did n't amount to anything and we only stayed a little while and came home via Grange Hall, Gunpowder Burlington. Stopped a minute to see Hilda and got home by sundown. Lily stayed with me. Harry worked fixing the bank by the fence he made to keep hogs off the bank. Very cool night and morning.
- 30 Ernest came after Lily—got letter from Patty at Henderson. Harry finished working at the bank fence. I got some of the Keifer Pears. Not so cool at night.

October

- 1 Canned a few tomatoes. Put the onions in the garret. Went after dinner to Mr. Ed Berkshire's after vinegar, no one at home. Stopped at Jenny Berkshire's and B. Walton's. Pretty day. Harry cut some corn in the garden and in his corn. Jesse was housing tobacco. Sent Julia Loving a letter that came for her yesterday.
- 2 Harry and Jesse cut corn this morning over in Jesse's field next Will Arnold's. Harry said he was going to haul wood afterwards. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got postal from Patty at Henderson. Cool early and late. Sent Virgie for vinegar. Got call from Harriet saying she was coming to-morrow.
- 3 Turned much warmer. Harry and Jesse cut corn till noon. Harry said Ella my little Phipps cow has twin b. calves. A letter came from Julia for me—and a check from National Bk Wash. for 66. and from Frank, B. F. Goodrich Co. check for 22.75. Amy and Harriet came to spend the day—they left

about 5.30 and after that there was a beautiful rainbow without a drop of rain visible, and a gorgeous flame in the western sky. Grace was gone. Virgie went to Burlington.

- 4 Sunday. Warm pleasant day, partly cloudy. Went to see the cute little twin calves.
- 5 Warm and pleasant. Sent letter to mammy that came Sat. and letter to Sally and to Century Co. N.Y. check for 4.00 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. to pay sub. for the year from Nov. Got letters from Patty and Sally L. Island a postal Aug 3^d and letter Aug. 7 from Patty at Marienbad, also letter from Julia. Harry and Jesse cut corn till noon the I think Harry hauled some. Went to Bellevue—took chair to Mr. Maurer's to be repaired—paid Al for cement (see Sep. 26th) and paid Mr. Dolph to date. The moonflowers white and blue have been very beautiful and plentiful since it is warmer.
- 6 Warm as summer—perfectly lovely. Susan sold 4 roosters of which my share was 1.42. Sent letters to Belle R. and Lucy J. Harry and Jesse cut corn till noon, then Jesse began to sow rye in the tobacco ground and Harry disked it.
- 7 Warm again—like summer—between 2 and 3 P.M. there was a light shower. Got letters from Sally, Sue, and Mary C. Harry and Jesse cut corn and put in rye. I had the dining room carpet taken up the room cleaned and the old carpet put down.
- 8 Hot as summer—slight showers. Sent a letter to Patty—got one from her. Fixed up the dining room &c. Harry and Jesse finished cutting Jess's corn by Will's and put in more rye after dinner.
- 9 Jesse brought me my share of the last watermelon money 2.00. He and Harry finished shocking Harry's corn and worked at putting in rye after dinner. Harry said Jesse finished sowing the ground but he is not done disking. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Julia Loving wrote to Patty and to the children. Later got telegram from Sally. It was warm cloudy and sprinkled. Got pamphlets about Belgium from Julia.
- 10 Cloudy and at 8 rained. Sent letter to Sally with check from Goodrich Co. for 22.75 (see July 3^d) to pay for Sarah's wedding present. Got letter from Lucy J. saying Sarah is to be married the 29th. Got note from Julia. Gave Jesse Loudon a check for \$10.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Harry said he finished disking in the rye. He went to Rising Sun later.
- 11 Sunday—beautiful bright day. Stayed at home. Heard that George Walton is dead.
- 12 Dode Pope came and put the concrete floor in the chicken house, Harry helped him. Bright and cooler. Sent a letter to Sally inclosing Lucy J's. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 13 Dode Pope came but it rained so he could not do the outside work—he worked in the shop making a cistern top and when it quit raining put it on fixed some gates and sundry little jobs. Harry worked—after noon hauled some wood. Got invitations to Sarah Chenault's wedding the 29th and a letter for Patty from Baltimore. Let Susan have a jar of lard that weighed 24 pounds lard is 16 cents.
- 14 Had my hogs got up. Turned out the listed sow and her nine (9) pigs. Had put in the fattening lot 7 shoats 5 of them barrows. Kept out 2 listed sow shoats for brood sows. Sold Harry the bob tailed black sow for \$15—to be paid, and made him a present of the white spotted shoat. Sent Sally letter inclosing Patty's. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Belle R. It rained, steadily most of the day—sometimes hard. Jesse began to grub the new fence row but it rained too hard for work. I canned a few Kiefer pears.
- 15 Did n't write in this till Sat. It poured down all day—a chilly rain. Think I sent Patty a letter.
- 16 Went to Bellevue—got 10. from Bk. Went to see Mrs. Maurer. Stopped at Will Arnold's and paid him for cement. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia and check for 10. from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. It was cool after the heavy rain. Picked my peppers and started to make pickles. Harry shucked some corn and worried with hogs and cleaned carpet to put away.
- 17 Rained hard last night, chilly, and rained off and on. Harry worked in the morning and took Susan and the rest to her uncle's. Jesse hauled me ½ load of corn. I had a fire in the dining room the first this fall. I made pepper mangoes.
- 18 Sunday—chilly and rained at times. Susan brought home a spotted sow pig.

- 19 Went to Burlington to see Hilda. Her mental condition seems to get worse all the time. Went to see Mr. Will Kirkpatrick about my steer. He came down later to see them and I sold him my 2 white faced steers for 7 cts.—to be delivered next month and weighed at Mrs. Eliza Walton's. Got letter from Julia—receipt from Century Mag. (see 5th) and notice from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. with proxy to sign. Harry dug sweet potatoes and went to see about cattle &c. The grass is fine and as green as spring.
- 20 Think Harry dug his potatoes. I canned and made pickles. Warm and pleasant. Sent letter to Julia.
- 21 Bright and warm. Harry worked—after dinner drove Patty's colt—said he would get Jesse to help him with the colt. I got 2 letters from Patty—she said she and Sally expected to be here Friday. Got letter and paper from Fanny G. Went to Bellevue and saw Spinny Smith and told him about meeting Patty and Sally. Gave Mr. Walrath a check for 5.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. and he gave me the money.
- 22 Another beautiful warm day. Got letter from Julia. Went up to Mr. Tom Roberts's and got a bushel of apples. Later sent Harry up with the wagon and got 2 barrels in all 3.00. Jesse went with Harry and they drove Minor and they got apples too. Harry said he was shucking corn this morning. I made some cucumber pickles.
- 23 Perfectly beautiful day—got ready for the children. Later went down to the river to meet them. Harry drove the spring wagon. Patty and Sally came down on the motor boat with Spinny Smith from Aurora. The river and sky were dreams—and they had a pleasant trip down.
- 24 Another beautiful day but about four the wind blew hard and it turned cooler. Harry worked at something. Ernest, Frances and Miss Mary Roberts came for a little while. I sent to the Title and Trust Co. St. Paul the proxy (see 19th) signed by Sally also letter to Julia and note to Lucy J.
- 25 Sunday—another pretty day—cooler.
- 26 Harry hauled his coal from Al Rogers. Mr. Walrath has n't any. I went to Bk. after dinner and got \$20. It rained a very little blew and turned colder. Got letters from Sue and Lizzie Hodges, and from Mrs. Robinson her new pretty book. Hard frost and ice on pans. 30° at sunup.
- 27 Did n't write in this again till Nov. 4th. After dinner Sally and I went in Harry Ryle's Ford to Erlanger and took the 4.33 train for Lexington. Lewis J. met us at the Lex. station with his machine and took us to Sumner's Forest. It was a frosty bright night and we had an easy pleasant trip.
- 28 They took us up to Sally's to see them all and the presents house &c. Later we went to call on May W. Van Meter and Mrs. Railey and back to Lucy's.
- 29 We went up to Sally's to the wedding—Sarah Chenault was married to Davis C. Buckner by Dean Massie in the Episcopal church—'Cathedral' with all the frills—flowers, music, pretty girls ushers &c. Sarah was in a beautiful dress and looked as happy as a bird. We liked the bridegroom's looks—the wedding was gay—the bridal pair went off to New York—and after the reception was over we went back to Sumner's Forest.
- 30 We got up early and they took Sally and me to the train. It left Lex. At 7.25 and we got to Erlanger about 9.33 and Mr. Ryle's machine was waiting and we got home by 11 A.M. The weather was lovely all the time we were gone and we had a fine trip.
- 31 Amy and Harriet came down—before dinner to stay all night. Weather perfect. Some time this week I sent to Frank a letter from St. Paul Title and Trust about my certificate that is lost—also letter to Julia.

November

- 1 Sunday. Mrs. Becky Maurer was buried to-day. I went to the house to tell Mr. Maurer why I could n't go to the funeral. About 5 P.M. Amy and Harriet went home and Sally went with them to Harriet's and started for New York at 9 P.M. A beautiful day and night.
- 2 Fine weather continues—got letter from Amy to-day or Tuesday. Harry worked—was disking in rye I think. Will Snelling put a horse on pasture.

- 3 Harry still working at rye I think. Beautiful weather still.
- 4 Went to Bellevue and to Bank and I got 5.00. Went to Al Rogers and paid him 17.16 for 127 bus. of coal that Harry hauled last week. Got telegram from Sally that she got home safe and had a good trip &c. Went to Burlington after dinner and to Bank—drew out 175.00. Went to the Court House and paid my taxes to Mr. Cropper 170.04 and got receipt. Went to Hilda's to see her.
Settlement with Harry.
Since our last Sep. 12th Harry said he worked 39 days = 29.25. For cutting 30 shocks of corn at 7 cts. I owed him 2.10 total 31.35. He had received 9.00 this includes 3.50 I have yet to pay Davis for a pair of rubber boots. This leaves me owing him 22.35 and I gave him a check for that amount on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue. This settlement does not include lard see Oct. 13th or the sow I sold him see Oct. 14th. This settlement is from Oct. 31st.
- 5 Rather cooler and bright. Harry hauled wood for me and after dinner for himself. Jesse was gathering the 7th load of corn from over by Will's at noon. Sent letter to Sally. Went to Ernest's to find out about cattle. He called up Mr. Kirkpatrick who said he did n't want to take them till the 16th.
- 6 Another beautiful day. Harry shucked and sorted corn and gathered some for himself. I got note from Frank about certificate. I canned and made wild crab jelly.
- 7 Harry hauled some briers and put them in gullies in the pasture on the mud road. He did n't work after dinner went to R. Sun. I sent by him 3.50 to Davis and got the receipt for the boots (see 4th). Sent letter to Sue to Akron—got note from her in Jamestown and letter from Sally. It was windy and towards evening sprinkled.
- 8 Sunday—rained most of the day. The colored ones all went to Burlington to the funeral of Minny's Cora. Harry saw Hilda. It turned cooler after the rain.
- 9 36° at sunup. Did write in this till 11th. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia.
- 10 Sent letter to Julia. Harry shucked corn. Bright and rather warmer.
- 11 The same. Went to Bellevue—got Bank Bk. Got 5.00 at Bank. Sent letter to Lucy J. Got letter from Sally and one from Frank Cutcheon with check for 34. from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Harry gathered corn.
- 12 Still warm and spring like—walked around to see about hogs work &c. Harry shucking corn. Got letter from Julia and Mary C. in Cal.
- 13 Another mild pretty day. Harry went on a hunt for a stock hog—did n't find any and went to see about cattle. Sent letter to Sally.
- 14 Another warm day. Harry shucked corn. Patty and I went to Ernest's after dinner—no one at home. Amy telephoned she and Harriet were coming down to-morrow.
- 15 Sunday. Went to Bellevue and took Grace to the baptizing. Rev. Baker baptized 18 among them Grace's beau Oakley Lambert, in the river. It was raining in the morning and rained off and on not hard. Amy and Harriet came down and spent the day. They started home at 5 P.M. and it rained after that blew hard and turned colder.
- 16 Bright and colder. Willie Huey came to see about Mr. Kirkpatrick and the steers, wanting to sell his black steer on my pasture. Harry said he finished shucking his corn by noon and hauled briers afterwards. Got letter from Sue about coming. Sent letter to Susie Tew. Some flakes of snow fell.
- 17 24° at sunup, and bright. Mr. Leslie Sullivan came to settle for horse pasture gave me a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 6.00. Sent letter to Sally inclosing check from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. for 10.00 for Belgians. See Oct. 16th. Harry put briers in gullies and went to Charlie Kelly's after apples with Patty. Sally sent me my spats.
- 18 Clear and cold. Harry said he sorted corn. Sent Julia letter. Got telephone from Mr. Kirkpatrick about steers.
- 19 Clear and colder—after sundown 20°. Isaac Sanders came. Mr. and Mrs. Keys and a Miss Nan Richardson ? stopped on their way to Ernest's by motor. I went to Bellevue and got Mr. Sullivan's

check cashed (see 17th). Harry worked at something. Patty got a letter from Frances McCoy telling of her engagement to Bancroft Hill of Baltimore.

- 20 14° at sunup and cold and windy. Got letter from Julia. Harry hauled briers. Moved canned fruit into the cellar.
- 21 Not quite so cold. Harry worked ½ day and went hunting. Got postal from Sally. Patty's boxes came.
- 22 Sunday. Milder. Harry got out of the pasture my two steers part Hereford and and Willy Huey's black one.
- 23 16° at sunup—bright day. Sent letters to Cousin Frankie and Sally—got cards for reception days of Sophie Herrick and her daughter Mrs. Fox. N.Y. Willy Huey came and he and Harry took the steers up to Mrs. Eliza Walton's Mr. Kirkpatrick (W. L.) received my two—they weighed 2130 lbs. and at 7 cts came to \$149.10 and he sent me a check for that amount on People's Dep. Bk. Burlington. Ernest took up mine of his and stopped on his way back. Patty and Harry were about to go to Aurora to meet Sue when she telephoned that she was at Bellevue and they went there after her and she came out. Harry fixed boxes and packed jam and canned fruit for Isabella.
- 24 Patty went to Aurora—in the spring wagon. Harry drove—took 5 boxes of jam and fruit for Isabella. I gave Patty the check from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. for 34. (see 11th) and she got it cashed for me. She settled with Mr. Spaeth Aurora for the chicken house eaves trough (see May 27) and for the repairs for the stove. It was a lovely mild day. Patty got Sue's trunk that went astray.
- 25 Sue and I went to Burlington, went to Bank and gave Mr. Revill my check from Mr. W. L. Kirkpatrick for 149.10 (see 23d) for deposit. Went to Hilda's and dined—poor Hilda worse than ever. It was like spring—and very misty. Harry worked. I got post card from Mrs. Weindel.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day—mild and bright with mist all round and a big circle round the moon. Patty took Virgie to Rabbit Hash—said she saw wild ducks flying south. Harry was on the hunt of a stock hog. Had crêpe myrtles watered.
- 27 Very mild and still smoky from forest fires. Went to Bellevue. Sent letters to Julia and Mary C. Virgie came home. Harry worked.
- 28 Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Harry went and got Frank Walton's stock hog—a Black one looks young. I went (after dinner[]) to Hugh's to see Mrs. Lizzie Weindel and Anna. It was warm and pleasant and smoky.
- 29 Sunday—rained last night and this morning gently—just like spring.
- 30 Rained some and very smoky all the time. Harry worked sorting corn &c. Sent letter to Belle R. Got letters from Sally Julia and Mrs. F. Delle Botts.

December

- 1 Cloudy and very smoky and foggy. Sent note to Delle Botts. Some records came from Sally. Mr. Dudley Blythe came for Mr. E. E. Kelly and got the twin calves (see Oct. 3d). No cattle can be shipped to Cin. on account of the quarantine and it is the best I can do with them.
- 2 Another foggy smoky mild day. Mr. Boone Rogers dep. Assessor came and took my list. Got letters from Lucy J. and Julia and freight bill from the B. and O. Agt. S. J. Hunter Aurora. Went to see the Moodys. John M. sick.
- 3 Sent to B. and O. Agt. S. J. Hunter Aurora a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 6.27 to pay freight on the boxes of jam &c. I sent to Isabella see Nov. 24. Mr. Tom Roberts came down and worked on a book case Patty wants made. It was rainy foggy and smoky but not cold. Harry worked. Rained at night.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. Wrote and sent her a letter. Harry worked—sorted corn. Grace and Susan went to Cin. via Erlanger and came back—it rained some and was colder.

- 5 Rained last night, dark and drizzling off an on and at night. Harry worked. My young sow the one with the broadest list [?]. Sent letter to Julia. Patty got letter from Sally saying Frank had shipped the Ford.
- 6 Sunday. Another rainy dark chilly day. Ernest and Lily dined with us.
- 7 Rainy and dark and chilly—we have had a week of such weather. Harry worked—he boxed Julia Loving's canned fruit and took it to Bellevue to ship.
- 8 Flora Arnold and I went to see Johnny Moody who was very low—soon after I got home I telephoned to Dr. George Smith by request of Miss Laura, and later heard by telephone that he died—may he rest in peace, that seems now the best wish for quick and dead.
- 8 Another very disagreeable day—dark and drizzling off and on and chilly. Harry went to help Fred Archer kill hogs. Mr. Kelly sent me the money for the calves. Mr. Blythe said one weighed 105 lbs the other 90 and at 7 cts. they came to 13.65—he charged 2.00 for expenses and gave me the balance 11.65. Mr. Tom Roberts was here for a while about the book case. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 Snowed a little last night a little white on roofs, and a little snow flying sometimes—gloomy and chilly. Got letter from Sally—sent her postal. Harry cleaned out the carriage house.
- 10 Cloudy chilly day. Went to the funeral of John Moody—at the Baptist Church Bellevue. Rev. Baker officiating—he was buried in the new cemetery. Harry drove and worked.
- 11 Snowed last night and snowing hard this morning. Sent Harry to bring the 2 heifer calves out of the big pasture. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from her saying that Eloise was married to Signor Guiseppe Fiamingo of Rome. It snowed till after noon. Harry said he would pay half the barrel of salt I got to-day.
- 12 Rather mild and a gleam or so of sunshine. The Ford motor that Sally sent Patty was brought down by Amy's chauffeur Bryan from Cin. Patty went up in it to Burlington to get her motor license signed by Mr. Revill. Harry worked helping about the motor &c.
- 13 Sunday. 34° at 9.30. Has snowed hard since before sunup, snowed all day. Harry took Amy's chauffeur Bryan to the river to go up on Spinny's boat.
- 14 12° above 0 at sunup—a fraction below 0 at 10 P.M. Snow between 3 and 4 inches on the ground and bright. We killed hogs. Harry, Jesse, Joe and Willy S. and George Roseberry worked for me. Of my 7 fat hogs I had 5 killed for myself four of them barrows. Harry killed his two. I let Joe West have two, 1 weighed 273 lbs and the other 244 lbs total 517 lbs. Harry turned the stock hog out with my sows it was so cold. We let out what water would run out of the tank. Sent letters to Sally and Julia, got a note from Julia. To-day's papers said the top of the hog market was 7 cts. Harry ran the furnace to-day.
- 15 4° below 0 at sunup—clear. It was so cold they cut the meat up in the house cellar where the furnace was going. Joe West cut it—he and Willie and Jesse helped Harry. Patty and I went to Bellevue. Salted meat.
- 16 6° above 0 at sunup—bright. Sent letter to Julia. Harry and George worked at sausage. George went away this evening. Joe West paid me for the 2 hogs he bought 34. cash. I helped season the sausage and put that in buckets that I want to send off. Harry said yesterday that the stock hog had got out. Got postal from Lucy. Joe got 18 lbs backbones.
- 17 Colder 2° below 0 at sunup—bright. Patty went with Sue to Aurora to put her on the train for Cin. on her way to N. Orleans. Sent by Patty buckets of sausage to send by Express. The snow and ice on the roads were very bad Patty said, and it was just 0 when they started but Sue had to go. Harry drove the carriage. Joe West paid me 1.40 for the bones he got.
- 18 Warmer—went up to 40° above and the snow began to melt. Harry helped Jesse kill hogs. Mr. Roberts came down and finished Patty's book case. Sent Sue's letters on to her. Harriet telephoned.

- 19 Harry took the work horses down and Mr. Dolph shod them. Ira Sanders came and Harry took him to Bellevue and Burlington in Patty's Ford as Ira runs one. It turned colder. I got Christmas book from Julia.
- 20 Very dark gloomy day. Patty was in bed most of the day. It rained and at dusk set in the sleet and it dashed down during the night.
- 21 This is the day my beloved father died 42 years ago. Lord love his soul. Harry hauled a load of his corn that I bought to Bellevue—it weighed 1500 lbs = 21¾ bus. at .70 a bus. = 15. This pays for the sow—see Oct. 14 & Nov. 4. I went to Bellevue later. Harry drove. The pike was a sheet of ice and boys were skating on it—got Christmas things. To-day got letter from Julia and box of pralines from Susie T. and book from Mrs. Parish. Turned colder.
- 22 22° above at sunup. Went to Bellevue pike still a glare of ice and plenty of ice in the river—got my picture prize on purchases. Got letter from Mary C. from Sally W. note from Amy and Christmas card and letter from Lizzie Hodges, she got the ham.
Settlement with Harry.
Since our last see Nov. 4 Harry said he had worked 30 days = 22.50. He had received cash 2.00 lard 2.56 (see Oct. 13) = 4.56 which leaves me owing him 17.94. I paid him 18 cash. The sow he got was paid for in corn see Oct. 14 and Dec. 21. This settlement was up to Dec. 19.
- 23 24° above at sunup—clear. Harry went to Cincinnati. I sent letter to Sally and the 3 scarves I knit—to be sent to the allies—got Christmas Cards from Mrs. Ballard, Sally W. Julia E. and Jamie. Clear at 10 P.M.
- 24 32° at sunup—snowing hard and ground covered. Sent note to Harriet with 2.00 and letter to Belle R. Got letters from Sue and R. Douglas Robinson, handkerchief from little Julia—calendar from Fanny G. box of candy from Lucy J. and Christmas cards from Mrs. Claypool and from Horace and Mrs. Grant. Harry worked ran the Ford to Bellevue.
- 25 Christmas. 22° at sunup I think and cloudy and turning colder. Ira and Harry ran the machine to Burlington and took Virgie. Got presents from Patty Revill and mammy and letters from Sally and Mrs. C. F. Graham who wrote for Belle R. to tell me about her accident. She fell on the street (ice) and broke her right wrist.
- 26 5° below 0 at sunup—bright. Sent letter to Belle R. and one to Julia when Patty went in the machine to Burlington. I signed Patty's note for 200. again as she wants to renew it—it was n't due till Jan. 25th I think. Sent by her 1.50 to pay for the Boone Co. Recorder—she left it at the Bank for Mr. Riddell. Harry drove the motor. Virgie came home. Got Christmas card from Credo. Patty had her bookcase moved in her room, the new one.
- 27 Sunday.
- 28 Harry took Fanny and had her shod. I sent note to Patty Revill—got letter from Julia, Calendar from Mrs. M. G. Ellis, and card from Mrs. C. Caruthers. Virgie went to Burlington. Turned warmer.
- 29 Raining and snow melting. Sent letters to Sally W. and mammy. Got candy from Harriet, and letter from Sally. Harry and family went to Burlington in the motor to the funeral of Susan's stepfather's wife. It rained and melted most of the snow, turned colder and blew hard at night. Got Christmas card from Eleanore Tew.
- 30 Frozen again. Sent letters to Sally, Belle R. and Lizzie Hodges. Got letter from Julia. Harry went to R. Sun to see George's half sister whom he had n't seen for 30 years. A man telephoned from Petersburg that there was a package there for me.
- 31 Still frozen—the package was for Patty. She and I went to Ernest's and spent the day. The road was icy and rough—day bright—it was Ernest and Lily's 24th anniversary. Julia Jarrell had just moved up there and I went to see her. Got card from Lizzie's Leigh.