

1915

January

- 1 22° at sunup and turned warmer—at bedtime misting rain a little. It was bright till afternoon. Harry took the motor to Bellevue to practice.
- 2 28° at sunup and cloudy. Sent letters to Isabella and to Lucy Johnston. Got note from Sally—letter from Julia. Express notice from Wells Fargo Co. Lawrenceburg—letter from Frank's clerk with check for 125. one from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk. Wash. with check for 28. and proxy to sign and proxy to sign from Natl. Met. Bk. of Wash. Got from Bellevue letter from Mattie D. In letter to Isabella I sent the receipt for the 5 boxes sent Nov. 24. It remained cold and was bright part of the day. Harry worked—went to Bellevue with the machine. Patty got a letter from cousin Louly's sister who was better. Flora came over.
- 3 Sunday. Chilly. Little sprinkle of snow at night.
- 4 24° at sunup. Sent letters to Julia, Belle R., Mattie D. and proxies to Banks—see 2nd. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. with check for 66. and one from Belle R. and Sue. It was a mild bright day. Patty went to Bellevue in the Ford and Harry tinkered at it most of the day.
- 5 Bright and mild. Patty and Harry started in the Ford for Cincinnati. Gave Patty the check for 22.75 from the Goodrich Co. (see Oct. 3d) to get cashed for me. Sent letter to Belle R. Patty telephoned twice from Cin. Harry got back at 5 P.M. Patty got Mr. Jack Eddins to go with them from Burlington and back there.
- 6 Raining and gloomy. Sent letter to Sally—got line from her inclosing Goodrich Co. check for 22.75 and letter from Lizzie Hodges, also package containing a book for me and one for Patty from Helen Huntington.
- 7 Sent letter to cousin Helen—got one from Julia. Harry took the Ford to the end of the car line to meet Patty who came home from Cin. It was mild and bright but rather windy. Mr. Aylor came and I sold him the bricks at 8 cts. Patty brought me cash for check Harry got yesterday. 21 lbs backbone at 8 cts = 1.68.
- 8 Mild and bright. Sent letter to Mary C. Took my first ride in Patty's Ford—to Bellevue and to Rev. Hensley's to see mantles.
- 9 Mild and bright again. Sent note to Julia—got letter from Belle R. Patty and I went out in the Ford to see Hilda.
- 10 Sunday. Susan, Lily, and Flora and Ernest, Will and Mr. Walrath came to spend the day—it was beautiful and bright more like spring than winter.
- 11 Raining, all day. Harry took the trunks to Aurora, got tickets and saw the trunks on the train for Cin. I went to Bank in Bellevue got 5.00. Went on to Mr. Hensley's and bought his old mantle piece for 25.00 and he threw in another small plain one. I am to send for them. Telephone bill came. For a little parting surprise in the hurry of getting ready Jesse Loudon and Flave came in and Jesse told me he was going to leave and take Flave's place and Flave wanted to take Jess'e and rent of me. After a little talk I rented to Flave for a year from March 1st. He to furnish his own team 3 horses and I am to pasture 2 cows for him. He is to rent land, do all the work of cultivating the crop and to give me half. He is to work for me when not busy in his crop at .75 a day. When he worked with his team in hay it is to be 2.00 a day. He is to use only down wood and such as I designate. He is to put corn in all the bottom land and I am to let him have tobacco ground 3 acres or so and a watermelon patch.
Settlement with Jesse Loudon

Since our last settlement May 27 he has worked 24 days at .75 = 18.00 his work in hay 4.00 and 2.10 for cutting corn = 24.10. He had received cash 22.00 so I paid him the balance 2.10 in full to date.
Settlement with Harry R.

Since the last settlement up to Dec. 19th see Dec. 22 Harry says he has worked 15 days = 11.25. He got backbones 1.68 and salt .75 = 2.43 and this leaves me owing him 8.82 and I gave him a check for this amount on Cit. Dep. B. Bellevue. This settles up to Jan. 9th.

I left with Mr. McNeeley to put in the Bank vault my tin box of papers and a basket with some silver ware.

- 12 Did n't write in this again till 21st but will try to recall. Patty and I left home in the motor with Harry—at Burlington Mr. Jack Eddins met us and took charge of the machine—two tires gave out on the way but we got to Julia's safe. It snowed rained and was very disagreeable weather. At Julia's they told us that Polly is engaged to Lawson Reed. These two took Patty in at night and put her on the train for New Orleans en route to New Mexico. I stayed at Julia's.
- 13 Got check for 66. on Natl. Bk. of Washington cashed. Went to Dr. Claney's &c.
- 14 Little Julia took me to the train and I started before 2. P.M. on the Pennsylvania R.R. for New York.
- 15 Had a good trip on. Sally met me at the train. It rained most of the way on. Went with Sally to lunch at Mrs. Carrie Husted Shedd's. Found note from Harriet.
- 16 Fair pretty day. Frank went to the country. Got letter from Cousin Frannkie forwarded from home. Went with Sally and engaged French lessons at Berlitz School 1122 Broadway.
- 17 Sunday. Sally had a luncheon. Julia Ethridge, Sally Woolley, Miss May Newport and Mrs. Jaccaci. A rainy day.
- 18 Sent letter to Cousin Frankie and to Patty—at Julia's I got telegram from Patty in N. Orleans. Blair met her. Took my first Berlitz lesson at 2 P.M. Raining and warm. Went with Sally to the Opera—it was Lohengrin with Gadski, Matzenauer, Nelms, Bram &c. beautiful. Got letter from Patty from N.O. Sent letter to little Julia before.
- 19 Still raining and mild. Went to tailor's. Sally got telegram from Patty—she had a good journey to Silver City and Isabella met her—thank Heaven. Got a letter from Isabella—forget what day. Sent one to Hilda and to Julia at Palm Beach one day.
- 20 Bright day. Julia Loving came to see us. Went to French lesson. We saw the parade. The 7th Reg. of N.Y. escorting the 30th Reg. U.S. Infantry on its way from Alaska to Plattsburg N.Y. Then went to the reception of Mrs. Herrick (Sophie Bledsoe) and her daughter Mrs. Fox—who has 4 daughters—one Louise, pretty and sweet.
- 21 Bright day. Mrs. Susie Parish came to see us. Sent letter to Patty. Bought more yarn and needles. Mr. Joe Lee came this evening.
- 22 Sally got letter from Patty who was with Isabella. I got letter from Susan, and the handkerchiefs she sent I sent letter to her and one to Sue and to Belle R. Sally Mallory came to see me. Took 3d French lesson. Sally's school friend (Evy Carolyn) Mrs. Trinlow and Mr. T. dined here and Sally took us all to the Candler Theatre to see 'On Trial.' When we came out it was snowing, but seemed wet and melting.
- 23 Dark, gloomy and raining—did n't go out. Sent letter to Julia, Sally had neuralgia.
- 24 Sunday. Weather better in the morning. Sally and I went to lunch with Susie Parish. Frank started for Rockledge, Florida to take his mother away. It misted rain.
- 25 There was a wind and electric storm last night and the paper has a list of accidents to people who fell on the ice. It is very dark and seems to be misting. Got a letter from Isabella and one from Patty at the Homestead. Went to French lesson changed to Room 19 had Madame de Massias this time and once before in the lower class. Sally Woolley came to see us. Sally took me to the opera—the first performance of Giordans's Mme. Sans-Gêne with Geraldine Farrar and Pasquale Amato as Napoleon—finely staged—music disappointing. Got letter and picture cards from Julia.

- 26 Bright mild day. Sent letter to Julia. Went to lunch with Sally Woolley and to see her at her apartment and then to call on Mrs. Eckstein (Agnes Davis) at her apartment. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard came to dine and Sally took us all to the Opera House (Metropolitan) to hear Col. Roosevelt who spoke for the Unemployed-Relief Benefit and gave a lecture on his South American Explorations with moving pictures—very interesting.
- 27 Cloudy but not cold. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Went to French lesson Room 6 young Professor. Sally got letter from Patty.
- 28 Bright day. We went to a lunch party at Julia Ethridge's—met again Mrs. Sharp. Sally took me to the grand new Library.
- 29 Bright and colder—got letter from Mary C. Sent letter to Julia. Received a potted flower from Mrs. Mabel Thayer Jaccaci. Went to French lesson Room 4 pleasant young girl teacher.
- 30 Colder and bright. Got letter from Susan R. saying that Virgie said Mrs. Brady was 'laid out for dead Monday evening' but was better. Susan wrote the 28th and said there was a 6 inch snow and that Harry was going to put up ice. Sent letter to Sally Vaughn. Got letter from Patty. Frank got home from Florida and Tryon. Patty's letter inclosed one from Susie T. about Tevis.
- 31 Sunday. Snowing, snowed till night then rained. Sally took me to see the Altman Collection at Met. Museum—she got telegram from Patty. Mr. Carl Taylor came.

February

- 1 Raining—got letter from Julia. Sally got letter from Patty. Sent one to Patty. Took my French lesson no. 7 in Room 4 from a Parisienne who never taught me before was the only one in the class. Kept on raining. Went with Sally to the Opera—Tristan—with Mme. Melanie Kurt, her first appearance in America—Matzenauer, Urlus &c. The rain was freezing when we came home turned to sleety snow.
- 2 Snowing and dark—got letter from Patty of Jan. 27th and from Julia 30th. Sent letters to Patty and Mrs. Cutcheon. Frank had a telegram later that Mrs. C. was not so well. We all went to see Pavlowa dance at the Century Opera H. Her grace and dancing were exquisite—especially so in the Dragon Fly. Streets a glare of ice.
- 3 Snowed a little and began to snow hard by noon. Took my French no. 8 in Room 6 from another pleasant lady. Got letter from Sally Vaughn. Sally took bundles to the poor for to-morrow. Got letter from Sue. Frank sent Miss Gillis to Tryon to nurse Mrs. Cutcheon.
- 4 Bright sunshine. Sent letters to Julia and Sue. Wet calling with Sally, saw Louisiana and her step-son's wife &c.—called at Mrs. Parish's, at Rutger Miller's and saw his pretty baby boy. It was milder. Saw loads of Bundles being hauled to the place as this is N.Y. 'Bundle Day.' [Salvation Army collection]
- 5 Sally and Frank's anniversary—married 1891. Frank got telegram that Miss Gillis arrived at Tryon and that Mrs. Cutcheon was better. Did n't write in this till 8th. Went to 9th French lesson. Went with Sally and Frank to Wallack's Theatre to see Bernard Shaw's 'Androcles and the Lion' and Anatole France's 'The man who married a dumb wife.' It was raining when we came home.
- 6 Mild and pleasant. Went round with Sally motoring. Called on Mrs. Campbell Alice's sister-in-law.
- 7 Sunday. Mild pretty day. Willie Tew came to see me—brought Dinsmore and Lucy. Frank went to his country place. We went to supper at Mrs. Douglas Robinson's. Mrs. D. R. Jr. and Mr. were there (Helen Astor) and a Mr. Paris. Mrs. R. gave me a letter she had from John Myers O'Hara a Poet and Greek scholar about my verses.
- 8 Bright pleasant day. Took my 10th and last lesson in the Berlitz school. Sally had letter from Patty. Went with Sally to the Opera. It was Meyerbeer's 'Les Huguenots' with Hempel, Destinn, Caruso, Scotti, &c. beautifully staged and sung.

- 9 Another bright day but colder. Went in the motor just to be out. Sally had company to dine to meet Mr. Olney of Cal. Pauline and Mr. Grenville Emmet came and these two went with Frank and Sally to Mrs. Byrne's ball. Got letter from Patty.
- 10 Bright pretty day—not quite so cold. Julia Loving came to see us. Went about with Sally after lunch. Got my watch from Marcuss'.
- 11 Bright mild day. Julia Loving came to go with me to the big ten cent store which is an interesting sight, and to the Exhibition in the Arts and Crafts Building Gramercy Park to see her Miss Nell's water color 'An Episode' &c. Willie Rucker telephoned Sally that he and his wife are in town. Got a letter from Susan Roseberry. Got a letter from Messrs. F. F. Hornsell & Bro. 123-125 Carondelet St. N.O. about my books that Patty took them—inclosing check for 1.25 for one. Rutger Miller and his wife dined here. Mr. Parish telephoned Frank that Mr. Ludlow Susie's father died suddenly of heart disease.
- 12 Sent to mail by Sally—letter to F. F. Hornsell & Bro. N.O. returning check with thanks &c. Sent by Frank letter to Susan with check on Burlington Bk. for 12.00 for Harry. Sally had company to lunch. Sally Mallory, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Carrie Shedd. Got letter from Julia. Charlie Goodrich came to see me. Cloudy and mild. Sally and I went to the Opera.
- 13 Beautiful mild day. Went with Sally and Frank down to the Long Island place—saw all the improvements—lunched at Piping Rock Club and got home by 4 P.M. Sally got letter from Patty written Monday night. We all went to the New Amsterdam Theatre to see the Castles dance. Madame Pauline came for the second trying on.
- 14 Sunday. We all went to the funeral of Mr. Ludlow, Mrs. Parish's father at 9.30 A.M. Frank went to the country. Sent note to Mrs. P. We stayed home. Mr. Taylor came. Very mild.
- 15 Misting rain. Sent letter to Patty and Julia. Got card from Mrs. Waldo Richards about readings. We went to see Sally Woolley—it rained hard. Frank & Sally went to Opera. Fidelis Beethoven.
- 16 Got letter from Julia and later one from Sue. Pretty day—motored with Sally.
- 17 Sent letter to Sue—got one from Mrs. Parish. Mammy came to take me to a Moving picture show. Bright pretty day. Madame Pauline came to-night to try on my dress.
- 18 Bright and colder. Sent letter to Belle R. Went in motor with Sally—called at Mrs. Scott's.
- 19 Got postal card from Julia. Siebel Miller's wife Dorothy came to lunch and Sally took us to the Little Theatre Marionette Performance for the Richmond Hill House (Italian settlement) both tedious and stupid. At night we all went to the Cort Theatre to see 'Under Cover.' Cousin Frankie came to see us before lunch. Bright pretty day.
- 20 Sent note to Hector F. and letters to Patty and Hilda—got letters from Patty and Belle R. Went motoring with Sally and to see Sophie Herrick, 222 Riverside, Irving Arms. The day was lovely—river and park beautiful.
- 21 Sunday. Sally and Frank went down to the L.I. place. Sally Woolley came to lunch with me. Mrs. Isabella Wood came to call and later Willie Rucker and wife (Sally Woods). It was a beautiful spring-like day.
- 22 Pleasant day again. Frank went to the country. Sophie Herrick came to lunch with us. Sally Woolley went with me to the Opera. It was L'Amore dei tre Re, by Sem Benelli with Bori, Amato, Didur, Ferrari-Fontana, &c. beautiful especially Toscanini's orchestra.
- 23 Got letter from Julia. Laura Robbin's has a daughter. More like spring. Mrs. Maria Miller Cox came to call on us. Willie Rucker and wife dined here. She is a daughter of Micaja Woods of Charlottesville Va.
- 24 Frank went to Albany. Got letter from Sue saying Susie was sick with grippe. Sent letter to Sue. May Goodrich came to see us. Frank got home at night. It rained day and night, hard.

- 25 Frank went to Albany again. We went to the house of Mrs. Wm Jay Schieffelin 5E. 66th St. to hear Mrs. Waldo Richards of Boston read from the poets of to-day including Mrs. D. Robinson's. She read beautifully and seemed an interesting and accomplished lady.
- 26 Got letters from Sally V. and Susan, the latter said it was spring weather at home. Harry ploughing, robins numerous, birds singing &c. She said Betsey cow had a Hereford heifer calf 15th that Jesse sold his tobacco for 8 cents—3000+ lbs. Frank returned from Albany. Went in the motor with Sally before lunch. Received book from Sally Rucker. Colder. Frank said there was a snow at Albany.
- 27 Sally got letter from Patty. Set letter to Julia and note to Sally Rucker. My Sally was in bed all day—had neuralgia. Called at Mrs. Scott's—out. Eleanor and Willy came later and Rutger Miller and his wife. Colder to-day.
- 28 Sunday. Sally in bed all day. Frank and I went to the Damrosch concert at Aeolian Hall—heard Ferruccio Busoni Italian pianist—fine. Clear and rather cold.

March

- 1 Bright—below freezing—got postcard from Julia. Sent letter to Susan. Sally and I went to a lunch party at Mrs. Wilmot (Miller) Cox's. Julia Ethridge and Ruth Sutton came. Went to the Opera with Frank. It was L'Oracolo (Chinese, San Francisco) by Franco Leoni—new, and Bori, Scotti, Didur &c. and Pagliacci with Destinn, Martinelli, Amato &c. Got letter from Sue.
- 2 Sally W. came. Rather uncertain—cool. Sally got cashed for me check for 28. from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. (see Jan. 2nd). Sally had neuralgia again. I went to see the children and Eleanore.
- 3 Got letter from Patty. Went with Sally shopping. It turned much colder. Packages of my book came—one hundred. Their friend Mr. Charlie Gordon of St. Paul called to see them.
- 4 Paper says it was cold last night 17° above. Got letter and picture card from Julia. Sally and I went to Mrs. John Henry Hammond's 9 East 91st St. to hear the reading of Mrs. Waldo Richards. She read my sonnet Midsummer's Day's Dream. Her readings are from the Poets of Today. She is Mrs. Gertrude M. Richards. Sent letter to Patty.
- 5 Bright and mild. Went with Sally in motor. Frank started to Tryon to see his mother. We went to call on Siebel Miller's wife and her mother Mrs. Oldham from England. Sent my book to Mrs. Richards—we went to Mrs. Sturgis' day. Got picture postal and letter from Julia.
- 6 Snowing—got birthday telegram from Patty. Julia Loving came and brought me flowers. Sally Woolley and Mrs. Gardiner came to lunch. Went with Sally W. to musical lecture at the Waldorf. Snowed hard all day.
- 7 Sunday. Snowed a little more. Sent letter to Julia. Sally got telegram from Frank. Sent letter to Patty and my book to Sally Rucker. We went to dine with Miss Clara Hill. Miss Helen Bonn [?] of St. Paul, Mr. Gavin and Mr. Taylor were there.
- 8 Got birthday note from Lily G. answered it and sent the letter. Sally and I lunched with Mrs. Parish. Mrs. Oldham and Dorothy Miller called. Frank got home from Tryon. Sally and I went to the Opera, Walküre.
- 9 Bright and rather cold. Sent letter to Patty. Got present from Fanny G. Sally took my scarf to the Allies' receiving place, went with her in the motor.
- 10 Gave Frank back his note for 125. int. he is going to add it to what he has of mine. Sent note to Susan.
- 11 Sally got cashed for me two checks each for 66. from Natl. Bk. Wash. of Oct. 1—1914 and Jan. 2nd 1915. Went with Sally to lunch with Louisiana Arkell—and shopping. We all went to the concert of the Musical Art Society at the invitation of Mrs. Walter Damrosch and sat in her box—beautiful concert. Bright day and turned colder. We made calls.
- 12 Another pretty day. Sent letter to Patty. Julia Loving came to tell me goodbye. Sally Mallory came to see me—she and Col. John S. Mallory are going to start Wednesday for Camp Gaillard Canal Zone

Panama—he is Col of the 29th Infantry and has been of late commandant at Governor's Island. We all went to the Theatre to see Elsie Ferguson in the Outcast. Sally told me she was coming home with me.

- 13 Sally and I left for Cin. on the Pennsylvania R.R. on the 9 something—had a safe and comfortable trip, thank Heaven.
- 14 Sunday. Got to Cin. about 6 A.M. my trunk did n't come. We came down on City of Cincinnati Jack Lindenburn's boat—got to Bellevue about 1 o'clock. Harry met us and we got home safe and well. Ernest and Lily came to see us later. Found Grace here working. She set in to work Sat. 13th cleaning the house. She has moved up her things to live here because Flave did n't want her to stay there as she did with Jesse.
- 15 It was a bright pretty day, birds singing and flowers up and in bud and everything spring-like. We saw fields ploughed on the way home and here, and Harry has part of the garden broke. Pleasant but not so pretty as Sunday. Sally and I went to Bellevue—and I got my box of papers and the silver I left in the Bank with Mr. McNeeley. Took my bank book and he set down that Jesse deposited my half of the tobacco money \$120.80 Feb. 19th. I deposited 20. Coming home Joe West told me that he was going to help Mr. Rue make the line fence between me and Will Rice's place, so I went up to see him about it. All Mr. Rue's stock, cattle and sheep were on my land and from the looks of the pasture had been during my absence. Sent Harry to get an old chest of drawers Patty got from Mary Fred. Flora came. Harry went to the boat, and my trunk came. Sent letter to Susie Tew—got one from Sue just before leaving N.Y. got one from Julia. Found one from Patty when we got home Sunday. Turned colder.
- 16 Not so pleasant, windy and rather chilly. Sally started at 10.15 for Cin. in the motor Harry driving. She got Mr. Eddins at Burlington to go on to Cin. Harry said she got there in plenty [of] time. She was to go on the 1.50 train Pennsylvania R.R. Harry got back by 5 P.M. Susan brought me my part of the money for butter eggs chickens &c. sold during my absence 16.64 and said she let Harry have 1.00 to buy coal. To-night little Julia telephoned me. Wrote to Patty.
- 17 Bright and cool. John Clore Belle's boy came and paid me for pasture 6.35. Harry hauled manure. I went to Bellevue and bought 2 bolts of tobacco canvas 130 yds at 3 ½ cts. Susan was so discontented about the chicken business that I agreed to change this year and furnish chickens fee and all and let her have half of eggs chickens and money for chickens sold—she has n't a hen sitting and probably won't do any better. Went to see Betsey's heifer calf. Harry says it came February 15th. Mr. Wilson came to ask about brooder.
- 18 Chilly raw day—drizzled about noon and at night. Harry hauled manure. I got a letter from Sally postmarked Pittsburgh. Susan sold to Mr. Charlie Shinkle the Incubator for 8.00 and brought me the money. Gave Flave the canvas. Grace went down to see Minny Kelly Mason who came to-day.
- 19 A sprinkle of wet snow that melted soon. Sent letter to Sally, Julia and Thorburn N.Y. for flower seed. Got letter from Sally mailed in the Station N.Y. One from Belle R. written by herself—one from Frank Cutcheon inclosing check for 7.21 and telling me of investment of 794.32 and a picture postal from Lucy J in Cal. Saw Minnie Kelly Mason who says she came day before yesterday. Yesterday Harry bought for me 20 yds canvas at Mr. Walrath's and see potatoes. Chilly cloudy and drizzled a little. Harry hauled manure. Grace says Minnie denies being married to Ernest Mason.
- 20 Cloudy and chilly. Sent letter to Frank to acknowledge his with check &c.—see yesterday also to Patty and sent to Thorburn for flower seed. Got two letters from Patty and one from Sally Rucker. Harry took the Brooder to Mr. Walrath's and Susie telephoned that Mr. Wilson took it and left 2.00 to pay for it.
Settlement with Harry Roseberry.

Since our last see Jan. 11 Harry says he has worked 53 days = 39.75. He has received 12. see Feb. 12th and 1 (see March 16) = 13. This leaves me owing him 26.75 which I paid him in full. We did not settle for the keep of Susan' sow and leave that till next time.

- 20 Little Julia telephoned me that her mother got home last night.
- 21 Sunday. Sue came on the boat from N. Orleans. Bright but colder.
- 22 24° at sunup. Sent letter and my book to Sally Mallory letters to Patty and Sally and Incubator Book to Mr. Charles Shinkle who bought my Incubator. Got letter from Patty inclosing piece about Mrs. Graham and a note from Mrs. Margaret G. Ellis. Harry hauled manure.
- 23 Milder. Sent letter to Belle R. Got letters from Sally Julia and Amy C. Harry planted potatoes in the garden for me and for himself. Orin Phipps stopped to see about farming implements. Georgy came.
- 24 Sent letter to Sally—got note with scraps from her—one from Hector F. from Carl Taylor and notice from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. Went to see Hilda took Virgie. Went to Mr. Revill's Bk. and deposited 60. and got my book fixed and checks. Harry planted onion sets and peas. It was milder. Found Hilda worse mentally than ever.
- 25 Gloomy cloudy day—some sprinkles. Sent letter to Sally—got scraps and note from her and letter from little Bobby. Harry had the work horses shod and I think worked some in the garden.
- 26 Snowing at sunup. Chilly all day. Harry killed Susan's dog as they thought it showed symptoms of going mad or something. Went to Bellevue after dinner. Got at Bk. 10. from Mr. McNeeley. Susan Walrath gave me the 2.00 Mr. Wilson left for it (see 20th). I paid Susan's accounts in full. Got letter from Julia.
- 27 Heard doves the first time this spring. Sent letters to Julia and to Sally Rucker and a knit soldier scarf to Sally.
- 28 Sunday—chilly and windy. Went to Mrs. Rue's to tell Mr. Rue about his cattle again.
- 29 Bright but chilly. Sent letter to Patty and order to Atlee Burpee with P.O. order 6.15 for watermelon vegetable and flower seeds gave Mr. Mahan the money and .08 fee. Went to Bellevue. Harry hauled fodder and said he worked fixing a hot bed. He told me my young gilt sow has 11 pigs (see Dec. 5th 14). Got sunflower seeds from Thorburn.
- 30 Colder—went to see the pigs. Mr. Len Kite came and got some alfalfa hay. Harry worked. Sent letter to Patty. Got books from Sally, letter from Julia L. Julia called up on telephone.
- 31 Chilly. Harry says the young sow mashed two of her pigs. Harry worked.

April

- 1 Right cold for the season. Sent letters to Sally, to Bobby and note to Ortiz Grocery Co. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Acra came and got some alfalfa. Harry ploughed &c.
- 2 Cold and disagreeable. Got letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. Wash. with check for 28 and card from Burpee. Went to Bellevue Bk. and got 13.17 that Mr. Len Kite left there for alfalfa. Got at Grant P.O. invitation to Cousin John B. Dinsmore's golden wedding April 12th. Harry ploughed some.
- 3 Clear and cold. Package of seeds came from Atlee Burpee (see March 29th). Check from Natl B. Wash. came for \$66. and one from B. F. Goodrich Co. for 22.75. Mr. L. Kelly came to see about getting alfalfa. Harry worked. Sent letter to Julia—got box of candy from little Julia.
- 4 Easter Sunday. Found turkey peas in the woods. It was milder. Got bonnet from Sally.
- 5 Sprinkled. Sent letters to Cousin John B. and to Patty and Sally—got letters from Julia and Patty. Cleared off and was the first spring-like day since Sally left. Lily, Cordy and Ernest stopped by on their way from Burlington. Harry planted seeds in hot bed and ploughed.
- 6 Sent letter to Christine Long. Got Easter card from Mrs. Ellis and box of candy from Sally. Went to Bellevue—pd. Mr. Dolph. Mr. Linnaeus Kelly—got 1 ton of alfalfa hay from me and gave me a check for it 7.00 on Boone Co. Cit. Bk. and Mr. Walrath cashed it for me. Harry ploughed part of the day. Ernest sent Elmer for a load of alfalfa. It was warm and bright—people making garden.

- 7 Sprinkled early and later thundered once. Did n't write in this till 9th and got things mixed up. Had all the shoats rung but one. Flave helped Harry. I worked in yard and Harry ploughed some.
- 8 Harry finished ploughing the sand field, and worked some in the yard and garden. He put up my gourd bird pole.
- 9 Warm and windy. I worked in the yard and trimmed, grubbed &c. Harry helped get some alfalfa for Mr. Acra—who got some yesterday I think. Harry went to Bellevue and had Sprightly shod. I sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Julia and one from Sally telling about the blizzard of Sat. and Frank being sick &c.
- 10 Windy and sprinkling. Sent letters to Sally and Belle R. Also sent seed corn to Willie. Got letter from Patty. Towards evening it rained and there was part of a rainbow. Harry went to Cincinnati in the motor.
- 11 Sunday—my beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. It was windy and rained showers—cooler. Harry went in the motor to Rabbithash by the ridge road.
- 12 Examined the meat and had it sacked mostly. After dinner Harry hauled wood for himself. It was windy and turned colder. Sent letter to Patty—got letters from Julia and Breckinridge Long 220 N. Fourth St. St. Louis about Christine.
- 13 Colder. Sue went to Burlington. Sent letters to Sally and note to Christine. Harry turned Mr. Rue's sheep out—ploughed in the garden Got letter from Patty.
- 14 Harry says there is frost. 34° after sunup. He ploughed in the garden—hauled manure and stalks with the colt—fixed the kitchen stove pipe &c. I went to Bellevue—took an old side of bacon—got weights of the alfalfa Mr. Acra got 3 loads. Sent letter to Patty.
- 15 32° after sunup. Harry said there was frost. Joe West and Willy Snelling came out and worked—they set a post at the gate from the kitchen yard into the pasture and got out fence post in the big pasture. Harry hauled fence posts. I went up to see about the fence line. Got letters from Patty, Belle R. and Fanny G. She says Frances is to be married to Mr. (Randolph) Hill May 5th. Bancroft
- 16 Rained a little in the morning, warmer. Sent letters to Julia and to Frances McCoy inclosing check for \$15. on Burlington Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Got letter from Sally and check for 10. from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. Harry turned out hogs and sheep and patched fences and helped Joe and Willy who came out at noon to work, getting out posts—and had to take a trip to Bellevue after tools &c. Cleaned off asparagus bed.
- 17 Much cooler. Got letters from Patty and Sally inclosing one from Sally Chenault. Harry turned out sheep from pastures &c. Prepared bundle of silk rugs for Sally. Got Ins. Assessment for 3.00.
- 18 Sunday—more like a spring day—very pleasant but no rain. The drouth is getting serious. After dinner we went to Ernest's. Frances is home. Ernest gave me a check for 10.98 for the alfalfa he got. We stayed on the porch there all the time—and not before since I came home have I sat out. Harry took the bundle of Sally's silk rugs down to Spinny Smith. The check was on the Farmer's Bk. Petersburg.
- 19 Joe and Willy came out and worked on the fence going up the hill by the alfalfa. Harry hauled and helped them. I went to Bellevue—got Mr. Walrath to cash Ernest's check and paid for two spools of 2 point barb wire and the box of ivory soap &c. It was very warm—still very dry. Walked up to show them the fence line. Got two letters from Julia and paper about John B's golden wedding the 12th.
- 20 Really hot. Joe and Willy fenced and Harry helped them—they set posts on the line to the watergap. Harry hauled. I sent letter to Patty—got postal from her. Virgie took Georgy to Lou's.
- 21 Sprinkling off and on. Harry went down to Bellevue and got the 2 spools of wire (see 19th) and 2 rolls of woven wire that Mr. Walrath ordered in Cin. also the alfalfa seed and cowpeas he got for me. Sent letter to Sally and check for 1.50 on Burlington Bk. to Poetry Mag to order a copy sent to Mrs. Parish. Got letter from Sally saying Mrs. Cutcheon had come—letter from Julia and one from Frances McCoy (see 16th). Planted gourd seeds—and in boxes 2 kinds pepper, egg plant, 2 kind tomatoes

[sic], worked in the yard and garden. Joe, Willy, and Harry worked on the fence. About sundown it rained good showers, and later, at night but was chilly.

- 22 Rained more off and on, during the day—thundered. Sent letters to Patty and Julia, got one from Patty. Joe and Willy worked on the fence—after dinner they had finished the strings. They helped Harry put out the crêpe myrtles. He hauled for them.
- 23 A regular summer day—let the fire go out and had doors and windows open. Sent Harry down for an iron and woven wire gate—4.25 at Walrath's. Joe and Willy came out and finished the fence except setting up the gate. I went up to see the watergap too. They made a panel for the fence up the hill. Sent note to Mary C. got one from Julia. Worked in the yard.
- 24 Like summer—had no fires made in the house. Joe came out and hung the gate. I worked in the yard. Harry worked in the garden—some in his. Went to Bellevue and pd. Mr. G. S. Walrath—the gate 4.25 the 2 rolls of woven wire 26x6 in. the sacks of whip-poor-will peas, 2 bus. alfalfa seed and coal oil and coffee Harry got for me and Mr. Walrath's freight and charge came to 45.35 and I paid him by check on the Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue. Went to Bank and got from Mr. McNeely 15.00 and paid him 3.00 for the Ins. Ass. (see 17th) and he receipted it.
- 25 Sunday—another summer day. I rode over in the big pasture to see the line between me and Mr. L. Kelly where Hubert burnt my rail fence up and burnt over the grass and woods. The country looks beautiful—trees coming out fast. Amy and Harriet came down late and took tea. We all sat out on the porch in the moonlight and listened to the whip-poor-wills. Harry, Grace, and Susan heard them before.
- 26 Bright warm morning—got letter from Sally from Lucy J. and two from Julia. Worked in yard and planted vines. Went to Bellevue. Mr. Walrath paid me 11 lb for 20 lbs old meat. Harry worked in his corn. I planted vine seeds.
- 27 Another bright warm day. Sent letter to Sally. Harry worked in his corn. Mr. Rains came and worked cleaning up in the garden and said he would cut briars. Mr. Thompson started in to try cutting thorn bushes in big pasture. I worked in the yard—planted gourds by coal house—4 o'clocks &c.
- 28 Sent letter to Patty. Another bright hot day. Joe West and Willy Snelling came out and we measured the fence. It was nearly 47 rods so I called it that. At .35 a rod it came to 16.45. They worked together 5 days at 1.50 = 7.50 total 23.95. I gave Willie a check for 24.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue and paid Joe a quarter for hanging the gate. Harry was putting in his corn, finished. I worked in the yard and garden.
- 29 Sue left at a quarter to eight for Aurora on her way to Akron and home. Got letter from Patty. Virgie and Pauline went over the river. After Harry got back he put up my vine wires. I worked in the yard and garden. It turned cooler. Flave planted melons.
- 30 45° at sunup and seems cold after 88 &c. Harry cleaned out little houses and worked in the garden—planted melons. I went over in the pasture to see Mr. Thompson's work. Went to Bellevue—at Bank got 15. and left my book to be fixed. Mr. Arch Acra came and paid me 16.80 for alfalfa (see 9th).

May

- 1 Willie (W.S.) Huey came and paid me for pasture of last year. It came to 12.75 from which I took .40 that I owed him for 2 loads of gravel, balance 12.35. He paid me the .35 and gave me a check for \$12.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue. Mr. Arch Acra came and got some of the old barbed wire I gave him. Sent letter to Julia and note to Ortiz Grocery Co. Cin. Got note from Sally. Virgie and Pauline came back.
- 2 Sunday—another cool day—we are having 'snowball winter.' About 4 o'clock there were fine showers with thunder, and later in the night it rained. Harry took the to Burlington in the motor [sic]. He took the Phipps cow, Ella, to the Northcutt's 'animal.'

- 3 Sent letters to Patty, Sally, and Lucy J. Got letters from Patty Sue and Lizzie H. and bill from Ortiz Grocery Co. Cin. 1.12. Harry worked in the garden for me and for himself—set out plants &c.
- 4 Sent letter to Lizzie H. It was so cold I had a fire—a cold wind blew. Harry disked the piece he had in corn last year.
- 5 Sent 1.12 to Ortiz Gro. Co. to pay for bread. Sent letter to Sue and one to Miss Harriet Monroe. It was so chilly I had fire again. Harry disked and grubbed I think.
- 6 Went to see Hilda—found her pitiful. Went to Bellevue later. Had Willie Huey's check cashed at Cit. Dep. Bk. (see 1st) and got my Bk. book. Sent letter to Julia and got one from her. Harry disked and began to harrow. About 7 P.M. it began to rain. Going to Burlington it was cold and I have fire again to-day.
- 7 Rained hard last night and raining to-day. Sent letter to Pauline C. Foster with the B. F. Goodrich Co. check (see April 3d) and one to Sally. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Thompson came and said he had worked 3 days this week. I pd. him 3.00.
- 8 Forgot to write in this and can't remember except that it was cold.
- 9 Sunday—cloudy and cold—had fire all day. Everybody went away. Harry and family and Grace &c. to Erlanger. Virgie to Francisville.
- 10 Bright—not quite so cold. Sent letters to Sally and Isabella—got letters from Patty who had started for Grand Cañon and one from Julia—and check on Bank of America from Mr. O'Leary Frank's clerk for \$28. Sent Harry to see M. L. Kelly about line fence—then he said he would turn the 2 heifer calves on the piece of grass Joe fenced—then he worked in my garden and his. I planted cucumbers.
- 11 Went up to the line fence between me and Mr. L. Kelly that Hubert Loudon burnt. Will Arnold and Hubert went up there and Mr. L. Kelly came and brought some 2 point barb wire Harry took posts and I furnished what we needed and woven wire 26.6 in. to put on the bottom of the fence. Mr. Kelly furnished the wire for four strands above, they all worked and finished it and I got home by 10 A.M. Sent postal to Julia. I planted flower seeds. Warmer—looks like rain. Minnie Loudon Kelly and her Mr. Mason came to see Grace. Got note from Sally Vaughn. Harry harrowed on alfalfa ground after noon.
- 12 Harry harrowed on that and the other ground. Joe West came out and rived fence stays. I got a letter from Polly Foster (see 7th). Went to Bellevue and afterwards to Rock Spring to see the Columbines and get some—the rock spring is gone—some slip or change has destroyed it and all that road is ruined. On the way to Bellevue I met Ott Scott with the 12 steers that he said are 2 year olds and he put them in the big pasture.
- 13 I remembered that it was the wedding day of my beloved parent and wished them joy. Sent letter to Sally—got one from her postal from Patty at the Grand Cañon, a letter from Sally Mallory and Mrs. Parish. It was warm. Harry worked in the garden. Joe was here making fence stays. I planted some flower seeds &c. The calves got out on the pike.
- 14 Sent letter to Sally and Julia—got one from Patty from Los Angeles. Joe worked finished making up the stays and put some on. Harry worked for himself in his garden till noon—then hauled stays and helped Joe put them on. It thundered last night and there was a sprinkle.
- 15 From 4 o'clock on it thundered and there was a slight shower—cloudy and much cooler this morning, cleared off warmer. Joe came out and worked ½ day putting on fence stays. Harry helped him some. Sent Patty a postal—got letter from her from Pasadena, of the 11th. Also I got an invitation to Polly Foster's wedding June 5th and an Ins. Ass. for 6.00.

Settlement with Harry Roseberry.

Since our last settlement March 20th Harry said he had worked 38 ½ days = 28.88. He had received cash 11.55 and he paid me 1.75 for the keep of Susan's sow = 13.30. Deducting this leave[s] me owing him 15.58. I pd him. 60 and gave him a check for \$15.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue.

Harry took the 2 heifer calves to Mr. B. Walton's and left them.

- 16 Sunday. Was invited to dine at Ernest's—went. It was windy and chilly. Horace and Mrs. Grant were there and Mr. and Mrs. Keys and their foreign friend Harold Little. Frances was at home.
- 17 Cold and cloudy. Joe West came to work and Harry helped with the fence—hailed stays and put them on. Mr. Rains was cutting briars and cleaning fence row. I went to Bellevue and got staples &c. Mr. Bob Thompson said he finished cutting thorn bushes in big pasture and I paid him 1.50 in full. Sent note to Sally Vaughn, got picture postal from Patty from Pasadena—letter from Sally, from Julia and Mary C. Went to Mrs. Luly Walton's to ask her about line fence row.
- 18 Chilly and cloudy 45° at 6 A.M. Sent letter to Patty, Sally, and Julia. Got picture postal from Patty and letter from Sue. Joe came out and put on fence stays. Harry perhaps hauled some—he harrowed his corn and worked in his garden. At dinner time Virgie telephoned back and forth with Ira Sanders and told me he was coming for her and she was going to leave. I told her before Grace Miss Patty was her guardian &c. and she did n't go—probably will later. Had fire all day—and it feels like frost.
- 19 Sent letter to Patty about Virgie. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Ira Sanders came for Virgie and she went away with him about half past two. He and she both said he had not persuaded her to go and they evidently thought I believed them! Joe came out and put some stays on the pike fence near the mud road and he went home at noon as it rained a little a cold sprinkle. Harry went after seed corn to replant his patch with—after it rained a little he set out some sweet potato plants.
- 20 Thundered and rained last night and a cold rain to-day. Sent letters to Patty Sally and Sue. Got notice from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. of a sale of lots in Wash. Harry found the sow with the wide list in the woods with 5 white pigs. Rained nearly all day—turned rather warmer.
- 21 Fine season. Flave setting tobacco—warmer and windy. Went to Bellevue—told Susan Walrath to stop Patty's account for Virgie. Went to Bk. and gave a check for 6.00 to pay Ins. Ass. 6.00 and got Mr. McNeeley's receipt too. Harry cut the grass in the yard with the machine and hauled the pieces for wood left from the fence stays. Got letter from Patty from San Diego Cal. Wind blew hard all day.
- 22 Rained hard last night with heavy thunder that waked me between 2 and 3. Dixie has a b. calf. Sent postal to Patty and letter to Julia. Later little Julia telephoned me. Harry worked at something and got corn ground for chicken feed—it rained sometimes.
- 23 Sunday—cloudy and chilly—sprinkled sometimes. Flora came over. Ethel was here and I gave her a check for 5.00 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Leomer put a calf in with my two heifer calves. Had fire.
- 24 Cloudy and not quite so cold. Harry got ready and hauled some thorn bushes into hollows. Sent letter to Belle R. Flower seeds from Wash. came.
- 25 Sent letter to Patty—got one from Sally. Orin P. Phipps brought down and set up a McCormick 9 ft. alfalfa rake—and I gave him a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Burlington for 25.00 in full for the rake. Flave disked and harrowed the tobacco ground opposite the yard. Harry was harrowing on alfalfa ground and helped Orin, and then replanted his corn. It thundered some time and about five o'clock rained.
- 26 Rained off and on blew hard and turned colder. Harry took the lard in the cellar mowed some in the yard &c. Sent note to Lucy J. got letters from Patty who was on her way to San Francisco—from Sally Julia and Susie Tew. Flave set out tobacco. We began to clean dining room.
- 27 Cleaned the dining room. Harry and Grace and I worked and by management and industry got it done, between rains, Harry cleaned the chimney and we got the old carpet up and put the green one down—cleaned and replaced everything. It rained hard about noon—off and on later and again at night—the weather is miserable rainy all the time and cold and the ground is drenched and chilly. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Sent letter to Sally and postal to Patty, got letter from Sally and paper with obituary of Cousin Elizabeth Brinkerhoff Fox Nichols who died in San Francisco aged 57—she was a daughter of Cousin Jane Miller. Got postal and letter from Patty—on her way to San Francisco. Harry took old runabout to Mr. Dolph to fix and got 5 gals. roof paint at Mr. Walrath's. Got little note from Mrs. Parish.

Cloudy and threatening till between 3 and 4 it began to rain off and on pouring sometimes. At night 9 P.M. still raining hard. Harry began again to haul thorn bushes off—had to quit. He set out some tomato plants. Katharine Sullivan stopped in on account of the rain.

- 29 Raining of course. Harry cleaned harness and I think hauled some thorn bushes. Sent postal to Patty.
- 30 Sunday. Joe West came out for his money, he had worked fencing in all 6 days and I gave him check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 9.00. Cloudy and looked like rain all day.
- 31 No mail on account of Decoration day. Flave told me he had finished setting tobacco. Harry replanted his corn. Cloudy and sprinkled. I packed and got ready to go to Cincinnati.

June

- 1 Cloudy. Went to Cin. Harry took me to Aurora and I went on the train that starts before 11. Got to Cin. Julia met me and it rained very hard afterwards. I stayed at Julia's the rest of the week. Sally came Saturday morning. Polly Foster's wedding was Sat. at 6 P.M. She married C. Lawson Reed. Rev. Flinchbaugh performed the ceremony. Laura and Dr. Robbins came Friday and she was matron of honor and they had 10 ushers and a best man. Polly was a pretty bride in a beautiful dress and it all went off smoothly—the church was decorated and full. The reception at Julia's was fine—beautiful night—tables on the lawn &c. During the week [it] rained frequently. In Aurora on my way up I bought of Johnston & Smith a hay track for the barn—paid him by check on Bur. Bk. 16.40 also got 5.00 for Harry from Miss Spaeth on a check on same Bk. At Cin. Sally Eaton got checks cashed for me to the amount of 161.95. One check was for 10.—one for 22.75 one for 7.20 one for 66. and 2 for 28.
- 6 Sunday. Sally and I came home on the Cincinnati—got out home before 12. Harry met us. Grace here—a warm pleasant day—river high. Virgie came after her clothes and things. I found a letter from Patty at Isabella's. While at Julia's got one from her from Sue and Belle R. Harry went to Cov. to take several to the ball game.
- 7 Early heavy thunder and rained hard between 5 and 6. Went to Bellevue and at the Cit. Dep. Bk. deposited 40. and had book fixed. Met Mr. Wilson and a man (his brother-in-law) and they came and put the hay track up in the barn. Harry helped them and went down after Mr. Marshall from Aurora who came to fix the hall ceiling &c. To-day was a succession of thunder storms—hard rains, the creek was high. Sent letter to Julia and got one from Patty at I's.
- 8 Cloudy but did n't rain—turned chilly. Mr. Marshall worked at the ceiling of the hall and put a coat of alabastine on Patty's room. Harry helped all day. Frances Grant and Miss Emma Claypool came to see us after dinner—also Mr. Brockman the Farer's Agent or something, called. I got letter from Sally Woolley.
- 9 Harry took Mr. Marshall to the river. I paid Mr. Marshall 7.00! He helped at house cleaning—then got ready to cut and after dinner cut some alfalfa. I[t] has turned very cool—chilly even. Harry got rope.
- 10 Turned warmer and looked like rain. Sent letter to Patty with piece about wedding. Harry worked at the hay track and raking alfalfa. Went with Sally to Burlington. Went to Bank—and Mr. Rice fixed my book. I deposited 60.00 in Bank. Sally bought of Mr. Eddins 2 front tires for the Ford. We went to see Hilda. It was pleasant driving and the country looked beautiful. I left with Mr. Marce Riddell a copy of my book for Mrs. Riddell to give to the Bur. Library.
- 11 Flave and Mr. Rains helped Harry in the alfalfa. It rained and they only got in 3 loads. Mr. Rains worked ½ a day. Flave helped take off the load after dinner. Sally got a telegram from Frank saying that his mother had a bad spell with her heart, so she had to change her plans and arrange to go home Sat. Harry put the tires on and fixed the motor. We finished putting down the new carpet in Patty's room. I got letter from Patty and Julia. Warmer.

- 12 Sally started for Cin. about 8—with Harry in the machine. Ott Scott came to see about his steers. Sally got Mr. Eddins to go to Cin. with them. Harry got back about 4.30 and said they had a fine run and no delays. Letter came for Sally. Mr. Rains finished shocking what hay was down—he left about 2.30. Turned warm, did n't rain.
- 13 Sunday. Went up to Ernest's and spent the day—invited to meet Mrs. Jeanette Claypool and her daughter Miss Emma. After dinner there was a storm—wind thunder and hail. It poured but quit and cleared in time for me to get home. Road in puddles—ground soaked alfalfa—'well!' Harry and family went over the river to see his brother Kip who is low.
- 14 Cloudy and looks like pouring. Sent letter to Sally and the one that came for her Sat. and postal to Patty. Got letters from Patty, Sally, and Julia. Harry hunted a sow but did not find her—ground knives &c. and began to cut alfalfa. After dinner Frances and Miss Emma Claypool came down and brought me cherries—after they went there was another hard rain storm with thunder and it settled down into a steady rain.
- 15 Cloudy. Sent letter to Julia Foster Jr. Harry was telephoned and went to see his brother. I put up what cherries were not spoiled. Went to Bellevue. Harry got home before night. His brother Kip died about 9 A.M. It did n't rain and turned cooler.
- 16 Had my room cleaned thoroughly. Had a letter from Sally at home. Harry went over the river again. After he came home he raked up some alfalfa. Sent little Julia a postal. Cooler. Mr. Kirk left word about cow.
- 17 Sent letter to Susie Parish. Got letters from Patty and Sally—and pictures and postals from Patty and picture Book of the Cal. Fair from Mary C. Harry and his family went over the river to the funeral of his brother Clifford. One of my little shoat sows has 4 white pigs.
- 18 Mr. Rains worked to-day helping Harry in the alfalfa—after dinner Flave helped and they got in 4 loads—what Harry raked up Wed. It thundered and threatened and at 7 P.M. rained rather hard. Sent letter to Patty and note to Sally and got letter from Julia.
- 19 Last night it poured down and thundered and everything was drenched. Harry hunted sows, did n't find them—went to mill and got Fanny shod. Got my little electric lamp from Sally she had a new light put in. Sent letter to Julia got one from Patty in Tyrone.
- 20 Sunday—last night it poured again with thunder so I had to get up and turn the telephone off. If it could be wetter, it is to-day. Georgy went back to Jesse's. Susan's sow came up with 4 white pigs.
- 21 Rained during the night and raining this morning, but stopped. Harr set out some cabbage plants. He said the missing sow came up and evidently had pigs but did n't bring them. Sent letter to Sally, got one from Julia. Went to Bellevue after dinner. Stopped at Mr. Brown's to finish paying for grinding. Later saw sows pigs white.
- 22 Did n't rain! Harry set out some plants Lily sent me and cut alfalfa. I made 2 kettles of soap, got letter from Patty.
- 23 Bright and cooler. Harry ploughed his corn. Leeomer worked ½ day shocking alfalfa. Sent letter to Patty—got letter from Sally and note from Lucy J. Susan took Cleo to Ethel's. Miss Laura and Geny [?] stopped by.
- 24 Clear to-day—cool and turned warmer. Leeomer came and worked in the alfalfa. Harry could n't get any one else to help—they got in 5 loads. Susan worked 5 hours in the garden. I made a kettle of soap and worked in my vines and flowers. Sent a letter to Sally got one from her and Patty.
- 25 Willie Snelling came and he and Flave both helped Harry with the alfalfa. They got in 7 loads—all that was not rotten. I went to Bellevue and at Bk. got 10. on check from Mr. McNeeley. I made 2 kettles of soap. Susan worked hoeing in the garden part of the time yesterday and to-day. Pd her 1.00. Got letter from Sally. Bright day.
- 26 Sent letter to Julia. Harry ploughed and worked in the garden—dug pole beans up—garden a mass of grass and weeds until this week. Clear.

- 27 Sunday. Clear pleasant day. Harry took his family in the motor to Florence meeting. Sent letters to Sue and Mary C. Got letters from Patty Sally and Julia. Harry worked in the garden till noon and after in his own. About 4 P.M. there was a shower.
- 29 Raining this morning—rained off and on to-day sometimes very hard and at ten P.M. still raining steadily. Harry tried to haul off some of the rotten alfalfa but had to quit. Sent letter to Patty. Susan telephoned St. Mary's Hospital Cin. and was told that Ethel was operated on to-day successfully. Still pouring.
- 30 The day my beloved sister Belle died 48 years ago. Lord love her sweet soul. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her with check for \$106. to pay on her note in Burlington Bank. It rained of course—part of the day. Harry cut grass and weeds in the yards with the mowing machine. Hot between rains, really sultry.

July

- 1 Went to Burlington and to see Hilda. Her mind seems worse than ever—gone. Took Patty's check for 106. to Bank to Mr. Revill. Endorsed and gave it to him and he gave me Patty's note for 200. due the 25th of this month. I then gave him my note for 100. for Patty due in 6 months from date—he gave me back 3.00 of her money—as the interest was only on the 100. after this. Mr. Revill told me that his daughter Patty was married last Thursday to Mr. J. T. Deal of Conway Arkansas and had gone there to live. Mr. Will Kirkpatrick came by to look at my fat cow Daisy. There was a picnic celebration at Bellevue of the Odd Fellows, Masons &c. a large crowd they said, plenty of motors went by. It rained or rather sprinkled sometimes and towards evening there was heavy thunder, lightning and threatening of a storm. Sent letter to Patty—got 2 notes from Sally.
- 2 Sent letter to Patty enclosing her old note for \$200. that I got yesterday at Bk. Sent a note to Patty Revill, Mrs. J. T. Deal—with check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for \$15.00. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Sue and check from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. for 28 int. Sold my fat cow Daisy to Mr. Kirkpatrick for 5 cts. to be weighed next week at Mrs. Eliza Walton's—sold by telephone. Harry chopped weeds out of his corn and after dinner began to disk the ground that was prepared for peas. Susan went over the river. I picked some sage. Before 8 o'clock it began to rain again and rained very hard.
- 3 Raining again or still. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. About ten A.M. Middle Creek was over much of the bottom washing out ground that was ploughed of course. Got postal from Patty and check for 22.75 from Goodrich Co. and one for 66. from National Bk. of Washington. Harry tried to work and took some corn to be ground.
- 4 Sunday. About 5 P.M. there was a deluge of rain with a wind storm thunder &c. and it rained steadily after and during the night.
- 5 The day sister Belle was buried. Lord love her soul. A beautiful day—clear and cool. Harry went to fix the rye field to turn in the hogs. Asked me to let him turn in Susan's sow and his two pigs and all. Then he cut weeds.
- 6 Blanche has a fine calf red and white heifer at that! Harry took Daisy cow up to Mrs. Eliza Walton's to be weighed. Mr. Kirkpatrick sent me the weight 1085 lbs and a check on Peoples Bk. for 54.25. Got note from Frank's clerk Mr. O'Leary with Frank's check for 125. and letters from Patty, Sally, Julia, little Julia about Ethel, and Lizzie H. Sent letter to Sally. Joe West came out and finished putting on fence stays. Harry took Dixie's calf down to ship. He worked in the garden. I went to Flora's.
- 7 Sent letters to Patty and little Julia got another note from I. Julia about Ethel and one from Julia and postal from Patty. Went to Bellevue—took to Bank my check from Mr. Kirk (see yesterday) deposited 40. Mr. McNeely gave me a certificate of Dep because I forgot to take my book and gave me the 14.25. Harry broke up the ground intended for w. peas. Joe West cut briars and weeds in the

old vineyard. Violent electrical storm after dark and by 9 P.M. raining again. Patty says they have a bad drouth in N. Mexico. Coming down in torrents here now.

- 8 Wind blew very hard last night—found limbs blown off the tulip and locust trees in the yard—one limb 18 in. round. Cloudy and drizzling off and on. Hear accounts of destruction from storm. Harry weaned Betsy's heifer calf, put it with the other calves. I got letter from John V. Kisker & Co. about the calf (see 6th). It weighed 148 lbs at 10 ¼ came to 15.17—expenses 1.57 and Kisker sent check for 13.60 on Pearl Market Bk. Got letters from Sally and Patty R. Deal. Harry cleaned limbs out of the yard—dragged up some wood &c. We heard that the boat Elbert Clore was on was sunk in the storm but he escaped and came home. Buildings were blown down and wrecked and trees blown down in the neighborhood and country round.
- 9 Got paper with account of the destruction and loss of life from the cyclone of the 7th. Stopped to see Belle Clore and saw Elbert. Went to Bellevue and to Bk. and deposited the 13.60 from Kisker's check (see 8th). Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got letter from Sally and box of dates. Photograph came from Annie Anderson for Patty. Harry chopped weeds in his corn till dinner and is ploughing for cow peas. Bright day.
- 10 Sent letter to Julia and Patty's photograph to her—got letter from Patty said Martha had been sick. Harry ploughed and harrowed—it was very hot and towards night there was another hard rain with heavy thunder—it had rained a little early and cleared off.
- 11 Sunday. Cloudy and sultry. Susan picked some blackberries on cherry hill.
- 12 Hot. Flave sowed the cow peas and Harry harrowed them in. Ott Scott came and got his 12 herd of steers—they had been on pasture 2 months and he paid me 24.00. Sent letter to Sally—got boxes from her with g.m. chain, and letter from Julia and I. Julia and note from Fanny G. Harry grubbed and cut weeds and briers in the graveyard. Sultry and looked like rain.
- 13 An agent W.M. Quick came a preaching representing the Farmers' Nursery Co. Troy Ohio—to get rid of him I subscribed for a Dorothy Perkins and a Gipsy Queen clematis 2.00 to be delivered at Burlington in Oct. Sent letters to Patty, Mary C. and Fanny Gibbon, got one from Sue. Canned some plums off the little tree. Very hot, sultry. Harry cleaned spring hauled wood and worked some in the garden. Rose Loudon had a boy.
- 14 Harry turned his 2 sows on the rye. Sent letters to Sally, Sue, little Julia and card to Belle R. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Harry worked. Very hot. Betty Botts came and Hazel.
- 15 Hot as 'Toba'. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got one from Julia. Joe West worked cutting weeds and briers in the vineyard—and Harry worked in the garden—it was sweltering hot. Susan went over the river and brought Cleo home.
- 16 Sent letter to Patty and note to Mrs. Mag Ellis. Got letter from Sally saying that Miss Thorpe had died. Susan got a letter from Patty with check for 7.00 and I took it to Bank in Bellevue and got it cashed for her. Heard that Mrs. Hester Koons is dead. Harry worked—cleaned little buildings. Grace sick to-day. After dark there was thunder and lightning and by 8.15 it is raining hard. We had corn for dinner the first.
- 17 Cloudy and hot. Harry and family went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. After dinner Frances and her friend Miss Julia from Dunkirk N.Y. came to see me.
- 18 Sunday. Harry and family went to R. Sun to see Ethel who got home from St. Mary's Hospital Cin. Very hot.
- 19 A day of remembrance, ever sad. Started to the funeral of Mrs. Hester Koons waited about 2 hours and gave it up. She was buried later. Put up the first blackberries this year. Susan picked them for me on cherry hill. Got letter from Julia little J. Cousin Belle R. and also from Patty I think—have sent letters to Patty and Sally but forget the days. Harry drove the buggy for me in the morning and cut weeds on ground.

- 20 Hot. Went with Mrs. Luly Walton to the funeral of Cap. John Smith, German that papa knew—in the new cemetery. It sprinkled and turned cooler. Harry finished cutting weeds on ground for alfalfa and then cut some alfalfa.
- 21 Think I sent letter to Patty. Went with Flora Arnold to the funeral of Mrs. Colon Kelly (Miss Kate Sutton) at the Baptist Church and new Cemetery. Cooler. Harry worked in alfalfa and Leeomer helped him.
- 22 Cool and bright. Harry worked getting in all the alfalfa that was down. Leeomer and Joe W. and Hubert worked and Oakley ½ day. I pd them all. They got in 8 loads. Got letter from Patty and postal from Fanny G.
- 23 Sent letters to Sally and Julia, got 2 from Sally one saying she expected to come Sunday—also one from Julia and a note from Mrs. Mag Ellis. Harry worked disking the ground for alfalfa. Joe West cut briars in fence row. I canned blackberries that Susan picked on C. H. Cool morning and night.
- 24 Bright—warm but cool at night. Harry worked on alfalfa ground went to mill &c.
Settlement with Harry
Since our last May 15th Harry says he has worked 48 ½ days = 36.38. He has received cash 20.70 and 1.00 for pasture of Susan's sow to July 15th = 21.70. This leaves a balance of 14.68 and I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for that.
- 25 Sunday. Bright hot day. Went to the river to meet Sally who came on the Louisville—we got home by 12.20. How thankful I am for her safety. Harry drove the spring wagon.
- 26 Two little sprinkles one early and one late. Hot day—made blackberry jam. Sally went to Bellevue for me and I gave her a check for 5.00 that she got cashed. Ernest Lily and Flora stopped by a few minutes this evening. Sent postal to Patty. Flave sowed alfalfa till noon and Harry harrowed and later put it in with the drag! at last.
- 27 Hot and clear. Harry cut alfalfa. Sent note to Julia and postal to Amy C. Got 2 letters from Patty one from Julia and Sue and postal from Cordy Scott. Flave was topping tobacco.
- 28 Sent letter to Belle R. Harry cut alfalfa till noon. We had a hard shower then—later he worked at the road to the creek and raked some alfalfa. I made jam.
- 29 Harry got in the alfalfa. Joe, Willie and Leeomer helped they had 6 loads. It was very hot but there was a breeze. I got letter from Julia. Canned plums.
- 30 It thundered and rained last night. Hot and cloudy this morning. Sally and I went to Burlington and dined with Hilda—went to see Susan Walrath.
- 31 Hot very. Got telegram telephoned from Patty—all well—had rain—the Damrosches were coming or [?] there &c. Sally and I went to Bellevue—at Bank I got 10. and gave my check for it. 92° in the shade at 11 A.M. Got notice at Grant P.O. from Am. Ex. Aurora and notice from Gordon & Ferguson St. Paul that Patty's fur coat was sent. Hot 96° in the shade later. Got 2 letters from Patty. Harry mowed the yard with the machine and weeds too. At dark there was a wonderful display of lightning and plenty of thunder—in the night a slight shower, apparently.

August

- 1 Twenty years to-day since Tilden died. May his soul rest in peace. Sunday. Harry and Sally oiled the Victrola. Maggie Kelly brought me a note from Lily G. and I sent an answer by her. Hot but not quite so sweltering.
- 2 Raining—cleared or rather stopped by 10 and Sally and I went to dine at Ernest's. Hot but breezy up there. Got letters from Julia, Belle R and Mary C. Belle said Miss Fanny was low. Sally and I went on to Bellevue and got Patty's package (see July 31st). Harry mowed weeds.
- 3 There was a shower some time in the night. Raining gently off and on and about noon there was a very hard rain. Sent letter to Belle R. Got note from Susie T. Harry cut weeds. Georgy L. came.

- 4 Turned very cool. Sally and I stayed home sewed &c. Harry cut weeds on pike. Sally and I went to see the alfalfa that was sowed July 26th and has come up very well. Saw John Moreland who came to see his kin.
- 5 Very cool last night and this morning. Sally started for Cin. about 10 A.M. on her way to Cin. and home. Harry running the machine. Sent note to Susie T. got letters from Patty and Amy C. Harry got back about 7.30 said they got to Cin. by 12 and had a safe run. It was cool and cloudy all day—sprinkled after 5.
- 6 Cool pleasant day. Sent letter to Patty got one from Sally in Cin. Went to Bellevue—at Bank got 10.00. Went for Flora and we went to Mrs. Luly Walton's. Frank is sick. Harry dug the onions—and said he was going to get some wood.
- 7 Much warmer—sent letter to Sally and to Julia. Harry worked the okra and planted some more cucumbers and cut weeds. Grace canned some tomatoes
- 8 Sunday. Warm—had a sprinkle.
- 9 Bright and warm. Sent letters to Sally Woolley and Sue—got letters from Patty 2 from Sally and from Julia and Belle R. Harry cut weeds.
- 10 Neglected to write—think I sent postal to Patty and letter to Sally. It rained part of the day. Harry cut weeds.
- 11 Poured in torrents off and on. Will Arnold came to see about getting help to haul coal. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Harry took the horses to be shod. Rained very hard at night and Middle Creek roars as if it were over the bottoms.
- 12 Cleared up—turned cool and felt like a fall day. Sent letter to Patty and card to Sally—got letter from Patty, 2 from Sally who says they think they will start for Isabella's Saturday—and letter from Julia. Harry cut weeds.
- 13 Hot again. Got pair gloves and magazines from Sally. Went to Bellevue and to see Susan W. Harry said he cleaned wire fence row on mud road.
- 14 Patty's birthday. Lord love her. Sent her a letter and Julia. Got letter from Patty. Harry cut weeds ½ day—went to R. Sun. Between 10 and 11 there was a torrential rain—and it rained off and on besides. Sally was to start to Isabella's to-day.
- 15 Sunday. Harry told me that Florence's little Louis is dead and buried.
- 16 Went to Burlington to see Hilda. Sally gave me a letter to read from Hilda's cousin Mr. Dan W. Rawlings of Stevensville, Michigan in which he wrote that in answer to her inquiry as to the year in which she was born it was 1821 that her birthday was July 17th and he set her age down so 1821—7—17 Hilda had always told us the 18th of July was her birthday and I don't know which one is mistaken. Mr. D. M. Rawlings is the son of her uncle Mr. Isaac Rawlings, late of Jacksonville, Ill. Got home from Hilda's by a quarter of 1. Before 4 P.M. there was a hard rain and the creek was over the banks. I sent letter to Patty, got letters from her Sally, Julia and one for Patty from the Pittsburg Coal Co. Aurora—about Anthracite coal. Harry hauled wood. It was hot and the horse flies so bad that driving was very disagreeable. Sally and Frank started for Isabella's Aug. 14th. She sent me a cake of Johnson's Soap.
- 17 To think that my mother has been dead 56 years. Lord love her soul. Sent letters to Sally and Miss Kate Shreve. Sent Harry up to Ernest's to get his wheel chair for Hilda and sent it out to her. Sent Sally a note and she sent me one also she sent me Mr. Rawling's letter see yesterday. Harry heard that Mrs. Missouri Walton is dead. He cut some weeds in the yard—it was a cloudy day with a few little sprinkles. Got letter from Sally in Chicago and Spoon River Anthology. Flave brought me a little watermelon—the first.
- 18 Sent letter to Belle R. got letter from Patty and from Sally from Kansas City. Harry cut weeds on mud road. Flave cut some tobacco. Grace canned tomatoes. It turned cool at 8.30 P.M. 59°.

- 19 Harry changed the heifers into the big pasture and Leeomer's calf with them. Grace said her mother went to Minnie's last evening. I sent letter to Patty, got one from Belle R. Harry cut creeper vines and cleaned out new fence row. Cool to-night.
- 30[20] Cold steady rain—feels chilly. Sent letters to Belle R. and Julia. Got letters from Patty and from little Julia about coming. Got letter from Frank's clerk Mr. O'Leary with check from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. for 34.00. Harry tinkered old mowing machine &c. went to Bellevue for coal oil. Mr. Walrath's coal has come. Georgy came out.
- Settlement with Harry
Since our last July 24th Harry says he has worked 22 ½ days = 16.88. He has had cash 2.00 owes .50 for pasture of Susan's sow to Aug. 15, 1.00 for his 2 sows to 14th = 3.50 which leaves due him 13.38. I gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for this. Harry intends to go to the Erlanger Fair so this is to Aug. 21.
- 21 Raining still but not hard. Rained and blew all night. Harry and Susan, Grace and Oakley started to the Fair. Sent letters to Patty, to little Julia, and box with 2 pairs of glasses, to Ortiz Groc. Co. ordering 40 lb. box of candles—and note to Mr. O'Leary acknowledging check (see 20th). Got letter from Miss Mary Furlong.
- 22 Sunday—clear and pleasant for a change.
- 23 Went to Rising Sun—took Susan with me. Went to Bk Mr. Perkins not there but the man knew who I was and cashed two checks—one for \$28. (see July 2nd) and one for 3.50 from Frank Cutcheon from Doubleday Page & Co. Went to Gibson's Bros. and bought a stove—paid 35. For it, bought pipe—granite ware pan &c all 37.15. Gave Gibson a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue for 10. to pay part, and cash for the rest. Left my bank book with Mr. McNeeley to fix. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sue and one from National Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with check for 3.50. Also got card from P.O. Petersburg that my package sent to Julia R. Foster is held for more postage. Harry hauled coal for Mr. Walrath from barge. Beautiful day—river calm.
- 24 Papa's birthday—125! years ago—how strange—may his rest be sweet. Cloudy part of the day—after thundering it rained from 2.30 to three. Harry hauled coal again for Mr. Walrath. Ernest and [Lily] stopped to speak as they went by. Grace canned some tomatoes. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her and Sally at Isabella's.
- 25 Mr. Eddins came and fixed the telephone. Sent letter to Julia. Got note from Ortiz Grocery Co. Harry hauled coal from Mr. Walrath again—worked to get done till 9.30. Flave told me he picked a load of watermelons 131 odd I think to haul away as he had no offers.
- 26 Flave hauled his load off. Harry went and got the stove and the box of candles. He set up the stove by 12 m [?]. Afterwards he worked in the garden I went to Flora's for eggs. Got letters from Sally at Isabella's from Belle R. and from Miss Kate Shreve about Hilda. It was cool 65° at 8 P.M. Little Julia called me up this evening.
- 27 Flave brought me 7.25 watermelon money. Sent letters to Patty, Belle R. and Sue, got one from Julia. Harry cut the grass in the yard—cleaned small building &c. Flave and Harry attended to shoats.
- 28 Harry went to Bellevue for ice and got apples and prepared for company. About 4 P.M. Julia, Polly, John and Lawson came down—we went to the river and they stayed to supper and left at 7.30. It was a good day fine for motoring and they said they enjoyed the run down.
- 29 Sunday. Susie Tew and Miss Shields came down on the boat—got here at a quarter to 3. Harry went down for them. It rained in showers from about noon till after they came and then poured down a cold rain. Ethel was here—looks well after being operated on at the hospital.
- 30 Harry went to Mr. Ed Botts's for peaches and afterwards got apples from cherry hill. I canned peaches—it turned chilly—got a letter from Sally from Tyrone. We had a fire for Miss Shields nearly all day—it was cloudy and gloomy.

- 31 44° after sun up—had fire all day again. Had note from John Stettinius. Harry got apples again. I canned peaches—it was bright and not quite so chilly. Flave cut tobacco.

September

- 1 Turned warmer. Sent letter to Julia. Got letters from Patty, Sally and little Julia. Harry took some horses to be shod and hauled some wood. I went to see Spinny Smith about getting anthracite coal and gave him a letter to Pittsburg Coal Co. Aurora. Went to see Susan W. Mr. Walrath gave me a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 11.55 for Harry and team hauling coal see Aug. 25th. Georgy went to B. with me.
- 2 She came back. It was warmer and a very pleasant day. Sent letter to Patty got one from Mammy and notice from Wells Fargo Ex. Aurora—Cutter agt. Harry fixed shute [sic] and wagon to haul coal and hauled some wood. Spinny Smith called up and said he had brought the coal.
- 3 Got letters from Patty, Sally, with Frank's check for 15.00 from Doubleday and Co. from Belle R. and from Sally W. Harry hauled coal from the barge that Spinny Smith took to McVile. Schuyler Hensley hauled too—in all 6 loads. Harve Smith watched the barge last night and helped shovel. They finished about 4 P.M. Pleasant day and warmer—made grape jelly.
- 4 Sent letter to Patty. Went to Belleview. Got box by Ex. from Silver N.M. Patty's probably. Spinny gone before I got there. Went to Bank and got my book—had Mr. Walrath's check cashed (see 1st). Got 10, and gave my check for it. Harry mowed the lot with the machine &c. I made some grape jelly. Rained at night.
- 5 Sunday. Martha's birthday. 9 years old. Lord bless her little life. Poured down all day—a dismal looking day. Harry got a jar of lard 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs jar and all at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Susan had got 6 pounds at 1 ct. off price about two weeks ago. 11 cts. 2 lbs.
- 6 Labor day no mail—misted rain early but quit. Georgy said Eddy started for New Mexico. Harry began to dig I. potatoes.
- 7 Sent letter to Belle R. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Harry hunted hogs, fixed holes in fence &c. About 1 it set in to rain and in torrents with heavy thunder—still raining at night. I made grape jelly.
- 8 Harry went on a hog hunt again. Sent letter to Patty and check for 1.50 on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. to Miss Harriet Monroe for sub. to Poetry. Harry hunted hogs and dug Irish potatoes. I went to Bellevue to see Spinny (James R.) Smith. Gave him a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for \$10.00 to pay him for the use of the barge and for bringing it down with the coal in it and taking it back to Aurora. The Coal Co. put the coal in the barge and Harve, Schuyler Hensley and Harry took it out. It was bright and warm to-day. Went to see Susan W.
- 9 My dear mother's birthday. I wish her eternal joy. Got letter from Patty sent letter to little Julia. It was hot as summer and after noon rained but quit. Harry dug potatoes finished, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels. Grace took her mother to Julia's. Patty said Major Hector was 'ordered East.'
- 10 My darling sister Susie's birthday—peace perfect peace. A hot summer day and clear. Sent letter to Patty. Harry dug his own potatoes. Flave getting in tobacco.
- 11 Took Susie and Miss Shields to the river to go up to Aurora in Spinny Smiths boat. Harry took the trunks down in the spring wagon. Sent letter to Julia and one that came for Patty. Harry dug his own potatoes to-day finished got 24 bushels. Grace went to the Harvest Home picnic. Flave getting in tobacco. Very hot to-day—and clear. Harry had to mow his potato patch with the old machine plow it with horses before he dug them the weeds were so bad.
- 12 Sunday. Very hot. Harry was gone till dark. Susan too. L. Julia called me up.
- 13 Went to Burlington to see Hilda and try on Sally Vaughn's account, to get a trustee appointed for Hilda. Went to see Mr. Revill—he told me I would have to see Mr. Edson Riddell, Co. Atty. first—he was gone to Cin. with Susan and Mr. Walrath taking her to the hospital so I had to come home without seeing him. I got letters from Patty, Julia, Sue and postcard from Miss Shields. It was very

hot—is so in N.Y. Harry worked for himself hauling rails and making pens for his hogs. Sent letter to Patty. School began to-day.

- 14 Sent letter to Susie T. and letter and card that came for her—and letters to Patty and Julia. Got letter from Sally at Coronado Beach. Harry said he fixed my fattening pan and drove the colt some. Florence stopped by to see us. Intensely hot again.
- 15 Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty and notice from P.M. about Susie T's mail. Harry drove the colt Minor he said. Flave said he borrowed the good mowing machine to mow his potatoes. The gasoline man filled Patty's tank. I canned a little soup stuff. Very hot day.
- 16 Sent letter to Patty. Harry got a side of meat 19lbs at 15 cts. I got letter from Susie T. in N.O. Harry picked or rather shook some apples in the mud road pasture and made a little cider. It was hot again. Sent postal to Belle R.
- 17 Hot and at noon showers and towards 5 torrents of rain. Got letter from Sally at San Francisco. Harry sorted the apples. I helped and he made cider.
- 18 Flave brought me 3.00 the last of the watermelon money. Sent letter to Patty—got postal from her and letter from Sally from Chicago and one from Julia. Harry cleaned up after cider making &c. It rained after noon most of the day. Flave Loudon says he wants to rent and stay another year and I told him he could. Rather cooler after rain.
- 19 Sunday. Ernest, Lily, and Frances came and dined with me. Clear day!
- 20 Cooler this morning. Sent letters to Sally, Belle R., Mary C. Got letter from Patty, from Sally, Belle R., Miss Kate Shreve, Miss Shields, and Mrs. Parish and box of candied fruit from Sally. It was cloudy and rained about 4. Harry cut alfalfa.
- 21 50° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally and postal to Patty—got one from her. Went [to] Burlington—dined at Hilda's. Went to see Mr. Edson (N. E.) Riddell the Co. Atty. about having a trustee appointed for Hilda (Mrs. Brady) so Sally Vaughn can get suitable wages for care of her. He advised Miss Mary Furlong so I went to see her. Mr. Riddell is to let me know when the formalities have been done &c. It was clear and chilly. Harry cut alfalfa.
- 22 46° at sunup—and clear. Harry and Flave attended to some pigs. Harry cut and raked alfalfa and Flave shocked it after dinner. John S. telephoned to-night that he and his Aunt Mary and Jenny Anderson would come down to-morrow. Elmer Jarrel got 1500 tobacco sticks for Ernest.
- 23 Sent letter to Miss Kate Shreve. Got letter from Lizzie H. Harry worked in alfalfa. Flave helped and Lou's Mr. Fowler. John Stettinius and his aunt Mrs. Perkins and Jenny Anderson came down by motor (Ernest chauffeur) about 3.30 and went home by perfect moonlight. Beautiful day cool and bright. Harry said they got in 3 loads of alfalfa—they had raking and shocking to do.
- 24 Another cool bright day. Flave, Leeomer and Mr. Fowler helped with the hay. I went to Bellevue to Bank and gave a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for \$10.00 and got the money. Went to see Susan W. Harry said they got in 6 loads of hay. Sent letters to Patty and Julia—got one from Sally at home, she said Sue was gone back home.
- 25 Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Sue. They finished getting in the alfalfa by 10 only 2 loads. Leeomer and Mr. Fowler helped and Flave. Harry said he patched holes in the barn roof after dinner. I lent the cider mill to Jesse and he took it home. Leeomer worked 1 ½ day and there was 2.25 coming to him. He let me have 2.00 for 4 months pasture of his half (see May 23) and I pd him .25. I went to the sale of Douglas Rice in Bellevue and bought some chairs. To finish paying for them I borrowed 5.00 of Mr. Walrath till next week—as it was after bank hours. Warmer and bright.
- 26 Sunday. Warm and windy. Harry and family went to Florence to church. Raining before bedtime.
- 27 Raining a cold rain but stopped and is very chilly Sent letter to Mrs. Parish, got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Went to Burlington and went with Miss Mary Furlong to the court house. Mr. Edson Riddell and Judge Cason had a jury and certificates from 2 doctors Yelton and Duncan that they found Mrs. I. H. Brady incapable of attending to her business affairs and the court appointed Miss

Mary Furlong her trustee and she signed her bond and took oath as such. Sally Vaughn went with us and we both were witnesses but not required to sign. The memorandum of Hilda's property was read and the Judge explained the law. Harry brought out the chairs I bought at Douglas Rice's sale Sat. and hauled some wood. It was so damp and chilly that I made a fire and it felt good.

- 28 Fair and cool. Harry put in my fattening lot 9 hogs of the same litter 4 barrows and 5 sows he said. Harry hauled some corn to the hogs. I went to Bellevue—gave a check on his Bk. and got 10. from Mr. McNeeley. Paid Mr. Walrath the 5.00 he let me have (see 25th). Grace went with me to Ernest's as Julia's child is sick. I went to see it. Ernest's house is torn up—he is having a bath room and water put in—also acetylene gas and other improvements. Went to see Susan Walrath. Flave brought part of my share potatoes. Sent letters to Patty and Sue.
- 29 Cool and bright. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Sally with picture of her little dog Ching—and from Susie T. Went to B. to see Susan W. Harry cut weeds off the new alfalfa.
- 30 Sent postal to Belle R. Harry cut the last of the alfalfa about a load he said then he changed the hanging of the coal house door. It looked cloudy all the morning and after noon rained and at night is still raining and chilly and at dark I have a fire.

October

- 1 Raining part of the day. Sent letters to Miss Kate Shreve and to Sally—got one from her. Harry was hunting two of the sows that got out of the lot and got them back. Chilly—fire at night again.
- 2 Bright pleasant day. Got letter from Sue and from Fanny G. saying she was coming 10th. Sent letters to Patty, and to Susie T.? Harry went to Bellevue after dinner and brought out the wheel chair.
- 3 Sunday. Heard that Emma Brown was burned with gasoline last night. A beautiful warm day. Susan took Cleo over the river to her grandma's to put her to school a while. Little Julia telephoned me after dark.
- 4 Rained a little last night—warm and lovely. Central told me that Emma was taken to the hospital yesterday. Sent letters to Fanny G., to Patty, to Belle R. and note to Ortiz Grocery Co. Got bill from Ortiz and from Century Mag. Also check from Natl. Bank Wash. for 66. And from Goodrich Co. for 22.75 and letter from Sally with kodaks, postal from Patty, letters from Julia and from Belle R. (by Mrs. Graham) and notes from Mrs. Perkins and Susie Tew about the storm. Breezy all the morning and by 1 a hard rain with some hail and rained off and on the most of the day.
- 5 Sent check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk for 4.00 to Century Co. for Mag. next year—also one on same for 5.40 to Ortiz Grocery Co. for box of candles, also letters to Susie T. and Joe Humphreys. Flave and Harry cut corn in Harry's patch this morning. After dinner Harry hauled from Mr. Walrath's 2 loads of coal 40 bus. 50 lbs—44 bus. 6 lbs. Turned cool at 9.45 P.M. 50°.
- 6 40° after sunup. Flave said he saw frost on a roof but there is nothing hurt. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got letters from Patty and Sue. Harry and Flave cut corn in the morning—afterwards Harry hauled 2 loads of coal from Mr. Walrath's—the 1st one 41 bus. 59 lbs. 2nd 44 bus. 71 lbs.
- 7 Bright but windy and chilly had fire at night. Worked with pickles—picked peppers &c. Harry hauled 2 loads of coal 1st 44 bus. 50 lbs. 2nd 46 bus. lbs. After dinner he disked the piece on the mud road partly—preparing it for timothy. He brought out half a bus. of timothy from Al Rogers.
- 8 38° at sunup and some frost, no damage.

Settlement with Harry.

He says that since our last to Aug. 21 he has worked 35 days = 26.25—added to this for 3 days hauling coal 4.05 = 30.30. For cash—lard, meat, hot pasture he has received 9.45 leaving balance due him of 20.85. I gave him a check for the amount on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. This goes to Oct. 9th. I told Harry I would buy six of his largest pigs at 2.25 apiece. Got letter from Belle written by Mrs. Graham said Belle is better. Miss Fanny still living. Busy all day making pickles and pulling peppers, tomatoes in fear of a frost. A cold wind to-day. Harry finished disked the piece—fixed fence against

hogs &c. The paper says my President is engaged to marry—again, such is life and death! At 8.15 it is 45°. I have a good fire.

- 9 No frost—clear and cool. Sent letter to Julia and postals to Patty and Sally—got letters from both of them and from Miss Kate Shreve and, Sue sent me Susie's letter about the storm in N. Orleans. Harry and family and Grace went to Fair. Letter for Patty came from Astor Trust Co.
- 10 Sunday. Heard that Susan Arnold Walrath died last night about 1 or 2. She had been brought home from the hospital Friday night on the boat and her death was so unexpected that her family did n't reach her till too late. I went down right after breakfast to see her sisters. There was a hard frost last night that killed flowers and vines.
- 11 Flave sowed the ½ bus. timothy in the field on the mud road and Harry harrowed it, then he dug sweet potatoes. We put the letters in the box too late. It was a beautiful day.
- 12 Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Sue I think. Got letter from Sue inclosing letter from Lizzie's daughter Mary telling her of the death of Cousin John B. Dinsmore. Got registered letter from Mr. O'Leary Frank's clerk inclosing paper for me to sign, and one from Patty I think. Flave brought the rest of his potatoes—he said he had dug 68 bus. all together. Harry dug sweet potatoes. I went down to see Lily at her sister Susan's and after dinner we went to the funeral of Susan E. A. Walrath. Susan was buried in her father's lot in the old Bellevue graveyard. The services were at the house and Rev. Edgar Riley officiated. It was a beautiful day. Fanny went with me—Harry drove.
- 13 Sent a note to Frank Cutcheon with the registered paper inclosed. Fanny signed it as witness. Mr. Mahan gave me the receipt for it. Got letter from Joe Humphreys. Warm, windy day and sprinkled sometimes. Harry took down the trellises off the porch and ploughed on the peas— went to borrow a plough from Bob Brady.
- 14 Raining and very mild 68° before breakfast. Got telegram from Patty at Silver saying she expected to start for home next Sunday and wants Harry to meet her at the B. and O. Wednesday Oct. 20th. Sent letter to Belle R. Got one from Sally. Harry ploughed under W. peas—it rained occasionally during the day—not hard.
- 15 Misting a little and cloudy but did n't rain. Sent letter to Julia and note to Sue. Got letter from Belle R. and Express notice. Harry ploughed under w. peas. Susan went over the river. Very mild and damp.
- 16 Went to Burlington and to Bank—got the check from Frank for \$125. cashed—left 100. in Bk. and took 25. Went to see Hilda, and got home by 12 [P].M. After dinner went to Bellevue to settle up for coal and other bills. The coal came to 261 bus. and some lbs. and at 13. came to 33.99 so I gave Mr. Walrath a check for \$34. on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. in full. Pd. Al for ½ bus. timothy 2.00 Mr. Dolph 5.20 Mr. Rains for cutting corn 2.52. I gave Harry a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for six shoats of his 13.50 see Oct. 8th. Harry and Susan went to her step-sister's Annie Bob's. The day was mild and beautiful— lovely to drive about. Harry finished ploughing in the c. peas. I got a bill from Pittsburg Coal Co. Aurora for anthracite coal 59.50. Also check from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. for 10. and notice from Wells Fargo Ex. which I took to Mrs. Spinny Smith, and a box of 8 records from Sally. Also postal from Lucy J. sent one to her by Harry.
- 17 Sunday. Beautiful summer day. Birds sang—violets bloomed and they sky was perfect. Ernest called to see Fanny. Amy telephoned and came down to spend the day—bringing a friend Miss Koehler and her new chauffeur Harvey. Harry came back after Amy left.
- 18 Raining steadily most of the time, I sent Sally a letter inclosing the bill from the Pittsburg Coal Co. Aurora and a note to the company. Got letters from Patty and Mary C. and receipts from Century Mag. and for registered letter see 13th. Harry hauled coal for himself, said he got 122 bus.
- 19 Foggy but cleared up. Harry took Bob Brady's riding plough home—cleaned up the motor &c. I made pickles and went to Bellevue and got Patty's box from Spinny. Got postal from Patty, letters from Sally and Mary C. and from little Julia saying her mother was sick.

- 20 Sent letter to Julia and to Mary C. inclosing check for 10. (see 16th). Got one from Julia and from Susie T. Harry cleaned motor, buggies &c. Harry went to Aurora to meet Patty who came via St. Louis—they got home at 7 P.M. She is safe and sound thank Heaven—she went to see Belle R. in Independence Mo. last evening. I had a telegram by telephone from her in St. Louis this morning. It was a lovely warm day and beautiful night. I gave Harry a check for 5.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. to go towards getting me 8 bus. rye in Aurora.
- 21 Did n't write in this till 23d. Harry worked and went to Bellevue to get the rye. I got letter from Sue and Sally. Perfectly beautiful weather.
- 22 Flave sowed the rye and Harry disked it in and did n't get done disking. Fanny and Patty went to Ernest's after dinner. I got letter from Lucy J. saying she was coming Sat. and telephone from Amy saying she and Harriet would come Sat. too. Sent letters to Lizzie and Cousin Helen Dinsmore.
- 23 Lucy and Lewis Johnstone, Mrs. Coffin and Ridie Field came in their motor a little after 2 P.M. from Woodford. At night Amy and Harriet came in Amy's machine Harvey chauffeur. Harry finished putting in rye and helped get ready for company. Weather perfect—bright and warm. Got letter from Sally.
- 24 Sunday. Lovely day. Ernest and Lily came to call. After dinner Lucy and her party started for home. Harriet and Amy went home by moonlight. Amy's chauffeur looked over Patty's Ford and cleaned it.
- 25 Beautiful bright day—rather windy. Patty and Fanny G. went to Cincinnati. I endorsed the following checks and gave them to Patty to get cashed for her
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| St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Aug. 15 th | 34.00 |
| Goodrich Co. July 1 st | 22.75 |
| Goodrich Co. Oct. 1 st | 22.75 |
| Natl. Bk. Wash. July 1 st | 66.00 |
| Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. Aug. 20 | <u>3.50</u> |
| | 149.00 |
- Harry took them up in Patty's Ford. She telephoned me about 1 P.M. that they had a fine run. Fanny went with her to lunch at the Co. Club and telephoned me. I got receipted bill from Pittsburg Coal Co. 59.50 and letter from Julia. Registered package and Ex. notice and mail for Patty, letter for Fanny.
- Did n't write in this again till Nov. 6th and can only get this partly right.
- 26 Was writing a letter to my beloved friend Julia Foster when a telephone message came telling me she had died suddenly this morning. Later Patty came down for me with Amy's motor and chauffeur and took me to Julia's home—now desolate and changed. Patty brought me the money for the drafts I gave her and I stopped at the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. in Burlington and dep. \$100.
- 27 Stayed at Julia's. Patty came there too. Laura and Dr. Chandler Robbins came.
- 28 My Julia was buried in Mr. Foster's lot in Spring Grove about 2.30 P.M. Rev. Flinchbough officiated. The hymn he read was one Julia and I used to sing together in girlhood days out of a book she gave me—'My faith looks up to Thee'. The pallbearers were Will, John Stettinius, Dr. Robbins, Lawson Reed, and Oscar, and George. May she dwell in perfect perpetual peace. She has been my faithful friend since school days. I loved her for many reasons, some known only to myself, but mostly because I could n't help it—she was one of the most courageous souls I ever knew—may all deprivations be made up to her in full measure, and my loss be her gain. It was like a lovely summer day when she was buried.
- 29 Patty and I came home in her machine with Harry. While in Clifton I got a letter from Sally and wrote notes to Sue and Belle R.
- 30 All this week has been perfect weather. Patty and I went out to Burlington and I paid my taxes 174.69 by check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. to the Sheriff Mr. Cropper and got receipt. Went to see

Hilda. Stopped at Mr. Berkshire's and got apples. Got postals from Lucy and Fanny. Harry said he went up Thursday to B. and got the two plants I ordered from agent.

31 Sunday. Harriet and Amy came to spend the day—it was warm and lovely.

November

- 1 Patty went to Cin. in the afternoon to go to the dentist and to bring Sally home.
- 2 Wrote to Belle R. Got letters from Lizzie G. [?] and Fanny. It turned cooler. Patty met Sally in Cin. and brought her home—they got here about sundown.
- 3 Harry went to Mr. Berkshire's for apples—he was not at home and he made another trip and got apples and vinegar. Got postal from Lucy and letter from Ridie to-day I think, and from Belle R.
- 4 Harry went to Mr. Johnson's mill for sawdust and after dinner hauled off briers and grubs from the field next Will A's, that Flave is ploughing. Mr. Pendry has been grubbing and also Hubert L.
- 5 Harry hauled off briers again. I went to see the work after dinner. Only Hubert was grubbing. Still perfect weather. Got letter from Fanny. Flave ploughed.
- 6 Sent letter to Ridie—got one from Mary C. Susan set out for me the Dorothy Perkins rose and the Gipsy Queen Clematis (July 13). One day this week got envelope—postmarked Oct. 30 from Mr. O'Leary Frank's clerk with check for 28. on Bk. of America. Patty and Sally went to Ernest's in the motor and walked home—warm day. Isaac Sanders and his little boy Milton 9 years old came.
- 7 Sunday. Warm day—doors open—no fires at night. Sue came about 2 P.M. on the boat—that landed at McVille. She said she saw in the Cin. Enquirer a notice of the death of Miss Fanny Raymond.
- 8 Sent letter to Belle R. Got note from her. Patty went to Burlington in the motor after dinner. It rained a little off and on and was cloudy all day and warm.
- 9 Bright and cooler. Mr. Forest Brown and Willie Huey put colts yearlings, in the big pasture. Mr. Brown's a dark bay and Willie's a light bay. Got card from Lucy J. Harry went to see about shipping hogs and had Fanny shod all round—then I got him to sort out the hogs—the 4 barrows to keep the 5 cows to ship. Patty and Sally cleaned the paint off the mantelpiece I bought last winter.
- 10 Harry and Flave took my 5 fat sows to McVille to Mr. Williamson to ship to George Shiner, Cin. Miss Leona Cason came and I subscribed to a book about the war 1.50 to be paid on delivery. A man named Blakeley cleaned the house cistern and I paid him 2.00. Patty and Sally packed boxes of cans and jam and jelly for me to send to Isabella, also partly arranged the storeroom and put trunks in the garret. Harry helped, and he also shucked some corn for his hogs I think. It was warm and beautiful.
- 11 Got package from L. Julia—a little shawl of her mother's—also paper to sign from Genl. Motors—got Sally to sign. It was warm and very windy. Patty went to Aurora. Harry drove the spring wagon. She took 3 boxes of jam, jelly, and blackberries, that I sent to Isabella—brought me R.R. receipts. Got letter from Isabella. Patty got home about 3 P.M. and it began to rain—and rained harder at night. Georgie L. came.
- 12 Cooler—went to see about the brier cutting, grubbing, ploughing &c. where Hubert worked. Sent signed proxy to Genl. Motors. Got returns for the 5 sows shipped (see 10th). George Shiner of Shiner's Stock Yards Cin. The 5 sows weighed 1240 lbs and sold for 7 cts. Came to 86.86—expenses 3.67 and he sent me a check for 83.13. I took the check to Cit. Dep. Bk. Bellevue and deposited 70. and got the rest in cash. Harry went with me to see about the brier cutting &c. and said he would haul some wood. Turned much colder at 8.30 P.M. 37°.
- 13 30° at sunup—bright pretty day. Harry cleaned and tinkered at the motor. Flora came over and said that Will had lost all his hogs but 9—probably cholera.
- 14 Sunday. Patty and Sally started for Cin. in the Ford with Harry on their way to New York. It began to rain after sunup and there is a steady chilly rain. They left about a quarter of 10. I gave Sally the Doubleday check 15.00. Harry got home about 4 P.M. said they got to the bridge in an hour and a

- half. It quit raining about noon and began again about the time Harry got home. At 8 P.M. got telephone from Patty and Sally—for goodbye—they had been at Julia's.
- 15 Slight skim of snow on roofs &c.—bright day and cooler. Sent letters to Belle R. and Julia. Got letter from Geo. Shiner about the hogs I shipped the 10th. Called him up and talked about it with him, and Harry described the hogs to him. Harry said he fixed the fence to keep hogs off the alfalfa. Got letter from Julia F.
 - 16 31° at sunup and bright. Harry shucked his corn. Got letter from Belle R. Got telegram from Sally in N.Y. saying they had a safe comfortable trip on. Had the kitchen grate stove tinkered. Orin Phipps came.
 - 17 31° at sunup. Flave yesterday put some of the bottom corn in my crib—inferior. Sent letter to Sally and card to Patty. Harry was shucking his corn. Sue not well.
 - 18 Rained nearly all day—harder late and was chilly—sent Patty's mail with note. Got letters from Sally and Lily Grant.
 - 19 Wind blew so the mail could n't cross—it rained a little and was chilly. Got letter from Patty and bill from B. and O. for shipping boxes 2.81. Harry got a barrel of salt for me at Hubert's, and got a horse shod at Mr. Dolph's. A very disagreeable day and blowing hard at night.
Settlement with Harry.
Since our last see Oct. 8 Harry says he has worked 32 days = 24.00. He has received 3.00 cash .45 lard leaving me owing him 20.55. I paid him the .55 and gave him a check for 20.00 on Cit. Dep. Bk. Grant.
Sent letter to Patty and one to T. J. Ewing Agt. B. and O. inclosing 3.00 (see yesterday). Sun out this morning—windy still. Got letter from Patty I think.
 - 20 Harry went to R. Sun. Clear day. Got letters from Patty and Sally I think.
 - 21 Sunday. Bright and mild.
 - 22 24° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally—got letters from Patty and Sally and from Bob with views of the Homestead. Harry went to R. Sun to see his father about hog killing. Mr. B. Rogers deputy Assessor came. It turned warmer.
 - 23 40° at sunup, at noon rained a little and was warmer. Harry cleaned up the smokehouse and got ready for hog killing but it was so warm I put it off and he shucked his corn after noon. George Roseberry came. Got receipt for freight 2.82 and stamps in change from B. and O. agent, see 19th.
 - 24 28° at sunup and bright, turned warmer. The men killed my hogs, 4 barrows and also Susan's sow. Harry, Flave, and George R. worked. Sue and I went to Bellevue after dinner. I got 10. at bank on my check. Hubert Brady is now in Mr. Walrath's store, has bought the stock. I sent letters to Patty and Sally, got letters from them both and from Fanny G. 48° at 7 P.M.
 - 25 46° at sunup and I saw it 67° later. Unsuitable for hog killing. Flave and Harry and George R. worked. George left with Ethel. Flave cut up the meat and George R. tried out the lard—I saw ice on a water barrel yesterday and to-day it was so warm flies were flying round the smoke house. We heard that Virgie and Ira Sanders were married Monday. And Grace telephoned Virgie and she said they were. This is Thanksgiving day.
 - 26 Harry worked at the sausage and cleaning up &c. I went to Bellevue and got at Bk. 5.00 and attended to errands. Sold sausage to George Coons for 1.25. It sprinkled during the afternoon and after dark there was a thunder storm. I got my sausage meat ready &c. Received by mail a pudding from Ridie Field. Mr. F. Brown put another cold on the pasture.
 - 27 Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got one from Patty. Harry went to Erlanger to express 2 buckets sausage—1 to Sally and 1 to Polly Reed care Julia F. and leave some for Hilda. Also 2 buckets for sale—he sold one to Mr. Riddell (Marc) in B. 3.45 and one to C. W. Myer's, Florence 3.25 and brought me the money, and Ex. receipts. Bright day and rather cooler. Sue got letter from Belle R.
 - 28 Sunday. Unpleasant weather—rained a little sometimes and blew very hard day and night.

- 29 Sun out and chilly—sent letters to Ridie F. and to Julia F. Got one from Patty. Wind blew and between 2 and 4 P.M. it snowed. Harry fixed the water gap to keep out Mr. B. Walton's sheep. After dinner shucked his corn till it snowed. 30° at 8 P.M.
- 30 26° at sunup and a skim of frozen snow. Sent letters to Sally and Belle R. Harry brought over the 3 heifers from the big pasture, hauled some wood &c.

December

- 1 Snow melted and it rained a chilly rain. After noon, Harry helped Flave kill hogs. I got letters from Patty and Julia Foster.
- 2 Bright and chilly. Got telegram from Patty saying she wanted Harry to meet her to-morrow at the Penn. Station Cin. at 10.50 A.M. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from her and Lucy J. and bill from Ortiz Gro. Co. for .49. Harry helped Flave with his meat—and fixed the Motor ready to go to-morrow. Sally said that Augusta Julia's maid was to sail for Holland Sat. on her way to Germany. Harry brought Sue's maple syrup from Spinny's.
- 3 Harry went to Cin in the machine and brought Patty home—by 2 P.M. safe and sound thank Heaven. Sent letter to Sally, and got one from Patty. It was bright and pleasant. Sent to Patty to pay Ortiz bill.
- 4 Sally's birthday. Lord love her sweet life—wrote to her. Harry went to R. sun after noon. Cloudy morning.
- 5 Sunday. Bright and mild.
- 6 25° at sunup, cloudy and then bright. Got letters from Sally, Belle R. and Polly. I think Harry gathered his corn part of the day.
- 7 22° at sunup, bright and turned warmer. Harry shucked some of his corn. Patty and I went to see Flora after dinner.
- 8 39° at sunup and cloudy and mild but windy—sun came out before noon. Sent letter to Mary C. got one from Sally. Harry shucked his corn.
- 9 Windy and cloudy. Sent letter to Sally. Harry finished shucking his patch of corn.
- 10 Harry fixed the woods fence to keep hogs in. Went to Bellevue—got a check of Sue's cashed for 100. Got 10. for myself, on own check. Cloudy day.
- 11 Slight rain frozen on the ground, and misting rain that continued most of the day. Very dark.
- 12 Sunday. Raining off and on all day—so dark we had to light the lamp to see to read. At sunup 36°. Rain turned to wet snow sometimes [sic] towards night.
- 13 Snowing a little off and on. Patty and I went in the machine with Harry to the place of the late Miss Therese Lassing where Judge John Lassing was having the sale of her property. I bought an old clock and a pair of old candelabras the clock 21.50 the candelabras 10.25. Did n't pay for them because Judge L. said he was too busy to attend to it but would write to me. It turned colder and the snow was about 2 inches deep after we got to the commissary and on. We got home after sundown. Dode Pope came to work—and reset the grate in my room that has always been a nuisance in both chimneys. I got a letter from Sally Woolley.
- 14 Thermometer 26° at breakfast time clear. Dode came and worked—mostly on the mantel piece I bought (see Jan. 11) and took down the old mantel in the parlor and put that one (the old Willis one) up. Harry found one of my best shoats dead—a black barrow—a hundred pound one at least—he buried it—probably cholera. Clear and cold all day. Got letter from Sally. 18° at 9 P.M.
- 15 19° at sunup—at night 31° and by bed time a snow and sleet. Dode Pope came and worked—he helped Patty paint and set the grate at Flave's. Harry worked hauled a little wood I think too.
- 16 My dearest Julia's birthday—sent letter to little Julia. Got card about the chairs in Aurora. Dode Pope came and worked on the mantel piece mostly. The paper Sally sent for the balcony room came by post. It was a dark day and poured nearly all day a chilling rain—and pours at bedtime. Christmas gift from Fanny G. came a record Adeste Fideles.

- 17 Raining hard all day—sleet melted. Patty and Sue went to Cin. for Sue to be ready to start for N.O. Patty came home by dark roads horrible. I got letters from little Julia and from Fanny G. Had bad cold. Patty got cashed for me check on Bk. of America for 28. Frank sent by Mr. O'Leary.
- 18 Cloudy and colder. Dode came and worked painting and fixing little bookcases in the parlor &c. I paid him 10. Sent letter to Sally W. and forwarded 2 to Sue—got one from Judge Lassing with bill for the things I got at the sale 31.75. Harry worked—I don't know at what for I stayed in the house. Susan's cow has a heifer calf.
- 19 Sunday. Cloudy and colder.
- 20 Sun came out about 9. Sent letter to Judge John M. Lassing with check on Boone Co Dep. Bk. for 31.75 and letter to Sally. Miss Leona Cason came with the book I took from her as agent—paid her 1.50. Harry helped Patty—went down after Mr. Marshall the paperer who came from Aurora. Got box of pralines from Susie T. book from Mrs. Parish—card from Joe H. Clear colder.
- 21 The day my beloved father died. Lord love his soul and rest it in perfect peace. Bright beautiful day. Mr. Marshall papered the balcony room and Harry took him to the river, and Harry helped Patty. The rug that was made out of old carpets was brought from Burlington by the huckster. Susan sold to him some hens and roosters 103 lbs. He paid her 9.87 and I got my half 4.93. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Sally Vaughn and post card from Frances G. Flora came over.
- 22 Bright mild day. Dode came to work. Sent letter to Fanny G. got one from Sally and from Belle R. inclosing check and a letter from Mattie and postal from Lily, also box of candy from Harriet.
- 23 Bright and mild. Harry went to Cin. in the Ford, Grace and Susan went. Gave Harry a check on Cit. Dep. Bk. for 10.00. Sent letter to Belle R. inclosing check, got letters from Sue and Mary C. and Ch. card from Fanny. Dode came and with him Mr. John Portwood who fixed all the clocks, new one first.
- 24 Rained a little in the morning—stopped and about noon set in to rain and continued during the night with wind too. Got books and candy and Christmas cards. Harry took us to Bellevue and worked—got meal &c. Got 10.00 at Cit. Dep. Bk.
- 25 Christmas. Weather dull and gloomy. Got cards &c. Read of Lulu [?] Foster's engagement.
- 26 Sunday. Amy and Sally Woolley came in the motor with Harvey. The sun came out and it was a pretty winter day. I got a book from Miss Clara. Got telephone from Julia Foster.
- 27 Amy and Sally went home—after they left it began to rain and at night was raining steadily. Harry took the meat out of salt and hung it up.
- 28 Rain turned to snow and about 3 inches covers the ground. Patty and I went in the motor to Burlington. She took up the note I gave her in her place (see July 1st) and renewed it in her own name for and I endorsed it. When we got home I found a notice from Mr. Revill that my note was due Jan. 1. We dined at Hilda's—she did n't know me and was worse in mind. I sent a letter to Belle R. and got one from Julia telling of Lulu's engagement to Mr. Edwin Ball Bartlett of Milwaukee.
- 29 Raining and dark. Sent letter to Lizzie H. got one from Julia M announcing her engagement.
- 30 Dark gloomy day.
- 31 Very foggy. Patty went up in the Ford to Cin. took one trunk of hers and mine. Got letter from Sally. Went to Bellevue with Susan. Cleared off before Patty got home. Went to Bk. and got 5.00 Cit. Dep. Bk.