

# HENRY H. SCADIN DAIRIES

## 1887

The 1887 diary is recorded in a dairy of a different format. The *Excelsior Diary for 1887* has full page entries for each date, rather than the three day entries per page as in the 1886 diary. It also contains astronomical details for each month (moon's phases and sunset and sunrises), and quotes from Shakespear's [sic] plays. Interest tables, wage tables, table for foretelling the weather, and weights and measures are also included in the diary. Information on domestic postage, foreign postage, the principal cities and their populations, distance from New York, and standard mean time, the U.S. area and population, and the value of foreign coins, are given on the richly decorated pages of the diary.

The diary also uses a slightly different annotation for the day, date, and month than the 1886 diary. Henry opens his diary on Saturday, January 1 and demonstrates a more richly embellished narrative.

### *Saturday, January 1*

I got up about 6 o'clock this morning and went to the depot and ate for my breakfast some of the good lunch ma put up for me. Left Grand Rapids at 7 o'clock and got into Traverse City about 1:30 P.M. We encountered several severe snow squalls on the road. I am stopping at the Boardman River House. Wrote a postal and sent to Kate. It is pretty cold, and the north wind off the bay is chilling to face. The stores are most all closed. I caught sight of the Toboggan slide they have here. I am going to resolve to be a better man etc., for the coming year & I sincerely hope for the sake of those dear to me that I will succeed in my new business. I am feeling very tired tonight.

### *Sunday, January 2*

When I woke up this morning my legs ached with the cold or something and I couldn't go to sleep again. Got up about 7 o'clock. I had some arguments on religious and industrial topics with a fellow stopping at this house, after which we went to the Methodist church together. It seems cold out and snowed hard by spells. After dinner I wrote a letter to Kate and a few lines to Will Stevens. I went to the Baptist church tonight. Heard a very solemn stiff man preach. The church was a very neat and tasty one, and was still trimmed as for Christmas. I went to the livery barn and spoke to the stage driver. I am going to Benzonia tomorrow, and expect to be teaching the next day.

### *Monday, January 3*

I got up early this morning and eat my breakfast, warmed my feet and prepared for the long stage ride. There was one other passenger from Traverse as far as the Central House where we took dinner and a young lady got on at Inland and came through to Benzonia. She will attend the College School. I got out at D. Taylor's --- took supper there, called at the Professors rooms and had a long talk about the school work.

I am staying tonight at Mr. O.B. Waters. I hope the morrow will be passed with no jar, and that I shall then know what I am to do.

**Henry learns that he will be expected to teach Geometry and Geography as well as Book-keeping and Penmanship. He is unhappy with the arrangement.**

### *Tuesday, January 4*

I attended the chapel exercise this morning at the College and learned what my duties are to be. Had I known how things are I would never have come., but as it is I shall have to endeavor to fill the bill. I only expected to teach Bookkeeping and penmanship and perhaps Arithmetic, but I have those and also Geometry and Geography. I feel tonight like saying, if I had only known -- but I did not. I called at Mrs. Neil's this afternoon and saw her and Jessie [sic]. It has been snowing all day and still storms. I wonder tonight how Kate is and wish I could be with her and talk over this matter. I made arrangements today to board here at Mr. Waters. I have learned that there will be no spring term of school.

**Disappointed by his classes, Henry wishes he could return to his "darling wife".**

### *Wednesday, January 5*

I taught the classes in the College School that were assigned to me, today. I feel a good deal discouraged tonight, there seems to be no interest in the Book-keeping and I don't feel like sending for books for only 3 scholars as I fear the class would be too small to do any good. I am also afraid that I will get stuck on some of my other studies it has

been so long since I studied them myself. I began the class in penmanship this afternoon. The snow is very deep. Willie Waters and I got my trunk over this morning. I got a letter from Kate tonight. How I wish I was back with my darling wife.

*Thursday, January 6*

Have been hard at work teaching today. I told Dr. Taylor this morning that I couldn't stand this work and that they would have to hire another teacher after this week. I feel worse about this affair every time I think of it. It will be so humiliating [sic], but it would make me sick to study as hard as I will have to and teach too. I had all the room could accommodate in the penmanship class today. After school I went over to Mrs. Neill's and made a short call. Fred had gone to Kingsley with a load of goods. The sun shone some today and it is clear tonight. It snows here very easy and every day so far. Practiced writing some tonight.

*Friday, January 7*

Today passed off as yesterday, working hard studying and teaching. The trustees of the College met tonight, and will take action I suppose about securing a teacher to take my place as I do not feel that I can stand the hard work. The class in penmanship was so large that there is no more room. I received by mail tonight from the *Penman's Art Journal*, Ames New Copy Slips, which are very fine. It was a week ago tonight that I left Webster on this mission of misfortune, as I will have to call it. It seems quite cold tonight. I will have to teach tomorrow, and what then, I can't say now.

**Henry's predicament is solved and he stays on to teach Book-keeping and Penmanship. He decides to try and live in his own house.**

*Saturday, January 8*

Taught my classes as usual today. It was pretty cold this morning. I heard that it was 4 below 0. I attended the meeting of the trustees of the College, which was held tonight instead of last evening. They voted to hire another teacher and also to retain me as special teacher of writing and Book-keeping, at a salary of \$20 per month, so I am all right after all and I wish I could tell Kate about it. I think I will go over and live in my house after this week, as my classes will come in the afternoon.

**Henry has visitors and notes that the College keeps the same style schedule as Oberlin College in Ohio.**

*Sunday, January 9*

I got up this morning and commenced to write a letter to Kate telling her of the turn affairs have taken. I didn't finish the letter for I can't send it until Tuesday. After church I came over to Neill's and took dinner and am staying all night with Fred. I am going to begin to settle in my house tomorrow. Charlie Fitts and Grace were here today, and Mr. E. Coates & J. Case came in this evening and we had a sing. Willie and Winnie Waters joined the church today. It was warmer today some, and cloudy. There is no school at the college tomorrow after the style of Oberlin.

*Monday, January 10*

I got up this morning and went over to my house --- took Fred's shovel --- dug my way in through the snow, and built a fire and commenced to settle things there. Called at Mr. Morrows when I came back to breakfast. Took dinner at Mr. Waters' and then Willie brought my things over for me. I was busy all day and am not quite ready yet to stay there all the time, so I am here with Fred Neill tonight. I went up town and collected some money to send for Book-keeping works in the morning. I finished a good long letter to Kate tonight. I went up in my woods today, the snow is pretty deep.

**Henry is struck by melancholy and says "was not made to be alone much ...". He goes to stay at Fred Neill's house.**

*Tuesday, January 11*

I am writing this in our house (Kate & mine), but I am going over to sleep with Fred Neill. I have been here the most of the day --- got my dinner here --- but some how I kept thinking of Kate and our dead little Johnnie that was born here, and I got so lonesome that the tears would flow, and my head seemed breaking. I was not made to be alone much, have been used to having my darling Kate with me too long to be contented without her. I told Mrs. Neill how I felt and she told me to come there and I believe I will for some time any way. It has been warmer today and snowed hard tonight. The wind has blown hard all day and drifted the snow badly.

*Wednesday, January 12*

After breakfast this morning I wrote some copies and prepared for the lesson in writing this afternoon. Then Fred and I went over in my woods to saw up some wood for me, but we only just got nicely started when the sheriff came and summoned us to appear as special jurors. We had to hurry up to the court house, but we were not drawn on for any case, so at noon we were free again. I got two letters from Kate and one from ma tonight, so I feel happy. Fred Neill has been making some sweet cider today. I brought my flour & oatmeal over here today and am making myself at home. It was warm this morning, but colder tonight.

*Thursday, January 13*

I got up this morning and got my letter to Kate ready before breakfast, and afterward I went up town and mailed it, the stage was there when I got there too. It was a cold morning. I went over to my house and got a satchel full of things this forenoon and also wrote a lot of copies for use in my writing class at the College this afternoon. Prof. Dolby and Dr. Taylor called during my class. The Prof. asked me to think about what to put in the College catalogue about the business department. I wrote another letter to Kate today and tonight. I would like to be writing to her about all the time when I can't see her. The wind blows strong from the east tonight.

*Friday, Jan. 14*

Finished writing a letter to Kate this morning and wrote a short one to ma and one to Effie. Practiced writing the rest of the forenoon, went over to our house and got a few things. Took a shave. Taught writing this afternoon as usual, had 3 new students. I will have to write a good supply of copies. I called on Prof. Dolly after school to talk about the coming catalogues. The weather was not cold this afternoon although the wind was northwest. I have been writing copies tonight, and preparing to study some in Bookkeeping. Well, all are in bed, but Fred and I and so I must propose to him that we retire.

*Saturday, Jan. 15*

Studied Bookkeeping some this forenoon and wrote some copies. Fred and I went up to the Court house and drew our pay for the half day we were summoned as jurors. Mr. Nevins told me might like to get me to do some writing for him next week. I went up and taught the class in writing this afternoon, but came back without going to the stores at all. I then went over to my house, built a fire, melted some snow, took a good bath, and put on clean clothes. It is snowing some tonight, and the weather is quite moderate. I thought I should write some tonight but I feel kind of tired, and would like one evening of rest. Wish I could see Kate.

*Sunday, Jan. 16*

Began a letter to pa this morning. I shaved, went over to my house after a pair of cuffs and then Fred and I went to church. Mr. Waters preached a temperance sermon, with strong political news. We didn't stay to Sunday school. It has been a moderate day, and began to snow hard towards evening. Fred has gone up to a temperance lecture tonight. I stayed home to write to Kate. I finished the letter to pa also. Did some singing and some playing on the organ this afternoon. Have had popcorn to eat all day. No school tomorrow so I will not have to teach.

*Monday, Jan. 17*

When we got up this morning we found the wind was blowing hard from the west and piling the snow up in terrible shape. It has blown all day and the roads are bad. I wrote the copies I am to use tomorrow this morning before breakfast. Went over to the Court House this forenoon and talked with the Clerk about doing some writing for him, in Abstract books he is getting up. I agreed to do the work and he said he would send for the books. I finished a letter to Kate and wrote to A. S. Barnes & Co. for information about writing books, then I went up town and mailed them, and called at Dr. Taylor and Mr. O. B. Waters while waiting for the mail to come in. I had a hard walk back.

*Tuesday, Jan. 18*

Last night was a cold one; and the thermometer was down to zero this morning. It is 10o above tonight. I fixed up my class register this forenoon and did some copy writing. Went over to my house this morning. I had to wade through some deep drifts. I took about ½ bushel of snow out of the up stair part that had blown in at the crevices. Went up this afternoon and taught writing. Had 26 scholars. Called on Dr. Taylor to tell we must have more table room and chairs.

*Wednesday, Jan. 19*

I went over to my house this morning, or rather about noon and found it about the worst drifted I had anytime. I finished a letter to Kate, and wrote an order to Carter & Carrick of Boston for some pens. Did writing as usual and taught this afternoon. The mail failed to come in tonight so I have no letters from home yet and the bookkeeping

works are not here. The roads are so drifted there is no telling when the stage will come. I didn't do my writing tonight, but told stories, ate candy and visited with Fred, as he is going to the lumber camp in the morning.

*Thursday, Jan. 20*

When we got up this morning we found the weather mild and the thermometer going up fast. It has thawed a good deal today and the snow has gone down considerable. Fred went to the lumber camp this morning, and left the care of his colts to me, but I am afraid his father is going to bother me about the feed etc. I went up town right away after dinner as I heard the mail came last night. I got a good, long letter from my darling Kate, and I feel better for it. I helped the Dr. get a table over to my classroom so the scholars are better accommodated now. I got a Bill of the books ordered of W. & R. Have been writing to Kate tonight, and must write to Will Cooper.

*Friday, Jan. 21*

It was cold again this morning, the thermometer being down to 0. I got up and fed Fred's colts before daylight and then went to studying Bookkeeping. It was a clear and sunshiny day, which is the first one I have seen since I came up. It warmed up a good deal and appears like storming tonight. The Bookkeeping works came on the stage tonight, so I can begin teaching that by next week Tuesday. I shall deliver the books tomorrow. I called at Mr. Waters after school tonight and learned that Fred was to be home tonight, so I shall see him tomorrow. I was up town tonight, and opened the books and found them all night.

*Saturday, Jan. 22*

It began to rain last night before I went to bed and kept it up all night, so that this morning the snow was still lower and quite slushy. It is a little cooler tonight and has been snowing a little. I went up the Chapel this morning and got the bookkeeping works over and announced that the class would form this afternoon. Then I went to see Fred Waters and took dinner at Mr. Waters with Fred and his wife Carrie. Taught Bookkeeping and Penmanship this afternoon. Fred came over with me tonight to get some books of his out of the house. I fed Fred Neill's colts their carrots tonight and took other care of them. Have been writing this evening for practice. I would like to see my Kate tonight.

*Sunday, Jan. 23*

It snowed all last night and the most of today. I did not go anywhere today. Played on the organ and tried to sing some. Did a considerable reading, and wrote a letter to Kate. I took care of Fred's colts. I have to go down in a root cellar under the barn to get them their carrots. I feel tonight as though I had eaten too much for the little exercise, which I have taken. I am going to take a scrub tonight so I must stop writing and be about it and then go to bed.

*Monday, Jan. 24*

It has been a pleasant day and the sun has shone. I wrote and worked at Bookkeeping all the forenoon. Made out a specimen of the Work for exhibition. I am afraid I will never be able to do such writing as I would like to, as my arm seems to get nervous and I am at times afraid I will have the Writers Cramp. I called at Mr. Morrow's this afternoon, and they went in to my house and got some things. I went up town tonight and got the mail, I received the Leader, which had some news in it. I mailed a letter to Kate. I send her one every mail. I hope I will hear from home Wednesday. I get pretty anxious sometimes.

*Tuesday, Jan. 25*

It has been snowing and blowing the most of today. Studied single entry Bookkeeping this forenoon. I don't think much of that method compared with Double Entry, but I have to understand both systems, when teaching. Went up to the College right away after dinner to teach. I have eight in my Bookkeeping class and 3 new scholars came in to the writing class today. I went to the store after school and bought me a pair of stocking boots to wear in these deep snows. Have been writing copies tonight and also a letter to Kate. It is now 9:30 so I think I better begin to think of going to bed.

*Wednesday, Jan. 26*

Colder this morning, 8° above 0 when I made the kitchen fire. It has not stormed any today to amount to anything but was cloudy. I went over to my house this forenoon and got a few things I needed. I took my Blackboard up to the College this afternoon and fixed it up so I could have something to explain on in my teaching. Taught Bookkeeping and Penmanship as usual. Went to the store and got me a pair of rubbers to wear on my socks, they feel gay and I propose to wear them to school. I got some good long letters from my Kate and from ma, tonight,

containing lots of news which makes me feel good. Got the Jan. Art Journal too. Have been practicing this evening.

*Thursday, Jan. 27*

Mr. Neill had made the fires when I got up this morning. After breakfast I went over to the Court House and left a letter to be sent out on the stage. It was to Effie and contained information about Bookkeeping for my old class down there. I spent the rest of the forenoon writing copies and studying, went up and taught this afternoon. Things did not go off very smoothly some way today. I suppose I ought to expect such days once in a while, but they made me feel bad. I wrote a long letter to Kate tonight, answering inquiries in the letters I got from her last night. I am sitting up pretty late this evening and must go to bed right away.

*Friday, Jan. 28*

Finished my letter to Kate this forenoon. I went over to the house and measured the stairs and sent her the dimensions so Nellie can get her a carpet. It thawed the most of today and almost rained about noon, but turned colder about sundown and froze up. It is not real cold though. I mailed a letter to Effie containing Bookkeeping references for the class there. Taught as usual this afternoon. I went up town tonight and attended the exercises of the literary club. It was a debate mostly. I changed my rubbers tonight as the ones I had hurt my feet so. My classes went off better today and I feel better about them tonight. Got my pens today from Boston.

*Saturday, Jan. 29*

It has been quite a clear nice day. The wind blew pretty hard this afternoon and tonight. I wrote up a synopsis of the work that students will do in the Bookkeeping for publication in the College catalogue, which took about all my forenoon. I held an examination in my class in Bookkeeping this afternoon. Student [sic] who are not shallow minded show their superiority on such occasions. After school I called on Mr. Waters folks. When I came home I brought a bag of a [grah..n?] flour. I discovered while coming down the hill that the chimney in the Bailey house was on fire, but it soon went down. We look for Fred and here he comes.

*Sunday, Jan. 30*

It was so stormy this morning that I gave up going to church until Charlie Fitts came along and then I got ready and went. Stayed to Sunday school too. Got pretty cold coming home and found the thermometer 2° below 0. It has been a blustering day. I wrote a long letter to Kate tonight. Fred went back to the camp this afternoon, he expects to be gone about 2 weeks this time. I tried to sing and play a little tonight but it didn't go very well. I am too much out of practice. I think I will study the Sunday school lesson for next week before I go to bed. I will use out big bible which is here with our other books.

*Monday, Jan. 31*

The thermometer was 13° or 14° below zero this morning at 6 o'clock and it has been pretty cold all day. I studied some in Bookkeeping this forenoon and then read some in "Gold Foil," a book by J.G. Holland given to me by School Williams, who is not in Chili, S.A. It is the best of reading for the young. I went up town afternoon dinner, took some butter up for Mrs. Neill and bought her some sugar home. I called at Mr. Marshall's for a while. Drew my pay for teaching this mo, \$20 and sent Kate \$5 of it. I wish I could send her \$500. I saw Richard Robins on the street as he was going home. I have been writing some copies tonight, and reading the Leader.

*Tuesday, Feb. 1*

Thermometer 8° below zero this morning. I went up to see Mr. Olson this morning but did not find him at home. Stopped at the Court House and visited Mr. Nevins and talked about penmanship. I let him take the Gaskell Compendium which I have and never use, as I have better ones. It was near noon when I got back. Went up to my classes as usual, had two new students in the penmanship class. After school I went to the store and while there looked at the books they keep. I didn't see anything but what I could easily do. Have been writing up a lot of copies tonight. I think I will start another letter to my Kate before I go to bed.

*Wednesday, Feb. 2*

It was not so cold this morning, 8 above, and has been growing warmer all day. There was a fall of 2 or 3 in. of snow last night. I wrote a letter to Scott and finished the one to Kate this forenoon. Went over to my house to see that things were all right. Mr. E. Coats and J. Adams visited my class in Bookkeeping this afternoon and talked of joining the same. I was obliged to speak to a boy, by the name of Ward Knight about noisiness in the hall and received words back which out to be the meant of his expulsion. I got a letter from Kate tonight with lots of news in it. Got information in regard to the Correspondence University.

*Thursday, Feb. 3*

I made out an for vegetables on D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit. It took me about all the forenoon to make the selection, but I think I have a fair one for my home garden, which I hope to enjoy next summer. My, but haven't I lots of plan for next summer I guess some of them will have to suffer but I am going to do all I can to have my home a pleasant one for myself and darling wife. Mr. John Adams entered the Bookkeeping class this afternoon, and I had a new student in the penmanship class. I have been writing to Kate tonight and also the Office "a paper which I am going to try for months. It is a beautiful moonlight night.

\*\*\*\*\**Friday, Feb. 4*\*\*\*\*\*

It was cold this morning only 2 above zero and it has not one up but little I any through the day. I anticipate a cold night. I sent off my order for seeds this afternoon and also sent a letter to Kate and received one from her, which always makes me glad. I got a boob containing specimen pages of the copies in Barns' National Penmanship, which are elegant and I .... I could introduce him in the school would be better for there and easier for me, I think. I ate so much supper that I am uncomfortable and have a very bad feeling in my stomach. Have just taken a good dose of ginger and feel better.

*Saturday, Feb. 5*

The thermometer was 6° above zero this morning, warmer than it was last night. I wrote copies and studied Bookkeeping this forenoon. Taught as usual this afternoon. I am carrying my class in penmanship through the capital letters now. They are doing good work, but of course some of them will persist in getting discouraged and that is a hindrance to progress. I called at Mr. Waters after school tonight. Fred's wife is home, sick with some kind of scrofulous disease in her arms and hands. I have been reading out of "Gold Foil" tonight, to try and learn how to do the better work in this world. It has commenced to storm tonight.

*Sunday, February 6*

I got up this morning about 6:30 and built the fires. It was storming, a half snow, and rain, but it developed into big snow, but did not last long. I began a letter to Kate before breakfast. As it stopped storming I got ready and went to church but did not stay to Sunday school. I wrote some more to Kate this afternoon and then got out the organ and played and sang some. I went up and called on the Prof. and looked over his copy for the coming College Catalogue, and corrected a mistake in the same in regard to my being a graduate of a college. Have been playing and singing again tonight. Charlie and Grace were here this evening. It has been a moderate day.

*Monday, February 7*

It has been kind of half raining all day and quite a crust had formed on the snow, but it turned a good deal warmer tonight and it is raining harder. I finished a letter to Kate and wrote one to Willie this afternoon beside working a set in Bookkeeping. I went up to get the mail this afternoon and called on Mr. Waters and then had a good talk with the Doctor about the College. I got a letter from Will Cooper and last weeks Dexter Leader in which was quite a good description of the Farmers Institute held at Webster. Mr. James Case came over here tonight to see about getting me to help render a part of a Shakspeare [sic] drama, or something of the kind next Friday at the Literary. I don't know much about that business.

*Tuesday, February 8*

It rained all last night and the snow kept adding off the roof and making a terrible noise. I did not sleep very well someway. The snow is much reduced today. It was up to about 40° above zero at one time but is colder tonight and the moon is shining beautifully. I called at Dr. Taylor's after school this afternoon and borrowed a copy of the Sahaksphere [sic], so as to study the part I am to take in the part of Richard III, which is to be given at the Literary. Mr. James Case, Fred S mall and Charlie Pitts came here tonight to arrange the parts, and do a little rehearsing. Grace is here and will stay all night. I am not feeling well at all.

*Wednesday, February 9*

It has been a beautiful day, not cold and the sun has shone all the time. I wrote copies this morning and I commenced to learn my part of the tragedy. I shaved and then went over to our place about noon and as the crust on the snow would hold me I went around and examined the peach trees. I think they are all right as far. Taught as usual this afternoon and things went off all right. The mail had not come in when I came back and so I have no word from home tonight. I have just writer a letter to Kate which I will take up early in the morning and see if the mail has come. Have been studying my part some more. I smell pop corn, must investigate.

*Thursday, February 10*

I got up this morning and after feeling the colts I went up town to get some mail and post some letters. The mail had but just get in at 6 o'clock this morning and was not distributed yet but I waited and got a letter from Kate. Wrote copies studied on my part of the tragedy act. Commenced a letter to Kate, this forenoon. I had trouble with one of my Bookkeeping scholars this afternoon and had to talk with him after school and I tried to settle the matter but I am afraid it will not stay settled. The actors all met here tonight and we practiced for a long time. I am afraid it will not go off as it ought to seem stormy tonight.

*Friday, February 11*

I [sic] stormed all last night and about all of today. I wrote my copies before breakfast this morning. Went over to my house and got my old over coat and big white wool hat to wear tonight. I [sic] was awful stormy when I went up to school and the wind blew hard from the north, it almost froze my face. I went up to the Literacy tonight and acted the part of 2<sup>nd</sup> murderer when the duke of Clarence is killed in Richard III. Every thing went off pretty well. It was my first experience in such acting. I got a good letter from Kate tonight, which helped me to get through with my piece I think. I got a letter from Rev. Mr. Butler also. I kind of wish I had been home this winter.

*Saturday, February 12*

Wrote copies this morning before breakfast and immediately after I went up to the Court house and left my letter to Kate to be sent on the stage. It was quite cold all day. Taught at the College of course this afternoon. The Prof. and I reported one boy to the trustees, recommending him for expulsion. Fred came back today noon, and took a load of camp stuff out into Homestead for the man he worked for this afternoon and is home again tonight. We took a good wash out in the kitchen for which I feel better. There was a fine display of Northern lights at one time this evening. It is awful cold tonight, being now 12° below zero, 10 o'clock P.M.

*Sunday, February 13*

I got up at 4 o'clock this morning because I couldn't sleep any longer. The thermometer was higher than last night, being but 8° below, and it ran up to about 21° about today which has been pleasant and sunny. Fred and I went to church this forenoon. I stayed to Sunday school and then went over and took dinner at Mr. Waters. Fred and his wife were there, she is getting better, Mrs. Waters told me that the choir want her and me to sing a song together, one we sang together in Webster several years ago at a concert. This choir concert is to come off Friday evening. I brought the music home to practice. Have been writing to Kate this afternoon and tonight. I guess I will go to bed now.

*Monday, Feb. 14*

Got up and built the fires this morning, wrote some more to Kate than then got ready and went to Frankfort. It sprinkled while we were going and it rained a good deal while we were on the road coming back this afternoon. I had my hair cut and did a little trading also. We took dinner at the Frankfort House. Lake Michigan seemed clear of ice and looked very black and majestic. We stopped at the Post Office as we came home and got the mail. I received a letter from Effie, The Leader, two copies of "The Office" and the garden seeds I ordered of D.M. Ferry and Co. I finished my letter to Kate tonight. It still storms.

*Tuesday, Feb. 15*

It has been a moderate day. I wrote my copies before breakfast. Went up to the Court House this morning and left the letter I wrote to Kate to be sent off with the Clerks mail. When I got back I practiced a song some and then went to mending up my clothes. Mrs. Holbrook was here this forenoon visiting Mrs. Neill. It seems good to have Fred home again. I don't have any care of his colts now since he got back. Taught this afternoon as usual. Went over to Mrs. Waters and practiced on a song with her. Took Dr. Taylor's Shakespear[sic] home. Charlie and Grace were here a little while tonight. It is trying to snow tonight. I started writing a letter to Kate.

*Wednesday, Feb. 16*

Wrote copies this morning and then I finished my letter to Kate. I took a shave this forenoon and wash my scalp too. The sun has been shining the most of the day and it is colder tonight. I went over after school and practiced the song with Mrs. Waters at the Hall. I got a letter from Kate and one from ma tonight. Kate sent me the poem that Miss Osgood read at the Farmers Institute. Kate copied it from the Household of the Mich. Farmer. They write that the meetings are still kept up there. Fred was over town so I had a ride home with him. I have a kind of headache tonight so I am not working at the Bookkeeping or Penmanship.

*Thursday, Feb. 17*

It was clear and beautiful this morning and was quite warm at noon, so that I thought it would rain before I got back from school, but it didn't, and the wind felt real chilly from the east. It is storming hard tonight though, raining, snowing and hailing all at once. I practiced the song at the Hall with Mrs. Waters, after school this afternoon. Bought some new stationery today and wrote a letter to Kate tonight on some of it. Fred went to Frankfort with a load of lumber from the Platt River mill. He got back before it commenced to storm much. The wind just howls from the east. I am awful near having a bad spell of homesickness today, I want to see Kate so.

*Friday, Feb. 18*

I got up rather late this morning. Fred was just starting for the Platt River mill. I wrote copies and finished my letter to Kate. I also wrote to the Penman's art journal ordering a Writing Ruler for one of my students. It rained some a bout noon as I came back from my house where I had been to get my nice coat and vest to wear tonight. It turned to a snow this afternoon and has been a storming evening. I went up to the concert tonight and sung a song with Mrs. Waters. There was quite a number out despite the storm. Fred and I walked back together. It is growing some colder, with the wind in the north. Got a letter from Kate tonight.

*Saturday, Feb. 19*

Wrote copies and studied Arithmetic this forenoon. Helped Fred get some potatoes up from cellar he took a load to Frankfort. I [sic] snowed quite hard about noon, but cleared off this afternoon and tonight it is bright and the northern lights show quite plain. The turn of school at the College was half out today, for which I am not sorry. I went up town after supper, called at Mr. Waters and saw Fred, then I went to choir practice at Mr. Greens with Winnie. No one else was there but we sang and had pop corn to eat and then came home. I had my shoes tapped today, got them tonight. I am going to soak my feet and go to bed.

*Sunday, Feb. 20*

I got up this morning and built fires. It was 2o [blow?] zero at that time but grew warmer soon and has been a very pleasant day. I went to church and sung in the choir this forenoon in the place of their regular tenor singer who was absent today. I did not stay to Sunday school but came home with Fred. Grace and Charlie came down to dinner. We had fish that Fred got in Frankfort yesterday, it tasted good. I have been reading a good deal from Longfellow's works, today. I read the Spanish Student and beaan[sic] Hiawatha. I began a letter to my Kate this afternoon and evening. I am afraid it will be a long time before I shall see her.

*Monday, Feb. 21*

Fred got up early this morning and I got down as he was eating his breakfast. I had some then and begun to write letters. Wrote one to Will Cooper and one to ma and finished the one I began to Kate yesterday. Read some more in Longfellow poems and also worked some examples in my Com. Arithmetic. Went up town this afternoon, took some butter for Mrs. Neill and got some groceries. Called at Mr. Waters and made quite a visit at Dr. Taylor's. I did not get any mail tonight because the cars have not run regularly out of Traverse City on account of storms. Mrs. Taylor gave me some papers to read. It has been a mild day.

*Tuesday, Feb. 22*

The sun rose clear this morning and the day has been very bright and pleasant, and moderate also. I wrote copies for a long time after breakfast, and then I went over to our house and took the big curtain down and put in the trunk; so it would not be fading out uselessly. I also examined the buckwheat and find the mice have ruined about half of it on account of Fred Waters having carelessly left it uncovered. Taught this afternoon, things did not go off very well. I am afraid I am going to have an unpleasant time the rest of the term. I have been reading from Hiawathia[sic] tonight. Must write to Kate now.

*Wednesday, Feb. 23*

Got up this morning and ate breakfast with Fred. I wrote a lot of copies and then finished reading Hiawathia[sic] which I think is a beautiful poem and I will want to read it again sometimes. I finished my letter to Kate also. Grace came over this morning and stayed through the day. I didn't have any trouble in my classes today. The Prof. and Mr. James Case visited my class in Penmanship. I went to the Post Office after school and received a letter from Kate and the Leader. Also a packet of seed from D.M. Ferry & Co. they failed to send the Cardinal tomato I ordered. I shall write to them. I called at Mr. Waters and got my saw. It has been a mild day. looks stormy tonight.



*Thursday, Feb. 24*

It was colder this morning and snowed and blowed quite a good deal. I wrote copies and read some in the papers this forenoon. I also examined Fred's saw setting and filing tools so I would know how to use them in rigging up my saw when I get time and it is warmer weather as it has been so long before today. I called at Dr. Taylor's after school to get excused from acting in a tableau tomorrow night at the Literary club meeting. I did not want to be out s much. I read Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish" today and tonight. Have been writing to Kate also. It is going to be a cold night 4° below 0 now. Well I must fix up the fire and go to bed.

*Friday, Feb. 25*

The thermometer registered 6° below zero this morning but the wind went round into the south east, the sun shone clear and it grew rapidly warmer. It was pleasant most of the day but is very cloudy and stormy looking tonight. I finished a letter to Kate this forenoon, and wrote some copies. I took my saw and Fred's tools for rigging saws over to my house about noon intending to file it but could not find my file. I presume Fred Waters lugged it off. I got a new one tonight. Took some butter up to the store from Mrs. Neill when I went to my house. Old Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Eden visited the classes. I read a good letter from Kate tonight. I expect to get to the Literacy this evening. Expect to subscribe for the Detroit Tribune and Mich. Farmer tonight.

*Saturday, Feb. 26*

I got up late this morning as it was 11 o'clock when I got to bed last night. I took my file and went over to my house and rigged up my saw, thinking I might try cutting wood next Monday if the weather is good. I[sic] was quite warm and the wind was in the south all the forenoon. We had some heavy snow squalls too. But this afternoon the wind changed into the north and began to blow and snow very hard and is storming tonight. I drew my pay for the months teaching tonight. Had a talk with Char Case about giving into the store to clerk it and keep books for a year if he goes away. I hardly know what to think about it. I wish I could see Kate about it.

*Sunday, Feb. 27*

It stormed terribly all last night and continued so to do until near night today. The snow had been drifted very badly and it flew through the air very much like a blizzard all day. The mercury was 4° above zero when we got up this morning. I did not go any where all day. I finished readying "Evangeline" it is such a sad poem but still beautiful. I commenced writing a letter to Kate and wrote one to Mr. Butler, the preacher of Webster. I have been reading in my last years Diary, and the descriptions of the sickness of our little Johnnie who was nearing his death a year ago makes me feel rather lonesome and sad. The wind has gone down and the sky is clear tonight.

*Monday, Feb. 28*

11° below 0 this morning, the sun rose very clear and bright. I stayed indoors all the forenoon writing to Kate and doing some reading. Mr. Huntington was here talking to Fred about going in with him to make maple syrup. Fred went over to Mr. Barr's this forenoon. Mrs. Barr is dead. Grace came back with him and is staying all night. It was 20° above 0 at noon and clouded up and has been snowing all the afternoon. I went over to my house after dinner and put on my big boots took my arc and cut down a good sized maple tree and sawed up some wood, it kept storming but I hung to it until after 4 o'clock. I have been writing copies this evening and will write a little more to Kate.

*Tuesday, March 1*

It was a year ago this morning that our little Johnnie it seems bad that Kate and I are so far apart at this time. I went up to the Court House this morning to send her a letter. I went over to Mrs. Barrs funeral with Fred this forenoon, but came back as soon as services were over to get my dinner and prepare for school. It has been very moderate all day and thawed quite a good deal. It is clear and beautiful tonight. I was at the store this forenoon and Mr. Case talked as though they should want me if I would work for them. I have been studying the telegraph alphabet tonight. Wrote copies also. Fred went up to a lecture. I didn't feel real good someway.

*Wednesday, March 2*

Fred got up early this morning because he and Mr. Adams were going to Homestead for loads of lumber to haul to Frankfort. I put on my work clothes and went over and sawed up more wood on my clearing. I reset my saw and it worked quite well. Mr. Olson and Mr. Huntington began to cut on the job I let to Mr. Olson some time ago. It was warm this morning but the wind changed into the north and blew up colder. I came back at 11 o'clock. Wrote a letter to Kate before I went up to school. I went over to the store afternoon and practiced on the key in the telegraph office for quite a while. The mail was last. I got a letter from Kate and the Feb. Journal. Cloudy this evening.

*Thursday, March 3*

I slept alone last night because Mr. Adams was here with Fred. I got up early this morning. Wrote copies and did some studying on Bookkeeping this forenoon. I went over to my house and got the cough syrup recipes and copied some more of my Bookkeeping blanks. It has been quite mild and sunshiny. I went over to the office and practiced on the "key" for an hour or more, I expect I am getting a good hard job on hand but I can learn if I will. I called at the Drug store to see about the cost of making up some of the cough syrup. I feel rather tired and sleepy tonight.

*Friday, March 4*

I got up and made the fires this morning and shaved before breakfast. It was cold this morning. I went over and sawed wood all the forenoon. Mr. Olson and Mr. Huntington finished cutting up 10 cords of wood for me this forenoon and I paid them for it. I had to come right home after school and write the names of the charter members of the new G.A.R. Post being bargained here today, on their Charter is a comrade asked me if I would and of course I would.

*Saturday, March 5*

It was zero weather when we went to bed last night, but was 6° above when I got up this morning. I [sic] began to storm and snowed some nearly all day the ther. Went up to 20° above. I wrote copies and studied Bookkeeping all the forenoon. Went to the office and studied telegraphy after school. Mr. Case did some "writing" on the key and I tried to read it. I could get some of it and as I have spent but little time on it as yet, I feel encouraged to think I can learn it. Fred and I called at Mr. Case's this evening and had a visit with Mr. Will Case. He showed us some of the C.L.S.C. books that he is reading. their Astronomy seems to be a fine work. I must wash my feet now and go to bed.

*Sunday, March 6*

Did not get up very early this morning. Went to the sugar camp with Fred after breakfast, to see his new evaporator, the snow is two feet deep on a level in the woods. We got ready and went to church when we got back. Mr. Waters preached a missionary sermon, in the interests of the home missions I signed 2 cents per week for this year. It has been quite warm all day, we did not wear any overcoats I wrote a letter to ma and one to Kate telling them I don't believe I can get down there this spring if I go into the store, and it looks as though I should do so. Have been reading in my Detroit Tribune today, I think I will like the paper.

*Monday, March 7*

It has been a beautiful warm and sunshiny day. The sun begins to take hold of the snow such days. I took my shoe up and had a patch put on the heel. I practiced on the telegraph instrument for a couple of hours this forenoon. Called at Mr. Waters just before coming home to dinner. Fred went away this forenoon to go to hauling logs but found the camp full and so had to come home. I finished my letter to Kate this afternoon. Went up to the Court House a little while and then went up town and studied telegraphy some more. Got the Leader tonight. Bought some things at the [?] for Jessie to make a cough medicine with. It is a beautiful moonlight night.

*Tuesday, March 8*

I got up this morning and built the fires. Wrote copies before breakfast, and some after too. I got Mrs. Neill to put up my dinner and about 9:30 I went up to the store to study telegraphy. I staid in the office until about 1 o'clock. I was listening to one message that was going through very slowly and succeeded in catching the sentence "mother is dead," and I know some one was getting sad news. I would have sent a message today if I could have another operator at Traverse City. Mr. Case was going to see that I sent it right, but the operator was not in and I had to go to my classes. I practiced some more tonight. I got pretty tired. Have been writing to Kate and in an Autograph album. It as been a warm day, looks stormy tonight.

*Wednesday, March 9*

It rained a good deal last night and the roads are kind of soft this forenoon. It has turned cooler and is freezing tonight. I wrote copies this morning and then shaved and went up to practice telegraphy taking my dinner with me. I don't have the help I ought to on the business, so that I could learn to read the sounds. I went over to Mr. Waters and took supper and went over to Mr. Green's to practice some songs for the teachers convention. Mr. James Case was there and I had this company almost home. The evening is a beautiful one. I got two letters from Kate tonight, the latter one telling me to go into the store if I wish. I think I will if noting happens.

*Thursday, March 10*

Didn't rise very early this morning. Went out after breakfast and tried on Freds Norwegian snow shoes. I wouldn't manage them very well at first, but I had them on again this evening and got along pretty well. I think it would be fun to be expert on them. I went up and studied telegraphy this forenoon again. I managed to catch a few words and some "calls" over the line, but there are days and weeks of hard work for me yet. It has been cooler today but quite pleasant, and it is a lovely evening again. I wrote in an Autograph album tonight. Wrote a postal to Kate and a letter to Effie. Have been practicing the songs also. All the rest are in bed and I must go too.

*Friday, March 11*

When I started to get up this morning I had a pain take me in my head, but it went off upon lying down for a few minutes. I took some exercise on Freds snow shoes for my health, before breakfast. Wrote copies and then went to the store to study telegraphy. I helped Mr. Case a little also, filling an oilcan and doing some other things. I got no mail at all tonight. Am going to the opening exercises of the Teachers Convention tonight, it was real good. I was told by Mr. Case that he might have to leave by the first of April. That means business.

*Saturday, March 12*

Went up town early this forenoon so as to practice the pieces we sang at the Convention this forenoon. I got a little time to practice telegraphy this morning and this afternoon. The teachers formed a branch of the Michigan Teachers Reading Circle. I did not join because I will not have time for to tend to such a thing this season. I took dinner at Mr. Waters, Fred and Carrie came back yesterday to stay. It has been a warm day and the snow has been getting soft so that the roads are bed. Fred and Jessie Neill went to Platt and I will stay a day or two. I went up and practiced with the choir tonight, as Mr. Coates was away again. Got back at 9 o'clock. Sold some sugar at the store today.

*Sunday, March 13*

I got up this morning and built fires, found a big change in the weather from yesterday as it was blowing and snowing hard. The storm has raged all day, I have hardly been out of doors. I wrote a letter to Kate and on to pa. Read over the Sunday school lesson for today. Have been reading various things today. Practiced singing a little also. Fred and Jessie will be storm stayed. I dreamed last night that my Kate was with me and I felt so happy. I think sometimes I would give anything to be with her. I hope I will never have to leave her again as I have this winter. The wind howls strongly, a wild night.

*Monday, March 14*

I got up before 5 o'clock this morning and found snow drifts in all directions. I went up to help Mr. Case begin taking an inventory of the goods in the store. There was no road at all and I was the first one to go up town from this way. I was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour getting there. Worked hard all day, writing and figuring. I received the Dexter Leader by mail tonight as the stage managed through. Fred and Jessie came home today. It was cold today; more so this morning, than tonight, I think. Did not get any papers as I ought too and poke to the Post Master about it. I fell pretty tired tonight, but must look over some of todays figures.

*Tuesday, March 15*

I went up to the store this morning and worked hard all day, but the hours I was teaching, helping take the inventory. We booked the Boots and Shoes, Crockery, and Groceries. I brought home some old figs tonight that were pretty dry but still sweet. Something ailed the telegraph line today as it refused to work until about night. I wrote copies for my tomorrows writing class and also began a letter to Kate tonight. Jessie cracked some of the hickory nuts I brought up when I came, and we ate them. It has been quite cold today. Fred has made preparations to go to Traverse City tomorrow with lumber for Will Case. I am tired tonight.

*Wednesday, March 16*

Fred got up real early this morning and started for Traverse City with lumber for W. Case. Mr. Case went with him. I worked on the Inventory Book some, shaved, and then went up town and went to work again in the store. We finished looked over the Groceries and are working on the Hardware. I called at Mr. Waters today noon. Taught my classes this afternoon. I received a letter from Kate tonight, and one fro Alice Spoor. Alice sent me 3 dollars to send and get her a Bookkeeping work and blanks. I received a copy of the Michigan Farmer and expect one every week now. I called Fred Waters and wife as I came home, they are settling in their home. Fred paid me for one of the notes I hold against him.

*Thursday, March 17*

It was daylight when I awoke this morning and I thought I was late but it was but 5:30. Went up to the store and worked until noon invoicing. It began to snow this morning and has stormed all day, wind in the north blowing hard. I heard today that Kates cousin in Pleasanton is very sick and liable to die. I must write home about it as soon as I can. Helped at the store again after school. Came home about 6 o'clock, and cared for Freds colts. Fred came home this evening. I have been visiting, reading, and eating nuts and apples tonight, instead of working. I feel rather tired someway.

*Friday, March 18*

Did not get up this morning until nearly 6 o'clock. I ate my breakfast before the rest did and went up to the store to work at adding up the columns of figures that have accumulated in the Inventory book during this week. It took me until about noon, I am going up tomorrow to close up the Ledger for them. I received my Detroit Tribune tonight, so I think it will come all right now. Charlie Fitts and Grace are staying here tonight. I wrote a short letter to Kate tonight. Wrote copies for tomorrow also. Fred went to Frankfort today and hauled a load of iron up. He expected work for some days but will not go again. No iron to haul.

*Saturday, March 19*

This has been a beautiful day. The wind keeps in the north but it was not cold. I ate my breakfast before the rest and went up to my work at the store. I worked at the personal ledger all the time and just succeeded in getting it closed, I did nothing toward closing the large ledger, so I will have to go up again next Monday and finish the work. I was on my feet all day at the desk and got pretty tired, but yet, I think I would like Bookkeeping. I had small classes at the College this afternoon. Grace is here tonight. We have had popcorn to eat. I have been reading this evening, in the "Office" a Bookkeeping journal.

*Sunday, March 20*

I arose this morning and built the fires, then I took Freds snow skiis and went over to our house on them. (When I write our I mean Kate and mine.) It was a lovely day although, Fred and I went to church this forenoon. We did not stay to Sunday school. Charlie and Grace were here to dinner and spent the afternoon. I wrote a letter to Kate this afternoon. Went over to Fred Waters on Fred Neill's snow skiis tonight. It is but a little way across. I did not stay long. I read H.W. Beecher's last sermon today. I am glad that I am to get my papers regular now. It is a fine evening. Wind not since early morning.

*Monday, March 21*

I went up to the store this morning and began closing up the Main Ledger. I got it all done and made out a Balance Sheet for the firm showing the exact state of their business. I was at work posting etc. all the afternoon. It has been quite a fine day but the wind is in the north and it seems chilly. I called at the Dr's tonight and learned that Mrs. Robbins is worse and will probably die. It is too bad. I can just imagine how I should feel if my Kate should die. I believe I would go crazy. I got a letter from her tonight, in which she said she was well but her father is worse with the cancer in his lip. I am tired tonight.

*Tuesday, March 22*

Got up this morning and went over to our house and got my hammer for Fred to use today. It was quite squally, snowing from the Northwest. After breakfast I went up the store and posted up the books for yesterdays business, then did some other writing and studied telegraphy. Taught at the College this afternoon as usual. Student [sic] are dropping off, and one was expelled today for insolent behavior to the principal. I went over to the office and studied some more after school. Called at the Dr's and learned that Mrs. Robbins is better. I have a bad pain in my right arm tonight, am afraid it may be Rhumatin. Clear cool weather tonight.

*Wednesday, March 23*

It was cold this morning, the thermometer indicated 2° below zero soon after 5 o'clock. I went to the store and studied telegraphy post up the books and waited for a few customers. It was a very fine forenoon. Some politicians from Cadillac were at the store the most of the forenoon, spouting around. Mr. Nutting came up and took a picture of the College this afternoon, but he told me tonight that I was cut into in the edge of the picture, so I am no ornament to it. I went up to practice singing for the Mass meeting tomorrow, but they had only the words and I couldn't sing. It warmed up today and is very cloudy and storming a little tonight.

*Thursday, March 24*

We got up quite early this morning as Mr. W. E. Betts came for Fred to go to Traverse with him for a load. I [sic] was mild weather and looked like rain then, but began to snow after a while and kept storming most of the day, it

cleared off toward evening and is real cold tonight. I went to the store and have been helping to wait on customers quite a good deal today so as to get the hang of things. I did some at studying telegraphy also. I got my dinner at the Hall when the mass meeting was held to promote the Prohibition Amendment. They had a good time in spite of the storm. I saw Richard Robbins at the store, he says his wife is about the same. Have been writing copies and other things tonight.

*Friday, March 25*

I got u this morning and built the fires and went to the barn and fed Fred's colts, went to the store to study telegraphy as usual, I heard [Muskegon?] calling this office, and went up in the hall and got [Cha...?] Case to come and take the message, it was for me telling me that Kate and little daughter were going well, I was surprised and glad. I feel so much easier now. I wrote a message and sent it to Kate doing the telegraphing myself. it was my first message and I succeeded in getting it through without a mistake. I had a little talk with the operator at Frankfort tonight. he wrote slow and could understand quite well. Fred came home tonight.

*Saturday, March 26*

It was very cold this morning, 50 below zero at half past five. I went up to the store this morning quite early, my fingers and nose got cold too. I opened the safe this morning without any help, sent a letter to Kate this morning. I wish I could go see her and our baby girl tonight but of course I cant. I hope they are getting along all right. I telegraphed with the operator in Frankfort again tonight, but couldn't do much because they wanted to use the line all the time, and kept breaking us up. I expect to go to Frankfort Monday and get acquainted with him. I call at Mr. Waters and told them of my daughter, today noon.

*Sunday, March 27*

It began to snow this morning and has kept it up all day, the wind got in the north and a sort of blizzard has prevailed. I guess I can't go to Frankfort tomorrow. Freed and I went to church this forenoon. I painted and did pen and ink work on a birthday card which, I am going to send to Kate as next Friday is Kate's birthday. I wrote he [sic] a letter too. I read some in my papers today so as to post up on the news. It looks as though we was going to have winter until it is time for summer. I would like to see the ground bare and hear the birds sing again. I suppose we will in due time.

*Monday, March 28*

I went up to the store this morning and tried to telegraph to the Frankfort operator that I could not get there but I couldn't tell whether he got it or not. I [sic] has blown and stormed all day. I guess March is going out like a lion, as it came in like a lamb. I had a talk with Mr. Case about the business I have been talking about. He don't know yet for certain that he will go. I called on Fred Waters as I came home after dinner. I wrote a letter to pa this afternoon. Went up and got the mail tonight – received a letter from Kate mailed the 24<sup>th</sup>, and one from ma mailed the 25<sup>th</sup> telling me about my little daughter. Ma says she is pretty. It is cold tonight.

*Tuesday, March 29*

I slept sound this morning, did not get up early. I did not go to the store this morning. I wrote copies, mended some of my clothes, and spent the remainder of the forenoon reading and taking some medicine for fever, which I have been have a little of for some time. I [sic] was a blustering forenoon out, but was quite pleasant this afternoon. I went to the store after school and posted up the books and practiced telegraphy some. I read considerable of a message that went through. I have been writing a letter to Kate tonight, and wishing I could talk instead. I am getting anxious to have her come as soon as she can. I want to see her and the baby so bad.

*Wednesday, March 30*

The thermometer was 20 below 0 when I got up this morning. It has gone up to 30° above now 10 AM. I went over to our house this morning and measured for the cow trough, which I want to get the lumber for. I called on Mrs. Morrow and talked about my little daughter. Went up to the store right away after I ate dinner and practiced telegraphy. After teaching I studied some more and posted up the books. I got the most of a telegraphy message going through I think I can improve each time trying to read the slow messages. I received a letter from Nellie tonight telling me that Kate and the baby are doing well, but as it was written last Saturday it seems rather old, but I was pleased at the news it contained. Cooler tonight.

*Thursday, March 31*

I got up and built the fires this morning. I went out to Fred's farm with him and helped him to cut and saw up some Banwood trees. I [sic] has been thawing some today. I went up to the store after dinner, took up some butter for

Mrs. Neill and got her some things. Taught my classes as usual. The writing class is dwindling away. I can't keep up the interest somehow. I guess I won't ever teach again if I can get something else to do. I work hard enough but it seems to be for naught almost. I studied telegraphy some. [Cha...?] Case told me he should want me to work in the store while he went to Milwaukee next week.

#### *Friday, April 1*

It has been a fine day, thawing quite a good deal. It was Kate's birthday and I wish I could have seen her and the baby. I went up to the store this morning and posed up the books and took a trial balance of the Ledger. I did a considerable other writing also. After school I made out the telegraph reports for the month of March. I sent a telegram today noon to Frankfort and made no mistakes. I received a letter from ma tonight saying all were doing well and that our little girl was very sweet. I shall get awfully puffed up. I was quite late in getting through my work tonight and I feel real tired. Will go to bed early.

#### *Saturday, April 2*

It has been quite warm all day and the snow has gone down a good deal. The road was so soft that it was very hard walking when I came home tonight. I took my dinner up to the store today and spent considerable time studying telegraphy. I posted the books too and took a trial balance of the Town Treasures Books and balanced up his Ledger. I went over to Mr. Waters and stayed to supper and went to choir practice at Mr. Green's with Winnie, they wanted me because Bert Coain had gone away. I had a talk with Mr. Case today and I guess that I will not be wanted at the store all the time this year. I don't much care.

#### *Sunday, April 3*

It sprinkled a little, this morning, but did not succeed in raining. It has kept warm and the snow is melting fast, but there is so much of it that it will take a good while for it to go off. Fred and I went to church this forenoon. I sang in the choir. Charlie and Grace were here to dinner and spent the afternoon. I went over to my house with Charlie, let him take my Locomotive book. I got some things I needed. I wrote a letter to Kate and one to ma today. Called on Fred Waters and wife just before dark. I think I will spend the most of tomorrow at the store. Am feeling real tired tonight so must go to rest early.

#### *Monday, April 4*

The weather was greatly changed this morning. The wind has been howling and the snow blowing all day. I went up to the store this morning and took my dinner along expecting to study telegraphy, but I heard that Mr. Case was not going away tomorrow, so I made up my mind that I couldn't waste much more time there if I am not going to work there soon. I voted the Republican tickets and for the Prohibitory Amendment. Bought a pail of paint and went over to our house, built a fire and painted some on the inside woodwork. I took my dinner over there. It will seem good when I get Kate and the baby up here, and have a home again. I got a short letter from her tonight, written with a pencil. Wind still howls.

#### *Tuesday, April 5*

I went over to our house this forenoon and painted the woodwork in the bedroom. I had to use green wood for a fire but it seemed to go very well. I got through about noon. The weather was pretty wild this morning but grew calmer and thawed some in the sunshine. It is quiet and not cold tonight. I began on the last week of school today. Was in the store a while after school, posting the Books and trying to read telegrams. I went over to Mr. Waters with Fred and took supper there. Mr. Waters paid me 75 dollars for Fred on account of the horse. I got for him last spring. I have not done any thing this evening, but talk and read.

#### *Wednesday, April 6*

I got up this morning and built the fires. Wrote my copies and the most of a letter to Kate before breakfast. I went over to our house and painted all this forenoon. My classes at the College were small today and I expect they will be smaller the next two days. I sent Kate a Money Order for \$25 today. Went to the store and posted the books after school. Mr. Case is not going away this week. He asked me what I could work half the time in the store for if he should want me. I got a letter from ma and another note from Nellie with a paper pattern of the baby's hand. I went up to Mr. Small's and ate Mapple "Wax" this evening. They had a good company, but I didn't stay long.

#### *Thursday, April 7*

This has been a fine day. I worked for Fred this forenoon, helping his partner, Mr. Huntington tap maple trees. It was the first time I ever worked in a sugar camp. I drove the piles and hung the buckets. I got pretty tired by noon, as we began to break through the crust into the deep snow. There were only 12 in my writing class today. I went to

the store and practiced telegraphy after school. I succeeded in taking the most of a message going through. I am getting interested in the business and would like to become an expert operator, but of course I never can that I see now, and don't know as it would pay to try. I have been writing copies tonight. It is a beautiful evening.

*Friday, April 8*

I went over our house and painted until about 10:30 when I came back and shaved and got ready to go up and teach for the last time this year. I arrived at the College building just as Prof. Dolby did and we had a talk about matters pertaining to the school. He said the trustees were not will to accept his terms for another year and did not expect he should come back. I am very sorry, as I like him, and wish he was to be here next year. I was at the store awhile after school was out. I sent Kate and my folks each a picture of the College building. I received a card from ma telling me all are well but Kate had been feeling bad from a cold. It has been thawing fast today.

*Saturday, April 9*

I got up this morning before 3 o'clock and went with Fred to his sugar camp to begin evaporating sap with his new machine. I came back to my house and began painting before breakfast. I painted the most of the forenoon. Visited the sugar camp about noon and had some syrup. I went to the store this afternoon and clerked it. I took a telegraph message after. I got the Frankfort operator to get it for me and send it to me slowly. It was my first. I went with Fred to the sugar camp tonight and we were there until after 12 o'clock, which makes us a long day. It has been warm all day.

*Sunday, April 10*

Fred and I got up about 8 o'clock this morning. I shaved and got ready to go to church right after breakfast. It has been another fine warm day. I went into the store a minute just after church, but the telegraph was not working, so I came back right away. I began a letter to Kate before dinner. I went over to our farm this afternoon and walked around looked at the trees and other things. I wish Kate was here now. I am beginning to want my home pretty badly. I called at the Morrises and saw their new girl, which they got from the school at Coldwater. I stayed to go up town this afternoon, but met [Cha..?] Fitts and James Case, so came back and had a sing with them. Have to go to the store in the morning.

*Monday, April 11*

It began to rain this morning and I had to carry an umbrella up to the store, but it soon stopped and has turned cooler. I have been clerking all day. I sent a telegram to Frankfort this morning, and the operator there tried to ask me some questions about it, but I got nervous and couldn't read and I got to feeling bad over it. I am afraid they will get sick of me on the line. I wish I could have had a chance to learn as I could to so I could read better. I am afraid I will get into some bad scrape before Charlie gets back. I finished a letter to Kate tonight. I expect and hope the stage will go to Frankfort tomorrow, so I can hear from Kate soon.

*Tuesday, April 12*

I got up this morning and found the weather some milder than it seemed yesterday. I went over to our house after breakfast and took some things and then I went up to the store and worked all day. I received a telegram today getting it all right. I think I didn't have any to send. We didn't have a very brisk trade at the store. Fred Waters went away to join the survey party. The stage started for Traverse City today but I heard they were having a hard time so I am afraid I will not hear from Kate for a long time. I called at Dr. Taylor's this evening and visited a little while. Feel tired tonight.

*Wednesday, April 13*

Went to the store early this morning, calling at Mrs. Cases' on my way up to make some inquiries for her daughter in law. I got to the store before Mr. Hopkins a little while. We didn't have much trade this forenoon, but did more this afternoon. I took dinner at Dr. Taylor's. Had a nice visit with them. I received a message this afternoon but had to send word back to sending office that the person was not here. I had a little talk with the Frankfort operator, which did me good as I need lots of practice reading. I stayed in the store later than usual. Helped Fred get up a couple of lambs tonight.

*Thursday, April 14*

Went to the store early this morning, because I knew the mail was in and I wanted to hear from Kate. I got a letter from ma and a few lines from Kate. Ma thinks I better come home, as Kate is not well as she was. I expect to hear again tomorrow if it is not good news I shall get home as soon as I can. Kate wrote that I needed to come, but I can't stand it to be here and think that she may be very sick. I did considerable telegraphing with the Frankfort operator

today, he is a right good fellow I know. It has been a warm day and it thunders and lightnined [sic] toward evening. I went over to our house and arranged things some tonight.

*Friday, April 15*

I went over and did a little gardening before breakfast this morning. Went to the store afterward. [Cha...?] Case came home this forenoon and as he did not succeed in getting a place as a traveling salesman I am out of the job I expected and have been fitting myself for. I cam home and went to work on my place this afternoon looking over the fences, painting the front door, and sowing some seeds. I went up town tonight and received a letter from ma. Kate is not much better and I am going to start for home tomorrow if I can. We will have to be going by 4 o'clock in the morning.

*Saturday, April 16*

The clock alarm went off at 3 this morning, but Fred and I after listening awhile to the howling wind concluded it would be a bad day on the lake and went to sleep again. Will have to wait until Monday before going home to my Kate, now. I went to the house and packed, and tied up my trunk so it is al ready. Went up town after breakfast and settled up some business, which I forgot last night. Called at Waters' a while. Had a kind of fear today noon and felt miserable, feel better now. I made some ink out of a powder I received from Boston, it seems to be good ink. I went up to the Court House and gave some to the clerk and treasurer. The wind is cold from the north today.

*Sunday, April 17*

Fred and I went to church this forenoon. It was pleasant, but the wind has felt chilly all day. We did not stay to Sunday school, but came home and went to Fred's sugar camp to see if there was going to be so much sap that he couldn't take me to Frankfort in the morning, but there will not be and I am going to start if possible. I went up and called at Mr. Waters a little while this afternoon to say good-bye. Stopped at Mr. Cases as I came back and had a little sing. Charlie Fitts was there. I spoke to James Case about the private telegraph line between our houses and he seemed to favor it. I hate to lose all I have learned about it. Think we could put up a line for about \$11 a piece.

*Monday, April 18*

We got up at 3:00 o'clock this morning, ate our breakfast and then I said good-bye to Mrs. Neill and Jessie, and Fred and I started for Frankfort. It was quite cool and frosty. We got to the boat in plenty time. I bought 2 [?] Water line, which Fred was going to take back for me. The lake was quite smooth, so I did not get sick in coming down to Manistee where I took the train I had a bad affair with my satchel, which I had checked and they broke a can of maple syrup, which is all over the things in it. I am writing in the depot at Wayne Jr., not a good place.

*Tuesday, April 19*

I got to Ann Arbor at 11 o'clock last night and feeling real tired. I did not try to walk home, but put up at the Arlington House and had a good sleep and my breakfast this morning. I got my hair cut and then had to run to catch the train, which I came to Delhi on. I left my satchel there and walked home. I stopped there a few minutes and then came over to see Kate and the baby. I took dinner here and stayed a while talking and holding daughter, then went home and stayed to supper, coming back again as I am going to stay with Kate and baby tonight. It has been a fine day. Have seen Jimie our mustang. He looks.....

*Wednesday, April 20*

I helped Kate care for the baby all last night, I got up rather late, had breakfast and then went over home and pa and I went to Ann Arbor where I got my trunk and purchased Kate some oatmeal and ½ dozen Oranges. I saw Will Price at the Bank a little while. Pa bought a dozen chairs. I stopped at the depot in Delhi and got my satchel as we came back. My trunk was badly abused on the road. I took the sugar out and brought what Mrs. Neil made for the Queals over here with some syrup, which Fred sent. I am going to stay with Kate again tonight. It has the appearance of raining, but I fear it will not.

*Thursday, April 21*

Slept well all last night and didn't get up until breakfast time this morning. I went over home and helped Effie address her wedding invitations then I cracked and ate a lot of nuts. After dinner I took a long nap and then came over to help Kate. Mr. and Mrs. Butler were here visiting this afternoon and took supper here. I had a good visit with them. The young folks have all gone to prayer meeting tonight. The baby had a real sick spell a while ago, but seems better now. I wish Kate and she could get real well soon. It has been a pleasant day, but is very dry.

*Friday, April 22*



The baby slept well last night, but I was on the lounge ready to help Kate when wanted. I stayed here the most of the forenoon also, as Kate did not feel as well as usual. Went home about 10 o'clock and stayed there to dinner. Made some ink out of the powder I brought from Benzonia. Pa was digging out stumps in the garden today. I came back this afternoon and have been helping Kate, she seems to feel better tonight than this morning. Henry and Dor have gone out this evening. Father Queal and I dug some sweet flag this afternoon in a pond on Phelp's farm. Have been writing a little this evening, but I am losing all skill with .....

*Saturday, April 23*

Helped Kate until about 9 o'clock this forenoon and then I went home, shaved, washed my head etc. I helped a little about cleaning the room Kate and I used to occupy. After dinner I got ready and went to Dexter, driving the pony. It was a cold ride, the wind blew hard from the south West too. I called at the Leader office and subscribed for the paper. Saw a good many people I ain[sic] acquainted with. I went to the Doctor's office and got some things for Kate. I took supper at home tonight and then came over to spend the night with Kate. The Dr. was here this morning to see Nellie who has a sore throat. I had him see Kate and the baby too.

*Sunday, April 24*

This has been a bad day for all of us, the Dr. was here this morning and said Nellie was having Diphtheria. I expect we well all stand a chance of taking the disease. I am very fearful of the consequences if Kate should take it in her weak condition. The excitement made her feel bad all day. I went over to see my folks about take her and the baby over there. They said to come right along, but it was cold and blowing so I couldn't move Kate. Nellie is not very bad yet and we hope she is not going to be. The baby has not been very well this after and was real sick tonight. I expect it will be a long time before we can go north, now.

*Monday, April 25*

Pa was over to see us this morning. Nellie is no worse and the Dr. said that if she did not take any cold she could soon be well. It was concluded that we should not try to move, so I am going to stay here until danger is past. I hope Kate and baby will not have the disease. I helped mother Queal do the washing this forenoon and stayed awhile. Ma gave me a pan of cookies and a cake of honey to bring back with me. The baby has not been well today, her ear seems to trouble her a good deal. I wrote a letter to Fred Neill this afternoon to let him know how we are situated. It has been quite pleasant all day.

*Tuesday, April 26*

Nellie seems to be getting along as well as could be wished for so far. The Dr. came in to see Kate this morning. The baby seems to be fretful from some cause the most of the day. I went home about 10 o'clock and shaved, took a bath etc., stayed to dinner and then I came back to help Kate. I sawed a little wood for our stove this afternoon. It has been another pleasant day. I saw Geo. Martin a few minutes, as he was on his way to Dexter. Henry borrowed my clock tonight so as to have an alarm to wake him up. I feel sleepy tonight.

*Wednesday, April 27*

The baby's ear seemed to trouble her so this morning, that I had the Dr. look at it when he came to see Nellie. I went to Dexter with Henry this forenoon, and got some medicine for the baby, and did various other errands. Henry got a load of tile. I called at uncle John's harness shop and saw him a minute expected some one would find fault because I was running out, but no one knew I live where there is Diphtheria, I guess. I went home a little while this afternoon, but came back soon.

*Thursday, April 28*

It has rained considerable today, about all the forenoon, and again tonight. It was just what we needed, too. The baby was pretty good this forenoon, but has been fretting all the rest of the day. I think she is troubled a good deal with colic. We have just got her quiet, and I hope she will be so all night, but I am fearful about it. I went home and took dinner today. Ma was baking for Effie's wedding, came back tonight away after dinner to help Kate, who is feeling weak and worn out. Nellie seems to be getting along nicely. Think I will take a rest while baby is good.

*Friday, April 29*

We had the Dr. give us some advice about the baby this morning, and we hope we have started on the right course to sure her of the trouble she has been having for over a week. She has not had so bad screaming spells tonight, yet as she had for 2 nights before. I went over home to dinner again today. Showed uncle Robert how to tie up the grape vines for this year. Pa was planting some garden stuff. Effie showed me her wedding dresses. I translated

some telegraph writing in Henry's autograph album for him. I wish I could have telegraph practice all the time; I like it so well. The weather is cool now with a north wind all the time. Clear tonight.

*Saturday, April 30*

The Dr. was here again this morning quite early. We had him look at the baby and give us some medicine. I went over home for a few minutes only this forenoon to get some things for Kate. It turned warm today, and had been pleasant. I went to get some medicine and some things for mother Queal. I saw a goodly number of my acquaintances. I found some flowers in the wood as I came back. The Dr. said I could just as well not go to Effie's wedding as all my nice clothes are over there. I was around the barn with Henry a good deal tonight while he did chores.

*Sunday, May 1*

Our trouble all seems to come on Sunday. Henry was banished today. I feel better. The baby has been pretty good. Nellie is better. Uncle Robert is here taking care of Henry.

K

*Monday, May 2*

Henry has been comfortable today. Baby has cried all day as I cried. [?] and ma found two [..abies?] on her hands at supper time. It rained this morning. Henry made a telegraph.

K

*Tuesday, May 3*

Henry seems about the same today. Una has been real good. It has been a pleasant day. I am improving. Pa worked all day.

K

*Wednesday, May 4*

Am afraid Henry isn't as well today, can't get the stuff out of his throat. Nellie is down stairs. Una don't feel well. It is rather blue times.

K

*Thursday, May 5*

It has been unpleasant all day. Henry is improving. Pa is breaking [?]. Baby has been first rate. [?] is afraid he is coming down.

K

*Friday, May 6*

The Dr. made his last visit unless something else happens. Baby was good this forenoon, but has cried a good deal this afternoon. Uncle R. washed for Ma this morning. Don't know what we should do without him. Effie and Geo. drove up this morning.

K

*Saturday, May 7*

\*No entry\*

*Sunday, May 8*

\*No entry\*

*Monday, May 9*

\*No entry\*

*Tuesday, May 10*

\*No entry\*

*Wednesday, May 11*

\*No entry\*

*Thursday, May 12*

This is the first I have been able to write since the last day of Apr. as I came down with Diphtheria that night and have been living all by myself since until yesterday, when I washed, changed my clothes and came forth again. Kate wrote some in here I see while I was sick. I came over and got Kate and baby and we visited at home until after dinner. Ma and I went to Dexter this afternoon. Ma was getting things for Effie, who has been married, and gone to housekeeping sine I was taken sick. I have quite a number of folks that I knew at Dexter, and enjoyed talking with them. I came over tonight to begin helping Kate again. I am feeling much better each day now.

*Friday, May 13*

This was a nice, hot quite warm day. I came over and got the pony this morning, and Kate, baby, and I went and made Geo. and Effie a visit, taking along a lot of things which ma sent to Effie. We stayed there and took dinner with them having a good time, as baby was real good all the time. Effie is going to be pretty well fixed, I think, and if she only gets over a hard cough which she now has we will be satisfied with her prospects in life. I came home this afternoon and put up a box of Hickory and Walnuts to ship up north. I am going to stay here all night. It turned cool this evening, but is fearful dry. I intend to go to Ann Arbor tomorrow.

*Saturday, May 14*

.I went over to see Kate a little while this morning and took a trunk of her things over. Willie took me to Delhi and I went to Ann Arbor on the cars. I took dinner with Ralph McAllister and had a good visit with him. Called on Will Price at the Bank, and had two drafts cashed there, also. I called at aunt Hannah's to see her and Gertie. Bought a clock to give to Effie and George for a wedding present, I think it a nice one. Came up to Dexter on the cars tonight and Willie met me there as he took aunt Susan to the same train. I came home to stay tonight. Geo. And Effie called tonight on their way to Nilssen Club meeting.

*Sunday, May 15*

I went over for Kate this morning, but Nellie was going to take a ride and so Kate and baby rode with her in their carriage. I dressed up and went to church this forenoon, where I met lots of my old friends and heard Mr. Butler preach. George and Effie came to church and staid most of the afternoon. I gave them their clock. Pa took Kate back to father Queal's this afternoon. I an going over there to stay tonight. Kate and I went up to the little grave yard this afternoon to look at little Johnnie's grave. It has been a warm dry day. I don't feel that I am much of a Penman, but this writing.....

*Monday, May 16*

I came home this morning and began to pack up things. I crated the sewing machine this forenoon, ready to ship on the freight. Ma and Willie went over and called on Effie this afternoon, so as to have their last ride after Jimmie. I went over to father Queal's with the double buggy to carry some things and Kate came back with me bringing along the baby of course. We began to pack up our fruit cans this afternoon; the baby has been real good this afternoon. Kate and baby are going to stay here tonight. I am feeling quite tired tonight someway.

*Tuesday, May 17*

I have been very busy all day getting ready to start for Benzonia tomorrow. Pa is going to take me and my things to Plymouth where I will take a freight car and go to Manistee with the pony and drive from there. I went over to father Queal's and got their "jogger," so Will can drive Jimmie to Plymouth. I visited with John Williams a while at noon, but I have visited but few of my friends here this time. Henry and Nellie were over a while tonight. It has sprinkling some today, but did not rain much of any. Kate and I packed a barrell[sic] full of cans and jars of fruit, butter, etc. I have my satchel nearly ready.

*Wednesday, May 18*

I said good-bye to my folks this morning, and I expect it will be a long time, if sickness or some such thing does not call me back, before I will see old Webster again. I think I get homesick each time I have to leave the old homestead and the folks that still remain. We headed up the things, and Willie hitched Jimmie to the jogger and we started for Plymouth, getting here about noon. We fed the horses at a feed stable, ate our dinner, loafed a little, and then Pa and Willie started back for home, and left Jimmie and me to go on the freight train to Manistee. I let Jimmie fill up on grass by the yard and will put him in the car about 6:30 tonight.

*Thursday, May 19*

Have been riding in the freight car until 6:00 his evening. It has been a warm day, but I had both doors of the car open and did not mind the heat much. Jimmie would not eat corn on the road, he seem to be kind of homesick. I expect I would be too if I allowed my thoughts to dwell on the old home. I put Jimmie in a feed barn and went up

to the Post Office and wrote and mailed a card to Kate. I am staying at the American House. Mr. Albert Adams of Benzonia is here this evening. I feel pretty tired.

*Friday, May 20*

Looked around Manistee to find a light rig to drive Jimmie in, but could find nothing to suit me. I took my satchel over to the dock and sipped it to Benzonia by way of boat and stage. I left there with Jimmie at 8:15 in the morning and got here at Bear Lake at about 4:30 this afternoon. It was a long, dusty, tiresome walk, about 18 or 19 miles. It made my throat ache badly at time, I did not think my sickness was going to affect me in any such way. I got a lunch at Portage but could eat but little. I guess Jimmie got some tired also. I have him in a good place for the night. I am at the Lake View house. Took a wash all over just now.

*Saturday, May 21*

I left Bear Lake about 7 o'clock this morning. I had an awful hot dusty walk, at one place there was a [slarhing?] on fire and the smoke was suffocating. When I got to the bridge over the Betsy they were fixing it and I left Jimmie on the other side for a while and called on Mr. Jordan's folks, Where I had some bread and Milk and took a good rest. In getting Jimmie over the bridge, he got through and skined [sic] his leg badly. I thought he was a gone horse for a while. I called at Dr. Taylor's and had a lemonade also at the store Mr. Hopkins made me one. I got my satchel there all right. Am at the hills tonight.

*Sunday, May 22*

I rode Jimmie down to the grist mill to water for the first time this morning. He seems to be some lame on the leg that was hurt the worst. I went to church this forenoon and met a good many friends there. It sprinkled a very little as I came home, but have not succeeded in raining yet. I took the pony over to our place this afternoon and tethered him so he could eat grass while I looked around at things. I wish I could have been ere two weeks ago so I could have [ha...?] things in for a garden etc. Have been doctoring Jimmie's leg today a good deal.

*Monday, May 23*

I bought the most of my things over to our house today and am going to live here now. I took dinner at Neill's but ate my supper here. Mrs. Neill gave me some butter and I brought over a couple of our cans of fruit. I have had the pony here all day grazing around tied to a stake. I went up town this forenoon and some me some things. Called at Mrs. Water's a little while. I don't seem to accomplish anything of any account. I will be glad when Kate gets here. I went up town again tonight to mail a letter to Kate and get the mail. Jessie Neill and I ordered a fence pump together. I am going to sleep in our house tonight.

*Tuesday, May 24*

I slept pretty well last night, if I was all alone, but I shall be a thousand times happier when Kate comes. I made a stone boat this forenoon, and got Fred Neill's one horse plow I took a long nap at noon, I felt so kind of tired. This afternoon I put Jimmie on the plow and did a little plowing among the plum trees. I got along better ten I expected to with the pony. I made a drag with some spikes, but it does not do good wok and I must get something else. I dug into the potato pit today and they are all so. It looks a little like rain each day, but don't come. I called at Neill's tonight.

*Wednesday, May 25*

It rained rather easy thought, the most of the forenoon. I was rather slow about getting my breakfast and clearing things away, took a shave, and after caring for Jimmie, I went up town to see about getting a cultivator. I thought I could get a spring tooth, but I changed my mind tonight and had Mr. Hopkins order an Acme for me. I did a little more plowing this afternoon. Fred Waters was here for a little while this afternoon. I went up town with him; he goes to Manistee tomorrow. I got a letter from Kate tonight, which makes me feel good. Spent part of the evening at Neill's. I feel pretty tired.

*Thursday, May 26*

I get up about 5 o'clock each morning now, but I don't get much don't in a day, somehow. I went over to Fred Waters' place and got Mr. James Case's small drag, this morning. I also loaded my mortar box on, which Bilderback borrowed two years ago. I got my garden dragged in as good shape as I could. Rode Jimmie up town just before noon and bought 25 ft. of rope to tether him out with. I went over to see Mr. Olsen about getting my freight, if he goes to Frankfort tomorrow. Planted a row of potatoes and sowed some lettuce and radish seed this afternoon. Got some more potatoes out of the pot and put them in the stable. I am staying at home this evening. I got very tired by night.

*Friday, May 27*

I spent the most of the forenoon in planting sees in the garden. Came in a little after 11 A.M. and wrote a letter to Kate while preparing dinner. This afternoon made a rode out to the wood in the slashing, and hitched Jimmie to the stone-boat and drew some up to the house. I went up town about 4 o'clock. Went to the Blacksmith shop to pay for a whiffletree and see about different kinds of buggies. Found out that Mr. Phelps, who works there, used to live in Trenton, Mo., where I was 6 years ago next fall. I was examining my peach trees again tonight. I think the most of them will live. I caught a mouse in my trap tonight, took him over and gave him to Neill's cat.

*Saturday, May 28*

I worked at trimming and digging around the young peach trees the most of the day. Grace Fitts brought the dishes back, which Kate let her take a year ago. I caught three mice today in my little box trap; it is better than a cat. Mr. Olsen went to Frankfort today, and brought me the barrel of cans and the box of nuts he couldn't bring in the sewing machine this time. I opened the barrel and commenced to take out the cans. I found some of them working. I opened the box of nuts and took a part full over to Neill's this evening. Mrs. Neill made me a load of bread today, which I got tonight.

*Sunday, May 29*

I arose at a little after 5 o'clock this morning, got my breakfast, took care of Jimmie, swept out, took a good wash, shaved, and dressed up to church with Fred Neill. We stayed to Sunday school too. It was real warm during the middle of the day. I took dinner at Neill's, then went out to Fred's farm with him. It began to rain just as we got back to my house and Fred came in and stayed until evening and I went home with him to lunch. It is giving us a real good rain now. I came back to sleep at home and care for things, caught another mouse today. I hope Kate and baby will be here in a week.

*Monday, May 30*

I finished unpacking the pint cans this morning. Planted a little corn among the Plum trees and sowed some carrot seed there also. It rained some this forenoon. I was in hopes we are going to have another good shower, but is passed off. I sowed a box to late cabbage seed today. Went up town tonight before I had supper, and got the mail. I have been catching mice in the woodshed this afternoon, caught 5 so far and may have another before I go to bed. Took a pail of nuts over to the Neill's tonight. The sweet potato plants I ordered of Child's came to Mrs. Neill today. I did not hear from home today.

*Tuesday, May 31*

I sowed some more carrots and planted some corn this morning, then I hitched up Jimmie and plowed and dragged a small strip of ground for more garden. I took the drag back to Mr. Case's and went round by the quiet mill and watered Jimmie. Went over to Neill's and got my tomato plants and set them out. It has showered several times this afternoon driving me in from work, but is grand for plants just set out. I put out the sweet potato plants this evening. I dug around the pear and plum trees this afternoon. Called Louis Johnson in and gave him a pocket full of nuts. Practiced writing a little while it is raining. Went to the spring and got a pail of water tonight. Am staying at home this evening.

*Wednesday, June 1*

It rained some this morning. I went over to Neill's to get Mrs. Neill to bake me a load of bread. I cultivated out some of the strawberries this forenoon. I think I will plow up some of it; the grass is so bad. Planted considerable sweet corn this afternoon and sowed more cabbage seed. I went up town about 5 o'clock this afternoon, got a postal from Kate stating that she would stat today if she could, but it has been so stormy I fear she did not. She will telegraph t me from Manistee so I will know tomorrow forenoon if she came. I took supper at Neill's tonight. Fred is going to Frankfort in the morning.

*Thursday, June 2*

I got up this morning soon after 4 o'clock and began to clean out the bedroom and closet, so Kate would not have to do so much it would made her sick the first thing. I hitched Jimmie into Fred Neill's buggy and went up town about 10 o'clock, but got no telegram from Kate, so it must be that she did not start yesterday. I came back, got my dinner, and finished tacking down the bedroom carpet then I went at the upstairs part and cleaned that making things look much better. I began on the woodshed tonight and will have that looking different tomorrow. I will go up to the office tomorrow forenoon to see if Kate is on her way. I hope she will come as I want them with me.

*Friday, June 3*

I did not get up very early this morning, for my sleep was not the best some way last night. I finished cleaning out the woodshed this forenoon, and then I rode Jimmie up town to see if there was any word from Kate, but there was not. I moved our lounge chairs and library over from Neill's this afternoon; we took them there 2 years ago next fall. I went up and got the mail tonight, but heard no word from home. I ordered a Buckboard of Mr. Spence. I want a light rig for Jimmie. Spent a good share of the evening at Neill's. I shall look for work from Kate again tomorrow.

*Saturday, June 4*

I went up town with Fred Neill this morning, he took a load of things up for Mr. Bilderback. I got an oil barrel and burned it out, to have for water. I don't know how well it will work. I rode Jimmie up town about noon to see if any word from Kate had come, but there was none. I felt a good deal disappointed, for I am so anxious to have her come, and am afraid she or baby may be sick. It has rained the most of the afternoon. I stayed in and read the papers and tried to sleep, but sweat so I could not rest. Fred Neill and I went down to Crystal Lake tonight to fish, but the fish would not bite. I[sic] rained hard as we came home, it will do good.

*Sunday, June 5*

I got up about 6 o'clock this morning and by the time got my chores and house work done, got ready for church and walked over to Neill's the last bell rang and so I did not go, but went with Fred out to his farm instead. We went down to Crystal Lake also, and picked up pebbles, getting back soon after 2 P.M. It was very hot just at that time. It showered about from 5 to 7, and may rain more tonight. I ate dinner at Neill's and am going to spend the evening there. Kate expected to be with me this Sunday but failed for some reason. I hope she will get here in a few days now. I have caught no mice today, and heard some around.

*Monday, June 6*

There was a big fog this morning when I got up, which kept things damp until now. I plowed up a little patch of new ground this forenoon, it made Jimmie and I sweat like good fellow. I planted melons and squash there. I didn't do much of anything this afternoon, felt too tired. I went up town for the mail about 5 o'clock tonight, felt anxious to hear from home. I got a postal from Kate saying she was all ready and waiting for fair weather, it was written last Wednesday. I am afraid she is sick for last Friday seemed like a good day. Shall look for a telegram tomorrow. I received some sample pine, tonight, from A.S. Barnes & Co. It has been a very warm day.

*Tuesday, June 7*

Kate did not come today. I went up to the telegraph office at noon, but there was no word. I am afraid she is sick, for I was sure she would come today. I spent a good share of the day in piling up and burning the rubbish in the road on my side. I hitched Jimmie to the stone-boat and went to the saw mill and got some lumber this afternoon, it made the little fellow puff to pull the load up the hill. I went over and got 2 loaves of bread, which Mrs. Neill made for me today. It has been another very warm day. I do hope Kate will come tomorrow. I don't like this suspense.

*Wednesday, June 8*

I spent the afternoon in doing various things, mostly working in the garden. Went up town about 10 o'clock to look for work from Kate, but got none. I was dumbfounded and feared something bad had surely happened, so I came home and worked hard until mail time, when I went up and got a letter from Kate saying she had been having the erysipelas, but was better. I shall look for her each day. I hitched Jimmie to the plow again this afternoon and began to plow up in the peach orchard. It is pretty tough work, but I much get it done right away, think I can finish it tomorrow. Ben[sic] very warm, threatened rain tonight.

*Thursday, June 9*

It was a very cool morning and I finished plowing in the peach orchard. Went up to the telegraph office at noon and sure enough I got a message from Kate saying that she would be at Frankfort tonight. I ate my dinner and then hitched Jimmie to Fred Neill's double buggy and came down to Frankfort. Kate and Dor came on the [De...?] about 6 o'clock. I was awful glad to see them. We are staying at the Park House. It was a nice day for them to come. I thought it would be to[sic] late to go to Benzonia tonight.

*Friday, June 10*

I did considerable trading in Frankfort this morning and we did not get on our way home until after 8 o'clock. We got a real nice carriage for the baby. We got home about 1 o'clock. It was a bid load for Jimmie to draw, but he did nobly. I went up and took Dor with me to the store this evening. Fred and Jessie were here tonight. We are not

very well settled yet and Kate is so tired I do not want her to work very hard. It is after 10 P.M., and I must go to bed.

*Saturday, June 11*

Have been helping Kate care for the baby the most of today. Dor went to Frankfort with Fred Neill this forenoon and got back tonight at supper time; they bought some of the things they bought at Frankfort. I did some hoeing in the garden. Went to Mrs. Balches to try and get some tomato plants, but there was no one at home. It is getting most awful dry here again. I was up town this morning and found that my cultivator had some, but I couldn't get it today. The baby has been having several sick spells during the day. This was our wedding anniversary.

*Sunday, June 12*

I arose about 5:30 this morning and took care of Jimmie and built a fire. Dor and I got ready for church and started just as the last bell rang. It was children's day, and the church was trimmed[sic] up. We came back by Neill's and told them we would come over there this afternoon, but Kate has been feeling too day to go anywhere, so I did not go away from home. Dor went with Fred Neill out to his farm. Fred Waters came home with him and made a short call. The baby has not been feeling very well tonight, but has been good about all day, and smiling at us all.

*Monday, June 13*

Kate was sick the most of last night, with a bad ear. I was afraid she was going to be seriously ill, but warm applications seemed to make her better after a while. I went up town with Jimmie and the stone-boat this morning and got my Acme cultivator also some flour, and sugar. I did some cultivating and think the machine is just what I want. Fred Waters and his wife came over and got Kate and the baby this afternoon. I went up town with the washing, got the mail, and went over to Waters and took supper. Dor and Fred went fishing and had good luck. Expected the buggy tonight, but it had not come.

*Tuesday, June 14*

Dor and I took Jimmie and the stoneboat and went to the creek and got ½ barrel of water this morning. I finished digging around the peach trees and began cultivating again this forenoon, finished it this afternoon. We had strawberries today at meals for the first time. If there don't come a rain soon, they will be a short dry chop. Went over to Neill's and borrowed their corn planter, I hop[sic] to get the fodder corn in tomorrow. Fred and Jessie came over this evening and made in a call. The gnats are beginning[sic] to bite in a great way. Been very warm a good share of the day.

*Wednesday, June 15*

Dor took Jimmie and started for Robins, down in the edge of Manistee County. I planted fodder corn among the peach trees. I rested at 11 o'clock and picked strawberries for dinner, finished planting after dinner. Kate took the baby and went over to see Jessie Neill awhile this afternoon. I picked some strawberries and took down to Mr. Hubbell's and traded them for 18 nice tomato plants. I set out some of them but the gnats and mosquitoes drove me in to the house, and I was not free from them there.

*Thursday, June 16*

Finished putting out the tomato plants this morning. Wrote a letter to ma after breakfast and then I went up town and mailed it and got my mail also. My buckboard had not come yet. It was awful hot the most of the day. I was hoeing in the garden the best share of the day. Winnie Waters and Carrie were here picking strawberries this forenoon and stayed to dinner. Dor came back this afternoon. We took Fred Neill's rifle and shot at a mark several times. Jessie Neill picked some strawberries this afternoon. It rained a very little and threatened a good deal.

*Friday, June 17*

We had a good hard rain last night and this morning, which we so much needed. Fred Neill, Dor and I went on a genuine excursion today, taking a boat and going across Crystal Lake to Glen Rhoda and climbing up to the top of the hills and viewing the scenery, also fighting mosquitos, Dor being especially afflicted with them. We had a pretty rough see going over, but we had a splendid time. Fred and I took a good swim. We went away back in the woods to a clearing set out to fruit. We found a canoe afloat and brought it back with us. I came home and left Dor and Freed to fish. Jessie came and stayed a while with Kate, this afternoon.

*Saturday, June 18*

I went up town this morning and got our washing at Mr. Bradford's. Heard that my Buckboard would be here next Monday for sure. I took some strawberries over to Mr. Nevins' for which I received \$.50. Dor and I went over into

Eden this afternoon and looked that country pretty much all over. We were treated to strawberries at Mr. Coates'. We went where we could see Lake Michigan and rue of the Manistee islands. I picked and took a pail of strawberries over to Bilderbach's tonight and then went up town and got some lemons and a collar and tie. We had a good lemonade when I got back. It rains some.

*Sunday, June 19*

I arose at 5:30 this morning and did the shores and picked strawberries enough for breakfast. We didn't, any of us, get to church today. We all went over to Neill's this afternoon, and Fred, Dor, and I took a ride out into the town of Homestead. We hitched little Jimmie up beside of Fred's big Frank horse, and our team looked comical enough. It has been a nice pleasant day. For has been packing up this evening as we have to start very early in the morning so he can take the boat at Frankfort.

*Monday, June 20*

I got up at 2 o'clock this morning, fed Jimmie, go breakfast for Dor and myself, and at 3 we were on the road to Frankfort. We got there at 6, an hour before boat time. I stayed to see Dor off and then started for home. I took a lunch and fed Jimmie some oats near a spring just this side of Frankfort. Got back at 10:31 and left Fred Neill's buggy at home. Quite a number of persons have been here picking strawberries today. I went up town for the mail tonight. Got a letter for Kate from home. I received some specimens of writing from a penman in Chicago, think with a little training I might do nearby as well.

*Tuesday, June 21*

There was a heavy lightning and thunder storm in the night last night. I built a shed for my buckboard (if I ever get it) this forenoon and grubbed out some bushes so I can drive around the sheds. Hitched Jimmie to the cultivator this afternoon and cultivated the line patch up by the woods and the garden and corn among the plum trees. Was just going to draw wood when Fred Neill came to plow for buckwheat, and I got him to turn over the rest of the ground in the plum orchard. I had to help around the trees and also grubbed[sic] some. Fred and Jessie were her to supper. It sprinkled some tonight. Feel pretty tired.

*Wednesday, June 22*

I did some teaming with Jimmie this forenoon, drawing up some water from the creek and getting out some wood. Fred Neill was here plowing the greater share of the day. He plowed up the front yard for me, so I can level it off now, and fix a decent yard. I dug some roots for Kate; her ear is troubling her again today. I did considerable spading and grubbing around trees where Fred plowed. Went up town tonight for the mail and ground that my buckboard had arrived. It has been cool and threatening rain all day, it has rained a little tonight.

*Thursday, June 23*

It rained some this morning, but stopped so that I hitched up Jimmie and drew my buckwheat over to Neill's and cleaned it in Fred's Mill. I had about 5 bushels. Willie Waters picked some berries this forenoon and Mr. Bilderback and the Hubbell's, this afternoon. I went after my Buck-board this afternoon, it took me a long time to get is as I found the wheels were not washered as they should be, and waited to have it fixed. Jimmie seemed to know he was hitched to a good looking rig once more. It rode nice and easy, and I am glad we have a way to go around now. It has been cold today, for a summer's day. I hoed the garden this evening.

*Friday, June 24*

I spent most of the forenoon in hoeing in the garden and planning peas and beans. Mr. Cooley and son and Miss Gertie Bailey were here picking strawberries. This afternoon I cultivated the front yard and among the young pear trees it was hard work [...ing?] to sods. I hitched to the new Buckboard after supper and went up town for the mail and buy some few things. I received a letter from ma, and was glad to hear form home. It has been cool again today.

*Saturday, June 25*

I hoed out the corn in the plum orchard today. This afternoon Kate too Jimmie and the Buckboard and she, Jessie and Jessie's niece went up to Eden and called on Grace. It was the first time Kate had driven Jimmie since she came up here. I hoed some more and planted some corn for fodder, this afternoon. Picked strawberries for supper and enough for breakfast also. Ms. Waters was here a while picking strawberries for tomorrow's use. I put up some picture knobs in the bedroom tonight, so we could hang some things up out of the way. It turned warmer today.



*Sunday, June 26*

Kate intended to go to church this forenoon, but she had a bad headache and could not go so I went riding up in our Buckboard. The baby has been fretting[sic] about all day. I went over to Neill's after dinner and took Fred my newspaper to read. His sister from Kansas is there with her two children. I wrote a letter to Scott Williams this afternoon, and also directed some catalogues of the College School to friends. Jimmie hurt his foot yesterday with his rope and today he seemed considerable lame. I bathed it good tonight. Fred Neill was here a while this evening. It has been a very pleasant day.

*Monday, June 27*

I worked at digging around Grape vines the best share of the day. I found more vines than I expected to. I had a good many pickers in the strawberry patch this forenoon. Nearly 2 bushels have been picked today. Jimmie has acted so that I have not had him hitched up at all today. I went up town tonight and took the washing to Mrs. Bradford. Got the Leader and a letter from A.S. Barnes & Co. it has been quite a warm today.

*Tuesday, June 28*

I commenced to get out stuff to cover a cistern with this forenoon, but got tuckered out and came into the house and helped Kate take care of the baby for a couple of hours before dinner time. I went at the work again this afternoon, and succeeded in doing something. Hitched Jimmie to the stoneboat and drew the stuff down from the woods. Kate and Jessie drove down to Mrs. Hubbell's this evening and watered Jimmie at the same time. I set some stumps on fire this evening; they seemed to burn well. I went to the spring for water by moonlight. I got my water lime from Neill's today.

*Wednesday, June 29*

It has been a very warm day. I got out some more timber for covering on the cistern this morning. Put paris green on the potato vines and young pear trees. Fred Neill sowed Buckwheat on the piece he plowed here, this forenoon. I went to the creek and got half a barrell[sic] of water just before dinner. I commenced to dig the cistern, breaking the sod and getting ready for a big days work tomorrow. Kate got Jessie Neill and they drove up town and made some calls this afternoon, and go the mail too. Jimmie don't seem quite so lame today. We didn't have our our supper until 8:20 tonight. The atmosphere is very smokey.

*Thursday, June 30*

I arose at 4 o'clock this morning and commenced work on the cistern. It got to be hot work after the sun got well up so it could pour down on me. I got it all dug before noon, which was more than I though I could do. I covered it this afternoon, and got it as near ready for plastering as I could. It threatened to rain very much and I feared it would cave in the cistern, but it passed off. I hitched up and drove up town tonight. Fred Neill went along with me. I engaged Mr. Bradford to plaster the cistern tomorrow.

*Friday, July 1*

Mr. Bradford came on this morning and plastered the cistern one coat, this forenoon. I had all I could do to keep him supplied with mortar. I had just water enough. Mr. Bradford went to the Court House to do some work as soon as he got through here. I went to the creek and got a half barrell[sic] of water just before noon. Commenced to make the eaves trough this afternoon. I got 2 made and painted. There came up a big wind with a fog from the north-west, which made things jingle for a little time. It finally settled down into a good rain. I caught the tubs full of water and filled the barrell[sic] too.

*Saturday, July 2*

It rained a good deal last night and this morning, soaking the ground up in good shape. I picked quite a lot of cherries off from one of our trees today; they were excellent. Kate put up a number of cans. Mr. Bradford put on the second coat to my cistern this forenoon. The little Hubbell boys thought they were helping me a good deal by sifting some sand. I sowed grass seed on the Buckwheat ground this afternoon, and hope there will come more rain to wash it into the ground. Hitched up and went up to town towards evening to get my mail and do a little trading. It has been hot today. I promised to work at the store next Monday.

*Sunday, July 3*

Had a tearing time with Morrow's hens this forenoon. I am thinking it will in time spoil our neighborly feelings, as I can't stand it to have them destroy my garden. Kate went to church and I took care of the baby. It rained very hard while they were in church, but cleared for them to come home. It has rained hard by spells all the day. I got along

with the baby firstrate. Fred Neill came over a while this afternoon, we picked some strawberries and I gave him 4 quarts. Kate is sick with headache tonight. I feel very sleepy. Wrote a letter to ma today.

*Monday, July 4*

This was the great day. I got up early and did my chores, ate my breakfast and went up to the store where I have been hard at work clerking all day, as the celebration made lots of work in the store. It rained a good deal this forenoon, and was quite a damper on the proceedings, but it cleared off this afternoon and a fine time was had. I was on my feet off the day and got pretty tired. I like to clerk though. Came down to Mr. Neill's tonight and had ice cream there and we came home about 9 o'clock. The Neill's went to the fireworks. I got no mail tonight.

*Tuesday, July 5*

We did not get up very early this morning. Dr. Mack came and got Jimmie and the Buckboard, to go out and see and patient this forenoon. I rebuilt the buggy shed and made it stronger. Hoed some in the garden. This afternoon I took Jimmie and the Acme and cultivated among the peach trees, the squash and melon vines and the front yard. Found that Morrow's hens had eaten all our currants, they do us lots of mischief. I wish I could make him shed them up. Went over to Fred's this morning and helped him grind scythes, and borrowed an old one of him to use in cutting grass for Jimmie sometimes. It has been quite a pleasant day. I am feeling pretty tired tonight.

*Wednesday, July 6*

I went over to Neill's this morning and took my cultivator over for Fred to use and got a thousand shingles, which I had bargained with him for. They had ice cream, and I had a dish there and bought some home too. Mulched[sic] the currant bushes. I have been working at the eaves-trough, off and on, all day. Kate took Mrs. Neill up to the cemetery[sic] this afternoon, and also got the mail and did some trading. I went down into my cistern and patched up the holes the hard rains had caused. I think it will soon be all right. Jessie came and picked a few strawberries tonight. Built a smudge to drive off the pesky gnats.

\*\*\*\*\**Thursday, July 7*\*\*\*\*\*

When I was out to the barn doing my chores soon after 5 o'clock this morning, the sheriff came and summoned me as a juror, to appear at the Justice office at 1 o'clock this afternoon, he also summoned Fred Neill. I went over to the Court house to get a letter mailed for Kate, and the clerk sent her some nice pond lilies. I hoed some in the garden. After dinner I went up town with Fred. We both served as jurors, and spent a hot afternoon at the Justice office. Walle Lewis was convicted of assault and battery, but the old Justice got milked up and what will come of it, I don't know, but I don't expect to ever get my pay for serving.....

*Friday, July 8*

I expected I might have to work for Fred today but he got Mr. Olsen, so I did not have to go. I began shingling the barn. I am rather slow at it however. Kate had such a bad toothache, that we drove up to the dentists, so is now in town, and had it pulled this afternoon. We got the mail also. Kate got a letter from home. It has been an awful hot day, but a good breeze has blown so we could stand it. It looked so much like rain tonight that I tried to fix things so some water could go into the cistern, if it did rain, but I hear I have not got it in good shape. I am pretty tired tonight.

*Saturday, July 9*

It threatened to rain this morning, but finally cleared away, and has been a bright day, cooler than the previous[sic] ones this week. I spent the day in shingling on the barn. It will keep Jimmie dry now, I think. I don't pay to build board roofs; they are bound to leak. I have accomplished about half I wished to do this week, but I can't do any more now. I went over to Fred's and got more shingle this forenoon. It took more than I thought for. We have plenty of strawberries to eat yet, but, they are getting then and it takes longer to pick a mess than formerly.

*Sunday, July 10*

I arose with a headache this morning and have felt miserable all day. Neither of us went to church. I went up stairs and slept for a long time this forenoon. We have had strawberries 3 times today, but they are getting pretty thin and will soon be all gone. I found some ripe black raspberries in the woods today; they were good size, too, for wild fruit. Went over to Neill's a little while this afternoon to borrow a Doctor book for Kate. We rode down to water Jimmie tonight. It has been two weeks since I have heard from home and I want a letter.

*Monday, July 11*

I put the last course of shingles on the barn this morning. Helped Kate do some washing this forenoon and cultivated some in the front yard. I went out to pick raspberries just after dinner, but met with no good success at it, so quit, got enough for our supper though. Used my wheel hoe in cultivating in the garden this afternoon. It has been another decidedly warm day. I drove up for the mail tonight and Kate and baby went up and called at Mr. Waters a while. I got a letter from ma. I think she is very lonesome, and I wish I lived there again.

*Tuesday, July 12*

It looked very much like rain this morning and I fixed the cistern to catch water, but although it threatened all the forenoon, and sprinkled at times, it did not rain. Hoes a little in the garden, but loafed in the house more. Put brush to some peas and poles to some tomato vines this afternoon. Did some repairing of brush fence, up in the woods. Picked some raspberries and some strawberries. Went up town tonight, Fred rode up with me. Kate and baby went over there and stayed while I was gone. It has been very warm and continues so this evening.

*Wednesday, July 13*

Arose at 4:30 this morning and got ready for Frankfort, which I reached at about 10 o'clock. Did some trading, found that the box had not come yet and started for home about 11 o'clock. I stopped at outlet bay and unhitched Jimmie, fed him and ate my dinner. Reached home at 2:30 this afternoon. Kate and I then went to work putting up window shades. We got 3 of them finished. Mrs. Hubbell called as we were eating supper. I went up town this evening, wore my new suspender coat and vest; they feel very comfortable this hot weather.

*Thursday, July 14*

Finished putting up the window shades this morning. Fred brought us a big chunk of ice when we went to the farm. I did it up in woolen blankets and it has lasted all day and I think will do for a good while tomorrow. We have had beef soup today, which tasted good for a change. Kate got Mrs. Beck and drove up town to get the washing; she got back about noon. We had strawberries for dinner and supper. I have tinkered at various things today. It has been quite warm. I expect to go out with Fred in the morning to help him in the haying. Don't know how I will stand the work.

*Friday, July 15*

I have been working in the hay field for Fred Neill today. It has been an awful hot day and we all nearly bushed. I took Jimmie out there and put him in the barn. Have drank[sic] lots of water from Fred's magnificent springs. Couldn't eat much dinner, too hot. Soaked my feet in cold water at noon, also my head, made me feel better. I have been stacking, it is the first I ever built, and I hope the last. Have got to go to the creek tonight for water to wash in etc.

*Saturday, July 16*

I finished stacking hay for Fred today. It has been another awful hot day. We got the stack and got home just before a heavy wind and rain storm set it. I feel pretty well tired out.

*Sunday, July 17*

Managed to sleep last night. One of my eyes somewhat inflamed today. I went over to Fred's and got a chunk of ice this forenoon, then he and I went to the lake and took a good wash off. I felt too sleepy to go to church. I picked red and black raspberries enough for our supper and for Kate's dinner tomorrow. I am going to the store in the morning to work. Wrote a letter to pa this afternoon.

*Monday, July 18*

Have been in the store all day working for Mr. Hopkins, who is going to take a little rest. Got last weeks mail tonight, but have no time to read it, or write much either.

*Tuesday, July 19*

Been clerking today. I have to get up earl and work late to get my chores done, and be in the store all day too. I wish I were in some good permanent position in some store. I think I would do better that to try and farm it any. I am pretty tired tonight.

*Wednesday, July 20*

Worked in the store today. Richard Robbins and family came up and took dinner with Kate. I got off and came home a couple of hours after dinner, to visit with them. Did considerable corresponding for the firm today. Fred Neill brought me ½ ton of hay tonight so I will have something to feed Jimmie now.

*Thursday, July 21*

Been at the store all day. Kate and Jessie came up town about 11 o'clock and stayed to dinner at Mr. Case's; I took my dinner there too. It has been cloudy most of the day. I feel real tired tonight.

*Friday, July 22*

It turned cool today with quite a breeze from the north. I have been at the store all day. Was making out an itemized account all my spare time. I begin to get interested in listening to the telegraph instrument again. I like to work at the store pretty well, but my place don't improve when I am away. A person can't do two things at one time. Got home later than usual tonight.

*Saturday, July 23*

Kate's Box and bag that have been so long on the road was at the store this morning, and Kate came up and got it this forenoon. I sent a telegram today just got my had in again. I telegraphed to the Frankfort opr. some tonight. I was at the store rather late on acct. of business. I got 25¢ worth of ice cream as I was coming home, as a social. Kate and I ate it at our supper. I am through at the store now. It was cold this morning and I heard of frosts in some places.

*Sunday, July 24*

Kate went to church today and I stayed at home and cared for the baby. It has been a pleasant day. Fred Neill brought us a chunk of ice this afternoon, and we went back with him and stayed a little while. Kate has a headache again this afternoon. I don't think I can let her go to church if that is that way is always ends up. I picked up enough raspberries for our lunch tonight. I ought to write some letters but feel almost too tired some way.

*Monday, July 25*

Drew some water from the creek this morning. Cultivated the front yard and among the young pear trees, it was hard cultivating and made Jimmie and I sweat. Tied up some tomatoes and pruned them into shape. I wrote a letter to Effie this afternoon. Kate, baby and I went up town and called at Dr. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor's sister is there with a friend from Ann Arbor. I received a letter from Irving McColl; he is in Traverse City. I hope he will surely come and see us before he goes back. I am going to hoe corn for Fred Neill in the morning.

*Tuesday, July 26*

I worked for Fred Neill all day hoeing potatoes in a grubby piece of ground on his farm. It was hard work and I felt very tired tonight. Kate and Mrs. Neill drove over to Grace's and spent the day. It has been pretty warm.

*Wednesday, July 27*

Been hoeing for Fred again today. He had Ralph Balch there cutting his rats. It has been very hot and just after dinner, I felt the heat pretty badly. I drank a large amount of spring water, but it did not make me feel bad. Fred has one spring, which seems to have some iron about it, and it quenches thirst immensely. It rained a little just before we came home tonight. I feel as tired as I did last night.

*Thursday, July 28*

I went up town this morning and mailed two postal cards and sis some trading. Coming home I stopped at Mrs. Neill's and got all the canned fruit of ours that was in their cellar. Did some hoeing in the garden. Went out to Fred's farm and bound oats all the afternoon. It has been quite a cool day. I took Jimmie out with me.

*Friday, July 29*

It looked so much like rain this morning that I went out to Fred's farm early and began to shock up the oats. It cleared off, however, and we got the binding and shocking done by about 11 o'clock, when we came home to prepare to go to the pines for Blackberries.

*Saturday, July 30*

We went to the pines yesterday afternoon and camped out for the night but the mosquitos[sic] bit so that I did not sleep but very little. It was a hot day and night too. Fred and I hunted a long ways for berries, but found very poor picking. We came home this afternoon. I went up town and got the mail.

*Sunday, July 31*

Slept rather late this morning trying to make up for lost rest on the pine plains. Went to church myself today. Took a good nap after dinner. Kate and I took a walk up on the hill to look at things; they seem to be feeling the dry weather very badly. Fred Neill called and brought us some nice eating apples. I looked for some red raspberries but they are gone. It has been a warm day, but is cooling off tonight. I have been thinking of the thousands of white water lilies we saw on the ponds on the plains, and wondering if they could not be made to give up their perfume to be bottled. I much study on the scheme.

\*\*\*\*\**Monday, August 1*\*\*\*\*\*

I have worked at home today. Took care of baby some this forenoon so Kate could do the washing. I hoed in the garden considerable; it was a good day to kill weeds, for it was very hot. I went up town after supper to mail some letters and get the mail. Bought 4 qts. of Red Raspberries of Charlie Fitts'. Mr. Huntington rode home with me. I received a letter from ma, she seems to be feeling very lonesome and her letters make me feel as though I ought to be there with them to help them in their old age, which is coming on to them, but I can't help it now as I see I can last here.

*Tuesday, Aug. 2*

Got up at 4 o'clock this morning so as to get an early start for the burnt pine region out east about 10 miles. Mr. Morrow and Dee went out with their rig and I took mine. We got off about 5:30 and reached the end of the pine region in about 3 hours. We got a few blackberries there and then came back a little and went south to Turtle Lake where we camped for dinner, and fed and watered our horses. The hot, dry weather has so spoiled the berries that we got but few. Dee and I took a good swim in the lake. It was very hot out there and I suffered some with a headache. We got home about 6 tonight. It thunders over on lake Michigan, but I fear it won't rain here.

*Wednesday, Aug. 3*

It has been dry, hot and smokey all day. The thermometer showed 91° above in the shade about 1 o'clock. Didn't do a great deal this forenoon, but gather some roots for Kate. I started to hoe out some fodder corn, when Fred Neill called me, and wanted me to set up oats, so I worked there the rest of the afternoon. Some clouds again in the west tonight. It seems to be starting in for a hot, restless night.

*Thursday, Aug. 4*

It was very warm when we got up this morning, and reached 91° at 9 o'clock, and 94 at 2 P.M. I fixed a road out to the wood in the slashing this morning, and drew up some wood. It was so hot that I gave up work this afternoon and Kate, baby, Jessie Neill and I went to Crystal Lake and each took a bath. We got back about 6 o'clock feeling much refreshed. We are finding enough volunteer potatoes for our own use now, which is very convenient. It appeared very much like rain a short time ago, but does not now, and seems very warm again.

*Friday, Aug. 5*

It looked like rain this morning, but turned cool, and finally cleared off entirely. I am afraid we are not going to get any rain for a long time, and all things need it so badly. I cultivated the front yard and all the fodder corn this afternoon. I hoed some rows of corn fodder that included the peach trees, so as to get them all clean. It has been a nice day to work, and I am feeling pretty tired tonight.

*Saturday, Aug. 6*

Went to the creek for water this morning before breakfast. There was a little dew last night. The day has been very pleasant and comfortable. I hoed fodder corn this forenoon. Had to go up town this afternoon to attend the meeting of the County Agricultural Society. They have put me on as supt. of one of the fruit divisions. Stopped at Neill's as I came back and Jessie gave me some apples and currants. Kate received a letter from Nellie, and I a postal from Irvie's who is only about 4 miles out in the town of Homestead.

*Sunday, Aug. 7*

Neither Kate or I went to church, we both had touches of headache, and it was a warm day. I succeeded in reading a good deal in my news papers today and it was something I was in need of, as I am getting behind in the news of the day. Went over to Neill's and took over some things belonging to them this afternoon. I have written a couple of letters and ought to write more, but think I will go to bed instead as I must get up early in the morning to go to the store to work.

*Monday, Aug. 8*

I got up early this morning and went to the creek for water. Went to the store after breakfast, and have been working there all day. When I went after my mail tonight, I found Irvie's satchel there, so I brought it home with me and found him here. We have been having a good visit this evening. It has been a pretty hot day and is very smokey, so much that it hurts my eyes.

*Tuesday, Aug. 9*

Went to the store again today. Irvie went up with me, and stayed in the store a little while, then he went off canvassing. I had to send a telegraph message off today, and receive one also. I got along all right with them, but I can't be anything of an operator with no more practice than I get. Irvie got lost in the woods today and had a wandering time of it, his feet are pretty sore tonight. It tried to rain last night, and is trying to tonight.

*Wednesday, Aug. 10*

Worked in the store all day. The telegraph line did not work well during the day, but was all right towards night so that I had a talk with the Frankfort operator, and also sent a message for a traveling man. It began to rain towards night, and Irvie came up to the store and brought me my rubbers and umbrella. I received considerable mail tonight – a card from Prof. T.J. Risinger, and a circular of the College he teaches in.

*Thursday, Aug. 11*

Irvie went off canvassing with Jimmie and the Buckboard this morning. I did several odd jobs around home during the forenoon. Practiced writing a little also. This afternoon I went up to the Institute and heard a Prof. talk about Penmanship. I liked his writing on the board pretty well, but think he flourished too much for business. Irvie and I went up town thinking there was a lecture tonight, but had to come back as there was none. It has been pretty hot today.

*Wednesday, Aug. 12*

Irvie went canvassing this morning again. I went over to the Court House this morning and secured a little of a new ink. Stopped at Neill's and got some apples. Mrs. Neill gave us a can of syrup. I went with and worked on the road laying plank on the cedar creek hill. I got pretty tired, but Irvie and Kate persuaded me to go to a social tonight at the Cong. church. Irvie and I went. The cream was not extra.

*Saturday, Aug. 13*

I sawed some wood in the slashing this morning. Irvie off to canvass again. I gave a little time to the practice of Penmanship. Irvie came back at noon. We all went up to Mr. Waters and spent the afternoon taking tea there. Willie, Irvie and I went down to crystal lake and had a good swim. Tonight I looked Irvie's pictures over and gave him an order for \$5.00 worth of nursery stock. We had considerable fun.

*Sunday, Aug. 14*

It has been cool and cloudy all day. Fred waters came over here this morning to see Irvie and we got ready for church and walked back with him. He goes back to his work in the morning. There was a stranger occupied in the pulpit today; he gave us a good sermon. Irvie went to Mr. Waters' this afternoon and will spend the night there. I wrote a letter to pa this afternoon. It tries to rain tonight, but don't think it will succeed.

*Monday, Aug. 15*

I was in the house the most of the forenoon caring[sic] for the baby so that Kate could do her washing. I wrote to Prof. Farley for sample of Guide and Copy Slips as I wish to examine them with reference to using them in teaching next winter. Irvie and I went to the lake this afternoon to fish but caught nothing, so we waded around the inlet building dams and being boys again in earnest. We went up town and got our mail tonight. I received a beautifully written letter from a Chicago penman.

*Tuesday, Aug. 16*

Irvie and I have been fixing fence up in the woods the most of the day. It was lots of help to have him with me; he can't canvass until he gets some more order blanks. We went down to the lake towards evening and had a good swim. I stopped at the mill and got some Graham flour as we came back. It continues very dry with no sign of rain.

*Wednesday, Aug. 17*

We have been at the fence business again today. It rained some this forenoon so that we had to quit work and come to house. I cut Irvie's hair and he cut mine, we had considerable sport over it. We went up town towards evening

and got the mail and did some trading. Irvie got no blanks that he expected so he will have to wait a while before beginning active work. I received a letter from ma tonight.

*Thursday, Aug. 18*

Irvie went over into Eden to canvass this forenoon. I commenced to dig in a place in the woods where I thought there might be water within a few feet. Irvie and I both dug this afternoon but I gave up the business when we got down 12 or 14 feet and no water. After supper we went to grubbing and cleaning up back of the shed. Irvie is helping me a good deal about my work.

*Friday, Aug. 19*

Irvie and I did a lot of cleaning, and grubbing back of the shed today. Irvie went up and got the mail towards evening; he got his blanks so he can go to work now. He packed his things after supper and started for Mr. Waters' where he will stay tonight. I went with him as far as the saw mill, and there we fished a little. Irvie caught 4, which I brought home and cleaned. He is going to Joyfield in the morning and soon south towards Manistee and around to Frankfort before going home. It will seem lonesome without him now.

*Saturday, Aug. 20*

I wrote an order for blank cards and one for printed envelopes and went up town and mailed them this morning. Came home and practiced writing a little before dinner. This afternoon did some more grubbing in the clearing, and some hoeing of weeds. I went over to Neill's tonight and got some vinegar and some apples. No rain as yet and everything is very dry. I hope no one will be starting fires.

*Sunday, Aug. 21*

Kate did not feel able to go to church, so I went again today. Fred Neill went with me. I was writing this afternoon when Fred came along and asked me to go out to his farm with him; we went on horse back and came back around by the lake and took a good bath. I intended to write to ma, but I think I will have to wait until tomorrow now.

*Monday, Aug. 22*

It was raining when I woke up this morning and has been at it almost all the day. The drouth[sic] is now broken and I hope will stay so. We have got some water in our cistern now. I practiced writing some this forenoon. Began to work up stairs finishing off the wood work, this afternoon. I went up town this evening to mail letters. I ordered a stove for use next fall an winter. Walked back with Mr. Huntington. Have been writing some this evening.

*Tuesday, Aug. 23*

Kate did her washing this forenoon and I stayed in to amuse the baby and practice penmanship. I put some sods around the cistern and sowed some grass seed there too. Commenced to extend the road in the clearing out to the rest of my wood piles. Fixed the stoneboat for drawing wood. Have been reading out loud this evening – my voice is not in good condition, someway, it seems weak. It is real cool tonight.

*Wednesday, Aug. 24*

I wrote for about 3 hours this morning trying to calm down my unsteady nerves. Drew wood with Jimmie the rest of the forenoon. Ploughed for Fred Neill this afternoon, it made me pretty tired. Went up town this evening for the mail. Received a postal card from ma, and Farley's Guide and Copy Slips. We are having cool weather now.

*Thursday, Aug. 25*

Practiced penmanship again this forenoon until 9 o'clock and then drew wood until noon. It was cold this morning, only 39° above. I was afraid we were going to have a frost. Worked up stair a little his afternoon. Went out to Fred Neill's farm with him and helped him get a load of peas. Kate is engaged in making crab apple jelly tonight.

*Friday, Aug. 26*

I arose early this morning and filed my little saw before breakfast time, and got read for the bee held at the church to help finish it. Came home to dinner and hitched up and took Kate and baby to ride and water Jimmie, then I went back again. I got rather tired handling greed lumber. Clerked in the store 5 or 10 minutes just before coming home. I expect to work there tomorrow. Wrote up a notice for Will case tonight. It seemed very cold this evening.

*Saturday, Aug. 27*

Worked at the store all day today. Mr. Hopkins was off fishing this morning and Charlie Case went this afternoon. I did considerable work posting up books. I had no telegraphing to do today. Kate and Mrs. Morrow came up town this afternoon driving Jimmie. I received a card from Irvie tonight.

*Sunday, Aug. 28*

It has been a pleasant day, not quite so cold as the past few days. I went to church this forenoon, but felt rather sleepy during the service somehow. Jessie and Grace and her baby were here a while this afternoon. Charlie and Jimmie Case came and made me a short call. I went up stairs and took a very short nap this afternoon. The baby has been better today than for 2 or 3 days past.

*Monday, Aug. 29*

Kate did her washing this forenoon and I amused the baby and practiced writing. Built a jack to cut up corn on and I cut some fodder corn this afternoon. The baby has been sick all the afternoon; it is caused by teething and a bad cough. I went up town tonight to mail a letter to ma and do a little trading. It has been warmer today with the wind in the south. It was cool tonight though.

*Tuesday, Aug. 30*

I put in a couple of hours practicing writing this morning and then cut fodder corn until about noon. After dinner I hitched up and took Kate and baby for a ride. We went down to Crystal Lake and drove along the shore on the east end. We saw a handsome bald eagle on a tree there. I had to wave the whip to get him to fly. I went in and took a good bath; the water did not seem too cool. Finished cutting the corn when we got back and then went to the creek and tried to catch some fish but couldn't.

*Wednesday, Aug. 31*

Practiced writing again this forenoon and then worked so much this afternoon that I lost more than I gained in steadiness of nerve for writing. Kate has been cleaning plums today. We had a bushel, I think on the one tree. This afternoon I went to work and put up the eaves troughs on the front side of the house and made connections all around with the cistern. Grace Fitts was here visiting Kate and doing sewing on the machine. It has turned much warmer. I had a bad pain in my side this afternoon.

*Thursday, September 1*

I drove up town this forenoon to get my mail and do some trading. Charley aid me for the clerking I have done for him. I received the printed envelopes I ordered some time ago, with samples and prices of letter head, bills, cards, etc. Grace Fitts was here the most of the day. It began to rain before noon and showered for a good while. I spent the afternoon up stairs in writing etc. Kate has the headache tonight and retired early. I called at Neill's this evening.

*Friday, Sept. 2*

Practiced writing some this morning. Cultivated the front yard and leveled it off with the spade so that I think it will do now and I shall let it grow up to grass. I went to the church this afternoon and helped do some sheeting. Received a letter from ma tonight. Called at the Dr. and got some of the new circulars advertising the College School. Came home by Neill's and found Kate there. I feel tired somehow.

*Saturday, Sept. 3*

Kate canned our crop of peaches this morning; she had 2 quarts. We got things ready and started for Pleasanton about 9:30 o'clock. I tied the baby's carriage on behind the buggy seat to use when we got to Robins'. We took a lunch along and stopped in the woods and ate it on our way down. When we got there, we found the whooping cough in the family so we did not go in the house. Kate and Dell went over to Taylor's while I fed Jimmie and then we came home. It was a long ride for the baby but she seemed to enjoy it.

*Sunday, Sept. 4*

Kate went to church with the Neill's this morning and I took care of the baby. She don't seem to feel well somehow, today, I think she had too much of a ride yesterday. I took her out of doors in her cart and got her to sleep this afternoon. Wrote a letter to the Vorce brothers in Frankfort this afternoon; they are the telegraph operators there. It has been a real warm day.

*Monday, Sept. 5*



Amused the baby and practiced writing this forenoon. Drew a few loads of wood up just before dinner. Dug out a dying cherry tree and burned some logs and stuff along the front fence this afternoon. Went up town early this afternoon so as to send my clock to Frankfort by the stage to have it cleaned. Wrote a letter to ma and one to the N.E. Card Co. tonight. The baby has been very restless today. It is raining tonight.

*Tuesday, Sept. 6*

Have been working at the store all today as Charley Case went to Reed City. Irvie came back today noon; he is not feeling well and is going home soon. I did not have any telegraph business to tend to today but I called the Frankfort operator up and asked him a question, which he answered. The wind has blown considerable today and it lightnings and thunders tonight.

*Wednesday, Sept. 7*

Went to the store early this morning, and Irvie came up some time after. The telegraph worked fearful bad during the day, and I had hard work to get a message sent me by Frankfort. It was a rather dull day at the store. Irvie is staying at Mr. Waters'; he is going to start for home in the morning. It has been growing cool today and a fire seems comfortable tonight. I received a letter from Alice and one from Ida too.

*Thursday, Sept. 8*

Worked at the store today. Irvie started for home this morning on the Traverse City stage. I made much work telegraphing today that I felt about sick. Frankfort operator helped me out though. It has been cool all day, but is growing warmer tonight and looks stormy. I received the 1800 cards I had ordered some time ago; they are fine and my Ink is very good. I have a good card writing outfit now. Kate and Jessie were up to the store this forenoon. The baby weighed 15 ½#. Jessie was here at supper this evening.

*Friday, Sept. 9*

Went up town this morning and had the dentist pull a tooth, which has bothered me some. It came out very hard. Rode home with Mr. Morrow. Finished drawing the wood out of the slashing this afternoon. Went up and got my nail tonight, received a letter from ma, and some medicine for Kate and baby from Dr. Chase. A strong wind has been blowing from the north this afternoon and it is growing cold.

*Saturday, Sept. 10*

Practiced writing considerable this forenoon, got up some specimens for exhibition, which I am going to frame and hang up at the Post Office. We got ready to go to a picnic, but it was so cold we did not dare to take the baby out to stay. We went up to Mr. Waters this afternoon and saw Fred's baby boy, he is a bright looking little fellow. Mrs. Waters gave us some pears and grapes. I have dozed away the evening, feeling very tired.

*Sunday, Sept. 11*

I got up feeling quite miserable this morning and have been dampish all day. Kate and Jessie Neill went to church today and I took care of the baby. Wrote a letter to ma today and read my Art Journal and Detroit Tribune through. Kate has been suffering with a headache this afternoon. We had melon of our own growing to eat today.

*Monday, Sept. 12*

Kate did her washing this forenoon. I have got such a bad cold that I feel very unwell. I picked some of our apples this afternoon. It sprinkled several times this afternoon and tonight it is raining quite a little. I went up town this evening and got the mail. Received a letter from Will Stevens. Walked back with Mr. Huntington.

*Tuesday, Sept. 13*

Practiced penmanship quite a good deal today. Helped Mr. Holbrook fix some line fence this morning. Went to the sawmill afternoon dinner and ordered some flooring and battons for the wood house. Kate and I fixed up a frame for the show cards, which I have written. We made a bottle of mucilage with water and Green Arabie. Have had the blues today, together with a sour stomach.

*Wednesday, Sept. 14*

Kate and the baby and I went to Frankfort this forenoon. We had the baby's picture taken, but we could not make her smile so it will be a sober picture. It was a nice day and we had a pleasant ride. I got our clock and had a little visit with the manager of the Telegraph office there. We had our dinner on the way back and got the Benzonia about 2 o'clock P.M., where we had a short visit with Dr. Taylor's family. I took up a case of cards to the post office and hung them up to the public view.

*Thursday, Sept. 15*

I went over to Fred Neil's this morning, and after helping him put some straw on his hay [mo...?], I got his team and wagon and went to the saw mill and got some maple flouring to put in our prospective kitchen in part of the woodhouse. It took me the rest of the day to lay the flooring. I had to go up town about noon and get some more nails. Kate and Jessie went up town visiting this afternoon. The baby cried all the way home with them. It is growing cool again tonight.

*Friday, Sept. 16*

I practiced writing considerable today. Picked some apples just before and after dinner. I hitched up and went up town this afternoon and Kate went over to Neill's and stayed while I was gone. I got no mail but my paper tonight. The baby is having a panic this evening for some cause. There was quite a hard frost this morning, but the tomato vines that we covered last night seemed as much damaged as the others.

*Saturday, Sept. 17*

Practiced writing as usual this morning. I hope I can someday make some to pay for the time I am spending in this way now. Fred Neill cut the buckwheat today and I helped him bunch it up. Went to the saw mill this afternoon and took one of my little quart baskets, which Mr. Neill case and myself took apart and examined, talking about the prospects for a factory to manufacture them here. We both think it would be a good point. I bought some windows of him to put in the kitchen.

*Sunday, Sept. 18*

The baby had several crying spells last night and we had to get up and build a fire and warm her up. I went to church today. This afternoon we took a long ride going north from here and then cast into the township of Homestead and back by the state road. We saw lots of good land, which is now in a wild state. It has been a nice pleasant day and we enjoyed the ride. I am 26 years old today and I don't like to think I am as unsettled as to what my life work is to be, as I really am. Hope another year will develop some settled business.

*Monday, September 19*

I went over to Neill's this morning and went with Fred to get some water at the creek. We put the battens I brought at the saw mill in the wagon and brought them home. I fixed the little pictures that go on the Hidden name cards, so they are ready to stick on as soon as the cards are written. I go to Onekema to write Cards at the fair this week, shall start tomorrow. I tremble for the consequences of this venture. Kate, baby and I went up town this afternoon and did some trading and got the mail. I got a letter from ma and Kate received a dress for Una from Mrs. Geo. Phelps.

*Tuesday, September 20*

I got up at 4:30 this morning and began to get ready to start for the Manistee Co. Fair. I said goodbye to Kate and started about 6:30 got Mr. J.O. Papackard up town and with our writing material we started out. We got here at Onekema about 2 P.M. and put Jimmie in a livery barn and found a comfortable place for ourselves at the Central House. We went to the fair grounds and got our tickets and fixed up our card-writing stand. Things are not in my shape there at all yet and it is a good thing we did not come yesterday. It has been a warm day and looks a little stormy tonight. Tomorrow will tell our story for us.

*Wednesday, September 21*

This has been an eventful day with us. It was a stormy forenoon and we did not go to the fair ground until late and the rain had liven in our table and we boarded up the place where it rained in and started our writing. We had a few customers during the day, and a good many lookers on. We took in about \$3.00 in all. Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Adams, and Fred Waters came around and saw us. We walked back to town with them, and called at their stopping place after supper and looked at the surveying drawings they are doing. I got shaved tonight. Wrote 1 Doz. cards. Hope Kate and baby are well.

*Thursday, September 22*

Today has been cold and windy, and our booth at the fair was very disagreeable. I felt unwell last night and this forenoon I had a chill and have been sick all day. We quit early and took our things off the grounds, each of us carrying off blue ribbons for an exhibit of our pen work in the fine art department. We came as far as Bear Lake tonight on our way home; it was a cold ride. I have been feeling very sick this evening.

*Friday, September 23*

Was sick all last night and could eat no breakfast this morning. We got under way at 7 o'clock and reached Benzonia at 11 feeling pretty well chilled. I have done nothing today. Found Kate and baby about as usual. I can't say this trip has been very profitable in all ways but the experience may be worth a good deal.

*Saturday, September 24*

Rested very well last night and have felt some better today. I went up town this forenoon and got the mail. The stove I ordered is at the store I think we will like it. Will Cast came over today noon and brought his books for me to find a trial balance, which he had not succeeded in doing. I got them all straight this afternoon and took them back to him. I wish I could have lots of such work to do. I think I would like to be an expert accountant. It has turned warmer, froze hard last night.

*Sunday, September 25*

We have both been at home all day. I had a headache and so did Kate, and the baby is sick too. I wrote a letter to ma this afternoon and evening.

*Monday, September 26*

I felt better today and have been doing a little work. Burned the log piles back of the barn and made it look cleaner there. Cut what little corn I had, think I may get 2 bushels of ears. I picked some apples this afternoon. Went up town this afternoon, after supper and got the mail. I got some different kinds of card ink of Packard. Received a letter from ma and got some papers from home too. The baby has seemed better today and we hope she will get well right along.

*Tuesday, September 27*

I put in a window in the south end of the kitchen part of our wood shed and put the battens on the outside also. Jesse Packard came over and got my "Ames Compendium," to do some pen lettering from. It has threatened to rain all day but has but has not succeeded much. The Benzie Co. far opens tomorrow and I expect I will have to be there about all the time but I don't like the idea very much.

*Wednesday, September 28*

I fixed up my specimens of writing and took them over to the fair this morning. I brought the house and buggy home and then went back to see to my department, Apples, at the fair. I had my dinner on the grounds. Was pretty busy this afternoon in arranging fruit. There don't seem to be much of any thing else coming in yet. Received a letter from Effie tonight, and Kate got one from home. It has been a very pleasant day.

*Thursday, September 29*

Arose at 5 o'clock this morning, had to light a lamp for the first time in the morning this season. I have been at the fair all day working at the fruit; there was lots of it come in today. Kate came over with Fred and Jessie Neill this afternoon. The baby got somewhat scared at so many people. I clerked at the store this evening as Case was attending to a concert given up there tonight. I got home about 9 o'clock tonight.

*Friday, September 30*

This was the last day of the fair and I can settle down after this, I think. It began to rain this morning and was at it all day I had nothing to protect me from the rain but happened to get a ride with Fred Neill, and have to protection of his umbrella. I received a first premium on my card writing, and a record on my plate of R.L. Greenings. I was too tired tonight to do anything but sleep.

*Saturday, October 1*

Have been doing carpenter work today, built table this morning and put another window in the kitchen. Went up town just before dinner and got the mail and bought a high chair for the baby as she is beginning to pull herself almost out of her cart. I received the cards, which I ordered so long ago. Spent the most of this afternoon in making a cupboard for use in the kitchen. Received a letter from Ralph McAllaster written with a type writer.

*Sunday, October 2*

Kate went to church this forenoon and I took care of Una; she was real good. I have not felt very well today and have not been away from home only to go to the spring for a pail of water. It has been quite a warm day and it looks like rain tonight; there is quite a breeze blowing. I wrote a letter to ma this evening.

*Monday, October 3*

It rained all last night and for some time this morning. I wrote a letter to Will Stevens and did a little practicing this forenoon. I put casing on a couple of windows up stairs. This afternoon I put battens on the barn so as to keep the wind off from Jimmie. It has been blowing a gale all day and is at it tonight. I went to the organization of the singing class this evening and then went to a reception for the new Prof. and his wife at Mr. Waters' for a little while. Ordered some Billheads for Will Case.

*Tuesday, October 4*

It has been raining almost all day and the wind has blown hard. I fixed up my cross-cut saw this morning, so it is ready for business. Will Case brought his books over and I have been working on them this afternoon. Expect to finish my work on them tomorrow. Went to the singing class this evening. I like the instructor real well and I believe I can improve my voice if I try hard, it needs it have enough.

*Wednesday, October 5*

I have been working on Will Case's books all day and will have a little to go in the morning on them. It has been an unpleasant day out. Went up to singing class this evening, heard that I am wanted at the College to teach, but I don't know anything about it, will probably learn in a few days.

*Thursday, October 6*

I finished working on Will Case's books this forenoon and took his old Ledger home to him. He expressed himself as well pleased with the work and willing to recommend me if I wish to ever refer to him. I picked some apples this afternoon. Kate and Mrs. Morrow went up town. It cleared off this afternoon and was quite pleasant. Went to singing class again tonight.

*Friday, October 7*

I drew a plan for tables to be made for my room at the College and went up intending to attend the chapel exercises. I saw the Prof. and talked a little with him, then I went over to Dr.'s and he told me the board thought they couldn't hire me, so I came home and took off my collar. I borrowed Neill's step ladder and picked apples that afternoon. Went to the sing tonight.

*Saturday, October 8*

Finished picking the apples this forenoon. I put the Russets in a pit and covered them with leaves and boards ready to put on the dirt when it comes freezing weather. Kate, baby and I went up town this afternoon and over to the fair ground to get my look and cast of cards. Went up to Mr. Green's this evening to practice a song with Prof. Greenlee and Mrs. Green, and from there to the singing class. It is raining tonight.

*Sunday, October 9*

Went to church this forenoon; it was communion service. Walked with Fred Neill coming home. Fred called this afternoon for a while.

*Monday, October 10*

Kate washed this morning and I took care of Una and wrote a letter to pa and one to Ralph McAllaster. Went out just before noon and chopped down a tree and sawed a few chunks and split them. Worked at the kitchen all the afternoon. Went to the sing tonight, it sprinkled some as I came home.

*Tuesday, Oct. 11*

It has been a cold raw day with some snow squalls. I went over to Neill's before breakfast and got some oats of Fred to feed Jimmie with. Have been working at the kitchen the most of the day. Am ready to put the paper on now. Went to the sing tonight. The College Prof. was there and told me that the trustees had concluded to have me teach this fall and asked me to come over to chapel tomorrow.

*Wednesday, Oct. 12*

I went up to the chapel exercises this morning to see about class in Bookkeeping and Penmanship. The students want the classes but I can't teach until the room is fixed up and some tables made and it is hard to tell when the management of the instruction will get things ready for me. Put building paper on the overhead part of the kitchen this afternoon. It has been a terribly windy day. Went to the sing tonight.

*Thursday, Oct. 13*

Worked at the kitchen part this forenoon. Drew what fodder corn I raised this year and stacked it near the farm; it makes a very small showing for Jimmie's fed and I will have to buy considerable stuff for him. Drew some manure onto the garden in a poor place that needs enriching. Went to the sing tonight; it was held in the hall to kind of prepare for the concert tonight. I called at Dr. Taylor's and he said they were fixing my room at the college, so I think I may commence to teach next week.

*Friday, Oct. 14*

Finished papering the kitchen this morning, sawed a little wood also. Practiced on the songs for the concert. Drew the rest of the manure out on the garden this afternoon. Carried the baby over to Mrs. Neill's for Kate and then went up to Mr. Olion's to see him but he was absent. The concert came off tonight and everything went off real well. Prof. Greenlee leaves tomorrow; we have all enjoyed the institute and hope to see him again. It is freezing tonight.

*Saturday, Oct. 15*

Went up town this morning to mail a letter and do some trading. I stopped at the College building to see how my class room was being fixed, don't think it will be ready for my use for over a week yet. Hitched up and went up town just before dinner and got 25 heads of cabbage, 10 Doz. eggs and some other things. Have been helping Mr. Huntington pick apples this afternoon. There was a heavy freeze last night.

*Sunday, Oct. 16*

I let Jimmie out to wander around on the place as he pleased today and I think he had enjoyed the privilege. Kate walked to church this forenoon and I stayed and cared for the baby. We went over to Neill's a while this afternoon. It is raining this evening.

*Monday, Oct. 17*

It began to mist this morning and finally wound up with a rain, which lasted about all day; it is clear this evening, and I can hear Lake Michigan roar very plainly, which seems strange when it is so still. I did very little but sit in the house today. Went up town and got the mail, received a letter from Scott, he is looking forward to the time when he will come home from Chili.

*Tuesday, Oct. 18*

I went over and saw Mr. Olson this morning and engaged him to saw some wood for me as soon as he can find time. Went to the saw mill to see about getting lumber to fix up for winter with; came home and commenced to saw up some wood myself. This afternoon Jessie Neill came over and we all went up in the woods after Beech nuts. I took the baby's high chair and she saw in that while we gather a few minutes. I drew up some wood towards evening. It has been a pleasant day. A hard frost last night.

*Wednesday, Oct. 19*

I cut posts for our cellar today, and got Fred Neill to draw a lot of lumber up from the saw mill for me. Mr. Morris was here just before I went to work this afternoon and told me that the County Poor Superintendents wanted my help tomorrow to start their accounts in new books. I don't know how I will come out about them as they are different than Mercantile books.

*Thursday, Oct. 20*

I have been at the Court House all day helping the Poor Commissioners start their accounts in some new books. Will have to go again tomorrow. It rained this morning and again this evening. Una burned some of her fingers today, which gives her a sore hand.

*Friday, Oct. 21*

It turned cold last night and has been squalling all day; sometimes the snow became quite visible on the ground. I finished my job of bookkeeping at the court house this forenoon and received my pay for the same. Went up town tonight and got the mail. Called at Mr. Waters a little while to see Fred about getting some potatoes of him. It is a rather rough night out.

*Saturday, Oct. 22*

I commenced to dig potatoes in Fred Waters' field this morning and kept at it all day, getting about seven bushels in all. I would not like to give much for what are left and he planted ground enough for 100 bushels. It has been a

pleasant day, but the air has been pretty cool. The thermometer stood just at the freezing point this evening. I tried to practice writing this evening but I am too tired to do anything at it.

*Sunday, Oct. 23*

We woke up this morning to find the ground covered with snow. It has been snowing and raining about all day. I thought the snow was all going off tonight but the wind is in the north and seems to be growing cold. I hope it is not going to freeze up just yet. Neither of us went to church on account of the storm. I was over at Neill's a little while this afternoon.

*Monday, Oct. 24*

It has not been a pleasant day, being windy and chilly. I have been digging for a cellar all day, and am rather tired in consequence of so going. My front teeth have been very tender today and pained badly at times. I don't like to have toothache and such things just now if I am to teach. I am going up in the morning to see what is to be done about it.

*Tuesday, Oct. 25*

Things were pretty well frozen up this morning and I am afraid our apples will many of them spoil soon in consequence of it. I went up to the college this morning but found that my room was not ready and I could not teach today. I came home and went at the cellar and have worked hard at it all day. I have it nearly ready for the roof. It has continued to freeze all day and I may be getting the cellar too late.

*Wednesday, Oct. 26*

The thermometer was only 18° about 0 this morning; it was the hardest freeze I ever saw at this time of the year. I put the roof on the cellar this forenoon and began to make the cellar way. This afternoon I went up and commenced my seasons work teaching Bookkeeping and penmanship at the College. A few of the new tables were done and they are good ones, just what is needed for the work. It has grown some warmer during the day.

*Thursday, Oct. 27*

It was a pleasant morning and Kate, Una and I drove up town to get the jar of butter that ma sent us, and so several other errands. We called at Dr. Taylor's. I received a letter from Prof. Farley of Trenton, N.J. in which he praised my writing; I was much pleased to get encouraging words from so high a source. Worked on the cellar the remainder of the forenoon. Taught at the college this afternoon. Have been writing this evening. We sent 2 of Una's pictures home today.

*Friday, Oct. 28*

Worked up some wood this morning and drew it up to the house. Made some steps to the cellar and threw a lot of dirt on its roof. Taught my classes at the College this afternoon. It rained some this evening when I was coming home. I am becoming dissatisfied with my place here and want to go out somewhere else in the world. I wish I could sell the farm and go to come Penman's school.

*Saturday, Oct. 29*

It began to grow cold this morning and I went to work and made shelves in the cellar and moved our canned fruit from the wood shed down where I think it will not freeze. I put the potatoes down also and made a door to the cellar way. Taught this afternoon. Went over to the store after school and learned that the stove had come. It is freezing hard tonight and I dug what potatoes I raised this year, about ½ or 2/3 bushel and put in the cellar. Fred Neill was here and spent the evening.

*Sunday, Oct. 30*

The thermometer stood 19° above 0 this morning and the ground was frozen hard. It grew warmer during the day but the wind has blown hard and it has been chilly. I went to church this forenoon. Have letters to ma and Scott Williams. We put a lock of Una's hair in the letter to ma.

*Monday, Oct. 31*

We got up early this morning, and Kate went at her washing and I put down some thresholds to the inside doors and fixed some in the kitchen. Went up town and got our new stove and pipe to put it up. This afternoon we moved the cook stove out into the kitchen, put down our carpet and set up the new stove. Every-thing goes well so far. I went for the mail tonight and to get more stove pipe so we could build a fire in the new stove. We feel pretty tired.

*Tuesday, November 1*

We finished putting down the carpet this forenoon. I fixed up the cupboard so as to correspond with the looks of things as they now are in the room. It has been a pleasant day. Taught at the College this afternoon. Went to the store after school and got some things. I began to study bookkeeping again tonight, so as to brighten up on the subject. Our house look very pleasant now on the inside, and that is where we live.

*Wednesday, November 2*

I made some doors for our new I made some doors for our new cupboard, this morning. Put latch on outside kitchen door. Mr. E.C. Coates came this morning with the fruit trees I ordered of Irvie. I planted the pear trees and heeled in the apples and peach. Hitched up after dinner and Kate and baby went up town with me. We took baby carriage along. Kate visited while I taught. Received a letter from ma tonight and a postal order for some money for Kate. Have been studying again tonight.

*Thursday, November 3*

I sawed up some wood this morning, but it seemed to tire me a good deal someway. I got ready and went up town early this afternoon, took some blocks to raise the tables in my class room so the students' knees would not touch and bother them. I drew the money on the Postal order and paid for the stove and pipe I got at the store. Have been writing some this evening.

*Friday, November 4*

I went to the store this morning and worked there this forenoon and after school this afternoon, while Mr. Hopkins went on a hunt. It has been growing colder and there were snow squalls during the day. I did not get home until after dark.

*Saturday, november5*

Sawed some wood this morning and then hitched up and drew some up to the house. I went to the mill and got 50# of graham flour. Kate and I nearly finished work on our cupboard, putting on the doors etc. taught this afternoon as usual. Went [?] to the College building this evening where the students and teachers met to organize a literary society - was forced to sit as literary chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey invited us into their rooms for an informative social, where we had a good time.

*Sunday, November 6*

The baby was sick the most of last night and we got a short amount of rest. Neither of us went to church and it was a good thing as Kate was taken with a violent headache and has been sick about all day. Jessie Neill and Grace and her baby were here a while this afternoon. The wind is blowing a fearful gale tonight, which shakes the house "right smart." It has been warm all day. I wrote a letter to ma tonight.

*Monday, November 7*

I sawed some more wood this morning, and then worked around the house fixing up things. Went up town about 3 o'clock this afternoon and got Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and brought them over home where they staid until after supper when I took them home again. The wind has blown fearfully all day; it is in the north tonight and growing cold.

*Tuesday, November 8*

Took some letters up to the Court House this morning to have them mailed. Sawed wood and drew some up to the house. Commenced on my 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks teaching this afternoon. I am very tired tonight.

*Wednesday, November 9*

Did a few odd jobs this forenoon, and had Kate cut my hair. We had our dinner at 11 o'clock and I went up to the store so Case could go to his dinner as Hopkins as away hunting. It began to snow about noon and the ground was soon covered. It stormed about all the afternoon. I posted up the books at the store today. Received a letter from ma this evening. Have been writing copies. Am tired again.

*Thursday, November 10*

I went over to Mr. Olson's this morning to see him again about cutting some wood and he said he would come in a day or two. It has been a stormy day and I did not do much work outside much. Put down a floor in the stable for Jimmie to lie upon. I wore my overcoat to the school today for the first time. The snow has about all disappeared.

*Friday, November 11*

I sawed wood this morning and then hitched up and drew some up to the house. Mr. Olson and his brother in law began to saw up some wood for me today. I had my dinner early and went to the store to allow Mr. Hopkins time to get his dinner. It has been a very pleasant day, but the wind seems quite chilly tonight. I have felt so tired that I have not studied any tonight.

*Saturday, November 12*

Took a letter to the Court House to be sent out on the stage this morning. Did several odd jobs around home during the forenoon. Held an examination in my Bookkeeping class this afternoon. Went to the meeting of the Literary society at the College tonight, as I had to sit as chairman until the permanent President was duly elected. I was elected [s...y?] very much against my inclinations. Am home very late. It is freezing hard tonight.

*Sunday, November 13*

I went to church today and walked back along with Fred Neill. We begin to think that Una is coming down with Whooping cough. Kate is not well wither and I am getting somewhat worried about it. We had a extra dinner today and I believe I ate almost too much, but it was good. I wrote a letter to ma tonight. It has appeared much like a store this afternoon.

*Monday, November 14*

Went to work and sodded the cellar over and finished it up in that respect. But some posts to use in putting up a woodshed and drew them down then I hitched up to go up town toward evening. Went up and got 100# of flour and a lot of groceries for our use during the coming winter. It is a very dark night and threatens to storm. Have been writing the copies for my class tomorrow.

*Tuesday, November 15*

Got my buckwheat this morning and took 3 bu. of it to the mill to have ground. I set the posts and put up the cross pieces for a woodshed. I am going to try and have things in decent shape for the winter if I can. Commenced on the fourth week of school this afternoon. It has been cooler today, but no storm of any kind has arrived as yet.

*Wednesday, November 16*

I put the roof on the wood shed this morning and have that job finished now. Put up some boards around the house to hold the saw dust backing I hope to put there tomorrow. It has looked and left like snow today, but it has cleared off tonight and I think is colder. Came home from teaching and went to the mill and got my Buckwheat flour.

*Thursday, November 17*

We got up early this morning and had breakfast before daylight, so I could get an early start drawing sawdust to back up the house with. I got Mr. Holbrooks' wagon to drive Jimmie on. I drew 3 loads and put the last one in the barn. The cold wind can not blow under the house now. It seems to be growing colder today, but has been quite pleasant. Have been too tired to study tonight, as I ought to have done.

*Friday, November 18*

I measured the wood cut and went over and paid Mr. Olson for doing the work then I made roads to it so I can draw it out as soon as I get time. Received a postal card from ma tonight and Kate had a letter from Nellie. I received my Nov. Art Journal and a sample copy of the Western Penman. They have set me crazy[sic] about penmanship. Kate is not feeling well lately and I wish we could live nearer home. The worst wind I about ever saw is raging tonight, so I did not go to Literary Society.

*Saturday, November 19*

It was snowing when we got up this morning and the ground was covered. It was from the south and warm this forenoon, but turned to the north and grew cold and howled this afternoon. Miss Smeltzer, a last winter' student of mine, visited my classes this afternoon. I did not go to the store at all today so did not spend any money. I am in hopes to curtail the expenditure now that we have to most of our winter supplies in.

*Sunday, November 20*

It snowed and the wind blew all the forenoon, so I did not go to church. Have been reading the papers considerable especially Penman's papers. I am becoming more and more in love with pen work and hope I can devote my time entirely to it some time. I called at Neill's a little while tonight. Kate cracked some of the nuts we brought north with us.



*Monday, November 21*

It snowed quite fast this morning. I tried drawing wood but the stoneboat was unimaginable on the snow and I had to give it up. I must get a sleigh for the work if I can. I fixed an upper door in the stable so it will be warmer for Jimmie. Sawed up some chunks this afternoon to use in our big stove. Went up town tonight to get the mail. I was disappointed in not getting things ordered long ago. It is a still nice night. Sleights were running today.

*Tuesday, November 22*

Drew up a few chunks this morning, spent the rest of the forenoon at Pen work, making a notice for Charlie Case and doing some writing to hang up in my class room. I bought some meat for our Thanksgiving dinner. Have been writing several business letters tonight. It has been quite warm today, but the snow is still here.

*Wednesday, November 23*

I got Mr. Morrows' one horse sleigh this forenoon and drew wood until about 11:30. I have about 4 more cords to get in now and then I will be pretty well fixed for wood. I received a letter from both ma and pa tonight. Called at Neill's a little while this evening. It is very beautiful out with the moon and starts shining. I almost have the blues tonight, but I guess I can shake them off.

*Thursday, November 24*

Today was Thanksgiving. We invited Fred and Jessie Neill over to dinner. We had a pretty good dinner, too, and at a small cost, about \$.40 all told, as we reckoned it. It began snowing before noon and has stormed continually since. I got Mr. Morrows' sleigh and drew a couple of cords of wood down, this afternoon, and then it stormed so badly I quit. I don't expect that we will see much bare ground from now until next spring.

*Friday, November 25*

I did not work much this forenoon, took a rest on the rushing business I have been doing so long. It has not stormed any today, and has been thawing. I received a lot of pens, Indian Ink, and tray for grinding some in from H.W. Kibbe, tonight. Am pleased with them. Wrote a holiday greeting to Scott tonight as it will take the letter about 6 weeks to reach him he may not get it until too late.

*Saturday, November 26*

I ground some India Ink this morning and studied lettering come. I am anxious to learn that in connection with my pen work. I took some letters up to the court house to have mailed this forenoon. My classes at the College were rather small today. It has both rained and snowed today, but it has thawed all the time. I have been practicing again tonight. Kate has got such a sore thumb that I am afraid she is going to have a felon on it.

*Sunday, November 27*

It was stormy today and as I did not go to church. Kate has been wearing a plaster on her thumb trying to drive the threatened felon away. Fred Neill called this afternoon and spent a little with us. It has grown colder tonight. I have been writing home and doing some other corresponding.

*Monday, November 28*

It was cold this morning, 11° above 0 and it has been about there all day and is going to lower tonight. I got Mr. Morrow's sleigh this forenoon and drew the rest of the wood up. I have it all under cover now. I engaged Mrs. Bilderback to come and do Kate's washing tomorrow; her thumb is too sore to do such work. Went up town and got the mail and sent an order to Kibbe for pens and paper. Rode home with Mr. Huntington.

*Tuesday, November 29*

Mrs. Bilderback came and did the washing this forenoon. I studied drawing etc., as I had marked out to do each forenoon long ago. Began another week's teaching at the College this afternoon. Kate's thumb seems to be worse tonight and I am afraid there is no stopping the felon from coming. I expect she will have a fearful time of it. Not quite as cold tonight as last. It was just 10° about this morning.

*Wednesday, November 30*

Kate's thumb gets worse instead of better; she is trying a new kind of poultice tonight, but I am afraid she cannot arrest it. I received a lot of mail tonight, among which, was a lesson in flourishing from Prof. James of Columbus, O., which I have been practicing tonight. It is beautiful flourishing and a nice letter with it. It is a cold clear night and has been a fine day.

*Thursday, December 1*

Kate's thumb was so bad this morning that I went up and got Dr. Taylor and had him lance it. I think that will help it if anything will and she had less pain since. It has moderated a good deal today and looks stormy tonight. The baby's cough seems to be getting stronger today. Mrs. Morrow came and stayed with Kate this afternoon.

*Friday, December 2*

It was snowing when we arose this morning, and stormed a good share of the forenoon, but it turned into rain at noon and has been quite warm all the day. Kate's thumb pains her a good deal tonight, and I am afraid she may be very sick with it yet. I am so tired tonight that I have done no studying at all.

*Saturday, December 3*

I went up town to mail some letters this morning. Called at Mr. Waters and told them of the death of Munnis. Jessie Neill has been here all day helping Kate do her Saturday's cooking. It began to rain shortly after noon and had kept it up ever since and is raining hard tonight, and Jessie will have to stay all night. I have been practicing flourishing for an hour tonight.

*Sunday, December 4*

I got up at 5 this morning built fires and sat in the kitchen and read until the rest of the folks arose. Went to church this forenoon it was about raining at the time. Fred Neill and I took a walk down to the new railroad grade, and shanty this afternoon. It is growing colder tonight. Have been writing to pa and ma tonight.

*Monday, December 5*

It has been a very fine day. I sawed up a few chunks this morning then went up town and voted against whiskey on the local option election held in this county today. I brought home a new bible to do some engrossing in. It is for the pulpit of the new church. Have been at work on it all the afternoon. My arm got to feeling so bad tonight that I had to give up writing. I hope nothing will have to make me give up penmanship. Una has been quite sick at time today.

*Tuesday, December 6*

I got up and sawed some wood by moonlight before breakfast this morning. I finished the lettering in the new church Bible, this forenoon. Miss Judson and Miss Van Deman came over to let me know that a picture of the College was to be taken at noon, and I got them to carry the Bible up in their buggy. Went up early and was there to have my picture with the rest. It has been a very fine day.

*Wednesday, December 7*

It tried to snow some this morning but quit before any amount fell. I sawed up some chunks for the big stove, this forenoon, and then I put a window light in the stable door so as to admit light for Jimmie. There was no school this afternoon on account of the dedication of the Church. I went up to the exercises and got my mail before coming home. It has not been a very pleasant day and is growing colder.

*Thursday, December 8*

Did the usual amount of sawing wood this morning. Gathered some wild cherry bark and mullin for Kate to make a blood medicine for both of us with. I expect it will renew our ages very good. The baby's cough still continues, but she is not very bad yet. I called to see Dr. Taylor after school but he had going started for New York this morning. It has been cloudy but mild all day. I wish such weather might continue.

*Friday, December 9*

Mrs. Bilderback came and did the washing today. I worked on copying the constitution into the secretary book for the College Literary Society this forenoon, but I am dissatisfied with my writing. I think sometimes that I ought not to pretend to do any nice writing. Have been trying to practice penmanship this evening, but do not make much headway.

*Saturday, December 10*

I finished copying the College literary society's constitution in the secretary's book. Helped Kate some about doing house work at teaching only two more weeks in this term. I hope I can get through this winter all right, and then I think I will go to school some more before teaching again. It appears like a storm tonight.

*Sunday, December. 11*

Snow covered the ground when we got up this morning. It has been storming all day and is doing so tonight. I have not been out of the yard today. Fred Neill came over a little while this afternoon. I have been writing to ma and to Irving McColl also tonight.

*Monday, December. 12*

I worked with my pen about all day drawing and flourishing for practice. Went up tonight and mailed the letters. I received some writing from Isaac's that has about set me crazy, I wish I could go and study under him right away, but as I can't I hope I may next summer. I received paper from Kibbe, which I had ordered for flourishing purposes. The wind is south tonight and it don't seem cold. It is good sleighing.

*Tuesday, December. 13*

Did some pen work this forenoon. Richard Robins and wife came just about noon and made us a visit; I had to leave them and go to my teaching this afternoon. After school Mr. Harvey and I went over to the store and got a transom window belonging above the door to my room and put it in place also fixing the stovepipe. I practiced flourishing this evening, and finished a piece of Pen work for Mr. Montgomery, which is to hang in the post office window.

*Wednesday, Decembe.14*

Studied penmanship considerable this forenoon, writing some cards for practice, which I pasted on a piece of cardboard and took up too[sic] my classroom this afternoon. Received the Western Penman tonight, which has some good lessons in both writing and lettering. I have not studied much tonight. It is snowing some, has thawed all day.

*Thursday, December 15*

I took a letter over to the Court House this morning to be mailed and took along some of the specimens of penmanship, which I have to show to Mr. Nevins and Mr. Pettitt. I studied lettering a little this forenoon. Taught my classes this afternoon, had Kate's Money order cashed at the Post Office. I have been writing cards tonight for practice, and 1 pack for a student.

*Friday, December 16*

I tried to write on a review, which I am expected to read at the literary society tomorrow evening, but I find literary work very hard; it has been so long since I have had any such work to do that I cannot think as a person has to in doing such work. I am afraid it will be a failure. I sent a club to the Penman's Art Journal this afternoon with five names. Paid my taxes today so I don't owe uncle Sam anything now. Kate got a letter from home.

*Saturday, December 17*

I took a letter and a postal over to the Court House this morning to be mailed. I finished writing a paper for the Literary Society tonight. I left it with Mr. Harvey this afternoon, as I did not think I could attend very well. I practiced flourishing some this evening, but I feel to[sic] tired to work much. Una called out for "mama" on waking up once this evening, and it was very distinct. It commenced to snow a little this evening.

*Sunday, Dec. 18*

We got up the latest this morning we ever have for a long time, almost 7 o'clock. I went to church this forenoon. Rev. Geo. Loyd of Frankfort preached. I got Fred Neill to come home with me and stay to dinner. He spent the afternoon with us. I have been writing letters tonight, one to Willie and the other to different penman. It has been thawing some today.

*Monday, Dec. 19*

It snowed some this morning, but finally got too warm for that and has thawed all day. I sawed some wood this morning and then came in and did some pen work for Fred Neill in an Autograph album he is going to send his little niece. I went up town early this afternoon and sent out a letter containing an advertisement to be inserted in the Frankfort Express about my card writing. I don't expect it will pay me though. I have been writing cards all the evening, did \$.50 worth of work.

*Tuesday, December 20*

Mrs. Bilderback did Kate's washing this forenoon. I spen[t] the time in writing and practicing. It snowed some and rained some this forenoon, but final[l]y quit storming and just thawed. I received a couple of blocks with my name

engraved on them, but they are so large I cannot afford to have them put in the papers. I have been writing cards all the evening to send to my folks for Christmas, it's all I can do this year. Have been getting the blues someway, but hope I can get over them.

*Wednesday, December 21*

I spent the forenoon in writing. I made some Christmas greetings and sent one to the Dexter Leader and one to Prof. Risinger. It snowed hard this afternoon 3 or 4 inches at any rate falling. We received an invitation to Henry Queal' weeding which happens next Thursday. I got the box, which was sent to us from home, but we are not to open it until Christmas. I made out 2 letters to student[s] who have finished the 3 month course.

*Thursday, December 22*

It had turned real cold last night, and some things were frozen up in the kitchen this morning. I sawed up some chunks this morning for the big stove. Finished writing some cards I gave to my writing pupils this afternoon. Held examinations in Bookkeeping this afternoon. I got one of the pictures Fred Waters took of the School. Kate is suffering with a bad headache tonight.

*Friday, December 23*

A raging old storm set in this morning and continued all day. I went up tot the College this forenoon and finished my teaching for this term and for 1887. Sawed a little wood this afternoon to keep us going. Cut Kate's hair. Fred Neill came over this evening and ordered more cards, which I have just written. He told Kate she could go along with them to the Christmas tree, but she don't know as she will be able.

*Saturday, December 24*

I went up town this forenoon, riding with Fred Neill, took a can of plums to Mr. Harvey and left by their inside door as they were gone. I got my order for teaching, but as there was no money in the treasure's' hands, I could not get my pay. I brought home some oysters for our Christmas dinner tomorrow. Did some engrossing in 2 albums for the Methodist people; they go on the Christmas tree tonight. Kate has gone to the Christmas [E]ve doings at the church tonight, with the Neill's. I am taking care of Una.

*Sunday, December 25*

Today was Christmas. We got up rather late, and I cooked pancakes for breakfast while Kate washed and dressed Una. After breakfast we opened our Christmas boxes and found a most valuable collection of presents for all of us. I had a beautiful neck scarf, which Kate had sent down there for, a mustache cup from Geo. And Effie, and Effie's picture, cake, candy, etc. Kate had lots of things too, and Una was remembered. Ida sent us a fine crumb tray and bib and pin for Una. I went to church this forenoon. We had oysters for dinner and I ate in immense quantity of them. It has been a fine day.

*Monday, December 26*

I have been sawing wood with Fred Neill all day over at his folk's house. He will help me in exchange. I ate dinner there, but came home to look after my chores. I did not get quite as tired as I expected to, not being used to working so long at a time. I went up town tonight, mailed some letters and got the mail. It snowed all the afternoon.

*Tuesday, December 27*

I stayed in the house the most of the forenoon to help Kate about the washing. This afternoon I spent in sawing wood in the slashing. It has been snowing all day and the snow is getting so deep it bothers me about sawing wood; it is fully a foot on the level. I feel almost used up tonight, think I must have taken some cold.

*Wednesday, December 28*

There has been one of the worst wind storms raging all day that I ever saw, and the snow has been piled up in great banks all around. It has grown cold also. I did some fixing in the kitchen to keep out the wind and rigged the thermometer so I could see it out of the window. Did a little studying today. It has taken lots of wood to keep the fires going, as the wind seems to pull the heat up the chimney. Have only seen 2 or 3 persons on the road today. I am thinking the mail had a hard day to come through, if it did.

*Thursday, December 29*

The storm and wind lasted until noon today. I started to go up town this forenoon, but did not go farther than Neill's; it was bad walking. Fred brought my mail to me this afternoon. I had a letter from Isaac's on business. I

went up town myself this afternoon and called at Mr. Harvey's, then got a shovel for snow, and a few other things and came home.

*Friday, December 30*

I slept very late this morning, and did not have our breakfast until 7:30. I did considerable work about the woodshed this forenoon throwing the wood, which formed the walks inside and boarding the sides up with some lumber I had. Fred Neill came over this afternoon and we cut some trees and cawed wood. A fine flying squirrel[sic] came out of one of the trees and stayed in view for some time. I have been having the toothache this evening. It has begun to snow again.

*Saturday, December 31*

The last day of '87, and the last page in this diary. This had been quite an eventful year to me as I now look over it, it wonder what '88 has in store for me. I went with Fred both this forenoon and afternoon to get hay at his farm. I bought ½ ton of him this afternoon. It snowed 5 or 6 inches last night and stormed this afternoon. I went up town tonight and got the mail, received a letter from pa, Willie, and ma. Kate got letters from Henry and Nellie and Una got her first pair of shoes.

MEMORANDA

March 6<sup>th</sup>

I have agreed to pay \$.02 per week to the Home missionary society, for this year payable quarterly to Mr. James Case.

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

I have paid in all I owe on the above promise.

Jan. 21 Ex. Etc. due on books

Mr. Whittle	Pd	.12
“ Stiles	Pd	.12
“ Knight	Pd	.12
“ Link	Pd	.12
“ Bacon	Pd	.12
“ Waters	Pd	.12
“ Judson	Pd	.24
“ Hopkins	Pd	.12

Mar. 24 Promised to write some copies for Mr. Barn's Bid's  
500# Barbed wire needed

	Rec'd	Letters Name	Ans.
Jan. 5		Kate	Jan. 5
" 12		Kate	" 12
" "		Ma	" 14
" 20		Kate	" 20
" "		Will Cooper	" 20
" 26		Kate	" 27
" "		Ma	" 30
" 28		Kate	" "
Feb. 2		Kate	Feb. 3
" 4		Kate	" 6 & 7
" 7		Will Cooper	" 21
" 10		Kate	" 10 & 11
" 11		Kate	" 13 - 14
" "		Rev. J.E. Butler	" 27
" 14		Effie	Mar 10
" 16		Kate	" Feb 18
" "		Ma	" 21
" 23		Kate	" 25
" 25		Kate	" 27 - 28
Mar. 4		Kate	Mar 6
" "		Ma	" 6
" 9		Kate	" 13
" 16		"	" 20
" "		Alice Spoor	" 21
" 21		Kate	" 22
" 25		Pa	" 28
" 28		Kate	29 - 30
" "		Ma	
" 30		Nellie	Mar 31
Apr. 1		Ma	Apr. 3
" 4		Kate	" 8-10-11
" 14		Ma and Kate	" 14
May 15		Kate	May 27

Cash Account - January			
Received		Paid	
1	On hand	10	Lodging .25
13	Paper	.10	Paper .65
14	"	.02	Contribution .05
15	Juror fee	1 .10	Bag trans. .25
			Unknown .05
			3 Board 1 .75
			Dinner .35
			Stage fare 2
			5 Oatmeal .25
			6 G. Flour .30
			Sugar .14
			9 Contribution .05
			10 Shoe sewed .10
			11 P.O. order .15
			Stamps .10
			Matches .01
			13 Ink .05
			Envelopes .05

14	Stamps	.50
16	Contribution	.05
17	Box Rent	.05
18	Candy	.05
19	Postal Note	<u>.60</u>
	Forward	7 .23

Forward 11 .22

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	Brought for.	11 .22
22	From Students	.72
25	Book & Blanks	1 .87
"	From Student	.12
26	" "	.12
31	Pay for 1 months teaching	20
"	Unaccounted	.03
"		
		<hr/>
		34 .08

	Brought forward	7 .23
22	Express	.78
"	1 Gal. Oil	.15
24	Stamps	.05
25	Stocking Bats?	.90
26	Rubbers	1 .25
27	Stockings	.50
	Armua Jel	.20
	toothpicks	.05
28	Oatmeal	.30
	Contribution	.10
29	Graham	.65
30	Contribution	.06
31	Postal Note	
	Sent Kate	5 .02
"	On hand	<u>16 .82</u>
		34 .08

Cash Account - February

Received		
9	7 pens	.05
10	" "	.05
12	14 pens	.10
15	21 "	.15
17	7 "	.05
18	7 "	.05
"	From student	
	for Ruler	.35
23	7 Pens	.05
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Paid		
1	2 lbs. Sugar	.14
2	Stamp	.05
4	Seed order	3 .50
"	Sul. to office	.28
6	Contribution	.05
9	Bag salt	.08
10	Stamps	.50
11	Contribution	.10
13	" "	.06
14	Pr. Socks	.25
"	Dinner for 2	.50
"	Hair cut	.25
"	Tooth brush	.25
"	On minnister's [sic]	
	Salary for 1887	5
17	Stationary	.60
18	Postal note	.33
19	Shoes tapped	.95
20	Contribution	.05
22	5lbs Oatmeal	.25
25	File	.15
"	Postal cards	<u>.05</u>

Am forward	<u>.85</u>	Am forward	<u>13</u>	<u>.19</u>
25 Brought for.	.85	25 Brought for.	13	.19
26 Salary for Feby.	20	“ Sub to Tribune & Farmer	2	.25
		“ Contribution		.05
	<u>20</u>		<u>15</u>	<u>.49</u>
	.85			

Cash Account – March

Received		Paid	
1 Not acct. for	.06	3 For washing	1
1 1 pen	.01	“ 1 gal. Oil	.15
4 Pos. stamps	.05	4 Wood cutting	5
7 Postal card	.02	6 Contribution	.01
“ 7 pens	.01	7 Show fixed	.10
15 Bills rec.	.05	9 2 lbs B Sugar	.12
16 F.D. Waters note	25 .00	11 Contribution	.10
“ From Alice		12 “	.05
“ Spoor for Books	3 .00	“ Candy	.05
21		18 Graham	.65
		19 Oatmeal	.05
		20 Contribution	.05
		21 Stamps	.50
		“ Postal note	2 .25
		24 “ “	1 .28
		25 Candy etc.	.45
		“ Tel. Mess.	.35
		27 Contribution	.25
		28 Sugar etc.	.32
		Matches	.05
	<u>28</u>		<u>12</u>
	.20		.78

Cash Account – April

Received		Paid	
1 7 pens	.05	3 Contribution	.05
5 From O.B. Waters for my share	75	4 Paint	1 .25
of [Ho...?] and Fred's note			
15 Received Balance of my salary	30	Order for plants	.55
Pay for work at store	15	6 For luk powder	.28
		Order to Kate	25 .15
		Can Paint	.20
		7 Pictures	.40
		8 Oatmeal	.25
		9 Washing	1 .00
		10 Contribution	.05
		14 Indian basket	.55
		15 Stamp	.02





		Cheese	.05
		Cookies	.10
	26	Rope	.45
	27	Whiffletree	.75
	28	Flight	3 .25
	29	Contribution	.01
	30	Stamp	.10
		Sent for ink	.10
		Crackers	.12
			<u>39 .57</u>
	<u>38</u>	<u>.50</u>	

		Cash Account – June			
Received				Paid	
11	From Jessie Neill for her share Exs on pump	.35	1	2# crackers	.14
			6	Barrel	.50
				Brush	.10
				Pail	.15
				Paris Green	.10
				Postal note	.30
			7	Cookies	.10
				Lumber	1 .45
			8	5# B. Sugar	.30
			9	Lobelia	.15
			10	Hotel Bill	2 .25
				Bed Spring	2 .00
				Mattress[sic]	2 .50
				Baby carriage	6 .00
				Golden Seal	.05
				Looking glass	1 .00
				Oatmeal	.25
				Express	.70
			11	Flour	1 .25
				Yeast	.10
				Fixtures	.35
				Freight	.25
			12	Contribution	.05
			13	Cultivator	16 .00
	Amt forward	<u>.35</u>		Amt Forward	<u>36 .04</u>

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		Cash Account – June			
	Brought forward	.35		Brought forward	36 .04
18	Strawberries	.50	13	Flour	.65
20	“ “	.36		Sugar	.35
21	“ “	.21	18	Washing	.75
23	“ “	.18		Sugar	.70
24	“ “	.50		Oil Blacking	.30
27	“ “	1 .00		Lemons	.33
	Buckwheat	1 .85		Colar[sic] and Tic	.50
			20	Postal Cards	.05
				Hooks & Wire	.05
				Braid	.20
			22	Drugs	.10
				Eggs	.05

		23	Buckboard	35	
			Whip		.30
		24	Oatmeal		.25
			Oil		.10
		27	Stamp		.06
			Salt		.15
		29	Groceries		.37
		30	“	1	.55
				<u>76</u>	<u>.78</u>
		<u>4</u>			<u>.95</u>

Cash Account – July

Received			Paid		
4	Clerking	1 .50	2	Flour	.60
	Lime	.75		Cistern Plastered	2
5	Horse & Buggy	.50		Kate's Hat	.25
	Buckwheat	1 .00		Box Rent	.05
13	Strawberries	1 .20	4	Candy	.06
17	Juror fee	.50		Shingles	2 .00
				Sugar	.70
				Nails	.55
			7	Soap	.25
				Peanuts	.10
			8	Kate's tooth	.50
			11	Groceries	.37
			12	Beef	.20
			13	Window Shade	2 .20
				Coat & Vest	2 .00
				Cuffs & Holder	.50
				Fly Paper	.10
			14	Washing	.40
			19	Lemon	.18
			20	Duster	.70
				Candy	.10
				Shoe fixed	.10
			21	Ham	1 .25
				Amt forward	15 .16
	Amt forward	5 .45			

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Cash Account – July

	Brought forward	5 .45		Brought forward	15 .16
25	For clerking	7 .50	22	Tar einetic	.05
			23	Freight & [sl..?] thing	1 .60
				Can ribbon	.06
			24	Contribution	.05
			25	Flour	1 .13
				Cans	1 .50
				Peppermint	.20
			28	Groceries	.55
				Thermom.	.20
				Mouth organ	.10
			31	Contribution	.25
					<u>20 .85</u>
		<u>12 .95</u>			

Cash Account – August

Received		Paid				
13	Irvie, Board	1	.27	1	Berries	.32
					Streamer	.30
					Pail	.15
					Lemon ex.	.20
				6	Groceries	.79
					Envelopes	.10
					Postal Notes	.82
					Stamps	.20
					Mat	.22
					Groceries	.35
					Contribution	.05
					Sugar	.70
					Postal Note	.28
					Gra. Flour	1 .25
					Groceries	.75
					Pocket Knife	.65
					Groceries	.90
					P.O. orders	2 .93
					Contribution	.05
					Nails	.40
					Loves	.05
					Corn Cutter	.25
		<u>1</u>	<u>.27</u>			
						<u>11 .41</u>

Cash Account – August

Brought ford	1	.27	Brought forward	11	.41
			26	Sugar	.60
			27	Flannel	.23
				½# Alum.	.05
			28	Contribution	.05
			29	Sugar	.70
				Magnesia	.10
				Ink	.05
	1	.27			13 .19

Cash Account – September

Received		Paid				
1	Clerking in store	5	.00	1	1 doz. Cans	1 .25
10	Clerking				Groceries	.50
12	Strawberries			4	Contribution	.10
22	Card Writing			5	Spices	.25
28	From F.B.W.			6	Money Or.	5 .60
					Whip cracker	.10
				8	Copies in cards	1 .00
					Sugar	1 .00
					2# Rice	.16
				9	Tooth pulled	.50
					Jug	.15
				10	“	.15
					Cloth	.06
					Glass	.09
				12	Stamps	.20
					Glass	.10
				14	Photos	3 .50

			Yarn		.15
			Edging		.38
			Clock repairs		.75
			Bak. Powder		.25
			Medicine		.15
		15	Lumber	4	.25
			Vinegar		.10
Amt forward	18	.95	Amt forward	20	.74

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Cash Account – September					
Brought for	18	.95	Brought for.	20	.74
			16 Flour	1	.13
			Warp		.25
			Copy		.01
			18 Contribution		.05
			19 Windows	2	.00
			Meal soap and starch		.68
			20 Fair ticket	1	.50
			Cartage		.05
			21 Dinner		.25
			Blotters		.02
			Tooth picks		.05
			Shave		.10
			22 Board	2	.25
			23 Board		.75
			24 Sugar		.80
			26 Inks		.75
			28 Fair ticket	1	.00
			30 Peanuts		.20
	<u>18</u>	<u>.95</u>		<u>32</u>	<u>.58</u>

Cash Account – October					
Received			Paid		
1	Unaccounted	8 .59	1	Express	1 .15
5	Inks	.75	2	Contribution	.05
6	For bookkeeping work	2 .00	3	P.O. order	3 .02
15	From Kate	5 .00		Singing class	1 .00
	For Billheads	3 .50	5	5# Oatmeal	.25
18	For work	.50	7	5# Sugar	.35
19	From Kate	10 .00	8	High chair	1 .00
21	Bookkeeping work	2 .25	10	Building paper	1 .20
27	Blanks	3 .50		Tacks	.25
28	Writing guides	1 .25		Nails	.22
	Amt forward	37 .32		Meal	.15
				Stamps	.20
			11	Oats	.64
				Needles	.02
			12	Eggs	.15
			“	Order for books	3 .73
			9	Contribution	.25
			12	Knit. Needles	.02
			13	Tacks	.25
			15	Cabbage	1 .50
				Eggs	1 .50
				Salt	.35

			Syrup	.50
			Barrel	.15
Amt forward	37	.32	Amt forward	18 .20

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Cash Account - October				
Brot forward	37	.32	Brot forward	18 .20
			15 Money Order	2 .45
			Ginger	.15
			Meat	.20
			Oil	.15
			17 Knife	.10
			Nails	.30
			19 Lumber	7 .70
			Money Order	1 .97
			Meal	.25
			21 Hardware	.20
			25 Postal Cards	.05
			Nails	..10
			26 Ea on Butter	1 .40
			Bolt	.02
			27 Money order	4 .30
			Stamp	.02
			Note Book	.05
			28 Stamps	.50
			Dye	.10
			29 Sugar	.35
			30 Contribution	.05
			Stockings	.50
			Stamp	.05
	<u>37</u>	<u>.32</u>		<u>39 .06</u>

Cash Account - November				
Received			Paid	
1	Copy Book	1 .00	1	Calico .39
2	Copy Book	.25		Hardware .20
3	Money Order for Kate	95		Trees 2 .50
4	Blanks	1 .00		Stove etc 14 .55
	Fair premium	.26		Hinges .18
5	Blanks	2 .25		Under shirts 2 .50
	Clerking	.75		Chocolate .50
7	"	.10		Cups & saucer .60
10	"	.25		Oatmeal .25
11	Pen	.01		Hardware .10
21	For working on W L Cans			Cheese .06
	Books	1 .00		Dishes .44
22	From Miss Smelter for Art	1 .00		Paper bags .20
	Journal			
26	From Misses Stiles for Pens	1 .50		Postal Note 2 .88
27	For Books	2 .25		Corn meal .15
				Sulphur .05
				pie tin .05
				Oil .10
				Soap .25
				Baby stocking .50

			Matches		.10
			Meat		.20
			Raisins		.20
			Ink		.75
			Contribution		.05
			Flour	2	.25
			W. Sugar	1	.60
			B. " "	1	.40
			30# oatmeal	1	.20
			Soap		.50
			Spices		.40
			Medicine	1	.00
			Nails		.08
			Paid F.B. Waters		.06
			Graham 100#	2	.50
			Troop		.10
			Cheese		.05
Amt forward	106	.62	Amt forward	38	.89

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		Cash Account - November			
Brot forward	10	.62	Brot forward	38	.89
	6				
			16 Sage		
			18 Cutting Wood		
			21 Postal Notes		
			Stamps		
			22 Meat		
			23 For Kate		
			25 1 gal Oil		
			" Potage		
			28 Money or.		
			29 24 crackers		
			30 P.O. order		
			Postal note		
			Postage stamps		
			Glass		
	10	.62		53	.55
	6				

		Cash Account - December					
		Received		Paid			
6		Strawberries sold last summer	.75	1	Kate's thumb	1	.00
7		Blanks	1 .30	2	Pork		.10
14		Pen Work	.25		Money Order	1	.95
15		Kate's Money Order	8 .00	3	Postal Notes		.81
16		Miss Spaulding	.65		Stationary		.10
		Miss Stiles	.65		Dues		.10
17		Cards	.10	4	Contribution		.05
				5	Mittens		.88
					Raisins		.06
				6	Medicine		.55
					Soda		.08
				8	Ribbon		.50
				9	Yarn		.15

			Cheese		.05
		10	Under clothes	1	.40
			Washing		.50
			Milk		.25
		12	Postage		.17
		14	Ribbon		.35
			Paper	1	.25
			Castor oil		.08
		15	Paper		.08
		16	Taxes	4	.42
			Yarn		.15
			Money or.	3	.33
		17	Under clothes	1	.00
			Oil		.15
		18	Contribution		.05
Amt forward	11	.70	Amt forward	19	.56

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			Cash Account – December					
		Brot forward	11	.70	Brot forward	19	.56	
					19	Pos. Notes	1	.31
22	Cards			.50	20	Express		.50
22	“			.61		Washing		.50
					21	Potage		.04
					22	Express		.20
						Collar buttons		.05
						Picture		.25
					23	Sundries		.50
					24	Oysters		.35
					25	Contribution		.29
					26	Stamps		.50
					29	Postage		.17
						Shovel		.75
						Yeast		.10
						Cloth		.30
						Box Rent		.10
			12	.81			25	.50

Cash Account - Summary					
		Received		Paid	
6	January	34	.08	17	.26
7	February	20	.85	15	.49
14					
15	March	28	.20	12	.78
16	April	120	.05	47	.59
17	May	38	.50	39	.57
	June	4	.95	76	.78
	July	12	.95	20	.85



	August	1	.27	13	.19
	September	18	.95	32	.58
		279	.80	276	.09
	October	37	.32	39	.06
	November	106	.62	53	.55
	December	12	.81	25	.50
	Bal. To New book	436	.55	436	.55