



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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Sunday 1. Wilfred & Ada went to church & stayed to S. School.
Willy & Emma will stay till Tuesday morning.

Monday 2. Good weather. W. & W. went to Mr. Dunbar to see his stock
Postal from Gordon. a package to R. from Stanton.
Austin goes tomorrow to Waverly to buy some sheep.

Tuesday 3. A. started early this morning to W. & Mr. Clement went
with him. W. & C. went later to the station. Wilfred
took Willy part way in the buggy & then came back
after Emma & Jubilee. Fine weather.

Wednesday 4. Did part of our washing. Good weather.

Thursday 5. Austin came home with 25 sheep for which he paid \$100.

Friday 6. A letter from Gordon. also one from Mary Brisbane in
Barnsill Minn. A. went to Waverly with the buggy, W.
Dunn went with him. Mary & Lucien Clement came to
play an hour with Herbert.

Saturday 7. It was raining this morning & has been cloudy all day.
Wilfred & Ada went to Mr. Gillette towards Cleveland
to meet the Cosses & spend the day. came home late
in the evening. Herbert not very well. He was asleep
on my bed when they came. Arthur C. came in the
afternoon to play with him. colder to night.

Sunday 8. Austin & sister R. went to the station to get registered
packages from Fort Colville. Herbert quite sick to day with
cold & headache. wrote to Gordon's mother & Mr. Mrs. C. C. Dailey.
Bad time for colds. several of us have sore throats to night.

Monday 9. wrote to Mrs. Dailey & Gustie. & a note in Nancy's letter to
Roxie. a very pleasant day. made soup.

Tuesday 10. Snowed in the afternoon.

Wednesday 11. A. went to W. got cough medicine for us all. Brought
home a hanging lamp for the sitting room. a present
from Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes, & a foot stool present from
the Stoughtons. He has stayed in my room most of the
day nursing my cold. Herbert quite ill this evening
vomited several times.

Thursday 12. A. went to the station to get a load of feed ground,

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This morning while Herbert was playing with a foot stool it tipped up striking him a sharp blow in the face. He cried & went to his mother & fainted. We were frightened thinking he was in a spasm. He soon recovered. Have been quite unwell to day from the effects of my cold & have kept my room most of the day. Ada did a little washing.

Friday 13 - A. went to station with a load of wheat, Price \$1.00 Wilfred took N. to Waseca, to spend a few days at Mr. Jennison's weather quite cold 4° below zero. Posted a good from Emma. sent letters to Helen & Emma

Saturday 14 - Austin went over north to see about a proposed new road. came home by the station brought home his load of ground feed. A letter from Mrs. Stevens Mary.

Sunday 15 - none of us went to church on account of our colds. W. & his father thought of going in the evening but decided not to go.

Monday 16 - men went to the lake twice after ice. Ada went with W. the second time. 4° below zero to night.

Tuesday 17 - 10° below zero this morning. 14° above this afternoon. moved the plants into the dining room this evening. Austin made a clock shelf & moved the clock into dining room also.

Wednesday 18 - we washed with Wilfred's help. mild weather

Thursday 19 - Amfolk killed a hog. took it up to H. Drums to kill with his

Friday 20 - A. went to Waseca. Brought home a barrel of salt - saw N. who is coming home tomorrow. Sent a letter to Mrs. Lach. Shawed a good part of the day. Good wheeling.

Saturday 21 - A. went to Waseca after N. A letter from Willy.

Sunday 22 - Wilfred & Ada went to church. Drove Ned & Prince.

Monday 23 - 8° below 0. washing done.

Tuesday 24 - moderate weather.

Wednesday 25 - W. & A. went to Mr. Hawkes. Tried out land. Shawed & sprinkled a little.

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Thursday 26 - W & A. came home between 10 & 11. Stayed to attend an evening service at the church. W. has gone to town again this evening to a masonic meeting. J. Dunn went with him. Made sausage.

Stormy the fore part of the day. snowed two inches perhaps. It is a bright pleasant evening.

Friday 27 - a postal to Willy. A. went to station after mail. A double window, or an outside window put on one of the east windows in dining room. Made head cheese.

Saturday 28 - about 6° below 0. an outside window put on the fronting.

Sunday 29 - a bright moonlight evening. much warmer. 16° below 0. when we first looked this morning.

Monday 30 - washing day again. A. went to Waseca. Took 12 dozen eggs. sold them 12¢ a dozen. bought ten gallons of Kerosine oil.

Tuesday 31 - a very mild day. A. went to the station to mill. called at Mr. Clements. Wilfred took me over with the young team Ned & Prince. & while I was there came back & took Herbert & his mother out riding. we did our ironing & churning. Milk two cows. one fresh.

Wed, Feb. 1 - we were surprised by a visit from Mr & Mrs Killman. They came in a carriage on wheels. mild weather.

Thursday 2 - another pleasant day. The Killmans stayed till after dinner & then went to Ansonia to visit the Darbts. The Clements with the school teacher & Miss Blackley. came & spent the evening. Wilfred & Ada went to the station for the mail. A letter from Mr. Lee to N.

Friday 3 - another pleasant morning. Wilfred is repairing a sled. his father bury at the barn. we are talking of visiting Mr. Plummer who has been an invalid for years.

Evening. The Drums & Mrs. Suttiff called this afternoon. we did not go to see Mr. Plummer.

Saturday 4 - Still good weather. tho it snowed a little this afternoon. Bright moonlight this evening. Arthur Lucien.

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* Benny Clement, came to see Hubert. we are thinking of going to church tomorrow.

Sunday 5 - Austin & I went to church. went to Mr. Johnson's & stayed to evening service. got home at half past ten, moonlight & hard smooth roads.

Monday 6 - A warm day & the roads are now muddy again. washed. Wilfred & his father went to station to see a man about trading horses for oxen. He had already sold the oxen. Letter from Willy.

Tuesday 7 - Wilfred & Ada went to Warece, took tea at S. Preston's.

Wednesday 8 - weather pleasant, not at all like winter. Wilfred went early to Warece & led a fat sow behind the wagon. Took her to the butchers to be slaughtered. Sold half the beef for $5\frac{1}{2}$ cts per pound, weight 430. after it was dressed.

Thursday 9 - Fine weather continues. A. went to station with a load of grain to grind for feed. Miss Blackley came in after school with the little Clement boys to play & sing for them.

Friday 10 - Wilfred went to Ada, this morning to mill. another pleasant day. Mrs. Suttiff went to her home in the northern part of the state.

Saturday 11 - mended rug^s up stairs. warm for the time of year.

Sunday 12 - Wilfred & Ada went to church. Roads very muddy. Postal from Willy. a colt stepped on Max's leg & broke his leg. Mr. Clement came & helped do it up.

Monday 13 - A. went to Warece & brought home a man to work two weeks & perhaps all summer. saw Ida Baunglan & engaged her to work for us again this summer. wrote to Willy.

Tuesday 14 - St. Valentine's day. The new man went to Warece & did not come back. The day has been very pleasant. There is no snow. & it looks as if farmers might be sowing wheat. Our folks cleaned out the cistern, & opened the well here by the house, found

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Wednesday 15 -

seven feet of water in it. Letter from Mrs. Humphrey. Pleasant weather continues. Mr. Dunn called to look at the ^{coffe} stove. H. Drum came to get some lumber for an ice house. Our folks have been drawing straw & hay into the barn.

Thursday 16 -

Two loads of ice put into the cistern. We talked of going to Warece to a Masonic supper, but did not. weather colder. a new calf at the stable to day. second one this season.

Friday 17 -

Wilfred & his father chopped wood in the dooryard. Mr. Clements Swedenman & his newly arrived brother came to talk about work. Received a valentine from little Julia. Bury in forenoon about the house. worked at my scrapbook in the afternoon.

Saturday 18 -

It has rained nearly all day & we have poured a barrel or two of water into the cistern with the ice. Benny D. began to fill his ice house. Wilfred went to help him put in the first load. Another calf to day.

Sunday 19 -

A quiet day. wrote postals to Willy & Gordon & a few lines in Mr. letter to Gustig. Roads too rough & the weather too cold to go so far to church.

Monday 20 -

It has been a rough day, & to night the wind is blowing the falling snow into drifts. & more snow has fallen to day than before this winter. Did our washing, but didn't hang out the clothes. worked on my scrap book.

Tuesday 21 -

2° above 0. this evening. bright moonlight. mended buckskin gloves. this afternoon. wind has blown the snow about a good deal. we have had letters waiting to be mailed. several days.

Wednesday 22 -

Washington's birth day. but I am afraid we haven't done much in the way of celebrating it. Austin drove the colts to the station on the cutter found had sleeping. drifts & hubs. Letter from Willy & some from Kory to H. Sent postals to Willy & Gordon. & letter to Mrs. Humphrey, 10° below 0. this morning.

Thursday 23 -

14° below 0. this morning. but rapidly grew

milder - & during the day - was nearly or quite 30° above. Wilfred has gone to Warsaw to a masonic meeting. A man by name Fuller is staying here to night. wants to trade a horse & shot in Warsaw for horses. A new hired man came this morning. a Swede worked for Mr Clement last year, to to work till Dec 1st for \$14 4

Friday 24. A visit from Mr & Mrs James Claghorn with their little girl. Wilfred & Ada went home with them to attend a found party at Mr Cheney's this evening. Drove for & Joffrey on cutter

Saturday 25. It has thawed fast all day. went with A. to George Whites. found more mud & water than snow. coming back called at Andy & Jim Durns. Wilfred & man drove wood in afternoon. Addie is quite sick & they fear scarlet fever.

Sunday 26. Intended to go to church. but what little snow there was, or sleighing rather. disappeared yesterday. Collins came in & brought a bundle of his English papers. Durns have sent for the Dr for Addie.

Monday 27. A. took a load of wheat to station. Price \$1.08. Cloudy & very dismal weather. & raining in the fore part of the evening. a frost from Wilk to W. Letter to H. from Kansas. wrote to Julia Vinton.

Tuesday 28. A. went to Warsaw. this morning. weather dismal but cleared up & afternoon was bright. In coming home A. broke through the ice. & the horse got into the ditch. broke away from the buggy. ran off & were stopped by running against a tree. A. was not hurt. & not much damage done. Letter from Roxey & Helen. Edwin just getting well of small pox.

Wed, March 1. A. went to Wa. to get the buggy mended. A warm springlike day. W. took W. to Mr Durns to see Addie. washing & churning. wrote to sister Mary

Thursday 2

Rained early this morning, but cleared up & the day has been pleasant. W. went to Warsaw on horseback brought home a horse to try from Jefferson. sent letters to sister Mary & Roxey. all went to Mr Clements to spend the evening. leaving Charley the boy to take care of the house. His brother who works for Mr C. & Willy Clement came over & stayed with him. was vaccinated last night.

Friday 3

W. went to Wa. rode the new horse. came home a little after dark. brought the snail. Two letters from Sadon. Two men stopped for dinner & put their horses in the barn.

Saturday 4

Rainy. windy. unpleasant day. Our folks have driven the new horse about with for. saved wood &c. Parched coffee. picked over beans. molded candles. took care of the milk. did a little mending. read a little &c. &c.

Sunday 5

All stayed at home. roads too bad to go to church. wrote to Helen. our Swede boys brother came in from Mr Clements to see him.

Monday 6

We did not wash. but baked & churned & made candles. snow in the air & cold winds. Our folks have been driving the new horse back & forth to the woods. drawing small loads of wood. The beast is balky. & it is to be hoped he will be taken back to his owner.

Tuesday 7

A. went to Warsaw on town business. Took 15 lbs butter. Price 30 cts. washing day. Snow in the air. but not enough to whiten the ground. very rough roads. J. Durns. went to town with A. Finished molding candles (11 dozen)

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Henry Henshaw's birth day. He would have been forty years old. I think. The sun has not shone the day. & snow has fallen as it did yesterday & day before. Austin got a tin milk can at Mr Durns to try. our folks

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made a wood rack. Talk of the sociable here if there had been snow enough for sleighing. A letter from little Julia written by herself.

Thursday 9. we didn't like the milk can arrangement & shall not use it any more at present at least. Still cloudy weather. men getting up wood.

Friday 10. wood squaring again. Had a little sunshine churned 8 lbs butter.

Saturday 11. A. went to Waseca with H. Drumm. Led the balky horse back to Mr Jennison. Took 8 lbs butter. 31st a lb. H. is making a calico dress for me. snowing a little again to day. W. & the man chopped in the woods this afternoon. Sent two papers to sister Mary.

Sunday 12. Charley the Swede man, went to his uncle. a little sunshine & a few flakes of snow.

Monday 13. washing day, & pleasant. a letter from Willy & a wintergreen bouquet from Mrs Stevens. a letter to Julia C. & postal to Gordon.

Tuesday 14. Pleasant this morning. but very windy nearly all day. & in the afternoon rainy & cold & icy. Austin & Wilfred went early to town expecting. W. went to Mr Heawkes to get a load of wheat for seed. A. being one of the town board will stay over night. H. Drumm called this afternoon. Agnes his oldest girl is sick. has had the Dr.

Wednesday 15. A. came home this forenoon with Mr Heawkes man with a load of wheat to exchange for seed. a gloomy day. a letter from Mr Dailey to A. churned.

Thursday 16. A. went to station to get a load of feed ^{lot} growing. Roads getting muddy.

Friday 17. Wilfred & Ada. went to Aa. to hear the cantata of Belshazzar. Raining in the forenoon & dim all day.

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Saturday 18. A. went to the station after his load of feed but did not get it. Postals from Willy & Gordon.

Sunday 19. Pleasant day rather. W. & A. returned from Aa.

Monday 20. This morning there was a fall of round snow or fine hail. followed by rain which continued most of the day. & the men only did the chores. Did not wash. churned.

Tuesday 21. cold stormy day. Willy & Mary Clement are sick. & Jenny & Lizzy Chum. Wilfred put shelves in the closet out of his room. cold & wintry to night. There is enough snow to whiten the ground.

Wednesday 22. Pleasant all day. A. went to the station with a sled & brought home his load of feed. Nancy went to Mr Clements to see the sick children washed & dried the clothes.

Thursday 23. A. went to Waseca after Dr Young for Willy & Mary Clement, both very sick children. H. has been there all day. Wilfred has gone over to stay all night. a cold wind is blowing.

Friday 24. Austin went to Waseca on town business. Willy C. no better. H. has been there again to day. Ada went over this afternoon. Mary is thought to be better.

Saturday 25. This morning we all thought Willy Clement would not live through the day. A. went after Ida & brought her to Mr Co. to stay while they are sick.

Sunday 26. Rained all day. Arthur & Lucien C. were here all day. that the house might be more quiet at home. The sick boy seems a little better. & Mary is much better. Austin stayed there last night.

Monday 27. went over to Mr Co. after breakfast Willy decidedly better. Ida did their washing in our back kitchen. Pleasant all day. H. came home before night. Wilfred has

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gone to sit up again to night.

Tuesday 28 Baked & churned. N. went to H. Drums to see the sick children. The youngest two better. The boy Henry taken sick yesterday. They telegraphed for the Dr. who came to day. Ada went to Mr C's. Raining this evening.

Wednesday 29. Sick children all getting well. Tho the little Drum boy is not much better. Washing done. Charley had a lame back & did not work. made bread again to night for the Drums. also baked first of the week for Mrs C. Pleasant day but windy.

Thursday 30. Ida came over & did another washing for the Clements. Ada ironed.

Friday 31. A. went to Waseca on town business. Ada went to Mr C. to take over a dress she has been making for their baby. A will stay at Waseca over night.

Sat, Apr 1 A. came home from W. before night. Roads very muddy. stayed at Mr Hawkes overnight. The day has been very warm & pleasant. A postal from Willy. I churned.

Sunday 2. Another fine day. Charley went to his uncle. Ida came in from Mr Clements.

Monday 3. Very warm all day. Pleasant in the morning & fitful through the day & this evening. we are having a prolonged thunder shower. Mr C. went to the station. N. sent a pair of mittens to sister Roxie. W. & A. washed in the back kitchen. Baked & churned. clothes got a little sprinkling on the line. but dried nevertheless. Herbert played out doors & went to the barn first time without his usual winter wraps.

Tuesday 4. Ida came this morning & began work for the summer. Mr Clement to the station to get Nellie Burner. Sent letters to Mrs Dailey &

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Willy & Emma. Wilfred, a letter from Fager. Pleasant all day. The men worked on the summer kitchen. worked over yesterday's churning.

Wednesday 5. Our folks have boarded & clapboarded the north side of the back kitchen. churned & worked over the butter. made a five gallon crock full of vinegar of soft water & 5 lbs of brown sugar & two cakes of yeast. A rainy day. worked at my scrap book.

Thursday 6. another rainy day. & rained most of last night. The men with the help of Henry & Rufus Suttiff cut down part of a big cottonwood tree south of the house. They had to lower, or guide its falling, with a long rope to keep it off the house. The Jan mare has a colt since morning.

Friday 7. Wilfred went to Waseca took 2 1/2 lbs of butter 30 cts per lb. Roads worse than ever before. Brought home a few shingles. a few brick. a little lime & groceries. Paid the Garrison lumber debt. Mr & Mrs Clement called. Sarnnaman a German called, on Mr Daileys business. a pleasant day. Regulated the cupboard in my room. did a little mending. Sent letter to Gordon.

Saturday 8. Wilfred walked to the station & went to A's on the car with the German Sarnnaman. on Mr Dailey, business. Swift. dusted & regulated my room. Letter from Mrs C. C. Dailey & postals from Willy & Gordon. Saw a notice of the death of Newton Merrill in a Randolph paper. Windy. & tonight raining.

Sunday 9. another rainy day & altho it is Easter Sunday. not a German. has gone fast to church. The roads are dreadful.

Monday 10. Pleasant all day. but cold & windy. Austin has stayed in the house most of the day nursing a cold. Wilfred worked in the kitchen fixing a place for a chimney & Ida washed

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Picking an old calico quilt.

Tuesday 11 - another pleasant day. but a cold wind. Wilfred built a chimney in the back kitchen. Austin's cold better. Finished picking my quilt. Ida churned 11 lbs butter. Baked, & did part of the ironing.

Wednesday 12 - A quiet cloudy day. Our folks shingled the back kitchen. Charley chopped wood, & is clearing up the wood yard. Mrs. Barker & little Mary Clement spent the day here. Lettuce from Mrs. Dailley & Gordon. worked over butter.

Thursday 13 - Our folks shelled corn to mix with oats for ground feed. cleaned up wheat for seed. took work bench out of back kitchen & put it in the granary chamber. moved the old cook stone into place. A cough & a good deal of night but hopes he has not taken more cold. Not a very bright day. but no rain, & drying weather. spent most of the day quilting. but did not put the quilt on frames. Wilfred took the heels off Herbert's shoes. one of his ankles seems weak.

Friday 14 - Fine weather. Our folks began plowing. Back kitchen cleaned. Butter worked over. Willy Clement spent the day here. Mr. Clement brought mail papers. A Mr. Cronkete came to look at cattle. Mr. Johnson also brought mail this morning. Papers.

Saturday 15 - another pleasant day. Wilfred went to station with grain for feed. H. Drum rode with him & went to Ab. on the train. A letter from Emma. Head grey blankets & other things washed, sent about 27 lbs butter to Waseca by Mr. & Mrs. Clement. Mr. Daniels brought some early seed potatoes. Wilfred made a cricket bedstead for Herbert.

Sunday 16 - Good weather continues. Ida & Charley went away to day. Collins came in from Wilton. staid to dinner.

Monday 17 - Seeding begun. Wilfred & Charley put in about 4 acres oats

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a warm drying day. washing done. Ada exchanged eggs at Mr. Clements. to set two hens. another colt. Cripples. Rained a little this morning. First wheat sowed. 3 more acres of oats. Cripples colt named Belle. a letter from W. to W. worked over butter. made scrag book. did a little mending. wrote postal to Emma.

Wednesday 18 - Rained during the night. Too wet to work in the forenoon, wheat sowing & dragging in the afternoon. churning done. Ida cleaned windows in back kitchen. quilted.

Thursday 19 - Wheat & grass seed sowed, up in the pasture field, with J. Dunns seeder. a good day. Head white blankets & other things washed. Table brought from the cellar for back kitchen. began cooking there again. Finished the quilt.

Friday 21 - wheat harrowing & plowing. three horses in a team. J. & Jophy & old Doll on the sulky plow & red & Prince & Kit harrowing. sprinkled just at night & looks raining. Ida raked off the clothes yard. Two or three lambs at the barn. twins. one of which was killed by a hog. Baked light corn bread.

Saturday 22 - a rainy day. churning & baking. 3 more lambs. Sunday 23 - Charley went horseback to station. Postal from Willy. Ida went home. ^{Family} sent letters to office postal to Emma. a quiet day. afternoon, sunny.

Monday 24 - wheat sowing & plowing. a good day. Edward Bosworth just from Wis. called on his way to Mr. Clements, brought our mail. a letter from Roxey, & the Century magazine. paper from Gordon to W. washing done.

Tuesday 25 - Has looked like rain most of the day, & is raining a little this evening. wrote to Mrs. Stevens, & postal to Roxey. sewing done, & churning.

Wednesday 26 - a pleasant day. turned out to be. Helped Ida clean up the back yard. worked over butter. made light corn bread. A. went to station. after a load of feed. flour &c. Postal from Emma. sent mail. Mr. Clement

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Thursday 27 Edward Bosworth called this evening a windy drying day. wheat & oats sowed, wrote note to Emma, sent mail by E. Bosworth, who has gone to Iowa. Aired carpet & furs, & put them away. helped ^{Ada} make chair cushions & covered foot stool.

Friday 28 Wilfred went to Waseca this morning with the young team & buggy. took 30¢ lbs butter, 30¢ a lb. Brought home coffee. bag Higgins salt &c. Mr Heade's children have scarletina. oat sowing. Put away buffalo robes. bed clothes &c.

Saturday 29. Wheat & oat sowing & plowing & drawing manure. Another drying day. a good deal of land still too wet to work. we are expecting Emma & Julia next Monday. Have been busy all day about the house. The Clement children came over this morning with their baby in her carriage. Agnes & Lucy Drum came in to play with Herbert this afternoon. Ten lambs.

Sunday 31. Pleasant weather. Charley went after the mail. a postal from Willy. paper from Gordon & other papers. Swedes went over to a meeting in afternoon.

Monday May 1st cold windy day, Grass seed & wheat sowing. A. went to station after Emma & Julia. The school teacher a Miss Carpenter came to get board for the summer. Mrs Dr Hunt came with her washing & churning. Declined boarding the teacher.

Tuesday 2 Plowing - harrowing, & two hogs killed. Pleasant day. Ironing, baking, working over butter &c. The school teacher is boarding at Mr Daniels.

Wednesday 3 Auntie went to Waseca, took the two hogs killed yesterday, sold for \$6 1/2 a hundred weight, 477. Also took 17 lbs butter 30¢ a lb. put

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Finished sowing wheat. A. brought the school teacher trunk from W. to Mr Daniels, where she boards.

Thursday 4 we had thunder & rain the latter part of last night. sunny this afternoon. A. plowed. Wilfred & Charley fixed the fence round a portion of J. Dunn's. to turn the sheep in tomorrow, hired for the summer. 13 lambs. Julia & Herbert have played out of doors more or less for the last three days.

Friday 5 A. Plowed on the corn ground. cold wind. The usual housework. Ada cleaned windows.

Saturday 6 a good day. called with Julia at Mr Clements. Mr Kanny of Waseca came to see about creamery business. a postal to Gordon. Letter from Willy to Emma.

Sunday 7 Wilfred went to church, & took Willy Clement. Ada went to her church. A. took Emma & the children riding. It is raining a little this evening.

Monday 8 Plowing & planting potatoes. a young man fresh from Sweden came to the dock to inquire the way to Swede Johnsons. washing done. Letter from R. to R. & from Gordon to W. strong wind most of the day. Looks stormy this evening.

Tuesday 9 our folks still plowing & planting potatoes. we had a smart shower before night, & it is raining hard now at bed time. washed & ironed flannel linen suit.

Wednesday 10 Plowing & cleaning up wheat. A. put up a batch. a letter from Mary Lee to R. churning & ironing. R. is making over a linen suit for me. Our first brood of chickens two days ago.

Thursday 11 a disagreeable day. cold & damp & raining again to night at bed time. Mr Little is here to stay overnight.

Friday 12 cold & cloudy. Mrs Clement & Nellie Burner

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called. Letter from Col. Drum to N. from Willist G.
 Saturday 13. Pleasant all day. Wilfred worked a little in the garden. Soap making begun. Julia made two little visits to Mary Clement. Mr Tuttle came again last night about 10 o'clock. went home this morning.

Sunday 14 Another pleasant day. Roads too rough to go to church.

Monday 15 a beautiful day. We are expecting Dr & Mrs Garver & Willy tomorrow on an early train. Our folks began planting corn with Mr Dunns' corn planter. Gathered dandelions for greens for Tommonows' dinner. N. dressed two chickens. washing done & baking another churning. another young calf at the barn. Clement children came to play with Julia.

Tuesday 16 Still another fine day. A. went to the station & brought Dr & Mrs Garver. Willy did not come. we all went over to Mr Dunns to see his stock. Letter from Gordon.

Wednesday 17 A pleasant day. but looking a little like rain. Dr & Mrs G. & Emma & Julia went home this morn. Wilfred took them to the station. Ada & Herbert went over with them. Soap making finished. Plowing planting sweet corn sowing oats, &c.

Thursday 18 A rainy afternoon. Yesterday took down the stones in the guest chamber & N's room. Churning.

Friday 19 A. still flowing. W. worked in the garden. Chaffy put ship dirt around the evergreens. N. finished fixing my linen suit. Package from Mrs Garver. Cloudy most of the day & windy. Worked butter.

Saturday 20. Fair at of the day. cloudy & looking like rain. bright towards night. Austin & W. went to Waseca to get milk cans, &c. to get ready to sell cream. instead of butter. Sent 40 & more lbs of butter away. 25 cts. Mr & Mrs Raymond Stoughton came to night. another Century magazine & Harpers Bazar. The

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letter from sister Julia. a washing done. ironing baking & churning. Willy Clement took his cousin Nellie Burner to the station to go home. N. sent postal to Mrs Garver.

Sunday 21 The day has been very cold for the season. we hope it is a little warmer now. at bed time. Sodyber brought the mail. Letters from Col Drum & Gordon to N.

Monday 22 Mr & Mrs Stoughton went home after dinner. The weather is still cold only three or four degrees above freezing at sundown. The ground froze last night & there was ice in the water trough at the stable this morning & at Mr Dunns, ice half an inch thick. we have put our milk in cans to day & set them in water.

Tuesday 23 It has been warmer to day. ^{below} 4° freezing last night at bed time. we are afraid the fruit is all killed. Austin went to Waseca to take back some leaky cans & get others. Bought a corn planter for \$1. & borrowed another at Mrs Lindsay's. marking for & planting corn. Letter from Willy yesterday sent to him to day. washing & baking.

Wednesday 24 Herbert's third birth day. a strong & healthy boy. a young man called to say the creamery folks would be here next Monday to get our cream. weather rather warmer. but still cold enough for fires. Corn planting finished except perhaps a little more sweet corn. made a comb case for Ida. churning & ironing.

Thursday 25 A. & W. built a milk house. a new pump put in the well. by two men from Waseca price \$12. more ironing & baking & churning.

Friday 26 Sorghum planted. Wilfred went to Mr G. Daniels for seed. A Mr Confield came to see A. Churning again. The new way of setting the milk makes more churning.

Saturday 27 A letter from Mrs Stevens with pictures of herself

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x daughters. The little milk house finished. Shepherd clear up the yard around it. Wilfred put a railing round the little patch of ground at the back door where I will put the plants x which Max persists in taking for a bed. Clear weather but still cold. Ada & Herbert went to Mr Clements to see the chickens. A letter from Willy, & one to him. Two churning.

Sunday 28. Pleasant all day. W. A. & H. went to the S. house to see about having a S. school this summer. Ida went home. Charley went to Waseca yesterday, was to come back tonight.

Monday 29. Washing & churning. Mr Ranny & man came to day for the cream. Austin went to station with a load of wheat Price \$1.20. Picked up the front yard a little & burned out an ant nest.

Tuesday 30. Rained the latter part of last night & again today. A. went to Waseca this morning thought of going with him but decided not to. Two more churning today. Shall now churn but once a week as long as we use our cream. A Mr Stearns came with the cream man today. Fixed gingham dress.

Wednesday 31. A. went to Waseca again today. weather cold. 48° above zero this morning. Wilfred went to dinner.

Thursday June 1st. Sunshine clouds & a slight sprinkle of rain once or twice but the sun seems to be going down clear. cold enough most of the day for a little fire. Wilfred took Ada & Herbert to Clé, this morning to spend a few days at Mr Cases, is to come home tonight with the big wagon. Letty W. came at bed time. Bright moon.

Friday 2. Had a heavy comfort washed. Ida cleaned outside of two south windows upstairs. Took up oil cloth in sitting room. A. went to station to mail a letter

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to Gordon.

Saturday 3. cold weather continues. 36° above 0 this morning. A. & W. have been making bars for all the windows, of wire netting. I have been down to the workshop over the granary helping to paint them. Wilfred has gone to Clinton to stay over night at Mr Cases, Postal from Willy. & one from Ada to W.

Sunday 4. Ida went home this morning & has not come back. Wilfred came home just at dark. 36° above 0 this morning. W. went to S. S. W. went to church in Clé.

Monday 5. Pleasant all day & warmer. Painted more frames. Wilfred & his father put in three wire netting doors & most of the window bars. A new man came for the cream today & Mr Ranny came with him. Ida came last night after bed time.

Tuesday 6. The warmest day we have had, 75° - Wilfred & his father went to station with wheat. (Price \$1.25) drew back lumber for H. Drum. Letter from Gordon & paper.

Wednesday 7. went to Aumatone by the way of Crane Creek called at Mr Cases to see Herbert & his mother. Did some shopping. bought 24 yds calico, 5 cts a yd, coats thread 5 cts a spool. bonnet trimmed over. went to Mr Stoughton & De Wares, Mr & Mrs Garrison here when we got home warm & pleasant.

Thursday 8. Mrs M. J. went home this forenoon. Austin went to Waseca with load of wheat for Mr Hawks. A man sick with small pox. at Waseca still pleasant weather.

Friday 9. Austin went to station to get Red & Prince shod. sent letters to Mrs Stevens & Willy. Letter from Gordon. Very warm. 78° - Wilfred began plowing corn. Charles was not well

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& did not work this afternoon. I have worked weeding the onion bed - made gingham apron. & cut & partly made it & made three other crash towels.

Saturday 10 - Corn flowering. Wilfred has gone to Ca. led the dist. colt ^{behind the gypsy} home. will go to Mr. Cases to stay over night. Finished my apron. Mr. cut out my new calico, & called at Mr. Elements. Men came to H. Drums last night to begin his new barn. we are needing rain very much.

Sunday 11. Still pleasant & dry. Mr. Charles Hensel called to day. & a Mr. Hedmes. Wilfred came about dark. Mrs. William Kelly who has been very sick, is better.

Monday 12 - Pleasant, with soft much sign of rain. Austin, Wilfred, H. & I went to Mr. Leslie's four or five miles to see their creamer. Mr. Case came early this morning & went over to Mr. Dyrnis. sent note to Ada crops suffering for want of rain.

Tuesday 13. Has looked all day like rain. & sprinkles at different times. wrote to Mrs. Bailey. Recd. last night of the birth of Mary High Lees boy. Irwin High Lee. Born on the 8th.

Wednesday 14. We had a gentle shower of rain last night & two or three to day. Austin went to Quasaca. sewed most of the day. Letter from Willy & postat from Emma, day or two ago. Postat to Emma.

Thursday 15. Austin took a load of wheat to the station. Price \$1.22. Letter from Roxie. sent letters to Mrs. Bailey & Roxie. Finished another calico apron. Set out wild cucumber vines and a pantry window. put the cactus out. corn flowering.

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Friday 16

We had a thunder shower early this morning. Wilfred got up very early to get ready to go to Wagona but had to wait several hours for the weather to clear up, started about 8 perhaps, & the day has been pleasant. Have been making buttonholes in my new calico that H. has made. A. fixed Herbert's little cot bedstead. man flowered corn. moved hanging plant out under the porch, & made & fixed over window curtains & put up in the dining room.

Saturday 17. very warm all day, & to night it is raining. a little painting, ^{done} & outside of back kitchen whitewashed. Many Clement came over & brought their baby in its carriage. Little Dunn girl brought a pail full of lettuce. Finished calico dress. Postal to Roxie. Anniversary of Wilfred's marriage.

Sunday 18. A gloomy cold day. Had a fire in the sitting room. No Sunday school. Too wet to walk, & windy & cold for the horses to stand out. all spent a quiet day in reading & resting. The rain last night was heavy. but came without wind. 48° above 0.

Monday 19. Cool but pleasant. a little frost seen this morning. washing done. Men hoed in the sougham this forenoon. A. started to work on the corn flower but found it too hard work & came to the house. George Dunn came to the door to see A. Postats from Mrs. Humphrey & Willy.

Tuesday 20. Mr. & Mrs. Case came this forenoon. stand to dinner. Wilfred & Ada got home a little before night. cold weather & rained about noon. a small deep. H. I intend to go to Fairbault tomorrow.

Monday 26. Last Wednesday H. & I went to Fairbault as we had intended. Austin took us to the station in the big wagon. A letter from Estie at the office. when we reached Ca. left our satchel at

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depot. & walked up town as far as the Stoughton store found that Stiles D. had been to the depot after us - but failed to find us - & had gone home. but he soon came for us again. took us home to dinner & back to depot again in time for three o'clock train to F. where we arrived in good time. next day, Thursday expected to attend the closing exercises of Shattuck school. but it rained all forenoon & did not go. In the afternoon rode up to the mill where, Charley & Seth H. are employed. next day Friday Mr H. took N. the little girls & myself over to the college grounds past asylum for deaf & dumb. blind asylum & another for idiots near the first mentioned. they are putting up another fine building. St Mary's Hall, we had a delightful ride. & got home a little after dinner time or rather a little after noon. Mr & Mrs Gale & Mrs Richard Jewett were invited to tea. next day Sat. came to A. on the belated 11 o'clock train, stood two hours in depot at A. (waiting for another belated train) where we found acquaintances from Waukegan Mr Claphorn & Garrison also waiting & who came on with us to Auden station, & where Austin was waiting for us. found a letter at the office from Willy & package (stool cover) from Emma. During our absence Mr Chase, & son, & man, had been doing a job of ditching for our folks & were here to stay over Sunday, which they did & went with the family to S. D. There were powerful rains while we were gone, which flooded the country but not much wind & no hail. This is a beautiful day. warm. bright, & still. A. has gone to W. Wilfred & man are putting in a little bridge on the road washed out by the high

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Tuesday 27

water. Ida has done the usual Monday's washing a postal to Emma. also one from N. to Mrs Humphrey. A very warm day. Took up carpet in dining room. Ironing & bread baking. Austin went over by goose lake & round about to see about roads. A Mr Brandt came to go with him. A man called to see about insuring barn. A postal to Maggie Dailey. Green & nant for tea.

Wednesday 28

A pleasant day. R. & W. worked in the sorghum man flowering corn. Took up matting in N's room, & hall up stairs, & put it down again. Had asparagus for dinner. from Mr Humphrey.

Thursday 29

sheep sheared. A rainy day. Mr Malony here to dinner. Thunder & lightning this evening & raining again. Ironing finished.

Friday 30

This is the day the detestable Suiteau, was to be "removed". It is to be hoped that he is at last out of the world. Austin went to mill at the station. brought the mail. Letter & postal from Gordon to Wilfred also a book, "Royal Path of Life" the paper & two numbers of the Century. Paper from Gusty to Austin containing notice of Capt Dumas promotion to Maj. W. sheared Mr Clement's 3 sheep. - one year to day since Ada came here from Wheeland. a rather from Mr Case's. washing & ironing again to day. Ida's sister came to see her. Mr Clement called.

Saturday

Wilfred & the man, Mr Clement. man, & three boys. went over to Clear Lake fishing. Had good success. brought home fish for themselves & plenty for the neighbors. cut & made a sacking out of an old polonaise.

Sunday 2

A very pleasant day. W. & A. drove to the station to get the mail. A letter from Gordon to N. letter from little Julia & postal from Maggie D. anniversary of President Garfield's assassination.

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Monday 3 - Austin went to Owatonna with his wood. Sold it for 30 cts a pound. Mr. L. ~~Adams~~ called on his way to Farmington. Guitau was here last Friday. A. brought home a couple of boxes of strawberries. 18 cts per box.

Tuesday 4 - A few of the neighbors went up to the woods & had a picnic dinner. Mrs. Hawkins & her children came over. & Hannah, stays, for a few days. Wilfred - Ada & Herbert & sister N. went out to the woods in the afternoon & came back with the rest of the folks. Very pleasant ^(weather) & grocery.

Wednesday 5 - Pleasant but cool weather. Went to the schoolhouse to call on the teacher Miss Carpenter, Hannah, & went with me. Men working in the corn.

Thursday 6 - A gloomy day. now & then a little rain. Wilfred took off wire netting door in bath room & put the real door on again. & tried to fix on a spring. is now putting mosquito ~~traps~~ ^{traps} on the two little west windows upstairs. Girls from school called to see Hannah.

Friday 7 - Austin went to the station to bring Maggie Bailey who has been in Oa, a week. Now she is to stay till Monday. The afternoon has been pleasant. A. brought home two more boxes of strawberries, 20 cts a box.

Saturday 8 - Austin went to Waseca to mill. Hannah & Herbert went with him. brought home a load of plank for the road. Miss Carpenter came to spend the afternoon & night.

Sunday 9 - Miss C. staid till this afternoon, & rode with our folks home as far as the school house. when they went to school.

Monday 10 - A pleasant day. Austin took Maggie & D. to Waseca to take the afternoon train to Minneapolis. Part of the washing & ironing done. Ada picked the first ripe raspberries.

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Tuesday 11 - Wilfred & his father worked on the road yesterday & today. Went to station just at night or about 9 o'clock with Austin. There were threatening clouds, thunder & lightning & a little rain but we did not get wet. A letter to day from Willy, a letter to little Julia. Mr. Dunn sowing flaxseed today. Century & Atlantic from sister Roxie.

Wednesday 12 - A. & W. worked on the road. men in the corns usual ironing done. Ada & Ida picked three quarts & more raspberries. Threatening clouds & a little rain & cool weather.

Thursday 13 - working on the road, & in the corn. Ida picked a little pail of currants. 9 quarts. Have been mending most of the day.

Friday 14 - men worked on the road again. cool weather, Ada N. & Ida, picked 6 or 7 quarts raspberries, & a few currants. Had raspberry shortcake for tea. nearly made a white sague. Greens for dinner. we are thinking of going to Waseca tomorrow. Creamery man didn't come today.

Saturday 15 - We, Austin, N. & I, were all ready to go to W. this morning. but were kept at home by rain. The wind has blown hard all day. good part of the day. & it is raining this evening. Ada & Ida picked berries again this afternoon. A. made currant jelly in forenoon. & put up several quarts of berries. Had berries for tea. Finished white sague.

Sunday 16 - Wilfred & Ada went to church. took Herbert. cool weather continues. N. walked to S. S. Postel from Maggie Bailey. Bazar to N. for Colville.

Tuesday 18 - Austin, N. & I, went to Oa, yesterday critened - ing to go to Waseca, N. rode down with Mr. Dunn. we were to get a double

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buggy then but it began to rain & soon after we reached A. & continued most of the afternoon. Stayed at the Dr. over night. N. went to Mr Stoughton's, came home to day. leaving N. to come tomorrow. called at Mr Tuttle.

Wednesday 19. Wilfred went to A., & brought home sister N. & Mr Tuttle with some hayforks. Austin went to Wareca with the young horses & buggy. The last two days have been pleasant but cool. Ada & Ida picked six or seven quarts of raspberries to day, & about 9, yesterday. 3 two quart cans of green apple put up, what few apples were on the trees, are falling off whenever the wind blows.

Thursday 20. A. went with Mr Tuttle to Deacon Wood to help him put up a horse hayfork. & went to the post office before they came home. a postal from Willy & papers from sister Rox. & letter from Helen.

Friday 21. Cornfields are haying, yesterday & to day, getting hay on railroad land north of our field. No mail since Monday. Nellie Stiles & Alvin Stoughton came to day to stay till tomorrow. Miss Carpenter called to return some books. Her school has closed & she goes home tomorrow. Mr Tuttle stayed with us last night & has helped us pass this evening pleasantly. playing & singing. He is in the neighborhood putting up hayforks, & stays here nights. made a few white currant preserves.

Saturday 22. Another pleasant day. The Stoughton children went home at five o'clock this afternoon. Dined six quarts more berries to day. a postal from Mrs Humphrey.

Sunday 23. Still nice weather. Mr Tuttle went to D.D. with our folks. has been playing & singing this

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evening with Wilfred & Ada. Ida went away last evening to go to church. & has not yet returned. Charles also went to church.

Monday 24. Men stacked now another half dozen quarts berries picked & some canned. Ida did not get back till 9 o'clock this morning. she did not wash picked berries & currants. Mr T. has come over from Mr Dunns, to sleep. Very warm this afternoon. 86° above 0, no rain since last Monday. Thundered this morning.

Tuesday 25. We have had a hard rain this evening. Henry, Mary & Martha Humphrey came this afternoon. Raspberries for tea. Ada made a few more glasses of jelly. raspberries & currants.

Wednesday 26. Wilfred went to A. this forenoon. Mr Tuttle went with him. The Humphrey children went home this afternoon at half past 2. The weather is very warm 86° & more probably. another pouring rain during last night. Austin shipped a load of lumber yesterday from station for Mr Dunn & another this afternoon. Mr D. is to build a house & stables. Mr Levitt, here to dinner yesterday, & later, a man asking for work. had a lunch. Bery pie for dinner & berries for tea but they are nearly gone. Sam N. sent another picture of little Fulk Taylor. Dr. & Mr J. got back late in the evening.

Thursday 27. A. drew another load of lumber for Mr D. Wilfred & Mr Tuttle worked at getting the hayfork ready to use. Centing two copies, also Attant's, Postal from Mr Humphrey with other mail matter. Four quarts berries to day.

Friday 28. Men finished getting the hayfork into working order. & drew three loads of hay into the barn. A drew another load of lumber from station. good weather & cooler. Mr J. went to station to go home, but came back to go with

Henry Drum tomorrow.

Saturday 29 - Austin went to Warena. Mr G. Dunn rode with him. Mr Jettie went to Co. with H. Drum. The Dunn team still drawing lumber. Wilfred & the man have worked busily at haying. Had the beds filled with straw. Two or three quarts more berries picked. Letter from Roxy & postal from Willy.

Sunday 30 - Mr Merrill preached at the church to day & we were intending to go over, but it has rained continuously since early morning, & it is now near one o'clock. almost our Sunday dinner time.

Monday 31 - Wilfred & his father made a saddle. Austin mowed the weeds in the road. Ripped up my black leather dress. Washing done.

August 1st Austin went to Watonsville & took Charley the Swede boy & his brother Andrew, to the circus. Sprinkled a little just at night. Wilfred put bars on the two little east upstairs windows, & mowed this afternoon. Berries over more for tea.

Wednesday 2 - Went to Warena this morning to see about a reaper. Wilfred & the man drew hay this afternoon. Had currants for tea. Worked a little in the garden this morning. Ripped up another old dress to color.

Thursday 3 - It is very bad hay weather, but our folks have put up a small stack. mowed, & raked some. it is raining this evening. Mr Jennison came over & bought the young horses, Red & Prince. Mr Charles Ward came with him. Ada & Hebert called at Mr Clements. Austin came home late last night, nearly 11.

Friday 4 - Another rain late this afternoon. The men drew in three loads of hay after dinner. A Mr. Davis from Warena took dinner here, gave a tramp something to eat. Had the horses worked. But

greens for dinner. Potatoes from ^{Rev} Mrs & Mrs Merrill. Letter to R. from Roxy & Bazar.

Saturday 5 - Wilfred & his father went to Warena & brought home a reaper - a "twine binder," & a new double buggy. No rain here to day & the afternoon, very pleasant. wrote to Willy.

Sunday 6 - Austin, Wilfred, R. & I. went over to church in the new double buggy. Expected to get wet coming home. but only got a slight sprinkle. Mr Magoon preached.

Monday 7 - Carl Young & the Hawkes boys came this fore noon to help our folks set up the binder. They went round a field of oats several times & found the machine satisfactory. Two loads of hay drawn in, one got set in the soft ground & had to be unloaded & reloaded. A hard shower of rain put a stop to the work before, or by the middle of the afternoon. A letter from Willy. First green peas, for dinner yesterday.

Tuesday 8 - Pleasant all day & cool. The harvester harvester has worked well in the oats & w. & Charley have drawn several loads of hay. Called at Mr Clements. took Herbert with me. Rode back with the Drums. Washing done yesterday & ironing to day. Ida's sister Hladnah came to see her. Green peas for dinner.

Wednesday 9 - Another beautiful day & harvesting goes nicely on. Two or three loads of hay drawn in this forenoon. another man stopped to get work. Quilt & a few other things washed. skinned a trunk & its contents, silk dress, &c.

Thursday 10 - One more good day. The harvester broke down & Austin & Wilfred worked a good part of the day to get it fixed. Helped Ida clean out the

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maple grove.

Friday 11- A pleasant day, but it looks like rain to night. The oats north of the road finished & a good part of the wheat cut on same side of the road. Another little break down with the machine, but it was soon repaired. The weather much warmer.

Saturday 12. The field of wheat across the road all cut - finished a little before night. Good weather since last Tuesday morning. Five days of fine harvest weather.

Sunday 13. A shower this morning prevented our going to church, but the afternoon has been bright & rather windy. Wilfred & his father rode to the station, drove the new horse with Kit. A letter from Willy. wrote to Helen.

Monday 14. A very hot day, about 90°. Men busy cutting & putting up grain south of the house. Washing & spinning. 4 lbs butter, ^{dinner} green corn for

Tuesday 15. Mr Hawkes came over this morning to see if the harvester was working satisfactorily. He came with. They staid but an hour or two made a pair of pillowcases yesterday & today. Cream man didn't come to day. much cooler. a delightful day for harvesting. a little rain the latter part of last night & a good deal of wind, with thunder & lightning.

Wednesday 16. Still good weather. Finished letter to Gordon. Letter from Mrs Dailley, & paper from Mr Stevens.

Thursday 17. Good weather continues. Wilfred went to Casson to get more twine for binding. Noway, Ada & Herbert went with him. The grain is all cut. Austin finished it this afternoon. They will begin stacking tomorrow. churned again.

Friday 18. Stacking begun. Mr Clement came & got the harvester. Another fine day.

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Saturday 19. Another pleasant day for the harvest. Our folks finished their second stack of wheat & put up one stack of oats.

Sunday 20. Went to church. Wilfred & Ada. Herbert, N. & S. came home from Deer Woods. Road rough & tiresome. Thunder, & signs of rain after we came home. Men went to his church to day. Ada went home after dinner. Magazines & Bazar ^{yesterday} came to day.

Monday 21. Mr & Mrs Cherry & their son's wife called & staid to tea. Mr C. & Herbert, called at Mr Clements. Our folks have had another good day for wheat stacking. Charley, Sunday, did not get home till breakfast time this morn.

Tuesday 22. Still fair weather tho it was cloudy this morning & sprinkled a little. but the men have stacked wheat all day. can hear the pounding over on Mr Durns new house.

Wednesday 23. Herbert & S. went to the station this morning with Austin sent frost. Mrs Humphrey. Men have kept on stacking. got their load set down in the field. & went up to H. Durns to get his wagon to use to bring the load up.

Thursday 24. Mr & Mrs Humphrey came this afternoon. Our folks finished stacking. a slight rain this forenoon or sprinkle.

Friday 25. Mr & Mrs Humphrey. Austin & S. went to Casson after dinner. Drove Kit & Fan on Mr H's. carriage. we went up & called on Mrs Hawk. got home before dark. stopped to see Mr Durns new house. am afraid I lost my little grey shawl when I ^{went to the station}.

Saturday 26. Mr & Mrs H. went home by the way of Cla. started about 10. Our folks cut & put up more hay & moved the milkhouse down to the well in the yard. very warm through the day. Got ready mailed letters to Willy, & Mary Stevens, & sent Fargo paper to Mr Stevens.

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Sunday 27. Another hot dry day. We were all too tired to go to church. - Went down to S. school with the rest.

Monday 28. Dry weather continues. Haying, mowing, & 6 loads drawn in, washing dope & part of the ironing.

Tuesday 29. Went to the station with Austin. The bridge was up for repairs & we went round by Anton Shultz, going over. Made inquiries about my lost shawl. Could hear nothing from it. A letter from Willy. Drove for & for my. Waited for them to be shod. nearly all the Germans done stocking sprinkled before we got home & looks rainy, colder 68° Fire in the sitting room when we got home, after candle light.

Wednesday 30. Wilfred, ^{with a team} helped Andy & Ann & Chas. Chas. helped in the forenoon. Came home at noon to work in the hay. Mr. Ranney & brother came to day to get the cream. Up here to night that Willy Clement is sick, had the doctor yesterday, seems cold. 56° this evening.

Thursday 31. Not a very bright day & cool. 48° this morning, covered the geraniums last night fearing a frost. Prepared sweet corn for drying but had to dry it about the stoves. A. went to station this morning to get something mended about the mower, R. went with him. Dr. Shultz came to talk about buying a horse. Mr. Clement went after the Dr. again this morning for Willy. I went over to see him this forenoon, & R. called later. He is not very sick, & it is hoped he will be up again soon. Cool enough for fires.

Friday

September 1. Dried more corn. Cloudy this afternoon looking like rain. men busy haying. A. went to station

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Tuesday 5. Last Saturday. Austin, sister Nancy & I. went to Superior. Had a pleasant ride, stopped in the Rice Lake woods to lunch, & feed our horses Kit & Jan, arrived at W. at half past 2 o'clock stopped at Awetoma to get the horses shod. Staid over Sunday, R. & Willy went to church, towards night. A. R. W. & I, rode to Dodge center & called at Dr. Garver's, started home after nine o'clock yesterday morning, coming through Claremont street, called a few minutes at a Mrs. Duffee's to see her daughter. Mrs. Garner, also went in to see Sec. Bockwith, who is very low with consumption & rheumatism, & farther on called at a Mr. Hubbard's a place where we slept over night. 26 years ago, when we were coming into the country, came to A's & did a little shopping, & rested an hour at Dr. Ware's & came on home, where we arrived before dark. Wilfred is intending to go to Rochester tomorrow to the fair. Have set up a pair of stockings for Herbert this evening. A letter from sister Roxey, & postal from Mrs. Humphrey, while we were gone.

Wednesday 6

Wilfred went this morning to Rochester to the state fair. His father took him to the station to take the 7.31. Train has gone over this evening to bring him home. very warm. 84° - a little rain here last Sat. - Postal to Mary (coming) A. began plowing. Finished mowing. A little extra washing. Thursday 7. Very warm again to day. 84°. Plowing, & stocking day. Ground, very dry & hard. Did a little baking, attended to the churning. made vinegar &c. &c. called at Mr. Clement's just at evening. R. & A. Willy is much better, walking about, week's ironing finished.

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- Friday 8 - no rain yet. colored black, indifferent success. Ida's sister came to see her. Haying finished.
- Saturday 9 Wilfred went to Waseca to refill. sold 8 bushels wheat. Thundred this evening & looks like rain. very warm again to day.
- Sunday 10 Rained during the night & awhile this morning went to the Plummer school house to hear Rev. Mr. Jennings preach, services at 8 P.M. no S.D. at our school house. weather cooler.
- Monday 11 - Plowing & drawing manure, is the same work now. Austin, Herbert & I went down to Mr. Plummer just at night. washing done.
- Tuesday 12 - colored black again to day. Mr. & Mrs. Stoughton came just before night. A. went to Mr. Plummer again.
- Wednesday 13 - A. & I went to Waseca with Mr. & Mrs. Stoughton called at Mr. Cherry's, & drove up to Mr. Hawkes. Had lunch at Mrs. Bair's, called a moment to see Mrs. Jennison who had begun to pack her goods to move to Watertown Dakota.
- Thursday 14 Still dry weather & no frost. It is now hoped that corn may yet ripen before we have a frost. Mr. & Mrs. S. went home soon after breakfast.
- Friday 15 Wilfred & the man, helped W. Dunn thresh in the afternoon. A. continues plowing tho the ground is hard & dry. warm weather for the time of year. 78° this evening.
- Saturday 16 - Wilfred & Ada went to A's, this afternoon. W. & man threshed for Henry in the forenoon. I came quite unexpectedly this afternoon rode over from the station with Henry Dunn.
- Sunday 17 A very warm day 81°. The Swedes went to church, & not wishing to leave the house alone we did not go to church. Mr. & A. came home before dark.
- Monday 18 Remarkable weather for September 84° & still dry. A. went to Waseca. Henry D. went with him, a letter

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- to little Julia. washing done as usual.
- Tuesday 19 - Austin Wilfred & Gordon went to Waseca. weather much cooler, no rain. Letter to R. & Mr. Dunn. Finished knitting the first pair of stockings for Herbert.
- Wednesday 20 First frost last night. not a severe one.
- Thursday 21 - Took up some of the plants, man sent to thresh for Mr. Dunn. W. dug potatoes. Gordon went to the lake with a gun ^{in the forenoon}. In the afternoon went up to the field with W. Brought home a pair of wild grapes.
- Friday 22 - Wilfred & Gordon started early to go to Waseca; Charles threshed ^{for} in the forenoon Mr. Dunn. As plowed team for. Topsoy & Chestnut. took a short run with the sulky plow down in the field. but did no damage to themselves or plow. Finished a flannel shirt for Austin, cold enough for fires yesterday & today.
- Saturday 23 - Pleasant dry weather continues. A. goes on plowing, but the ground is very hard & dry. Wilfred got home from Waseca before dark. A little Swedish girl, Ida Longquist came in on an errand. a letter from R. from Rawlins, Wyoming.
- Sunday 24 The 25th anniversary of sister Rosa's marriage. The day has been cold & cloudy. went to the Plummer s. house in the afternoon. to hear Mr. Jennings preach from Philippians 4-6.
- Monday 25 A. continues plowing in the north field. Wilfred & man have been digging potatoes. Rained a little, sometime sleeping last night. Ida went home to night to help her family through threshing. wrote to R. & Mr. D.
- Tuesday 26 - A. nearly finished the plowing north of the road. W. & man are taking care of the sorghum. did housework in the forenoon.
- Wednesday 27 - went to Waseca. A. R. Herbert & I went by the

of Mr Kinneys to see about making sorghum syrup. Did a little shopping in Co. after leaving our things at Mr Pleunkes place ^(business) called at Mrs Lathams. & drove up to Mr Plummer on our way home. windy day for riding.

Thursday 28. Austin went to Wareca. came home early in the afternoon & took me to Mr Plummer. Wilfred took a load of sorghum to Mr Kinneys. came home by way of the station to get the horse shod. Letter from Gordon to R. came back to night.

Friday 29. The 26 anniversary of our arrival at our Minn home & this is much such Fall weather as that was. A & W. took three loads of sorghum to Mr Kinneys. A postal from Mrs Humphrey. Mr Fisher came to see about a beef & sheep.

Saturday 30. Went to Watoma. A. & S. took dinner at Mr Storey. Items called at Mrs Sagers home after dark.

Sunday Oct. 1st. Wilfred & Ada went to church. R. to S.S. weather mild. Looks very much like rain. Sent postals to Mrs Dailey. Willy & Gordon.

Monday 2. A dark lowering day. Austin went to Wareca took back part of a harrow. but brought it home again. Bought 8 gallons of kerosene oil 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts a gallon. Austin, sister Nancy & I. intend to start for Minneapolis tomorrow morning. Rained a little during last night.

Tuesday 3. Finding myself with a cold & sore throat this morning decided to put off our trip for a day or two. Rained a little again last night. Men all day potatoes this afternoon. Put away machinery in the forenoon. weather mild.

Wednesday 4. A. & A. went to Co. to attend the Methodist Conference. Had a moderate thunder shower just before night. A. & man dug potatoes. A letter

to R. from Mr Drum.

Thursday 5. Started with Austin, & sister R. to go to Minneapolis. but owing to what seemed a settled rain sitting in we came back after going about five miles. It rained about an hour after we got home & then cleared up, not feeling very well. I am glad to be at home to night. The last potatoes were dug this forenoon. but not picked up.

Friday 6. Had a shower, rather a hard rain but short, this forenoon. Mr & Mrs Case came this afternoon. Rev Mr Amble a Methodist minister was expected. but did not come.

Saturday 7. Mr & Mrs Case & W & A. went to Mr Plummer this forenoon. & Mr & Mrs C. went home after dinner. Gordon came from Faribault this afternoon. August magazines came from Col.

Sunday 8. A rainy day. No one could go to church.

Monday 9. Yesterday & to day, wrote to little Julia. W. & Gordon went to Wareca, & came home by Mr Kinneys. & brought home 17 gallons of sorghum syrup. Intend to go with R. to morrow to Minneapolis. take the train at Wareca.

Monday 23. went to Minneapolis on the 11th as we had planned. & returned Thursday 19. went over to St Paul. Saturday 19. to attend the Congl Association. wrote to Mrs Dailey Friday 20. & postal to Mrs Humphrey also sent shawl straps to Mr Tanner. Saturday 21st. Austin went to Wareca to bring Gordon who had been to Fennville. Sunday 22. W & A. went over to church. Wilfred & Gordon have gone to Watoma to a sociable, or reunion of the Congl church. 25 anniversary of the formation of the church.

Austin went to Wasena on town business.
Baking done & beds prepared for threshing.
Eador made a wood box for his room & helped
put up a stove in her room & in the
guest chamber.

Tuesday 24. W. & G. came back about noon. Threshers
came before night. Ironing finished.

Wednesday 25. Twelve men to dinner. Three went home.
wheat all threshed, 429 bushels.

Thursday 26. Threshing done at ten o'clock. we had dinner
at 11. the machine & the three men with it
went to Mr Clements. the rest (four men) stayed
to dinner. Austin & Gordon started to go to
Wasena about noon. In the last two days
made two pair drawers for A.
\$558 bushels of oats

Here, I will make a few extracts
from a journal kept by Wilfred while
we were gone to M. "10. Gordon rode to
Goose Lake with Mr Clements to hunt
ducks. shot one mud hen & picked
up three dead ones & brought
home for their feathers.

11. Father & Gordon went to Quatoma for
a load of lumber for roof for sheep
shed. Paid \$20, for M. for common boards.
Charley & I cut & drew poles for the
sheep shed. 12. Built the shed. Rained
hard nearly all last night.

13. Began a small hen house. weather
pleasant. 14. Nearly finished the hen
house. & put the hens in it in the
evening. Gordon drove to the station in
the afternoon for his box of books.
Postal from Mother. Pleasant again.

Sunday 15. all stayed at home. Began raining
about dark & rained hard for three or four
hours. 16. Father plowed. Gordon wrote letters.
Charley & I pulled down the old shed.
17. Father plowed. C. & I, drew manure. Gordon
went to Jonesville. 18. Took a fat cow to
Wasena. sold her for \$25. Charley dug potatoes
in the garden.

Friday 27. Had another washing done. my room
cleaned - & several windows washed,
a very fine day. W. & G. threshed part of
the forenoon for Mr Clements. also, yester-
day afternoon.

Saturday 28. Cloudy this forenoon & rain expected every
minute. Wilfred plowed. E. ironed. Ida
cleaned windows & churned &c. Regulated
my closet. mended an old coat, & have
been busy about various things.

Sunday 29. Went to church with Wilfred. Started at 9,
returned at 1.30. Roads good, Mr Champlin
text this morning. Math, 5-3. Mrs Alder
returned recently from a visit to R. England.
saw her for a few minutes. to inquire about the
Stevens. Mrs Clapham also returned home yesterday
from the East.

Monday 30. A cloudy day. washing done & dried tho'
the sun did not shine till nearly night.
a letter from Gordon in Chicago. Our
folks put their potatoes in the cellar.
about 100 bushels. Wilfred took the fore
horse to the station & sold him to
Mr Barnard for \$125.

Tuesday 31. A pleasant day. corn husking begun.
Austin went over to the Corr place. to
see about laying out a road. After.

he came back, took Ida home, we are to do our own work till Spring if we can.

Wednesday

November 1st

Austin went to Waseca on town business & I went with him to do a little shop-
ping, calling &c. went down to Mrs Alden's stopping at Mr Champs on the way went with Mrs A. for a few minutes to the sociable at Mrs Garlands, where A. called for me & we came directly home, it is a fine clear night but seems cold. Took 29 lbs butter to market - sold for 38 cts a pound

Thursday

2. Plowing & corn husking. Have been busy most of the day about the house, shucking done - a little baking, pants regulated &c. a boiled dinner.

Friday

3. Plowing & corn husking continued. very nice weather. Flies still troublesome.

Saturday

4. A good deal of high wind. cloudy & a little rain to night. The wind roars & whistles around the house, very suggestive of the coming winter. Young horses all in the stables to night - first time this Fall, six weeks later than last year.

Sunday

5. Wilfred went horse back to the station for the mail. Two letters from Gordon. postal from Willy. Bazar to R. from Roxie. A rainy day & we did not go to the Plumer School to hear Mr Jennings, a postal to Willy.

Monday

6. A cloudy day. Rained nearly all last night. The men made a fire in the wood to husk corn. another churning.

Tuesday

7. Election day. Austin went to Waseca before light. Being one of the judges of election, he was obliged to be there early.

Henry Drum went with him to serve as clerk. Wilfred went over later with Mr Clement. It has been a fine day. A letter to Gordon. Finished a woollen shirt for A. Wilfred came home with sick head ache. District school began yesterday.

Wednesday

8. Another pleasant day. Wilfred has been suffering from bad teeth & to night steamed his face over hot water with a few drops of Hemlock oil in it. Has gone to bed with the pain somewhat relieved. For sewing have mended a pair of woollen shoes.

Thursday

9. Another beautiful day & now bright star light. Wilfred has felt better to day. But his face is swollen & uncomfortable. He has husked corn this afternoon. Went over to Mr Dunns new house in forenoon. One of the carpenters over there, fell from the roof of a barn they are building & escaped with only a few bruises.

Friday

10. A gloomy day. Men busy husking & plowing. For sewing making over black socks another churning.

Saturday

11. A thunder shower during last night & raining to day. A. went to Waseca on town business. Have been feeling rather unwell & kept my room a good part of the day. Sent 26 lbs butter to market, 98 cts. Letters from Mrs Dailey, Emma Helen & Gordon. Letter from Mr Drum to R. from Gordon to R. Paper from the Daileys, with handkerchiefs & scarf we left. The news of little ones little boys death.

Sunday

12. Cloudy & snow in the air all day. 29th Anniversary of fathers death.

Monday

13. A pleasant day. corn husking in the forenoon. A pig killed in afternoon, 12⁰⁰ ^{above} 5 this morning.

Tuesday

14. A good day. Men all busy in the cornfield.

Mr. Clement here this evening.

Wednesday 15. A bright day. wrote to Emma. Churning done. Maggie White called. H. Druon brought the mail. Letters from Gordon. Centing & Atlantic. Letter from Mrs. Dailey to Wilfred.

Thursday 16. Cloudy all day. Butter worked over & usual housework. when all busy husking corn. a letter partly written to Helen.

Friday 17. Willy's 35th birth day. & I have not written to him. washing done first time since the girl went away. A bright & pleasant afternoon. Beautiful weather for the time of year. wrote to Helen.

Saturday 18. Austin went to Waseca on town business. A very fine day. a little more washing done. wrote to Willy. last night at bed time. more Bazar came from R. to R. & letter from Izora. A. brought home a load of oil meal for feed.

Sunday 19. Still good weather. W. A. & R. went to the Plumer School to hear Mr. Jennings preach.

Monday 20. Brilliant display of northern lights this morning. Good weather continues. men hoping it will last till the corn is husked. Churning done again. R. finished Ada's dress.

Tuesday 21. Pleasant day. men finished the large field of corn. Mr. Dallas & other Germans stopped to look at cattle at the barn. made a pair of oversocks for Neubert; R. is working on another dress for Ada. & A. is making night shirts for W.

Wednesday 22. The first snow. Enough has fallen this afternoon to whiten the ground tho not enough to stop the husking which it is hoped will be finished tomorrow.

Thursday 23. The corn husking ^{finished} this forenoon. A. went to the station to get the mail. A letter from Willy. Wilfred went to

Waseca in the afternoon. seems quite windy with the ground white with snow. It's quite cold.

Friday 24. Mr. Dailey came tonight quite unexpectedly. we had not received his letter telling of his coming.

Saturday 25. Wilfred went very early this morning to Waseca to get the horses shod & to do other errands. A. & Mr. Dailey went to Mr. Plumers ^{this afternoon} to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving. churning again to day.

Sunday 26. The Dr. came up about noon & stayed till dark. The first time he has been here since our anniversary last winter. came to day, to see Mr. Dailey.

Monday 27. My 60th birth day. 11 o'clock p.m. snowing to night. Mr. Dailey is to go home tomorrow.

Tuesday 28. Austin took Mr. Dailey to Waseca to take the afternoon train home. R. & I. went with them to Mr. Plumers. & stayed till A. came back, got home at half past 8. M.D. took home some fat turkeys. bought of Mrs. Plumer. Made the acquaintance of a Mrs. Garrison a young widow who is teaching school near Mr. D's. & boards there.

Wednesday 29. A. took two loads of wheat to the station. Price 85 cts. Postal from Gordon. & one from Mr. Longfellow to Wilfred. Churning done.

Thursday 30. Thanksgiving day. & very pleasant weather. Friday.

December 1st. washing. ironing & baking done. Charles, the Swede went away this morning having worked nine months. snowing to night.

Saturday 2. Wilfred went to Waseca to bring Mrs. Longfellow (took 2 1/2 lbs of butter to sell) & little boy, who came from Minneapolis on the morning train. Letter from Willy. & one from Mrs. Dailey to Austin.

Sunday 3. All stayed at home. Somewhat windy & part of the day snow in the air & signs of a storm.

Monday 4. A. went to station with a load of wheat. Andy Dunn came in this evening to get help to thresh. A. is to go to Wascana tomorrow, Mr Longfellow is expected to come home with him.

Tuesday 5. Mr Longfellow did not come with A. to day & we shall look for him tomorrow. Had a headache this morning. Have felt much better this afternoon. Ada & Mrs L. are making Herbert a dress or suit. am knitting him a pair of mittens. Have knit three pair of stockings for him this fall. Later part 11 o'clock. Mr L. has just come. came on the evening train to W. & from there with a lively team.

Wednesday 6. Austin went to Co. this morning with Soderbier & his mother as witnesses in their homestead land business. H. Dunn also went. The day has been a very blustering one. the first blizzard of the winter. Wilfred was to have taken Mr & Mrs Longfellow to Wascana to go home. They will go tomorrow if the wind goes down. It is still blowing fiercely.

Thursday 7. The day has been cold. 25° & more below & 25° & 28°. But mild compared with yesterday as there has been very little wind. Wilfred took the Longfellows to W. to go home on the afternoon train. am knitting Herbert's last mitten. Still cold. 14° below 0.

Friday 8. Wilfred helped Andy Dunn thresh nearly all day. George D. called this evening. It has been quite cold but is warmer to slight.

Saturday 9. George Dunn came this morning to get Charles

trunk. The day has been rather stormy but it is pleasant this evening. A. went to station with a load of wheat. Brought papers & a letter from Roxy. wrote to Willy. a little washing & baking done.

Sunday 10. Another quiet Sunday & a pleasant day. Monday 11. Wilfred's 39 birth day. sent postal & package to Roxy. A. went to station with wheat. W. & A. worked. N. is making over an old black dress for me. Letter from Gordon to Wilfred & one from Willy to his father.

Tuesday 12. Austin went to Wascana this morning. Drove Kit & Fan on the cultus.

Wednesday 13. N. finished my dress. churning done. Ada did her ironing. mended mittens.

Thursday 14. Austin came home from Wascana before night. brought a new light sleigh. Wilfred was ready to go to Wascana & took the new sleigh. sent about 14 lbs of butter to market. W. is to stay to a marine meeting. Letter from Mrs Dailley.

Friday 15. cold weather. 15° this morning. Had a dozen Norwegians come this morning to buy wood or timber for wood. Paid \$4.60 for what they bought.

Saturday 16. This morning 16° below 0. A. & W. drawing wood & doing carp work. Mr Clement brought the mail. Postal from Gordon. had received the mittens we sent him. 16° above 0. snow at 9 p.m. has been snowing two or three inches.

Sunday 17. A quiet day. Just at dark W. & A. went over to the post office to take mail matter.

Monday 18. A large washing done. wrote to Mrs Dailley yesterday.

Tuesday 19. A mild day. Mr Clement helped our folks kill a beef. Another Norwegian came to see about wood. & Mr Drake, from Mr Plummers called on business.

Wednesday 20. a stormy day. A young Swede came to work for 6 days or two but went home to wait for better weather. A. made a sled for Herbert. Churning done.

Thursday 21. Mild weather. Wilfred & his father carried the beef into the cellar & cut it up. Young Soderbier came to ask A. to go to Aa. tomorrow as witness in his last business. Another letter from Delos Flower to A. snowed a little most of the day.

Friday 22. A. went to Aa. Mr & Mrs Case came in the afternoon. H. colored a woolen dress seal brown. Mild weather. made mine meat for pies. The Swede man came & worked cutting wood, drawing hay &c. - has gone home, to come back tomorrow.

Saturday 23. Man came & helped draw hay again & sawed wood. Just at night Wilfred & his father went to warece. to come home by moonlight. Mr & Mrs Case & Adas & Herbert went to Mr Plumer's to make a call. The Cases went home after dinner.

Sunday 24. Christmas eve, Festivity H. & I. received a Christmas package from Mr & Mrs Ed. Dailey. Austin also received one from sister Roxie in Cal. Christmas cards from Julia Rinton for H. Ada & myself to day.

Monday 25. Christmas day, & mild, pleasant weather. wrote to Cyrena & Roxie. Austin & Wilfred have gone to warece to some Christmas doings at the church. Mr Clement brought the mail, & a package each for H. & me & one from the Dailey family to Herbert. Oct, Century, & Bazar.

Tuesday 26. Austin went to warece to mill this afternoon. all day the trees have been thickly covered with frost. The evening

is very bright. Churning done.

Wednesday 27. Two Swedes came in this evening sent a shirt to Charley. Did some baking. & have been about the house most of the day.

Thursday 28. Wilfred went to warece this afternoon & was to stay to a marriage meeting. Mr & Mrs Raymond Stoughton came late this afternoon. A German man has come to work a month.

Friday 29. A party of between forty & fifty people came & spent the evening. The sleighing good, & weather mild. (From Warece)

Saturday 30. Mr & Mrs Stoughton went home this morning about 9 o'clock, we have felt rather tired & sleepy to day & Wilfred has had a headache. A. went to warece. A box came yesterday to Mr Clement, which was sent by Mr Stevens - several weeks ago. In it was a ^{little} package for me from Mrs S. which came in this evening. 41st anniversary of our marriage.

Sunday 31. A pleasant day. but too cold to go so far to church. The man, went away to stay till sometime tomorrow.

Monday

Jan, 1st 1883. Good winter weather clear & cold, 12° below 0. this morning. went with Austin to George White's on an errand. called at Mr Clements when we came back. Drove in to Mr Dunns. but they were going for home. A. went on to the station & H. went with him. A letter from Willy, saying their neighbors had diphtheria. The man has come back this evening. am making an apron for Roxie.

Tuesday 2. Wilfred & Ada went over to Mr Hawkes. leaving Herbert at home. wrote to R. ^{in his letter} sending a letter of Mrs Dailey's, & note from Mrs Stevens. made a pair of ^{linings} this evening for W. & F. Mitten

Wednesday 3. A washing & ironing done. W. & A. came home

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about dark. we are having steady cold weather.

Thursday 4 Wilfred has not been very well, & has stayed in the house most of the day. Austin went to the station. wrote to Willy. Letter from Gordon to N. Churning done. Letter to Roxie.

Friday 5 Mrs Hawkes & her two boys came about noon. went home just at night. J. Dunn brought the mail. Centing & Bazar. 12° below 0. this morning.

Saturday 6 Fixed up a coat for Willy. Clement. Austin & Augie went to Deaconwood, & to Masoca. Sent 14 lbs of butter to market. snowing towards night.

Sunday 7. W. A. thought of going to church. but there was too much snow blown into the road. Austin went to the station just at night. no letters. a paper from Willy with notice of the death of two little Andrews children of diphtheria in Masoca. steadily cold.

Monday 8 still cold, 15° below 0. this morning. a letter to Willy. Wilfred is to go to Morristown & Fairbault tomorrow. Ada & W. washed to day.

Tuesday 9. Wilfred. gave up going to Fairbault - owing to unfavorable weather. & started to go to Ada. but found the roads badly drifted. & came back after going a mile or more. It has snowed most of the day. & now at 9 o'clock. the wind is blowing hard. Henry D. came in this afternoon. on his way to the school house. to help his children home through the drifting snow. Have been busy most of the day helping mend horse blankets.

Wednesday 10. The roads are drifted badly. No one has passed here to day. Tomorrow if it is still. our folks will break road. Austin has had a lame back & stayed in the house most of the day. Lined

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Thursday 11. buffalo mittens. mended a little & washing - ironing. & a little baking. men broke roads through the drifted snow. Dunn girls came in, on their way to school. Mary Clement over on an errand after school. The wind is blowing again to night. & perhaps again spoiling the roads.

Friday 12 It has not been so bad a day as we feared. but too windy for our folks to draw hay from the stacks into the barn. and the snow made drifts in new places during last night. Willy & a man chopped in the woods this afternoon. Have been making scrap book to day & could get time from housework. Churning done. N. finished the woolen dress she has been making over.

Saturday 13. A very blizzided. all day. roads all filled up. & railroad blocked, probably. we have had no mail for a week. no one has been to the office since last Sunday. 10° below 0. to night. covered a stool with a piece of Mrs Stevens' carpet.

Sunday 14. The man Henry walked over to the station on the drifts & got our mail. a letter from Gordon to Wilfred. & letters from Roxie & Willy. & other letters for the family. Paper to Austin from Mr Stevens.

Monday 15. Sister Roxie's birth day. Wilfred & the man have been drawing hay from a stack in the north field into the barn. Had to first shovel through the drifts into the road. man came in this morning to sell what is called a "cockle cleaner" a machine to clean wheat for seed. Did a variety of baking this forenoon. parched coffee &c.

Tuesday 16. A mild day. The man drew hay again &

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broke roads.

Wednesday 17. Mrs. birth day. Austin went to Warece, took letters to mail to Roy. Mrs. Stevens. Gordon & Mrs. E. C. Dailey. Received registered package from R. & Mr. Dunn. Century & Bazar & letter from R. to R. Letter from Willy.

Wednesday 24. Last Thursday Austin & I. went to Warece to a banquet of the N. York association & intended to come home the next day but were kept there by winds, drift & cold weather, till yesterday afternoon when we came home. We stayed most of the time at Mr. Stephen Preptons. one night at Mr. Josiah. Claghorns. Took dinner yesterday before coming home at James Claghorns. Did not go to church Sunday owing to the severe cold. while we were at Warece the mercury was 33-35 & some said 40° below 0. addition of two calves to the stock, since ^(we went away)

Thursday 25. Austin & Wilfred took a fat cow to Warece this morning carried her in the sleigh. A. came back before night leaving W. to go to a masonic meeting. 23° below 0 this morning. while we were gone. W. took the stove from the guest chamber & put it in the cellar.

Friday 26. Snowed hard most of the afternoon but the weather more mild. Wilfred came home about 4 o'clock. walked from William Dunn. no mail since the 17th. There is no travel from here. Mr. Dunn started to go to Ca, came as far as here & went back. The road is now south of the house. no travel through the lane. or regular road. since the 8th. It is of no use to shovel out the roads. as

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the snow drifts in again as soon as they are opened.

Saturday 27. A pleasant day. Wilfred went to the station for the mail. started on horseback but walked most of the way. & letters from Roy & Gordon postal from Willy. besides letters to the family. books from. Gadan. Atlantic Bazar, &c &c.

Sunday 28. A pleasant day, but no going to church. owing to the state of the roads. A quiet day of rest. The man, went over to S. Guelis, to stay over night. & go to Warece tomorrow. The wind has been up again this afternoon & is blowing this evening, & we fear another drifting time. W. & A. washed. Mr. Dunn was over to see about some business. Our man, has just come in from his Warece trip. Andy D. came in this forenoon.

Tuesday 30. One of the worst days of the winter. All day there has been a fierce wind from the north, or northeast, covering the roads deeper & piling the snow into drifts everywhere. & now at 9 o'clock evening the wind is still roaring in the trees. & has changed to north west & is colder. The men do not attempt any kind of work except chores. tho Wilfred did make a set of bookshelves. Samps for dinner.

Wednesday 31. The wind has kept up. tho not quite so bad as yesterday. Finished on apron for R. & made a small one for myself. Yesterday, 14° above 0. to night 18° below.

Thursday February 1st. 28° below 0. this morning, 12 below to night. Pleasant all day & not much wind. Churning done. made a pair of cotton flannel mittens for linings. There is no

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part here. Wilfred & man went with the team up to a haystack in the field South & broke the road a little between the house & barn. The German has engaged to stay till 1st of Apr. ^{month} 83.

Friday 2 Cloudy all day & about 12° below 0. Wilfred & man drew two or three loads of hay from a stack back in the field. made another apron.

Saturday 3 men have been drawing straw into the barn. They began feeding straw a day or two ago to the horses. Mr. Clement & Willy, came in for an hour or two this evening. no mail since last Saturday. 15° below 0.

Sunday 4 31° below 0 this morning. & 20° below this evening. The man Henry went with a young German over to the old Wilken place. The day spent in reading & rest.

Monday 5 24° below 0 this morning. To night, 9 o'clock, at 0. Wilfred & man drew a load or two of wood, very small ones. snow very deep in the woods. no mail yet. The Drum girls with Matilda Ketter, called in going & coming from school. to get warm. The old cork stove taken down cellar to use in place of the little one. which will be put back in the guest chamber we keep more or less fire in the cellar every day during this cold weather. working done.

Tuesday 6 A good day. snow on the roof. thawed a little. H. Drum drove past. 6 cows. bought of Mr. Clement. for \$250. Churning done. & ironing, writing to R.

Wednesday 7 12° below 0 this morning. 4° below to night. Butcher from Waseca here today to look at hogs. called at Mr. Clements. Henry Drum went to the post office. Letter from Gordon. & Julia Dinton. but no mail over the road since the 29.

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A. went over to Mr. Dunn on horseback. wrote to R. in his letter. & to Gordon in Wilfred's letter. A sent postal to Willy.

Thursday 8 a fine day. Hogkilling. with Mr. Clement & a man from J. Dunn's to help. 3 Hogs killed. weighed 826 Austin went to station with oats & corn to be ground for feed. Letter from Gordon & Willy. Bazar. & Fanner. Ipt from R. H. D. is here this evening. Hung up the beef to dry.

Friday 9 - Another pleasant day. Wilfred went to Waseca with the hogs killed yesterday. also took 22 lbs of butter 31 cts a pound. Eggs. are 35 cts a dozen in W. sent a postal to little Julia. Had a time with the stove in the cellar smoking this evening. found the chimney choked with soot.

Saturday 10 Austin went to the station this afternoon & brought home a load of feed. Roads bad from drifts. the horses got down in the snow two or three times. no letters except one for Ada. Churning, of 11 lbs.

Sunday 11 - A pleasant day. Wilfred & Ada were intending to go to church. but a late blow. filled the roads again. wrote to Julia this evening.

Monday 12 Austin went to A. this morning with Mr. Dunn. who called on his way home to night. to say he had left Mr. Dinton in A. to come up to Waseca on the train tomorrow, & ride home with him, as he is to go over on business.

Tuesday 13. A pleasant, rather mild day. Ada & W. swished. They have gone over to Mr. Dunn this evening. to bring Austin home. Herbert went with them. Willy Clement is having a little birth day party this evening. being thirteen years old to day. 11 o'clock. W. & A. have come home. A. did not come on the train to Waseca.

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Wednesday 14 A warmer day than we have had since November probably. Austin came to the station from Co. with Mr. Scamille & from there with Mrs. Dunn, Churning.

Thursday 15 Thawing, & raining. The latter part of the day Mr. Clement & H. Dunn went to Co. Sent letter to Julia Vinton. Mr. Dunn took some cotton to the station. To send away on the train we read of great damage being done along the Ohio river by high water.

Friday 16 Another blizzard. roads all filled up again & drifts higher than ever. Wilfred had intended to go to ^{on the 14} Frankfort, to attend the Dairymen Association. but is now glad that he did not. as the trains are doubtless blockaded. not feeling very well. I have spent most of the day making scrapbook. another churning, & butter worked over. a letter from R. to R.

Saturday 17 A bright still day & not very cold. tho' 16° below 0. this morning. Wilfred went to Waseca, attended the meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society. took 28 lbs butter to market. 3 lbs.

Sunday 18 Wilfred & Ada went over to church. went to Mr. Preston's to dinner. & didn't get home till eight. The man Henry went away to night. to be gone over tomorrow. The railroads have been blockaded again. but country roads, or the road to Waseca is now so high that the snow blows over it instead of lodging in it. & so is passable. weather clear & bright to night. & not very cold.

Monday 19 Austin has been to the station twice to day. took over part of a load of wheat. 9 lbs. drew home feed. Postal from Willy.

Tuesday 20 washing & churning done.

Wednesday 21 Austin went to Waseca to mill. sent letter to Gordon, & postal to Willy, A.

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brought home a rectangular churn. Mr. Clement had our cutter to go to Amosoma. snowed this afternoon - set the milk in cans to night.

Thursday 22 Washington's birth day. W. & A. have gone to Waseca to a masonic supper. They may come home to night. still, pleasant weather, & moonlight. Henry Dunn's children are sick, & they have sent for the doctor.

Friday 23 Austin ~~sent~~ over to Mr. Hawkes to get seed wheat. Wilfred & Ada came home last night after twelve. were intending to go to Mr. Carr's to day. & W. to Waseca tomorrow, but the wind has blown the snow about, all day again. Austin came home before night. Dr. Young came over to see the Dunn children. found them better. Churning done.

Saturday 24 Another snowy, blizzardy day. very discouraging. Mr. Clement called. Austin has not been to the barn to day. his wife having been more lame than usual.

Sunday 25 A quiet day, moderate weather. no stir, snow heaped up about us. & quiet reigning supreme. Two engines away over on the R.R. track seen to day, struggling with snow-drifts.

Monday 26 A pleasant day. Wilfred & his father went to the station. A letter from Gordon. churned with the rectangular churn. first time.

Tuesday 27 W. & man went over to help Mr. Clement. Kate his dogs. Mr. Clement went to the office this afternoon. a postal from Willy. letters to R. & Yopus. washing done.

Wednesday 28 Wilfred went to Waseca, & to Mr. Hawkes for more seed wheat. & brought home the cockle mill from Mr. H's. Mr. Clement took his fork over to W. Wilfred took part of his load.

for him. Sent 20 lbs butter away. Churned a dozen lbs of butter. Thawed yesterday & to day & the roads are very bad again. sent a dozen & more fresh eggs to W. & S. C. today.

Thursday

March 1st

Thawing & pleasant all day. Austin & W. went to the station. Mr. Clement came in this evening to settle accounts. Illustrated paper came from R. The men cleaned seed wheat in the cockle mill.

Friday 2

Pleasant nearly all day. snowed a little while this afternoon, but thawed most of the day. W. & A. & Herbert went to Mr. Cases this forenoon. W. is to come home tomorrow & leave A. & H. for a few days. Mr. Clement went to A. again today. Fined out tallow which has been frozen up since we killed a beef in December.

Saturday 3

Wilfred came home about noon brought a load of oats for seed. from Mr. Cases. Austin helped H. Drum draw ice for put up. made liverwort. R. made bread. Mr. C. brought the mail last night. No letters. papers from Roxey & G. Dimpson.

Sunday 4

Another pleasant day & thawing. Henry went away among his friends. Oysters for dinner. A. helped H. Drum get ice again. helped draw it. W. went to the station. letter from Gordon. Atlantic & Scribner or Century, wrote to Mrs. Bailey. a churning done.

Tuesday 6

Austin & Wilfred went to Wapreca with Mr. Haukes wheat. exchanged for seed wheat. sent 14 lbs butter. cut out a party made an apron. The wind has blown most of the day & roars in the trees to night.

Wednesday 7

A quiet day. The men shoveled their way

to the haystacks down in the field. & drew a small load of hay. Weather & J. Dunn, drove over by the barn. did not come to the house. Churning done. about 14 lbs butter.

Thursday 8

A very pleasant day. Wilfred & man shoveled a road through a big drift. they have climbed over most of the winter. & drew hay from the stacks. washing & ironing done. mended A's overcoat. Letter from R. yesterday.

Friday 9

Wilfred went to Awatonna or to Mr. Cases this afternoon to bring Ada & Herbert home. Congl. fair at Wapreca last night & tonight. A strong wind this evening. but star light, & not very cold. Andy Dunn, married yesterday. Rev. Mr. Jennings, officiating.

Saturday 10

Austin went to Wapreca on town business. & when he came home Gordon came with him, from Minnecapolis. Wilfred & Ada came home about dark. moderate weather. sent away 21 lbs butter.

Sunday 11

The storm foretold by Wiggins, has not come. pleasant all day, & moonlight this evening. Gordon has been here, & we have had a quiet day.

Monday 12

Another pleasant day. The chestnut horse is sick to night.

Tuesday 13

Town meeting day. Austin went early to W. & Gordon. went with him. Wilfred went later, with another team & took the rest of Mr. Haukes wheat. A very bright pleasant day. snow has thawed fast. roads very bad. One of Mr. Dunn's men. a Mr. Wait, was hurt in the stable. Kicked by a horse. Mr & Mrs. Clement went to town.

Wednesday 14

Went to bed last night with a hoarse cold. have felt better to day. but cough. & expect to, for some time. Wilfred & man chopped in the woods this afternoon.

Sent 15 lbs butter away yesterday. churned 17 lbs. to day. A letter to Willy. Have used the sewing machine this afternoon making underclothes.

Thursday 15. A stranger here to night. Has three cows he is driving up west. R. & a man chopped in the woods. Finished another apron. worked over butter.

Friday 16. Wilfred went to Waseca on Topsy. to see about sending the chestnut horse to Minneapolis. to Mr Longfellow.

Saturday 17. Austin went to Waseca on town business. Mr Clement rode with him. sent 15 lbs of butter. churned 17 lbs. Gordon came with A.

Sunday 18. A pleasant day but colder.

Monday 19. A bright day. thawed but little. R. & the man chopped or sawed wood, in the timber. Gordon went back to Waseca. Ada called at Mr Clement's. H. Dunn was in this forenoon. Mr Clement has bought a house in W. & is to move there this spring & go into business with Mr Hawkes. selling machinery.

Tuesday 20. Henry the man has been away all day unable to work. having a boil on his hand. B. Soderlin stopped at the barn to talk about buying our farm. Shaved a little. Churning 16 lbs.

Wednesday 21. Mr J. Dunn borrowed a load of corn. Men chopped at the door. Man came from Mr Durnis & asked for breakfast. Had a few inferior pictures to sell. ate his breakfast but we didn't want his pictures. W. & A. washed. Henry the man, came back at noon. Have had a cold for sometime & cough a good deal.

Thursday 22. Wilfred went to the station on horseback. A letter from Mr Longfellow in Minneapolis to W. Sent letter & vaporon, to R. Began last night or yesterday. to have supper at 5 o'clock.

Friday 23. Wilfred took the horse to W. that was sold to Mr Longfellow & sent him to Minneapolis on the cars. sent 26 lbs butter. Good Friday. & our German went to Waseca. Willy Clement helped in a paper Mr Hawkes sent over by Mr C. to have Austin sign some town business.

Saturday 24. The maggy colt was hitched up with Topsy & driven around. & rode over to Mr Clements & Wilfred & his father drove over to G. Durnis, & weighed the horses. Topsy weighing 1100, & maggy 1115. Churning 16 lbs butter.

Gordon has just come in from Waseca. Sunday 25. A very quiet day. German man went off to an Easter dance among his friends, says it is the custom in his country, to dance on Sunday.

Monday 26. Washing done. Mr Clement went to station. A letter from R. to W. Letter from Willy, & one to W. from Mr Longfellow. telling of the safe arrival of the horse. Gordon went back to Waseca this morning. was to ride with G. D.

Tuesday 27. Churning again. 15 lbs. our folk sold a cutter to Mr Clement for three or four tons of hay. a German man came here this morning to see if we wanted his sister. to work for us this summer. she is to come on trial in a few days.

Wednesday 28. The men have been draining their hay from Mr Clements. a cow that has been ailing for two or three days. seems well again. The Durnis came & got another or part of another load of corn. a Mr Eady was here to dinner. wanted to buy a horse.

Thursday 29. Ada's birth day. A hog killed this forenoon. W. & A. & Herbert went over to Mr Clement this afternoon Mrs C. is sick. Dr Young came to see her this morning.

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a book agent called.

Friday 30. Willy Clement brought the mail. Atlantic & Centany. Letter from Mrs Stevens. Postal to N. from Mary Lee & letter from Whealland to W. N. went over to see Mrs Clement. Thawing a little each day, but the drifts about us are still formidable. The German girl came to day to talk about working for us the matter still in doubt.

Saturday 31. Austin & Wilfred went to Wasuca took 83 lbs butter. 3 lbs a lb. Gordon came home with them. Our German went away to night & to start to Oregon next week. Austin brought home Kennedy's rhum-stic medicine. will try a bottle or two for his lip trouble. Mr Lethams oldest daughter died yesterday of membranous croup.

Sunday. April 1st. Haven't done much but cough.

Monday 2. Martin came about noon to stop for a few days. Gordon walked to Wasuca this morning. Wilfred has just been up to Henry's to get the mail. but he has not returned from Awatone.

Tuesday 3. Martin was set to getting out manure. The snow has gone off fast. Martin brought the mail down from Henry's this morning. Postal from Willy. papers from R to N.

Wednesday 4. a small thunder shower this afternoon and folks put the pump in the cistern. The first hen set. A young German man hired for the season. is to come tomorrow. Ada called to see Mrs Clement, who seemed a little better. Tried out the little tea we had. A letter to Emma.

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Thursday 5. The new hired man came to day. Martin went to Henry's to work for him a few days. snow continues to go off slowly. Have been busy this afternoon making scrap book. also finished a picture. W. & A. washed.

Friday 6. The men shoveled their way out into the road & drove a team through, the first time since the 8th of Jan. Hereafter the travel will go in the proper road. what little there is. N. called at Mr Clements, Mrs C. getting letter.

Saturday 7. A. went to Wasuca on town business. Mr Clement rode home with him. Churning this morning. Began a recipe, scrap book.

Sunday 8. A warm day & the remaining snow drifts have settled a good deal & are fast disappearing. The new man August went away - was gone through the middle of the day. Another calf at the barn making fine, since middle of January.

Monday 9. Harrowing begun - snow melted for working. The men shoveled over the corn in crib. to save it from spoiling - put part of it over head in the barn. N. Dilem brought the mail. Letters from Roxey & Emma. Postal from Gordon in Awatone to N. Illustrated papers from N. worked over butter. Ada called at Mr Clements early this morning. am cutting scraps for bed.

Tuesday 10. Rainy this forenoon & a little snow in the afternoon which a high wind sent flying making a blizzard in earnest. The wind is going down now, at bed time. & the stars have come out. Churning & working butter. men fixed their seeder. put up a leach &c.

Wednesday 11. a mild pleasant day after the blizzard of yesterday. washing done & soap partly made

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Called to see Mrs Clement.

Thursday 12. Austin went to Warece (bought 27 lbs butter 20 cts a lb.) Gordon came home with him, has been delivering books. It is raining a little again. A Mr Ashton came to the door & ask about horses was looking about to buy one - nothing done.

Friday 13. A strong wind all day, & to night. Thunder & lightning & wind. & the rain drops are beginning to be heard on the south windows. Wilfred took Gordon to the station this morning to go to Ala. Mr Clement came over to night & helped A. milk while Wilfred went to the woods to get some wild turnips. Their girl has a felon coming on her hand & wild turnips will sometimes cure them.

Saturday 14. A hard storm during last night & a very strong wind all day. The soap ^{cake} finished. Wait Stoughten here just at night did not come in. Churning done & butter worked. snow drifts have quite ~~vanished~~ from sight during the day tho there is the last remains of one in the road, & in the ditch not far from the gate. Rained again this afternoon & the wind is more at bed time blowing furiously. wheat sowing will be late. tho a few farmers, have sowed some.

Sunday 15. Ada went to see Mrs Clement - carried her some beef tea. The district school begins tomorrow. The teacher. Edith Claphorn came over from Warece yesterday with Mr Clement & stopped at Mr Dunham where she is to board.

Monday 16. A fine day. Wilfred & men drew ashes away

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from about the house in fore noon in the afternoon harrowed in the north field.

Regulated back Kitchen. stove brought out of the cellar & set up in b.k. called at Mr Clements - saw Ida - mail yesterday, & to day. Letter from R. yesterday - & postal from Willy.

Tuesday 17. A good day harrowing with two teams. Churning & butter working. Mrs Edith Claphorn, the school teacher called this evening to see about boarding here. another calf at the barn. A Hoofstein & Dunham

Wednesday 18. Pleasant day, wheat sowing & dragging in the north field. A washing done. The German girl Lena came again. To say she would come to work next Monday. We were expecting Miss Claphorn to come to night to board with us for a while. she came - but only to say she was to stay at Mr Dunham's as they have now a girl.

Thursday 19. A very nice day for getting in wheat. Mr Clement & H. Drum went to Awatonna. A. sowed lettuce.

Friday 20. Have kept my room most of the day. dizziness & a general sort of unwellness, cause. A little raining this forenoon. men have kept on getting in wheat. Gordon came again to night - walked over from station. Letter from Helen & Augusta Dailey.

Saturday 21. The two teams have been dragging over the wheat field, wind has blown hard all day. & continues to blow this evening. Mr Claphorn brought the mail. magazines & illustrated papers. Letter from Mr Drum & Willy & box of pepper from Mr D. Churning done.

Sunday 22. A quiet day. some of Henrys Drums boys is sick, & Prong was called to see him last night.

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Monday 23 Gordon walked to the station this morning, to take the train to Ansonia, Wilfred has been plowing. The German girl we were expecting to come to day, has not been heard from. Mr Leavitt here to dinner, came to talk about buying cows. Churning again, wrote to Helen.

Tuesday 24 The girl came this afternoon. Mr Clement had old Doll to drive to Waraca. Ada called to see Mrs Clement who is not quite so well. Mr Vinton settled accounts with H. Drum. Miss Claghorn called this evening. Rising a bed quilt in these days, & now & then adding to my scrap books.

Wednesday 25 A pig was killed this forenoon. & A took it to town this afternoon with 43 lbs butter (weight 216.) pork 7 cts. butter 20 cts. 7 cows sold to Mr Leavitt for \$350.

Thursday 26 A fine day. Mr Leavitt came & drove away five of the cows leaving two till next month. Wilfred, Ada, & sister R. have gone to Ansonia to hear Joseph Cook lecture. Ida Younglen has been working at Mr Clements a week or two, is here to stay over night. Churning done. Wrote to Willy.

Friday 27 A beautiful day. Ida stayed & washed this forenoon. Our folks got home at noon. First young chickens. H. Drum came & took the rectangular churn home to try, or to use with a view to buying it.

Saturday 28 Austin went to Waraca, was to go to see about a road. Edith Claghorn rode over with him & came back. Mr Clement also came home with them. The Dr. called to see Mrs C. to day. Thinks her no better, & that they should move at once.

Sunday 29 W. & A. went over to church. Took Herbert,

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Edith Claghorn went with them. called at Mr Clements. did not see Mrs C. A letter from Mr Humphrey telling us of his serious illness for the last six months.

Monday 30 A. went to Waraca. drove Japny & Mr Clements home. Mr C. went, & came back with him. Edith C. called to night. Ada went to Mr Clements with her. The girl came again this forenoon. wrote to Gustie Bailey & Mrs Humphrey.

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Barley sowed & garden partly plowed. A little rain this afternoon. The cistern cleaned out. R. & Ada have both called at Mr Clements. Mrs C. very weak & sick. Sent my letter to W. by Mr Clement. Churning done. & perhaps for the last time in the rectangular churn.

Wednesday 2 Potatoe planting, & garden plowing. washing done. Raining this afternoon. mail brought. "Barren burned away" & magazines & postals from Willy. Mrs Clement seem a little better. cold & very windy in forenoon.

Thursday 3 Field potatoes planting finished. Lousy weather & raining to night. Home just come in from Mr Clements. Mrs C. doesn't gain much. has no appetite, & her stomach can bear very little food or drink. A. has been plowing in the field.

Friday 4 Part of the garden made. another cloudy day. churned twice in the old churn.

Saturday 5 Wilfred took a load of potatoes to Waraca sold them for 40 cts a bushel. Willy Emma & Julia came this afternoon.

Sunday 6 Wilfred, Ada, Willy & Herbert went to church. After they came back. Austin, R. & Emma.

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Julie & I, went to the office after the mail Papers & Letters from Gordon.

Monday 7 W. & W., Emma & I, called at Mr Duns, & stopped to see Mrs Clement a few minutes. The afternoon has been warm & pleasant. The Duns came to get the rectangular churn or to buy it.

Tuesday 8 Wilfred took Willy & Emma to the station to go home but missed the train & brought them back again. Went over again towards night with some wheat for Mr Clement & Willy went with him to go home on the 6 o'clock freight train leaving Emma & Julie to stay a week or two. W. brought a load of sugar dust from station for H. Drum. Ada has spent most of the day at Mr Clement. They are intending to move in a day or two & take Mr C. on a bed.

Wednesday 9 Is raining this evening.

Thursday 10 Mail brought by Andy Duns. Postal from Mr Humphrey. Sam Steiner's picture from Springfield, Ohio. Ada has been nearly all day again at Mr Clements, weather not favorable today for them to move.

Friday 11 A pleasant day. The Clements moved to Meseca. Mr Winston & Wilfred each going with a team. Peter Duncas & Henry Duns also took each a load. Mr C. was put on a bed into a covered spring wagon & bore the journey very well. Belle Hawkey came over with a team & altogether the moving was successfully accomplished without loss.

Saturday 12 Went to Meseca station with Austin to take Emma & Julie. Herbert went with us. A letter

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from Gusti Bailey with news of Mrs Gregory's continued illness & probable death.

Wilfred & August went to Meseca with a load of wheat for Mr Clement & to help drive the last two of the cows sold to Mr Leavitt & Mr Co. cow.

Monday 21 - went to Avatorra Sunday 13. & found that Mrs Gregory's remains had been brought from Minneapolis the day before & taken from the train to the cemetery, owing to Mrs Bailey's illness none of the family came down, except Mr D. Hattie & Christie & they went back the same day. Rained Sunday afternoon & evening. W. & Austin & I, were stopping at Dr Ogden, Meseca & I, went to the Cong'l church. Sun evening & heard Mrs Kimball talk on the temperance question. Monday, went to Mr Stoughtons. Tuesday, A. came home I did a little shopping. called at Mrs Sawyers & walked up to Mr Stoughtons. Wednesday, went to Mrs Holts & got my new bonnet. called on Mrs Beers. & stayed till Raymond S. came for me. Wed evening, went to Mr Kidell to a sociable. Thursday was a rainy day, Mr Stoughton took me up to Mr Bares in the forenoon. In the afternoon A. came to Mr Co. he had brought sister H. to A. to hear the Tennesseans. but the concert having been postponed a day, we stayed ~~over~~ stayed at Mr Co. over night & came to town Friday, stopped at the Dr's, went with them to the concert & came home next day. Saturday, buying Ella Case. Rained

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every day last week except Tuesday & Wednesday. Yesterday - Edith Claphorn came in, & played & sung with W. C. & Ella C. Today has been pleasant & our folks have been marking corn ground & planting corn - working done.

Tuesday 22 - A. took a load of potatoes to Warona, where they sold for 40 cts. Wilfred & man planted 9 acres of corn. Sent postal to Gustie & Sam Stevens, & note to Gordon in Mrs Letter.

Wednesday 23 - Austin went to the station. Wilfred & man worked at corn ground & planting. We are knitting a rag rug, & N. is making a calico dress for me. Mr Clement was in the neighborhood today. H. Drum called this afternoon. He's hired man has been quite sick - is getting better. Herbert dropped sweet corn for his grove for to plant.

Thursday 24 - Herbert's fourth birth day. Mr & Mrs Core came this forenoon & stayed till after 3 o'clock. Ella went home with them. Morning was dark & cloudy - rained a little in the night. The afternoon has been warm & pleasant. "Charles Kewzel" was here to dinner.

Friday 25 - Austin went to Warona with a load of hay for Mr Clement - sent postal to Willy. Guest chamber cleaned & furnished bedstead & cane bottomed chairs. Mr Ben nett here today buying cattle. Corn planting finished.

Saturday 26 - Austin went to Warona again with wheat for flour & some things for Mr Clement. Edith Claphorn went on with him. Allie & Chesley Hawkes came with a couple of colts that are to be pastured here this summer. Finished

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the rag rug we have been knitting, cleaned my room closet. Guest chamber regulated. Loking & churning done. Wilfred put the wire bars on the windows. A little rain this afternoon & quite a storm of small hail at Warona.

Sunday 27 - A pleasant day tho it sprinkled a number of times. Wilfred, Ada, R. & Herbert went to church. Ada stayed at Mr Clements to help nurse Mrs C. who does not get well. Edith Claphorn rode home with them. Man rode to station to get the mail. Letter from Gordon. papers from R. to N. The czar of Russia to be crowned. Alexander III, or the ceremonies to begin. & last to the 8th of June. The girl went home as usual, came back dark.

Monday 28 - Austin went to Warona to get some wire. colts got out of the pasture & were put in the stable. Wilfred worked in the garden. put in sage. melons. cucumbers &c. man, dragging the planted corn ground. Lena's friends called at the gate to see her. Working done & some ironing. Have been busy seeing to the work - mending & knitting. Dr. Ware went to.

Tuesday 29 - Austin made another trip to Warona on road business & took more things for Mr Clement. Brought home from Mr Hawkes, a pair of Holstein twins, which are to be raised for Herbert. a present from Mr Hawkes. Ironing & baking done. N. frantly cleaned her room. She's not feeling well & hasn't done much work.

Wednesday 30 - The men have been making wire fence around a pasture for sheep & swine.

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Did a little more varnishing, & finished cleaning her room. Dined for dinner. second time this spring. (Dandelions) churning. ^{Burtie} Bata from Thursday 31. Cleaned the sitting room. Miss Edith called just at night. men worked at their fence. The span of bay horses Kit & Fan. sold to day to Lank. Stump of Awatorina: for \$400.

Friday

June 1st, A very windy day. Cleaned my room, varnished a little furniture. a busy day for us all. sprinkled a little & threatened rain, most of the forenoon.

Saturday 2. Wilfred & his father went to Wasca drove the horse Major, with Topsy. He had never had a harness on before. Mrs Clement is not so well & it is feared she will never be any better. Ada has been there since last Sunday to help nurse her. Letters from Willy, Mrs Humphrey, & one from Mr Bodder of Fairbault to Curtin.

Sunday 3. Wilfred went to church. took sister R. over to Mr Clements to take care of Mrs C. a few days. Ada came home. The day has been very pleasant.

Monday 4. Washing day clothes dried. but it has been cloudy nearly all day. & is now at 8 o'clock raining softly, no wind. Willy Clement called at the door this morning. said his mother had passed a comfortable night. He had come over to get Ida, to take the place of their girl who had gone home. Fence making still going on. A. has been planting in the garden this afternoon. went to John Daniels in the forenoon. H. Drum went to Awatorina. Herbert has a cold & has gone to bed early. Fresh fish for breakfast, yesterday, & this morning.

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Tuesday 5

folks bought them in Wasca, Sat. The wire fence nearly done. Sent postal to Kory & Julia & letter to Gordon. Received letter from R. Hansen - troubled with dizzy head yesterday & to day. Letter from Gordon to R.

Wednesday 6

went to Wasca, with A. drove Topsy & Maggie, called at Mr Clements. Mrs C. about the same. Her sister Mrs. Banner had come. R. will stay the rest of the week. went up town. did a little shopping. went into Cornes, to look at furniture called to see Mr Kauck a few minutes. called at Mr in Car, again on the way home, Charles Vinton came just as we were starting to Wasca.

Thursday 7

Herb has been very well to day. The ride over the rough roads to Wasca yesterday was too much for me. The day has been pleasant. Curtin & Charles went to G. Dums this afternoon to see the stock. have since gone to R. Dums to see one of his colts - which has been badly cut on a wire fence. Our folks have finished their pasture fence & have this afternoon been fixing the road fence in front of the house. The lilacs have been in bloom a week.

Sunday 10

Yesterday & day before I was sick in bed with a pain in my side. Am much better to day. Our folks intended to go to Awatorina Friday. but it rained in the forenoon. in the afternoon a gate was made in the barnyard fence. yesterday. Charles went home, Wilfred & men plowed up the calf pasture. in the afternoon Curtin went to town expecting to bring sister R. home, but Mrs C. being very low, the family wished her to stay. The day has been pleasant & still. but the roads too bad to go to church. wrote to Julia Vinton. A. wrote to Mr Dums.

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Monday 11

Rainy this forenoon, in afternoon, pumpkins & seed planted. & cabbage plants set out. Have been feeling better. made button holes in my new calico. & fixed my moccasins. A Henderson boy came on an errand. No word from the Clements. A. drove Enragged Major down to the old Lindsey place to get cabbage plants.

Tuesday 12

Beans planted on a newly plowed piece of ground. H. Dunn took our mail to the office & brought a letter for H. Channing home.

Wednesday 13

Adas room cleaned. Mr Tuttle called & took dinner with us. Dugford plowed out potato field. Herbert got vaccinated. coughed badly & we were quite troubled about him fearing he was going to be sick. seems quite well again now at dark.

Thursday 14

Sister R. came home to night bringing the sad news of Mrs Clements' death. She died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The funeral to be at the house tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Our folks began shearing sheep.

Friday 15

The family except myself went over to the funeral. Herbert stayed with me. Cloudy this morning & threatened rain. but cleared off. & it has been the warmest day of the season. Cleaned out & regulated the big closet up stairs. Finished another rag rug yesterday.

Saturday 16

Heavy thunder storming last night. A pleasant day. We sheared sheep. His father went to station. Letter from Gordon. postal from Willy. Century, & illustrated papers from R. Made curtains for windows in the sitting room warm again today.

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Sunday 17

A rainy day. Thundered early this morning & rained before breakfast a good deal of water has fallen. Girl went home & has not returned.

Monday 18

Austin went to Swasee on road business. Girl came home at dark. usual excuse for not coming back last night: "was sick." Peter Daniels came after the seven little pigs w. sold him the other day, wrote to Gordon.

Wednesday 20

I didn't write in my book last night not feeling well. Fortitude was Austin's sixty sixth birth day. bright & pleasant all day. Wilfred & span worked on the road. A. hoed in the garden. To day has been rainy somewhat. August worked on the road. Wilfred plowed corn front of the house. Sheared two sheep. I cough a good deal. & have not felt at all well this afternoon.

Monday 25

Last Friday Austin & Wilfred went to Awatauna & sent the Dr up to see me. He came about 4 o'clock & they got home an hour or more later. The doctor gave me a tonic & cough medicine & thought I would be better soon. Willy came Saturday night quite unexpectedly. came over from the station, after we had fall gone to bed. Stayed till this morning. went back to the station with the horse Mr Goodrell let him have to come with. Took the 7 o'clock freight train.

Austin has gone to W. on tour. business. The Clement boys are here to day, Willy, Arthur & Lucien. A. brought a new suit of clothes from C.A.

Monday

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A bright morning. a Mr Wheelock is here at work fixing the stone work of the outside cellar door. The weather is

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very hot yesterday, 95° in the shade.
For the last week I have not been well enough to write regularly in my book & have neglected it altogether. Last Friday Wilfred went to C. on business, saw the Dr. & thought he had better come to see me again. He came, changed the medicines, I had been taking, & thought I would soon be about again. Thought better of my lungs than when he was here week before. Wilfred & Ada & Herbert went to C. & Mr. Cases, Saturday & came home last night. I was not so well yesterday afternoon & last night having an attack of pain in the bowels. But I hope to feel better again today. Edith Claghorn called last evening. Lena, the girl, went off last Tuesday, the 26. Her cousin was ailing & sent for her. I told her if she was going to take her clothes & not come back again, which she did after a short conference, & a due amount of wailing on her part. She returned yesterday accompanied by her cousin's husband to a few remaining articles of clothing, we are needing help, & may take her back, if we can during the week, get no other girl.
Mercury 87° nearly noon.

Tuesday 3. A. went to Waseca this morning, came back a little after noon. Took a letter to Willy & post to Mrs. Humphrey. Bought some brick for Mr. Drumm. The mason staid this forenoon & bricked or fixed around the outside of the cellar window for which & his work of yesterday, he was paid \$3.75. Austin & W. are making a new cellar door. Mr. Clement called this afternoon.

Wednesday 4. Afternoon. The morning was rainy. After it cleared

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up Wilfred, & Ada & Herbert, went to Waseca to celebrate the 4th. The day is much cooler than for the last few days, mercury above 90, yesterday & day before. I am feeling a little better each day, tho not very strong yet. walk about the house, & feel anxious to be able to do ^{things} some. W. & A. came home last night a little after midnight. Today has been pleasant & cool, & comfortable, I have stired about more & have done a very little light work, besides knitting. The celebration at Waseca yesterday, passed off as well as could be expected, after the rain in the morning.

A Methodist camp meeting begins today on the shore of Clear Lake at Waseca. August the man, came back from his 4th. late this forenoon. Showers during last night & raining to day. Yesterday A. & W. partly made an outside cellar door, & to day have worked at it between showers. Have done a little mending. 3 p. m. raining steadily.

Thursday 7. A cool pleasant day. A. went to Waseca & went by the way of Goose Lake to see about a road. Wilfred has painted the dining room. Several ailing lambs at the stable, none of them dead yet. Found sick last night. District school closed yesterday. Postal to Willy this morning. One from Mr. Dail, ^(at Fargo) Minn. D.

Friday 8. Another cool pleasant day, W. & A. went to the camp meeting this morning. Have not returned. It has been a very restful quiet day. strawberries & cream for dinner.

Saturday 9. Austin & Sister R. went over to the camp meeting. The girl Lena came back, & thought she would come to work again Friday. We expect Ida to come tomorrow to do our two weeks washing. W. cleaned

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up the yard & slaked a quantity of lime & put it in the cellar. &c. &c.

Tuesday 10. Ida came this morning & did the washing is to stay over tomorrow. Mr. Keady came to show samples of woollen goods & buy the wool. Our folks made a step to the back porch, covered over the old well & cleaned up the yard again. Had a strawberry short cake for tea. Strawberries from Mr. Clements. 86° above 0. middle of the day.

Wednesday 11. Went with A. this morning to Mr. Plummer, Ida has done the ironing. & W. A. & Herbert are just starting to take her home. very warm again to day. cut out a shirt for A. this afternoon. am feeling much better, but was afraid to go to the camp meeting. tho' we thought of it. It closes tomorrow. Letter from R. Mr. Humphrey, & Little Julia, & Mary ^{one}.

Thursday 12. A. rode to the station with J. Dunn. W. has gone to Waseca to a masonic meeting. Painted the inside sashes of two windows in the dining room & helped paint front of the pantry. Mr. Clement called at the door. Letter yesterday from Gordon to h. & one today from Sheridan.

Friday 13. Austin went to Ansonia to get floor paint & something about a mower. Wilfred & I did a little more painting in the pantry, & window. The girl Lena came in once more. is now thinking of going to Dakota.

Saturday 14. Wilfred painted the dining room floor & the floors of the two porches & the bath room. A. mowed the grass in the sides of the road this afternoon. Partly made a shirt. Owing to the fresh paint, have taken our meals since breakfast in the back kitchen.

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Sunday 15. A pleasant day. nobody went to church as we expect company tomorrow & thought best to save our strength as we have no evil. Austin & Herbert have gone to the post office. W. wrote to Willy A. to R. & J. Monday 16. We expected Mr. & Mrs. Case & Miss Woodruff here to day. but owing to the rain of last night doubtless, they did not come. Lena came back last night & proposed going to work again but this morning her heart failed her & she again took up her little bundle & tramped away once more to her cousin. Ada picked 4 quarts raspberries, 3 quarts having been picked before. worked over butter in the cellar. Churning done. Finished footings another pair of cotton socks for W.

Tuesday 17. A fine day. Mrs. & Mrs. Case their daughter & Miss Woodruff came this forenoon & stayed till 4 o'clock. Austin went to Waseca & brought Mrs. Steven Preston home to stay a day or two. Had green peas & raspberry short cake for dinner.

Wednesday 18. Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes came over in the afternoon went home about 9. Our folks are hoping a little sprinkle of rain this evening.

Thursday 19. This forenoon Mrs. Preston cut out a nearly made a frock for Ada. Austin took her home after dinner. 4 quarts raspberries picked to day & about 3 yesterday. Also a few quarts of currants to day. Windy this afternoon & threatening rain. Finished A's shirt & did some other sewing.

Friday 20. Did a little washing. prepared a few currants for drying. &c. &c. A. went to station. A letter from Gurley Daily. Telling of Mrs. Dailey's serious illness. 82° above 0. Gordon has come in quite unexpectedly. ^{this evening}

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Saturday 21 A hard rain & harder wind. Part of a cottonwood tree near the granary blew down. Apples were blown off & the crops somewhat injured. Went with A. over to Sweden Younglens to see Ida about coming to work for us again.

Sunday 22 a rainy day

Monday 23. Wilfred took Gordon to Waroca to take the train for Janesville. Sent letter to Gustie. A good deal of rain has fallen to day. We hear from different parts of the state of much damage done by the winds & hail last Saturday. Not much harm has been done to the crops in this neighborhood we hope. Mr. Pallas' barn was blown down & the German Methodist church at the station & some houses unroofed. Not far away one or two demolished. The roof of the Springfield flooring mill injured. At Waroca the flooring mill very much injured, carpet factory ruined & various other buildings more or less injured. A water tower badly torn up. but we haven't heard particulars. The storm must have extended a large part of the state. we anxiously await farther accounts.

Tuesday 24 Ida came this morning to work again. A. went after her. As the heavy rains had made it difficult getting her on foot. Working done. August picked about 4 quarts of berries & I quarts yesterday. Ada made raspberry jam & a little currant jelly. made another colored shirt for Austin. Wilfred rode to Jopry to the station. stopped to see the ruins of Mr. Pallas' barn. A letter from Willy & Emma telling of the effects of the storm in their neighborhood. The

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front of their store was blown out, & trees broken down. property destroyed all around them.

Wednesday 25. Ada & R. colored black in the big kettle in the back yard. churning done. In the afternoon went to Waroca with A. to get a polonaise made. could get no material. & so. came home again instead of staying till tomorrow. as I had intended. Roads very rough.

Thursday 26. Home sick nearly all day. Wilfred & man have been drawing hay. A. went to station. Porter from Gordon. & wait for the rest of the family. A postal to Julie Vinton.

Friday 27. Have been getting ready to go to Minneapolis tomorrow. to see Mrs. Dailey. our folks began to cut barley. A pleasant cool day.

Saturday August 11. Went to Minneapolis two weeks ago to day. The next day. Sunday. went with Gordon to the Hennepin Ave. Methodist church & heard Bishop Warren preach. saw Bishop Fox, & Rev. Mr. Chaffee. During the week went about the city a little. visited the Syndicate building. part of which had just been burned. a carpet & china store. & the ruins were still smoking. Tuesday night went with Mrs. Moore & August Dailey, to the Opera house (which is in the Syndicate building) to hear Henry Ward Beecher lecture on the uses of beauty & luxury, or something to that effect. also one day went with Gordon to call on Mrs. Hortense Baldwin, at her Aunt's, Mrs. Abbotts. Last Sunday the 5th. went with Gordon again, to the Plymouth Congl church & heard the Rev. Dr. Stone preach. Before time for the services to begin, we went into Westminster Presbyterian church, a beautiful building in ruins out,

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Tuesday the 7th I came away leaving Mr. Dailey quite as well as I found her. but Gertie Dailey was sick with fever, & the doctor coming to see her every day. I came to Warsaw went to Mr. Steven Perston's & stayed over night. the next day went with Mrs. P. to spend the day at Mr. Neaukes, stayed all night & came to town early (with Mr. H. & Henna). where Austin came for me & we got home before noon. During my absence, our folks had finished haying or all they wished to do before harvest. Thursday afternoon began cutting wheat. They were busy with the reaper all day yesterday. most of the day has been rainy. Wilfred & Ada were to have gone to Warsaw this afternoon to attend the Bonville concert but were kept at home by the rain. While at Minneapolis wrote to Willy & Little Julia & received a letter from Willy.

Sunday 12 Wilfred, Ada, & Herbert went to church. August went home as usual. Spent the day in reading & resting. A letter yesterday from Roxy. & postal from Mrs. Lee. Sent postals to Mr. Dailey, Gordon & Willy.

Monday 13 Wheat cutting continues in the north field. They the musquitoes are over my head yesterday flies just beginning to be troublesome. worked over butter churned Saturday.

Tuesday 14 Cool weather, very for the time of year - 62° - yesterday or day before 52°, flies, & few flies, men cutting oats. Dr. H. brought in a quantity of ferns.

Wednesday 15 Wilfred went to Warsaw. Grover, Major & Don, came back before noon, went after twine for

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binding grain, 72° - wrote to Mrs. Stevens, Thursday 16 84° - wheat cutting continued - wrote to Emma. Friday 17 wheat harvest, or cutting, finished, & postals to Helen & Poinona. another postal from Mrs. Lee & letter from Gordon. Tommy Dunn brought the mail - & took ours to the office.

Saturday 18 Austin went to Warsaw with a load of wheat - 90 cts. took 11 lbs butter, 18 cts. a postal to Mrs. Lee. a small washing done. N. is making a brown worsted skirt for me.

Sunday 19 Austin, Nancy & I went to church. Heard Mr. Magoun's preach from 2 Kings. 4. chap. 19-20.

Monday 20 one stack of wheat put up & another begun. made a new tick for a pillow & a new pillow for the lounge in sitting room. did a little ironing. churning done. N. finished my skirt. nice weather. First green corn last Saturday. Postals from Willy.

Tuesday 21 Went with Austin to Okauchina. drove Tony & the colt Don. called to see Miss Beers. took dinner at the Dr's, Cora, Mrs. Graham. still at the Dr's. did a little shopping. went to see the dentist. started home before five & while there was every prospect of a storm but we reached home safely about sun down. while in O. the wind blew clouds of dust through the streets & every body feared another cyclone. here, tops of stacks were blown off. & wheat shocks blown about, & several bushels of apples blown off. Postals from Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Stevens.

Wednesday 22 Went to Mr. Plumer's to stay while A. went to Warsaw with apples to sell. 9 bushels windfalls. Ducker's apples, \$1.25 per bushel - (Took Herbert

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Heard of a cyclone at Rochester. anxious to hear more about it, said to have occurred yesterday. Ida came last night washed today. & has gone home again tonight to help do their stacking. Is talking of going to Amherst to work.

Thursday 23. Ida came in this morning again to confer about going to Aa. she is to go tomorrow to work for Mr Barnard two weeks, & then come here. Wilfred & man continue stacking wheat. Austin cut oats this forenoon. Austin & H. have gone to the station for the mail & to hear about the recent storm at Rochester.

Friday 24. Went this afternoon to Waroca to attend a sociable at Mrs Sudduths. Heard much talk of the terrible cyclone at Rochester & vicinity. Nothing more dreadful was ever heard of. We brought home a Minn. Tribune, giving different reports of the awful destruction of life & property. Sent postals to Mrs Christie & Gordon. A letter to A. from Charles Dinton.

Saturday 25. We had a shower & were fearful of a storm of wind. It stopped the oat stacking. W & A. & Herbert have gone to the station to get the mail. We are putting cucumbers into alcohol & water for pickles. two quarts alcohol & ten quarts water. & a piece of alum the size of well. a piece of alum. A letter from Willy & postal from G. to A.

Sunday 26. A very pleasant day. Wilfred, Ada, H. & Herbert went to church, & staid to S. S. H. called at Mr Sudduths to see Mrs Garrison who is there, sick. threatened with fever.

Monday 27. Washing done. man worked at the fence. north

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Tuesday 28. Wilfred & Ada went to Aa. took a lot of chickens & sold them for 9cts a pound. Ironing done. Painted two chairs - fixed a cushion for rocking chair. Postals from Mrs Humphrey & Hattie Christie, & letter from Gordon.

Wednesday 29. A good working day. Wilfred & man drawing & stacking oats. Mr Newel called to see Austin. did not come in. Churning done. covered another ^{chair} cushion. Partly made some canvas. hare blankets. H. & A.

Thursday 30. Haying & drawing oats. In these days we are having a good many vegetables. Tomatoes first time for dinner. Sweet corn at its best. Postal to Mrs Humphrey. H. & a letter to Bertie.

Friday 31. Austin went to Waroca with a load of wheat - which was sold sometime ago, for 90. Took a bushel of apples, 1.50. W. & man tried to stack ^{hay} this forenoon. but owing to high wind left it & finished stacking oats. went down just at night & fixed their hay stack for a rain. Apples have blown off, & H. & I have been on the watch to pick them up before the chickens could get at them, as they peck them as fast as they fall. Painted the floor of the bath room.

Saturday September 1st Austin went to Amherst this morning with a load of sheep for the butcher. has not returned yet. ^{Wed} Ada has gone to school meeting with H. Drum.

Sunday 2. Wilfred went to Aa, to church, & was then going to Mr Cases - where Ada &

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Herbert are visiting. Mr Meyer is also there, Adas' brother-in-law. First-plum brought in yesterday.

Monday 3. A. went to Waukegan to meet Gordon & Miss Baldwin & brought them home.

Tuesday 4. Wilfred went to Oconomowoc this morning to attend the state fair. Austin took Gordon part-way to Waukegan to take the morning train to Chicago. Fine weather.

Wednesday 5. Fine weather continues. Wilfred & Ada came home from the Fair at 9 o'clock this evening. Willy did not come as we expected.

Saturday 8. Last Thursday. Austin, H. & I. went to the state fair at Oconomowoc. It looked like rain in the morning & waiting for it to clear up made us late in starting. But the roads were fine & we had a pleasant ride & arrived at the fair-ground about 11 o'clock. soon found Willy & drove about the grounds, taking up the Wescott girls. & when it began to sprinkle & we expected a hard shower got out at the Methodist dining hall where we staid to dinner. It threatened a rain most of the afternoon but finally cleared up much to everybody's satisfaction. There was a fine show of cattle & of horses too, I believe. The I didn't go to see the latter we all went to the grand stand to see the trotting races. Willy left us early to take the train home. Mr. A. H. & I. went home with Mr. Case. staid all night & came back to town in the morning. A. to go to the fair grounds again. H. & I. to do a little shopping. make colls &

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called at Mr. Rice's to see Mrs. Dick. Reached home before dark, called at the dentist's to have a little work done. Gordon came from Waukegan just after we got home. He came on the afternoon train from Chicago. Today after dinner Austin & Wilfred took Gordon & Miss Baldwin to W. to take the train to Minneapolis. Yesterday there was a very cold wind through the afternoon & last night a severe frost killing every thing in the garden & injuring the corn crop badly. we are having no plums this year or almost none.

Sunday 9. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to church. A cool day. Frost again last night - in some places tho our folks thought there was not much here. Ida was to have come back to night but has not yet made her appearance.

Monday 10. Picked cranberry beans to dry. Had Lima beans for dinner. Austin took 7½ bushels of apples to market - \$1.75 per bushel, had sold \$1.50 worth before. Postal from Willy.

Tuesday 11. Went this afternoon with A. to Mr. Renshaw to see about sending for yarn. Wilfred is plowing. August picked the last of the Duchess Apples. Dry weather. The cornfields about the country are whitening fast from the effects of the frost.

Wednesday 12. Austin & men went down in the pasture to see about water for the colts - & got the horses down all over into the mud & water. Ada began making plum jam, tho there are not many plums & they are not very nice. am making a pair of woolsen drawers for

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Thursday 13th Thursday Austin went to Warsaw with H. Drum on the milk can business. Took a bushel of crab apples for Mr. Sudduth's churning done. Finished A's drawers. Had Lina Lewis for dinner again. Ada finished making jam. Picked up a peck of butternuts. Herbert & I, under the trees in the front yard.

Friday 14th Went this morning over to Sweden Johnsons to ask about a girl. went on to Sweden Young lens to inquire about Ida. who has not yet returned from Awatonne. A working done. A. & H. went to the post office sent letter to Emma, a letter from Gordon announcing his marriage to Miss Hortense Baldwin a postal to A. from Mr. Dailay. A package of papers came from Ft. Sidney.

Saturday 15th A little raining this afternoon. The A. continued plowing. A. went to Rick Meadows to borrow a load of oats. cleaned it in the fanning mill this afternoon. sowed a little. Sold a half bushel of Dutch apples to Charley Gustafson. who brought our mail. letter from Willy & one from Gordon in Wis. to H.

Sunday 16th All stayed at home, & rested.

Monday 17th A pleasant day. Mrs. Plummer & daughter called at the door. Put up a can of stewed apples.

Tuesday 18th Austin went to Co. this morning with H. Drum, cut & made a pair of drawers for A. wrote to Hortense in N.S. letter.

Wednesday 19th Austin came home last night between 8 & 9 o'clock. bringing Ida from Co. from Mr. Barnard's where she had been at work for the last two or three weeks. we are thinking A. & I, of going to Co. & Fairbault tomorrow.

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but it looks very much like rain & we will hardly go. A. has been saving seed sweet corn. Austin drove over to Sweden Young lens this morning with Ida to carry some plants she brought from A. Herbert went with them.

Sunday 23rd We did start to go to Fairbault - Last Thursday, went to Awatonne. by the way of the station, stopped at the post office & got a letter from sister R. A. & O. called to see Miss Beers. & went into Moors to get a pattern. went on up to Mr. Care's & stopped intending to stay only an hour, but it began to rain soon after we stopped & we concluded to stay over night. In the morning we went on to Fairbault arriving at Mr. Humphreys' about noon. Just at night received a postal from Mrs. Care telling us of the death of Mr. Plummer. who had died Thursday the 20th the day we left home. we stayed but one night at Mr. K's. came home yesterday by the way of Warsaw. not a very pleasant road. Brought home a few rolls from the woolen factory, we had sent a fleece of wool there a year ago to be carded. but had neglected to send for the rolls. Wilfred, Aela & H. went to Mr. Plummer's funeral yesterday. it took place at the house & he was buried at Wilton. Austin & I rode down to see Mrs. P. this evening, or got back just at dark. I & A. & H. went over to church. Ida went home. also the men. It is raining this evening.

Monday 24th The twenty sixth anniversary of sister R's

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marriage. The man went away this morning to Wareca. to be gone all day. Ida has ironed the last weeks washing. Stewed our first pumpkin & head melons for dinner. but they were not good, & we have had no good ones. owing to the severe early frost. Went over to Mr Daniels & borrowed a wheel, & spun three knobs of yarn.

Tuesday 25. Austin took D. to Wareca to stay a few days at Mr Steven Prestons. Went by the way of Mr Kinneys to take a barrel for syrup. washing done & part of the ironing. spun 8 knobs of yarn. Green tomatoes set up for pickles. Have a cold since yesterday. & sore throat. Mr Rudy came to deliver the flannel & yarn we were to have for the wool.

Wednesday 26. Wilfred is now plowing in the north field. Finished the plowing in the south field yesterday. A. & the man were at work in the potato field. with the horses near Doll & Don. when they started off & ran towards home coming into the little pit west of the house, where they ran into a corner & stopped. without having ^{broken} anything. August soon came & drove them back. Have spun another skein of yarn. my throat is much better. but am feeling rather miserable from my cold. Letters came from Gordon & Hortense to D. Sent a postal yesterday to Mrs Humphrey but A. forgot to mail it & left it with Mrs Plummer to send. A load of potatoes put into the cellar. Ada made tomato pickles.

Thursday 27. Plowing & potatoe digging, outside. ironing

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& churning & mending indoors.

Friday 28. A show storm early this morning. A. went to W. on town business. & brought Sister R. home. wrote to sister R. Put stone in sitting room.

Saturday 29. Wilfred & man. threshed for Henry Dunn. we expected a visit from The Humphrey children. but they did not come. Stoves put in guest chamber, & D.'s room. Finished a pair of stockings for Herbert.

Sunday 30.

A. went to A.A. and brought Miss Bens home with him to stay a week or two & help make over two or three old dresses. Letters from Gustie D. & Pomona Leach, Postal to R. from Gordon & magazine & papers from R.

Monday

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wrote to Gustie D. men plowing & digging potatoes. A very gloomy day.

Tuesday 2.

A pleasant day. Potatoe digging. but no plowing. Herbert has a bad cold. William Pearce came in this evening to get help for threshing.

Wednesday 3.

Potatoe digging finished. German Pallas came to get help to raise his barn, which was blown down in the 2nd July wind.

Thursday 4.

Wilfred & August. threshed for Mr Dunn. went with A. to Wareca in the afternoon. saw five threshing machines at work between here & Mr Bickers. Roads are good. but we are needing rain. wells are drying up, & water getting scarce for cattle.

Friday 5.

Wilfred went to help the German put up his barn. & went to the post office. a letter from Mrs Humphrey. & package from Sidney to R. August threshed for Mr Dunn.

Saturday 6.

Wilfred & man threshed for Mr. Dunn. Addie Dunn & Mary Clement called. Adas dress finished or nearly.

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Sunday 7 Wilfred & sister Harry went to church. communion. It was very windy & the wind continues to blow from the south & it seems like rain. Miss Beers rode over to the station & posted from W. & Meriden from Gustie Dailey. we are expecting her here next Tuesday. Sent letter to Julia Vinton.

Monday 8 Little Julia's ninth birth day. Herbert hurt himself somehow in his play ^{down at the barn} & we think fainted or lost consciousness. His lip was cut or hurt but he seems about as usual after a nap. The men killed a sheep this afternoon. Miss B. began my dress this morning. an alpaca. not new, color ed over. W. & man threshed till after noon for Mr Dunn. washing done.

Tuesday 9 Austin went to Warece this morning & brought Mr Auguste Dailey. Thursday turned out to be pleasant. Have not been feeling any well yesterday & to day. Postal from Willy & letter from Gordon to W. A. took a basket of crab apples ^{to market}.

Wednesday 10 Austin went to Warece to the county fair & to mill. August threshed for Mr Daniels.

Thursday 11 Rained this afternoon. There was to be a corn festival to night at Warece which Wilfred & Ada expected to attend, but were kept at home by the rain.

Friday 12 A pleasant day. W. & man threshed for Andy Dunn. Fannie Preston, & Hannah & Allie Hawks came just at dark. Allie went home after tea.

Saturday 13 A gloomy day. Harry Dunn brought the mail, & letter from Emma & Little Julia. Charles Hawks came after the girls, & they went home about 5 o'clock. Wilfred & man threshed again for Mr Dunn.

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Sunday 14 Wilfred & Ada went to church leaving Herbert at home. Ada went home after dinner. Good weather. Leaves nearly all off the trees.

Monday 15 Austin went to Warece & to Mr Henderson's to get a sheep. Miss Beers finished my dress. Ada washed. Gloomy weather this forenoon bright this afternoon & very bright moonlight this evening. a postal to Willy & a box of crab apples.

Tuesday 16 Austin went to Warece to get a load of bran. W. & Ada went to W. in the covered buggy. Left Herbert at home. Came home by the post office. A letter from Willy. Letter to Gustie from home. Letter from Gordon to W.

Wednesday 17 A rainy, windy, disagreeable day. Austin was to have taken Miss Beers horse, but the weather prevented. Put up two cans of apples - crab apple.

Thursday 18 A. took Miss Beers horse, F. Dunn. brought the mail. a postal from Willy. Letter to Gustie & postal from Mr Cook to Ada.

Friday 19 Wilfred went to Warece after another load of bran. Gustie cut & fitted a lining on coat for W.

Saturday 20 A. went to Warece on town business. Allie & Charles Hawks came after their colts, which have been fastened here this summer.

Sunday 21 Snowed this morning enough to stop W. & Ada from going to church. Austin drove to station to mail letter for G. & letter to Willy. Brought registered letter from Col Dunn to W. Mr Dunn brought mail from office yesterday & sent it to day. Letter from R.

Monday 22 A gloomy day. Ada did the washing & went home to help take care of the thrashers. Austin went to Warece & beyond to see about getting a thrashing machine. Sent letter to Gordon. A hog killed.

Tuesday 23. Mr & Mrs. Case came this afternoon to stay a day or two. Finished the first pair of stockings of yarn of my own spinning. Gertie is making a velvet bonnet for me. She & R. are knitting red yarn slippers. The last potatoes put into the cellar making in all a hundred & seventy five or eighty bushels.

Wednesday 24. Not a bright day. Mr & Mrs Case & W. A. & Herbert went to Waraca calling at Mrs Plumas on the way. J. Dunn brought the mail. Magazines & papers from Sidney. Letter for Gertie. Ida did not come back till this morning. Threshing machine expected tomorrow.

Thursday 25. Another cloudy day. Mr & Mrs C. & Ada & Herbert went to Mrs Plumas to dinner. Came back about 3 o'clock & the C's. went home. Threshing machine came this afternoon. not in time to go to work. J. D. is drawing wheat to station & brings our mail. A postal from Mrs Humphrey telling to expect the children. Saturday a letter from H. C. to Gertie.

Friday 26. Threshing machine broke down afternoon 3:10 & more bushels of oats were threshed & two of the men went to Waraca to get it mended. & didn't get back till after dark. The sun has tried to shine this afternoon & succeeded in part.

Saturday 27. Cloudy all day, & raining this morning but the threshing went on & was finished before dark. The men all stayed camp. 4:10. Bushels of wheat 45 4 bushels of oats & 46 of barley.

Sunday 28. The three threshers stayed all night. had their breakfast by themselves & went away before the rest of the family were up. except W. A. Ida, & myself. The day has been mild but

cloudy. W. A. & Herbert went over to the post-office just before night. brought a letter from Willy home to Gertie from home saying Mrs Bailey had had quite a severe attack of head ache & vomiting, & G. is to go home in the morning, & Mrs Austin & I are intending to go to Warajo tomorrow if it does not rain.

Thursday
November 1st

We went to Warajo. Left Monday, the 29. as we intended. The roads are good & we had a pleasant ride there. Stopped in Anatonima half an hour or more. A. bought an overcoat at Denerville for \$18.

Tuesday afternoon we went with Willy. Emma & Julia to Dodge Center. & made a short visit at Dr. Benvers. met Mrs Hillman there. Came home Wednesday yesterday. wind blowing hard all day. stopped at Mr Stoughton on hom & rode went into Moore. Got home just at dark. Raymond S. & wife gone to Iowa.

Friday 2

A pleasant day. Yesterday A. went to Mr Kinney's & brought home a barrel of sorghum syrup, & went to Waraca & got shingles to cover a corn crib. This morning this morning H. Drum came down & took the spring home except 5 gallons, which are kept. Price, 70 cts a gallon. Mr & Mrs Cherry called. & the Drum children came down to see Herbert. made a peach basket bag yesterday, & wrote to Willy & Emma. Today wrote postals to Gertie. Mrs Humphrey & Helen, but haven't sent them to the office. Letter from Helen while we were gone to evening. Postal from Gertie Wednesday night.

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Saturday 3. Pleasant all day. A. plowed with three horses. Wilfred & man picked corn, & W. worked part or all of the forenoon shingling the corn crib. Harry, Mary, & Martha Humphrey came this afternoon. A bright evening & we hope the weather will be favorable for going to church tomorrow.

Sunday 4. Went to church. Austin & I, in our covered buggy. Harry H. the little girl & R. in their the Humphrey carriage. Found Dr. Mrs Ware & Evelyn here when we got home. They went home just at night. Wilfred & Ada went to the Plumer B. house to hear Mr. Jennison the Methodist minister from Ware, called at Mrs Plumer's. a few minutes on our way home from church. mailed the weekly letter. & postals to Gustie & Helen.

Monday 5. A thunder shower during last night, & roads too slippery this morning for the children to go home. Ida washed the white clothes this afternoon. District school began to day. A Miss Young teacher, Harry H. went over to see the stock on the Dunn farm.

Tuesday 6. Election day. Austin went to Ware at six o'clock this morning. Wilfred & man went later in the day. & came home before night. The day has been very pleasant. The children started for home about 9 o'clock. we did another washing, churned & baked. A. is not to come home till tomorrow. as they would not get through counting votes. till late at night.

Wednesday 7. Another pleasant day. Mrs Plumer & daughter came & spent the day. Austin came home just after dark. Letters from Gustie & Gordon, & postal from Willy.

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Thursday 8. Cornhusking & plowing. A. plowing with three horses on the sulky, follow. corn very soon. & they have picked & fed it to the hogs with the husks on, till now they are husking it & putting it in the crib. Evening done. Hannah Ida's sister came to see her this afternoon. Boy at Carey.

Friday 9. cornhusking & plowing again. a very pleasant day. Ida washed windows. went home at own down. to go to Ware tomorrow & come back Sunday. Picked & cleaned a kettle of Lysaple apples.

Saturday 10. a most beautiful day. & a bright moon - light night. such weather can not last long. a postal from Mrs Humphrey to tell of the safe arrival home of the children.

Sunday 11. The wind has blown hard since before light this morning & the weather is much colder. 18° above 0. W. & A. were to have gone to church but the wind was too strong. Ida came before dark. wrote to sister R.

Monday 12. 30 anniversary of Father's death. Ida washed & the clothes froze. she hung them on the line. but they dried very soon. The wind has risen & is now at 9 o'clock roaring in the trees. Knitting & mending. & finished ^{sent} Roxie's letter. Austin went to a Mr Phelps, beyond Ware to make an exchange of sheep.

Tuesday 13. Another windy day. A big prairie fire over north. & German Mounts place seriously threatened. 25 or more men collected there to fight the fire & succeeded in keeping it from doing harm. Wilfred & man went to help them. wind in the southwest. no fire in sight to night. but the ^{wind} keeps up. with Ida's help finished footling a pair of socks for

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Wilfred began yesterday. W. cut out a pair of buck,
-skin gloves this evening. Ada making a suit
for Herbert. N. making a gray polonaise for me
Frost on the windows this evening first time.

Wednesday 14. Hauling, & picking corn without husking,
no plowing since last Saturday owing to frozen
ground. A good deal of wind in these days.

Thursday 15. Clear & cold. Finished a pair of socks for
Willy. & made a buckin glove for W. &
nearly made it over the second time. To correct
a misfit. Austin is talking of going to Awatone
tomorrow.

Friday 16. Austin went to C. & Co to find out the price
of hogs. The wind has blown furiously all
day, but the weather has been warm. The
Dum children brought the mail, Letter
from Emma. & postal from Mrs Stevens.

Saturday 17. Willy's 36th birth day. Bright, still, & pleasant
all day. Sent Willy a pair of socks yesterday.
Andy Dunn brought the mail. Letter from
Willy. The corn is nearly all husked or
picked. Our folks are hoping for one or two
more pleasant days at least. We are to go
to church tomorrow, if the weather is favorable.
Spun ten knots yarn. & doubled & twisted it.
Finished Wilfred's gloves.

Sunday 18. Wilfred. Ada. Nancy. Herbert & I. went to church.
Mr Chaney talked very interestingly of
Martin Luther. The roads continue good
& etc. we are needing rain badly. we
hate very much to have the roads spoiled.

Monday 19. Austin went to Waseca to mill. Wilfred & I
nearly finished the corn. Three Swede men
here this evening. August Carlsson, John
Larson, & Enock Holter. The latter talks of
coming here to board & go to school. Spun

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ten or a dozen knots of yarn & doubled & twisted it
& partly footed a sock. I de washed. It has been
raining a little this evening. Prairie fires in
the distance for two or three evenings.

Tuesday 20. Corn actually finished this morning by a few
minutes work. Austin went over to
German Brandts, with August. Swede.
Holter. Has gone away to come back
in three weeks, & perhaps stay the winter.
Spun. & doubled & twisted twelve knots
of yarn, men have been fixing fences & A. & W.
went over to Sodabiers.

Wednesday 21. The men made fence on south line.
W. & A. called at Andy Dunn's to see his
wife who is quite sick. has a babe a week
or two old. Mr Gillott is staying here to
night. is selling bibles & Testaments. I have
bought a Testament for myself & one for
Julia. & two bibles. August one. Austin the
book of John for Herbert. made button holes on gray polonaise.

Thursday 22. A pleasant day. Soap made. one or two
loads of wood drawn. August cleaned
the back yard of old wood & trash. preparing
it for the winter wood. W. & A. visited Andy
Dunn's wife again. Spun a skein of
crossbanded yarn. Sewed on buttons & took the
last stitches on the polonaise. Am knitting a
pair of brown woolen stockings for myself. Finished
a pair of red clouded ones for Herbert yesterday.
Read aloud a part of the story of "Newport" in the
Atlantic. N. is fixing over the ruffles on her
cashmere dress.

Friday 23. Wilfred & Ada went to Awatone leaving
Herbert at home. August hunked up the back
kitchen, N. finished red slippers for Mrs C. Daily.
Spun. doubled & twisted. a dozen knots of yarn.

Saturday 24. Austin, sister R. & myself went to Waroc.
Took dinner at Mr Hawkes. They have
just moved to town, & are hardly yet
settled. Their children & also Mr Clement
where we called. have chicken pox.
Roads are still good. A pleasant, but
rather windy day. & this evening the
wind is still lighter. Another pair of foot-
ed socks for W. finished.

Sunday 25. Too windy & damp this morning to go to church.
Rained & was very dark and gloomy this afternoon.
Ida went home about noon. Got wet coming back
we caught some water. but it has turned cold
is icy, & has snowed a little this evening 20° F.

Monday 26. Cold this morning 2° above F. Ida washed in the back
Kitchen as usual. tho it was rather cold. A. went
to the station on slippery roads. the rain of yester-
day having frozen at it fell. Postal clerk Willy
H. Drum has been in to spend the evening.
Andy Dunn's wife said to be getting better.

Tuesday 27. My 61st birth day. Received a birth day pack-
age. (a pair of stockings) from Willy.

Wilfred went to Awatonne with two
loads of fat hogs. Peter Daniels to drive on
team (his own team) \$3.75 & hundred. \$126. 91, ^{alone} Charming

Wednesday 28. Good weather, Wilfred & Ada with Herbert
went to Awatonne at noon or 1 o'clock. To
go to Mr Stoughton's to day & to Mr Carso to
morrow. W. is talking of going to Chicago
next week. Yesterday colored socks & yarn
with sumach, we are reading aloud the story
of Tongee. "Hot Ploughshares".

Thursday 29. Thanksgiving day. Last part of the day
sunny & pleasant. Wilfred came home
about 8 o'clock. Brought the mail. no letters.

Friday 30. Our folks burned around their haystacks

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in the north field. To save them from accidental
prairie fires. also killed a hog, & drew several
loads of hay from a stack in the south field.
William Dunn called here to day in a sad state of
intoxication, he had been to the station.

Saturday

December 1st Austin went to waroc on road business, took
8 or 9 lbs butter to market. 25 cts a lb. The prairie
north of us burned over. W. & man & the other
neighbors watched a fought & put-out fire,
during the whole forenoon. The Clement
house & stables. came near burning up.
we have had no trouble with prairie fires
for many years. but we have had so little
rain that ~~that~~ every thing is very dry. Letter
from Willy. came to Waroc. a business letter.
weather warm very, for the season & roads good.
Mary Clement has been very sick for a
few days. it seems but is thought to be
better.

Sunday 2. A pleasant day. but none of us went to
church. Wilfred went to station for mail.
Letters from Gordon to W. & me. & letter from
Emma. R. had letter from home, & Kansas.
W. is to go to Awatonne in the morning. &
take the afternoon train to Chicago.
Ada & Herbert are at Mr Carso's, & will stay
there till W's. return.

Monday 3. Austin took Wilfred to Awatonne this
morning, & he was to start to Chicago on the
3 o'clock train. They took down a plump to
get it fixed. I spun another ten knots of
yarn. The washing not done owing to a
scarcity of water. The Swede. Enoch Holgren
came to board & go to school.

Tuesday 4 Called at Henry Dunn's, R. & S. A most beautiful day

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churning done this forenoon. Ida washed white clothes (this afternoon will hang them out in the morning. She has gone over into the Swedish settlement to night to help grate potatoes for starch making. a substitute for an apple appearing perhaps. A. & Men, drew load of ice.

Wednesday 5. Another beautiful day, 51° above 0. August went to hearer this morning. Ida's father came to get some pigs. A. gave him three, & sold him an old harness for \$12. colored working done. Ice put into barrels &c. to keep it from melting & running away. N. finished putting the soles on a pair of slippers she had knit for me, & I have been learning to knit them.

Thursday 6. A. went to station for the mail. & to take a letter to Wilfred. Letters from Gustie & Gordon to N. Letter from R. Raining this morning & cloudy all day. A rained again this afternoon. Finished spinning the rolls, & twisted the last of the yarn. used last of the hydrop apples.

Friday 7. Colder & a little flurry of snow. August Carlson a Swede who formerly worked here called this evening with his young brother, & another young man. mending & knitting. - Have been hoping all day that we should hear from little Mary Clement who is or has been very sick. The roads must be very rough since the rain. & subsequent freezing.

Saturday 8. Postal to Willy. moderate weather, men filed wood in back kitch. several loads wood drawn. made head cheese, churning done. cabbages in the cellar, put into sand to preserve them.

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Sunday 9

A. went to the office for the mail. Letters for W. & A. & P. & postal from Wilfred in Chicago heard by the way of the Durns, that Mary Clement is getting well. August, our German man went away this morning. A faithful, silent man, & we were sorry to have him go.

Monday 10

weather from mild. working done in back kitchen. colored black, yarn & stockings.

Tuesday 11

Wilfred's 40th birth day. another beautiful day. A. drove over to Mr Daniel's to take the wheel home. I have been using. Colored a little more to day. & mended buckskin gloves.

Wednesday 12

mended gloves. knit. fixed over As red long stockings &c. Wilfred came home just ^{day} from Chicago.

Thursday 13

Wilfred went to Awatonsa & brought Ada & Herbert home. August came & got the last of his belongings, & settled with A. churning done.

Friday 14

Wilfred took a load of wheat to the station. Price 82 cts. wrote to sister K. Mrs Leach & Ed Butler worked over. Pleasant weather. colder.

Saturday 15

Austin went to Eworeca, took 24 lbs butter 23 cts a pound. brought home a barrel of apples, \$4.00 a barrel, cut out under shirt for A. mended nest. knit &c.

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I have been sick since the 15th of last month, with Pleurisy & pneumonia. the Dr came to see me a good many times, & it has been the most severe illness of my life. Sister N. was getting ready to go to Chgo. but of course could not go. I am now able to go out to the table & walk about my room. A part of the time during my illness, the weather

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has been very cold. mercury sometimes 30° & more below 0. There has been but little snow, & no real blizzards. Austin & Wilfred have gone to Awatonna to day. it being Saturday & the Swede man at home from school. August our last summer hired man has been working here for a few days. helping get up wood etc. has helped dig a well up in a south lot where the stock is taken every day to water. the wells in the yards at the barer having given out about a week ago. Sent letter to Julia & postals to Mrs Stevens & Gordon. Mr Cheney called during my absence. & Mr & Mrs Hawkes & the two Mrs Dums about Christmas & New years time. Ida went home was gone five or six days, altogether.

Sunday 20. A pleasant day. Wilfred & Ada went to church leaving Herbert at home. Sent postal to Willy one from him yesterday. Ida went out here. Henry Drum was sick yesterday & sent for the doctor. is better to day.

Monday 21. Another pleasant day. a little windy. but the men drew the first of a stack of hay from the north field. August has come again to work at wood chopping for a few days. wrote a postal to Mrs Humphrey washing done. am feeling a little stronger each day.

Tuesday 22. men getting up wood, showing a little this afternoon. The two Mrs Daniels just called, & Hannah, Ida's sister is also here.

Wednesday 23. Wilfred & man chopped in the woods, In the evening Agnes & Lucy Drum came in to ask Wilfred to go home with them to help take care of their hired man who is sick.

Thursday 24. Early this morning 30° below 0. at H. Dums 36° Freezing in the cellar & the old cook stove come down & set up. August went up to chop

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wood for H. Drum this fore noon

Friday 25. Austin went to the station. sent a box of chickens & butter to Helen in Chicago. Brought express package to H. from sister Korie sent Mrs Humphreys postal written last Monday & letter to Helen. Letter from Willy, we had looked for them here tomorrow, but they could not come.

Saturday 26. August helped about the wood this forenoon & went home at noon. very moderate weather. I have knit a little to day. & every day feel a little stronger. ~~For windy & stormy for~~

Sunday 27. For windy & stormy for any one to go to church.

Monday 28. A very pleasant day. Austin & I went to C.C. after dinner. will go on to Marquette tomorrow. Henry Drum, came in this afternoon with the news of Mr Canfield's death. He died this morning of ^{spoffery} paralysis, or.

Tuesday 29. Letter from Gordon. Foggy, damp weather. wrote to sister K.

Wednesday 30. Wilfred & Ada went to the funeral. Mr Canfield was buried at Lawrence, with masonic honors. & the Grand Army of the Republic were out with flag drums etc. sent K's letter. H. wrote to Gustie Dailey.

Thursday 31. Maggie White & her father came in this afternoon. Wilfred cut out a pair of fur mittens. & took the wide fur off his overcoat sleeves. H. fixed them over putting on a new fur.

Friday

February 1st Wilfred made his mittens.

Saturday 2. Pleasant day. Austin came home just at night. Wilf started to go to the station. but met his father & came back, we expected the

Heavies children & Gossie Preston. but they did not come. Wilfred went to Waseca to mill, Letters from Roxie & Helen.

Sunday 3 Wilfred & Ada went to church. I haven't heard of a young Swede came to see Enoch & bring his accordion, a cloudy, somewhat ^{clear} snow.

Monday 4 A cloudy or foggy day, & a little snow & more near bed time snowing fast, Wilfred & his father drove two loads of ice. washing done. Began to make my under flannel.

Tuesday 5 Several inches of snow fell last night, but the wind has not blown it about much yet. Wilfred & Ada went to Oquonnetta this forenoon to go to the Cars to night, & to Fairbault tomorrow. Sent postals to Helen & Gordon.

Wednesday 6 Additional snow last night. Having been making my red flannel - showing done, two chickens dressed, Henry Drum & Andy Dunn are putting up

Thursday 7 A snowy day, I have been busy most of the day, cutting out & making mitten linings - mending mittens. &c.

Friday 8 A mild pleasant day.

Saturday 9 32° below 0 this morning here. a very pleasant day Wilfred & Ada came home before night found good sleighing on the road between Oquonnetta & Fairbault. but heavy roads up this way, owing to want of travel. Postal from Mrs. Stevens, a letter from Willy. Package & letter from G. Dailey to R. school to day, but Enoch staid at home to help do the chores.

Sunday 10 All staid at home, Fine winter weather

Monday 11 Snowed a little, & somewhat windy, sewed a little, sorted over feathers for a bolster &c. &c.

R. is making a pair of red flannel slippers & to day put new fringe on her clock - H. Drums hired

man came this evening of an errand. Agnes D. sick with sore throat.

Tuesday 12 A. & W. fixed manger at the barn, snowed again to day. Finished my flannel. Too much snow in the road for much travel tho there has been no hard winds yet.

Wednesday 13 Have been writing to Eliza McCoy at Eau Claire, & Mrs. Stevens. H. Drum called, his family letter, Road filled with snow not much travel. men mended harness in the house

Thursday 14 A stormy day, & pleasant weather men mended harness in the house.

Friday 15 Enough wind to keep the roads full of snow more harness mending, & I have been busy part of the day mending a coat. no mail for a week & no prospect of getting one from the office tomorrow.

Saturday 16 Austin & W. started to go to the station, but found the mail at H. Drums & came back. Letters from sister R. & Gordon to R. Postal from Helen, Bazar & Weekly

Sunday 17 A quiet day, Too much snow in the roads to think of going to church.

Monday 18 The Drums, G. & Andy, drove into the yard. started to go to Waseca but found too much snow, one or two teams have gone by. Have worked at sorting feathers for a bolster working & churning done.

Tuesday 19 A bad day, Enoch did not go to school, no travel on the road. tho there are no very high drifts, worked at feathers. H. Drum called

Wednesday 20 Wilfred & his father drove to G. Drums, think of going to Waseca tomorrow, H. Drum came in to get potatoes. worked in the feathers, made bolster tick & case.

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- Thursday 21. Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca. First time A. has been there since 15th of December. Took 52 lbs butter to market. 20 cts a lb. Took also 14 doz eggs, 30 cts a doz. Heard of the death of Mrs Loring formerly Mrs Whipple. L. D. brought in the mail this evening. Letters from Roxie & Willy, Illustrated papers from R. Letter to R. from J. B. & Isora. Finished making bolster.
- Friday 22. A very blustering day. Last day of district school. Teacher, Nellie Boudg. A. & W. made a new trace for the sleigh. A season's supper tonight at Waseca. W. & Ada talked of going over. whether roads too bad.
- Saturday 23. Wilfred & his father made a place or little room in the barn to keep harnesses. colts got out & ran off. making Wilfred & man a good deal of trouble. snowing again this afternoon & evening. Cut out & partly made an undershirt for A.
- Sunday 24. Heard this evening of another boy at H. Drum's. Enock & the Swede & son went off to day on a tramp. The wind is blowing again to night & doubtless drifting the snow into the partially broken road.
- Monday 25. The fore part of the day windy & blustering. H. Drum & others went to Waseca with cattle they had sold to a cattle buyer from Ill. Lucy D. came down on an errand. washing done. Sewing most of the day. A new man tries he is to come to work first of April. is a German & cannot talk. wages \$15 a month.
- Tuesday 26. A good many teams have passed during the day. more snow has fallen & now this evening it is raining a little. Enock came back to night brought his violin. A place made in the barn to hang harnesses.

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- Finished an undershirt for A. Letter to R. from Shuiden. postal from Willy.
- Wednesday 27. Another blustering drifting day. The roads so well broken up yesterday. all filled up again. Have been piecing a bed quilt together.
- Thursday 28. cold winter weather these days. Enock has been sick with a cold, & staid in bed all day. 23° below 0 this morning.
- Friday 29. Austin went to Waseca on town business. Letter from R. to Julia Vinton with a half sheet enclosed to Willy. mild weather.
- Saturday March 1st. A fine day. Alie, Charley & Hannah Hawkes, & gone Preston came to dinner. went home about four o'clock.
- Sunday 2. W. & A. were intending to go to church, & Ida was to have gone home but the day has been the worst of the winter, the wind heaping the snow into drifts, & making one glad to stay at home.
- Monday 3. worked part of the day straightening hair for a switch. washing done. Rather moderate weather. This evening read an article in the Century, on Gen. Sherman.
- Tuesday 4. A quiet day. Wilfred & man drew several loads of hay from a stack in the north field. Hannah-Ida's sister. came to see her. a man with a pack, called just at night, peddling spectacles, we thought he would ask to stay over night.
- Wednesday 5. Wilfred went to Waseca with part of a load of wheat Rice 83 cts. Brought package of silk from post-office, for R. sent from Cheney manufactory. Corn. Postal to Willy. Finished footing second pair black stockings. made a chicken pie to send to a church supper tomorrow.

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Wilfred & man drew hay this forenoon before going to W.

Thursday 6. A pleasant day. W. & A. went over to Warece to a church supper. are to stay over night. Herbert has gone to bed with R. August our last summer's German man came this morning to work till first of April. Enoch went away to go to school at the Pluma school house.

Friday 7. Another pleasant day. W. & A. came home before dark. Herbert has been quite unwell this afternoon, has had a good deal of fever. But we hope he will be much better in the morning. Letters from Mrs. Stevens, & Simon. & from Sheridan to R. Lena the German girl who worked here last spring, came in this evening. Henry D. a child sent in this afternoon.

Saturday 8. Austin went to the station. Letter to Roxie, Letter from Willy to Wilfred, Herbert rested. very much through the night, & has been nearly as well as usual to day. we gave him Acornite for fever.

Sunday 9. Ida went home. Austin carried her nearly home. Her father brought her back. we have all spent the day in reading & resting. August the man went away & has not returned.

Monday 10. Another blustering day, washing done. August came back to night. Have been working on my bed quilt. Sam hoarse this evening, & feel that I have taken cold.

Tuesday 11. Town meeting day. Mr. Vinton & Wilfred went off quite early to Warece. & came home a little after dark. warm this forenoon & thawing. but turned cold at four o'clock. began to snow, & blow furiously & the wind still keeps up. Ironing & baking. Ida expects to go home tomorrow for a couple of weeks.

Wednesday 12. A calm day, Wilfred took a small load of wheat to the station. After he came home, Cook Ida

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home to stay two weeks. went through some bad snow drifts. Austin went after dinner to Warece with Henry Drum, who went down with a pair of horses, he had sold to Mr. Murray. They are to stay all night. Letter to R. from Fannie D. Depend that a Mr. Phelps new Warece was killed last night on the R. R. track, his horse was also killed. Mr. Vinton got home from C. about sundown brought Herbert his first jerseys. Lucy Drum brought the mail. Letter to R. from Gordon.

Thursday 13

Friday 14

Wilfred & man drew hay from an old stock on the Clement place. Enoch has come back to night his school being over, is to go away in the morning made cough medicine. Churning done.

Saturday 15

Hay drawing this forenoon again. This afternoon Wilfred & his father went to wait Stoughtons to look at stock. H. D. came in after flour. Enoch went to Mr. Daniels to stay a while. & learn to read. George S. Gerdis came in this evening on an errand.

Sunday 16

A pleasant thawing day. Wilfred had a hard headache last night & didn't feel like going to church this morning. Austin wrote to Willy, & J. to Mary, Stevens.

Monday 17

Wilfred went to station with wheat. 83 cts. August came back. & went away not to work any longer. Enoch came for his things, stayed to dinner. Thawed again. Letter from Gordon to her.

Tuesday 18

Wilfred went this forenoon to station with another load of wheat. Raining this afternoon. Have been making, or adding to a switch. to day & for several days. Letter from R. to R.

Wednesday 19

It has snowed nearly all day. & melted nearly as fast as it has fallen. a damp disagreeable time. The drifts are getting smaller every day. It seems odd to have no hired help about.

Thursday 20

Pleasant all day & thawing. Wilfred went to wait

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Stoughtons on horseback. The snow too soft to drive a team. The Baker boys go by to their German school, on horseback, for the last day or two. George Porter has come to night to work a few days chopping wood.

Friday 21 - Another thawing day. Wilfred & man have sawed & chopped wood in the back yard. made a chair cushion

Saturday 22 The team was driven through the gale into the road for the first time in a good many weeks. The drifts are fast settling away & there is water all over the prairie north of us, nearly.

Sunday 23 George Porter started to go to the post office, but found our mail at H. Dums, & came back. Letters from Emma & Julie to M. from Mrs. Longfellow to W. & from Mrs. Case to Herbert. Pleasant thawing, & spring like all day. First door opened first time since the beginning of winter. Heard of the death of William Dunn. He was buried Saturday yesterday.

Monday 24 The mail went away yesterday. came back to night. Pleasant again & thawing fast all day. made some linen collars, H. D. called this morning.

Tuesday 25 Letters from Gordon & Eliza McCoy.

Wednesday 26 I was sick last night & did not write in my journal. Austin & W. went to Warora to day & used the wagon first time this spring. Henry D. brought the mail. Letter from Roxie.

Thursday 27 Austin went to station ^{with double buggy}. Letter to R. W. & man sawed & chopped wood, snow nearly gone. remains of drifts around about yards & buildings. warm. fires hardly needed this afternoon & evening.

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Friday 28 Austin & Wilfred went to wait Stoughtons to get a Durham calf 14 months old for which they paid \$75. Raining the fore part of the day. W. is making a kilt skirt out of an old silk dress.

Saturday 29 A pleasant day. mail to night. Letter from Mrs. Leach. postal from Willy. man, L. Porter went away this afternoon to be gone one Sunday. magazines & illustrated Christian weeklies came also. went down to the barn this morning first time since last fall to see a new colt & the huge white calf brought home yesterday. The colt is to be called Clover.

Sunday 30 A quiet day, reading & resting for all. Monday 31 Austin & W. went to H. Dums for the farming mill to clean seed wheat & A. to J. Dums for the Cockle mill for the same purpose. This afternoon A. went three or four miles south east & bought $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels seed corn of a Dane, Nelson, by name. Price \$2.50 per bushel. The new hired man came late this afternoon, A. drove over to John D. ... Gordis, to get his trunk.

Tuesday

April 1st Austin was to have taken sister M. to Awatone to have a dress made. but the morning was cold & cloudy, & they did not go. Later A. went over to Sweden Younglunds to see about Ida's return. & came back in a rain. & about noon we had a furious snow storm, the snow coming down in large flakes & so thick & fast we could scarcely see the barn from the house, about four inches fell. Ida is to come tomorrow. The Presbyterian minister from Awatone was expected at H. Dums to baptize their younger children. owing to the storm he did not come, wrote to Gordon.

Wednesday 2 Letter from Roxie. Finished letter to Mrs. Leach.

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- Mr. McGowan, minister from Ansonia at H. Drums to baptize their three young children. Wilfred, Ada - Nancy & Herbert - went up to attend the services.
- Thursday 3. Austin took H. to Ansonia to get a dress made but she failed to get a dress maker, & came home. A very pleasant day. Ida washed & dried her clothes. Wilfred & man sowed clover seed in forenoon. & W. this afternoon man chopped wood. Home sewed part of the day - wrote to W. this morning & sent a letter to Mrs Leach, but A. forgot to mail them, & brought them back.
- Friday 4. The men cleaned up wheat - oats - & barley, for sowing. Mr Brandt came & bought 16 bushels of wheat for seed. 83 cts a bushel. Young Mr Ramsey called to see about buying cream. A letter partly written to Mrs Dailey - ironing & churning done. Pleasant day.
- Saturday 5. Wrote to Mrs Meloy & finished Mrs Dailey's letter. Austin & Herbert went to station. Letter from Willy enclosing one from Mark D. Flower. Letters from Burtie & J. Simpson to H. Mr Furnaciff here to supper.
- Sunday 6. Cloudy day & near night a flurry of snow. Rained a little fore part of last night. Roads too bad to go to church.
- Monday 7. Rather cold. ground whitened with snow this morning. & frozen. wood chopping & chases, no seeding yet here.
- Tuesday 8. Austin took H. to Warren to stay two or three days. Ironing done. Partly made a skirt. Wilfred tapped one of the trees in the maple grove, & will tap more tomorrow.
- Wednesday 9. 20 of the little maple trees tapped this morning & we have brought in ten pails of sap.

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- I have boiled it half away. Seeding begun, 8 bushels oats sowed this afternoon. A little plowing done this forenoon. Snow in the air this afternoon. & cloudy all day.
- Thursday 10. Cat sowing continued. Finished boiling down the eleven pails of sap of yesterday into a little sugar, & two or three quarts of good syrup. About seven pails more sap today. & that is half boiled away. made a skirt yesterday - & cut cap & rags to day.
- Friday 11. Boiled the rest of the maple sap & made another two or three quarts of syrup. about 24 pails of sap, in all. Wilfred & man have been busy again to day sawing & getting in oats, expected M. home from Warren, but she did not come. Letter from Gordon papers from Mr Stevens, & from Gordon. Letter & papers for H.
- Saturday 11. Allen Hawkes brought Henry home this forenoon. wrote to Gordon.
- Sunday 12. Was not well last night. & did not write in my journal. No church going yesterday roads being rough. & horses being too hard worked now, to go so far. W. & A. went after the mail towards night. no letters. Rained during last night, & raining part of to day. Washing not done. Ida cleaned out the back kitchen. & W. & his father cleaned out the granary. put away the light sleigh & man chopped wood. Nancy packed one of her trunks.
- Tuesday 14. washing done cloudy all day & sprinkling now. & then. A. & W. took their white Dushani to Mr Dannis to weigh him. weight 990 lbs. One of H.s. trunks brought down & tied up this evening - ready to take to Warren tomorrow.

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Wednesday 16. Austin went to Waroca this morning to meet Hortense. received a letter instead, saying she was unable to come, having a cold. After coming home - went to station. A letter to Willy. Letter from Roxie from Springfield. & one to R. from Iowa telling of her mother's sickness, & asking R. to come to visit them, before going home. sent a bottle of maple syrup by express to Willy. wheat sowing begun this afternoon.

Thursday 17. A good working day. the a sprinkle of rain about the middle of the day. Hannah & Heilda, two Swedish girls came to see Ida, this afternoon. Fine acres wheat sowed this afternoon.

Friday 18. Austin went to station ^{took Herbert} two letters from Gordon to R. & her rail road ticket to Houston. she is to go home next Monday. we are expecting Willy & family tomorrow. or hoping they will come. a smart shower this afternoon stopping the seed - ing.

Saturday 19. Wilfred & man sowed wheat in the forenoon ground very muddy & wet. W. went to the station ^{this afternoon} after Willy's folks. & they too were not well, & could not come, or at least Emma was not well, & W. could get no one to leave in the store. Letter from Willy, & from Roxie to R. & other letters to Ada & Herbert. Had another turn of pain in the stomach.

Sunday 20. A quiet day. R. goes to Waroca tomorrow to take the train. the evening train on the M. & St. Louis road, for Ohio!

Monday 21. A pleasant day. Austin & Wilfred both went to Waroca with R. taking her other trunk. one having been taken last Wednesday.

Tuesday 22. wheat sowing ~~only~~ finished, commenced house cleaning by dusting & regulating the closet in my room.

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taking care of things in Harry's room, cutting carpet rag, collecting paper rags &c. &c. Wednesday 23. Dragging in wheat. a man getting a manure garden plowed & corn stalks mowed & burned on ground for potatoes.

Have been making table mats out of old hats. Ada is making a calico dress.

Thursday 24. wheat dragging finished. garden partly made. A. went to the post office. took Herbert. Letter to Wilfred from Helen in Chicago. she had met sister R. at the depot & seen her on the train for Columbus. An Irish peddler called, sold Ida a table cloth. Put away the buffalo robes & coats for the summer. Finished the third table mat.

Friday 25. Wilfred & man drew a stack of hay from the north field into the barn this forenoon. Barley sowing begun. & more garden made. Ida raked off the front yard. Mr. Bohan came & insured the house, barn & granary against cyclone or wind in the "Continental."

Saturday 26. Austin went to Waroca on assessing business. expected to get a postal from R. but was disappointed. Letter to R.

Sunday 27. Raining this forenoon. A hard wind during last night & a good deal of rain. Ida went to Sweptle Johnson's to a meeting, man went off as usual.

Monday 28. Austin went to the Gillis farm to an Austin sale of stock & farming tools &c. Rode with German Pollak. Bertha Ada & Herbert went to Quatonna after dinner. to come home tomorrow. washing done.

Tuesday 29. A windy cloudy day & somewhat rain. & this evening we have had a brisk thunder shower. W. & A. got home sometime before dark. Letter from Gattie & postals from sister R. & one from Iowa ^{one to W. from Willy}.

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several young lambs to day.

Wednesday 31. Strawberries & currants set out. Plover on
ground. Dandelions for dinner first time
wrote to Isora Smalley & Gustie Bailey

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