

It has been a nice sunny day but a cold raw wind this morning. I got twenty three eggs from the white chickens alone to-day.

Friday April 24th

After we did up the chores this morning Hubby and I went back with some old rags and a bottle of crude oil to make torches to burn up the blue grass field. It was just the day for the job with a little east wind and when we set fire at the east end of the field it swept over the whole area in no time. It burned quite a few of the fence posts and the first thing we knew it was in the woods. It was not burning fast in there but was spreading steadily. Hubby said we would have a very hard job putting it out and we might better let it go as it would be a good thing to clean the ground up and was not hot enough to hurt the little trees. He didn't think it would burn for any way so we took a walk over to M^{rs} Queens in quest of the lost turkey hen, we found Charlie at the black Smith trade shoeing a team for Phil Shaver and the old man outside. As John Henry Butler is about dead and Ralph Waddle is sick Charlie picks up quite a lot of business. Coming home Hubby and I separated and looked both sides of M^{rs} Queens gully and through Preston woods. We had Bluck and he put up a rabbit but we saw no sign of the turkey - but just as we were about home coming

along the top of I weep gully Bluck scared her up, we didn't find her nest but left her back there. It was nearly noon when we got to our gully and we thought of coming up to dinner but on second thought we decided to see how the fire in the woods was progressing. The blue grass field was black all over but the woods was full of smoke and after we got in a little way we found Dad who had seen the fire in the woods and come back and had been fighting to keep it away from Evan's fence. It had got pretty well all through the woods but hadn't got to the fence yet we all three fought for an hour or so and at last got it without stumps out of course there were stumps on fire. I was by myself most of the time and Hubby and Dad had an awful time trying to keep it away from a few panels of rail fence between us and John Wess but about one or after we thought it was safe to leave till after dinner, then Hubby and I went back again. We found it all out through the woods except a few stumps but it had started up at the fence again and completely destroyed it for a fence as the rails in two panels were nearly burned up and we had to tear them down and throw them on to the burnt territory. It had also started in the grass the other side again and if we had been a few minutes later it would have been into Evan's woods and we would have had our morning's fun repeated. We were back there all the after noon trimming