

were the first ones there with a horse so I got Ina in the barn and didn't have to run back her. We were surprised at the number that turned out as we thought we were the only ones foolish enough to venture out on such a night but most of the others walked, although Mrs. Hammond's mother & brother were there from way back at Wiggins. I didn't see any thing of Mary for an hour or two after we arrived as she was in the front part of the house with the ladies while I found my self herded with the male element in the kitchen, finally however, Les. Mass. got his fiddle out. They moved the piano out to the kitchen & waxed the floor so then we started to dance. I only had a couple of square dances and then went into the other room where Mary herded me the baby, who was having a whole lot of a time, and I spent most of the remainder of the time with her although Ina took her for a while. Mary & Charlie Butley kept the place hot. About midnight they had refreshments and Dick & Rose who were married some time during the day opened their shower gifts, which were numerous and useful and with which they were delighted. After that ceremony all hands as well as feet went at the dancing again but my partner like most of the other youthful guests went to sleep and I held her in my arms for a long time after while she woke up still as cheerful as ever and stayed awake till we came home. From time to time during the night some one would look out at the weather and report that it was still pouring down so no one cared much to venture forth and Cyril Pyerse who was there with the whole family kept saying she would like to stay till day light, but about four Roy came in and announced that it had stopped raining and was beginning to freeze which quickly broke up the party. When I went out to the stable for Ina it was pouring rain but it didn't rain so hard going home. It was just four when we got home and Mary gave the baby a bath and she went right to sleep.

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I got up about seven or a little after and did up the chore and ate a few fresh rolls that Mary baked yesterday. I had to collect the rest of my eggs but as it was still raining I waited till nearly seven & as it would stop as there was no sign of it by that time I started off in the rain. The baby slept through till ten