

Mon. Jan. 19th

As soon as I had the shares this morning I went over
the river bank to see if I could discover the cause of
the water coming from the sink, and found that
the end of the drain was frozen up. I worked at it for
about an hour but without success as it was frozen well
back into the tile and I couldn't get it. The only way
I could make any impression was with an old auger
but it was a very slow job. I quit about eleven and
started out to see about getting some wood out of Cart.
Bowlby's bush which they are cutting off. It was such
a sorry day that Mary thought she would go to
the children needed fresh air. We drove around
by the mill and as they were beginning to get cold they
went out at the Bagley's and waited there till I got back
in the woods where I found they had plenty of
'was just about noon when we left town and we
went around by the farm as I wanted to see about
thing the team and hob sleighs, so as they were just
ready to sit down to dinner we stayed there. We came
in soon after and I renewed my efforts to get the
tile open. I got the auger in as far as I could for
and then got Mary to heat the poker and

it to me as it would have cooled while I was getting
over the fence. It was too small to do much good as
it cooled before it melted much, but Mary went out
to the shed and found a big rod with a hook on the end of it
and heated it. It worked. I melted in as far as it would
while it was hot and then gave a few rams with it and
burst through. The pent up water came out with a splash
and I just had time to get to one side without getting wet.
It ran for about ten minutes and I didn't wonder the
sink smelled bad when I saw it. Mary flushed it
out with a genoleum solution, and now the house
reeks of that which is just about as disagreeable. Maha
came over to night with a couple of arithmetic problems
for Mary to work out. Mary was terribly distressed
at first as she didn't see at a glance the solution
and was afraid her mental faculties were deteriorating.
But she finally got them to her satisfaction.

Tuesday January 20th

First impressions of to-day were far from prepossessing
as it looked as if we were hooked for a north east
blizzard. The wind was not high but it was snowing
very vigorously if not furiously. The consequence