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Interesting!

[various addition scribbles in pencil

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Diary

A New years gift from

Voltie to his mother. 1908

Saturday 31st May 1919

A fine warm day. I don't know what is being done this day, painting kitchen, skimming, Ells washing, dishes, turning eggs in incubator, standing around talking. Voltie and Bert went spearing fish last night. My got 3 ells letter. Isabel Rattray here all day yesterday. Edith went up for her. Bert & Maud came here Thursday 29 May 1919 walked over from dock. Roy & Willie went to corners in Jack Niles skiff. Edith went to stay with Maggie till Roy's return, came home in the night sometime but wouldn't get out of bed in the morning.

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Leap year

Wednesday 1 Jan 1908

A very pleasant day and the first of the year 1908. Wells has a lame back.

I guess and done some grilling to day.

Rachel came over to help me about quilting.

Done some washing.

Thursday 2nd January 1908

Wells goes to Kingston this morning.

Voltie drives over to the dock with his father.

Wells has a very lame back and is going for a plaster and other medicine. V draws

manure. 5 O'clock pm. A phone

from Rob't saying Sr has got left in

Town and will stay all night with

them so we dont look for him home

tonight. Maud washing all day.

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Friday 3rd January 1908

Awoke this morning to find Sr gone from home for the first time since last June when he went to Watertown to visit Welly and was gone a whole week and when returned, found the hens had scratched his corn all up. Voltie drawing manure all day. Wells Sr rode down with the mail and seems much pleased to get home. He bought a clothes basket but could not bring it down with Woodman and left it at McClarens. Says he staid with Grace & Bob all night. A letter from Muriel.

Sunday 1st June 1919

A beautiful day. We are alone all day till sunset. Of course Maud, Hubert are here. Then came Alden, Madaline, Eddie, & Ogle all adjourned to the parlor and then the noise began. They call it music and piano and mouth organ. They of voice stay

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Saturday 4th January 1908

A storm of wind, snow, and rain from south. After breakfast before V had gone to the barn we received a message over the telephone that Grace is sick. Bob says the doctor has been there all night and asking if Maud can come up for a week or two. Voltie answers yes, I'll bring her to day. Tis a bad day to drive from here to the villiage but Maude packs her valise and away they drive through the storm which is increasing every minute. Sr has a terrible lame back but the chores must be done and water must be got from the river some how. R & I watch him as he labors to the river and after a long time succeeds in getting two pails of water though the spray clashing high on shore. We can get no water to clean floors to day. Rachel fries cakes. No snow, no ice in the river. Well we waited up for Voltie till 11 pm. Any way I did, then went to bed.

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Sunday 5 January 1908

A quiet day, no one here except ourselves. Voltie came home at 12.30 am.

A quiet peaceful day. The most the family does is to eat and read. Rachel made pea soup for dinner which was delicious, so good that I had another bowl of soup for supper. Voltie bought a new book "Two years before the mast by Dana" also this diary and an account book for me and one for himself.

He came over at 5 O'clock pm, ate supper at Mr James Davis; Walked the horses all the way home, the roads are muddy [sic]. I hear the clothes flapping on the line all night as the wind goes roaring among the clothes line.

Towards noon V brought the cloths [sic] from the line some of them torn badly. The wind hushed for awhile

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Monday January 6th 1908

A very chilly day wind South, river rough, cloudy and threatening storm. Sr got a lame back and dont like to stir around very much and has a very sore foot – a bunion.

Rachel cleaned dining room, pantry & kitchen floors, worked the butter, made prints 5 oz to muck in each lb 21 oz. Scales out of balance. Voltie fixed scales all right now and butter to be made over again. Irene cooked meals, baked beans &c. A telephone from Bob that all is well and said Maud went to church last evening. A phone from Annie Woodman inviting Maud to a party at Horn's but Maud is in Kingston, therefore cant attend the party. A phone from Belles family and Voltie told them over the wire about the new baby at Bobs which was something they had not heard about before. V shod C Woodmans horse 15
Oh i'm so sleepy.

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6.

Tuesday 7 Jan 1908

Rachel and I done the work all right. We were glad to see Beatrice dining in bringing her mother and Henry.

I was so glad to see Belle. She going to stay till Sunday. Bee staid till towards night before she drove home again.

Befor [sic] Bee went home Ray McIntyre came over, rowed across in skiff, went back and brought back Rachels corn potatoes and beans and stays over to help V chop wood over on the Daily place. V goes to the post office and brings the herald, a letter from Grace and 2 letters for Maud and an invitation to the masked ball at Depanville. We sit up till 11 pm visiting. R received a card, invitation to visit Alice Gloyd.

Monday 2nd June 1919

another fine day; I'm watching out to see if any house cleaning or pantry done this day.

V planting potatoes again this day.

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7.

Wednesday 8 January 1908

Awoke this morning to find the ground white with snow. After dinner Ray and Voltie went to Dailys woods, came home at dark, hungry tired and happy. Belle cleaned the pantry by putting newspapers [sic] on shelves and aranging [sic] every thing in order. Rachel baked pies (mince), fried cakes, made cookies, baked bread, baked apples, and beans, boiled pork. We sat up again till 10 pm.

I write a letter to Lillian Quinn McDonald.

Wells got a very lame back. It dont seem to get much better. V and R much pleased aobut something that occured over at Dailys.

Thursday 9 January 1908.

Arose at 6 am. V got the breakfast going. Rachel fried buckwheat cakes. Boys went over to the woods to chop wood carrying their dinner.

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Friday 10th January 1908

A beautiful day rather cold. River lightly frozen over last night. Voltie and Ray went early to the woods after mailing 4 letters, 2 for Mrs Daily, and two for me: one of them I sent to Lillian Macdonald, and one to Grace.

Rachel and Belle churned and made pea shop, baked sweet apples, and stewed snow apples whole. William G Woodman phoned wanting Wells Junor's address and wants to buy beans of [sic] Voltie. I dont do much work these days, dont have to. Rachel and Belle does all the work.

Quite a lot of mail, forgot what it was. 2 letters for Maud I know, a card from Nellie Brooks.

Saturday 11 January 1908

~~A terrible storm from the North of rain and~~

A beautiful day, warm very best day of all so far this months.

A general day of baking and cleaning up. Ray & Voltie worked in woods all day and at evening V came for the team and drove back for a load of wood. Sr complains all day
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Will Dixon 49 years old 11 Jan 1908.

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Sunday 12th January 1908

A terrible storm of rain and ice from the North.
Trees dropping low under the weight of ice.
Didn't think Charley would come for Belle
But he came through rain and ice driving in
buggy, the top and sides sheathed in ice with
icicles for ornament fringing the front of the top
covering. Beatrice came with him enveloped
in Vanhorns heavy fur coat, enroute for Art
Vincents. They report telephone wires down
and broken all along the roads, so there is no communication
by telephone till the lines are raised. A short
while after dinner Charley, Belle & Henry take
their leave & depart for home. Belle wearing
Vanhorn's big fur coat. Well after they are gone
dinner dishes washed and put away, we employ
our time reading till tea time which Rachel
and Beatrice puts on the table then after
dishes again washed, read again till 1/2 past
10 pm when we all go to bed and sleep,
the sleep of the good conscience.
I lent Belle a book "The First Violin".
The book Nellie Brooks sent me for
Christmas.

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Monday 13th January 1908

Cloudy all day. We dont hurt ourselves with work to day only knit, get the meals.

The river like a mirror. V draws more straw to the barn. Ray helps him. Sr sits around the house most of the day and knows how much butter Beatrice eats on her potato. Towards night Beatrice and Ray go over the river, we watch them and the old black sail till they are across; lonesome now Belle and Beatrice are both gone. Maud in Kingston with Grace. We dont hear the cheerful ring of the telephone any more, wire lying on the ground coated thickly with ice. In the evening after tea & dishes washed we read as usual till 10 pm. I finish reading the minister wooing by Harriet Beatrice Stowe. Lent Ray a book "Coral island" by R.M. Balantyne

Tuesday 14th 1908.

A beautiful day, though rather cold, ice melting on the house roof and running from the eaves [sic]. Rachel set out all the pans and basins to catch the soft rain water, caught enough to fill the tank. The trees sparkle in the sunlight as if covered with millions of diamonds. We just get the meals and wash dishes. I finish the lace for wee Margarit's pethcote [sic]. Wells mending old harness in kitchen. Rachel finished knitting Volties mittens. I sent Mauds letters by mail to her crowding them all 4 into one envelope and Voltie kindly took them to post. Will Michea came here for cow medicine. Rachel set up a mitten for me to knit. Voltie went for the mail - a letter from Jen, H paper "Human life" from Will, a Strawberry annual from R.M. Kellogg, 3 rivers, M and the willow clothes basket that Sr bought and left at McLarens. So we pass the evening reading as usual, a clear moonlight night retired at 10.30 pm.

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Wednesday 15 Jan 1908

A cloudy dismal sort of a day.

The said clothes basket must not be used to pick up chips in, carry fowls to market, nor used to pick up potatoes, nor carry corn nor any other truck. so the man says that bought it. Well as tis the first household article that he has bought and paid for in years, he feels very important and consequential over it, and therefore considers it the accomplishment of a great affair. Hopeful he will not buy any thing again. V working in shop. We did intend dressing fowl for market but heard that the passage from the villiage to the city is not good. The ferry Boat comes only part way from the city to Garden island. Kent drove in here to grind his axe - reported school commenced to day at afternoon. Henry Halliday and Geo W Woodman drove in here at twilight pm bringing a box of trinkets from Grandma Halliday for Marjorie and plunker brought a newspaper with the details of Capt H Borgarts demise and burial: 8 pm and Sr gone to be. Rachel & Voltie reading. Wind South and chilly. V made out his strawbery [sic] order. I made out the bulb order and wrote to Luplon for Nellie Brooks.

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Thursday 16 Jan 1908

A cloudy morning and raining, wind South.

J Kehoe drove in here to invite to Robert Horn's reception. Maud yet in Kingston.

River clear of ice on this shore and channel.

I tried to cleans black molasses in order to make cookies, couldn't do it nothing but froth and foam. Set the pail of skimmings on the bracket (stove). R accidentaly [sic] knocked it of over behind the stove and the whole contents went over, every thing; a basket of corn, pop corn, a bag of feathers, and other articles. V & R cleaning out the corner. Voltie ate lunch then took axe and went to daily's woods to split wood: Says we burn to much wood.

Rachels moping [sic] floors. 10 minutes to eleven am.

Weather clearing up. Voltie selecting strawbery plants from R.M. Kellogg's Annal [sic] catalog. I write to Geo Park. La Park Pa for bulbs 150 for \$1,50 a great bargain in bulbs I think. Belle is sending with me

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Friday 17 Decem Jan 1908

Wind South weather looks very threatening for a storm. Voltie selects more plants from the strawbery catalogue 9 varieties of plants & 900 plants and I make out my order for bulbs. I hope the season will be favorable for a garden next summer. Later we will send for vegetable seeds. We only do the house work after picking 20 fowl for market. Afternoon I write for the Family Herald & Weekly Star. Voltie sets down a list of things he wants to get; he is going to the city tomorrow, Evening mail, Herald and a letter from Grace Which I answer and put all the letters and corresponence on the table for Voltie in the morning. First a letter to L.M. Lupton for Nellie Brooks to have her paper Good Litterature changed from Milan to Spokane. An order for Park, a letter to Grace, Order for Herald and a memorandum of articles from Kingston. Rachel got a stiff neck which I doctor with horse linament.

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Saturday 18 January 1908

Voltie set the alarm and it rang at 10 minutes to 4 a.m. V and get up, get breakfast and tie every chicken's neck. So I send 20 fowl and 14 lbs butter to market. Rachel not very well got a stiff neck. I did not sleep much last night.

Wind changed from North to South and blows. Sr has hard work to get water from the river. The wind increasing, 3 pm. Whew! how the wind blows from South and V in Kingston and also Maud.

We are looking for both home to night, will they come? Rachel moped all the floors, stewed currants and made currant pies and baked bread.

The river with white caps and dashing spray is a sight to behold. Bakes beans, bread, made pies.

Rachel's neck better. Sat up till 9.30 pm when V came alone still leaving Maud in Kingston.

When he came in I ask, where is your companion?

He answered "I left her at Glo Ranous' and

a little further explanation showed that he had brought the teacher for the lower school, Miss Humeford from Hamilton to teach the lower school, so drove past

here, stopping at A Joslin's no they wont board, leachery then drove to Will Gillespies. No they wont board Leacher

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Then he drove back to Geo Ranous' before the poor girl could find a place to rest the sole of her foot. Bob met him at the boat this am and bought 6 chickens. Sold the remaing 14 at the fish market for 10 per lb, sold the butter for 26 cts per lb. Went home with Bob to see the baby, had lunch there. Voltie subscribed for Herald.

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Forgot to say the Islander, had to break ice nearly all the way from K to Ferguson point.

Sunday 19th Jan 1908

A clear sunbright day, wind North and cold, river open and sparkling in the sunlight. Didn't get up very early this morning; had breakfast between 8 & 9 am. Forget to give V the order for express for Park. Ill send it tomorrow if V goes up. Made this a day of rest. Thought I would write to Muriel but kept on reading. We retired a little earlier than usual. Voltie going to Kingston again. He is going to carry up a barrel of Haas apples for Mrs Davis

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Monday 20th

Voltie and I arise early 4 am. he get his breakfast himself. Sr helped V load the apples, after V pushed the sleigh to the door.

I send the order to Park for bulbs this time sure. A fine day only the wind is blowing hard from South and driving great fields of ice on shore all day. Dont know where the ice all comes from. Well we dont do much to day, only cook and eat, wash dishes etc. I bake beans, write a letter to Muriel, clean stove, fill lamp and polish lamp chimneys, scour all the "Knives, forks and spoons, scrub the stove. Rachel & her cat goes home, weather quite warm not freezing. I get supper and wash all the dishes & sat up till 11 O'clock pm for V & M but they didn't come.

The evening was beautifuly warm for Jan.

The moon at full and shining brightly.

I pass the whole evening reading "Two year Before The mast by R.M.D and wish I knew if it is true or not

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Tuesday 21st Jan 1908

Voltie not home this morning. Rachel not here. Only Sr and I. The day proves to be fine and warm, set the north door and window open well [sic] I finish writing to Muriel and dad takes it to post. Uncle Sam told Sr that the boat didn't cross to the city yesterday. Flynn's told some of the Woodman family that the islander didn't go to town yesterday on account of ice. So V staid somewhere. I work around, clear up the pantry, cook, sweep &c. Look at the old St Lawrence as it floats the great body of ice slowly floating along down with the currant [sic]. Sometimes it gets lodged between Canada and the United States but only for a short time, then slowly pushes its way down stream, miles upon miles of ice comes from above Carlton. Towards night it becomes cloudy and dark and begins to rain. Wells takes the lanter any [sic] goes across the field to the post office. The bright glimmer of the lantern relecting

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the icy surface of the snow which looks strangely weird and fantastic and I see his old big boats go chumping along all the way across the field. Mail a postal from Nellie Brooks, a card from Grace, a card for Maude.

C.W. said Voltie ought soon to be home for the boat came in while He was there for the mail. O yes forgot to say received another New Thought. Voltie comes at 9 p.m. brought kippered herring, a we washtub, a thermometer, a new tin, dipper &c but he didn't bring Maude. Wells gone to bed. V & I sat a by the coal fire awhile & talked. Said the boat could get no farther than Garden island yesterday morning and there she stuck in the ice till 4 pm. then she returned to the villiage wharf and, after V had hitched up, he drove to C Halliday's and staid all night, had his supper and breakfast then. He had bought his

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at the boarding house, Garden Island.

Tuesday.

Wednesday 22 Jan 1908.

Wind South shifting to Westward and blowing heavily, carrying the ice down stream by millions and the river rough and rolling. Sr says "This is what you may call a pretty windy day" "Yes Sir a windy day". "A pretty windy day". Sam Snub came to get some shop work done. Voltie working in shop all day. Sr looks after the fires - reading almanacks [sic] most of the time, feeds the pigs, 4 p.m. Ice all gone excep [sic] one long narrow streak which moves rapidly down the channel invisible at either extremity. Voltie helps get supper and wash dishes. I cleaned cupboard doors scrubed water bench, swept my bedroom, picked up all dirty clothes.
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Sunday 10 Jan 1909

A cloudy rainy nasty day.

Rachel made pea soup for

dinner. We arose

late this morning,

ate breakfast at 9 am.

Samy Snub went

home. V went down

to Franks, V & M

returned at 8.30

pm, cold hungry

and somewhat

devilish. Then

V and Sam sat

up till 1 am doctoring

the bay horse, got

gripes. Towards

night R went home

& Maud went with

her then V went

over there to get

R boiler. Maud
came home first.
I guess V went by
way of F. W.

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Thursday 23rd Jan 1908

A great change in the weather from yesterday, blowing great gusts from the North. Tis nearly time to get dinner but we didn't get out of bed till 7 pm. V helps get breakfast. V carries water to the horses and put a knob on the porch door, was going to wash but the day is so cold and stormy I will put clothes soak but no water to do it with. Cook, wash dishes, write letters, one to Grace, one to Gladys, write in diary. S. Snub came to get C Woodmans horse shod. Tis a blizzard of a day and cold. After supper and V & I wash dishes, sweep and snug up everything, brighten the coal fire, we are entitled to the evenings peacefulness and rest so we read till half past to [sic] then go to bed with the wind howling around the house from the North and bitter cold.

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Monday January 11th 1909

A cloudy day, ground bare no snow, river rolling free of ice. Voltie gone to Sullivans marsh to cut marsh hay to come strawberry vines. Wells gone over to paper R's stable. Wind has changed to West. V had lunch before he went to the marsh. I got breakfast washed all the dishes & separator. V took all the pork from the barrel and made a new brine pickle of salt sugar & saltpetre.

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Friday 24 January 1909

Clear bright day, cold. Thermometer at zero, river frozen over. V lights the kerosense stove to warm my bedroom.

V & I get breakfast and after breakfast we prepare the mail, a letter for Grace, a letter for Gladys, a book for Nellie Brooks, a letter to Park for bulbs with post office order of \$1,50.

V goes to post office, came back and carries water to Rachel, finds her all right. Says she burnt up a weeks supply of coal yesterday to keep herself warm. V goes to post office, Herald, New Thought, a card from Helen B, a card from Jennie Dunlop and for Maud from Nellie O'Neal.

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Saturday 25 January 1908

A sort of a half cloudy, half sunshiny day. V helps do the house work till 10 am then goes to Dailys to plaster up their holes in parlor and bedroom. I just do general house work, sweep, cook, wash dishes, make pie, cake, bread, bake apples, put 4 gallons of salt pickles to soak in the big dish pan. I thought I could mop floors, but didn't get time. I never was more tired in all my life. I thought sometimes I'd fall down. V carried Rachel some milk, found her well and all right. Oh I was happy to see Voltie come home. He was tired only he wouldn't say he was tired, he finished setting table, cut bread and poured tea, and helped wash dishes. Wells Sr done the chores and read "Two years before the mast" by R.M. Dana. After dishes washed and every thing snug for evening, V and sat up and read till 1 O'clock though I fall asleep every few minutes. Sr went to bed at 8 pm as he does every night. I slept and dreamed Wellie came and I was so glad to see him and then I awake and it was only a dream.

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Sunday 26 January 1908

A long quiet Sabbath day. No one here in all the day only Voltie and his father and I. I thought Rachel would come over. Dont understand how she can stay alone so much. A dark and cloudy am.

It began to snow about 1 Oclock p.m. and I never saw the snow fall faster and heavier without much wind and wind there is, is from the N.E.

Thermometer 16 deg above zero.

We had bean soup for dinner currant pie, boiled potatoes, bread, butter, cookies &c.

Not much of anything eaten but soup.

Forgot to feed the dog his dinner.

Sr reading "Two Years Before the Mast".

V reading one of Blackmore's yarns.

I dont read much of anything only look through McLeans Magazine and wish I had some one to help me about the work. The river ice is covered deep with snow. How many, many winters I've seen the snow cover the river.

Devolson brought in too new laid eggs today, which was about eight.

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Monday 27 January 1908.

I was the first one up and dressed this morning.

Called Voltie to make a fire in kitchen stove.

A soft morning, wind South and blowing some. After bringing potatoes, apples & eggs from cellar, V gets ready to go to Dailys to finish plastering. Sews a button on his coat first. While sewing on button, Tomy Dignum drove in here, looking for masquerade suit. Voltie is glad to get the oppertunity [sic] to ride in Tomy's sleigh to Dailys

9 O'clock a.m. Wind changed to West and much colder. Thick frost on

North window of kitchen, clears up, sun shining.

Well I suppose I have go to get dinner.

Sr pulled one of our calves out of water hole, says we have got to many calves. 4 is enough instead of 7. Voltie came home 6.30 O'clock p.m.

he was on the ice helping to pull Dignums horses out the ice. They got the horses out, but one is dead. 7 men altogether and except Voltie not one had ever seen a horse in the river through the ice. I'm very tired again to night. 2 deg above zero.

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Tuesday 28 January 1908

Wind South and blowing some.

A heavy snow storm. Voltie has a cold and is sore & lame after pulling Dignums horses out of the ice hole.

Kent drove in here to get Voltie to draw a load of wood from the villiage for the school house and see if he wanted go to Watertown with him when the crossing is safe. Geo Niles drove in here

to borrow a saw. Said he has shipped Geo Snub to go on Bob Gaskins boat.

Towards evening snowing and blowing.

Voltie went through the storm, over to Rachels' to carry her soda, milk &c found her all right, only she has burnt up all the coal she had at the house and is now going to the stable for coal. Voltie came back after going to the post office. A letter from Grace,

an extra copy of the Herald, some business postals. I sent to post this morning a letter in answer to a card from Geo F. Breck, No 625 E tenth Avenue Tarentum Pa

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Grace wrote a beautiful letter about Bob, herself & Maud and the children. Said Bob had received his appointment as Capt of the steamer Pontiac at \$1800 dollars per annum 3 eggs to day

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Wednesday 29 Jan 1809 [sic]

A very fine day. V had a mind to go to Kingston this morning for Maud but I persuaded him to wait till tomorrow. So after dressing 6 chickens and eating dinner and looking 40 times across the ice to see if he could make a discovery of some one coming across, he said he would go himself over the river and get Ray McIntyre to help him saw wood over on Dailys chopping. He started out with club in hand trying the ice every step, and I, with marine glass in hand watch him every step, till he is near the other shore, when I saw 2 men come out and met him, then V turned back and the other 2 men came over with him. They were Ray and Mr James Smith. Well they all got talking about strawbery culture and different varieties, cream separators, and they drank some cider or a lot of cider and their tongues wagged tremendous - all talking at once. I dont do all the work I intended to do today. I asked V aside what Smith came for. V said Smith had come visiting. He is an [margin] awful loud visitor, but a very good looking man.

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Thursday 29 January 1908

A very cold morning but clear, thermometer registers 22 deg below zero. Voltie and I up at half past 4. V & I get breakfast and wait till day light for starting for Town.

Cold increasing 24 below at sunrise.

Wells Sr got a bad cough sent for cherry pectoral - little later 25 deg below zero. Got lots of work to do dont know as I can do it all. After dinner looking away across the river, saw a single rig coming on the ice; Ray went to meet them. When they came it was Bob Reid.

Frank Woodman, Arthur Vincent, Beatrice & Kathleen. I gave them a lunch they had had no dinner. I was glad to see them. Kathleen is enroute for home. After a while Art and Bee walks back over the ice. Frank came over to exchange horses with Charley, for a horse trot at Depanville is coming off next week.

Weather little more moderate but cold enough. Kathleen sleeps on the lounge

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by the warm coal fire

Beatrice phoned to her mother found them all right.

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Friday 31 Jan 1908

Thermometer at zero this morning.
Well Voltie didn't come home last night.
I waited till 11 O'clock though I didn't
think he would come. At noon, thermometer
at 14 deg above zero. Weather bright and
warm for the last day of Jan. I work steady
all day, on my feet from morning till
night and so tired, couldn't finish
getting supper. Sr finished setting table.
My feet swelled so by long standing
and walking that they completely fill
my loose shoes, till they crowd my left
foot till is very painful. V and Maud
come home at night about 7 O'clock
cold and hungry. Tis a great relief
to only look at them and know they
are here, and as supper is ready we
all sit down to a sociable pleasant meal.
Kathleen rode home with the mail.
Ray went to Woodmans with Kathleen &
carried her valise and the little dear
has gone home happy.
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Maud & I sit up and talk
till 10 O'clock pm.

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Saturday 1 February 1908

This is the last day of the week and the first of the month, and a perfect day of snow with no wind, snowing this morning when we arose and continually falling all day as fast as the clouds can sift it down. Two feet in depth or more at noon. Ray and Voltie hitched up and drove over to Rachels carrying her mop wringer and some flour, buttermilk, eggs, sweet milk. Then they played checkers till Maud and I put the dinner on the table and now they are gone to the shop to work. Sr sitting around the stove all day we baked bread. too stormy to mop floors. Evening we sit up and read till 10.30 pm. Wind commencing to blow which soon will heap the snow in huge drifts

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Sunday 2nd February 1908

Awoke this morning to find the snow piled in great drifts every where; have to shovel roads to barn and river to feed and water cattle and horses. A world of snow and drifts. On North window by the coal stove, half covered by snow drift, a fine place to get snow to melt for washing and other purposes. We watch Voltie and Ray as they work their way to the river, and by wallowing, treading, and shoveling, for half an hour they manage to bring two pails of water. Excepting getting the meals, washing a few dishes, we pass the day reading. Tomato soup for dinner. A phone from Uncle Sam. W asking about the crossing for the "carrier" and his son are away over to Depanville to a horse trot. Dont think horses can trot much over this snow. And there is such a depth of snow on the St Lawrence. Dont think there will be any crossing in a long time. 2 deg above zero this morning.

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Monday 3rd February 1908.

A fine day. Snow & deep, deep and drifted. but the sun is shining brightly. After dinner, Voltie and Ray brake and shoveled road from here to the main road and and drove down to their hay stack by Geo Niles and drew two loads of hay. It was surprising to see The Woodmans driving across from over the river trunching on the ice is both hard and dangerous at present.

Charlie Dixon came with them & passed by with them to Uncle Samuel's, ate dinner there. Then Charlie and noisy Frank came back down there for an hour or two till V and Ray return from drawing hay then after visits with them awhile, Frank goes home & Chas goes over to Rachels where he stays over night except he goes to a surprise party at Snubs. V and Ray and M are invited over the phone but they didn't attend but play checkers. V & R till midnight till I was thoroughly disgusted.

33.

Tuesday 4 February

A clear cold morning 24 deg below zero.

Voltie and Ray drawing straw from Geo Niles place. Charley came over from Aunt R's; we cooked a very good dinner for him and kippered herring &c.

He went back with Voltie and Ray down to Geo Niles, when after dinner they drove back again for straw, and shipped with Geo Niles to go on the Pontiac with Capt Gaskin.

I dont think Charlie's dad will not be willing for him to go. After ringing the phone several times for Frank to come and go home, get across the ice before dark. At last he comes and away they drive over the ice without any trouble, growing colder as it goes on towards night.

Voltie and Ray play checkers again this eve till 10 pm. Didn't go for the mail

tis so cold and snow so deep. This is cold winter weather indeed. James OBrien here to request us to board the school teacher.

We wont board her. Phoned to Barry's they wont board her. Then drove to Niles to see if they will take her in to board. They wont board her, Then comes back and tries to persuade Voltie but no good. Then goes to Sniders but no board there, and I guess he will have to board her himself.

34.

Wednesday 5 Feb 1908

The coldest morning yet,
28 deg below zero. After breakfast sent
Ray for mail which didn't amount to
much. "American Woman" and an
answer to the 25 cts I sent a week ago
which proved to be a fake, without I should
prove to be as dishonest as the advertiser.
But, 25 cts is not much to throw
away, and as tis about as I expected
it would turn out to be, I am not
disappointed [sic]. The day continues cold and
dreary but we live through it all right.
V filed Niles crosscut saw then after
dinner, V & C Woodman strated to break
a road up the shore on the ice that they
might draw school wood from the villiage
when the weather moderates, didn't get
any farther than Niles point on account
of coldness. Ray went over to Rachels &
carried potatoes, milk and apples and brought
coal into the house for her. The roads are
so bad the mail did not get down last
night till 10 pm. Snowing hard again to
night. V & Ray playing checkers this evening.
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I knit a mitten for Sr. Maud baked bread and
reads the American Woman.

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35.

Thursday 6th February 1908

A change in weather, warmer 6 deg above freezing; arose at 7 am ate breakfast at 8 am. Snowing, blowing and drifting all night. We do about as we have a mind to these days. That is we dont do much of any thing except get the meals and wash dishes. Snowing and drifting all day. The drifts are in various fantastic shapes in hills, vales, curved and twisted, plain and undulating. The wind has swirled around the trees till each one stands in a cup of snow. I wrote for a subscription to the "American Woman" & "Good Stories" will send tomorrow by mail. I knit on second mitten but but dont finish it. Voltie working in shop and teaching Ray to make axe handles. He made two. Father dont do anything only milks two cows, feeds the pigs and sits by the fire all day! Evening time, V and Ray play checkers till bed time.

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36.

Friday 7 Feb 1908.

The roads are so badly drifted there is no going for the mail to day which is a disappointment as the mail seldom or never fails to go and come but the phones are rining constantly or thereabouts.

I write to Sears & Roebuck for wallpaper catalog, and V writes to Babson Chicago for a phonograph. I finish one pair of mittens and set up another. Rachels cat came over here. Ray went over to see how she gets along. She said the cat had bitten her on the hand, and now she wants Ray to kill the cat. Ray told her he would kill the cat, she is afraid of blood poisoning. V & Ray working in shop. We lost a calf that had got in the water hole. Tho it lived three or four days, it died Evening. Voltie trying to teach Maud the science of checkers playing. She not a very apt pupil.

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38.

Saturday 8 February 1908

A clear cold morning. Thermometer registers 14 deg below zero. The mail leaves early this morning. Voltie carries our letters to post office, stamps them, and sees them safely deposited in the mail bag. No roads broken out yet.

The mail goes up on the ice. Voltie and Ray breaking roads to the river and over as far as Rachels. Cutter driving up and down the shore to day for the first time this winter but we dont see any driving across the river. C Woodman drives up the ice this morning with the mail.

V and Ray draw out 7 loads of manure

The mail comes early this ~~morning~~ p.m.

V drives over for R and then goes for the mail. 2 Heralds, a post card for Maud, an Almanac, a letter from Grace.

Baked beans, stewed currants for pie.

V and Ray played checkers in the evening. Oh yes an invitation to the c m b a for Devolson. Heard of Mrs John Hamer's death in Spokane.

Sat up late, till 11 O'clock reading.

Terrible tragedy the murdering of the King of Portugal and the Crown Prince recorded in Herald.

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38.

Sunday 9th February 1908.

A bright morning but cold. Thermometer registers 15 deg below zero. Looking out window we see the Woodman's with Len Patterson and wife driving down the ice in cutter enroute for W.H. Woodmans for a Sunday visit.

Well after shaving and cleaning their clothes, Voltie and Ray walked across the river to Arthur Vincent carrying Kerosine can.

They came back at sundown bringing the bulbs and letters from Marjorie and Beatrice leaving their oil can over there for Arthur to get filled tomorrow at the corners. Three square meals to day but I ate only two. Breakfast and dinner.

I cant understand how humanity can fork in so much and so many varieties of food, pork & beans, potatoes, catsup, bread & butter, cheese, bakes apples, cake and all the condiments, pepper, salt, pickles, tea, Milk &c. 'Tis no wonder their stomachs are all out of order. Sat up till 1/2 past 10 reading: boys tired after the long hard walk over the river and go to bed early.

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39

Monday 10th February 1908

Somewhat cloudy when we first arise but soon clears away. Voltie and Ray with saw and axe go through the deep snow to Dailys woods to cut and saw wood. Examined the bulbs and found them badly and sadly frozen, dont think the hyacinths are good for any thing. I put 4 hyacinths in a glass dish of water. Rachel making rag rug. Woodmans telephone for cedar bushes to bush a road across river. Sr goes with them to get the cedar and they bush a road across the ice. Nothing much being done here to day, but a lot of nonsensical talk and foolish laughing which takes up most of the time except washing a few towels. The boys (V & Ray) come home at dark, tired and hungry, found the snow deep and tiresome to wallow through, had to rest an hour before beginning to saw down the big basswood which was tougher than cork to saw. Ray had a narrow escape from being killed when the tree fell. OBriens boys here in evening, Geo O'B wants a plug of chewing. V has none for him. Rachel and Maud plays checkers in dining room. [margin]

Butcher been gone a week with Merrill Daily's horse and Merrill wants the horse to use. Butcher went to Mells a week ago.

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Tuesday 11 February 1908.

A fine morning, much warmer; 20 deg above zero. V and Ray hitched up and drove to Daily's chopping. Breakfast dishes washed and talking began and laughing too.

Not much work done this day. Rachel finished her rag rug. Maud prepared the meals. I knit on mitten, crochet 5 scolops [sic] of new kind of lace while up up and down the river the rigs are going at full speed.

Sr sits by the fire most of the time. He's has got asthma or something - dont breathe freely. Maud set a dish of greese [sic] on stove which run over, burnt and smoked, affecting Wells throat, causing him to choke or cough. P.M. Arthur, Vincent and Bee came over. Be phoned to her mother telling her she is coming home tomorrow with her financee [sic] Frank S. They went home before dark.

V and Ray came home at sundown tired and hungry. Toughest basswood tree that ever grew with a rotten centre. Mail good Litterature, a letter form Nellie Brooks, a letter from W.F. Watson, a card from F Gowen. Boys tired and went to bed early. Butcher brought Merills horse home.

41.

Wednesday 12 February 1908

A beautiful day; trees and every thing covered with a dainty white frost which is beautiful.

The boys again gone to Daily's woods carrying their dinner, they steep tea on "Janes" stove.

V carried Mrs "Jane" a pail full of sweet apples and a jug of vinegar. Maud is mopping floors floors. Rachel is making pies (apple). I write in this diary. Tom Chatterton called here on his way to set Vincents. Belle married 24 years ago this day which was another beautiful frost covered morning. Wells Sr says Ray is the biggest liar he ever saw. I am glad to say Sr appetite for eating is remarkably good tho he complains of being sick. We were expecting Bee and Schrum over to dinner but they didnot come. Belle telephoned to ask if they were come. Frank Woodman began moving back on the island to day brought over 3 loads. Merrill & Jane have gone visiting to day across the river to John Carpenters. 22 deg above zero, cloudy and looks like a storm. Wind North this evening. V & Ray playing checkers. Rachel made fried cakes.

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Ed Bates phoned to V.

Maud washed some clothes from Geo Gillespie wanting oak stick.

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42.

Thursday 13 February 1908

Rainy morning, snow settling
snow on ice like slush and turning
black. Frank will have a bad time
to move. Grandad has at last turned
against poor Ray, for he is not only a
"liar" but he "washes himself in warm
water" What next? When Ray first
came he was a smart boy "and he
leans on the stove too". 40 deg
above zero. I finished a mitten, knit 2 points
on crocket lace, began another mitten.
C Woodman drove over and back with double.
Phoned that he had brought Rays fur coat
and suitcase over. Voltie and
Ray sawing & chopping in Dailys woods.
They went over with a team this morning
and when they came home drew a cord
of stove wood at same time. Rachel wants pea
soup so Grandpa went to the grainery a brought
half grain bag or a grain bag half full of
peas. He not well pleased because she insists
so strenuously in hurry pea soup.

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43.

Friday 14th February 1908

A cloudy rainy day not cold, not freezing
thermometer registers 42 deg, snow disappearing [sic].

Put up the boy's dinner while they hitch up.

They are going to break road across Woodmans
field to Dailys woods. Rachel picks up, packs
up, cat and all, and climbs aboard the sleigh,
and goes home. I send a letter to F.M. Lupton.

Maud sends 3 letters. Rinah, Ethel & Gowan.

The boys home to dinner this day. As we
were sitting down to dinner, Edy Bates came in
and had dinner with us, and talked! Well
of any one ever was gifted with gab Edy
Bates is, Voltie invited him down cellar
to cider. After dinner, V and Ray went over
to Dailys for a new log. Edy staid and visited
till 3,30 p.m. when he phoned to Dora telling
her he is going across the river and is not coming back
to day; and not to worry. We watch him till he
reaches the other shore. Evening V and Ray
play checkers awhile and then V goes for the
for the [sic] mail. Herald, a letter from Grace, a letter
from Mauds Bean, W.S. A Valentine from
Chicago, a card from Rinah James. We sit up
awhile and read till 10 pm & retire.

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Sent a letter to Nellie and a note to Marjorie
by Edy

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44.

Saturday 15 February 1908

Rained all night and raining hard this morning, the river covered with water. Flat covered with water, ground getting bare. I helped get breakfast & washed all the breakfast dishes. Maud making bread and washing. A bad time for drying clothes. V shoeing his own horses. I dont think Edy can come home to day. Maude cleaned all the floors, dining room, pantry, kitchen, cooked dried corn for dinner. V and Ray for noon pastime played checkers. V winning the games I think by the haw hawing. Why does humanity laugh? No other created animal ever laughs except but men, women & children laugh from the good broad happy haw haw haw to childish giggles and girls te he he. Snow falling thick and fast. Evening, talking, reading and a game or two of checkers as usual. V pointing out and explaining the situation of the different countrys on the Atlas to Ray, retire at 11 pm

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Sunday 16 February 1908

A cloudy morning. Thermometer 14 deg below freezing. After breakfast V reading "The Escapade".

Ray looking over the atlas. Sr smoking in by the kitchen stove. Maud out-door examining the clothes on the line, to see if they were dry.

The cat eating from a dish on the floor and old Prince impatiently watching the cat to see if anything will be left for him. The monatony [sic] of winter in the country leaves but little to record in a [sic] diary but we have health and quiet peacefulness, plenty of unread books, papers and Magazines, warm fires and enough for the table.

Clears up, sun shines out bright and warm.

No one here, we are alone all day reading and studying atlas. Uncles Sams folks have a hired woman.

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46.

Monday 17th February 1908

Awoke this morning to find snow falling.

V and Ray cleaning seed oats, going

to butcher a pig this pm. Maud is

washing breakfast dishes and I make out a

memorandum of articles for tomorrow

from Kingston. Ed Bates just phoned

from Geo Gillespies saying that he came

back from over the ice Saturday night

and it snowed so hard he couldn't see

the [sic] our house when he drove past. It clears

away, sun shining clear. Edy here fixing his

old cutter. Grandpa reports a new calf at

the barn. The boys skinned the calf.

Edy ate dinner and supper with us

and in the evening played checkers

with Voltie. Ray sewing button on

his coat. Sr smoking his pipe in kitchen.

Tis colder, freezing tonight. Well Edy

has gone home at last. I dont think

those Bates boys are turning out very well

as men. Ed thinks to much of our cider

barrel. I'm looking on to see how this

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Bates and cider business works along together.

47.

Tuesday 18 February 1908

A fine clear moonlight morning at 4 am.

Voltie rises by the alarm at 4 am., starts getting breakfast by putting the potatoes to boil, filling tea kettle, freshening pork &c. Maud came down stairs this morning before I came from my room. After breakfast

Voltie & Ray load the grist for provender in the sleigh, drive to the door for the pork which altogether fills the sleighbox and with letters and grocers memorandum [sic] mount the load of boys and drive away up the ice, not forgetting to water the horses at the the [sic] river as they drive on the ice. After breakfast and dishes washed, Maud reads "Without a Home". I think she had better adjourn the reading till evening for there is always lots of work to be done. 11 am

Arthur and Beatrice walked over on ice and back.

She came over to phone to her sister Irene about waist making - going to visit her intended ma in law she went back satisfied. Merrill and Jane drove back home to day, they stayed at ant V's last night. We were surprised and pleased to see Will driving in here. Tom Chatterton was with him.

Tom went up with the mail and is going to the C m b ball to night.

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I'll not record all that transpired before bed time, though I'd like to. Any way it was Flanagans night off till 1/2 past 3 am. in the kitchen. When V & Ray & Will had the kitchen to themselves with a dancing and singing concert. Rachel too was here.

48.

Wednesday

Woke up this morning to find the snow falling thick and furious and also found Tom Chatterton here, just arrived from the ball and who is going home with Will having hired to Will for 2 months to help Will move. Before and after breakfast they visited the cider barrel frequently. Tom hitched up Wills horse and drove home with her, came back and Will and Tom drive away across the river to Depanville. Voltie and Ray drive away up the ice looking for a lost robe that they had lost by our own water hole and drove away to the villiage looking for it. Frank W phoned that he had found it by the water hole, and Ray came home at 4. When V went to Woodman for his Robe found F had gone to foot with it. We didn't get our mail till this morning when Tom brought it. Mail new thought letter for Maude from S, alot of advertisement from phonogrpah company. V phoned to William Gillespie about the steam launch he is building or going to build. I heard to night that Belle Sandy McDonald dead

49.

Thursday

Snowed a little this morning but sun shining clear at 10 am, a fine winter day. V filled the blank and selected a list of records and sent to the phonograph company and has now gone to Kingston with a load of saw logs to be sawed into lumber for his boat. Maud put oil cloth covers on the pantry shelves and held a conversation with Irene over the telephone Irene said her mother was warming her feet and reading the last "New Thought" which makes me think I'll just take a peep into mine.

After dinner, Ray McIntyre goes across to St. Vincents. Maud think it would be a good oppertunity [sic] to go in company with Ray over to see Marjorie and Beatrice and away they go.

Beatrice not at home, coming back they were past on road by Fossetts and Montgomery driving very comfortably and leisurely but they did not speak nor ask Maud to ride home with them. Maud said she was not tired and so finished the supper.

Voltie came home in time to eat his supper with us. He bought a stereoscope, a new book called Bueull by Mrs Evans. I dont like her stories. V brought a load of school wood from the villiage and a half doz lace trimed [sic] hankerchiefs for Ethel [margin]

After supper and dishes washed we look at the stereoscope pictures (a few of them) and go to bed.

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Friday 21st February

The clock stoped [sic] consequently we didn't arise till till [sic] quite light, 1/2 past 6, wind blowing from South, cloudy and storm threatening. V intended going to Kingston again this morning with saw log, but goes to the shcool house with the load of wood. It has stormed all day not very cold, 28 deg above zero. V didn't draw the wood to the school house after all but instead drew two loads of hay from R's place. Then after dinner Maude & Votlie tagged [sic] out, and went to the dance to Depanville. Forgot to say he went back and brought R over to stay till they return from Depanville. He phoned to Will Gillespie for his cutter tongue. Will brought it up as far as R's where he found V and Ray loading hay. Well they are going now. I watched them drive them away across the river, speeding away contented and happy though I'm lonesome when they are gone [margin]

I forgot to say Ed Bates came after Voltie went away, didn't stay, didn't even come in when he found V had gone, he said he came up to have a game of checkers but he was thinking of a cider all the same. It snowed and drifted nearly all day though not cold.

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57.

Saturday 22nd February 1908.

A beautiful day, warm where the sun shines directly. I cant say I'm very happy to day but the day passes away some how, and V and M don't. I scarcely expected them as tomorrow is Sunday they have staid to make a visit; perhaps they have gone to Johnny's; hope they have not much house work done to day, only getting meals & washing dishes. Sr mending old harness in Kitchen. Ray sits by the coal stove all day (or nearly all day). Rachel knitting a rag rug. Ray very impatient for their return going several times to the window to look across the river. I said Ray they will not come to day, he said they would come about 5 p.m. but I was quite sure they would not return to day as they seldom go across the river to visit any one. Our hens dont lay any eggs just now, hope they will break loose pretty soon. I'm saving cream from our one cow now to make butter. Jack Niles called for his cross cut saw that Voltie had set and filed.

52.

Sunday 23rd February

Another Sunday has come around, cloudy looks very much like another storm. Ray has dressed himself very nicely and gone over the river to Arthur's and from there is going to see his mother and little brothers who live at the Cape. We saw a cutter coming across & thought it might be Van and Lib, it proved to be Beatrice & Scrahm enroute for Belles. Beatrice called here a few minutes. Scrahm didnt get out the ~~buggy~~ cutter. Van and Lib drove in after them. Ed Bates came, Arthur drove over for Rachel to stay with Marjorie while Beatrice goes home to stay till Tueasday [sic]. Rachel went home for her clothes. Art drove over with her, she brought over a cake for our dinner & said I must be sure and pay it for she surely must have the cake again. She will get it. Van & Lib went home early at 5 pm. We didnt expect V [margin] and Maud but they came about 7 pm. M had staid at Wills while V went to Watertown & Wellies. Ray came just after Lib and Van went home. Ed Bates looks miserable and poor. Lib brought me a pickle dish. When Ray came he brought the books from Lupton

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53.

Monday 24th February 1908.

A very good day nothing extra fine. ~~Church service this am.~~ Voltie & Ray drew one load of hay, cleaned up gust, put up 4 barrels of apples. Van came over for Lib's glasses I was surprised but glad. I didn't know I had her glasses, thought something was wrong with my eyes; couldn't see clearly, thought I was losing my eyesight by looking at the stereoscopic views. James OBrien drove in here for ice saw. Ought to have sent/written a letter to Grace but dont do much of any thing, only cook and wash dishes.

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54.

Tuesday 25 February 1908

A windy half sunshiny day. Wind blowing from Southward. Voltie gone to Kingston with saw log. Sr gone to Clayton for - I dont know, perhaps to deposit his money in bank. Maud phoned to Irene to learn when Beatrice and Schram are coming down. Maud cleans floors, puts oiled cloth on shelves. I make pea soup for Voltie that he may have soup for his supper when he returns from town. Irene phoned that Beatrice has left home enroute for this house so we hustle around to make preparation for company. Wells Sr drove in- came home. Bee and Schram drove in at same time. Wells brought tobacco, syrup, and a pair of pants. He gave me a tobacco chest for a letter box. Beatrice & I had tea with us before they went. Grandpa done the entertaining at table by declaring that Mrs Daily shouldn't sleeping his bed if she came visiting. Of course the young folks didnt want to laugh but had to in spite of themselves. Poor Bee [margin] couldnt keep from being convulsed with smothered laughter. I was angry. Voltie came about 8 pm bringing a load of boat lumber hungry and glad to eat the soup.

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55.

Wednesday 26 Feb 1908

A cloudy morning, gently raining.

V & Ray going to Dailys Woods to split wood, dont start very soon. It began to rain steadily and plentifully and they didn't go but worked in shop all day. Sr fixing suspenders.

I set log cabin quilt together. Maud working on rug, and sweeping, getting meals, helping wash dishes &c. C Woodman phoned to Voltie about drawing the school wood from the villiage. Allison wants the remainder taken away from his wood yard. Evening V & Ray play a wee game of checkers. They dont appear to have such an intense interest in the game as formerly. Before night the rain turned to snow. Rather difficult to keep the cats out the house. I cant say I'm very fond of cats, they are around the floor mewing even after they have had saucers full of bread and milk and the old dog is fat and lazy and hes around in midle [sic] of the floor most of the time. Our hens broke loose again, got one egg.

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56.

Thursday 27 February 1908

Somewhat cloudy light flakes of snow falling, very still, no rain. The boys - V & Ray go to Daily's woods to split wood. Maud put up their dinner in the big basket. They also carried our tea pot but they will steep the tea in the woods for since the catastrophe at Marjy's, Ray wont eat their lunch in the house nor steep the tea in their stove. Well tis 11 am and Maud is doctoring her toe corns and I will begin to look after the dinner. Edy phoned to inquire for V, and says he is coming up this evening. Maud worked on rug. I pieced 4 cabin blocks. Boys came when supper was ready said Mrs Daily is sick. Dont have any doctor. Merrit says if he employed a Dr it would cost \$50.00 and then, if she died, it would cost him \$50.00 for funeral expenses which would make a round hundred and he might as well save \$50.00. Said he has been sick many times and never yet had a doctor in all his life.

Kent came to see about drawing the school wood from the villiage and wants

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Voltie to go to Watertown with him as he never was in Watertown but V cant leave work to go to Watertown again. Ed Bates did not come up this evening. Boys split and put up 4 cords of wood to day

57.

Friday 28 Feb. 1908

A fine clear cold day, Wind West.

V and Ray took their dinner basket and gone to Dailys woods. Piece one block and cut a lot of strips for log cabin. Grandad choring around and reading all day. Frank has got every thing moved except 5 calves. He is going over to the McCombs settlement to play for dance at Miron Lingenfeldters. Will Dixon is going to help him. Nothing particular occured to day. Maud made two pies (apple) and a cake, baked bread, and beans. Another egg. Boys came home early - about 5 pm, we had supper nearly ready. They report Mrs Daily better. They sort and clean every apple that were in the barrels in kitchen, put them back again and head the barrels, 4 of them in all. After making out the memorandum for groceries, I write a letter to Grace. V and R retire earlier than usual, tired and have to rise early. V phoned to Frank. W to borrow his big sleigh to carry his apples to market. Frank said yes certainly. Maud phoned to Mrs Pimyer and Irene

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Evening mail; a letter from Bobson saying he has shipped the Phonograph, a card from Grace, and the Herald, also a letter from some woman purposing to cure me of some female complaint which I have not got. I burn the papers all, just sickening such things

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58.

Leap year

Saturday 29 Feb 1908

A beautiful morning. V after going to Franks for sleigh, loaded the apples and drives away.

Before he went he brought the churn down stairs. It dry and leaks like a seive.

Maud hustled around helped wash dishes, cleaned floors, then went across with Ray to Margys to spend the day carrying her a book and a few apples. After dinner dishes washed churning done, churn washed, Our first churning is about 3 lbs or more.

V brought the churn down stairs this morning.

Seeded a pound of raisons for fruit cake.

I have not seen any one to day, no traveling on land or ice and such a beautiful day.

Prince and the cats sunning themselves on the verandah. The last day of Frebruary is the most beautiful day of all the winter.

V came about 8 pm bringing groceries galor but left his sugar in Kingston - 100 lbs.

Ray & Maude came just before sundown in time for Maud to set the supper table.

We pass a chatty merry evening till nearly 12 pm.

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59.

Sunday 1st March 1908.

A still, quiet day. No one came. The family pass the time reading. I read a book. Lib sent me a book called "Under the Shadow of The Black Pine". A story of ye olden times of the settlement of the Puritans on the shore of Massachusetts Bay, a severity of their religious code & creed which amounted to tyranny. They carried their religious fanatascism [sic] to a terrible extreme. Maud gets the dinner and after dishes washed takes a nap of forty winks on the lounge while I get the supper and then I arouse Maud to set the table. V reads most all day. Ray studying geography. Sr reading all day in the kitchen. Along about 4 pm becomes cloudy and snow beginning to fall.

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Monday 2nd March 1908.

A very bad day for weather; raining and blowing & freezing. After breakfast I wash dishes, take care of the milk, Maud makes beds, sweeps and tidies up everything. V and Ray cleans up seed oats. Grandpa milks, feed pigs, then sits by the kitchen stove and reads. I piece a couple block for quilt work and laze around; experiment on a new kind of cake. Dont suppose it will be good for any thing. Maud trying to ring up central but a failure. Guess something is wrong with the copper line.

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Tuesday 3rd March 1908

20 above zero this morning. V going to villiage with two teams. R is going draw school wood. Ray drives one and V the other. V is going across to the city to pay his buggy note, had to search for his mittens; at last found them on the shelf behind the kitchen stove. Went out turned the horses loose to water; the horses taking advantage of their freedom ran away down the road, while V was chasing his team down the road, Ray hitched up and drove up the ice, but Voltie at last got under way. No central again to day so far. Frank Woodman getting up a dance. I, like Mrs Soloman Smith, am looking on to watch the result the ending up of said party. If they have a dance at Woodmans without whiskey, it will be a remarkable affair. Sun shining out clear, nothing remarkable being done. F.W. phoned to borrow a butcher knife but failed to come fore [sic] it. Maude experimenting in the cake business jumble making very good. My cake experiment not so successful. German cake yeast to old. V and Ray came about 1/2 past 7 p.m. driving around by school house where they unloaded the wood [margin]

V brought a new record for the Phonograph, 2 lamp chimneys, two lantern globes, etc.

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Ash Wednesday 4th March 1908

A fine day, not cold. Voltie gone to the Cape for his Phonograph; drove in cutter, Ray went too across to Arthur's to get Art's rig, from there he goes to corners and drives back to the Cape, taking his aunt Alice with him, who is living at James Gloyds. Maude making doughnuts & lemon pie. Sr reading Novelettes in Kitchen. I washed aprons underwaist & washed all breakfast dishes. Mooney up the island trying to straighten Telephone wires. Maude not only makes doughnuts but cream cake & lemon pies. Voltie came at 2 O'clock bringing the phonograph. He set it up and then set it singing till Maud set the table for him. Then after his dinner played the phonograph once the telephone wires for Irene Halliday. In evening played over the telephone for Frank Woodman and Will Gillespie. After supper and playing the records again he dressed and went to Frank Woodmans party and staid till one Oclock am. came home at 4 am. Ray came later and went to the party later &

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61.

Thursday 5th March 1908

A beautiful day, 2 deg below freezing.

Voltie hitched up and drove to Clayton driving down the ice to Will Gillespies. Will will show him the way down by Grindstone island to Clayton. He said he would be back in time to draw a load of hay from Rachels for the stock but tis 20 minutes of 5 Oclock pm and he is not here yet. Sylvia Woodman & Samy, Cassie, Clifford and Ethel Woodman here to hear the phonograph also Arthur and Beatrice drove over & B phoned to her mother. Maude washed the lines full. 5 Oclock pm. V has this minute came back from Clayton. He bought two new records. Looking this way and the banjo Sunflower dance. Played by request for the Woodmans. Uncle Sam's family and George Snub. V saw Delavan in Clayton

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Friday 6th March 1909

A snowy day but not cold. V and Ray drew two loads of hay from R's and after dinner go to Merritts Daily woods to chop and split. Sr in Kitchen reading nearly all the time, Noveletts. Maude finished washing and hung the clothes on the line. The boys after dinner went to the woods for a load of wood. Storm increasing wind and rain. Clothes snapping in the wind. I churned, washed breakfast & dinner dishes. Maude phoned to Mrs Dignum and Laura. Mrs Daily no better; so Mrs Dignum says over the phone. V and Ray didn't go to the woods after all tis such a storm, so I think the clothes will have to be brought in.

5 pm storm yet growing worse, increasing to a high old gale. Grandpa and Voltie gathered in the clothes. We have our evening meal earlier than usual. V & Ray working in shop all evening. V began building the launch. I made 7 butter prints for market. Didn't go for mail this eve on account of wind. Maud played phonograph over the telephone for Laura & Harold Dignum.

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Saturday 7th March 1908.

A cloudy morning. Wind blowing strong from the South. Snow settling, can see some bare ground. V didn't go to Kingston today for wind blows so. V and Ray have gone to Dailys, clears up beautifully at 11 a.m. Maud straightens things up and cleans all the floors before dinner. I wash breakfast & dinner dishes. About 3 pm Arthur and Beatrice comes bringing Rachel with them bag & baggage.

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Sunday 8th March 1908

Two degrees below freezing; cloudy, no wind. After breakfast, Voltie went over to R's with sleigh and rick with R and her traps and cat. Grandad hitched up and drove over to Winmills. Bill and Mary are sick. He met Van, Lib, Ben Percy, and Della Lee coming here, enroute for Rachels. Ben phoned to C Woodmans, saying he has got 4 gal of cider inside of him now. Van came from R's and went to Sam's, came back again and ate dinner, drank quarts of cider. Talked catholicism and religion, drank more cider, face awful red & looks foolish. Then hitched up and drove over to Rachels for Lib and Della found that Lib had walked from R's to her uncle Sams, so had only Della to bring. Then he drove to Sams for Lib, found her not ready to come, so drove here with Della. Put his horses in stable again, drank more cider, talked more catholicism and then Edy Bates came. Poor Ed looks poor and miserable. After while Lib and Ben walked down from [margin]

Sam's. Last thing Van done before leaving for home was to drink a dipper of cider while the others were waiting out on the sleigh for him. Well at last they are all gone and I consider the peaceful, quiet enjoyment of the Sabath [sic] for me is gone which I regret.

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Monday 9th March 1908

Voltie and his father gone to Kingston. V drove double, carrying a barrel of Tallman sweets to Mrs Hegan at the villiage to exchange for a barrel of salt and a gallon of molasses.

Wells Sr drove up in his cutter carrying the clock to be cleaned. I sent 7 lbs new butter. Ray went over and plastered Rachels chimney. A fine day Maude sweeps chamber, etc., mops chamber floor. Ray cleans ice house. Wells Sr came early brings the butter basket, three records and some things for himself. While setting table for supper Irene phones that Voltie is there & going to stay all night and return to the city in morning for his lumber, sugar and other groceries; he couldn't get the lumber to day for not sawed.

A telephone from Harold Dignum saying The doctor attended Mrs Daily to day and thinks they have called him to late. Tis pneumonia. Excepting Harold the Dignums are all with Mrs Daily. Excepting Harold.

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Tuesday 10th, 1908 March

A fine, clear, cold day 4 deg below zero.

Ray going over to Dailys to chop wood, fires in both stoves very low. Maude phoned to Mrs Dignum asking how is Mrs Daily.

She is no better, they think she cant live, and Mrs Dignum is at home

long enough to telephone to Mrs Dailys children to come. Beatrice and Arthur's cousin drove here and after putting his

horse in stable (though they drive to R's for canned fruit)

stayed to dinner. Maude foolish enough to go over to Marjories with them; going to skate back. Lonesome when Maud is gone.

I wash the dinner dishes, sponge bread, wash and cook currants for pies etc.

After Ray came from splitting wood, Grandpa

hitched up and drove for Maud , met her

and Arts coming across. Sr took

Maud in cutter and brought her home and Long Shanks turned back.

He is a good fellow enough though

I guess if he is tall.

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Wednesday 11th March 1908

Somewhat cloudy and windy this morning.

Maud and I work and hustle around all the

morning. Charley came about 11 am

bringing Belle and Henry. After dinner Charley

drove home. Voltie and Ray splitting wood in

Daily's Woods. Mrs Daily no better. Voltie carried

her some honey, but she cant eat it. Mrs

Dignum and her family are coming to night.

Mrs Creamer is taking care of Mrs Daily.

Evening - Mrs Dignum, Tom, Harold,

Laura and our teacher Miss Taggart come

and went home at midnight. V plays the

phonograph for them and we enjoy a very

sociable evening.

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Thursday 12 March 1908

A fine day. Maud makes cakes and Belle made currant pies. Voltie, Ray & Harold Dignum Drive to Clayton on the ice and come back by the road. Arthur and Beatrice drive over a little while they stay. Mrs Dailys son and daughter come to day but she is no better. The Doctor came to see her. The boys didn't come till dark. Then Harold went to Flynns to see the teacher instead of going home. Laura phoned for him here, to come home and didn't seem well pleased to find him gone to Flynns for his father and Tom are gone to Howe island and my one to do the chores. V stoped at Crouses and Crouse gave him some Photos of his son 4 of them. Belle and I divide the bulbs find the hyacinths all frozen.

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Friday 13 March 1908

A sort of a miserable windy cloudy day. Voltie intended drawing hay to day but Merritt Daily Drove in here to get V to go to Kingston with him. He went and Belle and Henry went with him home.

Oh I'm lonesome without Belle and she went so unexpectedly. We churn.

I piece a few blocks for a quilt. A new calf at the barn which makes two this spring. Tom Chatterton walked across from Arthur Vincents found lots of slush, ground getting bare. Raining hard at 4pm. Irene phoned that Voltie and Bob Gaskin are sleeping at their house to night. So Voltie has got along so far on his way home with his load of coal for Rachel. Not much mail to night only three old business cards for Voltie. No Herald. We have not received good literature for nearly two months. Played phonograph for Laura Dignum and Mrs Prinner. Heard by way of Tom Chatterton that Wills family are all well, and have moved, and are milking 16 cows. They going to milk thirty five the coming summer. Chas Woodman gone back to the villiage to a show this evening. Tom went with him.

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Saturday 14th March 1908

Snow rapidly disappearing [sic],
cloudy looks like rain. Voltie works
in shop all day, began raining towards
night. Maude cleaned floors, baked bread,
cookies, Telephoned, Phonographed.
Robert and Voltie came about 11 a.m. V
drove immediately to R's with her load of coal.
Cant tell much what transpired the remainder
of the day only cook, eat, visit, attend to
the Telephone, Play the phonograph for
the neighbors over the wires. Robert says we
give free concerts and Wells Sr says we
need a Parrot to complete the chain of
business. Evening Bob and Voltie play
checkers. Maud sleeps on the lounge
with all her clothes on to her shoes. If she
is so foolish why I dont care but she
ought to know better. Rachel told V
to drive over for her to come and stay
all night but I have no place for her
to sleep.

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Sunday 15 March

A cloudy dismal morning. After breakfast V drives over for R, she comes over bringing a bag of buckwheat flour to exchange for wheat flour, she stays till nearly dark. The rain pouring down in torrents, slacks up and V drives over with R. Sends R back with team and V stays to put the bricks in front of her stove.

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Monday 16 March ~~1897~~ 1908

Cloudy and snows all fore noon.

V goes to Morgans for ice saw.

Then he and Ray saw ice to fill our ice house which they sawed enough to fill it and drew 29 blocks and put in ice house. After dinner Robert walked down on the ice to Geo Niles and stayed to tea. Merritt's Dailys soninlaw [sic] and his wife are gone home this morning, discouraged about Mrs Daily; he dont think she can ever recover on account of mismanagement by old Meritt. He says old Merritt is an old fool. Dora Bates phoned to inquire for Jen Dixon's address and also says Edy is sick in bed and is so weak he can scarcely walk across the floor. Clears up this pm and sun shines out clearly. V and Robt playing checkers this evening. I ought to write to Wellies family. Wills family and Grace, also Johns family.

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Tuesday 17 March

A frozen morning. 10 deg above zero.

A clear bright morning, after breakfast Robert walks over to Sams to make him a call. Sam asks him if he has not got the big head because he is in command of one of those large iron steamers, came back and walked across to Marjories, ate dinner there, found them flourishing, came back early before sun set. V and Ray finished filling ice house, skined [sic] a calf, put up two barrels of apples for market, and worked around bringing water, chores &c. Evening Robert and V play checkers, get considerably excited over it and make a lot of noise but all in pleasantry and good nature.

Ray walked across the river to Marjories, came back about 9 O'clock p.m. Wells Sr attends to the coal store and reads novels.

Snowing hard all day, our beautiful morning sunlight went out. I write a long letter to Will in the evening. I wrote one to Grace.

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Wednesday 18 March 1908

A cloudy dismal morning but it neither rains nor snows. After breakfast V phones to Hiram to learn which road he traveled yesterday in going to Kingston, could get no answer from Hiram. Isabelle said H is at the barn choring. Any way Ray and V loads the apples on sleigh and after leaving taking with Robert. V and Robert drive away up the ice - enroute for the city. I make pea soup; Maud cooks beans, Ray shovels saw dust on the ice in ice house. We learn that the sick rested better last night. Voltie came early bringing the clock which had been carried up to be cleaned. Sold the apples for three dollars, bought paint and crocus's, flour for R, there was two barrels of apples, he sold them to a jew.

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Thursday 19 March 1908

The most dreary dismal day I ever saw; dark, cloudy, raining, snowing and freezing all things covered with ice like a sheet of iron, trees, fences, house, telephone wires.

Maud ransacking among the old books and literature up stairs and brought down one of my old scrap books, an old diary, a cyclopedia [sic] and several other books and papers which I have been wanting for a long itme.

V and Ray drawing wood from Dailys woods.

Mrs Daily no better. Voltie went this Evening to see Edy, found him unconcious, does not know any one not even Dorch, carried R's flour to her, her cat came over here day before yesterday and she wont go home.

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Friday 20 March 1908

One beautiful day at last. Maud washing and I doing house work getting meals and washing dishes. Dr Spankie gone down the island probably to see Edy Bates.

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Saturday 21 March 1908

Driving on ice still continues good.

Voltie drove to the villiage, met Frank Woodman going to Kingston. Voltie drove up for, and brought home his new seed drill; ate dinner with Geo Rattray. Came early at three O'clock p.m.

F said Robert was looking for V. Maud brought in the clothes, made ginger cake, molasses cookies, doughnuts. I cooked, washed dishes, V brought Kerosine oil for Rachel and groceries. H bought and brought for this family a beef shank for soup.

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Sunday 22 March 1908

South Wind, breezy, chilly, sun shining. A mimicry of certain individual walkers by Bamford & McIntyre. Edy Bates died this morning 9 O'clock. Voltie and Ray walked across the ice to Arthur Vincents, came back at 5 p.m. accompanied by Arthur Terrel who stayed about an hour and they went back home again across the ice. The crossing is poor, water and slush. The boys have wet feet. I sorry for Terrel for his walk both ways with wet feet, he had much better staid home. Grows cloudy and looks like rain. Evening V & Ray walk over to Rachels carrying her Kerosine and groceries, cat and a small pail of milk. We go bed at 9.30 p.m.

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Monday 23rd March 1908

Maud done a big washing and hung them all on the lines. Rachel came over this p.m. to stay till after the funeral. Dont like to see the procession pass her house.

Tuesday 24 March 1908

A beautiful day sun shining brightly, warm and clear. I wish I couldnt write Edy Bates laid in the vault to day that dear good boy gone from earth forever, sad sad. Rev Mr Lancaster officiated. Service held at the House of Geo Gillespie where Edy died. We saw a man walking across this way which we were so happy and joyous to know was Wellie, our dear Wells Junior. Oh we are so glad to see him, but he has come not only to see us but go to Edy's funeral. Wellie stays all night with us and in evening goes with Voltie when he goes for the mail to see his old neighbour Uncle Sam Woodman. Reserved New Thought for March.

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Wednesday 25 March 1908

Wellie went home today, walked across the ice. Voltie going over with him to see him safely over taking a hand sled with him to bring across some oak lumber toward building his boat. V ate dinner at Arthur and came home at 2 pm. Rachel went home this afternoon.

Thursday 26 March 1908

Maud ironed all the colored clothes, 2 more new milkers at the barn which means butter for market and now we will soon be milking five.

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Friday 27th March

A cloudy, muddy [sic] rain threatening day.

No crossing St Lawrence now by footman

nor boatman nor any other way except by

ballon [sic] or flying machine. V dispatched a

a letter to Babson Co (Phonograph Co) Chicago.

I sent letters one to Muriel, one to "New Thought"

and cooked, washed dishes while Maud ironed

the clothes. V after going to post office, worked on

his boat. I pieced on quilt. Maud took up

carpet in V's bed room and hung it on the

line. Sr out looking for his drawers which [sic] must

have blown away for he cant find them. A

new pair and lost since last Dec.

V & Ray in Evening played checkers after a new arrangement

illustrated in the "Herald". It was eleven O'clock

before I went to bed. Evening mail Herald &

Daily Whigs from Grace with the illustrated photo of late Capt

John Gaskin together with a sketch of his

life death and funeral, a post card for Maud,

2 letters for Rachel

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Saturday 28 March 1908

Thunder and lightning at 1 O'clock am.

The lightning so vivid and brilliant it
awoke me from a sound sleep. Another
thunder shower this morning. The ice on the river
looks spotted [sic], streaky, shaky and dark.

Maud cleaning and straighting up
every thing polishing stoves. V drove R's
cow over to her place. Ray managed to get the
calf along too. V over there painting his
buggy box that he took there a week ago
in order to keep it in an unused room
free from dust while painting it.

Sr reading British Whigs that Grace sent
me last night sitting by the kitchen
fire reading and smoking his pipe of briar wood.

V and M cleared the dining room from chairs, table
sewing machine and flower stand. Then Ray
with brush and paint pot in hand painted
the dining room floor. Voltie brought in boards to walk
on foolish thing but I managed to get there.

We ate super in the little sitting room.

I go to bed at 11 pm.

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Sunday 29th March 1908

A cloudy day not cold. No work, no visitors, some reading, some sleeping, vegetable soup for dinner & some telephoning over the lines to Laura Dignum and Irene Halliday and playing the phonograph and so the day passes, ground bare, snow is no more. No opening in the river, still continues ice locked - go to bed at 10 p.m.

Monday 30th March 1908

8 O'clock am, dishes and separator washed.

Maud preparing to wash clothes. Ray painting dining room second time. V working on the launch in shop. A clear bright day, 8 deg below freezing. Coal stove rather low and outside door wide open that Ray may see clearly to paint the floor. Crows flying around and I am going to write to Grace.

Ray scrubbing and scouring pantry preparatory [sic] to painting. V working on the launch all a.m.

I get dinner but cant set table for I cant walk the plank. Ray painted pantry

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Tuesday 31st March 1908

Cloudy all day looks like rain.

V working in shop on the boat.

Ray drawing out fertilizer 10 loads

this am. Sent Sr to post office with

letters one for Grace, one for Watson

and for Helen Watson! I churned.

Maud made strawberry short cake

for dinner which was good. Maud

cooked beans made two kinds of

cake, and ginger cookies, baked apples,

stewed apple sauce, cleaned potatoes,

washed the churn, sweeping,

cleaned stores and had tooth ache all day.

Went to bed at 10 pm.

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from Gertie an advertisement for Magazines

and D Pierce memorandum book

evening mail. Good Stores, a postal.

Wednesday 1st April 1908

A bleak dreary first of April. Mass and confession

at James O'Briens. Frank Wooman [sic] came to

get a horse shod & ate dinner with us.

Ray drew fertilizer and painted pantry ceiling

second time. Bob phoned to Voltie on a

little matter of business. Said the family

are fine, happy and well. Maud held

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A long animated conversation over the lines with Mr Prinyer. Maud cleared and cleaned the wee sitting room preparatory for painting. I cooked and washed dishes all day and finished piecing the log cabin quilt 80 blocks. V working in shop on boat, after shoeing Franks horse. V performed a surgical opperaiton [sic] on my left foot and now I can wear a shoe. I think I done pretty well. I broke two lamp chimneys. Maud and sat up reading till 11 pm. V worked in the shop awhile in the evening, played a game of checkers in kitchen and then went to bed. Forgot to say V phoned to Bob Horn to borrow his pug stove for some kind of shop use. Then drove down for it. Maud got tooth ache. by request V gave Tom Dignum a free concert over the wires.

Thursday 2nd April 1908

A windy chilly cloudy day. Strong wind from S.W. blowing half gale since midnight. River open. Ice floating with tossing white caps. V working in shop on boat, Ray painting small sitting room, Sr patching old harness in Kitchen. Maud read story in good stories. Well pretty near time to get dinner.

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Wind blows so hard it drove the ice in tremendous force against the boat house breaking it in splinters. Never a loss without a small gain for now we have plenty of kindling wood for a while. Mrs Daily no better. Voltie and Ray working in shop.

Friday 3rd April 1908

Maud cleaned all the pantry shelves. I washed dishes nearly all day except getting meals. Ray painted the second time the sitting room floor, and doors, and window frames, base boards &c - poor dear. Maud got tooth ache yet. Voltie works on boat nearly all day. River free of ice from shore to shore freezing every night. Sat up reading till late.

Saturday 4th April 1908

A cold raw day, quite breezy. Wind North, two sick yearlings at the barn still continue to arrange furniture and clean things. Maud got tooth ache. V & R drawing hay from Rachels place. I made pumkin [sic] pies. Maud mops kitchen floor, sat up late reading.

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Sunday morning 5 April 1908

Found two dead yearlings this morning, both bulls, dont know what ailed them. Another new bull calf at the barn this morning which means another new milker. A chilly morning, dear Maud got tooth ache pretty bad. After supper and dishes washed I selct a book for evening reading "Byrons poems" 1st volume and read till eleven pm., his poetry can never harm me. Tom Dignum here in evening: V played phonograph for Tomy and treated him to apples. Lent the lantern to Tom and he went home in the rain at 1/2 past 9 pm.

Monday 6th April 1908

Arose at 5 am. Mauds tooth better.
V and Ray shingling Rachels house. A very fine spring day. V and Ray ate dinner at Rachels. We didnt wash but churned.

Tuesday 7th April 1908

Voltie went to Geo Niles bee putting an old house roof on Geo new bar. Ray didnt go to the bee. A letter and some Daily Whigs from Grace. Maud cleaned all the floors.

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and made things shine. I knit
on rag rug. In the evening
Anna Hazel Wooman [sic] came and
visited till 1/2 past 10 pm and
went home by moonlight. A very
bright fine warm day but begins to
look hazy toward sunset.

Wednesday 8th 1908

A very stormy day, wind, rain and
some snow; freezing as it falls, every
thing enveloped in a thick sheet of ice,
telephone wires broken so no more
communication between Maud and Mrs
Prinyer, but for all the storm, we have
visitors from the villiage to dinner,
Malcom McDonel and Will Ranons.
Voltie working on his boat when
he can.

Thursday 9 April 1908

No visitors to day. V worked on
boat all day. The trees glittering
and sparkling with millions of points.

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of diamonds, emeralds, rubies, amethyst, the most beautiful loveliest sight I ever saw but poor dear Maud got the tooth ache.

We read till late. I write to Grace.

Friday 10 April 1908

A very fine morning freezing last night.

Maud done big washing. Ray moved the clothes line. Maud hang the long lines full of clothes. Inez came down for a visit but went home to get her fathers supper, begins to rain before she gets home. A letter from Grace, Floral magazine, Good Litterature, a letter from Babson phonograph Co & Herald. Sat up late reading but I get drowsy while reading Byron.

Saturday 11 April 1908

An awful day for wind and squaly [sic] weather. Ray, Voltie and Sr had a time or two to keep the boat house from being wrecked and washed away by waves roll in and dash high on shore. Hard work to get water to cook potatos, all dirt, grit and sand have to wait for it

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to settle. Maud made cookies and cakes. V worked on boat all p.m. Sat up late reading.

Sunday 12 April 1908

Bright clear and cold, froze last night. The telephone men repairing the wires all day and the neighbors are beginning to gossip. A long lazy day getting meals, washing dishes & separator and reading. Maud goes over to Rachels all pm. comes home at 7 pm

Monday 13th April 1908

A medium sort of a day, breezy, sun clear. Our men folks moved and braced the boat house. Then after dinner Ray drew the dirt from the new cellar way on stone boat. Irene, Maud & centre talking over the wire. I forget what V done. Sr read newspaper. I sewed buttons on V's pants and washed V's sweater, knit on rug and read Byron. V and Ray play checkers till they both were sick of it and then went to bed.

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Tuesday 14th April 1908

A fine day, quiet, no wind, river scaled over with ice. Voltie this morning rowed over the river through the new ice going to Wills to get Holstien [sic] calves. I took the oppertunity [sic] to write to Marjorie and send her a can of strawberries. I printed 29 butter prints. The Islander wanderer just gone up, wind rising. I dont think V can come home to day. Ray diging [sic] cellar all day stopping long enough to go to Sam's for a wheelbarrow which is very much dilapidated. Grandad Sr put a new bottom in it. This is a pen to throw in the fire; and where can I get another one better? I'll look for one. This is better though not the very best, had a telephone message from Geo Rattray to say "tell V that he and another man are coming down to set up the new seed drill". Told him V not at home. Towards evening wind rises. V dont come home tonight but Geo R and another man come after dark. Geo goes to Niles with his team where he stays all night. The man stays here. Ray and M go to Rachels to carry her scales.

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Wednesday 15 April 1908

Arose at almost 4 O'clock so the
drill man the drill [sic] man can catch
the 9 O'clock boat at the ferry. Geo
came down from Niles both here
to breakfast. V wind bound over the
river, wind blowing half a gale.

The man and Geo went away
at 9 am. V phones from Roy Dodges
that Marjorie has another little son (Ross) a
ten pounder this time, the hand of providence
sent V over and none to soon, poor dear.
Marjorie had suffered long enough when Doctor
Buchanan came; he said another 12 hours
and it would have been to late. This
was Tuesday when he came the first time
and to day Arthur Terril went for him
and the baby was born & V went for
his Aunt Lib Bamford too and he
paid for Art's message to his mother, and
for telephoning to Belle, both which cost
65 cts. "All is well that ends well" Shakespeare.
V went over to R's and brought home
his new double buggy which is a beauty
with paint and varnish.

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Thursday 16 April 1908

Arose early this morning. Voltie drives over to our dock with Maud, 33 lbs butter & 10 doz eggs, came back in time for breakfast. After breakfast and chores done V and Ray went over to Rachels and made a days work of ditching till time to drive over to the boat for Maud and Rachel for she went too. Of course V and Ray came home to dinner. The boat came early and this is her first trip to our landing this spring. Maud sold the eggs for 16 per doz, butter for 24 cts per lb. She brought most of the money home - stood on the market so long went to Grace's a little while, couldn't get her teeth attended to till three Oclock & at that hour the boat left for home and of course Maud had to come too and now she has tooth ache worse than ever.

I made pea soup for dinner and save some for Maud. Wal N came down home on the boat. He been sick in hospital Hotel Dieu for 6 weeks with pneumonia. No wall paper but some sugar, ginger, starch &c and \$8,47 for butter and eggs.

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Aunt R bought a new washing machine & wringer.

A cold day after the wind storm of yesterday. Wind North.

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Good Friday 17 April 1908

Rather chilly, froze again last night.

Maud sick abed with tooth ache nearly all day. I didn't call her this morning but kept her in bed, poor Maudie.

I made a mistake, it was this am that V and Ray ditched over on R's place & yesterday V set shoes on horses and Ray dug in cellar and wheeled the dirt out in wheelbarrow.

V sent \$6,50 to Babson phone Co. I

sent Willie & Lena Dixon, each, an Easter card. Voltie went for mail.

Received Herald, card from Kellog,

Letter and post card from Gladys

card from Lottie. Notice from Review of

Reviews. Maud received card from Lottie.

Voltie & Ray went over river after dark, carried

over two calves and brought two holsteins

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V found Arthurs family doing very well,

got a hired girl, Susie Brewee at \$3,50

per week. Raising babies is expensive.

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Saturday 18 April 1908

A cloudy morning sprinkling rain.

V gone to the villiage and city. V told me that Ray had broke a bridle and whip this morning very carelessly. Maud appears to be better. She is washing the separator.

9 am. Mauds toothache worse than ever just tearing and raging. Poor Maud is crying. I send Grandpa to Rachels for hops &c which he brought together with the news that Rachel has fell down again and bruised her knee and arm so she can scarcely crawl around. When Wells returned he thought he had some pain relief up stairs in his room and went and brought it down which proved a relief indeed at it is the first remedy that has helped Maud. Ray cultivating potato ground. V returned at 7 pm. We didn't mop the floor this day. Sat up late reading.

Easter Sunday 19 April 1908

A very fine day. I cook 2 doz eggs for breakfast. I ate two after breakfast. V & Ray go over to St Vincents. North Wind blowing some. I sent Sr over to see him. R gets along, she came home with him lame & all [margin]

bruised up. She stayed to dinner and chore time the boys came at three pm., report Marjorie and the baby doing well.

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Monday 20 April 1908

A nasty day, cold, windy, squally [sic] snowing hard and furiously. We churned, cleaned all the painted floors, made vegetable soup for dinner. Hand made cookies (molasses). Voltie planted potatoes in the house in a box behind the kitchen stove. V & Ray grubbed and old pine root out of the old strawberry bed and snagged out an old dead apple tree and drew them both to the wood pile. Sr boring post holes. Ray plowing up the orchard for strawberry plants. Voltie says he has got to buy hay to carry the cattle and horses through on. But Where! Ray & Voltie wheeled more dirt from the new cellar, 20 loads. V went to bed a little earlier than usual.

Tuesday April 21st 1908

Froze so hard last night cant plow this morning. Sort of a half cloudy, half sunlit day. A bee over at the steam boat landing repairing the dock. Voltie has gone there but is coming home to dinner. Ray in granery [sic] cleaning seed oats. Maud going

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iron and starch and iron. A raw
backwood spring so far; feed for cattle
and horses very scarce every where. Voltie and
Ray goes over to John McDonel for hay
had to buy a tun [sic] or more. Drew it home in
the rain. V has hurt his back
pitching hay. A postal from John & Flora,
letter from Grace.

Wednesday 22nd April 1908

A very pleasant day. We churned & made
14 prints. Keep one at home. Voltie's back
a little better this morning, he massaged it
with linament and applied hops, salt &
vinegar. Voltie sent Ray over to Arthurs
for strawberry plants for Art said he
would go to Cape for them yesterday when
he goes for his plank. When Ray returned
without the plants for Art hath not
gone to the Cape at all.

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We set the incubator 22nd April

Thursdy 23rd April 1908

Ray drove to the dock with Maud this

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morning. I send Grace a little note. Rachel came over and staid till near chore time and carried home two quarts of water. Sent for a plaster for Voltie's back. Voltie works in the field but his back is very lame. V drives to the dock for Maud and her groceries. Wallace Niles came down for a little visit, poor dear Wallace looks thin and white. Maud came home bringing wall paper and the picture called the tug of war which I sent to have framed. Evening and after work is done, Voltie, Ray and Maud go in skiff over the river to A Vincents and return at 1/2 past 11 pm. I set the lamp in the window for them for the night is dark and still, no moon, no stars, no wind, only dark and cloudy. They brough see dwheat from Tom Dodges - they brought the baby calendar and Womans companion.

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Maude bought two new records.

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Friday 24th April 1908

A fine warm day. Working in field.

V sowing wheat. Ray cultivating.

Sr fixing Sam W's old harness so

that we can use it. V borrowed it

so he can use two teams in the field.

Set going to Cape today for strawberry plants.

Maud phoned to Belle, all well, told

her Marjorie is well and the babies and every

one. Well the new seed potatoes

came to day. Received the flower seeds

from Park to day.

Saturday 28 April 1908

Wind this morning changed from North

to South and blowing "great guns". Tis going

to rain sure. V and Ray working in field.

The assesor here, we churned again this

morning. Going to rain Sure. I think I

must have been nearly asleep when

I wrote the above Saturday's diary. I know

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cleaned all the floors and made cookies while I. done my share of cooking and washing dishes and separataor. Ray intended to go over the river but wind and Rain prevented Sat up reading till late. Voltie's back is very lame. Churn again to day.

Sunday 26th April

A breezy day. Charley Jr and his sister Irene drove down for spelty 2 bushels After dinner Ray and Charley go across to Arthur Vincents for a few hours and when they return they have brought the strawberry plants all right. Maud and Irene has a fine visiting time. The parties and dresses and beaux are manipulated and all their good and indiferent [sic] qualities aired. Well I greatly enoy their visit any way. I send Belle a few flower seed and lend Irene three magazines, 2 "McLures" and "Womans home companion

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Monday 27th April 1908

Showery with thunder and lightning.

Maud washes a big lot of clothes.

I cook and wash dishes as usual.

Ray and Voltie work over on Rachels place breaking up a new piece of ground for sawing grain. Mrs Daily still living but very low. Sr planting potatoes by the consession [sic].

Tuesday 28th April 1908

Another breezy day but not so much but that Arthur Terrill came over bringing Beatrice enroute for home to prepare for her Wedding which is to be the 10 of June.

Terril staid to dinner. A kind of a nice sort of a chap, pleasant and mannerly. V and R and Sr all working over to Rachels place brushing and stumping. Evening mail New thought, receipt card from Review of Reviews, aknowledgment [sic] of money from Babson. V tested eggs this eve 7 bad ones.

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A letter for Maud from Blanche Vincent and a lot of daily Whigs from Grace.

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Wednesday 29th April 1908

A breezy day, chilly wind S.W.

The boys working over on Rachels place again to day or Ray is working there. V, at home filling the ground for Strawberries. Rachel came over with her butter for Maud to carry to market tomorrow.

Mr Lancaster here making visits.

Gertie Crawford and Ezra Pixley were married to day at her home in Kingston.

Thursday 30 April 1908

Send Maud to Market with butter, eggs and honey 15 cents card for honey 22 cards, 11 lbs butter, 23 cts per lb, eggs 15 cts per doz. She ate dinner at Graces & walked over to Crawfords to see Gerties wedding presents. Mrs Daily died to day at 1/2 past 11 a.m.

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Friday 1st May 1908

V and Ray plastered the sitting room.

A miserable indiferent [sic] kind of day.

Every thing moved around botom [sic] side

up and every other may, like this writing.

Mail; A letter from Muriel, Herald, etc.

Saturday 2nd May 1908

This is an awful day for rain, pouring down

steady all pm. Mrs Dailys funeral to day.

Rev Craig preached the sermon. Wells and Voltie went

to the funeral. Rachel came over to stay till after the

funeral. V and Ray paper the sitting room,

ceiling and wall and put on the bordering

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Sunday 3rd May 1908

A very good day. Ray dressed himself up and went over the river while Spoopendike (A Terril) took Art Vincents old skiff and came over here. I wish he had staid home. I dont like him, long shanked, thick tongued, homely, black, ill mannered fool. He brought over McChires Magazine and St Nicholas, he wants to court, didn't want to go to bed, but went.

Monday 4 May 1908

Not a very bad day, river quiet this morning. Spoopendike stuck up a sail and went across the river. Ray came in time for his breakfast, boys set strawberry plants all fore noon. Maud done some washing of curtains &c. I cut and made an under waist. Sr planted potatoes

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Tuesday 5 May 1908

A beautiful bright warm day. Boys working on R place, dad planting potatoes. Maud washed window curtains and other things. Geo Rattray and another man here to dinner. Man's name is Sherk. He is a machine agent, he is fixing the seed drill.

Mail; A Watertown paper from John also one from Wellie relating to the Brownville murder, Seeds from Bark, a letter from Will, cards for Maud, a card and letter for Rachel
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Ray & V finished setting strawberrie plants, 2000 of them then worked in shop on boat. In evening Maud played on phonograph over the wires for Mrs Premier V and Ve went over river with stock.

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Wednesday 6 May 1908

The sun shining but not very clear, a little chillines [sic] yet in the air.

The boys working over on Rachels place. Sr cutting and planting potatoes by the consession [sic]. He says he planted 12 long rows yesterday. V run the net and got only three perch which I clean for the boys & Sr dinner. Maud is making a raspberry short cake for dinner. We churn and the churning is heavy. I work and salt the butter.

P.M. R started to bring her butter and eggs for Maud to Market tomorrow but Maude not going. She met V & Ray, sent the b & e.

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back to her house but came over herself, beginning to rain again, dad in cellar cutting potatoes. R gone home.

Fire coal stove gone out.

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Thursday 7 May 1908

Awoke this morning to find another wet nasty day; boys cant work in field.

Maud cant go to market. V and Ray tore the old paper from the ceiling and wall, plastered where the plastering was off and loose, then papered the ceiling and wall. They worked till Bed time.

Raining all day and all night.

Friday 8 May 1908

Raining again this morning and continues through the day a steady downpour. The flat covered with water and the river very high. Grass is growing but no sign of tree leaves. Wallace made us a call. He is much improved in health and looking fine. Evening mail; Herald, 2 Utica Globes from Will relating to that terrible murder in Brownsville, and a history of the Jay Gould family. Will is a dear good brother. We received Parks Floral Guide together with 5 packets of flower seeds. Am not sure I'll ever get them [margin]

sowed but will try. I sent Belle a letter and a lot of flower seeds. Arthur, V and James Smith came over and staid to dinner. They started to come yesterday but turned back on account of wind. V and Ray fnished papering this morn

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Saturday 9th May 1908

A wet rainy nasty day. V working in shop. Ray working cellar. Sr sat in his corner and read the Utica Globe till a little while ago, now he is gone to the barn, guess he is not doing any thing but he discovered Maud going to mop. Irene washed breakfast dishes, milk pails, separator, cooked beans, worked over butter &c. V built a new fire in the coal stove for it is so damp and chilly with all this rain. The fire has been out a week.

Maud puts up the sitting room and dining room curtains and cleaned the floors.

Evening rains yet

Sunday 10

A very good day. Wind south.

After dinner, Ray accompanied by Maud went over to Marjories, came back at sun set. Henry Holliday came around here with his power boat, a new one he has bought for \$300 dollars. Voltie and Wallace [sic] Niles went with Henry around foot of Island to Dignum's bay and walked home from there. Wind South, water drying and running off. Frank kids made a call, Cassie, Clifford & Ethel

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Monday 11 May 1908

Arose at four O'clock a.m. V going to Kingston. Wind South. Got lots of work to do but dont feel like work, work, work all the time; got butter to work, dishes and separator to wash (work) but now I'll get up and with cane in hand, I'll go out in kitchen to work.

Rain, Rain all day mud, mud. Abgina McDonald went to villiage, going to the hospital to see to see [sic] Bessie who is going to have an opperation [sic]. Burried [sic] Jane Daily to day. Ray helped dig the grave.

Tuesday 12 May 1908

A cloudy morning, looks like rain and wind blowing hard from the South. V pushed the skiff off and sailed across through a heavy storm of wind, waves rolling high, current with spray and such beautiful white caps. His father, Maude & Ray watched him go across. He has gone to Wills for holstein calves. He phoned to us that he wouldn't come back to night. Begins to rain. Charley & Belle [margin]

came about 10.30 am, came for strawberry plants. Belle brought me some cookies and sage seed, had a good visit only she didn't stay nearly long enough. My dear Belle. Voltie brought the news that Bob fell from their upper window and broke his wrist and both ancles [sic].

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Wednesday 18th May 1908

A cloudy day, churned and made butter prints 23 lbs going to send Grace a basket. I write Grace a letter. Geo Woodman & Card here to see V's boat. Maud cleaned the floors. Received another ring rep from Voltie's, he is in Carthage, and will not come home till Friday. Raining all night.

Thursday 14th May 1908

Looks like rain. Grandpa drove to the dock with Maude. So I do the house work alone. It turns to be a very fair day. Ray plowing corn ground. Grandad drives to dock for Maude boat - comes in early. Maud bought trimming for her hat, and a new summer coat for herself, gloves etc; flour, tea, rice, yeast cakes, and other butter 25 cents per lb; chickens hatched in incubator. I am tired to night.

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Friday 15 May 1908

A beautiful warm day. We took the chickens from the incubator 37 in all, fed them hard boiled eggs cut fine. V came home bringing 4 holstein calves beauties. He brought two first time, ate dinner then V and Ray rowed across for the other two. Will brought him to the river, he carried Will some fish the second trip from his net before he went across the second time. V warmed the brooder but we put this chicks back in the incubator to stay all night for the lamp went out in brooder. Evening mail Herald, News papers fro Wellie relating to the awful murder in Brownsville where James Turner and wife murdered Mrs Berman. The mail brought us Good Stories. I went out and tried to make a papy bed.

Saturday 16th May

This is a real work day for Maud and I. We cooked the meals as usual, wash dishes, separator, clean 5 lamps, clean all the floors, [margn]

Saturday WII

Niles here for strawberry plants.

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A white frost this morning.

do a big ironing, churn, stew raisons,
and bake pies, cakes and molasses cookies.

Boys sowing grain over on R's place.

We put the chickens in the brooder to day.

I sit up reading till eleven pm.

A beautiful thunder storm with vivid lightning
about 9 O'clock in the evening.

Sunday 17th May 1908

A medium fair day, air some what chilly.

We didn't get up till 6 O'clock am, got
breakfast. Sr pared potatoes for breakfast, and
fixed separator while V and Ray milked the
cows and fed the calves. Maud and I got breakfast
while V separated the milk, after breakfast. M &
I hustled around and done all the work.

When Rachel came bringing a big market basket
full of dandelion greens while Voltie run the
net, got 10 fish, 1 pike, 2 black bass and 7
perch which he dressed at the river so
for dinner we had greens, fried fish,
mashed potatoes, raison pie & ginger cookies &c

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Tuesday 19th May 1908

A beautiful warm day 73 deg in the shade. Maude cleaned the kitchen walls and doors & wainscoting so it can be painted.

I done house work as usual, men are working in field. Grandad brought in the clothes from the line after sundown. Mail; a post card from Grace and an experimental form book. May Ranons & Anna Gillespie here for Maud to go to Smith to the Bible class. Lancaster sent me some book.

Wednesday May 20th 1908

A very warm day can scarcely get the butter ready for market tis so soft tho I set it on ice. Rachel came over and brought dandelion greens and pie plant. V carried a pail of ice over to her house for her butter.

Maud ironed and cleaned the floors. I washed dishes, separator and cooked the meals & made the butter prints. I guess I am tired. Voltie set the apple trees and black berry bushes, 12 of each.

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Monday 18 May 1908. I forgot to write about this day Monday.

A very fine day. Maud done big washing. I done general house work; boys went over the river with calves holstein.

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Thursday 21st May 1908

Another half rainy day.

Voltie drove to the dock with Maude carrying 16 lbs butter, 4 doz eggs & 24 cards of honey. I sent a small basket to Grace, 2 pike, some greens and pie plant and dandelion greens. V set a hen this morning and now V and Ray are cleaning the cellar. Rachel too went to Kingston with butter she makes from her one cow.

Got now to get dinner. I am awfully tired.

V goes for Maude before supper. Ray milks and separates. Maud came gay and happy, well satisfied with her marketing.

Friday 22nd May 1908

A very fine day. Rachel came over awhile. Voltie and Ray worked in field. Maud baked cakes. Voltie carried Ray across the river and went to the corners for overalls, shirts. Art Vincent got measles. Calf inspector here from Ottawa [sic]. Merritt Daily came here for Voltie to cut his hair. Merritt crying about Jane and relating all his troubles, has to eat.

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and milk 12 cows night and morning.
Merrit went to river brought R a pail
of water. R rode home with Merritt in
buggy, carry the water when got home
had no water, all slopped out along
the road. V staid nearly all night
with Art Vincent till 1 O'clock a.m.
He bought peanuts, overalls, 1 pair of shirt.

Saturday 23rd May 1908

A fine day, wind blowing some. V and dad
building fence around the Garden. V leaves
the fence building to churn in cellar and
he takes the butter out the churn and washes
& salts it. Inez here for two lbs at 25 per
lb. Hand cleaned floors and made cookies.
We are expecting visitors tomorrow. I am
sleepy. R came over and brought
dandelions greens, R and I clean them
all.

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Sr goes for the mail and Rachel
waits till his return. A letter for her
from Jen, Herald, Wellie sent papers
from Watertown.

Sunday 24th May 1908

A beautiful day. Scrham and
Terrill come over and Beatrice and
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They come in buggy and stay all day.
 Bee and Schram going to be married
 the 16 June if the wind dont blow so
 little. Schram cant get here. Poor dear little Bee.
 What a mistake you are making! They play
 the phonograph and Lerrell sing "Away down
 on the Swanee River" & Rachel comes over
 and Maud and Irene go home with
 her, also terrel. At last they all go
 home. Schram & Lerrell go one way and
 and Irene another way and we are left alone
 once more.

Monday 25 May 1908

A beautiful day. Wind South. V &
 his father building woven wire fence around
 the yard & they turned the calves out to
 pasture on the dandelion covered point.
 Maud washing. She cant get to clothes
 line to hang the clothes on line for
 the line is fenced out. After dinner
 grandad moves the clothes line this side the
 fence. Old Prince sleeps in sun on Veranda.
 I'm sleeping. After dinner and dishes washed,
 I took hoe in hand and went making
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 an onion bed and set 9 rows and levered a few hills of
 strawberries. The weather very warm, river still, not a ripple on the
 water. V and his father building fence around the potatoe
 ground.

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Wednesday 27 May 1908

Most forget what was done this day.

Rachel came over.

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Thursday 28 May 1908

A very warm day. Wind South.

Voltie drove to the dock with Maude,
18 lbs butter. Weather very warm. Wells Sr
hoeing strawberry vines all day.

V finished [sic] plowing corn ground then
cultivated it. 3 p.m. V is now hoeing
strawberry vines. Old Daily over to Rachels
nearly all day. Rachel is patching his
shirt. Al Joslin gone to town to get
the certificate for the Holstein calves for
Voltie. Maud bought Wall paper for V's bedroom.
and mine also.

Friday 29 May 1908

A very fine warm day. Thermometer 83 in
shade. Al Joslin here to sign the papers for
V's bringing over the holsteins. I found the
dandelion recipe for dandelion wine after a
long, long search and was nearly all
day brewing the wine, made 8 gallons.
V telephoned to Mrs Pringer for a doz
more oranges. Went for the mail and forgot
to ask for thtem (the oranges)

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Saturday 30 May 1908

A cloudy windy unpleasant day, hoed vines (strawberry), heavy thunder in North, old Prince afraid trotting around from room to afraid of thunder. Towards night we get a heavy shower which enlivens every thing. Wells hoing strawberry plants, takes shelter in the barn. Not so Voltie, he caught in the shower over on R's place and came home as wet as if he had been in river, but soon changes his clothes throughout. Maud cleaned all the floors. Ray McIntyre came over with Bob Reid. [margin]

V phoned Frank for the oranges. Sylvia said they were there. V went for them. The dear little children had been into the bag. V gave them some.

Sunday 31st May 1908

A long quiet Sabath day; alone all day no visitors. I write a letter to Helen Watson in answer to her letter of inquiry about Robert being hurt, no work done only cook the meals, wash dishes and separator. I read a few pages in the "Dissenters" in opposition to the English church. R dont come over. The ground is to wet since the rain of yesterday. Maude went to call on Sanders; found no one at home.

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Monday 1st June 1908

A fine day but cool. Maud cleaned and papered V's bedroom. V working in corn field all day. Sr weeding Strawberry vines all day. Rachel came over and brought rhubarb and helped me in garden sowed summer savory, sage, salsify and batchelor buttons. Busby came and made us a call. H is going to take pictures of Wolfe Island scenery.

Tuesday 2nd June 1908

A clear cool day, wind N.W. and blowing fresh all day. V, after going to post office for me, running the fish net and several other chores; works in the cornfield. Sr working in strawberry field all day. Maud churned and after dinner dishes washed, we work among the flower beds and I hoe some strawberry vines and I am very tired. I made pie plant jelly. Maud made chocolate cake and custard for supper. V painted his bedroom floor. R didn't come over to day. I sent a letter to Grace, a letter to Helen Watson, a letter with 50 cts to the Review of Reviews, a postal [margin] to Helen Watson. Also a card Maud sent to Earl Redmond.

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Wednesday 3rd June 1908

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Saturday 6th June 1908

Another busy day working indoors and out
no rain.

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Sunday 7th June 1908

A warm day. Schram came over. Ray McIntyre rowed him across. Then they went for a sail in skiff on the river and kept on sailing till they landed on the other shore at Art Vincents where they stoped till after the noon day meal.

Then they returned and drove up the island stopping at WG Woodmans for Irene where they were inviting Lillie Woodman to play the wedding march in church next week from Tuesday the 15th June.

Monday 8

No rain.

~~Beatrice's man Frank Schram came across this day~~ No! I make a mistake.

It was yesterday. I suppose their in town to day buying the marriage lisenche [sic]. V planting corn all day and punkins [sic], squash, set tomato plants, planted cucumber, melons, musk melon, watermelon, citrone.

Grandpa hoeing Strawberries. Awful dry weather. V talking about Windmills and force pumps. Maud done big washing, lines full. I done house work and cooked meals & washed dishes.

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Tuesday 9th June 1908

No rain. Beatrice brought Frankie down, and his hired man young Johnson came over for him in Arthur's skiff. Poor little Bee going to marry him one week from this day. They went yesterday to Kingston to buy the marriage licence. She seems happy over the affair. I hope she always will be. I cant keep track of all our men folks do. I guess hoeing and planting. I sent third payment to Review of reviews Company 50 cts for June.

Wednesday ~~9th~~ 10 June 1908

Another warm dry day. Maud and I work hard all day preparing for Grace and the children and Mrs Grant. Voltie drives to the dock for them. They come here about 1/2 past 8 pm. Grace brings Margaret, Robert and the baby, little Isabelle. This is the first time I have seen her. She was 5 month old 4th of his month (June). Poor dear. Bob couldnt come. He and Reggie had to stay at their mothers and grandmothers. The baby is very pretty and best of all good and dont cry as much as most of babies. V painted the kitchen ceiling and a little of the wall

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Thursday 11th June 1908

A fine morning. Grace and the children enjoy this morning in their old country home down on the foot of Wolfe Island. Maud got a sore toe all day, a corn on it of course.

Grace & Mrs Grant down looking at straw[berries] well I guess!! I was going to write strawberries but went fast asleep. I dont know why I get so sleepy all the time. Think because the weather is so dry = no rain.

Friday 12th June 1908

A hot dry day. Sr hoeing. V making garden and plowing out potatoes. Rachel and Mrs Dignum here visiting with Grace and Mrs Grant. Mrs D brought me a pint of maple syrup. Wind North and cool. I hold the darling little Isabelle while Grace goes to post office for me. I send a letter to new thought and Louis Rice of New York.

Going to tell my fortune. What folly. I have only written for fun. She going to tell by my hand writing.

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Saturday 13th June 1908

A clear, hot, brazen day. Thermometer
83 in shade. Voltie gone to the Villiage
to go across to Kinston [sic] for piping for the
force pump to water the strawberry crop.
Grace & the baby, Mrs Grant, Margaret & Robert
are gone up with Voltie to go home on
The Wolfe Islander. Irene told Maud over
the wire that they called there ony a few minutes
and that her father and mother are gone
too. They went on the first boat. Wind S.E.
and hot; C Woodman here for cider to carry
down to the ball play on Snub's. I'm sleepy.
Sr been hoeing all fore noon (potatoes) up
by Consession. I paid 15 cts for cider. Wish it
would rain. Maud cleaned floors &
is now ironing. She intends going to the
excursion this evening to Clayton. She went
walked over to Dignums. Sr milked all the cows,
separated the cream from the milk and through a
mistake poured the separated cream into the
swill barrel - about 12 quarts. V came home
at 10 pm, stayed to get his horses shod.
came late.

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Sunday 14th June 1908.

A cloudy day looks like rain,
wish it would. Every thing suffers
for rain. V, yesterday, tried to get
a force pump to water the strawverries
but could find none in Kingston.

Didn't hear from Bob for he is at his
fathers, brought Maude a pair of slippers
and left them in Kingston. Rachel
ae over to day. Charley Dixon, Ada
Hart came over to bring Ethel. She
is going to McLarens. Ada is
Charlies sweetheart so they say. Charlie not
being accustomed to water, ie. boat rowing
got so warm that the blood cuased a something
to affect his face and eyes. They didn't
stay to dinner on accunt of wind and
rain but went back over the water. It
began raining before they reached the other
shore. Rachel went home. Ethel didn't go.
All evening it rained and everything
growing nicely.

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Monday 15th June 1908.

Raining steadily all night "Rain, Rain the loving gentle rain" which is a [sic] the greatest blessing which can be given at the present time. The strawberries will grow and ripen now. Voltie ~~will~~ went to the factory this morning which he he [sic] always does when it rains. Received our small cheese check this morning \$7,38 cts. Didn't do much house work this day only wash breakfast dishes. V worked on the launch all day. Sr sat around all day reading. Sun set clear after a day of dark heavy clouds. Schram came over enroute to C Hallidays to marry Beatrice. Ray McIntyre and Johnson brought him over. Maude & Ethel didn't go to the wedding, which was all right. F Woodman drove up to Belles with her intended soninlaw.

Tuesday 16th June 1908

A clear ~~cool~~ cool morning wind, North. V went fishing down on shore, caught 16 which I dressed for dinner. Ethel went over to Rachels & staid till time to start for McLarens. Rachel came over with Ethel. Ethel went up with the mail. V, after dinner, carried her traveling suit case to Sam's, she going up with Frank Woodman and the mail. Johny McDonald phoned for O'Briens roller. V and his Dad are pulling mustard in the field. The old Black cow got a white calf.

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Beatrice Halliday Married this day June 16th 1908 to Frank Schram.

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Wednesday 17th June 1908

A beautiful day every thing growing finely.

Voltie hoeing early potatoes stoped long enough to pick a basket of strawberries for Bob, going to send them up by Maud Thursday (tomorrow). Received a telephone message from Bob that he is coming down to night and for Voltie to meet him. Voltie drove to the dock for him, sat up till 1/2 past 11 p.m.

Gave the berries to Bob for his supper.

A methodist picnic on Snubs Grove Henry Halliday drove in here. Maud went with him to the picnic and Charles Junior ate dinner here and went with them. Irene & Ruby Cummings drove in here for Maud but she had gone with Henry.

Thursday 18th June 1908.

Sr went to Kingston. V drove to dock with him. V hitched up old Ben and drove across the field with Bob down on shore below the cedars for Bob to fish. Rachel and W Niles went down too to keep Bob company. V drove again for Bob and then to the dock for his father and Bob went with V and home on the boat.

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Sunday 21st June 1908

A beautiful day. Every thing fresh and growing. Hiram Joslin & George Niles here for strawberries. 8 baskets for them. Arthur, V, Schram, & his hired man Johnson, came over for Bee's trunk and the little table (a wedding gift from Wm Cummings). Rachel came over to go fishing. Next came Bill Hollenbeck an acquaintance [sic] of olden days, a former pupil of mine, while teaching at Cape Vincent. That was in the long long ago 1854. He and his clothes looks rusty. I dont think he amounts to much though he seems a man of common good intelect, and is a very good talker. When at home, he lives in Poa. He is a widower and calls me Irene wants I should call him Bill as in days of yore but I cant do it. I call him Mr Hollenbeck. "Now I dont want you should call me Mr Hollenbeck, I want you should call me Billy, as you used to when I was a boy". Lordy! he has got a stomach on him like an city alderman. Mrs Harris & Emma Woodman rings for berries. Mary Berrie here selling picnic tickets for the English church. Ray & Marjorie and Arthur came over and brought both babies. This is the first time Marjorie has been here since the baby was born. Maud slept on couch last night; had to

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Monday 22 June 1908

A very fine warm day. Ray, Voltie, and Wells Sr hoeing potatoes at consession finish at dinner time then hoe and cultivate strawberries. Sniders heifer got in here. Snider had tremendous time getting her out, chased her all over the pasture with all the cattle in tow. He opened the gate to drive her out, she wouldn't go, but Dirk horse got out. V left his hoeing to bring him back. Then Snide went home and brought a rope lassoed her, then she wouldn't go any way, but he pulled tugged and draged her to the road and through the gate and the last I saw of Snide he was squatting on the grass outside the gate holding on to the rope. Mary Barrie and her brother Geo drove in here to sell picknic tickets. Maud bought one 25 cts. Maud slept on the couch agin last night.

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Tuesday 23 June 1908

A fine day after the greatest grandest thunder and lightning storms of the seasons. It rained thundered & lightened all night. Sent Mrs Harris 10 boxes of berries by mail. Ray painted the kitchen.

Wednesday 24 June 1908

Old Hollenbeck fishing wish he'd clear out. Rachel came over not been here before since Sunday.

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Thursday 25 June 1908

A fine morning clouds up and rains soon after Maud went to Kingston but soon clears up and turns to be a beautiful day. I on my feet nearly all day. V picks strawberries for dinner. Hollenbeck went up on the boat. I am glad he is gone the old "pukeanastic" around sponging his living.

Friday 26 June 1908

A beautiful day. Moody here looking at the telephone; he drives a sorry looking old horse. V says tis a livery horse. I suppose this one of Cards. V and Ray picked 110 boxes of strawberries. I wandered off down among the strawberry vines & picked a basket & 72 which we had for the table. Rachel came over and went fishing and ate dinner with us, picked a basket of berries for Rachel. We had greens for dinner. Mail Herald, letters Louise Rice Card from Laneta, Torrel &c a letter from Mrs Gaskin for Berries. Maud and Ethel talking over the lines,

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Saturday 27 June 1908

A fine day wind South.

V preparing to go up the island selling strawberries, Dignem's just now rung for berries 12 or 15 baskets. R came over looking for letters. V gone up the island. Maud gone over the river with McIntyre to Marjories and from there to a ball play at Sand Bay. Didn't come home, but stayd all night at Marjories. V came home in time to pick more berries after selling 110 baskets.

Saturday 28th June 1908

A fine day. Maude and Ray came across at 11 a.m., at same Mr B, Mrs Wilber (&) three kids. Reba, Vera & Richard all from Clayton. They are taking their Sunday outing and ran up here in their [illegible] launch then Rachel came over, so the day passes away.

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Monday 29th June 1908

A fine day. Alice Michea and her son Wesley came to see us, drove 22 miles—5 miles from above the villiage. V gone up the island selling strawberries. Wells Sr hoeing. Heard that Charley Halliday had sold his farm for \$4300. Rachel came over

Tuesday 30 June 1908

A beautiful day a picnic and ball game in Snubs grove.

~~Irene & Miss Ruby Cummings drove in here for Maud.~~ Ball game and English picnic in Montgomerys woods. Terrel came over to take Maud to the picnic.

She wouldn't go with Terrel though she had sold him a ticket and he had come over to get the worth of it in the picnic dinner. Darly drove in here for Berries and I asked him to drive up to the English picnic with Maud and he done so while Terrel trotted on behind.

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Wednesday 1 July 1908

Strawberries & Maxwell. V picked strawberries all day. Maud answered telephone rings for berries. Rachel here to supper when Maxwell a dapper little man, came swiftly in mopping his red face with his handkerchief having walked 2/3rds of the way from the villiage. "Have some supper Mr Maxwell?" and he getting himself a chair, came quickly to the table helping himself freely to strawberries and cream &c. Stays all night which puts us to great inconvenience. This is a free "Travelers Inn". Maud sleeps on the couch again.

Thursday 2nd July 1908

~~A fine day. Maud gone to Town for groceries. Van came over accompanied by Nat Carver whom we have not seen for more years than I can well calculate.~~

~~A young man when he went away 21 or 22 now 66 years, a fine looking man enough to be U.S.A. president. he is going to take his notary in Massachusetts.~~

Grace and Bob, Reginald, Robbie and baby Isabella came down of the boat Maud went to Kingston and carried strawberries to Mrs Gaskin 24 bas—and 12 bas to Grace. old Max went up on the steamer this morn

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Friday 3rd July 1908

Mr Lancaster came this p.m.

We all sat out on veranda except Bob and Rachel are fishing. L was caught in a heavy shower of rain while driving through our big gate by the road.

Saturday 4 July 1908

A ball game at State Park.

Wind blowing quite hard but Bob and Wallace Niles go across to the ball play Troll but got no fish.

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Sunday 5th July 1908

A beautiful warm day.

Belle and June drive down for strawberries.

Monday 6 July 1908

A fine day an excursion & moon light on
the Wolfe Islander to Clayton this evening. Wall Niles
drives over with Maud to the dock leaving
the rig at dignems.

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Tuesday 7 July 1908

The hottest day of all the season so far. Maud came at 4 am. coming up from Clayton, the boat through the ignorance of the Capt ran boat ashore by the stone quarry. A fight aboard too. Capt drew his revolver on Duncan Jimmie A 4 of July card from Jen a card from Beatrice.

Wednesday 5th July 1908

A very cool morning after the hottest Tuesday of yesterday I ever can remember, 90 deg in shade. Geo Niles working here to day hoeing and V just came in inquiring what I can knock up for dinner; wind blowing strong from the West. didn't want to cook my eggs for dinner but just had too. for no meat nor fish for dinner. V, after dinner rung up Geo Whitmarsh for beef. Bob went up the island with Wal Niles. Wallace went to hire out to Byron Irvine at \$40 per month for two months. Wallace and Bob ate dinner with W.G. Woodman & family.

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Thursday 9th July 1908

A fine day. Geo Niles working here
The day is sultry with heat, 90 deg in the
shade. We looked for Mary but she didn't
come so hot and their bees were swarming,
7 swarms out at once. Maud gone to Kingston
for flour and groceries. Van came over accompanied by
Mr Nathaniel Carver from Bayfield Wisconsin an
old friend we have not seen in many long years, a
large fine looking man 66 years looks like a U.S.A. president.
Mrs Wm McFaden died to day.

Friday 10th July 1908

A very fine day. Geo Niles working
here. Rachel came over and she and
Bob went fishing. We had company
Mary and Lillie Woodman and Florence Dixon.
and a rollicking time they had
singing, playing, laughter, yaking, hilarious
Edith Montgomery and Mary Barrie
here collecting money by subscription
for a present of a communion service for
Rev Mr Lancaster.
Mrs. McFaden laid in the vault to day, 10 July.

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Saturday 11 July 1908

A beautiful day. Geo Niles helping V in the hay field. Wind blowing fresh all day, goes down at sunset. Then the boys V, Geo & Bob hoist sail and go over to Arthur's. Arthur came over for Belle and was disappointed in not finding her here. Said Marjorie had been 4 days preparing for her mother. The boys came back at midnight.

Sunday 12 July 1908.

A very fine day but hurly burly all the time not much Sunday rest. 3 square meals as usual. Bob, V and the kids anchored off shore to fish, caught enough for dinner. Ray McIntyre and Johnson came across. Ray is working for F. Schram. Mrs Niles and Inez here in evening.

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Monday 18 July 1908

A fine morning. Geo Niles came up bringing his horse for Bob, Grace & the children to drive up to William G Woodman's visiting. After a deal of washing and scrubbing and dressing all around they got started. Reggie preferred staying home. They drove up in V's old buggy and got wet coming home for there was a sharp shower and no side curtains up. They returned at sunset and enjoyed a delightful visit. Geo working here in field drawing and stacking hay. Maud and Inez go over to Dignum's for an evening visit. tried to persuade them not to go for it looks like rain but no use talking. They would go. They got there before the rain. Came home at 11 p.m.

Tuesday 14 July 1908

A fine morning, last night's shower didn't wet the Earth much. All dry by 10, and as hot as ever. Geo Niles worked for Snider today for \$2,00 if he pitches both ways. Mrs Niles sent me some cucumbers by Inez and in return I sent her a pail full of new potatoes. Bob and Rachel fishing on the shore. They fish most of the time when they don't break fish hooks lines and poles. V and his dad hoeing strawberry plants all day.

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Wednesday 15 July 1908

A cool day wind changeable from every quarter of the compass. Light wind clouds.

Oh I cant write must tend the baby now
Graces kid. Bobs looking after her so I wont have to. Howard & Robbie both got stung just now. H said "he only sat down on a little box (hive) out there. Howard was stung in 5 times, he only squalled a few minutes. Grace washed a lot of things for the children and Maud and Grace picked raspberries.

Thursday 16th July 1908

A fine cool day. Grace, this a.m. picked raspberries enough for two cans and canned them says there is a lot more on the bushes. Bob slept till nearly dinner time. Maud baked a pan full of custard for dinner. Rachel brought her cow, calf, hens, chickens & chicks over here and all her little house hold groceries. She dare not leave them home for she has already had stolen butter and all her sugar. After dinner Grace picks up all her duds and gets ready to return to Kingston once more leaving dear little Reggie here. V dries over to the dock with them.

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Friday 17 July 1908

A storm of wind and heavy rain from the south. The rain much needed has come. The whole country for miles and miles around suffering from a drought but now tis one steady down pour of rain from south all day long from 9 O'clock a.m. V was going to work for himself in shop this rainy day but F Woodman came here to get V to make a new tongue for his old farm waggon. He brought his hopeful son Clifford with him and the young kid and Reginald are in the shop with F. W. and V. Rachel came over to breakfast. Merritt Daily is going to drive to Belles with her. I sent Rev Lancaster's book up by her to Belles. 3 p.m. Got to bake bread and wood is scarce for every out door thing is wet. Sr has laid down "The Buffalo Courier" to get some wood. V received a cheese check this morning \$31.59. Now he has two cheese checks the other is \$29.05. I guess M Daily will get wet coming home. Maud is taking an afternoon nap. I bake bread. V shoeing a horse for Frank Woodman. A grand storm of wind and rain; barrel running over. Rachels calf is a bawler. Didn't go for the mail, rain so hard, neither could nor did dig "praties" for breakfast.

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Saturday 18th July 1908

A cloudy warm morning. Rachels calf bawled all night, her hens & chickens have found the way into the garden and eat up our few currants, her ducks are free and independent & go where they will. Our 25 incubators live in the door yard and garden; destroy the onions and trample the beets and carrots into the ground, roost on the flower boxes, and mash them into the ground, destroy the poppies and walk in the house whenever they like to; they invade kitchen pantry, dining room and sitting room. And cats!! 5 cats racing around the rooms most of the time. The old mother cat and her 4 young half grown kittens. No use driving them to the barn for they come back again. And the old dog is another pretty old pet, either sitting on his haunches looking for his meals, lying stretched out full length directly in the way and I cant kick or I'd hoist him. Raining again. F Woodman phoned for sweet spirits of nitre—didnt have any.

Sam wants the nitre so they told V when he went for the mail. A letter for Maud from Flora, Herald and a postal from Grace. Clears up at 10 and the sun shines out again.

Sam got inflammation of bladder so Frank says. Frank answers their telephone rings by our telephone rings in answer to Mabel Woodmans inquiry about his fathers health.

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Sunday 19th July 1908

A cool cloudy day rains a little in the morning. Reginald went to bed with tooth ache. V doctored him for tooth ache with carbolic acid. Tooth dont ache this morning but face badly swollen. Arthur and wee Charley and Mr Smith came over. Ray McIntyre & Jim Johnson came over. Belle and young Henry, Kathleen and Charles Junior came driving down in buggy. Belle brought records which the played on phonograph. Then Bell and Henry went across to Marjories in skiff with Arthur Vincent, wee Charley and Mr Smith. Grandpa picks raspberries and currants, Maud goes to church with the Ranous family. Rev Lancaster preaches his last sermon here for a long time if ever again. He going to Denver Colorado for his health. Charles Jr drives home alone and Kathleen stays with me. Clifford and Sylvia gathering juniper for their grandpa. Samy came for castor oil. Lent Grace Halliday Lena Rivers

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Monday 20 July 1908

A fine cool morning. Thermometer registers 70 deg in shade at 8 O'clock a.m.

V weeds out the carrots & beets, parsley before breakfast. Reginald gone with his grandad to the cheese factory and I must wash breakfast dishes while Maud & Kathleen

go pick raspberries. Sr weeding turnips

Voltie mowing hay over on R's place.

Maud canned 4 cans of raspberries. I made a can of pie plant jelly and one of currants.

Kathleen and I gathered the caraway seed and

I went down cellar from the outside and

looked over all the canned fruit, strawberries, jellies and raspberries and came out again all right.

Voltie and Sr are building hay cocks over there. Maud took an afternoon nap. I made

red currant jelly. Young Dr Spankie

down to see uncle Sam who is no better.

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Tuesday 21st July 1908

A warm cloudy morning. Geo Niles here helping draw and stack hay. Sprinkles rain. Voltie shot and killed a rooster for dinner. V & Geo finished the stack by the grainery then it began to rain and no more haying done to day. Raining steady all day. our boat house surrounded by water. Geo staid till after dinner. P.M. V working on launch, grandad reading Herald in kitchen. Maud up stairs asleep. Kathleen & Reginald playing at checkers and quarreling. They know no more about the game of checkers than our old rooster. I darn socks and repair stockings till tis time to get supper then I apply myself to that business with great success, and also bake 5 loaves of bread. Heard uncle Sam is much better.

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Wednesday 22nd July 1908

A fine day succeeding the rain.

Maud washed some towels, I wash breakfast dishes and milk pails. V and Reginald picks the cherries. Maud made cakes and cookies & pies. Kathleen and I wash all the ~~breakfast~~ dinner dishes. I write two long letters to Grace and one to Gladys. Grandpa chops wood and pulls weeds. After dinner, V & dad go over there to look after the hay. Maud cleans the floors. Kathleen is the most active little girl and such a help to me.

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Thursday 23rd July 1908

Oh how the time hastens on. The summer is fleeting, almost August again, and time will soon roll around and winter will be here all too soon with cold winds, frost and snow. It stands every one in hand to "Make hay while the sun shines". Maude has gone to Kingston to meet her father, and buy groceries, went up to see Grace; tis after dinner and I am sleepy. Went to sleep while writing. Geo Niles helping Voltie draw and stack hay. Kathleen and I wash breakfast dishes, get dinner then Belle, Henry and Arthur V came. Kathleen and Reginald ran to the concession to meet them. Ten of us for dinner, after dinner the men and Boys go over to draw and stack. Ethel Reid came for watermelon seeds but we have none; gave her squash seeds instead. Uncle Sam no better has Doctor twice per day. Belle picks raspberries for supper. I try to get water from the river to get supper, as I was going to dip it up, Belle came running, and took the pail dipped the water carried it to house and helped me get supper. After supper V drives to dock for Maud after she phoned for V. He had already gone. Reggie and Henry played, quarreled and yelled. Reggie lost his balance & fell in the washtub. He fished himself out and changed his wet clothes for dry ones. Kathleen goes home with Arthur V. Grace sent me a lot of magazines.

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Friday 24th July 1908

A fine day, wind East. Geo N here. They finished haying. George here to dinner helps draw another load which finishes the haying then he goes to work for Geo Gillespie. Belle and Henry go home just before dinner driving up with the mail. Maud papers around the stove pipe hole, and sweeps down all cobwebs and spiders which accumulate fast this warm weather. The wind and weather speaks of rain again. V. going back again to mow around the corners. Reggie goes with him. Maude and I make cherry preserves. Henry & Reginald have had a lovely time visiting, playing, quarreling and some fisticuffs both young pugilists. Reginald was 7 years years old 15th Dec 1907. Henry was 7 years old 6th day of April 1908. Henry is a full 1/2 head taller. Sent Reginald for the mail Herald, a postal for me and one postal from Jamie Dunlop, for V a very small letter from "Hugh". Mrs A Barrie drove in here bringing our provender that she had accidentaly exchanged for her turkey feed Thursday night at the dock

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Saturday 25 July 1908

Began raining this morning at 4 a.m.

pouring down in floods nearly all day.

Maud cleaned all the floors. Reggie fishes

on the shore "forminst" the house, caught 10 perch.

V is hoeing and weeding strawberries vines. I am

so sleepy. Maud made cake and prepared for

Sunday visitors though we dont know who they

may be, but surely somebody. While I am

sitting here writing, Therrol unexpectedly walks

in bringing the "Womans home companion"

and Happy hours. This is after the Sun comes

out shining bright and clear and warm.

Arthur Vincent, Brother Seaton is with him.

I see they are carrying away a jug of

cider. They brought over our 6 gallon of

kerosine. I wonder how long it will last.

We heard that Uncle Sam is better and can

sit up a while.

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Sunday 26 July 1908

A beautiful warm bright day just
a light rippling breeze on the river.
I sit out on veranda and write to Louise.
Maud goes to church M.E. and from
there she goes up to G.W. Woodmans
visiting, drives up with Lillie from our
M.E. Church. Voltie picks a bowl of black
cap raspberries. We have custard pie
for dinner. I dont get much time
for reading or writing. Tis the demand
of others on my most precious time for studying.
After dinner and dishes washed while
V sits on veranda and I am sitting
in my favourite place by the window in the
big old rocker, V announces the arrival
of Arthur, Marjorie, Kathleen and the
babies Charlie & Ross. They have been picknicking
picnicing over on their point and thought they
would come over awhile and see uncle and
Grandma and Grandpa and Reggie.
Marjorie and I get supper and Arthur,
Voltie & Reggie go fishing. We cook them for
supper and have V bowls of raspberries for supper.
Marjorie helps me wash dishes and just after sundown
they go home away over the river and soon after that
Maud comes home having had an enjoyable time at W.G. Woodmans

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Monday 27th July 1908

A warm sunny day. Maud washed all the white clothes. I lazed around, cooked and done house work. Voltie pulled weeds and hoed berrie vines. I wandered out in garden among the vines and bushes, pulled a few weeds, had fish and beet greens for dinner.

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Tuesday 28 July 1908

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Wednesday 29 July 1908

A hot clear day. 84 deg in shade.

Voltie turned the cows over on Rachels field.

Then pulled weeds and hoed

among the vines. Samy down after a jug of

cider, carries it in a bag. Says his grandpa is no

better. I took a turn in the garden among

the geraniums and amaranths

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Thursday 30th 1908

O I dont get time to write in the diary, if I should speak aloud the above sentence some one would say "You have got all the time there is, same as others". I know all that but I am hot, tired and want to rest but I cant do so, have got to get dinner, make two pies, bake a custard pudding. V dug the potatoes. Reginald cleaned them. If I sit down a few minutes I go fast asleep holding the pen in my hand. Maud has gone to town on the boat so has Wells Sr. Reggie rode to the factory and dock. Dock first, then back to breakfast and then to the cheese factory with Voltie. It takes Reginald most of the time to chase the incubators out the kitchen and dining room. Voltie is shoeing Duke, tis 5 minutes past 10 am. V drove to the dock for Maud, Bob, Grace, Margaret, Robbie and the Baby. Maud came bringing groceries, carpeting, wall paper &c Sr having been to Kingston came also, he bought V's lumber and 25 lbs brown sugar.

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Friday 31st July 1908

A fine day and extremely warm. Voltie
cut oats with binder. Reggie and Grandpa
set up oats all day.

Saturday 1st August 1908

A fine warm day. Light summer clouds floating
Maud baked ginger cookies and cakes,
cleaned the floors &c

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Sunday 2nd August 1908

A fine day. V and Bob went trawling for pike this morning before breakfast, caught one pike, and lost the trawling spool and didn't know it till they had trawled as far as Hiram's. Terrol came over bringing McClure's and St Nicholas. Jim Smith and a fellow named Busbee came over. They all adjourned to the Shop except Terrol who staid in the house to talk to the women. Smith and Busbee went home. Terrol staid to dinner. After dinner Grace & Maud entertained Terrol in the kitchen. Cassie and Clifford came for lemons for their grandpa. Cassie went home to carry the lemons. Clifford staid to play with the children. Wells Sr stays in barn all day except meal time; to much noise for him. Clifford and Samy came again with the express wagon for another gal of cider, 20 cts. Then they came back visiting Cassie, Clifford and Ethel. Voltie and Bob went across the river came back towards night bringing green corn, onions, summer squash, apples & cucumbers. Terrol says he is coming back tomorrow evening. Wish and hope he will stay home the half witted nuisance.

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Monday 3rd August 1908

Wind North and cool. Sun not shining out so brightly as usual. Bob turning grindstone for Voltie to grind binder knives. V going to bind to day for Frank Woodman. I dont get much time to write in diary or answer corespondense. Bob and Reginald gone fishing. Grace helped push the boat off shore which she ought not to do. Now she is working in chamber. Wells Sr got a turn of colic took peppermint and "Fowlers Extract of Wild Strawberry" and he went to bed and ate no dinner. Bob and Reginald gone all day, ate dinner with Geo Niles family. Then with Geo and Louise and wee Howard. They all went to John Niles to tea and so around home. Sindere have got a boarder (2 of them) a man and his little daughter.

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Tuesday 4 August 1908

A very warm close smothering day.

Grace papered the big up stair bedroom and cleaned the floor. Bob painted all the wood work. Then Bob and the children all went fishing caught 2 fine large pike. Cassie, Clifford and Ethel here visiting our youngsters. They make an awful racketing noise.

Wednesday 5 Aug 1908

A very fine day after the rain of last night began to thunder and lighten about sending lil sharp vivid lightning from every point of the compass accompanied by heavy thunder strong wind and rain. I didn't sleep till past one a.m. The old dog tore around the kitchen and dining room frightened bad enough and at last dove under

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Volties bed. We finished the carpet and Grace tacked it down in the big bedroom up stairs. Bob read, slept, painted some upstairs. Geo Whitmarsh drove in here peddling beef. I paid him ,90 cts for fresh beef. V worked on his launch. Maud ironed all the curtains for the chamber windows. Clifford came down again visiting. V & Bob carry a load of cheese to the dock. Reginald went with them. Grace helped her dad milk the cows while they are gone to draw cheese. While the children were all up in the shop, V accidentaly steped backward on Roberts toes, then V and Bob drove them all down out the shop and Clifferd went home. Another ,20 cts for cider to day for Woodmans. Bob, Reginald and Voltie.

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Thursday 6th August 1908

A cool morning somewhat cloudy.

Bob gone over the river for tobacco
came back with bringing corn, apples
and tobacco.

Friday 7th August 1908

A cloudy, thundery looking day. It
dont rain till towards night then it thunders, lightnings
and rains. Old dog tries to climb the front veranda
but cant for the steps have fallen down so he
howls and barks and runs around the house
and at last succeeds in dodging in the kitchen
door where the kitchen floor is newly painted. (Bob has only
just now finished painting it). and against all orders, commands
and persuasion walks the length of the floor and lays down
behind the stove and a jolly time they have driving
the old dog from behind the kitchen stove where
he has laid himself down on the fresh paint and when they succeed
in routing him he is well painted behind and on the side
and dog foot tracks all across the floor which has to be painted
again. Raining hard a heavy shower.

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Saturday 8 August 1908

A beautiful morning, cool and clear.
Bob and Voltie gone to Kingston,
drove up. They experienced some trouble getting
ready to start. V couldn't find his bullet headed
collar button, and his shirt was not right
all wrong. Bob had a great hunt for
his coat and at last remembered that he had
left it over at Arthur Vincents hanging on a peg in their
kitchen; then couldn't find their "terbacky" and
had to hunt around for their pipes. Bob wore V's
coat, V wore dad's collar button, they found
their pipes & "tobacy". Bob couldn't find his collar
button and his sleve buttons are missing and
his shirt was not in good order and they
blamed it all on the women folks, but at
last they are gone rattle to bang up the
road they go and we have not had any
breakfast only V and Bob Sr and reginald
are feed and we are glad they are gone
and wish they had taken young Bob Jr with
them for he does nothing but squall all the
time, and now the kids are fishing in front
of the house. Bobbie comes running to the house

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saying "oh Mumma; Weggie's taught a big putch". Sr is tinkering the front steps. Maud is making bread and buns.

I wash dishes and scour knives. Grace washes baby things at the river. Reginald comes running to the house bringing his big perch which is nearly 3 inches long and wriggling in his hand. Our young men arrived home at nearly midnight, bringing bed springs and mattress, groceries, and lumber. Maud made cakes "galore". Grace washed line full of clothes. Maud says she will bake big lot of cakes, dont know who may come tomorrow. Grace and her dad milk the cows, 10 of them. Sr separates milk. Voltie finished paying for his double buggy and took up the Note of \$50 dollars so that is paid.

Sunday 9th August 1908

A beautiful day. I see the people going to church. No one goes from this house to church. Bob goes fishing awhile in a.m. catches enough for dinner then Bob and V go over the river to Arthurs for tobacco, were towed over by a steam launch gone till late in pm. Henry Halliday arrives with his gasoline launch takes Reginald with him and away they speed over the river to Arthurs. Then Stanley

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Stanley Woodman, George Woodman, Wall Niles come. They play phonograph awhile, go to the shop to look at the launch that V is building Then go away home or somewhere else. Nex comes Ray McIntyre and Jim Johnson and two Malony boys. Morris and Ed and a lot more in another launch. Crouse and his gang looking to buy sheep and pigs. Well after dinner I went to bed for a nap was soon awakened by a voice saying "Get up" Charley and Flora are here. When I came out found Charley, Flora, Lottie, Ada Hart and her brother Bert Hart. Then Art Vincent and his hired boy came. 7 beside our own family ate supper including Johnson and McIntyre. There was some whiskey around beside cider in the cellar. H. Halliday persuaded Bob to go home with him in the launch; they are going up above the island tomorrow to the ducks. My opinion is, Robert had better stay home and away from Hank's companionship. H said he would bring R home tomorrow evening. We will see. At last all are gone except Lottie; she is going to McClarens to visit Ethel whenever she can get the oppertunity to go. Wells Sr 74 years old to day.

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Monday 10th August 1908

A fine day. A good sailing breeze for skiff sailing. V goes before breakfast to engage Geo Niles to help draw and stack oats and wheat. They found it wet and opened the shocks to let them dry, then they weed strawberry vines till supper and milking time. Clifford, Cassie & Ethel came visiting to Reginald, Margaret and Robbie. All at the river wading, every one. Every dud on them wringing wet. Grace gave them candy and sent Franks kids home. Clifford says he can get drunk, swear and smoke, but he says he cant chew yet. Wells Sr not very well called for quinine but I have none. I'll send and get some tomorrow by the mail. Arthur V brought Beatrice Schram over enroute for her old home. She phoned for them to come for her. Belle has just gone to the villiage with Irene, Rube Cummings and Anna May Kenny. Irene intends to stay till Wednesday. Charley Jr drove down for Beatrice they stay till after tea and Lottie goes up with them. Bob didnt come home this eve.

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Tuesday 11 Aug 1908

Geo Niles and Voltie drawing and stacking oats and wheat; finished drawing on this place. Mrs Dick Halliday came driving in her covered rig with two of her children, bringing Bob who had had a gay time ever since he left here last Sunday. Grace got dinner had beans, potatoes, boiled beets. After noon Bob and Reggie went trolling. After 3 p.m. V pulled purslain out the strawberry vines, baskets and wheelbarrow full, throwing them in the river. I went out where V is pulling weeds and the bees chased me (2 bees). V killed them after they got in his hair. Maud ironed all her starched clothes. Frank Briceland drove in here and bought a hog from Voltie 6 cts per lb live weight. going to come for it.

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Wednesday 12 Aug 1908

Very warm with swift flying clouds gathering from S.W. V and his father working on R's place binding and setting up oats. Bob went trawling gone nearly all day, came only in pm for his supper, brought a pike and some smaller fish ate dinner with George and Louise. He says "Louise is a fine cook". "She makes the most beautiful buns, the most delicious cookies, fried cakes, chocolate cakes and can fry fish to perfection". "Yes Sir I tell you Louise is a good cook". Maud bakes bread, ginger cookies, 3 frosted cakes in evening and work all done. V goes up to Woodmans for Quinine capsles. Wells dont feel very well he dont take much rest from work, setting up grain, hoeing, pulling weeds, building fence, chopping wood and kindling. Grace washed the lines full of clothes for her family, getting ready to go home tomorrow. Raining but not pouring down as usual. Burnside drove in here and bought the brown bull and muddy heifer from Voltie \$50.00

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Thursday 13th

Raining some this morning not very good for harvesting grain. Voltie and his father go "over there" to bind oats. Grace prepares for going home. Bob came down stairs at 9 a.m. finds the breakfast table cleared away and he is glum as a monk. I suppose he wants his breakfast kept warm hot for him. he smokes awhile then pokes around the pantry looking for something to eat. Maud has carried the cakes and cookies down cellar so he conchides to help himself to bread and butter, cold fish and a cup of cold tea; then he gathers a few news papers and returns to the parlor and to the couch where he stretches himself out lengthwise and reads 2 hours then wanders off towards the barn a few minutes and returns to his couch till dinner time then wanders out doors awhile, sits on the veranda steps, chops a few sticks of small wood and goes to roost again on the couch. I care for little Isabelle while Grace washes combs and dresses, Reginald, Margeret, and Robert then Isabelle and herself. Bob arises and V drove the bull and heifer out to the road this morning that he sold to Burnside yesterday.

polishes the childrens shoes and combs
and parts their hair in the middle.
Margaret and Robert & Isabelle dressed (the boys)
all in white embroidered rigs with their
little city caps perched on the back of their heads and
when all complete they are gay and dudeish.
And Oh so foolishly proud. They leave their
straw hats behind them for Reggie says their
straw hats are only to be worn in the country
on the farm. And wee Robbie says "ony
wear tawhats in tunty". Voltie comes
home from his harvesting at 4.30 and
he gather them in double buggy, 6 of them
and the baby cart, two valises and
other baskets and himself and then I
have to go to the door and call "here Bob
you've left your fathers cane" (which I have
in my hand) which Maud takes and hands to
Bob and away they drive around the barn
and Maud and I return indoors. And
__ the silence and quietness is releaving
but at same time there is a sadness in it for I
know they are gone and I want and miss
Grace when she is gone. Grace is always good and patient.
Heard to day that Wallace Niles had fell while pressing hay
and brake a bone in his wrist and strained the cords.

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Friday 14th Aug 1908

A warm summer day & breezy. I sent for the Stereoscope views to day to happy hours. V finished cutting oats on R's place finished at noon brought the binder home. I wash dishes, hoe a few weeds, help get dinner. Maud lent the skiff to John Murry & Arthur Burke to go to the Cape, going to come back by 2 pm. But they went for the wind blows to breezy. After dinner, with great difficulty I climb the stairs to see how nicely Grace and Maud have papered, painted, white washed, and arranged every thing so orderly and clean, and with nearly as much trouble I came down stairs again. Maud washing a few things! I began making pickles (cucumber). V finished binding on both places and has put the binder away for this year, and now has only the peas to cut which will take two days and then the harvesting is done and the summer is passing on. Voltie went for the mail A postal for Maud from Flora D., a postal for me from Grace & one from Gladys for me.

Saturday 15 Aug 1908

A clear bright day, cooler Wind North. Wallace called here while Maude and I are washing breakfast dishes, enroute for George's. They are going over to the corners. Geo is going blackberrying. Wal's hand and wrist done up in a rag; says tis very painful at some times. Voltie went to Hiram's for money that H owes for strawberries, but couldnt make a raise. Maud finished washing the colored clothes and hung them on the line, baked bread, cleaned all the floors, I.E. 2 bedrooms, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, pantry & veranda, cleaned windows, ironed alot of clothes and sundries to numerous to mention. I washed the supper dishes while Maude gets ready to cross the river with V. V going to the corners for overalls and shirts, while Maud visits with Marjorie. Arthur drives out to St Lawrence with Voltie. Saturday evening work all done, cows in lower pasture, and chickens gone to roost, Sr setting out in the back veranda smoking his pipe, enjoying the beautiful quietness of this August evening. Saying "wonder who will come tomorrow".

Voltie drummed Frank Woodman for \$3 dollars which he had been owing him for some time. Got \$2 dollars of it.

Sunday 16th August 1908

A very warm morning sun shining clear, river like a mirror. V and Maud returned at 4 this morning . having visited with Quinn till 2 a.m. bought tobacco, shirts, overalls, a wrapper for Maude and a wrapper for me. Well this our Sunday visitors. First came Schram and Terrol and Kathleen, then Belle, Beatrice, Grace and Henry. Voltie caught two pike which we cooked for dinner. Voltie and Belle went to look at the corn and other garden "sass". They brought all of Bustards phonograph records which they played on our phonograph, and now they are all gone home. Frank & Beatrice and Terryhole" across the river. Belle & her family gone up the island. Wal Niles here too, and now it looks like rain and we are all tired—too tired to wash the supper dishes. I go to my bed room and read two hours. Expected Mr Taggart and daughter but they didn't come.

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Monday 17th 1908

A cloudy morning looks like rain but it dont rain. While we were washing dishes Mr Taggart came driving in here bringing his daughter our little school teacher; he stays to dinner. Voltie not very well, leaves his work in field cutting peas and comes home he is so thirsty, he's down awhile, plays phonograph for Taggart and has not gone back to his work cutting peas. Next comes Merrit Daily garrulous as an old biddy. He has borrowed a book, a magazine the Peoples Magazine. I hope he will bring it back. Well I am glad he is gone at last. Miss Taggart came home early at 1/2 past 4 p.m. afraid of thunder and lightning. I borrowed ,50 cts of Wells. I had a big search for a suit of underclothes of Sr didnt find them.

Wallace borrowed V's boat to go fishing around the foot to Dick Hallidays coming back tomorrow. V goes to look for help & I draw and stack oats tomorrow. Couldnt get Geo Niles. He working for J Irvine

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Tuesday 18 Aug 1908

A fine cool day. Gunn helping V draw and stock oats. Kent mad beause teacher dismissed school so early yesterday p.m. Something always wrong with Kent always mad at somebody. Belle phoned that Ruby C and Irene H are coming down with the mail. They came after dark hungry as anything. They sat up quite late singing, dancing and raising Dickens

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Wednesday 19

A clear bright day no rain, but the wind is tremendous. River white with great rolling waves. The impatience of these two young damsels to cross over is amusing they employ the time singing, dancing, reading a little, playing phonograph, stereoscoping & talking over the telephoe, thumping the piano, running to the river with marine glass in hand ~~straining their~~ eyes looked over the waves, looking for a skiff to take them across. After chores all done Voltie rows them across and when he returns he has Charley Dixon and Bert Harte with him enroute for Kingston tomorrow with their dressing cases and band boxes happy as birds, going to the Cape fair and dance to night or tomorrow night as the case may be, if they can get any to take them.

Thursday 20th Aug 1908

A beautiful day no rain. We arose early, going to Kingston again on the boat. Maud, Charley and Harte. I get their breakfast then breakfast for the family including the teacher. V and dad hoe and weed all day till chore and boat time, then drives to dock bringing M and and Lottie, and I rememer I was awful tired that night.

Coons eating and tearing the corn destroying so Voltie with old dog and gun secrete themselves in corn field loaded for coon. V fires off gun, Prince barks and tears through corn nearly all night, no coon.

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Friday 21st

No rain. A bright clear day but O how the wind howls from south. Lottie makes a cake.

Maud makes cake. Maud straightens out things, sweep, make beds &c. The wind continues. Charley Jr drives down for Irene and Ruby. V & Charley go over the river after dark for them. Charley D & Burt H and Lottie go across the river in Vincent's skiff.

I set a lamp in the window till they get across.

~~Saturday 22nd~~

Sunday 25th May 1919.

No rain. A nasty wet day but wind dont blow. Wall Niles comes over all dressed gay & fine. Emma goes with Maggie to make that periodical visit to Hirmans and came home earlier than I expected. Ray ate dinner with us. Eddie McDonald made his weekly appearance and staid till eleven p.m. (drove home). Rachel went from here this morning after breakfast

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Monday 22 May 1919.

I know there is not much of anything done this day in door any way. Watts came down this day for the first time since the 2nd of May. Postmaster general Toronto started him on the road. I send a letter to Mirian Benton & Grace.

Tuesday 27 May 1919.

A fine day. Potatoe planting going on to day and other digging out doors. The calves are on the point 5 of them. Harold Dignum is home and has a party at Jim Morgans this night. Alden drives for E & E and they go return at midnight. Abysma and Eddie here in eve.

Wednesday 28th May 1919

A fine warm growing day. Voltie preparing and sowing barley "over there". Emma cleaned and papered my bed room. We had a ring up to meet some one (a man & woman) at the boat. V drove over for them but found no one. Guess it is Bert and Maud. They got left any way, whoever it was. I write and send Grace a letter and receive on from Watson

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Wednesday 25 August 1908

Thursday 29 May 1919

A bright warm morning, not brilliant.

Slept well in my newly cleaned bedroom.

Voltie gone to factory. Emma getting breakfast.

Edith feeding her pig. I'll never forget the towel

affair. I thought I had the privilege of having

one of my very own but how mistaken one can be.

Kindness of heart is a beautiful thing but it is almost

an unknown quality in this family, nothing but

rampant selfishness.

Thursday 26th August 1908

A beautiful day no rain. V and dad weeding among

the vines all day. Intended sending Maud to

Kingston to day for groceries but failed in the

cash business. I canned 2 tomatoes, write Grace

a long letter, just cooked and washed dishes.

Maud made beds, swept floors, cleaned up in general.

Will Dignum & Johny Murray here in the

evening and they and V and the girl's

visited out on the verandah

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Friday 27th August 1908

No rain. A fine day Wind South, barometer indicates rain. Snyder working here helping Voltie draw and stack peas which finishes the harvest. Teacher carried a letter for me to post to Grace. I boil corn & potatoes make apple jelly. This is the first time I have written in this diary in more than a week. I dont think I can work back with memory clear enough to catch up with every thing but why should I record every insignificant event; there are some things which I would not write if I rememered them. No rain for a long time. I heard Sr say "the grain harvesting is not very abundant any where this year. Voltie has paid Johny McDonald \$25 dollars for hay, also 50 dollars last payment on his double buggy, two debts which we wiped out. V while waiting for dinner plays phonograph for Snider; after dinner Snyder looks at the stereoscopic views. I think this is the first time Snyder ever looked through a stereographoscope A Syrian pedlar here wanting to sell silk embroidery shirt waists \$1,50 - no money couldnt buy. V pays Bill Gunn \$1,00 for stacking oats. Dignums drive for their mail also drive in here for Maud & Stella to go to their house for an evening brought them home again at 11 pm. No rain.

Saturday 28th Aug 1908

A fine day no rain. V rose at four
O'clock. I hustled out and got his breakfast,
Stella ate with him. She went up with V to
Irvine's for music lessons and came home
at 10 a.m. Merritt Daily drove in here for
potatoes. I introduced him to Miss Taggart.
Poor old Merrit he talks kinder flat. I gave
him some tomatoes. Next came a young fellow
name Purvis, peddling stereoscopic views,
the finest I ever saw. He stays to dinner.
V came home about 11 p.m. he came
across on the 3 pm boat. Crawford wouldn't
bring his coal or lumber, nor for any one. Said
he wouldn't carry frieght Saturday only passengers
on Saturday. V bought 3 phonograph records,
gave Irene one. I had not gone to bed
but sat up, reading. Dignums phoned for
Stella to go to church with them tomorrow.
V saw Bob and Mrs Gaskin on the market.

Sunday 29 Aug 1908

A beautiful day. No rain. Sr after breakfast goes across to see his relatives. Stella goes to the village R.C. church with the Dignems. We are anticipating a quiet restful Sabath. V he's down for a little sleep Arthur comes over accompanied by wee Charley also bringing that miserable nuisance Terrel with him, an intruder an interloper. They stay to dinner. V takes Arthur through the corn field. If I sit down to write a few lines I go fast asleep sitting in the chair. I dont like it. Next came Bob Henderson who work for Mike OBrien. V entertained him with stereoscopy and phonograph. Next came Roy McIntyre who staid till dark. Stella came home at 11 pm being brought home by Johny Murphy. Wells came home at tea time having had a fine visit, said Lib has changed her political view of the presedentials election. She is a republican no more. She votes for Bryan now and I think I do too. I dont like Taft with a stomach on him like old Hollenbeck. Van has hurt his foot.

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Monday 30 August 1908

A beautiful day, no rain but Oh so hot, thermometer more than 80 in shade. V went to Niles to thresh, found that the machine will set up here tomorrow, came home and drove to the ferry for beef, and things. May Ranous here selling tickets for a garden party to be held at the villiage. Maud bought one. Our hens and chickens are eating up our tomatoes & cucumber. Wells chased one old hen more than an hour then called on Maud and I to help him, had the gate open wide but she didn't go out though very near it several times, at last she dove under the veranda and no amount of punching would bring her out and there she staid. Voltie came home at 9 p.m. Stella and Maud went to River to wash their feet came back and show me how clean their feet are and stay in my bed room till Voltie comes home. Stella telling me her home life. V comes home after having had charge of C.W. who came home drunk as usual, howling drunk. Voltie brought home Irene's record smile, smile, smile. V went early this morning to thresh at Niles. Wells weeding & wines

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Tuesday 1 September 1908

A fine warm day. No rain. V went to Niles to thresh, found they have more men than they need; so of course they have no need of him; he fixes the threshing table, takes down the wire by the barn. Cant ring for central telephone wire broken by swallows. V fixed the broken wire.

No Rain

Friday 30 May 1919

A very warm growing day, deposited a letter in the mail box to Nelson for three books but Walls at his same old tricks, dont come. Voltie planting potatoes. Emma papered my bed room. Bert too is working in evening go fishing by torch light.

No Rain

Saturday 31st May 1919

Every cleaned up for Sunday but the house cleaning hangs fire, cake made etc. Voltie and Bert working fixing fence & planting. Go fishing by torch light in evening.

June 1 Sunday 1919

No Rain. A fine day every thing growing, every apple tree like a snow drift. No one here all day except ourselves including Bert, Maud and Hubert till evening when over came the Morgans ie Alden and Madaline. Then came Eddie McDonald bringing with him Ogle. They hang round on the back steps for awhile talking with Maud & bert then they come in and march through the kitchen & dining room directly to the parlor & then the pow wow begins, hollering yelling thumping the piano and they imagine they are singing.

Nearly 12 O'clock midnight when they went home. This is the 4th night V has been kept awake till late
Monday June 2nd 1919

No rain. A hot day. After all the rainy weather, I guess a drought has began, tho every thing is beautiful at present but no wind not even a small refreshing breeze not a ripple on the river. After dinner Voltie rows Bert over the river. But enroute for WatertownV comes in time to do the chores bringing 6 gal of kerosine. Then at sunset he goes back over there and bring his own oil tank and 15 more gal of kerosine.

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Saturday 5th September 1908

No rain. We do a clean hard days work this day (Maud & I). Maud cut her finger and burnt her finger, both done in rags and ointment. We canned tomatoes. Maud swept, moped & renovated the rooms all through, cleaned and polished six windows, tidied the pantry from top to floor.

Sunday 6th September 1908

A fine family Sunday, no one here all day. A peaceful, quiet, restful day. We do the dishes, read. A big thunder shower for somebody. It is raining here but not very hard. We need a good thorough rain for this terrible dry weather is ruinous. V brought in an armful of sweet corn and a ripe watermelon. I write a letter to Beatrice; seems to me she must be lonesome without her mother and her own people so long.

Monday 7 September 1908

No Rain. A beautiful day wind West and cool. Volty drove to factory this morning enroute for Boltons threshing. Sr, after getting an armful of sweet corn has bonet at his told trade weeding strawberry vines. Says "there is no profit in strawberries. I ask him what there could be made more profitable on this small place, 'Potatoes'. Maud & I canned 9 cealers of tomatoes. I finish writing a letter to Beatrice. Maude made a tea cake with maple filling. Merrit Daily here for a bag of oats. Nearly sundown and Voltie not yet come with the unwashed milk can; his father filling the pails with milk. nothing to strain it into. Voltie just now come, can washed and every thing, all all right. Will and Harrold Dignum gone over to Buchanan. Harold got a very bad hand where he dug a pimple open with his jackknife. It is terribly swollen [sic: swollen] and painful.

Tuesday morning 8 September

No Rain. V stays home to day and pulls beans. machine gone to Montgomerys from Boltons. Mrs Taggart came down bringing Stella. Tag staid to dinner a great talker a good visitors. Irene came down with the mail enroute for Marjories to help her cook for thresh, dry weather, no rain. Sr needs strawberry vines, Maud sick all day with head ache. Harold D gone to Kingston to Hotel Dieu.

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Wednesday 9th September 1908

Clear, wind wind blowing a harrycane [sic: hurricane] smoky and dry. V digging potatoes.

Sr weeds strawberry vines. Irene begining Mauds black dress skirt. The girls have great time visiting; had to drive them off to bed. Such a racket I never heard. Never can be young but once. Harold Dignum is better so they phoned.

Thursday 10th September

No rain. Maud gone to Kingston this morning accompanied by Irene. Voltie drove to the dock with them, then drew popatoes [sic: potatoes] from the field 7 bags. After dinner V went to Samys to thresh. I cooked, wash dishes, milk can. Stella after school phoned to Dignums to tell the girls to walk home from the dock for V threshing and cant leave, awful dry weather no rain.

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Friday 11th September 1908

No rain. A fine day, smokey, no rain.

V finished threshing at Sam Woodmans and now gone across the river to Arthurs to row Irene across. Merritts Daily here for potatoes. Sr clubbed Sindere Turkeys out the door yard; guess he killed one.

I make plum preserves. Bob phoned for George Niles and Lloyd to come immediately.

The company are just now sending the Pontiac out on the lakes this late period of the season, "but better late than never". McLaren phoned to ask how the landing is for his launch.

McLaren brought Rachel & Ethel down in gasoline boat, bundles, boxes and baskets. They are pleased to get home once home once more. V pulling beans & cutting corn over on R's place. Wells worked in Strawberry vines. V relates to me the story of Arthur. V's financial embardment that he told him (V) this day while he was there.

Threshing there this pm. Irene & a Mrs Rowans helping Marjorie. The smoke thick and strong cant see across the river, steamboat calling all night long in the murky atmosphere.

Franks 4 kids have a great time wading and playing in the water without a stitch of clothing on them, not even baby Robert.

Saturday 12 September 1908

No Rain. Cooler this morning wind North, smoky no rain. Everything drying up
Voltie drew all the beans and corn from Rachels place. Old Meritorious here again to day for potatoes. V carried home R's pots cups & plates that I borrowed at threshing time. Stella helped me about the breakfast dishes. Commenced packing eggs only three dozen. Franks youngone, on the shore again to day. Len Patterson, Emma and the auld one gone up to day. Carrie here for tomatoes for dinner.

Sunday 13 September 1908

No Rain. Didn't arise quite so early as usual this morning. A fine day for warm weather. Maud went to 10 O'clock service with the Ranous family. Voltie & Stella went fishing caught enough for dinner. Smith and George Lidy's boy came over in one skiff and Terrol in another. Terol not very welcome but he comes all the same. We had a fine mess of fish for dinner. No rain. Rachel & Frank Woodman here. Frank carried home butter, tomatoes & watermelons.

Monday 14th September 1908

Wind North and breezy cool.

No rain. V and dad digging potatoes

12 bags to day which makes 21 bags in cellar. Rachel came over bringing Snyder's Emma Lemon with them, a very pretty child but Oh! so dirty.

Ethel didn't come over. Heard Wellie was sick, dont believe it. Phoned to Bert Joslin McDonel. Said Eveline wrote Wellie had a billious attack.

Tuesday 15th September 1908

No rain. A fine day—a September day cool days that are beginning to foreshadow the decline of the the year autumn. The grain harvest is past, threshing done, and we look upon a bountiful supply yet to be harvested—gathered in great variety, corn & popcorn, sweet corn, ensilage corn, the different varieties of apples, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squash, beans, cabbage, potatoes, beets, carrots, turnips, sage, summer savory, sunflower, onions (a few) and then is this department are butter, eggs, milk, cheese, beef, honey, pork, fowl, hickory nuts. It take a quantity

and variety to supply one small family
of four beside the canning, pickling &
preserving of fruit not to mention
groceries, spices of all kinds etc. etc. etc.
15 more bags in cellar which makes 37.
R came over. Ethel ate dinner at Frank Woodmans.
Evening visitors Frank &
Emma, Laura, Tom, Will & Harold Dignum
also Ileen Coil. Dancing after phonograph
music. A letter from Rev Lancaster.
Maude took up the parlor carpet.
Wednesday 16th September 1908
No rain. A cool morning wind North. No rain.
Ethel staid all night, went over to
R's after breakfast. I wash a lot of
colored clothes. Maud gathers Oldenburghs
for market. V & dad pull beans,
awful smoky. Heard the woods are
on fire and burning between Charmont &
Depauville. Evening R has company. The
Dignum Bros (Will & Harold), Stella & Ethel by
a pre aranged [sic: prearranged] plan meet the Dignum's
at Rachels.

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Thursday 17th September 1908

A smokey day. The atmosphere heavy with smoke. Cant see the church from here. I ask Stella how she found her way home from School. No rain, everything drying up. I work around all day. Have supper ready on the table when they come home. Rachel came with them bringing bottled ale, cheese and Bologna, sausage. Ethel staid at Dignums. Mrs Dignum not home yet from Brandon. V and dad at the beans & dig potatoes.

Friday 18 September 1908

No rain. I made cellery sauce. V and Sr dug potatoes all day. Maude didn't do much; resting herself after Kingston. Received a letter from Gladys, a postal from Gladys also one from Harriet Roseboom and a letter from Grace. 60 bags of potatoes in one bin. Voltie sent Babson Bros \$7,00 on phonograph account.

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Saturday 19 September 1908

No rain. Not so much smoke as yesterday. North wind blew the smoke southward to where it came from. Stella home from school and doing her washing. Maud baked bread, cakes, cookies, & cleaned floors. V threshed part of the day at Flynn's came home to supper. Stella walked up & from Irvines for music lessons. Belle came down driving old Jake accompanied by Henry. Rachel came over accompanied by Ethel for her milk and potatoes. In the evening, Maud goes home with Ethel and Rachel, and stays all night. Belle & I sit up till after 11 pm, then we go to bed.

Sunday 20th September 1908

A chilly morning. No rain. Awoke this day morning to find Belle and Henry here. Rachel & Ethel soon came over. I wash all the dishes & separator while Maud dresses herself, V & Stella and Ethel and the Kid Henry go fishing while Belle and Rachel sit visiting out on the veranda. Belle get dinner. R says she dont

understand our potatoes nor corn nor squash says if she was home she would know all about it. Will Sr and Wells Junior came over for Ethel to go home. She didn't go. She going to the fair dance with Will Dignum when Will goes home. Maud goes over to Marjories to see if June has her skirt finished. Len Patterson wife Cassie and Ethel Woodman came to buy a watermelon which they are going to eat on the shore. They came in while waiting for Voltie to come. He has gone down the shore with Will who has left Art Vincents skiff on the shore down by George Niles place. Stella went with Belle to help pick a lot of green corn to carry home with her and some sweet crab apples to preserve and melons &c. Stella went up the island with Belle as far as Ed Paines. Maud returned with Frank and Emma Woodman and Len Patterson. Rachel came over to milk her cow while I get the supper and wash dishes again. Will has gone home disapointed about Ethel. Belle had gone home disapointed about Irene not coming to go home with her but Maud says Marjorie has 12 men to cook for tomorrow. They are going to fill the silo. Phillips, Bass & Guernsey called enrout for uncle Sam Woodman.

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Monday 21st September 1908

No rain. Smoky. Voltie gone to Flynn's to thresh; finished there, moved the machine to Morgans; ate dinner there, finished threshing and came home at 3 p.m. then threshed beans &c Len Paterson's wife Cassie & Ethel Woodman's here for tomatoes. They left them here while they went down the shore looking for hickory nuts on Snyder's. And as Snider had started to come here to see if V could shoe his horse and was walking fast with club in hand consequently nearly came unaware upon the nut gatherers who started and ran while Snider for fun ran after them. And they were frightened of course at nothing. I make sweet apple preserves. Ethel and R came over. In evening the Dignums drive here with Ethel calling for Maude and Stella to go visiting at Geo Gillespies. Maud goes Stella stays home and helps me wash dishes and goes to bed with tooth ache. Poor dear girl.

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Friday 22nd September 1908

No rain. A heavy thick fog envelopes every thing, can scarcely see the barn. Arose at half past 4.

Sr gone to Kingston. Stella gone to school.

Not very cold; thermometer registers 60 and steadily growing warmer.

Irene, Schram and Beatrice came over in

Arthurs skiff enroute for their home to see Charley Sr and Belle and all the others. They rode up with the mail.

V lent Frank Woodman his double buggy. They all staid to dinner and Ethel too. Voltie brought in sweet corn, squash, potatoes, watermelon, musk

melon, tomatoes and we had beans, cake and custard pie. After awhile R came over and had

had no dinner. She helped herself from the cupboard. Ethel washing for herself and Rach.

Devolson after shoeing his horse, and fixing the pig pen, turned to threshing beans. P.M. Maud

ironing. Irene finished Mauds skirt which is a beauty but she would not accept of any pay.

Eleven wee pigs in the pen. A letter from

Muriel also one from Grace, when Frank

and Irene arrived at home. They found Belle & Charley gone over the river looking for a new home.

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Wednesday 23rd September 1908

No rain. I wish it would rain; very hot & dry and smoky. The Adirondacks and Catskill mountains are blazing. The timber (woods) are burning; nothing but a heavy rain can extinguish the fire. Voltie and Stella and Maud are gone to the fair and to the fair dance. V going to Kingston on the one o'clock boat. Ethel came over to iron, getting ready to attend the fair dance, going with Wm Dignum. Wells Sr milks the cows alone. R came over to supper bringing some sour milk "cruds". Terrible drought leaves all turning yellow on the trees and dropping [sic: dropping] off. Ethel and Wm start for the village at 6,30 pm. Snyders turkeys destroying our garden driving them out nor driving them home does no good. They come directly back again.

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Thursday Sept 24th 1908

No rain. Stella came first with Johny Murphy.

Then V and M came

but Voltie went to Kingston on the boat. Maud drove over with V so as to bring the rig back. Ethel went home with Will Dignum and also went to Kingston.

R. came over and ate dinner with us. Maud went to bed a while. Frank Woodman cutting and binding our corn. Snyder's turkeys here again; 9 of them destroying our garden. Sr drove to dock for V. Voltie brought a basket of peaches and pickling onions & tumeric, shirt and a suit of under clothes & socks.

Friday 25 September 1908

Very thick fog and smoky, everything dying and drying up. weather very warm sent Grace a letter. R & Ethel came over lugging all Ethel's dry goods, suit case, basket and boxes. Ethel slept till dinner time.

After dinner, V rowed across the river with Ethel & A. Vincents. A dance at Dignums this evening. Voltie, Stella & Maude went to the dance. I think it must have been a reception for Mrs Dignum's return home.

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Saturday 26 September [1908]

No rain. They all came home at three this morning

Tuesday 3 June 1919

No rain. A blazing hot day no wind to stir the leaves on the trees. Emma painting a little in kitchen. The house cleaning drags as I expected it would. I dont think there has been a hotter day in a year. After dinner V goes down by the consession and sows and plants a garden. Maud patches her clothes then after sunset she and Em go to R awhile come back and V and they go for Ells and get none.

Sunday 27 September 1908

No rain. A very warm day not so breezy as it might be. No visitors to day.

Maud went to church with the Ranous family. After dinner V and I went for hickory nuts, gathered nearly 1/2 bushel

Wednesday 4th June 1919

No rain. Another day just like yesterday hot hot blazing hot & not a breath of air stirring. Em still painting in kitchen.

V was saying at the breakfast table that Bert still continues to carry Hubert around by one leg. He Bert often does that. I dont see how any kid can grow and have good intelect [sic: intellect] that is brought up bottom side upward.

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Monday 28

A shower accompanied by a tremendous wind from S.E.
Voltie says its the equinial [sic: equinoctial] storm. Water dashing
high on shore. Weather warm 78 in shade.
V has a few boys to help him draw corn. Willie
and Larry Dignum and John Murray a.m.
and this pm an addition of one recruit
Johny McDonnell the other boys are drawing
coal from the dock and that is
what V ought to be doing. R came over
to dinner but she wouldnt stay. She
helped wash dinner dishes, got a pail of
water from the river to carry home and
went.

Tuesday 29 September 1908

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Jan 1st Saturday 1910

New years day again. A very pleasant day but cloudy. Geo and Sam could drill to day if they had a mind to but they have no mind to the family works all day except father and he sits around all day by the fire. He dont feel very well

~~Thursday Oct 1st 1908~~ Sunday 2nd Jan 1910

A quiet day reading most all day. Voltie seading nearly all day. Sr in kitchen reading. No one came in all day. After dinner Maud bundles her self up and goes to Rachels and comes home again at nearly sunset. Cloudy all day and snowing some. We get up late but have 3 meal all right.

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Monday 3rd January 1910

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John Spoor came at bed time. All
abed except [sic: except] I.

V went to the door,
Spoor went to Niles to
to stay all night.

A sort of a windy day from S.,
chilly, snowing, flying. Frank came up & he & Voltie
are drilling. Geo and two flunkeys wouldn't drill.
I finished a letter to Wellie that I had commenced
yesterday. Little Samy came awhile but went home before
dinner. I worked over and printed the butter 8 lbs and
6 more already done 14 lbs ready for market. This is
Election day. Voltie nor Sr didn't go. Frank staid to
supper, and then staid to visit till nine p.m.

Tuesday 4 Jan 1910

10 deg below zero, coldest morning yet, river froze
across but clear and brilliant. Frank
came up to drill. Then phoned to Sam Wm H. W.
to come up and see how Rachel fares. This cold
morning I send a letter to wellie and
to Eaton for Hoosier Schoolmaster.

I received cards from Wells family and Balar
also, two letters from Grace. Maud received
Letters & cards. Samy here again. I treated him to raisons
and figs. Fran staid to supper. As usual
we sit up reading. Dick Berry brought the
New Teacher, Miss Stevenson. She boards with Niles.

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School began this day

Wednesday 5 Jan 1910

A cloudy morning somewhat warmer than yesterday, looks like snow or rain. River frozen clear across this morning—My Christmas cards beautiful. 15 of them; from children, grandchildren nephews & nieces & friends and brother. With a dirty storming day, snowing cold wind from south. The ice remains solid in the river. Frank came up but couldnt drill, staid to dinner, had pea soup.

Thursday 6 Jan.

A cloudy day. Emma didnt go to school this day nor yesterday. She is a lazy little girl and careless, spills water every where she goes and says "she cant help it", she never does any thing unless asked requested. Maud cleaned all the floors. V went over to Rachels to put hay in he barn, carried her Mrs Lapatras card. Frank phoned he is coming up after dinner to drill.

Friday 7 Jan 1910

Cloudy; snows in fore noon

Frank came after dinner and drill

till nearly dark when the drill colapsed [sic: collapsed]

Frank went home. There was a time when

[pagragraph struck out majority of words]

and I now wish,

and more than. I made her Emma a dress to day.

1910

Saturday 8 Jan

some colder than yesterday. Finished Emmas

dress. Frank drilling all day—drills 9 feet to

day, 40 feet altogether. Found some water but

struck a crevice and it drained away.

V says he will drill 150 feet but he will get

water. Frank staid to supper and Oh so

noisy. Maud is very happy in her

anticipations of the future, she received a

letter of appology [sic: apology] from her father. He said

"I was [nghy] to you Maud when you

were here". Pea soup for supper.

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1910

Sunday 9th January

Wind South, cloudy and a few snowflakes flying. Maud & Emma doing the breakfast dishes and separator Voltie reads Nancy Stair. I do as I have a mind to. Sunday is always a quiet day in this house especialy if no one here. At this moment, Voltie sits opposite coal stove reading "Nancy Stair". Maud sitting exactly in front of the stove with feet elevated on each front stove corner reading Mansfield park. Emma sitting by the North window trembling over the leaves of a book. Wells Sr sitting out by the kitchen stove reading The Whig (his favorite newspaper) and in his favorite corner; behind the stove is a full pail of cream which I must churn tomorrow. Now tis half past eleven am Well the day passes quietly

Monday 10 Jan 1910

Frank drilling again to day. 47 feet. No water. Rachel staid here last night—came home with Maud at dark carrying lantern.

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Monday

10 Jan 1910

Maud washed after V brought water.
After breakfast V hitched up and after
driving over home with Rachel came back
and drove to school house with Emma.

I have a lame back

11 Jan Tuesday 1910

Will is 51 years old to day. We are passing
along with the years as they go "thundering down
the course of time". Emma walked to school.

The weather is cold, quiet, cloudy. I got a
lame back yet, drilling

water. Tom Chatterton came down with the
mail, ate supper here and staid all night,
said he was at a party last night at Dignums.

Evening mail; a box of paper, pens & envelopes from
Bob the Hoosier Schoolmaster from Eatons Acad
from Eveline for Rachel, Whig &c. After supper F
goes home, gasoline gave out. F went home. The gasoline
was sent down by the mail. Sam Snub here in evening

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Wednesday 12 Jan 1910

A very fine day. Sr calls it weather breeder.

After breakfast Tom Chatterton goes down to Franks and then walks across the river going to Wills & to the masquerade tomorrow night.

13 January Thursday 1910

Trees this morning covered with frost beautiful to behold. Wind South, mild & foggy. Frank and V drilling again this day. At 3 pm V came in with the joyful news. Opened a water vein! water pouring in by pails full, 14 feet in a few minutes. Rachel came over a while she came for her mail. A card from Eveline and her Good Litterature.

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January 1910

14 Friday

Wind N. A stormy cold day. Voltie intended going to William G's for wood but when he came in bringing the cold Northern blast with him and cold hands face and ears. He told Emma to wait till half past nine and he would take her to school but no she was so anxious to go to school that she walked. V went to Franks for the rope to measure the water in the well. He found 51 feet. I darn mittens and cut rug rags. Em washed breakfast dishes. Maud dinner dishes. Maud churned and washed & salted the butter 8 lbs. We had tomato soup for dinner.

15 Saturday January 1910

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Sunday 16 Jan 1910

Saturday 17 Oct 1908

A beautiful warm day Voltie and Stella
gone to Kingston started
early we do the usual Saturdays
work mop, bake bread and cake. V

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Saturday 18 Oct 1908

A beautiful warm smoky day.

No visitors. Voltie after breakfast went over to Rachels to carry her bread, celery. W & C came across field and picked up a few hickory nuts a first basket full. Henry Halliday at consession with his yacht. It was out of gas. Voltie fixed it for him then it run like a ribbon. I took a nap after dinner, the first in a year in the day time. Maud dressed up for Visitors but none came didn't expect any one in particular but all the same she was disapointed

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Monday 17 Jan 1910

A tolerable day. R came over and brought the books "Micah Clark

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1910

Tuesday 18th Jan 1910

Rain rain rain! all day

V out working in the shop nearly all day. Wishes he could sell out and move over the river. Frank here for vinegar.

Wednesday 19 January 1910

Snow nearly all gone this morning, sun shines out dimly. I washed all breakfast dishes, milk pails, get breakfast, sponge bread. Emma makes beds & patters around dad asking questions and finding fault. Voltie fixing John McDonel's sleigh. Wind west & 2 deg below freezing. V hung the quarter of beef in apple tree

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Saturday 24 Oct 1908

V drove to the villiage stopping at Bells. Maude and Stella went with him. Stell stopping at Paines (Ed). I work around all day. Belle came down in evening accompanied by Kathleen & Henry Maude staid at Belles and Stell at Paines V soon came home bringing pickles and things.

25 Sunday Oct 1908

A very fine warm day. Voltie, Kathleen and Henry went for hickory nuts down by the cedar. Picked up a half bushel. Belle and Kathleen helped me get dinner. We looked for Arthur and Marjorie but they didn't come. Belle partly made up her mind to go home but concluded to stay till tomorrow morning.

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Monday 26 Oct 1908

Election day at our school house. Voltie went up to vote a conservative ticket—Henry Halliday came home with him to dinner. Snub Woodman returning officer. Charley Wood, secretary and he is a drunk, dirty face, eyes all swelled up, a pitiful looking object indeed. Now I dont take any interest in Canadian government affairs. The States is my home. Belle went home to day; never expect to see her again coming down the road driving in here.

Tuesday 27 Oct 1908

A very fine warm day Kathleen and I cook & wash dishes, she is quick and smart for a little 11 year old girl. The day is so warm so no wind. Think there will be a storm when the river is so still like a mirror.

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Wednesday 28

A drizzly cold day. Maud at Bells coming down on the boat. Voltie carried a grist of hay feed to the dock. Then drew a load of cheese from the factory the last time for Voltie to draw this year. Then talked of driving for Maud but the rain came pouring down and phoned to Mrs Dignum to keep Maud there. In the evening V & Stell danced in the parlor to the to the [sic] two step bred thorough
Thursday 29

A muddy morning after the heavy rain of last night. Wells drives to the dock with Voltie; he is going to Kingston. Maud came home from Kingston and staid all night at Dignums. The Winmills came down on the boat. Maud had big time clearing and straightning up things, dusting, sweeping, mopping &c

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Friday 30

The young chap came around with the map of the dominion of Canada, he said he had notified us by postal but I've not received it so took it any way, going to pay him next week, send it to Gananoque \$1,40. Rachel came over & coaxed the Winmills home with her, she is going to kill a rooster. Joy go with them and peace behind them.

Saturday 31st

Chilly weather didn't mop floors to day. they are clean enough. Winmills over to Rachels all day. V worked at cellar way: in the eve he drove to Wm G Woodmans for his trousers that William had carried home with him by mistake. Stella went with him to Irvines for music lesson, came back at nine p.m. & somewhat cold and rather glum.

225

Sunday 1st Nov 1908

A chilly day wind wet and blowing
some. I make pea soup and currant pie
for dinner. Winmills come over from Rachels.

After awhile Rachel comes over also.

V & [Stella Taggart[S]] visit in parlor and dance a two
step after telephone music. Oh I hate the
very sound of that one piece of music throughout.

Oh I get so sleepy sitting up so late waiting
for the Winmills to go to bed that at last I
have to retire but they never get tired for
they dont work.

Monday 2nd Nov 1908

Wind South and not very warm.

Windmills folks went home this morning.

(Bill and Mary) after being away from home
nearly two weeks. Maud made jumbles and
molasses cookies and frosted cakes. I sliced
1/2 bushel of green tomatoes. Sr plowing potato
ground by consession, brought in a pail full of potatoes
that he has ploughed out. V finishing the cellar
way, making door and painting outside door
for cellar. Rachel came over and found a letter here
from Jen which she read aloud. Jen
sent some camping poetry which she has
clipped from a democratic newspaper very fine.

Mrs Niles here for sage going to make sausage.

Frank and Ann here also.

Tuesday 3rd Nov 1908

A dull sort of a day chilly.

This is the one eventful day in four years, great presidential election between Bryson & Taft. Voltie helping butcher at Boltons. Wells Sr plowing. I not doing much of any thing to day. Kathleen talking over the phone with her sister Grace. There only remains to day and tomorrow for communication by telephone between this house and Belle's for tomorrow they move to

Jeff. County. Maud ironing & frosting cakes.

I've not written in this diary before in a long time. Another pig missing on the point which makes two. Wells says they have been stolen and it looks very much like it. We stew pumkin for pies. Voltie just returned from Boltons brought 2 livers and 3 hearts.

Maud baking bread. V tired after butchering 7 hogs retired early, the girls soon folowed [sic: followed] example but te he'd and giggled so much V couldn't sleep, heard the old black cow in the yard. V got out bed went and drove her out. I sit by coal stove till 10 pm reading.

Wednesday 4th Nov 1908

Wind changed in night to N.W. and made things rattle for a while. Colder this morning, froze quite hard this morning. After morning Voltie hitched up and drove to Charlies; they are moving to day a bee to draw their household goods to the villiage where they will be put aboard of the Wolfe Islander together with the family enroute for Clayton and then for their new home with V. our telephone line broken in the night by strong wind. Grandpa Wells fixed it; he does so many things shingles the barn, draws the manure, plows the potatoes ground, milks the cows. It snowed some to day. Thermometer down to 28. Maude made pumpkin pies and pudding. I made Chow Chow all but vinegar got to wait till Voltie comes to draw it out the keg. Whew how the North wind blown. Three storm windows up only. Stella went to Morgan's where she met her beau's sister, Miss Maud Murphy. V came at sunset bringing Grace H & a load of stuff together with one cat & one dog. Voltie drove to the villiage and saw them and their goods safely aboard the Islander. V went down to get Frank to help unload the box of canned fruit. Found Frank and Emma gone to Will Michea wedding reception and Gm in charge of the kids.

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Thursday 5th Nov 1908

A cool morning, quite cold. Thermometer down to 24 deg, that is 8 deg below freezing.

Arose at 4 am hustled around and got V's breakfast. He hustled too after the old sort; dad drove to Dock with him arrived just in time. We had a good time clearing up, Maude, Grace, Kathleen & I. Dad drove to dock for Grace G and her children. They came early. A cold windy day, evening visitors, Lizzie Redic, John Redic, John Murray, Nina Murphy, Harold Dignum, our own kids Maude, Grace & Kathleen. Voltie and Sister Grace G and watched them dance to the phonograph music.

Friday 6 Nov 1908

day. Stell walked to school, dirty, snowy, rainy.

Voltie in evening drove to the villiage with Stell Tag. V thinks she is cute but he will not think that for long. I dont mind his fancying Stell nor his driving her around if he would only let whiskey alone and never touch any intoxicating drink but he has been partly drunk since last Wednesday when he went up to help Charlie move and he has been more or less drunk ever since

Oh the horror of it. Loss of character
time, money, intellect [sic: intellect], health, red bloated
face, bleary eyed, unsteady step,
unsteady hand, mudled [sic: muddled] brain,
and idiotic appearance, thick tongued
speach [sic: speech], senseless flat talk, loss of memory
and what is the gain, the compensation.

Just this, the sensation of drunkenness.

7 Nov 1908 Saturday came

Voltie came at 3 a.m. came in
very softly and quietly but I heard him.
He had driven away up to the villiage
with Stell Taggart & broke Woodman's
buggy top. Grace sewing on Mauds red
dress. V is so drunk he is strange.

Oh tis terrible. I dont know what
I'm going to do. Wish I could go
away somewhere and never come back
again. When, last Christmas, Voltie
made me a present of this diary I
never thought I would have to record
the above event but he has promised
Grace his own little sister that he
will not drink any more and sealed
it with a pledge.

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Sunday 8

A peaceful day, we pop corn and crack hickory nuts. V getting sober again but he looks bad, miserable. Grace H and Kathleen anxious to go over the river.

Monday 9

V plows all day till 3 pm then gets ready for the dance at the villiage. Maud going too. Grace finishes Maud's dress and dresses her for the ball. She looks love [sic: lovely] in her ball rig.

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Tuesday 10 Nov 1908

Stella came between 5 and 6 am.

John Murphy brought her home

all the way from the villiage, birds

of a feather, etc.V and M came

about 4 pm. V went to Kingston

to the dentist. They all enjoyed

themselves at the dance and V came

home like a gentleman. Old cod was

there with mag paine, drunk as usual

hollering, yelling, disturbing the party dirty face &

spectacles all mud.

Wednesday 11

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Thursday 12 Nov 1908

A very chilly morning. Voltie drove to do dock with Grace, Rob't Jr and Isabelle & Maud. Grace is returning home to the city after a week visit. Grace, Kathleen and I do house work. V plowing. Dad quarrying stone. Wind blowing hard from the west all day. V drove to dock for Maud. They came quite early. Maud bring sold butter for 28 cts per lb. She bought me a new wrapper, postal cards, Kathleen & Grace each a movie card album

Friday 13 Nov 1908

Cold frozen last night. Wind blowing again to day. Voltie plowing. Kathleen ironing. Maud made a pie for dinner, made a cake. I see so much work to be done and dont do it. I cant sit at work but a very few minutes for I always have something to do around the house. We didn't get out of bed till till after 6 am. want to write to many people friends and relatives. I am trying to finish making sweet pickles. Received a letter from Belle the first since they moved to their new home.

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Saturday 14 Nov 1908

A rather warm quiet morning.

Voltie rowed Grace, Kathleen &

Happy and tiny over to Arthur.

Came back towards noon bringing

McChires, Review of Reviews,

Happy Hours, etc. Yes V rowed Grace H

and Bumblebee (Kathleen) across the

river and Stell has prodded on foot up to

Morgans just before dark after Lizzie has

phoned so many times to day to meet Murphy

I suppose.

Sunday 15 Nov 1908

Awake this morning to find ourselves

alone dad, Voltie, Maud & I

We are alone all day except Rachel

here a few minutes to get Voltie to pull

hay from her stack to feed her cow.

I sit by the coal stove all day

not very well. Think I have eaten

to much beef.

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Monday 16 Nov 1908

A nasty cloudy day, chilly, Wind S. blowing hard all night. Voltie plowing on Rachel. Maud stewing pumkin for pies. I am much better this morning and work around all day, begins snowing towards noon & snows so hard and furiously that V turns out and comes home. Works around till dinner time. (can always find work enough to do with in doors and out)

After dinner Voltie sharpens plow coulters for Woodman's. Then goes over to Rachels and pulls hay enough to last her cow two day, comes home and drives to school for Stell Taggart. Maud baking pumkin pies, chocolate cake, jumbles. I stew beef, cook beans, put cucumber pickles soaking, churn, work and pack the first butter in the 4 gal. crock. Try to make an apron didn't get it done.

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Tuesday 16 Nov 1908

Snow on the ground this morning
and froze. Voltie gone plowing.
No kindling in the house this morning
found a board down cellar. We
arose at 5 am. Stell walked to
school. Opened another can of
strawberries for her dinner this morning
if I keep on soon wont have any
strawberries. Well I've washed breakfast dishes,
separator. Mail letter from Grace, a
card from Kathleen, card from
Dana Seely, card from Harriet Roseboom,
Dr Chases Almanac,
Good Stories, and a lot of other
trash, advertisements etc. Grace wrote
Doctors will vaccinate the city, little
Robert and Margaret and baby Isabelle.
Reginald got well from Vaccination. Kent
here for 5 gal of vinegar sent by Frank W
for rubber boots. Frank owes V three dol
borrowed money. I worked and packed
butter & churned.

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Wednesday 17 Nov 1908

Not very cold, but snow falling half rain. Stell walked to school this morning wearing rubber boots. V, with his new rubber boots on has gone over to Rachels to plow. Maud made spiced cucumber pickles, dad sat by the stove and patched his old felt boots—heels worn out. Well I've got to knock up something for dinner for it is past 11 am.

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19th Thursday Nov 1908

A miserable dirty day. No one goes from here to Kingston to day on account of the small pox scare. Not many goes up on the boat to day. I write letters most all day. One to Grace, one to Belle, and to Gladys and Harriet and send each a post card.

Friday 20 Nov 1908

No snow on ground, all disapeared. Voltie plowing. Gunn rowed Chatterton across to Arthurs and I sent Belles carpet rags, warp and two jars of tomato pickles. When Gunn returned he brought me St Nicholas. Maud cooked or baked pies (pumkin pies) and cakes Frank's kids here to phone to CW to go for the mail. Mail Herald, a card from Reginald, a letter from June for Maud. 2 letters for Stell V 41 years old this day. Time flies rappidly. [sic: rapidly]

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Saturday 21st Nov 1908

A bright beautiful day. Voltie plowing
over on Rachel. I packed butter.

Maud cleaned all the floors.

Stella ironed her clothes as usual.

Sunday 22nd Nov 1908

A beautiful day, warm still and a brilliant
sun shining from an unclouded sky.

This is the anniversary of my birth 75 years
have thundered down the course of time
since I first beheld the sunlight on
earth. Each year is a mile stone.

Seventy five miles of lifes journey
have I traveled. Some of the way has
been beautiful, and part painful and dark.

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Monday 23rd Nov

A very fine day indian summer weather. Marjorie is 24 years old to day. Rachel went out to Wills to day. Arthur Vincent drove out there with Rachel.

Tuesday 24

A mild day. Voltie plowing over there. Maud preparing to go up to Morgans to night with Tag going to walk across the fields. They had so much primping and fussing to do it was nearly pitch dark before they got started. Stell is going up to meet her beau John Murphy. They come home at midnight, Stell stoped out doors awhile in the buggy with Murphy a sparking. Maud done big washing all the lines crowded with clothes.

240

Wednesday 25

A very good day. Voltie plowing over there. Nina Watking Rundridge burried here to day. I churned and put up a little basket for Grace. Maud is going to Kingston tomorrow. In the evening Voltie drove over to Henry Hallidays. He promised to buy 4 cows of V but when V drove over to see when he would come for them H flunked right out. Stell went up as far as Irvines for music. Maud and I had a quiet evening all to ourselves. Maud reading to me while I sit comfortably by the coal fire.

Thursday 26th

A cold nasty day. Voltie drove with Maud to the dock came back, ate breakfast then finished plowing (over there). I work snug all day. I have too and am tired. V drove for Maud she bought herself a new hat which is elegant. Grace sent some books and a letter. Reginald sent me a letter too. The dear little grandson.

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Friday 27 November 1908

Bare ground cold West wind,

Voltie plowing at home, plowing up the old pasture between here and Sams. Merrit Daily who was driving along the road stoped and talked with Voltie. Says Butcher is going to live with him this winter. I washed a load of dishes this morning that was left from last night. I was too tired to wash them last night.

Stella and Maude are preparing for the dance at the villiage this evening. Voltie and the horses will have to draw them up there through wind and mud. I wish it would rain hard so Maud could be compeled [sic: compelled] to stay home. Voltie not long ago was much interested in books and study, now his waltzing, two step dancing and drawing to the villiage 14 miles through mud, wind, rain any old kind of weather at all. Maud is cleaning floors to day for she wont be here tomorrow. She is going home with Miss Taggart. Sr has brought in a hen for me to dress and prepare for supper and now I have to hop up again. There is always a job on hand for me

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Saturday 28 Nov 1908

Voltie came home from the villiage dance without the girls having left Maud to accompany Stella home for a visit. V tired and gone to bed after being up all night said he enjoyed himself fine and I'm glad. Bolton came to plow. V went and helped plow. V was mad at me too for something I said. I like to have him go to dances all night if he would only not drink any intoxicants.

Sunday 29 Nov 1908

A very good day. Len Patterson here nearly all day, play on phonograph. V cut Len's hair. Rube McFadden here to borrow a broad axe.

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Monday 30 Nov 1908

Arose this morning and wouldn't call Maud
so managed to get breakfast alone.

I let them lie till 8 am when I called Maud
and Stella, soon found Maud had not returned
and was greatly disappointed but she soon put
in her appearance. Will Taggart having brought
her down. William put his horse in barn and proceeded
to stay all day & night. V plowing going to rain,
and does rain hard towards evening. Caught
a barrel of water. Young Tag was treated to
hickory nuts, popcorn and apples,
phonograph music besides three square meals,
great visiting going on in evening in kitchen.
Early this morning, Len came to bid us good bye he & lina
They went just in neck of time for Jack had
only returned when the wind began to blow
river over the rowed them. Jack Niles to
live to Watertown are going

Tuesday 30th Nov 1908

Sun shining with flying clouds

Wind blowing a gale from the west.

The hardest wind storm of all this fall.

Voltie plowing all day. Wants to get as much
done as possible this fall. Will Taggart drove
home this morning. Stella going as far
as the school with him. I like the boy well.

Sent Grace a letter and cards to Gladys &
Harriet Roseboom.

Received birth day cards from John & Flora
I churned.

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Wednesday 1 December 1908

Frozen morning. West wind. No plowing done to day, cleaned all the storm windows.

Voltie put them on. Wind, yesterday blew the top off the hay stack. V went to Franks to get him to help re-top the stack.

It was 8 am and no breakfast. Emma just dressing herself. V raked the hay as best he could. The wind blows again but not so hard as yesterday. Frank & Gunn came at noon. Frank a Canadian half breed dressed with red tobagan and sweater.

V in trouble about his debts but every thing will come all right. Every thing rights itself in time day after day will pass along and we will find ourselves here well and happy.

Thursday 2 Dec 1908

Arose at four. Sr gone to town for well I dont know what for, any way he came home bringing horse lines, knitting needles. Frank borrowed our skiff and gone across the river to Depauville. Gun helped V top out hay stack.

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Friday 3rd Dec 1908

A dirty nasty snow storm, half rain.
Stella walks to school wearing Mauds
grey fur collar. Storm so hard V drove
for Stella after driving over to feed Rachels hens.
In the evening Nina Murphy came
accompanied by John Redic. Geo OBrien
here, came to bring home some
tools of Volties. Redic & Geo soon depart
evening performance, popping corn, phonograph
and scuffling—a letter from Grace, post cards, & Herald.

Saturday 4th Dec 1908

A cold frozen morning. Stella & Nina
came down to breakfast 1/2 past 8 am.
The sun shone so brightly on the table
that Nina arose from the table and pulled
down the curtain at half past 11. Stella
and Nina after a good deal of fussing
on Stells part. Washing clothes and forty
other things at last get started for Morgans

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Sunday 5 Dec 1908

A clear cold morning, river still.

Frank can come over if he wants to this morning. This is the apointed [sic: appointed] day for Rachel to come home. We arose late, sat down to breakfast at nine then sat around the stove till 10 Oclock before doing the dishes. Frank Woodman came home to day bringing Arthur V, and Ray McIntyre with him and Voltie was obliged to row them home again so he could have his boat at home. Evening visitors were Lilly Woodman, and Billie Mills.

Monday 6 Dec 1908

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Tuesday 28th Dec 1809 [sic: 1908]

A clear bright cold day. Voltie gone to Kingston by the road, & drove up double, gone for sleigh runners. Not much snow so he drove up in the double buggy. The coldest day of all so far, 8 deg above zero. Emma just this moment come down stairs 10 am, she slept so long her eyes all swelled up. Muade crocheting a rug. I suppose she thinks she is going to mary [sic: marry] Mr B. S. but I have never seen that young man but he is coming down from Sunbury where Maude went to visit her foolish father and where she became acquainted a young Cheesemaker. If he is a cheesemaker I dont think that is very high life nothing so very aristocratic about that.
Wednesday 9 Dec 1908

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Thursday 10 Dec 1908

Friday 11 Dec 1908

Saturday 12

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7	mind	42	Harry	76	letter	107	lantern
8	Emma	43	tin	77	man	108	ten
9	Ethel	44	Tim	78	many	109	mama
10	Irene	45	let	79	any	110	Nanie
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13	times	48	ear	82	hare	113	lame
14	tent	49	tear	83	here	114	tree
15	what	50	tone	84	my	115	three
16	yet	51	are	85	these	116	meat
17	Hattie	52	Henry	86	they	117	meet
18	hat	53	ray	87	hay	118	met
19	Hettie	54	tray	88	thin	119	men
20	Nettie	55	next	89	than	120	hem
21	Nina	56	text	90	later	121	neat

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23	mane	58	eat	92	year	223	hymn
24	rain	59	ate	93	little	224	Nellie
25	tam	60	hate	94	thirteen	225	aim
26	yarn	61	mat	95	really	226	eye
27	arm	62	rat	96	heartily	227	linen
28	harm	63	time	97	Tilly	228	thee
29	harm	64	Ray	98	Hill	229	tell
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The best standard colors
Colors Transparent & Indelible
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photograyures. School maps.

Drawings pyrography &c

Miss Emma Leeman

R.R. #1, Wolfe Island.

Ontario, Canada

Saturday 19 Saturday 19

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Sunday Dec 20

A quiet day no one came, wish

Maud was home.

Monday Dec 21

Stella staid Morgans since last Friday evening.

When V drove up there with her.

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Tuesday Dec 22

V drove to school with Miss Taggart.
Only one pupil so came home again.
Mass at Morgan's to day. Stell picks
up and packs up and towards night
V drives off up the island with her,
she left her trunk behind her couldn't
carry it in cutter. Voltie staid all night at
Taggarts. Old Tagg gave Voltie whiskey
to drink.

Wednesday Dec 23rd 1908

V staying at villiage all day and
at the rink at night, slept at McLarens
the remainder of the night. The boat
not coming to our dock any more
this fall.

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Thursday 24. 1908

V went across to K this morning from Villiage.
He went across for Maude and came home after dark once more leaving his kerosine (once more) behind and Mauds suitcase at McLarens which is perfectly unnecessary. Voltie scarcely ever does his work satisfactory and complete when away from home these days. I think he is crazy or foolish. Frank Woodman here for summer savory and onions to stuff his Christmas goose
Friday 25 Dec 1908

A Christmas day. Sometimes I think I'll stop keeping diary. Then no one will ever know what has been in my thoughts and mind for what I have once written, I dont want to efface or erase. This morning I sent by mail a book and letter to my very dear friend Mrs Wm Brooks, Spokane. What a pleasure tis to know that she never forgets me. Tis a quiet day. Wells Sr had bad cold says tis grippe We dont have a very elaborate dinner for Xmas only corned beef, potatoes, fruit cake, candies, oranges, etc etc. Henry Halliday drove in here at sunset considerable intoxicated bringing a bottle of whiskey with which he treated Voltie very freely which is a cursed shame.

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Saturday 26 Dec 1908

Sunday 27 Dec 1908

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Monday 28 Dec 1908

A cloudy day. V butchers pork.

Tuesday 29 Dec 1908

A beautiful day. Very light wind South.

Sr Wells says tis a weather breeder. Of course if we have a fine day that day is accused of breeding all kinds of bad weather.

I try out lard and V goes to Wm G for a load of wood ate dinner there and came home at 3 pm. They report a fine time at Danny Hughys dance.

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Wednesday 30 December 1908

A howling storm of wind and rain
from S.E. The river boils over like a
cauldron. Tis tearing mad. The day
is dark and dismal. Voltie gone to
school meeting this am. A dance at FWoodmans.
I guess it will be a slim dance.
The new raison seeder works well.
Thursday 31st Dec 1908

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Mailed letters in 1910

Jan 4th 2 letters

1 to Wellie

1 to Eaton

Jan 2 Grace

11 to Helen Watson

" " Sunbury

" " Herald, Will Dixon

[various additions]

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Postage on letters for 1910

Jan 4 2 letters 4 cents

" 7th " " 4 cts

" " 5 cards 5 cts

" 2 letters 4

1 Herald 2

[various additions]

Jan 4 1910

Eaton ,37 for book & postage

50 cts for Dodds pills

\$2,87 balance on [?]

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