

of the loose wool from around the hags of the ewes which have lambed, to keep the lambs from getting wool-balls in their stomachs and Frank and I docked the six best lambs. We cleaned up the barn floor before dinner and got the fanning mill set ready to clean up the seed oats and Frank and I spent the afternoon at it. We didn't get much done but put what we did do through twice and intend to run them through again. They are certainly heavy and when we put them in the big bags we got from the Canning Factory, they weigh like wheat. Dad did chores and cut wood most of the day. I took a stroll over the wheat and over to the garden this morning. The wheat looks fine and so do the strawberries. I went down to hand practice to night. We had a good one.

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

I went over to Quabneys this morning and harrassed the two-punch to mark my little chickens. The red hen over the hog pen hatched out five chicks from seven eggs. They are all from Hen no 74 one of the Wyandottes which started laying first and has laid more eggs than the rest. I want to keep her chicks separate in case there

is a good cockerel among them to breed. I put six eggs out of the incubator under one of the hens I got from Uncle Ward, but she didn't sit on them and they got cold. I put them under the red hen and one hatched. They were eggs from no 37 the best Plymouth Rock hen I put nine eggs from the incubator under the other hen I got from Uncle Ward and she hatched eight chicks. They are from no 32. When I got that done, Frank and I put the ear labels in the feet of the lamb's ears. We cleaned up some more oats this afternoon. Colin and Lloyd Pefesse came up this morning with their dehorners and took the spikes off the five steers. They are pretty sore to night and are horrible looking objects as their heads are covered with blood, but they were getting too fond of using their horns which were nasty spikes on the older ones. We were to have gone up to Ham Thompson's to play base ball with the G. F. J. A. to night but it was too wet. It was a nice morning but rained all the afternoon and is colder

Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

I spent most of the morning getting my chickens out. It was too wet to put them outside so I put them in