

not have been cured. It pulled hard but I could barely feel it and except for being a little sore has not bothered me since. He started to kill the nerve in one of Marj's. We got home just before dark and then I drove her home. She was up most of the night at a U.S.O. supper & dance so didn't feel very frisky but put out a big wash never. The team, Auntie & Auntie Alice are coming out Thursday if it is a nice day so if all well we intend going after another load of hay tomorrow. Marj. went over to the Lampkins to night and left me to set bread as I have got to get at it. Cold & windy last night and cold to day but bright.

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I went over home this morning but we didn't get a very early start. I mixed up an oven dose of bread last night and Marj. mixed it down before breakfast and it took her a long time but it turned out to be a beautiful baking. Frank and Cecil were all ready for me and to day we went down past Art Repress's where I got a bag of potatoes. The boys had their little crock along but we didn't mix it at all to day so all stayed quite sober. We got into the house down at Archie's and Cecil built a fire in an old wreck of a stove and heated the cider in an old cream can like

which just held the jug nicely. We only put on a small load as the sleighing is poor in spots and to day we took a shovel along and threw snow on the bad places. Landing up to the bridge so got home without any accident. We got here about three o'clock and were well primed for dinner so filled up on Marj's fresh rolls & Willie Grant's. Frank & I put the load of and Marj. bribed Cecil to help her wash the dishes by offering him a loaf of bread. I didn't go back to the farm with the boys so will have to walk over to get Queen. To night I went over to the Lampkins to see how Dove was and took him some of the cough medicine we had. as Marj. said he looked as sick with his cold last night. He is in bad shape but thanks he feels a little better to night. I fully expected to have a sore mouth to day but have not felt my tooth in the least. When I went out to the barn this morning I found one of my grain bags with large holes chewed in around the top of it. I was surprised as I didn't think the cat would let a rat do so much work, but was more surprised when I went out again after breakfast to find the bag in worse shape than before. In fact the whole thing was just rags. I saw a huge tail of some animal disappear in to the bag and am quite sure it was a muskrat as two or three times