

called in to see Dr. Cook about the baby as she is still
in sick. He gave me some pills for her but they haven't
done her much good yet. She is weak and listless
to-night and we are worried about her. She can't keep
any thing on her stomach and so hasn't had an
enough nourishment to do her any good since Monday. I am
chewing a time with Mary's udder. One quarter is
badly inflamed and caked and so sore she fights me
when I just touch it. Cold west wind, cloudy.

Friday December 31st

I didn't do any thing this fore noon but held the
baby and a few necessary chores. The poor baby is
still feeling very tough but has been able to keep down
a little gruel today and seems a little more cheerful
to-night. This afternoon I worked at the chicken
pen and got the east end all boarded in so
that now all that has to be done is to hang a couple of
boards put wire along the front and build nests & roosts
he Ina was here all day and walked home to night
before ten. Ray and George are up for a few days
and were over here this morning. but didn't come
in. Snowed a little this morning very mild now.

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Saturday January 1st

The New Year started out with a perfect Winter day
Coldenough to be quite nippy. but sunny and no
wind. I didn't get much done outside but the chores
as the baby was still feeling miserable enough to need
considerable nursing, and I had to stay in to help
Mary. First of all the lard had to be rendered as it
was beginning to taint and I set and stirred it for an
hour or so. Later this afternoon I emptied the cider
barrel by filling up the milk pails, cream can and
every other available vessel I could find. That took
till after tea and then I had to empty the dregs and
scald out the barrel & put it down cellar before I
could get a pail to milk in. When Mary wasn't
holding the baby which was either when she was
asleep or I was holding her, she, Mary, was busy
making pie, dough nuts, straining lard and cleaning
up the house, so that between us we had a busy day.
and it was nearly mid night before we got our various
jobs wound up. I didn't empty all the cider but left it to settle
more. I let the cows into the corn this morning and they
were there for a good part of the day. It may save cutting it.
got me edge to day first since we came back home.