

stayed till tea time. I spent the forenoon doing the dishes, playing with the kids and competing with Mary in making tabloid puzzles. I had the laugh on her, she does the one that is in the paper every day and as a rule solves them in a minute or two so this morning she made one. I said any body could make one but she was of the opinion that she had done some thing very clever and that I couldn't do it, whereat I sat down and wrote one out that she couldn't solve at all and I had to tell her the answer. I then attempted to make a cross word puzzle but got stuck and she spent the remainder of the day composing a couple one of which she worked in the names Toby & J. Barrett and the other Toby Dick Quint. Frank. Jim. Henry & Mary so I guess I'll have to admit she is smarter yet than I am. After I gave the children their dinners and got them to sleep. (I rocked Harry & put Gay in bed with Mary, where she slept for awhile) I went out and did some chores, and then came in and read for awhile. I had a couple of pieces of bread & butter and some cheese during the afternoon and Mary got up in time to put the kids to bed to night and we had tea fairly early. Harry B. woke up this evening and I had to rock him for a long time. Mary wrote Darnie and we read "Two Gentlemen of Verona". Raw & Cloudy. rained part of the day.

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This was another rainy morning so after I got the chores done I prepared to do some more painting in the house, but I first got the nursery door painted when Frank appeared to help me cut up my pines and float the log down the creek. It had stopped raining so we went out to try it. The creek was running over the flats so it was a good chance to try out the scheme. The first log we rolled in went about half way down the gully and then stranded but we thought possibly they might go right on down through Dove's place so we put it a long one, which we hoped to float down to the fence and make a boom, however it got in behind some trees just below the house and as it had started to rain again by this time, Mary called us in so we left it there till after dinner. While we were in the house I mixed up some Plaster Paris and filled up some of the cracks in the plaster & gyp rock, which had been made at the time all the fixing was done last year. When we went out after trying to get the Loom log loose, we found some thing had given away up the creek and a lot of ice & debris had got in behind the log and jammed it so that we couldn't budge it. We then went up to the tree by Charlie Munro's fence and cut five 10 ft logs out of it. The first one we launched went farther