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Some 1902 & 1903 R

Wednesday 7th Jan 1903

A January day. I helped get dinner.

Voltie working on sleighs. Wallace came towards evening. A dance at Frank W's. Voltie, Maud, Irene, Wallace, Lennie all go down to F's after dark. Len fell in rock hole going down

Thursday 2nd April 1903

Arise and call Voltie at 4 sharp.

It looks like a storm and I think I will stay home and not go to Belles. Voltie starts at six a.m. He borrowed Charleys old buggy and drove double. The wind rising a blows a half gale all day. Maud whitewashed and cleaned the kitchen. Maud and I are tired and look in vain for Volties coming till long after dark. Dark heavy clouds lying off in the west. Sharp lightning and heavy thunder and Prince comes whining at the door to get in, he is afraid of thunder, we let him in and he cralls [sic] away in the corner behind the stove, the old fool! The supper is kept warm in the oven for Voltie. At last we hear a prolonged whistle and we know Voltie has arrived amid thunder & lightning and now prince goes to the door to get out and Sr, lantern in hand, and Prince goes to the barn and beling the stacks to pilot Volty around the corner and throughs the bars and soon he comes in ladened with baskets and

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Thursday 8 Jan 1803

A very good day. I dont feel very well yet but helped get dinner. Voltie and the girls got the breakfast after being out to the dance till midnight at Frank W's. Rachel came over to stay she slept with Irene & Maud slept with me.

bundles accompanied by Albert Joy the great electrician. I supposed he was going to stay all night but after tea and raspberries, and helping V water the horses, he concluded he would go home and he went, forgetting his over coat. Well I wash dishes and mix the biscuits all ready to bake in the morning and Maud pares the potatoes, and finally we are settled and gone to the land of nod and dreams, wishing we could stay there a long time. O Lord!

Friday 3rd of April 1903

I slept like a top all night with the wind roaring around the house from the South. Awoke this morning to find queer looking clouds piled fold upon fold a strange weird looking morning which finaly consolidates into fog and rain which comes pouring.

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Friday 9th January 1903

A cold stormy snowy day. Wind

I am better I think, Dont do house work only fix socks. Rachel mixed and baked bread & pies & helped the girls about getting the meals after dinner, went home to see about things & wore Mauds red hood. Sent old W.F.W. a letter, R sent one to Will. Maud went to post office came back covered white with snow. Had boiled pork for dinner very good. Voltie working on sleighs. Old man working on something in stable. R came over to stay all night got no wood, brought her rug yesterday she came over. Expected a letter from Grace but received none. I hope they are well.

down in torrets, filling barrel and tub in a few minutes and continues falling all day. V tried to plow in the garden to set raspberry bushes but put the team in stable and went to work in shop. Sr fell the dear old poplar tree where the woodpeckers made their nests in the holes every year, then he made sweat collars for horses. After dinner writes in this old diary and nod away. Wall came down and gone to the shop to visit with Voltie. Mail Whig, Homes, Herald, letter from Grace. Albert Roy there again to supper. He just came from over the river in a small skiff wet through to his pelt the rest of his pants looks as if he had sat down in a pail or tub of water. Voltie gave him dry clothes and says Albert is crabby.

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Saturday 10 January 1903

A bright sunshiny day, river frozen over to the other shore. Al Joslin & Frank Woodman here to dinner. Rachel went home, rode over with Voltie came back and brought her canned fruit, 18 cans to be put in our cellar. Found her dog sitting on her veranda. R and M scoured the dining room floor. I feel some better to day. After dinner V carried A. Joslin home Miss OBrien came to pay R ,40 cts for a duck. R churned and made drop cakes and canned sweet apples. I go to bed early dont feel very well.

Saturday 4 April 1903

Wind N. freezing, snowy and blowing all night; a dismal looking morn ground white with snow every where, and only day before yesterday Charley Woodman sowed 20 bushels grain. V working shop. Sr drawing out straw on the jumper and spreading it on the point. Maud cleaned floors and made three beautiful cakes, one of them is for Grace's birth day. Irene pieces 4 blocks for quilt and help do the work. In the evening we all read. Freezing hard. The sun comes out in afternoon but not warm; a clear sun set

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Sunday 11 January 1903

A cloudy morning not cold Wind South and quiet. River closed in with ice from shore to shore. Am better again this morning. R and the girls in kitchen doing the breakfast dishes and separators. Voltie brought up from cellar and got me a big apple, a bell Flower, a beauty; he is going to send his grandmother some apples. Think I will write a letter either to Johny or Will or Poor dear Edith. Snow falling heavily all day. Maud & June go to church. Len Patterson here in evening laughing and te he ing about nothing, stays till 1/2 past 10

Sunday 5 April 1903

A clear bright morning but very cold. N wind yet, but very quiet, froze very hard. Maud washes nearly all the breakfast dishes; I help a little and wash scald separator. Maud goes to church forenoon service Voltie goes over the river to Beadles with barley for Will and did not get back till long after dinner and dishes all washed. Heard a rap at kitchen door and Wells bade them "come in" and in walked the electrition, having driven over in buggy, hitched his horse to the gate post, came for his oars and for a neighborly visit. Maud and Irene were both invisible. Maud at church where she had gone to meet Shell and Inez to practice a new hymn on the church organ, then Voltie came and they went

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Monday 12th January 1903

A pleasant morning wind west and freezing, cloudy nearly all day. Rachel and Maud and Irene picked over a bushel of wheat free from cockle seed and wild peas. V going to get it ground for graham bread. Irene Sr mended stocking and washed dinner dishes and made 10 more lbs butter & now I have 20 lbs of butter ready for market. Rachel set up a pair of mittens for Voltie. Old man, cross but no body cares swore too. The weather cold and freezing at bed time  
to see the pigs, and Albert didn't come back any more. V came home dinnerless and helped himself in pantry and I just sat down for a quiet reading time when the kitchen door opens without a rap and in walks D.D. Bamford & Jay Lee both loaded to the muzzle with hard cider and noisy. I began to look around for some place and means of escape when "Where is Aunt Rend" in dining room and Jay Lee comes in with a great "How do you do"! and puts out his hand and grasps and shakes hand with a fervor and grip like a Methodist preacher and hauled up our disabled rocker, and sat down in it so forcibly, that the poor old chair gave way in every joint and settled with a squat.

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Tuesday 13 January 1903

Freezing all night. Voltie says could cross with horse this morning. Cloudy and looks like more snow. Maud & Irene washing dishes.

Maud on ice skating nearly all forenoon and afternoon. Wallace & Will Niles walked across the river this morning. Voltie drove over to Geo Rattray's with a grist this morning; pig feed &

Graham flour. After dinner Voltie walked over the river and went to the corners to see about the Sears and Roebuck things which are being sent through from Chicago to Rosiere. When they arrive by express Eddie Bates will bring them over.

Voltie is very tired. But sets up and tries to instruct M and I in the misteries of playing the game called Nations. Lennie brings the mail mail to us. Len is a good boy but R hates him and calls him a niger. Poor Len.

nearly to the floor. I yelled "Get out of that you'll smash the chair sure" but he would not budge from his roost. And then began a garrulous detailed discription of his life at Windmills, which was a mixture of ridiculous, ludicorous, pathetic, obscenity, which I would like to record in this my diary, but decency forbids. After a while I look towards the open door of the kitchen and discover Van with his yaup going

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Wednesday 15th of January 1903

A cloudy day snow everywhere with now and then a flake lightly falling. Rachel gone over to clar up before going over the river to make an all winter's visit. She sent her pork, flour and lard & sugar over.

Voltie drove to Rattray's for the grist; we made Graham biscuits for dinner very good but coarse. Shell, Maud & Jack going skating. Irene poor darling has no skates so came back to the house. May Ranous here for mission money had none for her. I helped get dinner, washed the dinner dishes, and washed, churn &c.

and I say "Hellow Van" he says "I wont do it.

I'm mad at ye. What for? cause you never come over to see me. no! I always have to come to see you and I'll never come again." Of course it was our cider they were after and they got it and their supper to. I can tolerate Van but I don't like Jay Lee.

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Thursday 16 Jan 1903

A cloudy day, light snow falling  
not very cold; 2 below zero, done a  
little work to day. Voltie butchered 3 hogs,  
Frank Woodman & Dave Reid helping.  
R set up a pair of mittens for Maud.  
Maud made a cake for the party at  
Geo Niles. No good. made another very  
good. Wall drove for them ie. Voltie, Maud &  
Irene. Irene was the belle of the party  
came home at 2 pm all right.

Mnday 6 April 1903

A very good morning, NE wind. I so lame  
can scarcely get around to do the work. Maud washing  
all clothes. She going to get our clothes on the line  
before Samy does this time, but she didn't. I wash  
dishes, separator, get the dinner and after dishes washed  
I washed three pair of old overalls. Robert and Sid Percey  
came bringing Rachel over, drank cider and  
then went home.

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Friday 16 Jan 1903

Cloudy, light snow falling not cold  
A.M. Voltie cut up the pork. I cook  
beef for dinner. R finishes Maude's mittens.

Irene break teacup & plate accidentally.

I churn & make 6 more butter prints for market  
which addition counts 26 lbs., put 1 1/2 doz eggs in  
basket for market, fill a basket for Grace.

Maud goes skating in evening with Shell, Inez  
Wallace, Jack & Lennie came in at 9 pm.

R and Irene goes for the mail, Whig, Herald,  
Good Stories, Happy hours, no letters.

Saturday morning 17 Jan 1903

Arose at 4 and get breakfast for Voltie  
and Frank Woodman; both going to the city. Voltie  
carrying 26 lbs butter, 1 1/2 doz eggs, 2 hogs. I send Grace  
a basket. Frank carrying a a heavy basket of chickens.

R made a few cookies and too pies, cleaned dinning room  
floor, forget what I done. V came home  
at 9 pm didn't get coal and left dad's boots  
in town but brought granulated & brown sugar,  
skates for Irene, pills, oatmeal, soap, tea, glue, ginger,  
bowls, bolts, &c &c. Says he is going to the Sailors ball  
and take Maud, Margarete, Irene. Tuesday evening V & F  
stoped at Charlies & had supper.

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Sunday 18 January 1903

A beautiful day, froze last night. Wind west.

R picked up her pack and V took her  
across the river in single bob sleigh. Frank went  
with him. V says Charley H has been over to Wellies.

Len P here. Maud went on skates to Mrs Niles  
to get her to finish her waist for the ball.

Irene & Maud went skating all pm

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This months Magazines

March

Good Stories April

American Woman April

Good litterature April

Woman's Magazine April

New Thought

Brown Book

Good litterature

Woman's World April

Woman's Farm Journal

Hearth & home 24 March

Comfort 24 March

Wednesday 9 April

A nasty day, I churned and made  
prints, 15 for market, sent Grace one

American Home

The St Paul Weekly Despatch

Northwestern Agriculturist

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Thursday 10 April

Arose at 4 am didn't sleep much after 3 am for watching the clock for 4 am. V and Maud and R went to Kingston. I worked steady all day, began to rain towards night. Sr started before six pm carrying umbrella and shawl for Maud. They came at 9, wet and cold and hungry but I had a good hot fire and a good hot supper. Lennie came soon after dark and staid till their return.

Friday 11 April 1903

A very good day. R wants to go to see Mrs Morgan who is very sick but didn't like to walk so far but worked on the quilt instead. V worked in shop. Evening mail, Herald, Whig, News, Womans World, Hearth and Home, Good Stories. Mauds silk for waist. Maud went up to Mrs Niles in evening and staid till 9 pm. I received a letter from Wellie also we churned to day.

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Monday 19 January 1903

A very good winter day. Eddy Bates here to dinner so we get all the news from Wellie, Johny and Wills family. Voltie went to show Edy over the cracked ice.

Saturday 12 April 1903

A very fine day no rain. Voltie plows for potatoes. Rachel takes of the tiedown quilt. Maud [illegible] very well indigestion. She made a cake and wiped up the floor. I worked till my feet acke. I sowed cabbage seed and caught a slight cold. Mrs Niles and her daughters here this evening.

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Tuesday 20 January 1903

A very good day. Voltie and Maud started early this morning for Kingston driving up on the ice, carrying 5 turkeys and a barrel of apples to market then came back after (Maud went to Graces awhile) to Belle's and after supper Wallace took Marjorie to the Ball. Voltie taking Maud and Beatrice Irene and Irene were alone all day except grandad as at home of course. No I really should not forgot that Will and Charley came over accompanied by Frank. They come just in time for dinner and were sorry Voltie was not home.

Monday 14 April 1903 Easter Monday

Wind North cool and breezy. R made self an apron. Maude white washed, cleaned the wood work and R helped her paper the big room in Chamber. I done house work and cooked the meals. V plowing. The weather is dry and clear.

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Wednesday 21 January 1895

A great fall of snow last night over a foot deep every where. It is the morning after the ball and Maud and Voltie come poking along home, driving down on the ice. Voltie brought some coal 2 bags left, 3 bags at Charlie's and 15 hundred in Kingston. He bought himself a new suit of clothes. Voltie dont feel very well and went to bed, but Maud kept up all day and sung and danced and laughed and worked till after supper. I drove her off to bed.

Tuesday 15th April 1903

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Thursday 22 January 1903

A tolerable fair day. Wells and Voltie bush out a road to Lindy's. I was scrubbing the pantry floor when the girls said a cutter was coming in here which proved to be the Preacher Mr. Wheatley, he put out his horse and stayed to dinner. The roads are full of snow and hard traveling.

Wednesday 16 April 1903

A dirty cold rainy drizzling day Ellie Woodman came here and bought Voltie's skiff \$40 dollars. Sr & V cleaning up grain at the grainery.

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Friday 23rd January 1903

A cold day. I write and send a letter for Voltie to the Massey Harris Co. Maud writes to her father and Irene takes both letters to the Post office. Maud cleans the kitchen floor, dear little Maud. Wells and V went for a jag of wood to Lindy's. We cleaned pantry and washed clothes and Maud cleaned kitchen floor

Thursday 17th April 1903

Arose at 4 got breakfast for Voltie. Wells Sr drove to the dock with Voltie he going up to pay the Massey-Harris note. Maud and I done big washing. R finished her apron and helped get the meals. Wells hustled around and done the chores and ate supper and started for the dock, came home at 7 p.m. [Voltie|V]] didnot see Ellie Woodman in Town He ate dinner with Grace. Bob gone. I sent for nothing this day. I churned &c Wells brought the news that Mrs Morgan is better. Uncle Sam is sick Sylvia here for mustard. Lizzie there doing the work.

Friday 8th May

I sent to Sears and Roebucks for a hat for Maud. A beautiful day yesterday Maud went to Kingston. It rained near all day and it was a much needed rain.

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Saturday 24 January 1903

A very cold day. 18 below zero.

Wells and Voltie drew a load of wood from Lindy's. Voltie this morning went for the mail. A letter from Grace. Whig, Herald, Two "new Thought magazines and a book the heart of the New Thought"—very fine. Frank Woodman gone to Will Dixons looking for a farm, Frank got the morning fever again.

Friday 18 April 1903

Wind N.W.

Froze Last night, cold this morning. A clear bright day. Voltie did not work in field this morning till after dinner, but instead put up the wee stove in dining room, bored holes in the quilting frames. Rachel making beeswax Maud ironing and working at chamber putting up curtains. Wells fixing stable floors. Rats eating up all our young chickens, grass getting green on the point.

Sunday 3rd May 1903

A cool day, cloudy. Frank & Emma came over. Eddy Bates here too and Len Patterson here too, had fish for dinner &c, began to rain towards night.

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Sunday 25 January 1903

A quiet peaceful day. Voltie made himself a pair of leather mittens. We cook and read and daze. No one here but Lennie towards eve to borrow V's robes for Lennie and Charlie are going driving. The weather is wintry enough. Great body of snow covers the Earth far and wide. Cloudy and snow lightly falling. Frank not home yet from farm hunting.

Monday 4th May 1903.

Voltie set a hen on hens eggs 16.

A cold morning for a May morning. It rained yesterday pm, the first rain for a long time. The Spring is very backward. Rachel churned this morn We built a fire in the pine knot. Maud is flying around at work. Sr chopping or splitting wood

May 9th Saturday 1903

A beautiful May morning.

Maud drove to the villiage with Addie Percey and little son. Wells rowed across the river with Voltie to River view. V going to Joslin's and from there to Wellies, he is going to look for a farm.

Sunday A fine day not so warm as yesterday.

Maud went to church.

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Monday 26 January 1903

A cloudy mild day. Voltie and Sr drawing wood from Lindy's island. Maud swept and made all the beds and melted snow to clean floors. Irene Sr made apple pies. Irene Jr helped wash dishes. 7 eggs to day which makes 33 new laid eggs beside Voltie sold 30 which makes 63 besides we used 10 which is 73 new laid eggs altogether this winter. After dinner Maud washing a few things. Sr & V gone for more wood. They drew two loads to day.

Tuesday 27 January 1903

Wind South, snow drifting, a very mild sunlight lifting through clouds. No drawing wood from the island this day. Maud washing breakfast dishes; Irene Jr washing seperator. The men at the barn and shop doing—I dont know what. Can't send letters to day on account of drifts. Maude went to post office carrying a lantern. Stopped on the ice talking with Patterson. Voltie called them and they came bringing Whig, Good Litterature & Happy homes & Vickersys fire side and best of all a letter from Johny.

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Wednesday 28 January 1903

A soft cloudy foggy day scarcely any wind, snow settling fast. Wallace here for masquerade suits. After dinner Edy Bates drove in here from across the river thought he had brought the merchandize which is to be sent form Chicago but doomed to disapointment. Nothing came. Voltie working in shop ironing off sleighs.

Thursday 29 January 1903

Didnt think when I arose this morning that 10 O'clock A.M. would find me at Charleys. Voltie, Irene and I started at 8 a.m. drove up on the ice & through big bay and the canal till we came to the old barn by Brown's, where we turned off and drove to Belles. Charley gone to villiage for groceries brought brought sodas and oysters, candy. Voltie went up to get the black colt Topsy shod for the first time. The ice covered with soft snow and water hard traveling some of the way. Voltie didn't come till after dark, black smith had gone to a funeral. A great thunder and light storm and we staid all night. Will H Woodman stayed too. We had a fine visit.

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Friday 30 January 1903

Voltie and I started from Belles at 8 a.m. found the roads bad for traveling slumpy, horses sometimes going in up to their knees floundering and came nearly tipping over several times and to add to our greater discomfort the west wind blowing a gale but arrived home at 1/2 past 10 all right, went straight to getting dinner, but Maud had the house all tidied up very fine, cakes baked and a big plate full of sweet apples the remainder of the day employed itself in snow squalls and blizzards from the S.W. I tired and sleepy and go to bed at 1/2 past 7. Maud sleeping with me. Weather so bad cant go to PG this eve Saturday 31st and last day of week and last of Jan 1903.

A blizzardy morning but partly clears up at noon.

Our hens eating their eggs about as fast as laid.

Voltie working in shop at sleigh building; dont know what Sr does. Maud cleaned all the floors.

After dinner Maud goes to Mrs Niles for subscription for American woman

Inez came home with her,—came for milk for coffee, staid for supper and till after the cows were milked. In evening sat up and read, commenced a new quilt log cabin pieced one block and a half.

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Sunday 1st day of February 1903

A very good day for skating but not very clear. Maud, (after work if done up) skates with Inez nearly all fore noon. Voltie reading Herald while we were at morning dishes. Voltie and Johny Wilson run the pike net and got only one fish, a pike which I clean and cook for dinner.

While we were eating dinner a cutter came to the door which proved to be Henry Halliday and Beatrice.

They had been to dinner. Beatrice had a dish of pudding & a cup of tea with us. She came for instruction in embroidery. Voltie and Henry drove across the ice to Maloney's while Maud and Beatrice go skating. Beatrice a Noviciate in the art of skating.

Inez and Maurice Maloney on skates too.

Henry and Voltie came back accompanied by Dick M Frank and Dave Reid and Johny Wilson helped

Voltie set the fish net. We sat up and read

but no visitors. I see Sr had commenced

to keep diary.

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Monday 2nd February 1903

A soft morning & so foggy can scarcely see the barn. V drove our old pig to Joys and then helped Frank butcher 5 pigs.

Callers for the barn Johny Willson, Wallace Niles, Jackey Niles, Dave Reid, Len Patterson, Geo Ratray.

Voltie came home at noon cleaned up a grist and got ready for going to Kingston tomorrow.

But dont think he will for towards evening it thunders and rains. The fields are pretty much bare every where. I churned and got the butter and eggs ready for market. Sr caught one eating her egg as soon as laid it. This is the anniversary of my wedding day 43 years ago. The bear cant see a shadow to day.

Tuesday 3rd February 1903

Voltie arose at 5 am look

out thought it was to soft to go to Town so went back to bed for another snooze but just before we sat down to breakfast Johny Willson came up to see why V didnt' come down and bring old Nell but V sent Nell by JW and said Frank was to drive here so he hustled around and got started carrying 16 lbs butter, 4 1/2 doz eggs [illegible] grist to mill a bag of potatoes for Grace was going to carry her a bag of apples but had too full load. JW went along too a beautiful day for the first time in a while ago. [illegible] on to [illegible] dug snow with the hoe to wash

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Maud and I washed quite big washing,  
grows cloudy again. Shell came for Maud  
to go skating and stay till after tea and from  
there to P.O. where she got our mail and went  
back home with Shell and then went skating  
till 8 p.m. Jay Joy here in evening setting  
out in kitchen no one talking to him. I went  
out gave him an apple from groceries apple bag.  
After awhile he went home. Poor little Jay is terrible  
homely, marked after one of the "fools"  
Evening mail News, Whig, American Woman,  
Brown book, two letters from Hugh Birch  
& McKelvey and Massey Harris co.  
About 8 1/2 Voltie comes accompanied by  
a cousin who I had never before seen.  
A Mr Charles Dixon from Detroit a fine  
good looking loquacious man, we sat  
up till 11 pm. and spun all kinds  
of yarns, ancient, past and present.  
Voltie was thoughtful in bringing home  
a good supply of eatables, bread,  
cookies, cake, cheese, pickles, flour,  
rice, broom, borax, currants, raisons, tea, rolled oats, peppers,  
cinnamon, extracts &c. The wind blows  
and snows when we go to bed.

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Wednesday 4th February 1803

Every thing covered with ice this morning raining and freezing. The seperator a curiosity to Mr Dixon from Detroit. After breakfast Cousin Charley and Devolson walk across the ice and go to Depauville to visit Will Dixon and his family . The weather clears up at noon and the sun shines out once more.

Well, Maud and I pass rather a lazy day.

Not doing much but I must make mince pies, sure did not make pies after all.

Lennie drove here in evening to invite Maud and Voltie to a party at Charley Halliday's Rather cheeky I think. It is like inviting me to a party to be held at our own house.

A surprise party indeed! Well Belle and Charley will not be surprized by any of my family's intrusion.

Thursday 5th February 1903.

A bright morning, ground covered with ice and snow which fell last night.

Some colder froze in the night. Maud clearing floors, made beds and swept. I made mince pie for dinner washed dishes and seperator.

Inez here for Maud to go to Charley Hallidays the party to night, but no go. Tis 3 pm and Voltie and Cousin C not here yet.

[illegible] here to borrow cutter robe for Frank. Len here too

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Friday 6 February 1903

A beautiful morning very light wind S.E.

Two cutters went across this morning. Mr Maloney and his son Richard walked across to Mr Niles this morning. Maud out trying the skating

Ten a.m. V & C not yet arrived. Put two mince pies & two mince turnovers in the oven 10

Wish I could write a beautiful hand but the

more I write the worse it looks. Old W.F.W.

dont write, guess he's mad. Dont care much.

"New Thought" says we can accomplish any thing

we persevere in doing. I wonder if I could

succeed in eradicating the wrinkles from my

face. Dont believe a woman sixty nine years

old can do any such thing. Voltie & Charley

came in time for dinner. Voltie bringing the

Sears & Roebuck merchandize with him, a pair

of overshoes for his dad, a pair of shoulder braces for

me (though I dont need them, but may sometime), a lot of tools

for himself, and a beautiful set of glass dishes for me.

After dinner, Voltie drives to the city with Charley

I'm sorry to see my new found Cousin go; he is a

fine man. Voltie came home at 1/2 past 10 p.m.

Maud received a letter from her father and a beautiful

piece of cloth for a waist and three samples of

silk to [illegible] from for another waist. Poor Welsey

[illegible]

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Saturday 7th February 1903

A beautiful day wind N and froze last night, so they can draw wood from Lindy's. 3 loads to day with one horse (old Nell). Maud and I work around the house all day. Maud cleaned and polished the coal stove, cleaned windows, lamps, floors; Irene got the meals, washed dishes separator besides churning. The cream was too cold, and the butter was hard and a long time churning. Voltie said Belle is coming down this evening but don't come. Mr and Mrs Niles & Shell & Jack gone visiting some where down the island; they drove in here for their robe that V borrowed yesterday because Frank W borrowed ours and didn't bring or send it home this time for Voltie when he went up yesterday to town. Clear bright sunset and a beautiful moon lit night

Sunday 8th February 1903

Awoke this morning to find a great snow storm in operation, coming from N.E. This storm must be Hick's prediction has begun for he prophesied a great storm between the 8th and 10th. I don't think Belle & Charley will come down today: wish they could come. Voltie has not run his net since last Sunday a week ago today. Stormed and blew all day; a big fall of snow but drifting. No one came but John Wilson for a jug of cider for Frank and Bob Reid for which he paid 20 cts and Voltie gave it me for postage continued on page [illegible]

August 23rd Friday 1902

This is my new diary which Maud bought yesterday for me, in Kingston. "Roll back O tide of time and raise, the past events of other days." which are gone forever. Only a few years ago it seemed since Maud was a baby when her father brought her here to me and laid her in my arms, fast asleep. How well I remember laying her on the bed, till tea time when she awoke for her supper, and I made the discovery that she was cross eyed and remember the first words I ever heard her speak as she sat in the high chair at table, when hearing the clock tick "Me [illegible] faid monshes" What a change a few years have wrought She goes to market for me now and is nearly 18 years old. Little did I think at that time she would live and a home with us all these long years. But we cannot tell how a year or even a day may unfold. It was only yesterday morning by a terrific storm of thunder, lightning, rain and enormous hail stones, my beautiful flower garden was utterly destroyed by hail. The force of the storm destroyed standing crops of hay and grain over a wide extent of country.

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17th January 1903

[Date]	[description]	[Price]
17 Jan	Sold 26 lbs butter at 20 cts per lb	\$5,20
3rd Feb	" 16 " " " " " "	\$3,20
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1 March	" 6 " " " " " "	\$1,20
2nd April	" 25 " " " " " "	\$5,00
10 April	" 14 " " " 21 cts per lb	\$2,94
13 April	" 18 " " " 20 p lb	\$3,60
14 April	" 12 " " " 20 p lb	\$2,40
? May	" 14 " " " 20	\$2,80
? May	" 22 " " " 20	\$4,40
28th May	" 30 " " " 20	\$6,00
4th June	" 26 " " " 20	\$5,20
11 June	" 22 " " " 20	\$4,40
18 June	" 21 " " " 20	\$4,20
25 June	" 20 " " " 20	\$4,00
? July	" 20 " " " 20	\$4,00
? July	" 22 " " " 20	\$4,40
9th July	" 24 " " " 20	\$4,80
16th July	" 32 " " " 20	\$6,40
23rd July	" 28 " " " 20	\$5,60

30 July	23	\$82,90
5 Aug	26 p 20	\$27,00
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17 January 1903

[date]	[description]	[Amt]
	our first eggs Sold 30 at ,30cts per doz	,45
3rd Feb	" " 4 1/2 doz at 23 per doz	\$1, 03
20th Feb	" " 4 " " ,20 " "	,80
2nd April	" " 7 1/2 " " ,11 " "	,83
10 April	" " 6 " " ,12 " "	,72
23 April	" " 5 " " 12	,60
31 April	" " 2 " " 12	,24
7 May	" 2 1/2 " "	,30

Thursday December 29 1910

A Mice

Monday 9th February 1903

Just a little cloudy this morning. And the wind continues to blow lightly. Towards noon the sun comes out bright and warm, and after dinner, Voltie and dad hitch Nell before cutter and go bush a road to Lindy's again. The snow tis heavy and deep on the ice. Henry Halliday drove in here with his fine span of horses \$400 dollars he says is the price. The Maloney Boys were with him leading a horse they had bought of Mary Murphy. They were inquiring for Voltie for to get their horse shod but he was gone to the island so they led the horse across the ice following his track. Evening brings the joyful news that old muley had a calf (heifer) which means more butter for market, besides milk for the pigs. I write a long letter to Johny and Maude writes to her father.

Tuesday 10 Februry

Cloudy this morning but proves to be a fine day bright and warm and thawing. Voltie and his dad draw two loads of wood from Lindys before dinner. All Joslin & Voltie going over with them for second load. After dinner Voltie hitches up and drives the span of colts down the road they go very together. He drove in to Franks and Frank paid him \$8,00 which he owed him. Maud made a batch of cookies very [illegible]. I do all sorts of odds and ends. I looked for Belle but she dont come.

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Garden island tomorrow if the weather is favourable. Lennie here inviting to a party at Horn's tomorrow eve. He and Voltie go down to Franks, didn't get home till bed time. Maud went for mail. Whig, Good Stories, Woman Magazine and an invitation for Voltie to attend a masquerade ball at Marshalls Hall Grindstone island.

Wednesday 11 Februry 1903

A cloudy morning looks like a storm froze a little last night. Voltie loaded on his log this morning and gone to Garden Island to get the log sawed towards building the new ice house. Carried Grace a bag of apples that has stood in the kitchen nearly two weeks suppose they are all nearly rotten; hope not. Maud working. Looked out and saw Charley, Belle and two young children coming, came in time for dinner. Glad to see Belle; but "Henry the Kid" is a terror bawl, scream and yell all the time; wants every thing. Soon as Belle took his duds off & walked into the pantry pulled the cover off the bread can and began dragging it around, grabbed a handful of flour out of the flour can and went at the seperator. Voltie came after dark. A party at Alice Micheas. Voltie and Maud didn't go

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Feb 3rd Tuesday 1903

Groceries

1 broom, 6 lbs rice, 1 lb tea, 1 raisons, 1 currants,  
pepper, cinnamon, 1/2 dozen lemons, rolled oats,  
bread, cookies, cakes, cheese, pickles, flour, borax,  
extract raspberry

February Wednesday 6 bars surprise soap, 8 rolled oats,  
vial olive oil

Feb 20th 6 lbs granulated sugar, 1 box great cakes, 2 spools thread,  
4 yds shaker flannel for quilt lining, 6 lbs seed oats,  
1 box baking powder, 3 yds narrow black ribbon

3 February

one lb tea, Winter green oil

Quantities bought 25th February 1903

12 plates, 12 cups, 12 saucers, 12 small  
plates, 1 steamer, 1 enameled wash basin,  
1 agate dipper, 1 whisk

Feb 28 100 lbs sugar, 1 lbs tea, 5 currants, 8 lbs rolled wheat  
3 yds lace white, 1 rubber crochet hook, 1 pkt diamond dye,  
5 U.S.A. postage stamps 10 cts, 4 doz clothes pins

March 7th 1 yd pillow ticking, 2 1/2 seamless sheeting, 6 bars  
comfort soap, 1 head cabbage, 1 peck onions 30 lbs,  
granulated sugar, three rolls batten, matches,  
buckwheat flour, 15 hundred shingles, hammer,  
[illegible], 1 butter basket

March 6 3/4 qts kerosine, 5 lb rolled oats with a porridge dish  
[illegible] cabbage seed, sand paper

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Saturday 14 February 1903

Not a very bad day. Voltie goes over the river to help move Frank Woodman after taking a snooze in bed. Belle goes over with Voltie as far as James Gloyd's leaving here she cried some but was a very good child all the while her mother was gone

Sunday 15 February 1903

A very pleasant day everything quiet till noon when Voltie comes home bringing Rachel, Belle and Henry and while we are yet at table, Van Bamford and Ben Percy comes and the quantity of hard cider they can stow away inside their jackets is wonderful. Belle and Ben sing and play a few old favorites. Van goes out to see the pigs, gives V money to buy 30 lbs sugar in Kingston, shoulders his tea and then the two old swill tubs go [illegible] over the river to their home towards [illegible] Voltie goes with R lantern in hand to get her [illegible] pancake griddle, &c &c got back in

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Monday 16 February 1903

A cold day but not stormy. Charley Dixon came over with Frank Woodman and goes to the party at Geo Niles with Frank who is going to play the violin there this eve. Voltie and Maud go down in cutter  
Voltie drew wood from the island. Sr helping Belle getting home sick.

Tuesday 17 February 1903

A cold day but Voltie & Sr gone to Lindy's for wood, went after dinner took Rachel and her valise over to Dodges and left her there. Charley Dixon at noon went with Frank Woodman out to Reids at Glenvale. Towards night Charley Halliday drove in for his family and they hustled off in a hurry and Maud and I are left alone for a while and peace and quietness reigns triumphant. while we are eating our supper in walks Bob G we are glad to see him  
He visits till 10 pm, a very cold night and goes to PO, Whig, Herald, American Woman, Hearth and Home, letter from Eveline, Charles and another from Bob Matherson

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Wednesday 18 February 1903

Whew! what a snow blizzard from S.W. cant see an inch for wind and snow which lasts nearly all day. Dont water cattle till towards eve, nor horses. Lennie here for cider for Charley Woodman. Voltie working in shop nearly all day on bobs. Bob G went visiting at Niles and from there rode with Wall to the foot to see Rube & Mary's Bably. Evening Voltie & B go to Niles to play cards and return 1/2 past 10 pm which finds us all abed.

Thursday 19 February 1903

A clear bright cold morning. Wind West. Charlie D came early from S Woodmans where he had staid over night after driving back from Elginburg last night starting at 4 pm from Reids. Frank came towards noon and loaded Rachels traps in, took over the river pancake griddle, and bed. V & B lunch at 11 am and go to Lindys isle for baswood to carry to garden isle to have sawed for lumber. They return at 3 pm; gave them early tea; Abberson Moore here. I churn and make 10 lbs butter, send one to Grace which leaves 9 for market. Volties got toothache. Evening I write 2 letters 1 to Grace, 1 to Belle

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Friday 20th February 1903

Arose early and prepared every thing for market put the eggs in oats, sent Grace a basket and brought [sic: brought] out the basket of butter while Bob and Voltie loads the logs for the saw mill and after a hand shake and good bye from Robert, they drive off up the ice for Garden Island and Kingston. Then Maud and I pitch in to work. Maud washes all the white clothes I wash all the dishes and seperator and cook the meals. A cow buyer here from town. Mr Wheatley called in pm making a short and entertaining visit Maud goes to Mrs Niles to return her skirt pattern. Shell accompanied her home bringing a pail for milk Then Shell and Maud went to PO for mail, Herald, Whig, Kingston News, Woman's farm journal and Hearth and Home. Voltie came late,—about nine pm, forgot to mention a letter from "Hugh", for Voltie. Massey Harris Co rather saucy too. Maud goes a little way with Shell when she goes at 1/2 past 8 pm.

Saturday 21 February 1903

A blustering, snowy, windy morning morning. Voltie wont go to the island for wood this day, but works in shop, paints sleigh, &c. Wallace Niles here in evening stays till 9 pm borrows Volties cutter to go to Clayton.

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Sunday 22 February 1903

A pleasant day after the storm. Voltie hitches up bay colt with Wall horse and they drive to Riverview for tobacco. Voltie buying a \$1,00 for Charley Halliday and tobacco for himself and 5 postage stamps for me, then Wall with V's cutter and harness goes to Clayton. V & W have agreed to go to the old folks ball at the villiage tomorrow evening. V going to go up with W. Inez here to bring Mauds Book home and borrow a yeast cake. We spend the evening in reading.

Monday 23rd February 1903

Arose early for Voltie is going to Kingston & Garden Island, takes a grist of wheat to Kingston for flour, and goes for his lumber and a load of saw dust. The day is rather stormy and blustery from S.E. and he drives away in to the teeth of the storm. C Woodman, in cutter follows close behind Voltie. I send Belles duds up in a bundle. Voltie came early said Reginald is sick, think it may be typhoid, hope not. Angry because Wallace refuses to go to the ball, 1/1 going anyway now and so goes up with Len Patterson and Chas Woodman. Marjorie goes back with Voltie going to finnish [sic: finish] her trade. Len came just before starting for the ball with jug for cider for "Grandpa".

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Tuesday 24 Feb 1903

A very fine day. Voltie came at breakfast time a good deal the worse for wear; looks as if he had been drawn through a knot hole and hung up to dry. Of course he has been out with Charles Woodman didn't eat any breakfast; went to bed, wants to be called a 1/2 past nine; going to draw two loads of wood from Lindys; called him at 10 am; would [not] get up; called him at dinner time. he arose but didnt want to but took a drink of cider, braced up, ate dinner, and went to lindys with dad and brought a great load of wood; Maud went for Mail. A letter from Grace written yesterday saying Reginald is very sick going to take him to his grandfather Gaskins. Dont know whether or not it is typhoid, hope not. Whig, News Comfort Vickery fire side. Sr fixing to go to the horse races tomorrow in Kingston. Maud cleaned floors & ironed the clothes . I darned mittens, cooked, washed dishes as usual. Sam went to Kingston early this morning. I guess the cider didn't satisfy samuel.

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Wednesday 25 Feb 1903

Wednesday arose at 6 a.m. A fine day but colder than yesterday. Sr gone to the city. Voltie chased him to the river with bells, cant drive in to the city without bells in winter time against the law. Hope Sr will come home straight, dont want any more cursedness around here. This is his first trip since he tumbled over board and was fished out by the purser and got his name in the paper. What an honor! Voltie painting sleighs. Maud preparing to wash. Wells Sr came home at 9 evening. Didn't go to Grace's. Saw Bob and told him Reginald has malarial fever and is not very sick. All the same he ought to gone and seen Poor dear Grace and her babies. Oh the horse trot was of greater importance with him. He bought and brought home some dishes which was exceedingly kind of him, and to me, very acceptable. He was sober and all right. Wind South and blowing all night. Mauds clothes flapping on the clothes line all night.

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Thursday 26th February 1903

A sunshiny hazy day, wind South fresh & breezy. Maud & I washed up all the new dishes and cleaned the pantry shelves and set up our dishes clean, bright and shining. Voltie & dad used the new ice house frame, then cleaned grist of hog feed and went to Geo Rattrays get ground. Barometer 4 above zero in the shade. Lennie Patterson here in evening for cider 8 gallon. Lennie and Charlie went to the horse trots in Kingston to day.

Friday 27 February 1903

A beautiful sun bright warm day. Voltie went to Rattrays for grist mill broke couldnt grist. A Russian few here buying old iron, old rubber &c; ate dinner here and had a feed for his horse. After he was gone up the ice Voltie and Sr went to the island for wood and stone boat runners after their return. Wallace drove in here to borrow our straight sleigh to draw out ice tomorrow. I made 7 prints for market, dressed 4 roosters, sent two letters, one to Gladys and one to Grace. Maud went to Niles for borrow butter basket; mine all smashed up no handle. In the evening Voltie brings up from cellar and sorts 8 barrels of apples for market, going to carry Grace some.

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27th Nov 1902 F

Snow on the ground this morning. We arise at 3 am that Grace may have time to dress herself and little ones to go home on the Pierpont and such a hustling I never saw!

raining just a little and Sr drove the team to the door just as soon as he possibly could after hitching up "All ready to start now come hurry out", and only Reginald dressed. Dear Grace how we all had to hustle to to get the children ready.

Saturday 28 February 1903

Arose at 4. Raining, thawing and blowing. Voltie cant go to market to day. We have the work all done by 8:30 am. Maud cleaning floor mattras.

Voltie painting sleigh. He looks out sees weather it clearing up puts away his paint brush, whips out to barn, hitches up before sleigh drives to the door, loads on barrels of apples and peck measure, puts the butter aboard the sleigh and chickens and hustles off to market. Away up the see he goes as fast as the horses can pick up their feet. Dinner on table at 11 am. begins to rain again at 2 pm a regular downpour, lightning and heavy thunder tub and pails filled in 3 minutes.

Dont expect Voltie home to night.

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Sunday 1 March 1903

Wind blowing all night but freezing hard.

Ground nearly bare, ice froze hard enough to bear heavy loads. cutters flying up and down the ice. work done up early. wish V would come.

Van & Sid drive in here at 10 have horse put in stable over coats off. cider brought up from cellar, tongues loosened up and talking begins about moving horse trots and Maud & Irene get dinner. we set the table with our new dishes, for we have company fried pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, brown bread, white bread, onions, pickles, cookies, honey, butter, pepper, salt, tea, cream & sugar thats all. after dinner more cider more talk: Voltie came just in time for dinner too. Sid and Van went up to see aunt Ruth and Lib Patterson Van brought me some seed beans. I sent Lib a peck of seed potatoes—russets, and lent her book the "Heart of the New Thought" and two 'new Thought" magazines. At last away they go carrying 60 lbs sugar with them smuggling 30 lbs of the sugar was mine that Voltie brought home to day which we let Sid have for dollar. Voltie bought 1,00 lbs and left 70 in Kingston so I have now only granulated sugar. We all sit and read till 9:30  
Forgot to say Maud tried skating but too rough  
Maud goes to Church a 3 pm.

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Monday 2nd March 1903

some snow fell last night, a warm morning cloudy and thawing. Voltie making ice tongs in black smith shop. Wells as usual choring around. We cook, wash dishes, separator, make one apple pie for dinner. After dinner Voltie goes to Rattrays for the provender. I color Mauds white shaker flannel was pink and also color her facinator, red - Voltie gets beef from the barrel and it is now boiling with a very appetizing odor. I sew a ball of carpet rags. The snow comes tumbling down again this pm 4 Oclock. Sr and Voltie are on the ice marking a place to saw out ice for summer. Charley Woodman has broken his new cutter and wants Voltie to repair it. Every one reading again this evening.

Tuesday 3rd March 1903

A snowy morning, wind N.E. Weather soon clears and becomes a mild warm bright day. Voltie sawing ice all am. Sr growling because Voltie is not prepared. Sr did draw and put saw dust in the bottom of ice floor when V asked him to do so. Voltie has most every thing to do, with very little help. P.M. V and dad drawing out ice for the ice house. Charley Woodman driving off up the ice with two horses before the cutter. Niles getting out ice. 7 men helping them.

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Thursday 5 March 1903

A soft cloudy rainy, snowy day.

Maud cleaned up the rooms made

cookies and two kinds of cake. I pieced

on quilt started a rug. James Gloyd

came over to make visit and get his cloth

for pants which V had bought for him in

Kingston. Voltie drove to hickory for his

bedding and other things which he had left there.

Voltie came about two O'clock then drove to Geo Rattrays

to get provender ground for pigs. This is

Geo last time grinding for this year. Mrs Woodman very

[illegible]. Charley gone to Depauville for Frank they came

about dark. Frank came to make us a visit and staid

till 11 pm. Frank likes cider.

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Monday 1st of December 1902

Wells Sr and Voltie butchering beef (our beef) down to Frank's barn. Voltie is going to take quarters of the beef down to Hickory leaving one forward quarter at home. Al Joslin helping but came up to dinner with V & Sr. V opened a can of our preserves. I told him he could but I did not want to. They were the Grey black cap and most delicious. Mr J Niles came this morn just after the men had gone down to Franks to bringing the very sad news of the Macys [illegible] lost and all her crew numbering 14 men all Capt Myron Gotham and his two sons. The Mabel Wilson (The Macy's consort) made port saved her crew but is terribly wrecked.

Friday 6 March 1903

A beautiful day soft and warm.

Geo Darling drove here. Sr paid him for the tea but kept the last can and ony 1/2 lb used from it. Voltie fixed Chas Woodmans cutters then after dinner they worked on the ice house. I churned, wrote two letters, one to Grace and one to Fireside Visitor. Maud rubbing up her rings to see if they are gold or brass. Maud went to post office. Mail—Whig, News, Herald, Womans magaine, American woman, and Brown Book, letter from Grace & a few advertising envelopes from Crawford's grocery. Len Patterson here till 10 with his violin Len and Voltie playing violin

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Tuesday 2 Dec 1902

A beautiful day warm & bright. The finest day I ever saw in December; so warm. I churned out on the veranda scarcely a ripple on the river which comes ever so gently from N.E. Wells Sr emptied the pork barrel of apples and after bringing water from river, heating and scalding the barrel, cut up and salted the beef. Maud done Chamber work and cleaned floors. Sr is now cleaning up a grist barley for pigs feed which will be carried to mill Thursday on the Pierpont. Our old white cat we put down cellar last night on account of rats and she yawled all night; if she didn't catch my rats, they surely must have been frightened. Poor old smut cat, something has destroyed her kittens; probably rats.

Mailed 4 letters to day one to [R Spoor, one to Grace, one to Chicago for Ella Wheeler Wilcox portrait and one to St Louis for Ladies Art instruction. No little Reginald here to day to eat butter out the churn. Poor little dear.

Sturday 7th of March 1903

Arose at 4 am. Voltie going to Kingston carrying apples, butter &c to market drives the north shore. Bill Windmill & Sid Percey here for their processing which are yet in Kingston. Voltie will get them to day. Mrs Ruth Woodman died early this morning.

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Wind beginning to blow from South, dark clouds rolling up from West tis 5 pm and Voltie come. Promised to be here before dark. Now comes a heavy roll of thunder and Price sneaks under the table. rain pouring in torrents and Voltie not here. I been looking for him two hours didn't take any rain coat with him. Just after supper Sr says Voltie is coming and he was walking beside the sleigh coming up from consession and had walked all the way across the island for the ground is bare. A good two miles, he left part of his load on the other shore—shingles for the ice house—the river is open around oak point, they (Voltie & Henry Halliday) drove within 50 yds of it—another heavy thunder—In looking over his purchases he discovers that he has left in Kingston (Ferguson Grocery) 30 lbs granulated sugar, 1 peck onions, and cabbage.

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Thursday 4th Dec 1903

Maud went to Kingston and carelessly got left in Town; after putting the baskets and groceries aboard the Pierpoint. A very cold day but Irene works around and keeps every thing snugly and cozy.

Sunday 8 March 1903

Wind blowing a gale all night from south, the morning reveals a windy foggy rainy most miserable day for weather but I enjoy it all the same, it speaks of a quiet lazy day at home when we can read, write and have a good time jeneraly [sic: generally]. Maud dressed and goes to church at 1/2 past 10 service. No one came. old Bill and Sid cant get here to day so the cider barrels will take a rest.

Monday 9 March 1903

A find day Wind North froze last night. The funeral at 10 am Mrs Woodman (Aunt Ruth) remains laid in the Vault. Wells, Voltie and Maud went to funeral. I staid home and prepared dinner all ready piping hot when they came. After dinner Voltie goes to Alice Michea [illegible] bee. 10 helpers they put up 90 cakes of ice. Voltie home early. Wallace came to bring home a pitch fork visited a whole hour or more. Cloudy towards evening I churn and get supper. Maud made pillow tuck and pulled it and made a sheet.

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Friday 5th Dec 1902

A very cold day. Maud in town.

Expect she will come home with the mail.

Sent Sr with a letter to the post for Grace

to be sure and keep Maud in town but

will be sure and come down with C.W.

A coal fire and wood fire fails to keep

house warm. I sent veil and shawl by

Charley W in case M should come home.

After supper and 7 O'clock. Maud walked

in accompanied by Lennie Patterson bringing

the mail. Rachel comes over for kerosine

and to tell me Maud was left on the dock crying.

Tuesday 10 March 1903

A warm cloudy still day. Sr and Voltie

working on the ice house. Maud washing.

Lib Patterson starts for home to day. Went up

with Charley when he goes for the mail.

I sent a letter to Grace, one to Ferguson

the Grocer and one to Comfort paper. I'm

most asleep will go now and wash dishes

Voltie and Sr shingle one side of the ice

house. Len Patterson here for cider 1 gal.

Maud went for mail. Good literature, News, Whig,

receipt for taxes on the island.

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Saturday 6th December 1902

Rather cold but clear. I churned in ten minutes; made cranberry sauce. Maud cleaned floors. Jr building fence around straw stack, and doing chores chopping wood and then drove for Voltie. While Sr was hitching up R came to stay all night bringing her anger with her. Mabel Woodman here for subscriber for Good Litterature. We subscribed Maud. Sent Maud to Niles with their basket and their electric oil, and sent her some sage.

Wednesday 11 March 1903

A soft warm day, cloudy in morning but clears up about 9 am. Voltie set a hen on 15 eggs. I went to barn to see the pigs cleaned and scoured cask for sugar .60 lbs Sr and V shingling ice house, south side. and practicing hymns, cleaned out barrels and boxes. Maud cleaned and scoured 1 chair and 1 water bench and painted them chair red, Voltie and Sr shingling and boarding ice house; spend the evening reading &c

Sunday 7 December 1902

Wind South and blowing hard.

Awoke this morning to find the snow falling and the ground white. Maud 18 yers old to day. Rachel staid til after breakfast and walked home. There nine little pigs at the barn this morning.

Coal fire went out this morning. Sr on it. Voltie built it again. The first real snow storm of the season not to cold. Maud went to church in fore noon.

Evening Sr drove to the foot with Voltie. Says he come home Tuesday evening for he will butcher 6 pigs Wednesday for Kingston market.

Thursday 12 March 1903

Last night the most beautiful moonlight night I ever saw, like paridice [sic: paradise]

This morning quiet no wind but cloudy and warm, white frost covers the ground frost dew drops hanging from the bare branches of the trees all fore noon. Wells and Voltie finish shingling ice house and are now enclosing it with boards. Voltie after breakfast went to Rattrays for the grist of provender and to the other shore for the remainder of his shingles he left one bunch at the cheese factory. Maud cleaned all the floors and this pm every thing is slick as a new pin I washed dishes & separator emptied flour can  
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Monday 7th December 1902

A cold day. Maud washed and hung the clothes on the line where they froze almost instantly

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and straightened [sic: straightened] up the pantry. I fell and hurt myself. Maud thought I was killed and screamed. I dont know how I came to fall or what I fell over. Anyway I didn't break any bones only bruised my self. I hopped up and worked all day Maud in evening went up to call on Shell. Mrs Niles and Wallace had just returned from visiting Mary Woodman Lennie here this evening didnt bring a jug but Voltie treated him to cider.

13th March 1903 Friday

A soft cloudy morning. After Maud and I had done the work all up, I wrote to the "American Woman to inquire about Bracebridge Hall and why it is not forth coming. Voltie put away in the new ice house, once head, his cutter, bob sleigh, &c finished repairing Chas Woodmans cutter. The ground as bare as May. The ice still hanging in the river. Cloudy all day. I dug horse radish for tea. Our black cow last night had a calf. The calf so big it died before it was born. Charley & Len helped Voltie over

Tuesday 8th December 1902

The weather is very miserably cold  
thermometer 20 below zero which is a  
vast difference from last Tuesday only week ago.  
Maud makes mince pies which are fine  
We expect Voltie home to night hope he will  
come but am afraid tis so cold he cant get  
here. Shell came down and had tea with us  
we had a most enjoyable visit. Maud, Shell and  
but the foolish girl wore on her feet only slippers  
and over shoes. While I was regretting Volties absence  
and thinking he would not come, our dear boy walked  
in. Wells didn't drive for him for it was so cold he  
did not think he would venture to come up from [illegible]  
Shell & Maud went to the Post office. Geo Niles  
came home to day from sailing.  
about the cow. Voltie took his gallon oil can  
and went & borrowed a gallon of kerosine  
of Charley and they came home with him  
and made us a short visit, smoked and  
had cider. Charley told us all about  
his mother dying: no one there now  
only Sylvia to do the work. The mail  
was Kingston News, Whig, Herald, a  
letter from Grace, and a postal from "New

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Wednesday 9 December 1902

A very cold morning frost so heavy cant see through windows. V spent nearly all fore noon looking for some one to help butcher the pigs 6 of them but could get no one for the butchers were all engaged elsewhere. Frank done the butchering. Voltie, Frank & Sr dressed 4 for Voltie and then drove down to Franks for F's pig which they butchered and dressed after dark by lantern light. R came over to help about lard [illegible]. A terrible cold day for bringing water from the river to heat on the kitchen stove in the big tin tank and hustled it in the barrel and threw it on the hand sled to the blacksmith shop.

Saturday 14th March 1903

A soft warm cloudy morning. Keyhole and Macdonell (John) drove here for 2 bags of coal Voltie had borrowed sometime in winter. I have not got much coal, but I'm glad it is paid. He borrowed if from Geo Rattray. Maud varnishing chair tis Saturday and lots of work to do. I have it to churn. I can hear the dogs barking across the river. Maud fried cakes. Gandad threshed and cleaned half bushel of beans. Voltie skined the calf I caught a big rat in the trap last night. 50 degrees above zero warm as May day. Thermometer at 50 warm. Wallace here in evening talking sailor small talk. I read them a couple of yarns. V brought up a pitcher of cider. I made 4 pumkin pies.

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Thursday 10 December 1902

Arose at 10 minutes to 4 am. Voltie going to Kingston with pork (4 pigs). Frank came up ate breakfast with Voltie. Sr drove to dock with boys and pork. Frank having one pig who he butchered here yesterday. A cold day and frost hard. Wells Sr started early for the dock in eve We had supper and every thing all ready for the return long before they came. I set by the coal fire and went fast asleep while waiting. At last they came at 1/2 past 8 pm. Voltie ate dinner with Grace. Mrs Patterson came down on the Pierpont this eve. Len here this eve for tobaco.

Sunday 15 March 1903

Only a few hours and it will be the middle of March. March is marching steadily along towards spring. Cloudy all day wind North but not very cold—chilly—A quiet peaceful Sabath day. Maud goes to church but first went up to Mrs Niles and from there Shell, Inez and Miss Spoor went with her to church. Inez had nose bleed in church and went home. Maud sang in choir. Evening Len came and Voltie, Maud and Leonard sang and played tunes.

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Friday 11 December 1902

A very cold day. Vapor rising from lake and river mountain high and in every fantastic form. Sr & V in fore noon moved the chicken coop for a bee house and after dinner put all the bees in the bee house, eleven swarms went down in the cedars and chopped and drew wood. Maud made mince pies and tried a new recipe for cookies which proved a failure.

Monday 16 March 1903

Arose at six Oclock am. A bright clear morn. North wind, light, ground frozen and bare not very cold, robins singing in the orchard channel open all the way. Maud washed and hung clothes on line by 11 am. uncle Sam got his washing out before Maud. 3 pm becomes cloudy. M brings in the clothes all dry. It begins to rain Maud very gay all pm laughing, singing, dancing. Told her her tune would change before bed time and sure enough I had to doctor her for head ache, sore throat, &c

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Saturday 13th December 1902

A cold blustering snow storm from the North, increasing in velocity as the day advances. But no matter what the day is there is always so much to be done both in door and and out. I awoke this morning to find I had left the pan of bread sponge behind the kitchen stove to freeze up but I brought it in to the dining room, thawed it out and made very good bread of it. I doctored Maud's cookies with more flour and another egg. And they are tolerable. After dinner Frank came up and helped Voltie butcher two pigs which V is going to sell to Marshall & Guernsey on Hickory. I churned and picked the lard. Tis a cold stormy day. Frank says Dave has gone up to cut wood for R. River steaming; vapor rising up mile high, our apples and potatoes freeze in the cellar last night.

Tuesday 17 March 1903

Rained hard all night not a drop caught in tub because it was not set and I want to wash bed quilt. Grandad sending two letters one to Capt Denis and one to his young woman, "Miss" Adams in Montana Great falls. I told  
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Sunday 14th December 1092 [sic: 1902]

Clear, cold morning wind North; frost so thick and heavy on the windows, we scratch the frost away to see out. Voltie built the fires this morning long before day light. V and Maud get the breakfast. Voltie fried beef which was tougher than Bull tripe. I gave my piece to Prince. The cows went without milking last night Voltie rather discouraged about the chicken he has grown for selling. He says they have not been half fed or taken care of. They are poorer than Jobs turkey with frozen feet, and yesterday he wrung off the heads of 5 and threw them away ("Plymouth Rocks") Maud went to church & after dinner and the dishes were washed, went up to see shell Niles accompanied by Leonardo whom she met watering their horses at consession. Voltie, after weighing his pork, loaded it in the sleigh, and his dad went with him to the foot thinking V could go in the Hickory and I am left alone for a few hours to sit by the coal stove and go fast asleep while reading when suddenly I am awakened by Volties step and voice and he comes in to tell me there is no crossing in skiff to Hickory. He left his pork in Wm Gillespie house and the Marshalls & Guernseys will not fry any of our pork for a few days at least. After a while saw R washing; said her old cow had a swelled "bag" and V goes back with her and carries spirits of turpentine. R returns with Voltie and stays to supper and all night. I retire early and am disturbed several times through the night by several causes.

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Monday 15th December 1902

A cold day but a little more moderate. V banked the front of the house, carried a grist of hog feed to be ground at Geo Rattrays then drew a load straw over and banked R cellar. I rendered the second batch of lard, put away the last of the dried pumpkins & took down the poles, washed 4 pairs of socks. It is reported that the North channel is frozen across to Howe Island if that is true there will be no going by Pierpont from our dock Thursday and Santy Claus cant get here.

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him very plainly what I thought of the whole affair. Voltie making jumper. I sent two letters one to Grace and one to "The Womans Mutual benefit Shell here to borrow our scales to weigh she didnot know how heavy they were and of course couldn't carry them. Afternoon thick and foggy, cloudy warm, no wind. There is so much up work to do dont get much time to sew or crochet or knit only get meals, and wash dishes, make beets & sweep and dust. Old black cow bawling for her calf that was dead when it was born nearly a week ago poor old thing. St Patrick cant march to day . Poor old Saint Patrick

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Saturday 3rd January 1903

The dirtiest day of the winter; rain, wind, snow all gone, Wind South and blowing, dreary and dismal. I heard my dear brother John is burried [sic: buried] to day it sad even to record in this diary. I am much better but not well. Maud washed couldn't get an oportunity before this week. Wells and Voltie working outside in shop and stable all day. Irene helped me get the dinner, had soup. Wallace Niles came for oil. Len P here in evening, and all gathered around the table playing a game called old maid. Voltie reading "Ivanhoe". Wellie in the kitchen reading "Artic explorers" while I sit by the coal fire reading the "Herald"

Sunday 29th March 1903

Froze last night. "They say" it is good sap weather. The sun shines clear but tis chilly for the Wind is North. Maud wipes off floors and sweeps veranda, after we have the breakfast dishes & seperator washed I walked to the river this morning for the first time since last fall. Voltie went with wheel barrow to [illegible] to carry home their bag of coal and get our kerosine. Maud went to church. Well came to [illegible] Volties boat no one here all day except Wall. I wrote to Wellie and Belle tried to read but went to sleep.

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Sunday 4th January 1903

A very good day, froze a little last night.  
I dont feel much better this day. Think  
I sit around to much. Voltie, Wallace  
went to the bay for oil and then Voltie  
went to the foot and brought home his skiff.  
Rachel came over a while. Got rid of every  
thing now but the dog.

Monday 30th Macrh [sic: March] 1903

Wind South and chilly. Sun light  
Maud sick. I gave her ginger tea and  
put hops across her. She all right by noon.  
Wells and Voltie move the old ice house  
up by the hen house for a chicken coop.  
After noon Voltie plows for potatoes.  
Voltie churned. Irene get breakfast, washes  
separator & all the dishes, take care of the butter and gets dinner.  
Evening "Wall, Voltie & Jack go spearing, spear  
only one, a blind pike. Voltie gave it to the cats.  
V came home after ten pm found all  
a bed

[Sticker: Date 1904]

Mnoday January 1904

This morning Voltie went to Kingston. Old [corner ripped]  
too. V carrying up a grist of hog feed  
bag of potatoes for Grace, drove up  
rain so wait till 11 O'clock pm and I only gone to  
bed when in they came, old K about half froze up and  
I had to wait till dark for the grist mill had broken down and  
coming home they lost the track and ran into a snow bank  
and broke bobs; borrowed Cavelrys and came home after eating supper at Obriens  
Tuesday

When we arose this morning found old K  
sitting by the coal stove hardly thawed out yet. V warmed  
him up and thawed him out with hot cider & ginger  
and I soon had a hot breakfast for him. Voltie drove  
up for his bobs taking Cavelrys home came back at  
10 am and went directly to the island to mark out  
a road to draw wood. I gave K a book to read  
and he dozed and read all day.

[added in pencil]

(Irene Halliday)

(Uncle V & I go visiting to Dixons & Uncle Wallies)

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\* but Sr and V & today

\* with team go to the island to draw wood

\* the heads off 7 roosters which I hand up

\* market and have dinner on the table

all rights when they come from with the wood after

V chops of 3 more heads and the snow begins

to fall right merrily but P & V goes back to

another load and I clean the three chicks which

makes 10 altogether. As soon as Kilborn gets

up from the breakfast table he puts on overshoes

and over coat bids us good bye and away

he goes across the ice to U.S.A.

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V intending to go to Kingston but storms and snow so heavy he stays home and breaks out the road again to little island and brings over a big maple log and a few other sticks for wood going to get the maple sawed into lumber.

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15th January 1904 Friday

A very bright day not a cloud to be seen but snow now very deep and somewhat drifted and very deep in the river. after breakfast Voltie and Sr drive to Lindys to break out the road again; drew a little wood and snow so deep could not draw much came at one pm. Maud washed a few things by melting snow they had to shovel a path around through the orchard, bring water from the river. All drifted high by the old path. I made mince pies, cooked corn and apples, cooked potatoes and meat for dinner. Tis growing dark now and V & Sr are doing chores and I must look after the supper. A letter from Mrs Brooks and one from Grace and one from Gladys. Whig, Herald, Women American

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\* 1904

A fine day for Weather, but no end to snow.  
We dont expect V till evening then the roads  
will be better for traveling. Afternoon service in  
our church but no one goes from here; one more  
egg to day. Had beef and mince pie for dinner  
& I ate to much I think. V came at 4 pm  
staid all night at CH's found the road  
terrible

Monday 18 January 1904

VVoltie broke out a road  
again from the island but couldnt draw  
any wood, road terrible.

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Tuesday 19 January 1904

A very cold day. Maude went to  
34 deg below zero. I sent a letter to Gladys and  
subscribed again for the Northwestern Orriculturist  
This is a very miserable pen but tis all I've got  
V and Tobe drew one load of wood from the  
island.

Wednesday 20

Maud & I put a quilt on the frames  
Weather not very cold but cloudy and has every  
appearance of a storm. Charley Woodman gone over  
to Franks to a dance, drove double with 3 in cutter.  
But no girls V fixing his sleigh to go to K  
tomorrow brought it in and painted it.

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\* January 1904

A cloudy morning 18 above zero wind North.  
Voltie gone to Kingston carries a barrel of apples  
4 bushels to some man to whom he has sold them  
a pair of dressed chickens for Grace. Maud  
gone with him as far as Belles and V coming  
back to Belles and take all the girls to the Barlees  
Ball. Maud, Marjorie, Beatrice & Irene.

The afternoon is cold & stormy. I think by  
the appearance of the weather they will be  
sorry before they return that they went. The  
night sets in cold dark and dismal.

Wells reading the Virginian. I read  
a sample copy of the hearth stone.

I think I'll subscribe for the Hearthstone  
A serial story in it by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Friday 23rd Jan 1904

A bad night and a miserable day for  
weather; rain hail snow and wind  
3 pm and V & M not come yet. Traveling  
on the ice must be dreadful.

They came at 4 pm. Beatrice came with  
them. I'm glad to see Beatrice and I'm  
awfully tired.

Saturday 24 January 23 1904

A cloudy miserable day snow and slush deep on the river, not very cold day wind

S.W., snow in fore noon stormy. V

working in shop nearly all day. Maud, Beatrice and I finished the quilt and partly bound it.

No visitors this weather. Voltie went early this morn

for the mail. A letter from Grace, a letter from

Gladys, the Whig, Herald, Fireside Vistor,

Rennies seed catalogue, Park floral magazine.

I fry cakes. Maud mops floors

Sunday 24 January

A cloudy stormy day, roads almost

impassible. No service in church to day a long quiet

day. Bob Reid came for a little visit, got lonesome

up to Sams said Charley had gone to bed. This

is a terrible winter up to date. Snowing and

blowing at bedtime. Wells reading the Virginian till

bedtime.

Monday 25 January 1904

A clear bright winter day, no wind. After breakfast

Voltie & Sr & Peter Toban went to the island for

wood. I made pie for dinner, (mince pie with

strawberry and citron in it (a grand affair) stewed fresh

beef, boiled potatoes, bakes beans and cream biscuits.

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\* apple sauce, catsup and chill sauce.

\* Briceland drove in here buying catsup put his horse in stable and, as usual, staid to dinner. The men were a long time coming from the Island on account of the heavy traveling on ice. They managed to tip the load over at the consession and left it there, driving to the house without any wood. Maud set the pie out to cool on the ground as usual, Tobis dog ate it up. Well after they had stuffed themselves (minus the pie) they adjourned to the barn to look over the stock. Didnot buy any thing. Toban here this evening for a little money for tomorrow, he going up for groceries asks Maud if she has another pie for his dog. V sent a grist up by him for the stock, Rod and Bob Reid here till 11 pm singing, dancing, playing violin and piano. Wells Sr reading the Virginian.

Tuesday 26 January 1904

Another stormy day. V & Sr drew a load from the island this am. Bob Reid here to get Charleys horse shod so he can drive him to the villiage for the mail but V gone for wood staid awhile and then I sent my letters by him to post. I sent for Hearthstone and

letter to Grace. When V came he went to the p.o  
mail a Sears & Roebuck. Storm so hard couldn't  
saw wood this afternoon. The worst storm of all.  
I am sorry for mail carriers this day: Johny &  
Charlie Woodman too. Maude got tooth ache  
in p.m.

Wednesday 27 January 1904

A beautiful day not cold. Sr says this is a  
weather breeder. Voltie went to the post office this morning.  
Mail Dispatch, Whig, Womans farm Journal, a letter from  
Turnock and from the Northwestern Agriculturist, a few  
lines from Grace relating to selling Gaskins & Agnew  
potatoes and fresh eggs. Drew two loads of wood from  
Island which makes 10 loads mostly soft wood.  
Oh yes and Maud received a letter from Amanda  
and she wants to marry. Poor Amanda some "feller"  
will come along and pick her up some day.  
Mrs Sher Mcays boy drove in here to invite Voltie  
to a chopping wood bee for his mother. We put a quilt  
on the frames the log cabin.

Thursday 28 January 1904

Cloud morning looks like snow.

Voltie and Sr draw a load of wood from Island then  
after dinner V goes in cutter to Alice Michea's wood  
[illegible] Snub Woodman drives in here to get Rachels address

[illegible] Capt Jack Donnely the driver for weeks. Voltie comes just afer dark: he staid to supper. Then he drives to Geo Gillespie's carrying the bulls hide that he is going to send to Gananoque to have tanned for a robe. Snowing all p.m. a tough old winter. Maude and Beatrice rolled the quilt twice once yesterday and once to day. Then Beatrice went to Mrs Niles visiting Bob Reid here this evening till 1/4 past 9.

Friday 29 January 1904

A day of snow and sun light rather cold. Voltie and Lobe drew three loads of wood from the island which makes fourteen. They may not draw any more but I hope they will. Maud made pies (mince) and cake, baked sweet apples. Loban here to dinner and supper then staid and helped V draw off a barrel of cider. Bob Reid came for his mittens which he left here last night. Beatrice home from her visit from Niles had a very enjoyable time. Said Shell has lost her watch in Kingston, we rolled twice on the quilt to day. The girls went for the mail, we are getting our last Herald till we subscribe again. Evening mail, Whig

Herald, American home, Maud received a [letter]  
from Miss Laura Spoor who is attending business college in town.

Saturday 30 January 1904

A cloudy snowy day.

Bob Reid drove in here to borrow a robe, he is  
going to Kingston with pork for Charley Woodman

Sent by him for tobacco. V went early  
to Geo Glispies and brought home the saw  
and the bulls hide. Dont tan fur for robes  
in Gananoque. Charley Woodman gone to  
Elginburg visiting Reids, went last night  
after he came home with the mail.

Maud and Beatrice hustled around to get  
ready and they go walking up the ice to Niles  
where they stay for tea and from there go to  
phinkers with Jack, Shell, Inez & Miss Davey  
the school teacher for an evening visit.

Voltie goes up to uncle Sams for the robe and  
tobaco. [Bob Reid|Bob]] comes home with him but only remains  
till 8 p.m. for Sam is alone, poor old Sam.

I get supper. Voltie helped me wash dishes.

A lame back is my portion.

May 31st January 1904

The last of the day of the month,  
a cloudy snowy day. The girls arose  
first this morning but it was 1/2 past 7 am  
before any of the family got out of bed.

Maud & Bee [Beatrice] returned last evening at 11.30 pm  
Had a most enjoyable time. Graphone [sic: gramophone] and  
music. Bob Reid here. Snow balled Beatrice.  
Snow still continues to fall. Evening every  
member of family reading till bed time. Voltie  
the last one up reading.

Monday 1st Februry 1904

A stormy morning; wind North. We hope  
it will not storm all day. I found time to  
bind the quilts all finished now and tis a beauty.  
Bob Reid helped Voltie butcher two pigs  
which of course gave me a job I dont like very  
well. Weather clears up in pm and sun shines. Maud  
washes and starches the towels and curtains.  
Beatrice is a darling Jolly merry little maid.  
I wash an undershirt for V.

Tuesday 2nd February 1904

A cold but clear morning. Voltie gone to Kingston with pork started 1/2 past 6 am drove up the ice; but before noon the sky becomes overcast with a heavy snow storm which continues all day. Wind North and cold.

Maude and Beatrice burns sulphur in every room; the house blue with the fumes of sulphur up stairs and down stairs whew! Dont know what they done it for, any way it gave Maud a head ache. I mended V's overalls and darned socks, baked beans, Maud made cake, and baked apples. Beatrice croched [sic: crocheted] doilies, grandpa done all the chores, brought water, chopped wood. V came late, long after dark, brought the buckwheat flour. He subscribed again for the Herald to day. Tis 10 oclock all abed but me and I am now going, good night.

Wednesday 3rd February 1904

A cold clear morning. Voltie drove to the villiage carrying the bull to Frank Briceland for 14 dollars. Maude and Bee went this morning for the mail, found the snow very deep. Whig, Dispatch, Agriculturist, a letter from MaudsAunt R, invitation

[illegible] to a party. C.M.B.A. \$1,50  
A Sun for W Jr from Oakley. A  
letter from — for —, a Sun from  
Birch and McKelvy for W.B. Jr also one  
for J.D.B. Voltie came 5.30 pm tea  
ready for him. V paid the taxes \$10,80  
also Rachels \$5,40. Maud and Bee fixing  
for Michea's party. Bee [Beatrice] going with Bob Reid  
Maud with Voltie. Sr in kitchen reading the  
Sea Lions, while I sit in the dining room  
by the coal stove with feet stuck in the oven  
to warm, with a pile of socks to darn.  
Cloudy & looks like a storm.  
Thursday 4th February 1904  
A severe cold morning. The frost makes  
the house crack. Our dancers came at  
3 O'clock a.m. and crawled into bed.  
V arose early enough to eat breakfast with  
dad and I. M & B had second breakfast.  
Going to butcher to day 3 pigs and I  
know what my job will be, not a very  
pleasant one. Bob Reid here and Loban  
helping, both here to dinner. The big  
tank on the stove Sr tending fire

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Wednesday 24th February 1904

A blustering morning but Belle is quite anxious to go home though she does not insist in going; any way Voltie concluded to go, so drives to the door. They load up and start and drive on to the ice when behold Sr has let the calf out and he runs after the team. Voltie of course has to stop and try to drive the colt back and Voltie runs, Sr runs too, after difficulty they succeed in driving him to the barn and but no sooner is Voltie under way again than the colt is away too after them again following them to Niles. Voltie again attempts to lure him back when the black mare jumps and kicks the bay colt cutting his leg so back they come and unhitch and stay home and tis as well for the day proves to be a dirty disagreeable kind of weather

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Friday 26th February 1904

A very beautiful day bright warm. A very very few days like this, have we seen this awful winter but we accept with the thankful heart this one. Sleights and cutters flying behind horses horses this day. Voltie cutting ice all alone this day and so very tired, when night comes went early to bed. five times have I written "this day" within 6 lines.

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your of reading Robert G came  
and were glad to see him, he came down with  
Charley W. Voltie & Irene set the table for him and  
it was midnight when we retired

Sunday 28 February 1904

A rainy dirty day. Every one reading.

Voltie reading Granstark all day, a quiet  
rainy stormy day. Irene reading Lena Rivers  
but we have our three square meals all the  
same.

Niles helping and here to dinner.  
Briceland here to. We expected him  
to dinner. He bought the the bare faced  
calf \$1,50. Evening Voltie, Robert &  
Irene went to Mr Niles for an evening visit  
returned at 10,30 pm. A stormy night.  
I read Lalla Rookh a wild improbable story  
by Moore. Sr reading Ivanhoe.

Tuesday 1st March 1904

The stormiest and most blustering  
day of all the winter. Wind blowing, snow flying.  
A tremendous growth of snow banks every where  
what were big banks before are monstors now.  
snow six feet on level between house and river, the  
same by the barn. Voltie working on a new set  
of bob sleighs. I washed a few things. Bob  
in evening went to post office expecting

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Bob went to Niles and ate dinner. I baked custard pie. Irene cleaned floors and every fine. Voltie came home early for supper, tired after doing the chores, milking & seperating milk, he and Bob sorted two barrels of apples for market. I am sending 7 lbs butter to market wish it was twenty. Merrit Daily trying to move on the island, drove down the island with two loads had to turn back on acount of snow through the Breaky consession. The weather now looks like a storm.

[illegible] rigs gone up this morning. Merrit  
[illegible]penter moving a load of goods over here  
to the Breakey Joy place. 1 pm Raining  
and blowing a hurricane from the west; the  
water on the ice rolling with white caps.  
A terrible day for Wind and rain and cold  
increasing every minute. 4 pm one team  
just drove down on ice water up to the sleigh  
ranes [sic: reigns]. V & M cant come home this day.  
Toban here. Sr treated him to cider; poor  
Prince often looks out the window up the river  
watching and waiting for Voltie in vain. Irene  
and I sit up late washing but no return  
of the absent, Maud been gone now 2 weeks.  
Well I'll go bed. This March day has gone out.  
It has riped [sic: ripped] and tore, stormed and swore since

as far as Charleys where they stayed and  
They came with empty barrels and boxes laden  
with groceries. V brought a new double  
harness from D Spoor. Grace sent me a  
piece of cheese. Bob sent me a book "The  
Clerical City" by Hall Caine. Belle sent me  
two copies of the Brown Book. Irene Sr made  
molasses cookies. mail, Whig, Herald, Massey  
book, letter from Grace, one from Ethel & Flora  
(Uncle Voltie and Irene Sr gone to visit Dixons  
Uncle Willies)

Saturday 5 March 1904

Another beautiful day though the  
is rather more pensive than yesterday.  
Voltie and Irene gone over the way to another  
country. I sent Grannie my pocket book and  
all the money I possessed which was only one dollar,  
cloth for new apron; sent apples, ginger cookies  
and sent Jen a monster onion. Perhaps she  
will not be pleased—I dont care. Voltie told me

something of importance occurs after Voltie  
and Irene leave for another country only  
Till evening after we are all quietly engaged  
in reading we are agreeably surprised by  
an evening visit from Shelly Niles, Miss Davey  
and Wallace Niles. Maud treated them to hickory  
Poor dear Maud went to bed with tooth ache.  
I applied hot ginger bag to her face and filled  
the cavity with cotton batten saturated in electric oil.  
Forget to say Maud went out skating this pm  
found the ice very rough and bad every way.  
Sunday 6th March 1904  
A soft, mild, dim, quiet  
resting itself for business ahead. We looked for Voltie  
and Lib all forenoon. No one came but Loban  
Excuse wants to get his hair cut but I think tis  
cider he wants; after dinner and dishes  
Van drives in cutter with his beautiful white mare  
wouldnt unhitch but tied her out at

tea and dishes washed we enjoy a very evening reading. Maud reading Graustark W Sr reading Ivanhoe, while I read the Political romance by Hall Cane the Eternal City (Rome of course)

Monday 7th March 1904

A rainy day. March is weeping floods of tears very quietly. The snow has disappeared so rapidly that the dirty earth begins to peep forth from her beautiful white mantle that she has worn all winter but tis now soiled, dirty, besmirched with mud sticks, leaves and every filth, but tis welcome after this long dreary cold—Sr mending harness in kitchen and blowing his nose on the floor every few minutes. I can truly say like Jess in "Window in Thurms" "What man am I tied to". Maud working on sofa pillow. I washed separator, churned, worked butter and washed all the dairy implements, cracked a few nuts

[illegible] to water without doubt the traveling on ice and land is very difficult; but Charley Woodman has gone to Marysville for the mail. I would have sent letters but have given away all my money. Gave Sylvia 12 cts, sent mother a dollar, gave June 25 cts. Dear June I'm almost sorry I didnt give her the dollar but Voltie will give something—(money) in Watertown and I can give Irene money later. As the snow disapears it exposes and brings to view a very filthy door yard. To day Maud is washing & Irene Sr is limping around doing the dishes, separator and cooking. "Ole man" Sr is untoping straw stack. The hens are all out scratching among the straw for wheat. Wallace gone to Clayton to get tooth pulled out. Evening Dad went for mail. Whig, Daily Agriculturist, American Woman, Household Guest, a letter from Watson, postal from New Thought, and a letter from Clark Street, Chicago which I have not opened.

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in the consession and cant get up. Charley  
and Mr McGreggor here while we were at  
dinner to help get her up but I think Sr is hoping  
she cant get up for he didnt go with them but  
thanked them very politely and camee back to finish  
his dinner while C.W. & R McGreggor went home .  
The old mare is up and gone to the barn again.  
I made Johny cake for dinner. Sr ate 6 pieces  
Maud & I ate 1 each. Sr got mad at Maud; going  
strike her. I blowed the stuffing out him. I  
made him ashamed for onc. Evening he began reading  
Forna Doone.

Thursday 10th March 1904

last night Theremometer cold

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the property they sit up late but finally  
go to bed upstairs. Womans World, Herald, Hearthstones  
good Litterature, letter from Grace, asking for Bobs  
Friday 11 March

A miserable cold, stinging day

After breakfast, Davis goes home, leaving Loyd [illegible]

here to watch affairs. Sammy and Toban go to  
Kingston to see about the seizure. Charley as usual  
goes for the mail. We send Loyd for the mail.

No one visible except little Sylve. Sam gone to bu  
Charley am. McGregors part playing cards. Oh yes he said  
Bob Reid who said they had consulted Lawyer.

Tobe drove in here at bed time wanting cider  
[illegible] evening mail Whig, Herald, Womans World,  
Good Litterature &c.

Saturday 12 March 1904

The day much warmer than yesterday but not very warm yet, didn't thaw. Prince as well as my self is still looking for Voltie. Maud cleans floors. I made molasses cookies; they are not very good. Sammy and Loban gone up again to day. Loyd made three trips to Loban's. After dinner and dishes washed Maud goes skating but is going to come early home to help me get supper. Sr comes in house about 4 pm and says "They are coming, are about a mile away; and sure enough Voltie and Irene are coming home over the ice and in a very few minutes at the door. Irene comes in with bundles and valise while Voltie brings in the robes and blankets and then drives to Sam's with Charleys cutter. Irene after telling me something about the pleasure of her visit only a little for she has not have gone to relate much—helps me get supper. But where is our Maud who was coming home to help me so early? dont [illegible] Well while we are at table she walks in, face read and breathing like a steamboat, she been over to Maloneys with Shell and Miss Davey, Miss Spoor over there. V started to go over to Dodges but Wallace wouldn't go so came home and reads all the

Sunday 13 March 1904

Arose rather late this morning for tis and a day of rest, but Grandad was up fire breath and out milking before Voltie was down stairs. Voltie and Lloyd slept together last night and they both came down stairs together. Voltie declares he must go to Kingston tomorrow for coal and I want to send the butter to market in prints and as part of it is in rolls and the other part in cream not churned yet and tis Sunday I am considering what to do. When Lloyd goes on his watchful mission I pour the cream into the churn and set Voltie at the business of bringing the butter from the cream and as I am making out the butter prints,—in walks Mr. Lloyd. Voltie had told me that Lloyd was a strict Methodist and I was somewhat "Skerry" of being caught breaking the Sabath so to make sure I ventured to ask him what Church he belonged too he said "Church of England" so I didn't care. Furthermore he said Loban had asked him if Voltie was home and he had told him "No" that Voltie had gone across the river. Lobans mind was to come and get filled up with cider and Lloyd

understood it all right. I told him I was breaking the Sabath. He said it was all right, that it was nothing to him and I thought so too. As tis a fine day Jr hitched up (after dressing up) and drove over river to visit his relation—and gone all day coming home just in time for his supper, he brought home Dickens history of England which I had lent Bill Windmill over a year ago—(I'll not lend him any more) and another book that Lib has sent me to read all about the pure cursedness of "Papery" "Little of Book" "The Great Red Dragon". Maud skates all pm and again in evening. I took a nap this pm first in a long time. Irene told me all about her visit, what a dear sweet girl is Muriel, and what a lovely woman is her Aunt Eveline and her dear uncle Wellie, and the darling boys, Hubert and Clyde & Lyle. It is nearly midnight when I go to bed. The afternoon nap cured me of sleepiness.

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Monday 14 March 1904

A very fine day except in afternoon it snowed again. Woodman again went to Kingston. Lloyd went to Loban's three times. Voltie went to Kingston carrying the butter to market 12 lbs and oak to be sawed into lumber. He is going to make a bedstead and book case he did not return till after dark, had to wait for lumber to be sawed. Sold the butter to OConner

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Monday 14 March 1904

A beautiful morning like spring  
but snow every where; going on ice fine; cutters &  
sleighs flying every where over the ice bound river.  
Samy & Charlie gone up again this morning to see  
about the seizure of their cows and hay for rent.  
Arose at 5 O'clock this morning for Voltie is gone to  
Kingston with oak to be sawed for lumber; he is going  
to make headstead and a book case. I sent 12 lbs  
butter to market. Voltie will bring coal. Tis 10 a.m. &  
I am beginning to think about dinner and what will I get  
I think I'll cook some carrots smothered in cream  
and make a pie of some kind. (I didnot make  
the pie). Voltie brought 1100 lbs of coal and onions  
for Ed Bates.

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Tuesday 15th March 1904

The skating spoiled again; ice covered with snow. I sent the letter and order to Dr Turnoch \$2,50, wrote and sent a letter to Mr Watson, and 3 New Thought Magazines and another magazine, and a letter to Sydney Flower N.Y. Sent them by L Card who has gone up with the mail as he has finished his mission of watching the property. Tis a fine day and thawing. We all go bed early  
Whig, Good Stories, Agriculturist, Dispatch, Heralds pictures & map  
Wednesday 16 Marach 1904

Another beautiful day. Voltie goes across the river accompanied by Irene and Maud who are going to call at uncle Delavan's while V drives to Ed B's for the sourkrout that Ed promised him early in the winter, he returned at dinner time without the sourkrout or the girls. They are going to visit with Libbie B and Van brings them home near supper time. Wells Sr an Voltie begin breaking the black colt. he drives off like an old horse. Sr is going to Kingston tomorrow. 9 pm good night.

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Thursday 17 March 1904

Well St Patrick's day has come again; what silly, foolish celebration. Old St Pat. It is really disgusting but those Roman Catholics are witless as far as their pretended religion is. Barometer this morning registers zero. A clear fine day. Sr gone to Kingston for the first time this winter. I'm glad he is gone for a few hours, for the stove can have a peacable time as well as the family; no slamming of stove doors to day or looking into the tank to see how low the water is, or low muttering growling. Voltie is tapping [sic: tapping] our few maples. I am trying to wash a few things. While I am resting a few minutes the coal stove, the girls exclaim, Visitors! and sure enough Old uncle James Gloyd has come. V goes out & puts his horse in stable while uncle Jim comes in shaking hands with us all around. poor old man how white his hair is and how old and decrepted he looks. He said he had not seen or heard from any of us in so long time he thought he would drive over for a little while. Well as he is an insessant

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talker he gave us a vivid and minute description of Franks and Esthers lives and conduct, and several other of his relatives and acquaintances. He has ordered his own monument which is already engraved at the marble works in Clayton. Says without doubt this is the last time he will ever visit us or cross the river. V brought in the sap a few quarts which he boiled, making a small bowl of syrup by adding a cup full of brown suar. Sr came while we were at supper. I lingered at table to keep him company and hear the news, which was not much. Awful sick on the road going up, saw Bob, [illegible] couldnt pull his tooth, Smith charged him ,75 cts fixing his specticals [sic:spectacles] Loban is going to sue [illegible] for taking care of the cattle and property while [illegible] should have done it instead of Loban &c [illegible] carpet rags and darned Sr mitten and Volties



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Friday 18 March 1904

No sign of spring. A bad stormy day,  
snow falling thick and fast. Winter far and wide.  
Beatrice is 17 years old to day. This morning  
Voltie sent to Sears and Robuck for the books  
on Carpentry and Painting 3 of them, beside a  
romance. We had our maple syrup for breakfast  
this morn. Voltie has taken our old rocker to the  
shop to repair it. Well I feel dull lazy and sleepy.  
I wish I had 2 dollars in silver change that I  
might send away for flower and vegetable seeds and  
bulbs, and for subscribtion purposes, and a few new  
books but I have not money enough to pay postage  
for a letter, but better times are coming. I will now  
go wash separator. I sewed a ball of carpet rags  
and pieced a new quilt block. V and Charley  
again breaking our colt to drive double. Ben Percey  
came over visiting and stayed to tea. After dishes  
washed Maud & Irene dressed, and went to Mrs Niles, for an evening  
visit Ben went with them. Evening mail. Whig, Herald, Womans  
magazine, a letter from Gladys [illegible]



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Saturday 19 March 1904

The snow and weather looks as much like winter as ever; more like January than nearly spring. The fog and snow this morning gave a ghostly appearance to all nature. Maud and Irene hustling around to get the Saturdays work done. I must make pies and cookies for Sunday. We may have visitors. Charley and Belle may come, wish they would. Every body but my children visits us. The ones I so long to see dont come, Gladys the dear little one write to me so I have one steady correspondent among my grand children and now and then an occasional one among the others. Fourteen Grandchildren! I have belonging to me! Well Well! I must be growing very old, seventy! what an age! Muriel sent me this diary, my pretty granddaughter. Well I think grandmothers like the kind notices taken of them. Maude & Irene expecting evening visitors from the Niles family, teacher and all the young trash, but it beging [sic:beginning] to snow and rain and they do not come. Maud & Irene sing and dance in parlor.

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Sunday 20 March 1904

Froze last night snow lying in heaps and drifts every where. Last year the Pierpont made her first trip to our dock the 18 of March but now the ice in river is two feet thick every where and covered with snow and deep snow on land everywhere. The weather to day is windy, dim sunlight altogether disagreeable day to be out in. Morning's work done floors cleanly swept everything comfortable warm & cozy when as a pleasant surprise Brother Will came. He had come with Frank Woodman who has come over to visit his father. After dinner Will & [Frank?] & Maud go up to call on the Niles family and are gone only a short time when Ed Bates drives in here bringing a big pail of sourkrout which to us is a rare treat indeed. We invite him to stay. He excuses himself and only stays for cider. After a little small talk he drives away and [illegible] Irene and I are setting the supper table, Will and [Frank?] came home but had dined with the Niles family. Will much regreted not having seen Edy B. Frank was the next to call and pay his regards to the family. [illegible] the cider barrel. Next on the list with [illegible]

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for his cap which he held in his hand with his mittens all the while he was searching; at just after hand clasp and a regretful good bye they were gone and V and were left alone [illegible] past one a.m.

Tis over the moonlight and more than half past midnight and Frank and Will ought to have been home 5 hours ago.

Forgot to say Toban

was here this same evening for a gallon of cider and had to hurry home before it evaporated and lost its stimulating quality for he has an open tin pail in which to carry it.

Monday 21st March 1904

It made no difference about the lateness of the hour when we retired. Sr was out 1/2 past 5 am and O! I was so sleepy but had to get up and call the girls out. After breakfast, dishes & separator washed I sit awhile by the coal stove and go fast asleep while

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came Ben Percey and "Honorable" Robert Reid  
They adjourned to the parlor (after a plentiful swilling of  
cider) and then the orgie commenced: piano, violin,  
singing, dancing, laughing, hollering and yelling  
till 11,30 pm when they agreed to home. Will & Frank  
have to go to Depauville well after a lot more  
chaff, noisy loud talking. Frank, Bob & Ben go to  
Sams. Frank gone for his rig while Will, Voltie and  
I wait in kitchen for Frank's return. After waiting  
for an hour and a half V & W go forth in guest  
of Frank whom they find talking to his father sitting  
by on his bed. They got Frank started at last. They  
came in to say good bye to me and get another  
cider and a jug full beside, and supper  
for by this time they were hungry so I set them  
good lunch on the kitchen table and after filling  
[illegible] a lot more gab, and Will said he had  
[illegible] ass of himself and Frank said he  
[illegible] good time and I and V rebut  
profanity &c and Will [illegible]

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Tuesday 22nd March 1904

Arose at the usual hour. Weather looking very unfavorable for going to Kingston. V thinks he wont go then changes his mind and now the hustle and bustle begins. Hurry hurry! bring out the butter & put up the eggs. I hustle the buttermilk into the jug for Grace make out my order! Irene flying around getting her things together for she is going home. I'm sorry to see Irene go, dear little girl but she wants to go home and see them all. V says he might as well go to day and get the job done with. Sr brings the team to the door and the oak plank is piled in and a barrel of apples for sale & a bag of potatoes for Bob G and the butter and eggs and buttermilk. Irene and her valises and bundles and a box of hickory nuts, and they are tucked in furs and robes & away they go up the ice and around the point out of sight, and Maud and I return humdrum occupation of washing dishes general housework) and so the day



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passes on with wind blowing a gale and rain too.  
V comes home early. Belle sent me a loaf of  
graham bread, dear Belle she is a good woman.  
Votie brought all I sent for except the bottle of milk.  
V goes for the mail Whig Dispatch, Agriculturist,  
Hearth & home, 2 letters from "Turnock" and a  
Postal saying the medicine is in Kingston  
with one dollar duty charges. I wish I had  
had it sent to River View.



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Wednesday 23rd March 1904

A beautiful day, like spring. Voltie working in shop. I wash and set up new lace pattern and finish quilt blocks. V and Sr drew hay from stock, 3 loads, cleaned out hen house and hog pen. Then in pm hitched up the colts again to break them in to driving order, and drove with two young lads who are around looking for two stray dogs (Fox hounds) which they have lost while out hunting. They found the dogs at Archy Berries, drove back again and we gave them lunch for they are nearly famished with hunger not having eaten anything since breakfast we fed them and their dogs. They are from Clayton. Well goes the day.

Thursday 24 March 1904

A very fine morning. I go to the door to get a few deep drawn breaths of this spring morning which is as stimulating as wine how much better one feels for deeply breathing the ozone.



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Saturday 26 March 1904

Raining all night and raining this morn  
Wind South. The surface of the Earth, never, at any  
of the year presents a more woe stricken appearance  
then at this time. water, wind, dirty snow with over  
two thirds bare ground. Maude cleans floors. V up  
Rob Horns old buggy. Wind changes to north and  
freezes. V and M and I sit up quite late reading.  
V wants to be called at 4 am. I dont believe it.  
No use running such a risk on poor ice on Sunday  
morning before day light smulging calves

Sunday morning 27th March 1904

A clear bright morning, earth and ice stiffens  
by frost another new calf which is five all told  
this spring. After breakfast Voltie goes across the  
river to Quinn Beadles to see if he wants the calve.  
Sr goes with him as far as the channel to see him  
over. When Sr came back he reported the



but as there is no Post office at the bay (River View) any more he did not get his books for the mail is now carried by rural free delivery so he dont know where they are. After dinner Wallace came and told Voltie that there is books and other mail for him at Rob Perceys. Wal goes home, gets his skates and comes directly back and he and V skate across the river and get the books, 4 of them. We all sit up reading till 10 p.m.

Monday 28th March 1904

Froze hard last night. Voltie regreting that he had not run the calves over on handsled this morning before daylight and I'm glad he didn't. After breakfast V drives to the foot to old Mrs Gillespie's funeral. The funeral service is held at the house. her remains were brought and laid in the M E vault. She was ninety years old. Wells Sr fixing fence to keep the cattle from the hay stack. After breakfast Maud washes the clothes uncle Sam has got his washing hung out first. I wash dishes, separator, and churn the butter, and



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Wednesday 30 March 1904

Snow to day disapearing rappidly [sic:rapidly]] somewhat cloudy.

Will Gillespie drove here for Plymouth rock eggs, wants

7 doz, 2 baked bread. Maud ironed and after dinner

walked up to see Shell found the walking very

slushy. Sr brought in 2 pails of sap. I wrote a long

letter to Grace. Wells Sr reads all evening. Voltie read

all the evening.



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bed wondering why the old cellar steps dont give away, and colapse, break down with the weight of 2 great men and a barrel of apples for they are 36 years old and wobbling from age and much service; once they came very near breaking my leg when I fell through a broken step.

Well they are gone, butter, apples, eggs and their own precious selves, across the island they go and up the ice on the North shore, so I get up cant very well walk for pain across my back, got a kink in it some way so I put on electric belt.

V and Henderson came at 3 pm they had had no dinner had been to Charlies twice going and coming. Charley went to town with them. H dont go home to Niles but hangs around here till dark then Voltie gos up with him to get rid of him I guess. Evening mail Whig, dispatch, Agriculturist, letters from Bob Gaskin, Grace, Marjorie and the Turnock meds



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Friday 1 April 1904

Another cloudy nasty windy time with patches of dirty snow and ice every. No ice traveling any more.

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Sunday 2nd April 1904

A very nasty day a raw chilly drizzling rain falling at intervals all day. There seems to be a fight between departing winter and approaching spring. Winter had held the lines for a long time ever since 14 November when the ground froze hard and has never thawed since that time.

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Sunday 3rd April 1904

A cold raw day. Wind North froze hard last night. The ground lightly covered with snow this morning. After breakfast and work all done. I sit down to write in this diary. Henderson and Jack Niles here for Hendersons old buggy V has repaired. They came in and were freely treated to cider which loosened Henderson's tongue which goes off like a bell clapper with no sence. Some how I dont like that man; he belongs to the great majority of common class, and fifth rate at that. Whew how the wind blows. It seems a long time to want for a bright, war, soft June day.

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April 1904

& clear cold frozen morning.

I dont feel very well this morning  
on account of loss of sleep caused  
by C.W. and Rod staying here so late  
last night; 30 minutes past midnight.

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Thursday 7 April 1904

A very fine day a white frost this morning. V commenced plowing, mother calf at the barn. Will Gillespie here for eggs.

7 doz at .18 per doz. River clear of ice.

Saturday 9th April 1904

Charley Woodman plowed for Voltie to day, ground very wet. Charlie is owing Voltie 7 dollars for carpenter work &c

Sunday 10 April

A very dirty day raw cold windy.

Voltie set a hen on 14 eggs. R's old hen.

Maude had a terrible tooth ache. Wallace made us a short visit, all dressed right and dandy. Henderson made us an evening visit.

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Monday 11 April 1904

A cloudy chilly day. Ice in river jamed in to stay I think. Wind S.W. and not very warm.

Maude is all right this morning she bakes pies and cakes. I stew apples and make rice pud and boil and pickle beets. Evening visitors Shelly Wallace & Miss Davey. Night dark and cloudy.

Tuesday 12th April 1904

A dirty rainy morning rained all night. Voltie cant plow this day. Wind East I'll help Maud wash dishes then I'll wash separator, churn & work butter and make prints. I didn't make prints but worked the butter all over. Maud churned and washed all the lace curtains 8 of them. 4 pairs. and other things. Voltie did plow all day. Miss Davy here after school giving Maud a music lesson. Charley Woodman here to get V to go to Alice McKays sugar party. He (Charley) is going to invite one of the Jimmie girls. Evening mail Good stories, American House hold, Guest Farmers weekly, New thought with Thetascope and a letter from Turnock.

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Friday 29 April 1904

Wind North

It was after dark when they came [illegible]  
a very little tired of course and didn't wash  
dishes and we had a time washing so  
many dishes after breakfast. I send Old  
Turnock, Chicago another \$2,50 for second treatment  
which I think will be the last. Didn't work very  
hard this day. Maud made table cloth and put  
the clothes to soak to be washed tomorrow. V  
working shop for tis to wet to work in the field.  
In the evening Shell and Miss Davey came.  
Mail not much this evening only Herald and  
Whig. Voltie plowed all day for corn.  
Shell and Miss Davey here till bed time.  
Charley & Rod here in evening.  
Rachel came over early this morning and  
went up to Belles with Charley W.

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Saturday 30 and last of April 1904

A fine day wind N but not cold.

Voltie plowing all day for corn. Sr building fire.

Maud cleaned all the floors. V cultivating all day. Sr building fence. I work around all day.

Sunday 1st May 1904

A fine day wind North.

We are alone all day. I looked for Belle

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In the evening Maud goes calling at and found shell has a bean. Byron

up to W.G.'s courting. Jack gone down courting. Henderson and Miss Davey

driving Mr & Mrs Niles out walk

shore so Inez comes partly

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Wednesday 13 April 1904

A very cold morning froze hard. Wind North.

Voltie cant plow this day, he set a hen and drew out manure and a load of hay from the stack. Drew off a barrel of cider for vinegar Maud starched the curtains and pinned them all down on the parlor floor to dry.

The snow was falling quite briskly for about an hour this am and it is cloudy now.

Voltie put away the sleighs for summer in machine house. A cold raw wind blowing all day.

Voltie was halting between persuasions of mind one to go to Alice Michea's sugar party to night or stay home and read or work in shop. Concluded to stay home, but after the lapse of half an hour and nearly 8 O'clock. Beatrice came in like a whirlwind bound for the party having come from Grandmas Halliday's with her uncle Henry he also going to the party. Then V & M wer [sic: were] positive that they wanted to go to the party and they went.

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Thursday 14 April 1904

Another frozen morning

Wind North cant plow. They came at 3 am and arose at 1/4 after 6 Oclock. I write a letter Dr Turnock PM Voltie plows two lands through snow storm. Toban here in evening for tobacco treats him to cider.

Friday 15th April 1904

A clear bright morning, river sealed over with ice; froze again this morning. Maud taking up the curtains off the parlor carpet ironed the lambrequin and put it and curtains away till the rooms are cleaned. Voltie plowed again 2 lands. Sr brought in two big pails of sap. I sent a letter to Dr Turnock. Maud went calling on her friends the Niles family. Evening mail, two Whigs, Agriculturist, Heralds, Another April Hearth & Home, a letter from Grace and one from Watson. We churned

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Saturday 16 April 1904

Wind North this morning  
with snow. Voltie set two hens and another  
hen wants to set. We now have 70 eggs setting.  
Miss Davy here giving Maude music  
lesson then went with the Niles to W.G. Woodmans  
visiting. Voltie plowed.

Sunday 17 April 1904

Froze up morning. I read History of England  
nearly all day comparing Greens History with Dickenson  
they agree very well. Maud goes to church a  
very good turn out to day. The preacher preached  
fire and brimstone. No visitors to day.

Monday 18 April 1904

A dirty day. Wind [illegible]

Maud took up the dining room carpet and hung it on the line. Cant do much more cleaning for the weather is miserable was going to make out all the butter prints but Alice Michea came for vinegar. Voltie put the horse in the stable and she staid till evening. She worked stitches on my crazy work cushion over lent her some book Dickens history of England, Lorna Doone & 3 New thought magazine. little Esford was with her. V gave her carrots and she drove away down the road home again just as the sun was going down behind a bed cloud.

Tuesday 1904 April 19th

Of all disagreeable weather this is the worst. Snowing hard and furious with ground white for a while, then wind North wind & cloudy. Spoor here with asscesment [sic: assessment] Lorna with him. Wonder if she ever means to bring home our book "Sewards travels around the world". I sent 10 cent for flower seeds to the Mystic Co. I think it is all a mistake, a myth they promise to much

river full of floating ice acres and  
[illegible] of it, brown colt fell [illegible]  
a harness; he has got that well  
[illegible] up now. Voltie went for the [illegible]  
[illegible] & Rod, came home with him and [illegible]  
[illegible] Charley Noisy; been drinking  
Wednesday 20 April 1904

An awful day for weather snowing and  
blowing all day and drifting wind N.W.  
Dreary and dismal last night the river  
froze over from shore to shore. I finished  
the butter 38 lbs for market and one for Jack.  
This weather makes me very lame. Voltie working  
in shop all day; only he whitewashed the  
the sitting room. I sorted and straightened  
up all the corner litterature. Maud cooked &  
washed dishes. Irene B washed the separator  
and wiped all the dishes. Maud churned and  
I took care of all the butter. I'll be happy when  
winter is gone.

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Thursday 21st April 1904

A smiling sunbright day warm and cheering though the ground in morning was frozen quite hard. Maude cleaned her bedroom thoroughly.

Voltie plowed. In evening Miss Davey here staid till 9 pm. V went home with her.

Charley & Rod here in evening it was so hot he couldnt stay very long for I was baking bread. Dad brought in one pail full of sap and ice.

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Friday 22nd April 1904

A beautiful day. V set the tomato plants out in the sun. Maud cleaned all the woodwork in little sitting room and dining room and cleaned my bedroom. I done all the cooking and washing dishes and separator. Evening mail Herald, Dispatch, two Vickers firesides two Hearth and Home and a letter from Turnock. V and dad [illegible] for the Browns skiff. V rowing it up [illegible] black colt.

Saturday 23rd April 1904

Arose at four. V going to Kingston [illegible] to board the 1/2 past 8 am boat for V drove the black colts 38 lbs butter, [illegible] Chamber I done house work and took afternoon boiled sap now got 6 [illegible] till 10 pm waiting for V but he [illegible]

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Sunday 24 April 1904

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A mild day but getting cloudy \*

alone all day, no visitors. V came at \*

got left in Kingston and staid \*

and Bob. Bob Reid too staid \*

A very pleasant evening passed \*

and reading. V got his experiment \*

staining and hardwood finished \*

\$2,00 and our wall paper from \*

Paines. Raining hard towards evening and heavy  
all night. Voltie again kindled a fire in coal stove.

Monday 25 April 1904

Coudy. Cool this morning. A very fine day somewhat

Voltie and dad drawing manure on the potato

ground. V and Maud papered the small

sitting room so we didn't get to bed till 12 midnight.

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Sunday 3rd March 1906

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A cloudy dismal day neither rain \*

Bare ground except an abundance of ice every \*

cat might slip on it; no service in church to \*

The roads are terrible for traveling. Maud is getting dinner  
While we are at dinner, Frank Woodman and George Smith Woodman

came over the ice from U.S.A. gave us all the news  
and ate dinner here. Geo went down home and brought  
the horse up intending to lead him across the ice. V

went with them to help him but when they were in the channel they found  
the ice so poor and full of holes that they turned back.

[illegible] hired man, Woodard came a little while before sunset  
from up the island where he has been courting the widow

Cavelry and hastened across the ice. said "he must go or  
they would think he had got in a hole. Voltie watched him

with the glass as long as he could see him to see that  
he hadnt get in a hole. Whitmarsh come about 4 pm

[illegible] rode down as far as Montgomerys with Lancaster the English prelate

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Monday 5 March 1906

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# this morning. Frank & George

# accompanied by old C.W. Voltie drove up the island

# McDonalds, with a grist for hog feed, left it there and returned in

# dinner. Maud and I sort a peck of beans

# clear. North door squeaking, North  
wind.

Tuesday 6 March 1906

I write several letters one to Nellie Brooks,  
one to Belle, one to Grace, one to Capt Cummings,  
one to Wall, one to Rachel. Hannah Flynn here  
to say Capt Cummings want R to cook on the  
Wolfe Islander the coming season. Maud cleans all  
the floors. Sr bottoms chairs. Voltie works in shop,  
my left foot ankle and leg feels cold and stiff.

Evening Voltie goes to post office, "Dispatch",  
"Madame", "Household guest" a letter from Grace,  
Chase Almanac & that is all

Wednesday 7 March 1906

A cloudy morning. 2 deg below freezing. Voltie  
gone to the villiage and will cross if he can.

He drove up on wheels no sleighing no snow

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Wednesday 18 March 1906

Tuesday 13 March 1906

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# Weather about same as yesterday.

# and I had a fine visit. Evening set the

# going till 11 O'clock pm. A little feathery snow  
this morning but soon cleared up.

Wednesday 14

Belle and the children

went home; started about 10 a.m. A raw cold wind  
blowing from the East. Oh the lonesomeness of the house  
since Belle went away. Evening no phonograph this  
eve instead Voltie & Whitmarsh after sawing great logs  
for firewood go putting corks and lead on fish nets.

Thursday 15th March

East wind. Trying to snow; a few light feathery flakes.

V working in shop making leads for fish nets and

bobs to float the nets, then shod a horse. After supper

Fred helped him saw wood till he jamed his finger. Then V

put leads on nets till bed time. Maud got a bad cold.

Sr sorted beans. I worked on Mauds cushion and helped cook  
and wash dishes and so ends the day

10 a.m. Sunday 11 March 1906

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Ground froze quit hard last night \*

this morning. Dont get up very early, we \*

now got done with the mornings work. I \*

bread & graham bread, washed dishes a great lot \*

pots, pans, kettles, scour knives & forks & spoons \*

makes beds, sweeps & dusts. V. F and Sr reading

Maud went to church, scant audience. No horn

to day so Lillie Woodman asked Maud to sing which

she does. After dinner, Maud goes up to Niles and

I bake the bread and wash dishes, men folks all read.

Oh such a long lonesome sleepy sunday,

so very hot in kitchen. I open the door

and in rushes 5 cats, grey striped spotted

black and white. Well I'll let them stay in

awhile. Maud came in time to help get dinner.

Whiled away the evening in reading.

Monday 12 March 1906

A very good day some snow this morning about

like a feather, froze. V drew wood from Dailys wood

and while we were at dinner Belle came bringing

Charlie & Henry & the phonograph. So excepting the meals

everything was put aside for music and a visit

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Friday 16 March 19

A half cloudy day, no snow.

V and Sr drawing wood sled len \*

Greggors down to Woodmans for hay. Fred \*  
home to villiage to night going to walk. Maud \*  
a bad cold I gave her some hot whiskey. I guess \*  
her head ache poor little girl. I try to do all I  
can which is not much with a cane fo a supp \*

After dinner gone again for more wood from Dailys.

Evening snowed. V went for mail, gone only a  
few minutes. Herald, Hearth Stone, Good Litterature,  
a letter from Ethel Dixon & a postal from  
Nellie Brooks. 12 eggs.

Saturday 17 March 1906.

A bright cold morning, a light snow  
on the ground. Voltie gone to Dailys woods  
for a load of wood. Another calf which makes  
two. Not going to raise it; tis to small. I'm  
so afflicted with \* and cold feet. I can  
scarcely get around \* with the support of a cane.  
Voltie has come \* for another load of wood.

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Sunday 18th March 1906

A very fine day but a cold morning, froze last night sat up till nearly 11 pm reading; we arose at 7 am and had a quiet peaceful sabbath day. Maud went to church in afternoon; going to start a revival meeting here begins tomorrow night. Fred came in time for supper. This is Beatrice birthday 19 years old to day. 13 eggs.

Monday 19 March 1906

Froze again last night; very cloudy and dark around the horizon, looks like snow storm. Maude undertook the washing but only succeeded in putting them in the tub. Bill McDonel came for beans and consequently staid to dinner on account of having to sort the beans. Sr, Voltie & yours truly picked over a peck of beans while Maud finished the dinner. Beginning to snow. Voltie finished one net and hung up another to put on corks and \*. Bed time snowing fast and furious & 8 eggs.

Tuesday 20 March 1906

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Sunday 1st April

Sun bright shining, but froze last night  
Dont look much like spring for tis chilly enough  
Coal nearly all gone. Voltie and Fred at the shop.  
I guess Voltie has forgotten to cool and turn the eggs  
and trim the lamp. Now they have gone away  
some where, dont know where. Wells Sr put the last  
of the coal in the stove at 15 minutes past 10 am.  
Voltie and Fred have been down the shore looking for clamshells  
V had forgotten all about the incubator but he trimmed the lamp  
and turned the wick to high and the thermometer had risen  
to 107 deg. Maud went to church in pm but no preacher there.  
We had raspberry short cake for dinner and boiled  
eggs for supper. A clear sunset, a hole down through the ice.

Monday 2nd of April

Another frozen morning but clear. I am very lame  
this morning not only in my back and knees & hips but  
my right arm in shoulder is very lame; experienced difficulty  
in dressing myself but helped wring the clothes. I washed  
dishes, separator, cooked the meals. Maud done big washing  
lines full, we washed a quilt; only 8 eggs to day our  
hens dont lay very well. 26 hens all young pullets.

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Tuesday 3rd April 1906

Ice breaking up and floating down stream.

A clear bright day sent a letter to Grace.

Maud has to work too hard for she has done all the work to day, poor dear Maud. I wish I could get around and help more. V went over to fix Dailys fence where they drew wood through. Mrs Daily came over and V lent Merritt a bag of potatoes, sold her a peck of beans, gave her two bottles of catsup and a can of tomatoes and a peck of apples. Evening mail a lot of advertsing matter, a letter from Irene Halliday, McClures magazine, Farmers Dispatch  
Wednesday

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Thursday 5 April 1906

froze again last night, clear looks like rain  
off in the South. V works in shop all am and  
in afternoon draws stone. Sr splits and piles wood.  
Maud weaves rags for rugs while I sow [sic: sew] them on.  
We making a a rug for Grace. This is the eleventh day  
for the incubator hatch. Evening every body reading except  
Irene, beginning to snow. Fred fixed the separator all right.

Wednesday 4 April

V worked in shop and drew stone. Whitmarsh  
climbs top of the fence looking for V & stretching \*  
up like a gobbler, till at last he discovers Voltie \*  
down he jumps and away he runs to the \*  
where V is drawing stone. Sr splitting a piling \*

Friday 6 April 1906

Awoke this morning to find the ground white with snow  
but it soon disapears and at 11 am not a sign  
of snow to be seen. V draws stone awhile early this morn  
on stone boat. I sent a letter to Grace by Wells Sr  
sorted a pot of beans to cook quite a hay

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30 March 1906

Friday A cloudy dirty looking morning. We had just washed our dishes and had done morning's work done when "Merrit & Jane" came visiting, staid nearly all day till it began to rain. I made a strawberry shortcake for dinner and Mrs D entertained us with piano music (hymns) and at last they went home then we prepared for making pumkin pies &c, rains quite briskly for a short time and that ends it.

Saturday 31st March 1906

A frozen morning, clear sky, North wind, bare ground an ice bound river, and hoping and hoping for spring made cookies, pumkin pies, loaf cake, boiled meat, baked bread. V and F out sawing logs and working in shop. Voltie tested eggs in incubator found some bad ones. I commenced a piece of lace little Helen Brooks petticoat knit two scollops. Whitmarsh smoked so much he made himself sick but I think cider had a bad effect too.

Friday

Froze again last night. Voltie at home all day working in shop most of the time. We dont send any mail to day. Fred going to the villiage after school, on skates if he can get there which is doubtful for the ice is very doubtful and shaky. Maud and I have a very busy quiet time getting the meals and piecing at the gritts. [illegible] sits by the stove most of the time squirting tobaco spit on the floor and stove; a very mild day no snow ground bare as October. Evening mail. Herald, American Home (a good for nothing paper) The Herald, picture of Queen Alexandra, her grand children and dogs, a beautiful picture, the very best the Herald ever sent out; a letter from Helen Brooks which I was well pleased to get—and I think that [illegible] Voltie went for the mail, and then went to [illegible] to inquire if there is any traveling on ice by the [illegible] for V is anxious to go to Kingston to get a [illegible] for the hogs ten of them. He returned at 10 and found no one home but Johny. The rest of the family had [illegible] Dignams for an evening visit. While V was at OBriens and Geo Rattrays man came and they and Johny played cards

10 am Sunday

A dirty rainy day. Sr and Voltie go to the funeral; no body came from over the river, crossing must be very bad. There was not so great an attendance at grandpa Geo Woodman's funeral as would have been had the weather been favorable. Rev Mr Morehouse preached the service. Rev Mr Roadhouse was present and said something also. Mr Dignam Sr came home with V & Sr and had a glass of cider and ate dinner with us. As it is a fast day he would eat no meat. V fried eggs and he ate three. They were fried in meat gravy; The gravy for potatoes was made with fried meat drippings, the beans were cooked with pork, and he didnt know how much beef there was in his mince pie but when done eating he said "I thank God I've had a good dinner". He had no breakfast this morning, he stoped a couple of houses and visited with us and then buttoning close his over coat he went home, (walking) with umbrella unfurled over his [illegible] A dark gloomy afternoon and evening. I thought [illegible] had blocks enough to finish the quilt but not yet [illegible] few more. Voltie painting Rubes buggy tongue [illegible]

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Fred gone to the village. walked up through the mud. Sent by Jim for separator oil, rotten Stone, and mailed a letter to Grace Evening mail, Herald, a lot of advertising matter, and a letter from Gladys.

Saturday 7 April 1906

A frozen morning river full of floating ice sun bright.

Voltie leveled the front door yd and made two flower beds.

Maud and June made chocolate cake, cookies, pumkin pies and bread and baked apples. Maud cleaned floors.

Sunday 8th April 1906

A bright sunny day. Maud abed. I gave her big dose whiskey sling guess that will cure her. V helped me do up the dishes and separator and we are cooking hocks and turnips and carrots for dinner. V set the table for dinner An extinct hive. V took the honey from about 20 or 25 lbs only four hives left. Whitmarsh came about 4 pm bringing villiage news. Louis Farish in the asylum. Melville [illegible] .. dead &c, etc

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Monday 9 April 1906

Wind North, cloudy, dark in South.

This is fifteenth day for the incubator hatch.

It rained then snowed. Whitmarsh forgot his umbrella and walked home through the rain. Voltie went on the other place to cultivate and worked till it began to rain about ten a.m. then came home. 7 little [illegible] in the icehouse Whitmarsh & Voltie setting up fish nets.

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Wed 24th Feb 1909

A very rainy day ground nearly bare again rain falling continually all day. I patched a pair of pants for V. Voltie working in shop all day. Phoned for for Will Davis to drive to H Halliday to bring Irene home. Frank W here. W Niles called on V at the shop where V is making boat ribs Davis brought Irene home at 10 p.m., tied his nag, came in and warmed himself by the coal stove and then drove home to the villiage 14 miles.

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Thursday 25 Feb 1907

A clear cold day wind N.W.,  
ground hard frozen and bare nearly.  
Voltie drew hay for R and curried  
her pork & hen feed. Ray McIntyre  
came over and went up to see Wall Niles.  
Voltie went out to try the ice, found it good  
enough for a horse in evening. V., M and  
Stella Taggart, John Murray on ice skating  
till 11 pm while Irene, Ray and Harold Dignum  
staid here till Voltie & Maud rehearsed.

Friday 26th February 1909.

A fine pleasant day. Sr drove to Clayton on  
ice. V drove over with Irene to Marjories.  
Ray went home after breakfast. Maud cleaned  
floors and made a cake. Grandpa bought  
10 yds of plain blue calico for Irene a dress,  
a pair of shirts for himself and a pair for Voltie,  
2 quarts of syrup. Lib sent me a years subscription  
of Hearth stone. Stella came down from school  
ate supper with us and V & M & Stella went  
skating over to Marjories. V drew two bags of potatoes.

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hand sled sent Irenes dress cloth cloth over to Marjories. Stella came back stoped awhile and V skated home with her to Morgans. Charley Halliday & Riff drove here for Charleys oats. Perhaps he is going to smuggle them. If he does he will make a mistake.

Saturday 27 Feb

A cloudy morning not very cold. V drove to Kingston on the ice stopping a Morgans for Stella who is going to go with V as far as the villiage. Went up in covered cutter. O how I hate to write this. He came back drunk. Terrible Terrible My poor boy drunk.

Sunday 28 February 1909

A very fine day. V and M skated across the river to Arthur's found them all there hadnt moved yet. V skated home. Lib and Van came bringing me some sourkrout. V saked across for Maud. Had a fine

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Monday 1 day of March 1909

A fine day. V gone to Kingston with  
grist for hog feed and to get lumber  
sawed came home after dark, drunk

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Wednesday 3rd

A cloudy windy day. Voltie gone to W.G. Woodman  
for the remainder of his wood bought logs  
ash log for for waggon tongues sent to  
Cape by Geo Niles for my scrap book.  
V went over to Rachels to get her hair  
dye money, but instead she sent the money  
for bread and snuff. V & I dressed  
two roosters for her after dark to carry to  
market

Thursday 4 March

Inauguration [sic: Inauguration] day for President Taft.

Roosevelt steps down and out, a north windy day wind blowing hard all night.

Sent Grace a few things. Maud finished making sheets and pillow cases. V went Graces to dinner. Got the lumber sawed for wagon tongues, he bought corn meal and rolled wheat. bought snuff and bread for Rachel. Snowing hard all pm ground white.

Friday 5 March 1909

A very fine day. Rachel came over for her bread and — V carried her home on sleigh and drew two loads of stone to finish or help build the cellar wall. Evening mail is New Thought, Herald, letter from Grace, Rachels Peoples home journal, Prinning Phones to V, Morality Morgan and John Murray came for Stellas over shoes or rubbers. One New Thought missing. January number lost by this terribly mismanaged post office of Woodmans.

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Saturday 6 March 1909

Very fine day. Voltie drew two loads of straw & two loads of stone for the cellar. Maud made bread, cookies, cake, boiled pork, cleaned floors. Wells Sr cant do much, he is old and his health not very good. Laura Dignum phones to Maud.

Sunday 7th March 1909

No one here this day except our own selves, and so nobody came nor any body went. The snow falling constantly and continually all all day every thing, tree, shrub, roofs, fences earth ladened with snow wherever the snow can settle. Every thing outdoors is ghostly white, but we are comfortably smugly warm while we read read read.



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Thursday 11 March 1909

A very fine day. Jerry Murphy and his son Stuart here assessing. V bargained for an oak tree to get the logs sawed into lumber.

Friday 12 March 1909

Charley Dixon came over to day and we were extremely pleased to see him and hear from the folks at home and know that they are all well.

Saturday 13th March 1909

Voltie went to Kingston accompanied by Charley.

They started 7,30 am, drove to Murphys woods and while sawing and felling the great oak and it proved to be hollow. They sawed and cut another oak and falling lodged in another tree but with the combined effort of Jerry, his sons, Voltie & Charley they succeeded in dislodging it, trimmed it free from limbs arrived at last in Kingston saw mill and then at Horns for dinner at 2 pm faint, weary and hungry. V eats to heartily, came home quite early tired, ate pea soup a big bowl full.

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Sunday 14 March 1909

14 and arose this morning sick from the effects of over feeding and hard labor but never would give in and go to bed but pokes around all day.

Monday 15 March 1909

Charley Dixon went home from here this pm started about 1.30. V not very well he drank a full bottle of Fowlers Extract of Wild strawberry without any result.

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Monday 15 February 1909

Arose at 1/2 past 6. V intended going to K with oak log to get sawed for boat ribs.

It rained and snowed all day thermometer down to zero. V drew hay for R and worked in shop the remainder of day.

Irene & Maude made cakes, cookies and fried cakes. Sr sorted beans for market and to plant. I mended V pants & Louise done helped wash dishes and done as she pleased.

Wm Gillespie went to Kingston for an operation [sic: operation] for appendicitus. Evening visitors Mrs Dignem & her children Herbert, Tom, Harald and Danra & wee Alden McDonald, John Flynn & John Murry & Mrs Redic and Compos and Stella Taggart and Mabel Morgan and Mary Bulger and Frank Woodman and Emma Woodman and Ethel Reid.

It was three O'clock am when at last we went to bed and our visitors went home in a great Northern snow storm.

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Tuesday 16 February 1909

Stormy morning and storms all day. Maud cleans the floors after the exit of our visitors. V went over to Rachels to feed her cow; The day passes away quietly with howling wind and fierce snow storm, the very first snow drifts this winter, all the mail this day dont amount to much only one post for Maud.

Wednesday 17 Feb 1909

A clear day wind west & cold.

The girls (Irene and Maud) want to go to the dance at the villiage and they go. V hitches up before the cutter and they go up on the ice but before he goes V hitches up and drove over to R and carries Louise over there and looks after her stock. I write letters to Belle & Grace also send to Pugsley and Dingnan for books with soap wrappers.

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Saturday 13 Feb 1909

A fine day. Arthur Vincent came over, carried Belles' pickles and some potatoes.

Sunday 14th

A nasty dreary dismal day rains and snows. We read and doze most of the day. V went over to R to feed her cow. Had late meals to day. Evening Voltie popped corn.

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Thursday 11 February 1909

A fine day. Snow spoiling the ice for skating some snow lightly covering the ground. V gone to Kingston to day with a load of oats. Came home to late to eat supper with us so we kept it warm on the warming oven.

Friday 12 Feb 1909

A fine day. Voltie working all day in shop ironing at Wm Gillespie's sleigh. William Gillespie helping V all day till 9 O'clock pm. Sent to Park for flower seed ,70 cts. Evening mail, Herald, Good Literature.

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Wednesday 17 March 1909

St Patrick's Day

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Thursday 18 March 1909  
Beatrice Halliday Schram  
22 years old this day.  
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Sunday 21st March 1909

A fine day. Ray came over. Maud staid all night  
at Rachels came home at 10 am  
staid to dinner.

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Monday 22nd March 1909

A fine day. Ray & V drawing hay from Rachels. Stella came from school as to make us a little visit and stay all night, found the walking pretty soft and muddy. V tapped our few trees.

Tuesday 23rd March 1909

A beautiful day, warm and bright, a robin singing in the apple tree. Maud washed and cleaned floors. Hung all the clothes on the veranda line.

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Wednesday 24 March 1909

A long time ago since I wrote in my diary some times I think I'll never write again in a diary but I like to; wish sometimes I had always kept a diary since childhood. The day is very mild for March, 40 deg above zero. Cloudy all day looks like rain; more bare ground than snow. V filed Dignums cross cut saw. Harold came for the saw this morning. Ray helping V work in shop. Sr out doors most all day. R came over to dinner. Gave her fried cakes, milk, popcorn, pork (just a few slices). Wallace N is trapping for muskrat. Maud fried cakes and stewed raisons. Frank here using our telephone. Maud got a bad headache went to lie on the lounge awhile, slept, got up much better & helped put the supper on table. Evening V & Ra played checkers, we retire early. Most forgot to say One year ago this day Wellie was here, came across early this morning and staid with us over night. Edy Bates burried one year ago this day. Dear Edy Bates.

Thursday 25 March 1909

Oh what a nasty muddy raining  
slopy weather, ground bare with  
dirty patches of snow; brook running  
like a mill dam. Ray wants to go  
over the river but cant cross for weather  
and danger of getting in, so he and V  
are boat building in the shop. Sr mending  
old harness in kitchen. I should think  
the harness mending would sometime be  
done but it goes on the year around.

Tis 9 am jsut through with dishes, knives, forks,  
pots, pans, pails & sundries. Now I have  
to go immediatly and pick over beans  
for dinner, a very interesting job. So  
here goes I. Well beans are cooking.

Wellie crossed over the ice from us a  
year ago to day. We watched him as long as  
we could him a little black dot away  
on the other shore. V went across with im.  
last night dreamed of Will and Harry Watson

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Friday 26 March 1909

Dear Marjorie. Ground covered with 3 inches of snow this morning, dreary dismal outlook. I never have been to Mary Woodman's but dreamed I went there, drove there in buggy. V went with me. How very beautiful everything was as we drove along the road, trees, flowers, singing birds and I so free from all care. Wind west and cold, an open spot in the ice above the house. Ray went across to the U.S.A. this morning. V working in the shop  
Letter from Grace & the herald.

Saturday 27th March 1909

Very good day. Frank Woodman here speaking through the telephone about his engine [sic: engine]. V working on boat. Maud made cake, bread, baked beans. I pieced on quilt.

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Sunday 28 March 1909

A fine warm day quiet. Maud went to Rachel's. Sr reads all day. V goes over to R's to see if she has any wood. I read and get the meals and wash dishes etc. Tomatoes coming up.

Monday 29 March 1909

A very fine day sowed more tomato seeds. Frank W gone to Kingston this morning crossing to town very poor crossing with only one horse. Rachel came over this morning before breakfast brought me some magazines. Maud popping corn this am. I ought to write a lot of letters to Grace, Belle, Will & Watson and others. Sat up late reading. Maud not very well. V working in shop at day after chopping wood for R. R wants to keep bees. Dora Bates's baby sick had Dr for him.

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Tuesday 30 March 1909

Cloudy warm day 40 deg in shade.

Maude got head ache and lain down.

V working in shop all day. Sr tinkering

old aggate wash dish trying to solder

it "Simple Simon" or old Josiah Allen

which? We are boiling sap on the stove

and I get the meals and piece on

quilt, sow few flower seeds, water and

count the tomatoes plants, 53 new ones just

came up out the ground. No mail to night

except one letter for V telling him the berry baskets are

at Corbett's.

Tuesday 31st & last day of March

A clear bright & warm, snow most all

gone; boiling more spa on the stove. Maud

washing. V working shop, he went down to Franks

to see how the new drill works. Guernsey & Wm Gillespie

eating dinner at Frank Woodmans.

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Wednesday April 1st 1909

A beautiful bright warm day. Rachel came over to breakfast and for hen feed. V working in shop all day. Grandad gathered the sap but Franks kids had been before him and had drunk about half. Heard Clayton is burnt. Hubbard house and all. Maud washed on Wednesday that is this day. I done house work, and pieced on quilt. Maud went over to Rachels for calico scraps.

Thursday 2nd April 1909

A beautiful warm day, snow all gone but one dirty patch left this side of the grainery. V working in the shop again all day. I done house work and pieced on quilt.

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Friday 3rd April 1909

A fine warm day looks like rain in the South and hazy. V set the bees out door 7 hives all alive and fine, one came in and stung me. Maud brought the clothes in and washed them again for the bees had them pretty well spotted. Maud is mad about the bees dirtying the clothes. I baked beans and Maud made custard. Sr patched his pants I wrote and sent a letter to Belle and sent one to Grace and a few lines to Mrs Ranous about Dodds Kidney pills.

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April 1909 Sunday 5

A beautiful day no rain  
quiet & peaceful. Clarence Percy  
here. I wrote a long letter to Will  
but guess I wont send it now I'll wait  
awhile.

Monday 6 April 1909

A beautiful warm day. Clarence Percy  
here ice cant get across the river. He  
discarded his relatives, they are so very  
dirty and filthy, cant visit them  
tho that is his purpose here on the island.  
He is helping V clean seed grain if  
V can ever get the time from working on  
the neighbors more old waggons,  
drills and tongues to make and  
repair than ever. He worked last night till  
[illegible] pm (this is Tuesday) Henry Halliday here for dinner  
and seed peas.

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Tuesday 7 April 1909

Warm and hazy nor rain.

Clarence Percy here yet V went down to Geo Gillespies to borrow his (Geo's) ensilage cutter. We expect Frank and his gang here to dinner. Tis 1/2 past 9 am work all done up, dishes washed and beds made, sweeping done. Maude has a lame back cutting corn here.

Wednesday 8 April 1909

Corn cutting done here to day with corn cutter and enjine [sic: engine]

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April Saturday 25 1909

Saturday Voltie went to the villiage  
and to Kingston didn't get home till  
nine pm X stupid

April Sunday 26 1909

Wind blowing half a gale but notwitstanding  
all that we had to have visitors from over the  
river. Ray McIntyre not contended with  
bringing himself but brough along a great  
hulking bull of a fellow named Belenger who is  
working for Frank Schrum and wants to be a  
ring prize fighter. Wind blows so they have  
to stay all night. Wall here and Tom Dignum  
in the evening.

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1909 April Thursday 29th

A very fine morning but soon  
became cloudy gathering for a storm.

Granddad [sic: Grandad] and Maud went to Kingston on  
the boat. Wal drove over to dock while V helped  
me get breakfast. R came over and helped get  
dinner and staid till towards 4 pm then she  
walked home. Wallace drove to the docks.

Grandad brought home a dog a nine months  
old pup.

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Tuesday 21st September 1909

A long interval between writing in this diary, many an event incident have occurred and passed on forever since the last record. This a beautiful autumn day. V digging potatoes over on R's. Wells Sr gone to the cheese factory. V gone to the dock for coal instead of digging potatoes. Maud ironing starched sclothes. Emma preparing for school and I am while I still continue to make apple preserves.

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Friday 30 April 1909

A bad rainy day. Wallace went home after breakfast to help clean house, paper and paint. Voltie worked on nets all day. Mr Ranous no better going to hopsital tomorrow. Some river pirate pushing at the foot of island.





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