

We all stay home this afternoon but Dick who was gone till tea time downtown. I read most of the afternoon. Aunty got tea and Enah went down about five to go to her sister's to tea. Dad went down after tea to church to come home with Enah. Aunty read to us after supper and we worked at puzzling things. A very nice mild day but very muddy.

Christmas Day.

Dad did all the chores this morning and cut enough wood to last all day. We all went down to church at eleven. After church Aunty and I went up and called for Cousin Clare who came over with us and stayed all day and is going to stay all night. All of Hoby's family came over to dinner which we had about three o'clock and where I increased my waist measure nearly to bust measure. on the turkey plums pudding, mince pie and home-made candy. Then we got the presents. We were all led to believe that there would be no presents this year, but I did not notice any difference. I got a good many things too numerous to mention. We four boys went down

about half past five after the mail and Jim did not come back with us. We met Hoby and the rest of his family homeward bound on our way back. We spent the evening in admiring presents and music etc. thus ending the first Christmas on the Farm. Very mild and muddy Xmas.

December 26th Tuesday.

I did not do much this morning except saw wood. Dad fixed the style over Hoby's fence and Aunty and I went down and watched. I put some manure on the shuback bed. Frank dug pretty well of old window sash and painted the end for the chicken house. Frank and I spent all the afternoon surveying the orchard and staking out the places for the young trees. Dad dug more straw of the old horse stable roof to get boards out for the chicken house. Every body else went down town. Aunty and Cousin Clair did not come back and Enah not till Dad went after about eight o'clock to night we spent a very peaceful evening while he was gone. I wrote to Aunty Alice and added Shakespeare while the feathers were settling. Rarely freezing to-day.