

at it for quite awhile but at last he had to give up - no doubt in disgust. Dad and I put in a load of hay this morning and Stubby oiled up the little dining room stove and pipes and put it away. This afternoon I made a boot jack. I have tugged and pulled and nearly broken the rungs out of the kitchen chairs ever since I have got my rubber boots trying to pull them off at night and now when it is about solid enough to do without them I have made a neat little boot jack; however it will be ready for next season and I have hung it handy in the wood shed for just any time we get mad. Stubby covered more of the walls ^{of the shop} with some stiff wrapping paper he got from Tip. Carey and I timbered around. Dad minded Giddams who is far from Scorcum to-day. Gordie Allan was over for a little while, he is just up to Dover for a visit. To night Chris Quanhory came over and test my eggs for me. he found 32 infertile out of the 135 which he said was a better test than most of theirs were doing. It is just about 23% bad. Raining hard with thunder and lightning & high.

Tuesday May 12th

It poured rain nearly all day. It let up for awhile at noon and hasn't rained much since five to night's but there was a steady pour the rest of the time. Every thing is covered

with water, and it looks as if we'll have to postpone some of the features in the game of farming for another season. I was pretty busy all day. This morning I cleaned all the straw out of the hen houses and this afternoon started to white wash them. I couldn't find the white wash brush so I had to use a broom so I don't know whether it will make much improvement in appearance but will sweeten the place up. I got the pen this way white washed and part of the one we brought over from Stubby's and used a pint of white wash, then I had to quit to do chores. Stubby came over this afternoon and worked at the old house. Dad thinks of taking Joe down to Bobby McWilliam to be shod but when he was ready thought better of it. Tom. O'Leary came after the cream this morning and request Dad not to mention the weather, he hears enough about it.

Wednesday May 13th

I finished white washing the other hen house this morning. I did white wash the pen where the colored hens are as I had no place to let them out and they make such a fuss if I try to work with them in there. Stubby scraped some of the trees in the orchard this morning but it started to rain so he came in and worked at the