

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1883.

We began to think that 13 at the end of the New Year was beginning right away to bring calamities upon us, for Dick who did not come home to tea last night did not put in an appearance all night, and it is the first time since he went into the bank that he did not come home to tea. I wake up at half past four and found Dad. & Aunty up and in an awful state as neither one had slept all night and had been thinking Dick had tried to cross the pond about mid-night when every body would be asleep and never got to the other side. Dad. & I went down about five and went to Harry's first to see if he had stayed there. We went to Quint's window and tapped and immediately saw old Quint -gliding around in the room as soon as he lighted the light. Dad. saw Dick in bed. We could not get him more than half awake and he mumbled something about Wiggins being sick -and he & Hazen worked so late, then went down to watch the dance for awhile and he never thought until miss him. Late on in the morning I drove Aunty and Lile down town with two mince pies and the turkey we killed for Christmas which Aunty took down to have it cook. Dad. did chores and we had a cold lunch after which Dad. & I went down to Alfred's followed by big Tiff & the white kitten.