

²⁵ Hand came to call but no body was home. Dick told Enah that the wind-mill was here so D ad went over to the Fairbanks' to telephone Mrs. Tompkins and he said he would be down to-morrow after noon to take it off the car. Dick also told her that Enah wanted me to drive up and get her to-morrow. Mr. James gave Enah a new raisin seed to night that washes all night and Frank is busy drying raisins with it now. Frank got out of school early to night and doesn't have to go back till after New Year's. Very mild and nice all day but cloudy.

Wednesday December 23rd

Frank Slocomb came over again and finished the cistern he made a good job of it and only charged adollar. I rode Joe down there first thing and got her shod. While Dutie was shoeing her, I went up there and did some distant shopping - when I met Ruby on my way down with a picket he had fixed up with a list which Bill Baker gave him and a handle he bought and Joe Hamil put it in and sharpened it for him. I came over and helped to pluck the four turkeys. This afternoon Ed ad and Frank went down with the wagon and got the windmill off the car. Mrs. Tompkins was there and said it was alright. I cleaned out the cow stables, shelled corn and read at the same time while they were gone. Ruby cleaned out a room she brought gaily and caught a mink last. I intended to go up and get Enah this afternoon but it was such a disagreeable afternoon I decided to wait till to-morrow and stand a chance of having sleeping but from the looks of things now I would have done better to have gone this afternoon. It was over this morning to settle up with Dad for threshing and some things that Dad asked him for. Dad was to take any thing for threshing for him but I got a dollar out of it. Frank and Enah are making candy to night and Dad is drawing & dressing turkeys. I started to snow soon after break fast this morning and kept up till noon getting milder all the time till this afternoon. It turned to rain and the water is running into the eastern part. Dick told us to-night there was a fire in the Whitefield to-night. They put it out but will appear it damaged the machinery considerably. 260.

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- Wednesday December 24th

We all awoke left ourselves this morning and so I didn't get started up to the Bowdells till nearly ten o'clock, however I got Enah and we're home by noon. The roads were a little slushy but not bad. Colvin Mc Geilley came after Dad togs and took his cow again and he got home first before we did. This afternoon D ad and Frank went down there to take the turkeys to Cousin Toll and Mr. Jones and then back to Ed. and also do some shopping. I walked around quite a bit and then did chores and shelled corn. It has been very mild all day and the snow is nearly all gone, the cistern has got a good set of water in it we just got it fixed in time.

Thursday December 25th

I was up at about a quarter to six this morning and hauled the family out of bed, and Enah, Dick and I drove down to eight o'clock communion, and Dick walked down, after I got home I did chores and D ad and Frank went down to the eleven o'clock service. Dick came back soon after church and went back to the gallery to see if there was any ice but there wasn't. Auntie Maude and Tila drove back with Dad, and Frank, Enah and Win walked over. Ruby never showed up all the afternoon. D ad, Win, and I had dinner about two o'clock and as I hadn't had any thing to eat since last night except a piece of bread & butter and some winter greens, I bestowed away a large quantity of turkey and plum pudding and many other things. After dinner we pitched up a terrible row for about ten minutes while Liddums tried to sleep, we then doled out the presents. I drew a pair of garments, socks, heavy and light for me, Frank and Tila, shirt for Dick, handkerchief from Win, perfume toilet, powder etc. from Cousin Clare, photograph album from Auntie Maude and Dad. D ad got four copies of Punch from Enah, and Ray is sending me a new diary for 1914. After this Dick and I just went down town and I think Dick went to dance to-night. Auntie Maude, Tila and Win went home about 8 o'clock, we didn't have any tea but formed Enah's chocolates all evening. Liddums has been rather all in to-day we think it may be due to his swallowing a grain of.