

variety to be followed by Indian Summer. It
froze ice in the wood shed last night and we
have been wading around in snow all day. It
has been cloudy and either snowing or raining
sleet all day so to-night the snow has a crust and
I came home from Aunt's this morning about seven
o'clock and shovelled their snow for them before
I left. I was home in time to do chores. After breakfast
I drove him to school and drove on down to Aunt's
and picked Mary up. We haven't done anything all
day but chores but they have taken more time as we had
to feed everything. Pickens came in after dinner with our
cream cheque as Luffkins got it leave it. He was telling
Dad that he had a fat cow to sell that would weigh about
1200 and he asked Neil Elliot \$5 per lb. but Neil told
him he could not give half that and make any money on her.
Probably he was lying but he didn't buy her. It seems
rather tough when a couple of years ago who would have
been worth well over \$100. There is mighty little money
in farming these days but still it is better than being
out of a job in the city. There is no need to go hungry
here. Mark was through here this afternoon. He had been
up home over Thanksgiving and left his Ford up there

He was moralizing as usual and informed me
that happiness did not depend on external conditions but
was a state of mind. Charlie Butler was happy because
he was content to live on small means and keep a
good driving horse. but what he (Mark) craved was
excitement. I asked him why he didn't go to town and
start something, but he said it was not vulgar rough-
neck excitement he wanted but something refined
and cultured, such as an afternoon tea. I told him
I thought they were the tamest affairs I had ever
attended, but he said no, not where sparkling wits
were matched and deeds were fought by brains. Dad
and Quak went down to Aunt's for tea to night so
Mary, Sid and I had the house to ourselves this evening.
The Cornishes and Ruby were down at Aunt's too.

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The sun came out beautifully this morning and
warmed us up but it clouded up before noon. It
has been very soft all day though and is trying to
ruin to-night. There is still snow all over and the
walking is very bad which the roads are in some
places next thing to impassable. Dad drove Sid to