

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>

All hands wished me a happy birthday this morning, this being the sixteenth anniversary of the day when I first made my appearance in the world. On my plate I found piled at breakfast a nice pair of pants from Enah and just about all the contents of a barber shop from Daddy and Dick. A razor and brush from the former and soap and strips from the latter. All that is required now is a few whiskers to try them on.

It was very windy this morning too windy to draw sheep so Bill plowed all morning. I picked up all the broken glass that had been under the old house and Daddy and Dick went down town to get some oats and feed. This afternoon Stuby and Mr. Winkey Smith came over. Mr. Smith took a look at the house and sized it up for painting. We hauled wheat all the afternoon and got it all in but a little more than

Daddy said he was awake most of the night last night shutting doors and windows. Stuby said he never saw the water so high in the marsh this time of year.

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a load. Stuby trimmed trees over by Coleman's while they were putting on a load and I cut some lawn and bothered Enah. Dick went down to the lake for a swim as the waves were so big. When he came back he brought me two nice letters. One from Roy containing all kinds of good wishes and some pictures he had taken when he was up. The other was a good fat one with epistles from Aunty M in and Aunty Alice with a dollar bill from both Aunty and Aunty Alice. I got a ring and a nickel out of the cake to-night.

Nyke came after his cow and calf to-night. Enah, Daddy and Dick have gone over to Martin's to look at a piano to-night so Liger and I are the only ones home. There has been a strong and quite cold southwest wind since last mid-night and it seems just as strong as ever to-night.