

just missed the first piece I came home with Dad very cool and breezy. They got their smoke-stack up to night at the canning factory.

Thursday July 10th

Frank and I cultivated corn all day, we started to go twice in a row but made such little headway that we knew we wouldn't get over all of it so went once in a row. We also went up between the potato spraws, they are coming slowly but the grub is bad in them and they need hoeing. I am afraid our mangle crop is a failure, it looks as if the seed was no good. Dad started to cut the new meadow this side of the gully where the wheat was last year, he only started to cut a ~~the~~ part of it which was west of the old garden but didn't get it quite done. One of the sections on the blade got loose this morning and he was delayed quite awhile fixing it, then at noon we sharpened the other knife. Lila has spent the whole day going back and forth from the house to the fields, watching her chance to drive the horses or hold the cultivator, she wanted to go home to night as to-morrow is her music lesson day, but Auntie thought she would be too tired so

persuaded her to stay. Auntie and I went over to the Woodson's to-night and spent a very enjoyable evening. Most of the family were out in the kitchen assisting the cook to entertain her two gentlemen callers, who were a Mexican who Paul Lee says is the Ingsam's cook and a negro dwarf from Simcoe, they had a banjo or some instrument but were stage struck before so large an audience. We got home about half past ten and every one was in bed. Dick stayed down late to the dance to-night and for got to put the light out when he got home. I discovered to-day that my big knife was gone out of my overalls pocket and I am afraid I have lost it in the load of hay, which means that it is gone forever, it was a dandy too. Very cool all day cold to-night.

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Lila went home when Dick went to the bank, Harry, Toby and Frank drew in two loads of hay in the morning and unloaded them with the string, it worked beautifully it was a lovely day to work "clear and cool," in the afternoon they raked the hay that was cut and put ^{up} it in cock, they were quite late coming in from the fields, and we were very late having tea