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Monday 24 Feb 1902

Bob Reid slept here last night.

He and Voltie hopped out of bed this morning at 1/2 past 2 O'clock am and hastily swallowing a cold lunch hitched old Jess before the dog cart and drove to North shore to rim his pike nets - 4 of them, and returned at 7 pm. I didn't get up till 1/2 past 5 am. The boys returned in time for breakfast. The ground is very soft after the rain so wet that planting will have to wait till pm, in mean time V & Bob break the black colt to drive Very Interesting

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Monday 24 1902

A Cloudy thick morning
and rains in pm. Voltie
and his father fill the
ice house. Jim O'brien
getting out ice too, for himself.
Young Brigeland here to
dinner. A man from
Kingston here this pm
and bought our fowl
they came to \$4,55. V gave
me the money and I gave
him two dollars back to
buy groceries

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Tuesday 25 Feb 1902

Arose early so Voltie
can go to Kingston.

K drove up with the bob's
on the ice, didnt get back
till after dark brought
coal and groceries for
him self & I pork, sugar,
rolled oats, soda &c

I dont feel very well. Voltie
ate dinner with Grace.

Maud done big washing
and hung them all on
line together with 5 new
sheets & 6 pillow slips to
bleach. Grace sent the dried
punkin, a can of chow chow
and a can of preserved
tomatoes. I sent her Reggies
napkins & a book "Lady of the lake"
and print for a dress.

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Wednesday 26 Feb 1902

A soft warm day. Wells went early this morning with Voltie to Hickory drove down on the ice, came back & worked around all day fattening pitched hay in the barn.

Then went over there, and pitched hay off stock. Snow settling.

In evening he went back over there and let her know he was going to K tomorrow and she could go if she wants too. Wells goes to bed tired out. I not very well took a nap in pm.

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Thurs Feb 27 1902

A thick fog this morning
cant see from here to the
river, clears away towards
noon and the sun comes out
most brilliantly warm, the
big snow banks are settling
rapidly. Wells gone to Kingston
on the ice. R going with him
to get clothes for mother to
go out to Wills. Maud gone
over to stay all day with
Grannie and I am alone
with the cat and dog for
company. I sow tomato
seed in a box, bake pies
cake, boil meat, bake bread
and dont feel very well

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machine going away round the
road to Dighams. Niles came
for cucumbers. I help Rachel
churn butter wont gather come
home at sunset found Grace,
Maud, Marjorie and Tom
& sitting for the garden
party at Geo Ranous.
When Voltie came home from
threshing Oh Dignams the
gals rode down in dog cart
while Arthur and Tom
walks.

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Tuesday 3rd Sept 1901

A fine day. Wind South.

V gone to Hickory

to secure his job - rode

down with Ewoodmans

hired man. Tom Chatteron

plowing for V. Arthur

cutting ensilage corn

Maud, Grace and I doing

the washing. Marjorie went

to the post office for me with

a letter for Flora Bamford.

Rachel came over with letter

to post for Will's folks. I

sent Arthur with it Made

me promise I'd go there this

pm. dont want to go but

I will try and get there Eli

I get there. On the way met young

abbot, Wm Woodman and threshing

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Feb 28 Friday 1902

A cloudy morning rained some
thawed all night. Wills came
at 5 pm brought load of
lumber, set sleigh box on top of
lumber and stuck himself and
Rachel on top of the lumber
in the elevated sleigh box
going shippy on hard trading
for horses after unloading R's groceries
and our few things, he hitched horse
to light bobs and took Rachel and
her groceries home and brought Maud
home. We have supper all ready
when they return. Wells Sr very tired
and lame but has to do all his chores
alone. he goes to bed early. I
sit up till 1/2 10 pm. Maud get sore throat .
V & I doctor her with Kerosine and fat pork.

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Friday 28 February 1902

Comenced [sic] this on opposite page

The work in this house is endless

and I'm not very well but will

pull through all right I believe.

I hear Maud working away at the

breakfast dishes and must help

her now. Maud sent to the comfort

soap company for a book, Ivanhoe

sent 10 cts and ten trade marks.

Wells volunteered his service to carry the

letter to post and went through slush

across field. We are mending socks

and stockings to day. Wells went to

post office received the Whig and

family Herald & a leeter from Grace.

I doctored Maud for sore throat.

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Saturday 1st March 1902

Thawing now every day, partly cloudy partly sun but slush and mud knee deep and over shoes every where - dirty pools and puddles of water and disappearing snow banks covered with dirt. Wind N.E. dark clouds hovering all around the horizon. Wells went over and pitched in hay for R. and she sent over two lbs butter. Maud cleaned the floors, and swept & made beds & cooked and washed dishes and baked beans washed the churn & set it away till spring. Maud found her lost ring for which I'm very thankful for it was her mothers wedding ring. Wells drove down for Voltie and brought home Volties skiff. Supper ready when they come. Lennie Paterson here till 10 pm.

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Sunday 2 March 1902

Rain all day. Voltie
broke the sabbath by fileing the
saws. No one here to day.
We read and doze and
get the meals. No service in
church to day. Not a rig on
the road. Evening Maud
pops corn. Voltie reads "The
man from Glengary" and "Robery
under arms".

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Monday 3rd March 1902

A cloudy dismal morning
mud, bare ground, long
streaks of dirty snow drifts,
a sad S.W. wind. Voltie
got up at 4 went back to bed slept
till 5, arose again put his
box on the sled after going to barn
for it. I held the lamp in the door
while he cut a walking stick and
away he goes down on the ice
to Hickory before V goes he builds
the fire and I get breakfast after
Voltie goes. when breakfast is ready
I call Wells Sr and then I call
Maud. comenced a dress for
Maud. Growing colder and
freezing. Wells can't put hay
in barn on account of wind.

Tuesday 4th March 1902

[written upside down]

Maud went to post office sent a letter to Grace, she went again at eve only the whig and some advertising letters.

A fine morning but rather cold, froze hard last night and the river fine for skating. Wells drove to Millens Bay for Kerosine 6 gallons, asked for Syrup but the store keeper had none, had dinner ready when he returned. Maud cleaned floors and worked. I put the flower and Mauds skirt and baked beans and made cake. P.M. Wells went over to tother place to pitch hay for the cow. Shell came for Maud to go skating. Maud went. Evening Inez came for Maud and they all went skating till 10 pm. Maud, Inez, Shell, Byron, Irvine, Jack Niles, Len Patterson, Len came here for skate straps.

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Wednesday 5 March 1902

A cloudy morning rather cold
and frozen; Wind North. Wells
gone to Kingston drove up
on the ice with one horse (old Nell).
He gone for a pig box &c. The
horse races are in Kingston to day.
The Woodmans are going. Heard
Percy Gillespie is in Kingston
Hospital sick with apendicitis.
Had an oppration [sic]. Heard
Belles children have whooping cough.
Heard Arthur Knapp is at Wellies.
The clouds look like a snow storm.
Wells came at early dark Lenonard Patterson [sic]
rode down with Wells. Charley Woodman to Reids.
Leonard makes us an evening visit gave
us some chocolate caramels. I had dinner
all ready when Wells returned and we had a
jolly cozy evening Len helped Wells do
the chores. Maud and Irene served most
all day. Rachel came over and Maud went
to post office for R. She received a letter from Wills
Topper and they have moved to Depauville.

Thursday 7th March 1902

Ground frozen hard this morning, a fine morning. I finished Mauds dress and away she goes on skates up to Mrs Niles for buttermilk and I make buckwheat cakes and try some of the new syrup which is fine. Wells drew a load of wood from Lindy's island.

A little before tea time Geo Darling and his man drove in here. I was afraid they would want to stay all night. But no they went to their old stopping place Geo Gillespie.

He shook hands very cordially and wanted to bring in another cady of tea. I said no we have enough left from the one we have now to last another year, but all the same he insisted upon bringing in another caddy. I said go to the barn and see Bamford "all right

he said he would, and away he went and while he was gone to the barn, I took the occasion to empty his tea caddy thinking he would want to take it along with him as he always had done before. I had 10 qrts and over in a big tin pail which was full to overflowing and another quart dish full besides. Darling was gone a long time at the barn and at last he and Bamford came to the house, Darling came lugging in another big caddy and I asked. What is that and he said sugar! granulated sugar for you to make taffy; and I thought it was sugar and was pleased although I thought Wells was very extravagant, and Wells came in, in a moment after and I said "did you take that caddy and he said rather sheepishly "yes! but we can sell it. I said you are buying sugar to sell. Sugar! why it is tea! I thought of old

Josiah Alen. Well I said
do you know how much tea
we have left from last years purchase
"No." I said, well here it is and brought
forth the pail full and the qurt
full beside. Wells Sr looked astonished.
Darling's man said 'For God Sake'
and Mr Darling said Oh that tea
lasts too long. Any way he examined it,
perhaps to make sure it was the same
he left here a year ago, he said
This is the genuine article, and said,
put it back in the can and keep the
can till I call for it. So now we
have two caddys of tea sitting side
by side in the pantry - but the astonishing
thing about the whole business is this.
Wells Sr said before Darling came for
we were expecting him that he would
only pay for what tea we had used and
he should take the remainder back.

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and what unaccountable spell he worked upon Sr, while at the barn. I dont understand. It is that soft insinuating way of his. I think he would wheadle old Satan into a bargain. He came half whispering to me and said "Does Grace ever say any thing about me?" I said Oh yes Mr Darling she often speaks of you. We urged them to stay to tea but kindly thanking us they proceeded on their way. Before leaving he told us "Mr Niles had taken another caddie of tea, same quality same quantity. Maud, Shell, Inez & ByronIrvine & Len Patterson out skating till 9 pm

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Friday 8th March 1902

A frozen morning. Wells Sr draws wood from the island. I bake beans, cookies, 3 currant pies and lots of other work, cant think of everything and it make no difference if it is never recorded. remember sending to the post office 2 letters one to Briggs seed company and one to JH Sutherland and must send away again this week for more seeds &c

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March Saturday 9th 1901

A windy chilly & very disagreeable day, wind North. Sr draws wood from Lindy. Bob Reid helping him both Friday & Saturday. I looked all day for Grace & Bob and baby but all in vain. I dont think now they would be foolish enough to start out on such a day. They may have come as far as Charlies and staid for a visit. Wells started at 4 p.m. and drove to Hickory for Voltie, coming back just at dark and we have supper on the table and we have a cozy time all to ourselves. V brought up a strip of N.C. Pine with which he is going to make a book case of odd scraps and pieces which the carpenters have rejected.

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Sunday 9th March 1902

New snow on the ground, This morn
which came last night.

A fine day somewhat Cloudy.

We did not arise quite so early as
usual being Sunday morning.

After breakfast. Voltie goes over to
see his grandmother and after waiting
for a long time for his return to dinner
we ate our dinner without him. After
dinner Maud picks up dishes and clears
away the table and then goes up to Mrs Niles
to practice singing hymns

with Shell. Towards evening Voltie
packs his box and his father, again,
takes him back to Hickory and we are
left alone once more. Maud comes
home just before dark. Shell coming nearly
all the way. Evening visitors Lenardo and
Bobilo (Patterson & Reid). Thawing
nearly all day.

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Monday 10 March 1902

A fine warm morning thawing.

A frosty morning. After breakfast dishes washed, Maud picked over beans.

I'm tired doing without butter, milk or eggs. Our neighbors on every side of us have all three. I cook the last of our beef to keep it from spoiling.

Wells Sr pitching hay & straw in barn all fore noon. I cut out my wrapper.

Maud made an apron. I tore off another sheet and in evening cut carpet rags. Maud reading Vagrant wife.

Sr goes to to bed at 8 pm. Maud and I go at 9 p.m. forgot to say I partly wrote a letter to Mrs Grace and one to box 114 Kingston, Ont & forgot to say Maud went to Mrs Niles for sweet milk. Geo Morgan sale came off to day. Going to sell every thing and go west where Jim & Bernard are. Wall Niles is helping Alex Livingston move.

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Tuesday 11 March 1902

The day commenced very fine but ends up very nasty with rain, dirt and mud every where. Sr goes to foot, drives down on the ice - gone to get some old bob sleigh irons, that Ed R had given Wellie before he moved to New Hampshire; only got the irons off one sleigh the wind had blown the other off on the ice. Rachel here came for M and to go to post office to mail a letter to Will and stays till Mauds return. I send a letter to Grace and one to PO Box 114, Kingston, Ont. Maud washed clothes I washed Volties shirt & all the socks and stockings and put V old pant to soak in tub. Wells goes over to see about the wood and goes to spaffs for hen feed but got none.

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Wednesday 12 March 1902

A dirty nasty morning and rain
cloudy all day but warm for March
door open part of the time. Irene
washed the pants, Maud made
molasses cookies and after dinner I sewed
on my wrapper. Maud got supper
and we wash dishes and the
evening passes quietly away, forgot
to say Wells went over there to see
about the wood and brought home
some vinegar to charge his electric
belt for he has a very lame back.
Maud and I practice hymns on piano.
Evening Maud reading as usual.
Sr in kitchen smoking his pipe.
I cut carpet rags. Grannie says
she knows there is a letter from Will at
the post office if she only could get
it heard wild geese holler honk
honk

Thursday 13th March 1902

A cloudy rainy morning, snow nearly all gone with here and there the remnant of a dirty snow bank. The wind changed this morning from South to North. There are but few people who do not get angry when assailed by the anger of others; They appear to do so from sympathy and allow the sunlight of their good nature to shine forth in all its glory which, will surely disarm your antagonist and shame will take the place of anger
P.M. weather still continues disagreeable.
We bake more beans and Maud and I sew on my wrapper. Wells has gone over there to see about wood, snow falling but disappears as fast as it falls strong wind from the North.

Sunday 14th October 1902

A beautiful day sunlight bright and clear ground bare with a patch of snow here and there and far between. Rachel came over for tobacco and for Wells to draw a load of wood from Spaffs which he done and also cleaned out her cellar drain. She had been to mail a letter and expected one from Wills folks but got none. Inez came bringing Maud a piece of Jean Gordon's wedding cake which Shell had sent Inez, helped Maud wash dishes. I did not sleep much last and am so sleepy. I can scarcely open my eyes. Sent a letter to Muriel and to comfort for art table cover and also sent away for hair restorative for V. I thought I'd take a nap after dinner but couldn't sleep & got up and went to work. A very bright warm sun all day.

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forgot to say I subscribed for Muriel the little magazine called "Comfort". Sr trying to get pitchfork out of the broken handle but rusted in so cant move it. Maud mended herself a pair of stockings. Wells and Albert Joy dont get along very well since he was hurt on the ice boat. Mail. Kingston, Herald, Comfort, Papers from Science College, a letter from Wells Junior, one from Grace and one from "[Hugh Dalton|Hugh]" (Dalton & strange). I sent to Comfort for "Art Table Cover" - a letter to Muriel. Hair Restorer Co, Wells sent 3 letters one to J Gotham, one to Capt Denis and one to Liby Simmons which is 12 cts for postage to day.

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Saturday 15 March 1902

A fine day. Wells drawing manure. Tom Chatterton came down to day from Charlies, rode down with the mail. He brought us two pails of water - and, informed us that Marjories was at Henry's and wants to get down here she been there since the sale at Geo Morgan's. Maud cleaned floors and had every thing shining. I made two pies and one cake and 4 loaves of bread. Wells drove to foot for Voltie, gone long time stoped on way and chopped wood for R & tried all along the road to get hen feed for her but got none

Sunday 16th March 1902

A warm morning, mud every where. Wells went over axe in hand to chop wood. Henry drove in here bringing Marjorie. Voltie and Tom had gone to Franks so no one at home and Henry didn't know where to put his horse for our stalls are full. "5 horses standing in the stable" so Henry said. I sent Maud to tell him to put his horse in the cow stable, which he done. Then after visiting a few minutes with us, he walked off down the shore somewhere and came back at 8 pm. The rain came pouring down and wouldn't take off his overcoat. Voltie went to barn with him and he hitched up and he drove away through the rain in his top buggy through wind and rain. I break the sabath by cooking for Voltie cookies, pies and bread.

Monday 17th March 1902

A dirty windy morning. Wind S.W. Maud and Marjorie washed. Tom reading all day. Wells as usual went over to see about wood "Over there". I write a letter to Grace and in the evening we have visitors. Shell Niles, Wallace Niles, Dave Reid so we have quite a party in the parlor when we include Voltie, Tom, Chattertown, Maude and Marjorie. You understand Voltie did not go to Hickory although he arose early, by his father routing him out and he went off down the shore, valise in hand, and just after dinner he came back and reported no crossing between the foot and Hickory on account of ice have up and jamed in on shore. I gave him dinner and then V and T cleaned the sand out the bottom of Voltie's skiff and Voltie went up to Mrs Niles and bought each (ie V & I) a lb of butter and he gave me 27 cts in change for postage.

Tuesday 18th March 1902

A froze up morning, wind North.

Voltie arose early didnot stop to breakfast but took his hammer hand which he made yesterday and his lb of butter and Tom started to drive him to the foot but went no farther than Snub's, for the roads are so rough and hard frozen. Maud went to post 2 letters one I sent to Grace and one to Pugsley's for book.

Bessie McDonnel came home with her and staid till mail time. The girls had a great visit with Bessie who is quite a "piano player" for never has taken any music lessons. I washed the under garments belonging to our men folks. Evening mail

Whig, American woman, Flower seeds from Briggs Toronto. Marine record, account Book from Dr Pierce Buffalo. Evening visitors Dave Reid, Len Patterson, they occupied the parlor again together with Marian, Maud & Chatterton

There is an organ in the parlor, and your are welcome every evening to Maggies Murphys home.

May Ranous came here for mission money. I gave her 25 cts of V's money. I did not like too, gave it in V name but I'll pay it back again.

Wednesday 19th March 1902

Maud, again slept on the couch last night. I slept with Marjorie while Tom Chat sleeps in our bed room. Wells came from the stable last night just before retiring for the night and brought the joyful news that old muley has a calf. About three O'clock am the dog gave me a call to get up and let him out. I obeyed the summons and after waiting in vain for 1/2 hour for his dogship to come I went back to bed shaking with cold and left him out the rest of the night. A cold morn so cold the water froze in kitchen a fierce heavy wind blowing from the North all day. Chatteron complaining of a headache & couldn't eat much breakfast. Too much cold wind in that glass eye of his yesterday while going up and back from Charleys but he braces up and helps Grandad draw manure all fore noon and now they have ground their axes and gone "Over there" to chop wood. Maud and Marjorie fixes

to chop wood. Maud and Marjorie fixes Tom's bed up stairs and pick over beans. Maud made a sheet & sewed it up wrong. Marjorie picks over raisins for tea.

Thursday 20 March 1902

The weather much warmer. Tom & Sr made saw horses to saw the wood on using cross cut saw. Grandad & Tom saved and split a big pile of wood. Maud cleaned floors PM. Mararet [sic] went visiting over to R. Wells Sr went looking for his old pig all along the road to Jr's old place and back up to Franks where he found her and drove her home. Maud cleaned the ceiling in pantry; it looks fine. Rene made molasses cookies. After supper Maud went over to K's to come home with Marjorie and promised to come home before dark but staid instead. Wallace came down to make an evening visit. After awhile our daughters came home escorted by Leonardo & Bobilo and they stayed in kitchen all evening.

Friday 21 March 1902

A mild day. Tom got headache again this morning but I doctor him with various remedies and he chops more wood & splits. Sent Maud to post office with letter for Pansy seed free then sent her to Niles for buttermilk and to get a dollar changed so I could send for seeds. I sent to Park for vegetable seed. 4 cts for this day's postage; looks like going to rain. We got a lot of work to do this spring. 3 dresses to make, house cleaning to do.

Friday eve 21st March

Maud & Marjorie went to Mrs Niles making an afternoon visit and staying till nearly 11 O'clock pm. There were Len & Nellie Patterson & Bob and Dave Reid and Marjorie. Wells & Tom chopping splitting and sawing wood at the door. Wall and his father went across

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for George but he had not come. Wall brought me a letter from Jen which had been missent to the corners. Evening mail "Stenheim Medical dispensory" a book "Black Bird Hill", "Whig", Herald & 4 medical diaries & two letters for Wells Sr. But no letter from Grace, the one bit of mail which I was looking for. I washed 8 towels and a table napkin

Saturday 22 March 1902

A beautiful bright warm day. The river is nearly covered with great masses of ice which is rapidly melting away beneath the fierce rays of the sun. Wells & Tom chopping & sawing wood. The wood pile is constantly growing larger every minute. Marjorie reading & making cushion. Maud cleaned all the floors, Marjorie polished the lamps. I made bread, cookies, baked beans, got the meals and washed dishes, and washed V's under shirt & two towels and popped a pan full of corn. Wells Sr drove down to foot for Voltie. Evening visitors Shell Niles, Wall Niles, Bob Reid, Dave Reid, Len Patterson & Nellie Patterson are all in the Parlor with Voltie and Marjorie and Maud & Tom Chat. Lenard brought his fiddle.

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Sunday 23rd March 1902

A beautiful day. I set the plants
out this morning on the veranda.
Voltie read "Glengary" and "Robbery
under arms". I washed all the dishes.
Maud & Marjorie go to church and
Tom Chat (Chatterton) goes too. Bob Reid called
here on his way to church and he
and Voltie arranged for -
The girls and Tom came from church.
Voltie & Thomas go over to put R's
bees out, and dinner stands
waiting for them. At last came
back bringing honey in a pan,
we have some for dinner. Three
little events of the day nothing particular
to record only the most common
trivial every day happenings
over
Wish I hadn't got to cook cookies for Voltie and pie too
ought to have done it yesterday.

Irene baked two pies (currant) and another pan of cookies (molasses). Evening visitors Mrs Niles & Inez, Dave Reid & Lennie Patterson. Mrs N stays till nine pm, then she and Inez go home, all our young people in the parlor. Voltie, Marjorie, Maud, Patterson, Reid, & Tom. Will Snub boils sap all day if it is Sunday. Bobolo and Leonardo have appointed their sugar party down to Rob Ranous Wednesday evening I dont believe they will have any for I dont believe they have money enough among them all to buy the sugar. Any way they didn't leave the parlor till Voltie told them to go home for it was bed time.

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Monday 24th March 1902

Clear and bright ground
frozen Wind north. Voltie arose
at 4 am, called Tom to drive
to the foot with him. But grandad
got the start of him and hustled down
stairs, and away to the barn- mad too.
Voltie not pleased with his father
for so doing; but he shoulders
his valise and goes out to the barn
and they drive off, Voltie to be gone
another week. I dont know how
we are to get along with Sr and Tom.
Voltie says he couldnt keep the best
man in the world and Tom only
working for his board at present.
I have breakfast all ready on their

Sr return but I am sure to call
Tom down stairs again before he gets
back or the divil would be to pay.
Well he came raising about "them
d-d tramps and bums", and as
"a soft answer turneth away weath" I
soon quieted him. Well I felt as though
I had been on a spree for a week and
lay down from 10 till 1 am then arose
and had dinner on the table at 12
O'clock sharp. This burning the candle
at both ends is killing. Well Maud
started in after dinner to finish the
pantry, While I go up stairs ransacking
the old papers to the tables so Maud
could finish cleaning and every thing
looking like bedlam when in the
midst of the work and confusion

Shell appeared upon the scene wanting Marjorie & Maud to go with her down to Franks to see the "baby". She said she had called for Nelly P but as she couldn't go she called for our girls - I said Margaret could go but Maud had to finish cleaning the pantry. Shell said "O let Maud go we wont be gone long" I said Maud knows her duty but I shall not refuse to let her go, not thinking she would think of going but they both went with Shella leaving everything looking like trinked. They were gone three hours but Shell didn't see the babies, they were both cutting brush on the 75 acres and their names are Bob and Dave. Shell was disapointed

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and I scolded for running off
when she ought to been home.
Well Keranhapuckame had the
buisness all arranged and planned
for Maud & Margaret to go with her over
to Joy's tomorrow. I vetoed that bill
straight. Lennie was down to borrow
"terbacker". Wells tried to start the
plow but the frost not yet out the
ground. A beautiful sunset but freezing.
I most forgot to say "our hens has broke
loose". Two new laid eggs. We saved
mulleys milk to day for the first time.
Wells chopped wood for R. he said she
had fallen over a piece of old pail hoop and
hurt her knees pretty badly. Tom & Sr
gone to bed at last.
No evening visitors.
Tom brought in a box of dirt for dahlias.

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Tuesday 25th March 1902

Another white frost this morning
a beautiful spring day. I pare
potatoes and get the breakfast going
then mix the bread and set it to rise,
skim milk and make porridge for calf
and carry it to the barn to seethe calf.

Margaret wrote a letter to her mother and
then we have breakfast- Grandpa cross at
the dickens, couldnt finish the soap this
morning. I get the soap and cut a chunk
off the cake soap with my hands all dough
but he washed without it; then he
found a little slop in the calf pail
says he "has to leave it in the stable
or it is always filled with slop"
called Tom, "Ike in bark". He is
always mad if there is a young

man or boy around. He reminds me of an old rooster; he dont want any young cocks around especialy if they are not Bamfords. Rachel came came over for steelyards going to weigh honey. Left her paper and letter for Maud to mail. I gave her three cents. I sent to Lupton for books sent a letter to Grace and all her litterature. I bake bread. I wish T Chatterton would leave the table after meals insted of leaving with both arms on the cloth gossiping and gabbing at Maud and Margy and whistling. Margarat done her own washing and chot a shirt. Maud went to post office and from there to Mrs Niles for a sailor waist pattern. May the Divil take Chatterton. I want to ask a question but must wait till

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T goes out after dinner.

I cut out a dress for Maud.

Maud does the dishes. Marjorie

irons clothes. Sr and Tom

draw straw and manure from

the cellar way and front

of house and then plow. Mrs Niles

began cleaning house.

Sent Maud to Mrs Niles again to

buy butter (one lb). Found Shell preparing

to go up to Wm G Woodmans with

Wal & Geo & Louise, and Bob Reid and

Dave Reid, leaving Maud & Marjorie

and Lennie out. Assessor here just

at sundown "Marjorie feels slighted"

M & M went to post office.

Lennie invited them to the sugar

party and is going to take them in

buggy to the party. Evening mail

A letter from Grace and a letter

from Muriel also received the little table cover from "Comfort". Maud & Marjorie went over to R's to make a little visit for the coast is clear of young men, all gone to Wm G's except Len and he has gone to the foot to invite to the sugar off. After awhile Tom goes too. The girls return about 1/2 past 8 pm accompanied by Tom and here is the best of it. When Dave Reid found out that M & M were going to R's he declined the invitation to go up the island and went to R's instead accompanied by Charlie Woodman who dresses up very fine for the occasion in his best Sunday go to meeting suit. Like any other

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old widower he
wants to flirt and court.
He begins to feel like a
young colt let loose in
the spring time. He has
forgotten how only about
6 months ago he was
bawling so loud about
poor pen you could
hear him half way to
the villiage. Marjorie
has just told me that after
Wall begged the honor of taking
her to the villiage ball on
Easter Monday eve, he asked her to be
released from his promise by telling her
"if she could get any one else to go
with her to the ball, she had better
accept for he (Wallace) may go away.
He went

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Wednesday 26th March

Read the "Comfort".

A hot clear day like June.

Tom plowing. Wells putting a plank platform around the well. I am doing house work getting dinner and helping Maud on her dress and Maud is slower than tar in January.

Marjorie and Maud are fixing for the sugar party. It's nothing but fix and run, fix and run all the time! Marjorie "Oh Dear I'm afraid we cant go" "Charlie wont let Len have the buggy". All the same about 7 pm Lenardo drove up in Charlie's old dog cart and the three pile in some how and away they go to Bob Ranons to the sugar party. I retire about 1/4 to nine pm. Forget to say Wells went a over there too chop wood.

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Thursday 27th March 1902

A fine morning some what cloudy.

Sr builds fire. I call Tom. Margy comes out early (after going to bed at half past one) think her grandpa is going to drive to the villiage and she is very anxious to go home. I venture to ask Sr if he is going up this morning and in a great state of excitement he says "Going up! Going up! Good G-d! Did you think I was going to start at noon without my breakfast" and I answer "Good G-d No! I dont care if you never go, only Margaret wants to go home and he said no more, but went to the barn to cool off. At breakfast he is as pleasant and "chipper" as a humming bird. The cause of his not going is this. Last night he went to Frank's to borrow Franks buggy but Bob

Reid was going to go to the sugar party with it and it would be too late to get it in the morning. Well after awhile the girls set their tongues wagging about the party and I had to listen till I was sick and disgusted. Oh well I'll skip all that details of Charlie Woodmans performance and Leonardo's attention to Margaret and jealousy of Maud.

Len went up to see if Majorie can go up tomorrow with the mail.

Rachel came over with her assessment bill and an order for things. They have her taxed for a hundred acres of land and her age 45. Wells chops wood for them "over there".

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Friday 28 March 1902

looks very much like rain but after dinner Marjy packs her valise and Maud helps her carry it to Mr Woodmans. Len & Maud "dont speak as they pass by". These days Maud has asked Len for her old ring; After Marjorie was done Maud began to tell me about Shell hugging & kissing the Reid boys till I command her to "shut up"! under penalty of not going to another folderal in a year. Guess I'll move out. Maud goes for the mail Whig first & second part Herald & a college science letter. No other letters. Wells went to Frank's for buggy. He is going up tomorrow rain or shine. I think it is about

time for we are nearly all out
of eatables no pork beans, butter
or anything else. Wells goes over
and chops and backs wood for them
"over there". I get every thing ready for
early start tomorrow morning. Dave Reid
going up with Sr. I sewed
on Mauds dress. Wells Sr not
very well nor has he been for a
long time but he never will give
up but slaves right through every
thing. He will come to a halt some
day.

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Saturday 29 March 1902

Didn't sleep much last night
but lay with one eye open, didn't
want to sleep after 4 am, arose at
that hour sharp; it is raining but I
get breakfast and Sr goes to the barn
to feed & harness old Nell and just as
I'm taking up the breakfast for Sr,
a rap at the door and in walks [Dave Reid|D Reid]]
who also eats his breakfast here. Sr has
a very bad cough & cold and Reid
is coughing and I gave them
honey, at last they start off in the
rain. Sr with 3 or 4 over coats on D with
one and an umbrella. I call Tom
he is sick & eats no breakfast & goes
back to bed and sleep all fore noon
a very disagreeable rain nasty day

Thomas gets up to dinner eats hearty does a few chores and goes for Voltie. Maud washes & cleans floors. I finish Mauds dress which is very pretty. Rachel came over for turnips says she is all out of everything eatable; no pork or meat of any kind, no potatoes, no beans but has honey, flour, butter, eggs. I gave her a mess of potatoes and a basket full of turnips and some bread. Said she would kill a hen only mother wont let her. said she "dissent" cause mother would cry". Oh Oh the foolishness and crazyness of it all. Voltie came home first and it is nearly 9 O'clock pm before Sr comes. We had been looking for him a long time and Voltie had hung the lantern on the gate post for it is Egyptian darkness outside 20 times we go to the door and look out

at last he came with bags and bundles and boxes and I have a good hot supper all ready for him and we all have a cozy pleasant time. I dont think he is very well but he got some medicine to day, but he has got it mixed up with to much whiskey. I offered him my dollar Voltie gave me to buy pork which he took, and put another dollar with it and bought it all in pork at 11 cts per lb. Voltie brought home a fish which he caught in net that he had taken down last week - a pike. He caught 4 one for himself one for old Marshal and one for Ed Marshal.

Easter Sunday 30th March 1902

Did not rise very early this morning.

I was the first out and dressed. Voltie

next and he built the fire. next Sr

then Maud, and last Tomas. Windy day

North not very cold. Voltie pottering around

the shop broke the sabbath several times.

Quite a fine day for Easter Sunday I cooked

7 eggs all we had. Maud went

to afternoon service. Preacher took up

a collection for contingent fund. Voltie

dont go back to night. I made him a pie

and bread and cake and after all are

abed I mended 4 pairs of stockings

for Voltie on Sunday evening.

Black cow has a new black calf

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Monday 11 Oclock 30 March 1902

Arose a few minutes before 5 am.

called Voltie out of bed. I hustle to

get his breakfast that he can get on the

road towards the foot. Voltie bustles

around and helps Tom gets out

this time befor Sr and we all ate

breakfast together and away T & V goes

driving ol Jess. Grandpa mad because Tom

didn't tie old Jess tail up. Call him inkinbark,

behind his back though mind you, not

to his face. After breakfast I wash the

dishes Maud washes the kitchen ceiling

with hot water. I sew an old apron

folded several times on the brush of the

old broom (sewed it with twine & sale needle) and

Maud mound on a chair with this weapon and a pail of hot

water 'cleans the ceiling all right for

white washing. I cook beans and bake molasses cookies and have dinner on the table at eleven: Gave tom soda & water & away he goes to the field to plow. By dinner time Maud has white washing nearly done in kitchen. Sr says Tom eats too much meat & too many biscuits. Sr went "over there" to chop wood. Found them eating breakfast. After dinner Tom helps white wash the kitchen the second time. I am sleepy. Mankind likes to see the home and every thing very clean, bright, tidy but our kitchen shelves and windows are a curiosity shop. In cleaning up, this is what is represented. First window. One plug of tobacco, 2 old pipes, and old heel plate, one file, a box of foot ease, a rasp 2 screws, 6 large nails, 8 shingle nails, a pair of spectacles and case, and an old harness buckle and piece of an old leather strap

The shelf back of the kitchen
stove represents – two pairs of
wool mittens, two pair of old buck
skin mittens, three kinds of
almonds, the conservative
platform speech of Mr JP Whiting
K.C. M.P.P., more nails,
straps, bolts, whet stones,
knife sharpener, a box of matches,
an old case for a morchaum
pipe, the wood box has been
spit in till it stinks worse than
a skunk, and the old spittoon
was turned out doors reeking
with poisonous filth. Are
men neat animals? How can
they be when they are a set of
smoking, tobacco, chewing, spitting,
swearing, – Oh Lord is it
sinful these filthy habits and stubs
of burnt matches, tobacco ashes &c &c.
I partly write to Muriel & mix up the spoons.

April 1st Tuesday 1902

March has marched out and
April has stepped in. Not a pleasant
day either; cloudy chilly, a little
snow a little rain and at intervals it
neither rains or snows. Tom finished plowing
towards the road and now after dinner
is plowing behind the hogpen. I finished
Muriel's letter and send them all (Jens, Muriel's, Maud's)
to the post office by Maud. Sr gone
"Over there" to chop wood. Sr says
he knew it would rain this morning when
last night he heard Tom sing and whistle
so loud. Says Tom don't clean
the horses legs clean enough, and don't
clean their manes, and don't clean
out the corners of the horse stable. Maud
cleaned (finished) the kitchen looks
fine. Friday eve mail Whig, Marine Record, Parks
Floral guide, Woman's home Monthly, Templin's
seed Book, 5 sample copies of Vickery's Fireside Visitor
and Templin's pansy seed & Parks vegetable seeds,
a letter from Grace a letter from "Hugh"

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Wednesday 2nd April 1902

A wet chilly morning, Rained
all night, tub running over
and rains this morning with
occasional flurries of snow. Maud
washes clothes. I get the breakfast,
take care of the milk, wash breakfast dishes,
cook beans, look over the flower and
vegetable seeds, and write in the diary.
Wells Sr has a very bad cough, rotten
auld cough: and he had better begin
doctor for it now. He says tom is
a fool - dont know as much as
Charley Gloyd; throws the wood in
the wood box end ways; Never
had any bringing up &c. Tom has
gone some where- Woodman's I guess.
Sr said tom could have found work enough if he

looked for it; hog pen to clean out
and beans to thresh and clean up.
Tom comes back from visiting the Woodmans
just after dinner. Grandpa angry when he
saw Tom coming. "Kenbarks, d-d fool
shure to come back to his meals-if he
had staid home we would have cleaned
out the cellar". Sr fixing (or making)
a grindstone frame this a.m. one
he picked up out the mud & straw, "Over there"
when he was banking the house last fall
says if R knew it she'd raise H-I
though he gave it to Will and all the
hangings a long time ago. So much
profanity is demoralizing to the bearers
it sinks into the soul. They are now
going to clean out the cellar and
then throw coal ashes around the well.
R in trouble again. This time it
is poor Len Patterson. She came over
yesterday saying she had turned

him out. He went there with Bob Reid. Len asked to buy honey & she wouldnt neither sell or give him a taste or smell of honey. She said he "got mad and talked very vulgar. She called very hard names said it was the old Patterson nigger that was in him & said Margy & Maud ought to feel very proud to have the honor of being driven to the party by a nigger coachman. R went over to Bob Reids barn and related her most eloquent speach [sic] which she had made over here against Len & Bob of course, in turn related it all to Leonardo yesterday in Samy's barn in presence of Tom. The boys making game of her all the time te he and laughing. I dont feel very well & go to bed early.

Thursday 3rd of April 1902

No rain this morning. Wind

North ground frozen. Tom plowing.

Wells went "Over there" to chop wood.

Found R mad; she received a letter
from Jen. Last night or one of the children

stating that Aunt "Mary Anne" is coming

out there to stay an indefinite

period of time, which Rachel says

is all a sham a fraud, so they have

an excuse for not coming for

Grandmother and R says she has

taken care of her just as long as

she is going to and furthermore

says she is going to write them the

nastiest letter they ever got and

Wells says I shall not keep her

said he always cared for his own father

and mother and thinks John & Will

should do the same and I dont

know what to do about it. She get

nearly all their living carried from

nearly all their living carried from
here now; flour, kerosine - well
I'll not begin to innumerate or
specify each article the list is
two long. We cook beans again.
Maud irons the clothes. I sow
flower seeds, Japanese Morning glories,
Verbinas, astors, Pansys. R went
to Samy's for a bag of oats came
from there, here. had an egg in
her hand and two apples in her apron.
The egg she had picked up in
the barn yard but at first pretended
she had brought it from home to
buy a yeast cake with. The apples
Aunt Ruth had sent to grandmother.
She blowed around awhile about
Jen & old Mary Anne said she
had just mailed a letter
to Will giving him to plainly understand
she is not going to endure this thing
any longer. I gave her beans, cake,

and yeast cake and flour. Evening
Tom goes up to Sam's and stays
till bedtime.

April 4th Friday 1902.

Forgot to say Sr went Sams barn
for the bag of oats and bagged them over
on his back to Rachels. 4th warmer
this morning. Wind south. Birds
singing in the grove and orchard.
Maud went to Samy's to borrow envelopes.
They had only two which they want
to use. I sent her to Rachel though
surely could get them there for she writes
to Wills folks all the time but she didn't
have one. I never could get any
thing there. After Mauds gallop around
the country for envelopes, I find 2 fine
ones here at home and note paper. No
place like home after all. Tom
plowed this fore noon and then turned
the old team into the stable and
helped Sr dig post holes till dinner.

Friday 4 send to Park for Flower seeds.
time which we had at 1/2 past 11 am.
I ask Tom "what will I get for
dinner and he replies "Any old
thing will do for me this is Friday
dont yer know!! I make a big
pan full of nice biscuits and
he filled his anatomy with them
(and syrup) if any old thing would do.
After dinner he dresses up and goes
to Woodmans and rides up with
the mail- going to the dance at the
village dont yer know. In vain
we look and watch for Voltie. Maud
beginning to fear he may not come
at all. I try to reassure her of the certainty
of his coming. At last Sr goes out
to the stable and hitches up old
Bess ready to start for Voltie when behold

we saw him coming away down
by Frank's gate. I hurry around
and get supper and after a lot of
fixing and fussing they get started
at last, driving old Nell hitched to the
dog cart and so ends the day.
Wells went for the mail Whig, a
letter from Mr Watson to Maud
& a lot of pictures he sent her - daubs,
Herald, a letter from Grace
and a lot of trash from Vickery's
Fire Side Visitor.

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Saturday 5 April 1902

A hard working day for me.

Didn't mop floors, but am very tired when night comes. Tom came just as I had dishes washed ready to drop down into a chair a few minutes to rest my weary old self, but had to get an extra meal for him, but didnt feel like clearing away the dishes but Tom scrabbled them up some Wells waited up a long time for Voltie and Maud & at last went to bed.

They came about 1/2 past nine having stoped at Charlies. Maud cold and tired. I started to carry the lantern to the barn for Voltie but met him coming for it, and after he came in, he & Maud had to eat and at last we get settled and come to roost.

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Sunday 6 April 1902

We dont arise very early this morning
and I dont feel much like work
but weary and troubled with a kidney
trouble pretty bad, but dont tell any
one. but I work around all day. I
am obliged too. I make pie and
cake for Voltie and he has two
loves [sic] of bread. V varnished his
skiff and put her in the water
going to row to Hickory to night.
The weather looks like a bad storm
dark clouds all around the horizon.
V starts just at sunset & after we
have had our supper Tom going with him to
the river to help him put the skiff in the water.
Len came down just stuck his head in and
went too. Tom came dodging back for his
coat and away he runs again to the river where
Len is waiting for him and they go down to
Reanons' Geo and stay till 11 pm. Forgot to
say Maud goes to church wears her new
dress.

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Monday 7 April 1902

This is monday but I dont feel
much like washing but manage
to help get the meals. I ought to
wash the old overalls but dont.
In the evening Shell and Inez
are here then came Bob Reid and
I was much surprized to see
Voltie come in and Len P close
behind him. Voltie brought two
big pike and my new books
(Greens history of England 4 volumes)
and a new level and other things
which he had sent to Sears & Roebuck
for. he changed his every day
wearing apparel and went into the parlor
where Shell, Inez, Bob & Maud were, Len and Tom
were in the kitchen. Tom soon went home.

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Tuesday 8 April 1902

A terrible day and all last night it rained. Voltie went away early in the skiff went to Hickory. I arose 10 minutes to 5 am and got breakfast for all, and Voltie started away before the wind began to rise only he had a light head wind to row against till he reached his destination but before noon the wind increased to a gale from the North and howls all day; towards night the rain begins to fall and continues all night. Rachel here for Wells to make her fence - 20 rods were fence. I gave her things no matter what. Tom goes to post office brings the mail and then goes bacak and stays out in Samy's barn till 10 pm. Mail Whig, Good Litterature, Park Magazine & lot of advertising trash. I send again to Park for more seeds which makes the third time this spring. I sent Maud to post letter.

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Wednesday 9 April 1902

A terrible wind blowing from the North cold, chilly, cloudy and dreary. Wells and Tom clean out the cellar with water from the well this forenoon. I got dinner at 1/2 past 11 am. We churn for the first time with the dosher 1 PM. Wells goes "over there" to chop wood. Tom plowing in the field. Maud reading. I go fast asleep in chair by the stove. I made a cream drop cakes. Tom in evening reading last days of Pompei till after all are in bed. At last I hear him carefully going up stairs softly closing he chamber door after himself.

Thursday 10 April 1902

Arose at 1/2 past 4 and hustled
around as if I was sent for.

Sr is gone to Kingston went up
on the boat. It is her first trip to
this dock this Spring. I called Tom
out & Maud. I send Grace's Valise
and a little piece of butter. I
dont know how she will like it for
it has not been worked over. Tom
drove to the dock with Sr then came back
milked the cows, fed the calves, brought two
pails of water and is now plowing. Maud
is taking up the dining room carpet
after she went down and got some juniper
for me. As I am writing this, R comes
for tobacco and tells a great story of
privation and want. Her cow not
coming in, hens lays and egg a day,
no bread, no flour, no meat, no butter,
no "terbackle", no beans. She has got
No 'pertaters', no milk, no buttermilk

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3 big cards of honey, some vinegar
some horse radish. I gave her buttermilk,
tobacco, butter, 6 potatoes from our
few, all the cold meat, and all the
cold potatoes (a dish full) said she had
a few turnips which she carried from here
last Tuesday and Grandmother is crying
because she had no tobacco and &c.
I am going to send Maud over there
with some flour this afternoon. says
Wills folks dont write any more and
she dont understand why. I
think "the why" is on account of her
impertinent letter she sent a week or
more ago. Tom not doing much
to day only loafing around- going
to take an easy time now the

"bass" is gone. Along towards night he begins to hustle to get ready for the dock. It seems an interminable length of time before the come-pitch dark and I send Maud out with the lantern. Soon Sr comes hugging in a great box of groceries which he deposits on the table. Said he called at Rachels and left them a plug of tobacco 10 cts. I told him "they would want some thing more than terbacker to chow" He said he did not care a dam. Well I said 'Come along to your super' so he and Tom 'sat'. He said Bob Reid and Dick Irvine are mad- both of them, mad as the devil. I asked, What for? He

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said because George Border
had come from the west
and brought a nose on his
face bigger than either
one of theirs. After supper he
smokes and tells yarns. Maud & I
wash dishes. Tom sits up reading
till I drive him off to bed.
Forgot to say Maud took up the dining
room carpet and mopped the floors
all through.

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Friday 11 April 1902

A very fine day,

warm, steam & vapor arising from the plowed ground. Sr says tom didn't do two hours work yesterday and didnt tie up the surley cow's calf last night and it sucked the cow dry.

Wells & Tom are building fence up "forninst' Uncle Sam's. Mary Woodman has just gone past, drove down- I dont know whether to Rachels or Alvira's.

I sent a letter to Park, one to Wells Jr.

Maud sent a letter to her father.

Wells sent one to Pelo for irons of some kind which was sent down from Borbits and left in Kingston.

Junior and Tom building wire fence.

I made a bed and sowed lettuce set out geraniums & a rose bush & washed some cloths.

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Thursday 2nd April 1902

ginger, mustard, 1 yeast cake,
6 bars comfort soap,
1 bottle vanilla, 1 cake chocolate,
pens, needles, 2 darning needles,
whiting, 1 gal floor paint,
6 lbs oat meal, 1 pt turpentine,
1 bottle sprain cure, Almonds,
rivets, washers, whiffle tongues,
tobaco, soda, grass seeds,
clover seed, pea seed, beet seed,
turnip seed, beans seed,
three varieties horse shoeing,
horse keeping, boat fare,
paid a horse keeping debt 15 cts,
1 box note paper

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Sunday 13th April 1902

Monday 14th April 1902

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Monday 14th April

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Tuesday 15 April 1902

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Wednesday 16 April 1902

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Thursday 17th April 1902

This morning looked very much like rain and did rain a little.

Arose at 4 O'clock, so sleepy could scarcely stand but had to get them started on the road to Kingston. Clouds cleared away at 10 am. The sun shines clear all day. Dinner ready by eleven O'clock, call Tom after dinner, put up a lunch for Grandmother who is "over there" all alone all day, and send it over by Tom, sent bread, butter, fried potatoes, chicken pot pie, with gravy, cake, crackers & cheese. Worked hard all pm and so tired can scarcely walk but skimmed milk, wash pans, boil potatoes, make custard & cake, set table and have every thing

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on the table when they come
bringing groceries, flower pot with
geranium in bloom, varnish and
wall paper, cloth, pocket purse &
corsetts, ribbons, candy. Wells says he
is going away 15 days- going with
Captain Griffin on the Mom Eagle.

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Friday 18 April 1902

Set a turkey to day or a
hen on turkey eggs 10 eggs.

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Saturday 19 April 1902

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Sunday 20 April 1902

Rained in morning but cleared up. Maud goes to church. The minister comes home with her to dinner. The Rev Mr Wheatley. We have a big roasted fish for dinner, a pike which Voltie had kept on ice for the occasion. So we called it the preachers fish. Voltie caught & brought it up from Hickory last Wednesday evening. After his Rev is gone I churn so Voltie can have butter for himself on Hickory. Tom went over the river in V's skiff - went over to Quinn Beadles visiting. John Niles his hired man here in the eve. Maud went to Mr Niles and staid till 1/2 past 9 pm. V went after dinner to chop wood for R. Tom sits up till 10 pm writing to, I dont know.

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Monday 21 April 1902

A cloudy, chilly morning
sprinkles of rain on door stops
and ground. Maud took up
the small sitting room carpet and
then began washing. I washed
dishes and got dinner. Tom working
in field. Wish the onion seed
was sowed. hope I'll get
our flower seeds tomorrow
evening. I wash all the under clothes
and put Chatterton's old black
shirt to soak in a tub of water.
Tom again sits up till after bed
time to write a letter to Marjorie.
cold and Windy all day rains quite
hard towards eve. Tom set rain barrel

Tuesday 22 April 1902

A fine morning warmer Wind S.

I write and send a letter to Kate Knapp.

I dont send the letter Tom

wrote to Marjorie. I am afraid

to let Maud mail the letter for

there is row enough going on now

at Charlie's over so insignificant

a person, even as poor tom

for Charlie is afraid tom is after

his girls and if Charley should

get the mail and the letter should

fall into Charlie's hands he never

would rest contented till he knew

the contents of the letter and who

it was from and then there would

be another row in the family

for Charley is quite sure

attention to his daughters is an injury

and a damage to them therefore

I have retained the letter.

till I see Bell when I
will put in her hands. I ought
to have written to Belle inclosing
the letter to her and I will do
so at once though I will not get
an oppertunity of sending it till
Friday. I finish washing - wash
toms old shirt & socks, shirts for V,
& Sr, a pair of pants for V.
Maud after supper goes early to the
post office. tom carries brush for
the bed he sowed at noon. Tom
sowed onion, radish, parsnip, beets
seed an a space of ground about
8 feet long and two feet wide
soed them nearly all in one hole.
No seeds come from Park yet.
We get the Whig & another bundle
of old "Vickery Fire side Visitor" (the
Fire side Visitor is most to frequent
these days" & Wmans farm journal,
Shell & Inez & Bob Reid here.

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Len didnt come. Had to
drive Tom off to bed again. sat
up read read and then
have to call him every morning.
Tom and M dont very well agree.
Maud met with a serious though
laughable accident just after
her return from the post office
which is not tellable here.

Wednesday 23rd April 1902

Looks like a fine warm morning.

Wind S. thought I'd go over to Rachels but clouded up and began to rain so concluded to stay home it soon cleared up thought once more I'd go "over there" but while I am preparing to go the wind began to rise and continues to gather force till at last it is a howling gale of wind from the SW and cold as March and I stay home and work all day at your house work. Maud washed her blue skirt and three petticoats and done a big ironing and so the day passes on till evening. No visitors to night. Tommy

sits up reading till after
we all go to bed. Thought
I wouldnt drive him off
this time. Soon after I
go to bed I hear him
tramping around in the
pantry I suppose he is
after canadian herb pills for
he takes them on the sly
every oppertunity. Sylvia and
Sammy came for Charlies gobbler.
Maud went to help them drive him home
but he wont drive but started for Franks.

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Thursday 24 April 1902

Some what milder
than yesterday but cold
yet. Wind SW. I made
the discovery of tomasses
night prowling. He snoops
into the cupboard and ate
all the pie & all the cheese
and two big pieces of
cake and then took pills
as he has done several
times before. He eats like
a hog at table and then
stuffs himself by stealth
and he is very cold too.
He wears wool under
shirt and drawers heavy
over shirt, a sweater, and

two overcoats and a pair
of mittens while working in
the field. all this time
Rachel was here to day
wants buttermilk, linnament,
butter, and wants her
fence fixed right off.
Says Shell Niles is the
silliest fool- dont know
anything says Shell calls
Old Mary Farr "Aunt Mary".
Mr Niles, last Thursday
gave Rachel a bag of potatoes
took her to the dock and
back home again. Went
to Richardsons as security
for her for seed oats and
yet to R he is old John Niles
and his family are fools.
She says Shell is silly -dont know any thing
says he calls old Mary Farr Aunt and

told her father, coming over on the waggon that she had churned that afternoon, though I cant see what there is silly or flat about churning or speaking about it. If it is I am silly and flat nearly every other day. Well tommy has left us because he couldnt cudgel the poor old mares all he wanted to. Sr heard the blows away down by the river, where he ws building fence, and came where tom was pulverizing and took the cudgels away from him, all broken and twisted and told tom to put the horses in the stable and go hoe strawberry vines but instead of doing so he came to the house and changed his apparel and has cleared out some where. I saw him go off up the road walking as fast as if he was kicked behind. Maud and I get supper, wash the dishes, do all the chores and go to bed. So good night.

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Friday 25 April 1902

Arise at 6 am. No tom here to call out of bed this morning. Sr working in field all day with horses, cloudy & chilly in pm. I sow all the sweet pear and begin to get supper when Maud comes back from Mrs Niles where she has been to carry some poppy seed and exchange gladiola bulbs. Mrs Niles sent me a bowl of sourkraut which Mrs Maloney had sent some over today to Mrs Niles and I cooked it for supper. Maud went for the mail. Whig, Herald, a package of flower seed from Park, and a whole floral outfit, a letter from Grace, and a letter from Mr Watson. Charlie said he gave the letter I sent Belle directly into her own hands which is well and very kind of Charley and a favor which I appreciate.

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26 April Saturday 1902

Wind South not very cool but
rained quite hard in the night.

After breakfast I hoe a few strawberry
plants wouldnt stay out to hoe any
more for the ground is damp and I
have on slippers. It soon begins to

Thunder and rain begins to pour
at intervals, the wind rising to
a gale shifting to the west and
growing colder. Whew how the wind
howls. Poor Bob and George & Wallace.

I hope they are safe in harbor to day.

Tis a terrible to be a sailor and Sr
is going away next 8 day of May.

I made cake and currant pie for
Voltie but he will not come home to
night. I heard tom is at Morgans

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We set a turkey yesterday on 15 eggs
and this pm Sr said the turkey
is off her nest.

Sunday 27 April 1902

Voltie came home at 10 am popped
in unexpectedly; he walked up from foot
having left his boat in Will Gillespies
boat house. T Chot came in with V.
Grandpa just came in from "Over there"
where he has been as usual to chop
wood. He and Tommy dont speak.
I dont feel very well. I go to sleep
while writing and make long black marks
on the page. Maud went up to help Shell
sweep the Church before service and after
dinner, and the dishes are washed, goes to
church. Tom after shaving and fixing himself
up very fine, plastering his hair down
to make it lay smooth and twisting and
turning around to see how he looks
behind, goes to church to get a ride
up with Mr Wheatley our preacher.

Voltie made himself a carpenter
apron (having worn out the old one).
Bob Reid here all evening. I
go to bed and leave them all sitting
there laughing & te he ing at last I
tell Maud to pare the potatoes and
go to bed which she does and soon
all is quiet and I sleep till morning.
Monday morning 27th April 1902
When I got up 1/2 past 4
& get breakfast and make cakes for
V. & pack in his valise with two
loaves of bread, pie, butter, cakes, potatoes,
&c and he starts out with the valise
swung over his back on an axe handle
that Sr had made for Bill McFaden
intending to walk to the foot; but his
father heads him off out near the
barn and tells him to mount into
the dog cart and he will drive him
to the foot. Sr had been out to the
stable and hitched up on the sly.

Well Maud is in a terrible way about starting off for subseribord [sic] for Parks Magazine, flower and vegetable seeds. I begin to think Maud was born for canvassing buisness [sic] for she has a gift or tendancy that way, always wants to get out on the road with books or newspapers or something and now it is flower seeds. I said go right along. The day is fine, do as well as you possibly can but dont let the sun go down on you before you return, and away she has gone down the island. Sr is plowing here by the house, plowing & swearing, I know he kept from swearing as long as he could, but old Jess mare dont want to plow. Maud helped churn before she started out on her mission, swept, made beds and helped wash dishes. While I was washing the churn I glanced out the window and

saw a tall black object coming
up the road which proved to be
Rachel bringing a pail and some
newspapers she had borrowed & a currant
bush. She wanted butter, buttermilk,
kerosine and any thing else she
could get. Poor old Rachel she
looks like the but end of hard times
and she appears to be just what she
is hard up and broken down,
not a decent shoe to her foot
or a decent garment of any kind
to wear, only one old cow that
is going to come in some time
she chasses and runs after ducks
but I think she is happy why not
I wish she had all the fire wood she needs

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27 May Tuesday 1902

Just one month ago this day since I last wrote in this book called diary and we are, thanks to God all well.

Grace came home the first of May bringing Reginald, and went home again the 22nd of May. Johny came to see us the 18th of May stayed only a few hours and then went back down to Geo Gillespies to cross the river with Ed Bates.

John came across with Ed and Dora in the morning. We only had 16 Plymouth rock eggs to give him. Will and Charley came over 11th May on a very fine day they could stay only a few hours. Bell & Beatrice were here the same day for a few hours and Rachel came over too.

We bought a milk and cream separator the 9 of May Listes and Spoor brought and set it up the evening of the ninth. Voltie

came home the same evening
for which I was very glad.
I gave them their supper.
It was a very cold day and
evening. May has been a very
cold month with few
exceptional day. I know we
arose the next morning, the 10 of May
to find everything froze up hard
all vegetation as stiff as an iron bar,
ice an inch & half thick on tubs
and barrels froze all along the
shore. The 25 & 26th of May were
beautiful days, warm and sunny.
The fruit trees trees are all in bloom now
but the weather has changed again
and it is colder, dark wind clouds
from the S.W. Sr has this month
built a chicken coop we have 9
small turkeys and more hatching.
We are milking 4 cows. Bob Reid

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worked for Voltie and V paid
Bob a dollar and ,50 cts for strawing
the potato ground and Sr has to dig
down among the straw to find a
hole to drop a hill for potatoes.
I am trying to see how much butter
I can make each week by this seperator.
Evening mail brought us Whig,
Marine Record, a letter from Belle,
a letter from Johny, and a letter
from Mauds Aunt Amanda. It is
raining at night fall evening. I
read a story to Maud and Wells
from Barce's monthly. Wells seperated
the milk this morning and evening

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Wednesday 28th May 1902

Maud slept with me last night.

It was too cold and chilly to go up stairs. The day is cold, almost enough to snow and drizzling rain all day.

Wells Sr after doing the chores, plants potatoes all day in the straw.

He says Voltie ought to hire one more d-d fool and then quit hiring for that would be three times and out. I churn, bake bread, cook beans, drop cakes & johnny cake, sow Parks star flower seed. The cat had knocked off the box of sowed ornamental pepper seed. We gathered it up and found only two sprouted. I planted them over and sowed more seed and transplanted a few more plants. Evening read to Sr & Maud

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This is
start with
Sat 9th
Dates are
confused but
write exactly as is

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Thursday 29th May 1902

A day of wind from S.W.

Whew! how it blows. Sr planting.

I get breakfast and wash all the
breakfast dishes and Seperator
complete, made a pie for dinner
and washed a few things, ie

V's underclothing, 2 dresses for me
and an apron for. I planted one

big hill of Japanese Navy
sent to Sears and Roebuck for
a sample book of wall paper
last Friday 23rd of May 1902.

Suppose I have got to churn

Spose I have to write to John.

Sr planting all day. Potatoes, corn
and "pumpkin" seed. Maud ironing
churned all right. Evening read in
Winner to Maud and Sr

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Friday 30th May 1902

The weather fine again. Sun warm and bightly shining. Wind hushed and gone to sleep. Got a terrible pain in my back but have got to work all the same doctored it with R.R.R. and Van Horns linament bathed in hot water and finaly tied a big long wool stocking around my back and went to work. I wrote 4 letters this morning. Johny, Belle, Dr ConnellDentist, and Charley Woodman requesting him to take the Universal self instructor to Belle allright I made a corn meal baked pud for dinner.

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26 June Thursday 1902

It began raining last night at 6 pm
and rained all night. barrel and
can full of water this morning. Got Maud
out early to go to market. Wells said
he would only put the bovines in the
barn and milk when he returned from
the dock! instead! he carried the pails
to the stable, milked all the cows,
seperated the milk, ate breakfast, caught
the horse and I a hustling around
all the time to get them started
at last! they get under way only
to get as far as the hill. When behold
the boat was just starting out front
the dock and so Sr turned about
and sent Maud with the butter
all the way to Marysville to go to
Kingston. And Oh such a day!
Wind! Ye howling huricanes
and gales! blowing all day
with a clear sky after 8 am

this has been a terrible
month for wind and rain
if we get one day of quiet summer
like old fashioned [sic] peacefulness
and bright warm sunlight,
we think it a great treat
but the meadows and pastures
are abundant and luxurious
and potatoes and most
everything gives great promise
of a bountiful harvest.

Dear Maud I wonder how will
she get over to the city and
back again to day, she had
28 lbs of butter yesterday. There
was a picknic on Henrys Hallidays point.
Maud went with the old
mare and buggy taking Ethel &
Lottie Dixon with her and did
not return till 9 pm evening
while Rachel came over wanting for

them to return. The wind blew
all day yesterday but not nearly
so hard as to day. yesterday pm
I rolled the churn out on the veranda
and churned there. Maud has
returned; went and came by way of Hallidays.
I have not written in this
diary in a long time. This is
the 16th day of Aug 1902 and
the last written was June 26th, 1902.
Many an event has transpired
since that time. I invited
Watson to stay away and not
make his annual visit for which
he launched out into a terrible rage
frenzied with anger. MaudsAunt Maude
has made us a two weeks visit &
gone back again to Shannonville.
Little Dick Patterson was drowned.
Pete Patterson came up and

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carried Nellie home with him
to Vermont.

Dick was drowned the 7 of
Aug 1902 through Frank Woodmans
carelessness.

Aug 14th

Maud and Amanda

went to Kingston this morning.

Maud going to Market with 28 lbs
butter and Amanda going home.

I am expecting Mrs Brooks by
this evening's boat and we have
made great preparations to
receive her. Grace stays another
week to help me entertain her
But she didn't come and I
sincerely hope she never will.

Voltie is binding oats & Sr is
setting up bundles nearly all day.

I churn out on veranda

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Friday 15th 1902

A day of peaceful
blessedness; no visitors. To keep
breakfast hot for, while they snooze
in bed till 8 pm. V binding
oats, Sr setting up bundles. I
churn in cellar. Evening mail
Whig, Herald and a letter from
Mrs Brooks excusing herself for
not coming Thursday evening.
Wants to come in Sept and
bring Brooks, a gun & fishing
tackle. What a happy event that
would be - for them. but I
object as I am under no obligation
to her, or Brooks, who I have never
seen. I shall inform Mrs Brooks
that we dont receive any more
company this summer or autumn
and then she will be angry
like Watson.

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Saturday 16 Aug 1902

A very good day but cool.

I churned in cellar butter cool and could be made in a roll all right. Voltie finished binding and V & Sr set up all the oats in pm. In am they finished drawing the wheat and stacked it behind the barn.

A shower but not long. Maud cleaned all the floor. Grace saved for Maud and helped get the meals. After seperating milk & supper Voltie drove over to Spaffords for the old black pig - returned at 9 pm. I'm so sleepy and go to bed early. Reginald helped me dig potatoes for dinner.

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1902 Done

1906 Remains

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Sunday 17th of Aug 1902

A cool cloudy morning. Voltie,
after breakfast and seperating,
gathered in the fish net in the pm
a lot of dead fish and one cat
fish which he threw away, together
with all the dead ones. Voltie goes
in buggy to Belles accompanied by
Maud and carrying them a sample
of his apples and potatoes. Sr brought in
one cucumber from our vines this
morning. There has been no rain
to amount to any thing since
two weeks ago this day (Sunday).
4 years later to 1906

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Tuesday 23rd of January 1906

This morning very warm, no snow
not a flake to be seen any where,
no ice in the river, wind blowing
half gale from South. gulls flying in from
the lake. V helped get breakfast and
after breakfast went over to Daily's
to chop and saw wood. Kent coming
across from his place to help V. Maud
washed some things. I made or
prepared mince meat. Maud and
I churned. I dont think we will
churn again till the cows come in
or separate any more milk.
Raining hard. V came home through
the rain clothes wet. V went for the mail
gone longer under the circumstances that I
should think he would. Dignams want to
buy Spaff place but Spaff wife want sign off

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The reason V didnt return earlier
the mail had not arrived. Not much
mail these days. Dispatch Agneautist,
Letter for Maud from Rena James
and a postal from New Thought.

Maud and I sent 4 letters this
morning; one to Nellie Brooks,
one to Comfort soap, one
Maud sent for a ring and one
for a pin neither one of them
good for any thing. Sr plowed
to day only 3 eggs to day.

Wednesday 24 of January 1906

Colder this morning but very
quiet, sun bright and clear,
no snow nor ice yet.

V after breakfast took his
axe and dinner basket and
away he goes over to Dailys to
chop & saw wood two miles he
has to walk. Kent helps him

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while Maud & I were washing the breakfast dishes, Arthur and Marjorie came. Old Green Farr brought them across and Art gave him \$2,50 on demand; after dinner Sr let Art have the bay and milk wagon to drive up to Charlies. V came home after dinner while Kent went up to Phinkess's Mrs Niles came down and brought her Knit quilt to show me. Well I have done very little work this day but visit. We thought we heard the whistle of the ferry boat at our dock. Voltie goes over to investigate and finds the boat at the dock, a fine star lit night.

Thursday 25 of January
froze a little last night but
the sun shining warm and clear
Voltie gone up on the steam boat

To Kingston with a grist
of hog feed. The sky is so clear there
is not a cloud to be seen; not
any churning to do, no separator
to wash. Our new teacher going
to leave; to lonesome away off
down here; she is an old maid and
has the "rheumatism". She thought
(if she staid) here she would board
at Barry's but when she went
to see about boarding there, but after
seeing Mrs Berry and looking her over,
she concluded she didn't like the
looks of her, and was more anxious
than ever to get away. V said Mrs Barry
resembles the cartoon of an
old Jew woman, Sr said she looks
like a Poleax. It has been a long
time since I have seen her. She was
not remarkably handsome then
beside they watered their milk and

and skinned it and had to
pay 70 dollars for doing so
and taking them and their wrong
doings alltogether, they are not
very popular.

Friday 26 January 1906

A beautiful day sunlight clear
froze a little; a white frost ground
all bare, river all open, no ice
only a thin scale along the shore.

Voltie gone over to Dailys to
chop wood. Kent helping.

I'm troubled this morning with
cold feet and rheumatism
and drowsiness. We are to
have a new teacher a Mr. Whitmarsh
from the villiage. Evening mail
Herald, a book from Comfort,
a letter from Grace.

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The powerful solvent properties of distilled water are well known.

Hence to sum up:- the most rational modes of keeping physical decay or deterioration at bay and thus retarding thus retarding [sic] the approach of old age are avoiding all foods rich in the Earth salts using much fruit especially juicy rum cooked apples and by taking daily two or three tumblers of distilled water.

Nothing causes old age and wrinkles so rapidly as lack of exercise properly balanced: that is the strain on one set of muscles being relieved by the use of others to balance. This causes exhaustion and the tired condition that follows to keep the bones full of rich fluid and healthy, must exercise daily.

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March 4th 1902

Posted 3 letters 6 cts
from our dock to Kingston
with a grist of hog feed.

Ruth Wolcott here for bee
smoker. I patch V's pants and
cut quilt blocks for Maud

Saturday 27

A beautiful day warm
sun shining cleary. Wind South.
but light. Margaret and Arthur
came accompanied by Irene and
CharlesSr, Charley goes to Niles
for their boat and putting up sail
they all embark for the other shore
landing at Sand Bay. Charley goes up
to call on Uncle Jim Gloyd and

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found the poor old man walking
or hobbling around on two crutches
for support. he wants R to come
over and keep home for him.

Charley came back and ate dinner
with us. Voltie and Kent chopping
wood in Daily's woods. Kent here
to supper & carried home on his back
a peck of beans. I made molasses
cookies, two mince pies, baked beans
and boiled a piece of beef. Irene
went home with Margaret.

Sunday 28 January 1906

A warm still day cloudy and looks
like rain. Quarterly meeting a great
turnout. Rev Cornell assisting
Rev Moore House. Maud gone to
church. We expected the new teacher
Mr Whitmarsh but he didn't come.
Inez came down for a little visit
growing a little colder.

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Monday 29 January 1906

Froze last night quite hard,
heavy frost on the windows. Thermometer
down to zero. Sun clear and bright
no snow, river steaming a little.

Maud made doughnuts and
baked beans. River lightly skinned
across with thin ice. V & Sr draw
a load of wood from Daily's
and then draw, after dinner, hay from
stack to put in the barn.

Maud baked apples. I piece on
quilt and write letters.

Evening passes pleasant by reading &c.
The wind blowing fierceley from
South.

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Tuesday 30 January 1906

Wind blowing a gale all night
from South, the water roaring and
dashing on shore. morning cloudy
& looks like a storm. Wind South.
Dont storm but a dreary dismal day.
Voltie went to Dailys woods to split
wood. Sr carried for me three letters
to post one for Grace, one Gladys,
one Parkleys & Dingman and from
the post office went over to Daily's
Woods and cut a load of wood.

No snow, no rain, no ice
but dreary, cloudy and dismal.
Voltie came late. Said Whitmarsh
came down with Kent. Dispatch,
Kingston News, 3 Park's floral magazines,
New thought, a letter from W.F. Watson.
Maud received a letter from Huffman

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Wednesday 31 January 1906

Awoke this morning to find it raining a nasty day wind south. V gone to Woodmans to help them butcher, came home to dinner and after dinner chopped the heads off 16 fat chickens which we scalded and picked for market, then I put up the eggs, wrote out the order for groceries.

Mr Whitmarsh our new school teacher came to board an unofensive looking young man, wearing a fur lined coat and a broken nose; his name is Fred, he appears to be quite intelligent &c. After supper Voltie drove to dock with grist came back and ate supper

then he and Maud prepared themselves for OBriens dance which they attended, walking there accompanied by Whitmarsh. Sr goes to bed and I proceed to sit up as long as I have a mind to which is nearly 10 pm and had and was just going to get into bed when V came back with McDonell & Kelly for cider. the trio going into cellar, drinking to their souls content and carrying away a gallon to refresh themselves at the dance. Next morning another couple came for more cider & V sold them a dollars worth. They returned from the dance at 10 minutes to 3 O'clock am. They, V, W & Maud lay down for 1 hour then we all arose and prepared every thing for market chickens, eggs &c Sr and V drove

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to the dock expecting to find the offenders
there but after waiting in barn for
the appearance of the boat every neighbour
returned to their home. Voltie taking his
poultry in Chad Woodmans wagon
with Chad's hogs and drove to
the village and from there went
aboard the boat to Kingston,
stay in town one hour,
come home at 7 p.m. brought pickled
olives and peanuts, sugar, soap,
sundries. Evening practice writing
by the trio spencerian method
Friday 2nd Feb 1906
16 deg bellow zero this morning
which is a sudden change from
warm to cold; river streaming like
a cauldron; if the bear sees his
shadow to day twill be on bare
ground. The sun shining clear.
V walked axe in hand to

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Daly's wood to split wood.

We cook beans, bake apples,
make drop cakes &c

Voltie came home in time for supper
but was tired and didnt go for
the mail.

February 3rd Saturday 1906

After breakfast Voltie goes for the
mail. A letter from Muriel &

Herald & North Western Agriculturist.

Then after doing a few chores takes
his dinner basket and axe and walks
over to Daily wood to split and cord
stove wood; working all alone, wind
blowing and begins to storm snow,
river frozen clear across. Maud cleans
floors, made pies (apple), polished the
kitchen stove. Sr chores around. Whitmarsh
reads & whistles. Nearly 4 pm I wish
V would come home at last
he comes, tired after splitting

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he comes, tired after splitting
rock elm all day.

Sunday 4 Feb 1906

Dont get up quite so early
this morning. Weather colder
a miserable dreary day. Wind
blowing a gale from the South East
all day, cloudy. We all read most
of the time, growing colder
towards night and so passes
the day. Only four out to church
to day, no preacher, river frozen over.

Monday 5th Feb 1906

Colder this morning 16 deg
below zero but clear. Our men drove
to Dailys for a load of wood
sled length. I picked over a
peck of beans. Evening V and

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Whitmarsh goes to Obriens
conclude the school business in
regard to hiring the Teacher.
The teacher brings home a catalog
of the school library which proves
to be only childrens story books
including a few of Coopers & Dickens &c
Tuesday 6 February 1906
A clear cold morning 18 below zero.
They think the ice is good for a
man to walk across to the U.S.A.
At 1/2 past 10 am Voltie walked across
to Quinn's drawing the kerosine can on
hand sled, returned at half past 4
pm with kerosine, oil, a coat for Sr, tobacco,
a pair of shirts for himself and
a lb of coffee. The teacher brought
us a book from the library "The
last of the Mocachins by Cooper.
V ate dinner with Horace Dodge

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Wednesday 7 February 1906

A clear cold day. Voltie & Sr hitched up after V ate a lunch and drove over to R's intending to drive back on her place for a load for R, but instead Sr chopped up some old fallen apple tree limbs enough to last a day or more, and Voltie walked over to Daily's woods where he remained all day splitting and cording wood. he returned at night fall tired and hungry. Evening time after tea Maud & Whitmarsh go to call on neighbor Niles family but finding the door locked and no one at home, they soon return and Voltie helps me wash dishes & we read, pare potatoes for breakfast [illegible] for bread.

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Thursday 8th February 1906

Not quite so cold this morning and though the sun is shining the atmosphere is misty. V took his dinner and axe again this morning and gone away to Daily's woods. Maud is washing and I, club in hand am trying to get dinner and make a batch of cookies but is terrible hard work my left hip and leg is very painful every step I walk and I'm afraid I'll never be any better of it. Whitmarsh has gone to his school. I suppose he met with a great disapointment last night when he looked in the commode and couldn't find his "pot". I wonder if he thinks we are going to empty thundermugs after him? when he hired his board here that was not included in the bargain.

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Tuesday 25 Feb 1902

Voltie went to City brought home

5 lbs sugar

1 qt whiskey, poor stuff

1 pk onions beautiful red

1 box of note paper

1 doz fish - herring

11 lbs fat pork and gave me three for shortning

2 cans of syrup, gave me one

1 lb soda

& 5 lbs rolled oats

6 bars of comfort soap

1 Bottle of black ink

Voltie bought none paper and envelops

4 volumes Greens History of England

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Friday 27 of Feb 1902

Wells went to Kingston

& bought cheese & a load of lumber

2 lbs figs

Irene 6 lemons

Irene 5 lbs rice

1 pins

Irene Radway's R.R.

a peck of beans

a coal shaker

10 cts with 10 comfort trade marks

Tuesday 4th March - 6 gallons Kerosine

Wednesday 5th - 2 gallons of syrup

6 towels

6 lbs currants

1 box sodas

1/2 bush beans

1 broom

30 cts

6 March Thursday

another cady of tea 29 lbs

from George H Darling, Landsdowne

March 9th 2 bags of potatoes

from J Niles.

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March 29th Wells Sr bought

18 1/2 lbs pork - Irene paid for half

10 sugar

1 lb ginger

1 lb soda

1 box yeast cakes

1 yd of elastic

1/2 bush beans - V paid for half

3 lb whiting

5 lb rolled oats

1 box soda biscuits

2 lb cheese

April 9th 2 bags of potatoes from Niles

April 10th 12 lbs rolled oats

20 lbs sugar

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Thursday 17 April 1902

pork \$1,00

2 lbs cheese

5 lbs currants

3 lbs lard

47 cts 5 rolls wall paper & 12 yd bordering

1 box Iron tonic pills 25

1 pair corsetts 50

1 yd black ribbon 12

candy 10

Flower geranium 20

Purse 20

Puff comb 15

2 1/4 yds muslin .30

1 letter .02

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2 jew beddlars [sic] and Louis Larrish
and Jerry Hunt came wanting to
stay all night but dont keep any
such gentleman, two great
louts Hunt & Larish been to Cape Vincent
to a ball on an ice boat,
got left here by a lull in wind.
They carried a load of strong drink
aboard their anatomy which
spoke for itself

Friday 9th February 1906

14 above zero this morning.
cloudy looks like storm of some
kind. sent Nelly a post card.
Grace a letter. Maud sent to comfort
for a ring. I sent Wells Jr two
papers "Agriculturist &

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the jews staid to Sam's. Wells
sold them old iron which came
to \$1,15, he gave the money to
me. Dont know where Hunt &
Larrish went & dont care. Voltie
gone again this morning for chop,
split and cord. Sr drawing wood
sled length. Voltie came a little
earlier than usual. Geo Rattray & his
father & Kent went over river drawing
our sled. Kent & Geo gone for oil.
Mail a letter from Grace, one from
Gladys, Herald, a magazine called
Madam. I sent Grace a letter.
Maud sent one to Rena James
and Toronto for a ring.
Saturday 10 February 1906
Arose early that Whitmarsh can go
up with Jack Niles. He goes.
We bake and cook all forenoon.
A very good pleasant day

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towards night Bob came
down with Jack Niles. We sat
up late, visited and read.

Sunday 11th February 1906

A pleasant day. Mr Rattray
called here on his way from
over the river; he been to Rob Percy's
visiting. He staid till church
time. The preacher here to dinner
the Rev Moorehouse a fine
man. Whitmarsh returned. Frank Woodman
came too. Voltie engaged
a passage for Rachel across the river
with Frank. Frank drove
across from the U.S.A. in buggy
and drove back in buggy.
R met Frank down by Frank's
old place and went across with him
in buggy. Voltie down on ice watching

then while they go over the ice is cracked badly. Well I'm glad R is safely over the river. She has not been here in over a month. She went home one evening after she had come over to stay all night pretending she was mad at Maud when Maud had not given her any cause for the smallest offense no not any cause whatever. Well I dont care! She is only punishing herself.

Monday 12 February 1906

A fine day. Voltie & Bob walks over the ice to Gloyds to pay Rachel for her old candy cupboard, that she has sold the school section for a school library and "also to pay the tax on Lindys for land & school tax. They return in time for dinner. Whitmarsh does not make a start for school very early he had better be careful.

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or OBrien and Barry will
be watching. After dinner Voltie
and I dress 17 chickens for market.
Robert weighs each one as soon
as it is picked. Evening V, R, &
Whitmarsh go to OBriens to play
cards & have an evening visit.
They return at 10 pm and go
immediately to bed. Maud mixed
the bread before retiring. Maud slept with
me.

Tuesdday 18 February 1906

The most beautiful day of
all the winter, like a spring day in
April. We arise early and tie the
chickens necks and get everything ready
for market. I send 8 1/2 doz eggs which
V sold for 20cts per doz at Hendersons

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Robert goes home too. I am sorry to see him go. Robert is a good boy. Wells Sr hitches up and drives over for Rachels canned tomatoes and puts them in our cellar to keep them from freezing 9 or less. V comes home quite early, ate dinner with Bob & Grace. V went for the mail but not much, two little books from soap factory and Dispatch etc
Wednesday February 14 1906
The weather this morning is changed from Spring to February winter snowing and blowing. Whitmarsh buttoned close his fur lined coat and turned up the collar and away to the school house he went. V at home tinkering in the shop all day. Sr sitting by the stove nearly all reading Dispatch and now they are out milking and doing the chores and the storm is

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raging and blowing heavy from
the North.

Thursday 15 Feb 1906

A light snow on ground this
morning; a clear day. Voltie at
home tinkering in shop and pm
partly shoveled the saw dust out of
ice house. Wells Sr again complained
of shortness of breath. Irene fixes
Sr coat sleeves and pieces on
quilt & makes two punkin pies,
washes dishes etc. Maud works
around the house makes beds &
sweeps. Samy & Ruth here for
Voltie to help bush out a road
across the ice. Voltie helped the
Woodmans over, but bushed no
road. Jack Niles here in pm
wanting V to go to Geo Niles to play.
V wouldnt go but staid home and read
the [?] in Shelly.

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Friday 16 February 1906

A beautiful day. 8 deg above zero in early morning. Whitmarsh in kitchen whistling something I dont know what it is. There is no time to it only a noise; He is an incessant whistler. I wish he would stop his noise for that blow mouth of his is anoying. V cleaned ice am and pm cut 30 cakes of ice finished reading the Cenci in Shelly. Grandad sat around the stove most of the time jawing and reading the almanac. He dont like Whitmarsh's bugle call. I sort beans and wash dishes &c. Frank H drove over again on wheels; he going to fiddle for the dance at St Lawrence to night Chad Woodman going to the dance sent a letter to Muriel. Evening mail, Herald, a letter for Maud from Irene and a ring

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Saturday 17 February 1906

A warm cloudy morning 20 deg above zero, Wind South & looks like rain. Whitmarsh up dressed and whistling. Grandad up dressed in the kitchen swearing very low about that "d-d whistling fool" Whitmarsh puts himself inside his fur lined over coat and goes down on the ice where V & Jack Niles are getting out to fill the ice house and awaits his oppertunity to catch a ride with some one enrout for the villiage and soon hops on Will Gillespie's conveyance and goes off up to the villiage. Jack N here to dinner. Maud makes doughnuts and I fry. They got the ice all in before dinner. 30 big cake

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We read till bed time. Voltie
reading Shelley. A beautiful star
lit night. Alice Roosevelt married to Tony Easter
Sunday 18 day of Feb 1906

A warm cloudy morning looks A
like snow or rain. Sr drives over
to see Dordane. Quinn Beadles hired man comes
over visiting; big burley Milton Woodard
here to dinner and brags about himself.
He has now gone to church he went
before Maud did. Sr has just returned
and says Dordane will not live long
and that Horace has had another
shock. Snows some I write a long
letter to Grace.

Monday 19 February 1906

A cloudy warm morning snowed some
in the night. Wells goes across the ice
comes home at 5 pm says Dordane died
at 2 this pm. Eddy Bates here and
drank cider in the cellar. V

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gave him 2 bottles of catchup
tomatoes. Evening Inez came there
The Dignums, Mary, Tom, Lance D &
Sadie Murray they stay till midnight.
Warm and thawing
Voltie shod the brown horse.
Tuesday 20 February 1906
A warm cloudy morning,
we arose early. Sr gone to Kingston.
I send a letter to Grace. Maud sends
one to Irene. Voltie helping Niles
fill ice house. Teacher gone to school.
Maud & I alone. Maud cleans floors.
Voltie came home at noon to do the
chores. Two men drove in here to
inquire the way across the ice to U.S.A.
Maud dont feel very well. I cook beans
and pare potatoes. Sr came early
couldnt get a dentist to fix his teeth.
Belle & Charley went to town, drove ahead
of Sr, saw Bob and gave him the
letter.

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Wednesday 21st February 1906

Awoke this morning to find the rain falling, ground bare. V and his father started to walk across to Dordane's funeral. Sr with creepers on. V had to turn back and get his skates for he couldn't stand up so much sand and water. Maud & I here alone piecing quilts. Maud gets us a lunch a good cup of coffee etc. V came in time for his dinner. Sr came later and had had his dinner at Vans. The weather clears up a little after dinner.

Thursday 22nd Feb 1906

A beautiful day; sun brilliantly warm 30 deg above zero, ground bare of snow. It froze a little last night. Voltie takes hand sled and skates across to River view for Kerosine 6 gallons after dinner. Maud goes

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skating Eddy Bates comes
across on skates and Dora too.
Eddie here drinking cider evening
time. VoltieMaud & Whitmarsh
walk over to Dignams for
an evening visit came home
at 2 pm ice roaring and
cracking all night.
Friday 23 February 1906
froze again last night, a
white frost. day clear and
frosty. We pick the last of our
chickens to day 10.30 am
the chicks are picked ready for
market. Mrs & Mr Daily have
been here. Daily gave Voltie money
to pay in the bank at Kingston
and left a barrel for V to fix.
They going to make maple sugar.
Voltie gave her a drink of
cider. Sr thinks the rats will
not trouble or destroy.

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Voltie 6 lbs up to date

while Whitmarsh is here for he is more noisy than a gobbler or a guinea fowl. George Obrien gone to River View on skates this morn.

Volta goes to OBriens to inquire if he is going to drive the North shore tomorrow; if he is Voltie wants to accompany him for our side (South) has proved unsound for driving on ice, and out there is strength in numbers they, with Geo Rattray will try the expedition together. The verdict is, if there is hard freezing, they will drive up on ice if not they take the road on wheels. Old man in a pucker about Whitmarsh; noise & wants to know if F.W. is going to send up for new records.

I'm quite sure Sr's old records will never be worn out while he lives le for fault finding. Oh I wish he would go visiting for week somewhere.

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Saturday Feb 24th 1906

Arose at 5 am. Maud & Voltie
got breakfast. I tied the chickens
necks poor things, running around
yesterday small and plump with
all their feathers on, and now bare
and in the market basket with their
yellow legs sticking up, well tis the
last Voltie has going, drove away up
the Island on wheels. Barometer 60 deg above
zero in the shade, sun pouring down
its fiery brilliancy on the ice,
ground bare, crows holding
council meeting in the cedars.
Whitmarsh exchanged a cap for a
hat and accompanied by the
dog and two cats has leisurely
sauntered off down the shore &
grandad Sr has gone to roost
sunning himself on the

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