

February, 1931

17 Tuesday Fair with east wind and snowflurries. U. in Henry Ath. The gathering up today at 6.

18 Wedne with snow. U. in Noah's bro Mrs. & Mrs. Earl Mrs. Nevert w

19 Thursd all day. Saw. Vernon took a new home in i

20 Friday Not very cold. this afternoon.

21 Saturd Walter went to Mrs. Hammond

Mitten Thrift: Another bit of thrift I really must pass along, especially as many of the neighbors will be busy getting missionary bales ready for remote Indian reserves and isolated home mission fields. The only use I knew for coarse woollen sock legs—the machine-knit kind that do not pay for refooting—was to rub boots or something of that sort. After a "tip" from a friend at a quilting bee, I made two pairs of very good mitts. It took little more than ten minutes to cut them round just above the worn part of the heel, make a straight slit in the leg for the thumb, cut the thumb from the upper part of the foot, and sew the thumb in place by hand with coarse thread, when the other seams had been done on the machine. As I try them on, I can see how useful they might be even for washday, worn over an old pair of gloves, or for small son to wear over a better pair at snowbaking time. I am quite sure some old Indian woman will be glad of them to add to whatever else she may have when she goes down to the waterhole at the lake, when it is 40 below zero! The guid mon slyly says he will need to keep a close watch over his favorite socks after this! A bit of an old silk stocking lining the hand part would be a further wind-breaker. It is only a few years since I received from a good French-Canadian friend the idea of making children's mitts out of the legs of cashmere stockings, cutting two shapes for each hand and crocheting them together round the wrists, the seams of the lining shape turned neatly in. That, I thought, was very clever, but I should never have thought of using the store socks that way but for my thrifty friends. Not

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