

Wednesday December 8th

Got rather a late start this morning and had to take the cream to the corner so didn't get much but chose some before dinner. Spent the afternoon lagging flour in the new chicken pen and have it about half done. Just as early as we are all going to town to-morrow to help unpack more books and want to get an early start so we all were towards getting ready to night. I have a lot on with 'May' but I can be ready & start by 8 o'clock. I caught all the chickens that were roosting around in the barn & old shed to night and shut them up in the old chicken pen. Charlie Butler & Cory came in before I finished with a couple they had borrowed to horse chop and they stayed till about 11 o'clock. Fine day & mild.

Thursday December 9th

I got up about 5 this morning and hit a pretty steady clip doing chores till six when I had breakfast with 'May'. The kids for once all being asleep. I then milked the cows out and put them in again. Changed my clothes and had Juan at the gate just on the stroke of 8. 'May' wasn't ready for another half hour but we got a good shot never the less and were down

town by nine. much to Auntie and Aunt Alice's surprise and consternation as they are always blaming us for being so behind hand. I took Juan over to see but the shop was full and although I tried twice I couldn't get her in till 2 o'clock but did counted her turn when she first came in so I was able to get her soon after 4. Dad came down to Auntie and he Quint and I got in three or four more cases of books from the barn and all hands helped unpack them & Aunt Alice stowed most of them in the new book case that Quint made. A great many were put back in the boxes and put in 'May's' room. They were mostly Parliamentary debates and books written in French, Latin or Greek. It is a wonderful collection and is a feast for the eyes just to look at them on the shelves; the bindings are so beautiful. 'May' got an order for some show card for me from Hall so I had to go up town just before we came home and got a Bristol board. We got home about dark. Fine day & mild. Dad gave me certificates for 10 shares preferred & 10 shares common of Hamilton Dairy stock to-day worth \$11.50.

Friday December 10th

I spent the day except for doing chores lagging flour