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[on the side] Bess read [/on the side]  
March . April . May 1900



#### 4

Hurrah For Old New England

Date 1900 R 900

This is our own, our native home though poor & rough  
the be

The home of of many a noble soul The birthplace of  
the free

We'll love her rocks and rivers Till death our quick blood  
chills. Hurrah For old new England And her cloud cappt  
granite hills

Cho Hurrah for old new England

and her cloud cappt granite hills, Hurrah for old  
New England and her cloud cappt granite hills

Shall not the land Th'o poor she be That gave a Webster  
birth

With pride step forth and take her place With the  
mightiest of the Earth

Then for his sake whose lofty fame our fartherest boundaries  
fills

We'll shout for old New England and her cloud cappel grante  
hills Chorus

They Fell us of our freezing chine our hard and rugged  
soft

which hardly half repay us for Our spring time care and  
toil

yet ~~yet~~ merry ~~gaily~~ sings the merry boy. As his homestead farm  
the tills

Hurrah for old New England and her cloud cappt  
granite hills. Chorus

Over

5

Others may seek the western chime They say tis passing  
fair. That suny are its laughing skies and soft its balmy  
air

We'll linger round our child hoods home Till age our warm  
blood chills

Till we die in old New England and sleep beneath her hills

Chorus Hurrah for old new England and her cloud  
cappet granite hills, Hurrah for Old New England  
and her cloud capped granite hills.

. shoes

running

shoes fixing, 50

25

V sent 5 dollars Arthurs coat 1,25

shirt 50

40

stockings 25

cap

Elastic, 10

braces 10

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\$2,60

Paint 3 qrt cans at, 85 cts \$ 0,95

5 Wall paper ,25

2 curtains. 70

24 yds bordering 48

calsomine 20

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\$5,18

,50

Fare for Maud & Grace

**6**

Come Over The moonlit Sea

Oh come o'er the moonlit sea The waves are brightly  
glowing

The winds have sunk to rest And the tide is  
gently flowing

My bark is on the bay and it only waits for  
me

Its silken sails will throw Their shadows over  
the sea

All is still save The echoing song or the distant  
boatman rowing

Though bright may beam the moon Moonlit waves  
are more en-dearmy [sic] (second time) tide is gently  
flwoing. My bark is on the Bay

And it only waits for me

Its silken sails will thro their shadows  
oer the sea

7

We sold 4 doz eggs to Keys before V went sailing?

Thursday 26 April 1900

8 lbs butter at ,16 cents per pound \$1,28

2 1/2 doz eggs 2 98 \_ ,28

Thursday 3rd May 6 lbs butter -16 ,96

3 dozen eggs 11 ,33

Thursday 10 May 8 lbs butter at 18 cts per lb \$1,44

Thursday 17 May 7 lbs butter 18 cts \$1,26

Thursday 31st May ,, 18 lbs at 18 cts #3,24

Thursday 14th June 21 lbs at 19 cts 3,99

cheese money 15 June \$2,40

" " 30th June \$4,48

" " 15th July \$4,16

" " 31st " \$4,23

" " 13 Aug \$3,00

[crossed-out] butt [/crossed-out] ,, [crossed-out] 20 [/crossed-out] cheese money \$2,00

butter money 12 lbs at 25 per lb \$3,00

8

Thursday 26 April -00

5 sugar 20 8

1 soda cow brand 5

2 sunlight Soap 10

Whiting 5

pepper 5

Black thread 5

paid freight an bags 52

& boat fare 25

7 for lunch

5 for car fare

1,28 pens 3 c. butter. 1.28

96

1,44 pootaqe 2 c eggs 28

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1.56

1,26 carter 5c = total \$1.49

3,24 7. balance

3 99

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\$12,17 butter Thursday 2nd May 00

\$11 04 onions

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23,21 25 lbs Flour

9

[sideways]

3 [music notes] [music notes] [music notes]

8 [music notes] [music notes] [music notes] 7

**10**

May 2nd 00 25 lbs Flour 50

" " Onion setts 20

Paid 11 cts for Grace lost letter at the Soo

May 10 5 sugar .25

yest ,5

Oatmeal ,10

currant ,25

two pairs stocking '25

Elastic 1,0

Note paper 10

Soap 1.0

bananas 1.5

Candies 10

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six cents to Arthur \$1,45

6

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\$1,51

Sold old iron to the amount of 6,00 dollars

half of which wellie took for his share

Grace brought home to me \$1,15 cts

and I have a two dollar order

and V sent \$5.00 order

11

Half lb tea 13

5 brown sugar 20

5 rice 25

2 lbs granulated sug 10

2 bars soap 10

[crossed-out] 10 [/crossed-out] 6 lemons 10

bottle extract 10

5 pak garden seeds 25

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12 3

5 letter 10

—

\$1,33

Thursday 31st May 00

25 lbs Flour ,50

brown sugar 20

granulated 25

Sodas biscuits 25

oranges 6 lemons 6 23

soap 10

summer savory seed ,05

1/4 lb ved 13

baking soda 05

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1,76

28 May paid Niles 60 cts for potatoes

" " Mrs Niles 20 " " butter

--

,80 paid

## 12

[music notes]

seethee sun how we love to see thee when the day is done

1 How we love to golden evening

2 be it ours thus brightly virtue's course to run ours to sleep oo sweetly all our labor done

3 Thus we wish in childhood. While we gaze or theo, wish our heavenly pathway like thine  
own may bee

[music notes]

crochet hook and cotton .13

Arthur shirt cloth .15

Overall cloth ,23

Note paper 05

for me Slippers me an old things cant wear them ,50

2 spools Thread 10

street car fare and bananas 08

postage on letter 02

potatoe, from Niles 30

paid Arthur 03

--

1,49

176

--

3,25

**13**

24 May two boat fares ,50

Grand stand ,10

tee cream ,30

--

,90

brought home \$1,08

—

\$1,98

Thursday 14th June flour ,50

5 sugar ,25

yeast cakes ,05

note paper .10

oat meal .10

soap .10

coffee 20

tea 13

paid Jen: ,10

matches 13

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1,66

by Will Dixon from the Cape box sodas .20

" " " cakes ,12

Thursday 21st June cheese ,25

baking powder ,15

5 sugar granulated 30

sent to Park for flower seed ,25

14

Thursday 25 June -00 Sent to Kingston  
by Grace my \$10 dollar order for things for  
we Could'nt get the chees check that day

wash Tub & board ,95

10 lbs granulated sugar ,50

1/2 tea ,15

25 lbs flour 50

nutmegs ,03

ginger 05

soap 10

corn meal ,15

potatoes ,25

twine 05

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freight on potatoes 5 cts 2,73

05

—

2,78

15

for maud

6 yds dress cloth at 14 ... ,84

5 yds cotton at 8 cts... ,40

corsets ... ,50

1 1/2 ribbon ... ,18

buckle ... ,25

paper pins ... 03

spool white thread ... 06

boat fare ... 25

—

for dress yoke ... 07

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[crossed-out] 2 45 [/crossed-out]

fixing Arthurs shoe ... 25

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2,83

for groceries ... 2,78

paying for order ... 03

express Order for Loranto ... 2,75

postage ... 04

—

\$8,43

18 July borrowed \$2,00 of Voltie

for sugar and fruit cans

10,00

8 43

—

1,57

16

Bought with cheese money

Thursday July 5 1900

sugar granulated white. \$1 one dollar

oat meal. ,10 cts

Brown sugar 25

mailing two letters ,04

Boat fare ,25

one Straw hat ,15

Potatoes 25

—

2,04

\$1,63

Thursday 12 July 1900 cakes and a loaf of bread 10

25 lbs Flour ,55

Starch ,04

soap ,10

yeast cakes ,05

oat meal ,10

note paper ,10

Boat fare 25

mailing 2 letter ,04

3 lbs [~~lakon~~] [~~bacon~~] ,30

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[~~1,53~~] [~~crossed out~~]

[~~13 cents due Voltie~~] [~~written sideways~~]

17

Bought butter of Mrs Niles  
Valties  
Two lbs at 25 cts per lb ,50  
money  
another lb butter Valties ,25  
Thursday July 19th 1900  
paid thompson ,90  
25 lbs Flour ,50  
1/2 cloth lemons ,13  
sugar 1,50  
soda biscuits ,16  
2 lbs cheese 25  
3 " bacon 30  
2 lard 20  
toilet soap 10  
1 lamp chimney 08  
rolled oats 10  
table cloth 88  
towels 15  
fruit cans 80  
Boat fare 25  
—  
stocking 6,30  
13 stockings  
—  
mail one letter 6,43  
2 letter  
—  
one bar soap 6,45  
5 soap  
—  
tea 15 6,50  
15 tea  
—

18

6,65

4 15

3 29

—

,87

Thursday 2nd August 1900

Syrup ,15

Flour ,55

Soda ,05

4 1/2 porpk at 10 per lb ,45

1/2 tea ,15

2 lard .20

rolled oats ,10

2 bunches onions ,10

Soda biscuits 16

lemons 13

soap 10

white thread ,05

arthur 1,50 envelopes ,05

,16

-- pens ,05

0

ink 05

1,66 Mauds purse 10

Maud cash 25

1/2 doz pans ,60

—

3,29

**19**

Aug 9th 3 bars soap 15  
1 box yeast 5  
1 lb tea 30  
5 brown sug 25  
box cornstarch ,10  
1/2 doz lemons 13  
bough 25 lb flour & lost it, grocer covered half 28  
1 lb cheese. 13  
Voties money for groceries

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\$1,39

28th Aug 25 lbs flour ,55

-- 3 lbs lard ,30

5 brown sug ,25

" granulated ,30

4 heads cabbage ,10

baking powder ,10

corn beef ,50

onions ,10

tea ,15

letter paper ,05

market basket ,15

soap ,15

—

\$2,70

balan on picture ,32 cents

—

\$3,02

\$1,39 303

—

\$5,41

,4 mail 2 letters

going to V on groceries \$5,00

[on the left side]

10

10

50

30

5

15

—

1,20 [/on the left side]



**20**

[on the top left]

4 55

4 23

—

32

16

35

—

5 c

[/on the top left]

[on the top right]

150

120

—

2,70

,16 cts

[/on the top right]

[main part]

V's money bought

2 lbs muton—

1 bottle Fowlers Extract wild strawbey ,35

Lent Wellie \$3,00 dollars which was afterwards  
turned on threshing for Voltie excepting ,50

Paid Dr Buchanan \$3,50

Volties money

paid for John's pitchers 4,55

Thirty two cents of this money belongs to Volty

Mauds glasses V's money \$2,50

Thursday 20th Sept -1900

mustard seed ,05

teakettle cover ,10

chillies ,05

cauliflower ,05

onions ,08

corks ,08

tumeric ,05

skirt pattern ,05

4 gallon crock ,55

—

my cheese money \$2 dollars \$1,08

mailing two letters ,04

—

\$1,12

[sideways]

5 soap ,10

10 sugar ,60

baking soda 05

fruit cans 47

Allspice 05

—

mustard 1,32

—

\$1,72 owing Thompson \$1,42

M Roches tonic \$1,00

[/sideways]

**21**

Voltie ssent \$5.00

lost found " " " \$13,50 cts [strikethrough] lost [/strikethrough] found

" " \$12.00

" " 15.75

9 " " \$16,00

" " \$21,84

" " \$21,50

5.59 \$7,00

\$23.00

\$10.00

\$17 00

\$14 00

\$10 00

—

18 6,09

186.59

**22**

Paid out Volties money sent home

39 35 23 39 10

35 25 17 25

— — — —

4 14 40 35

paid Wells Jr \$5 dollars. Two of this was cow money  
for Arthur 3,50 \$14 00

milk can 1,40 2 50 Mauds glasses

—

11,50 balance

Phillips for bells and hoes 2,57

Mrs Jimy for Turkeys 1,50

[indecipherable] just marked out the mistake

June 00

Thursday 28 Paid Geo Seas[sic] on acct \$15 dollars. cow money

" " Vincent Ockley & sous [sic] on acct \$5 dollars cow money

Thursday

July 5th Paid to McCrossie \$15,75 on note

July 12 finished paying McRossie, & took note

Aug 2nd Arthurs boots \$1,50

shirt cloth ,16

Aug 50 dollars to Kirk Patrick & Rog

Rashbun company \$1,64

For threshing \$2,50

cider barrel \$1,50

paid Rube \$5,25

paid Mills \$10,00

[written sideways] 101,01

105,59

101,01

—

4,58

3 00

—

\$ 1,58 I cant account for [written sideways]

[written sideways]

3

3 50

1,40

3,00

1,40

2,57

—

6,97  
3,50  
—  
10,47  
1 50  
—  
11,07  
3  
—  
12.00  
3 Wells  
3,50 arthur  
1.40 milk can  
2,57 Phillips  
1,50 Turkeys  
15,75 McRossie  
1,66 Arthur  
52,84 at home  
13,50 lost  
1,69 Galloher  
1 50 McRae  
2 10 bollor to Mcrossie  
[/sideways]

**23**

Wednesday

Monday 28th February 1900

The weather looks very favorable for a storm Wells Sr drives To Kingston in cutter accompanied by Dordane who goes as far as Bells To visit for The day. Wells Jr drives To Kingston with sleigh- gone To mill.

Voltie with axe in hand walks away across The ice to Dodges woods to chop wood carrying his dinner. The snow begins falling about Ten O'clock and continues Thicker and faster 'Till The we cannot see The other shore Will Charley and George Piller runs acrosss with the ice boat for Voltie and come home just before dark. Wells & Dane arrive in a little while after Saying "Wells has gone home long before them and also bring The news That Robert and grace are at Henry Halliday's Wells Sr brings sugar cheese soda biscuits buckwheat flour &e The night sets in stormy and dark

[on the side] [[Wells|Wells Sr]]  
 says nothing  
 like this storm  
 since old Joy  
 died 80  
 years ago  
 Dont suppose  
 Will has much wood. [/on the side]  
 Thursday 1 March 1900  
 The stormiest day of all The winter  
 Snowing and blowing from the N.E.  
 Bob and Grace at Henry Halliday's; been  
 there. since Tuesday. Not much wood in  
 wood box and Too story to stand out and  
 saw wood to day. Maud is polishing lamp  
 chimneys. Wells reading Whig, Voltie reading  
 Thelma. Dordana rocking. Arthur twisting  
 a string around The back of a chair. Whew!  
 how the wind blows and snow flies- cant see the  
 barn and scarcely see the l wood pile. P.M:  
 storm increases To a gale — a blizzard snow  
 in great pyramids and drifts every where  
 Voltie has great difficulty in wading Through  
 the drifted snow to the river for water. and  
 has to work his way into the pasture and  
 around by the back gate. Our west door  
 snows up and East door froze up and  
 piled with snow inside the Kitchen.

Friday 2nd March 1900

This morning the wind hushed and gone To rest but the snow still continues falling and snows at intervals nearby all day The great heaps and drifts of snow are tremendous. Last night Dordane doctored her eyes with potato poultice and they are not much better; her eyes are so red and sore They are just awful- am afraid she will soon be blind Irene washed a few Things Maud cleaned floors. Rene made four pies baked beans The men only done the chores. Voltie shoveled away the snow that the cattle and horses could go to the river to drink. Wells Sr nearly lost his temper over The coal scuttle because he has to fill it. Poor old man! Will Ges Pillar & Charley here This evening with the violin which Will plays accompanied by Voltie on The piano while the young fry play old maid with cards Arthur while playing cards whistles, sings drums with his fingers on the table, nods, shakes and tosses his head from side to side, grins and twists his face into all sorts of grimaces- showing off - I told him to stop but he would'nt I'd like to slap his face.

26

Saturday 3rd March 1900

A brilliant sun shining upon The dazzling  
whiteness of snow. Wind S. W. not cold  
Will and Geo Pillar walked to J Niles to  
get passage for George to Kingston carrying  
Geo's luggage between Them and in a short time  
after came lugging it back again and both got  
stuck in snow and fell down. Several Teams  
out breaking roads, horses falling down and floundering  
in the snow. Wellie's, Morgan's, Joy's, Rube's Woodmans  
teams all out After going home. Will came back &  
walked across to River View on snow shoes for groceries  
Irene does more washing Maud cleaned floor's  
Towards night Wellie drove up for his aunt Dane  
Cloudy in the West; two sun dogs I very  
tired. Maud & Arthur wash dishes. Valtie finishes  
Thelma. I eat a lunch, and retire to sleep the  
sleep of peace and conTenTment  
Good Night

27

Saturday 4 March 1900

Awoke this morning To find the sky  
over cast and snow falling thick and fast. Wind S.W.  
and not very cold Wind changed To North & then south  
Except Bob and Grace home to day if the roads are  
passable. Mr Spofford Joy and Geo Rattray drove  
across the river and while coming from the church  
to the river both horses fell down in the snow and  
Geo & Spaff shoveled them out. Voltie reading Oceans  
Storry No mail for any of this family not even a news  
paper- Whig or Herald. and W S has only  
the "horse doctor" book to read after dinner I  
slept and dazed in The rocking Chair  
Ought to write to Nelly more than Two weeks  
since received a letter from her. Began writing  
to Nelly. Don't know when I'll finish.  
No Visitors to day only our own solitary family

**28**

Monday 5th March 1900.

A very good winter day. but cold on hands and feet Maude makes all beds sweeps and afternoon commences washing. I cook and wash dishes. when To the door drives Henry bringing Bob Grace Marjorie & Berry Gibson. Shell & Inez came earlier. After stopping awhile. Henry home again taking Bessie and Marjorie with him. Shell wouldnt wait and go up with Henry but preferred walking up with Inez a circle around The sun which indicates a storm I go to bed at nine O'clock and sleep the sleep of the just Voltie and Bob sit up later reading

**29**

Tuesday 6

cook until thick

Best water [sic] while cooking

**30**

cucumber pickle

eo c cc

~~Wednesday 7~~ ~~7~~

slice 2 quart cucumber

2 " onions

2 " green tomatoes

1 large cauliflower

put together in with

Brien[sic] & stand over night

cook up in Brien & drain

in colander take 3 quart

uinged cup flour

1/2 poud mustard

too cups sugar

2 teaspoon turmic

use a little v inegar

to mix then stir together

with real wincer[sic]

**31**

Sunday April 15 1900

A very fine day Voltie discovers the Niles driving home and goes up there and soon returns with his package of new blue clothes his watching uniform which upon opening the parcel he is disappointed to find no buttons and the button holes are set to far back and concludes to take them back to the taylor fix over Then V goes up to James O'brien to Team if he will pasture our young calves or 2 year olds- Could'nt- and goes from there to George Morgans and neither can he pasture our young cattle so V proceeds to George Morgan Senior's where he partakes of an Easter Supper of ham & eggs and bottle ale cake ted & e & e I wait up for him  
[upside down at the bottom] Friday 9 [/upside down]

**32**

Saturday morning 14 April 1900

Awake this morning to find Wells Junior  
gone from home I am sorry but he had  
to go

April 1900

Good Friday 13th Arose this morning before 4 am

Got breakfast for Wells Voltie and Harry Card

Wells and Voltie load in the trunk and they drove  
away through the misty morning around the church-  
corner they go Well its is not like going  
to South Aftrica

~~]~~ Saturday ~~[~~ Monday 16 April 1900

Voltie plows the garden covers the well north  
plank & opens the cellar way works around  
all day till Towards night then bob Reid  
brings his mare here and they drive to the village  
with V's buggy and harness V taking his  
navy blue suit back to Howland for the button  
holes are made in the wrong place V & R. R.  
going to the Easter Monday Ball at the village  
Wallace went and took Shell with him to  
the Ball Wellie plowed here to day

Tuesday 17 April 1900

Arthur built the fire. Wellie plowed with gang plow which does good work. No more sap trees stopped running. I finish writing to Johny and mail the letter Then write for Shelly Maud goes to Niles' to exchange white thread for black Shella came down gave her the said letter, Maud and shell go to the post office only the Whig. beginning to rain paitiently looking and watching out the window for Voltie to come down with Rube and Mary a dark rainy evening. All the house hold retire but myself and I am thinking of going when in walks Voltie encumbered with a basket of groceries two hoes a roll of wall paper for Eveline and others sundries like two or three pair of shoes and &e Ten lb sugar and a pound of tea a paper to tomato & a paper of cabbage seed a letter for Maud 2 for Grace 1 for me Bob writes for V to come and immediately so he is going to start for Buffolo imosront[sic]

**35**

Wednesday 18 April 1900

A clear morning after the rain of last night. Voltie after picking up and packing his trunk has gone to Kingston to board the train for Buffalo tomorrow Wellie drove to the ferry with Voltie Wallace came down to see Voltie off. A long time Voltie will be gone if we all live. Arthur made a wheel barrow to wheel away the dirt from the cellar way done all the chores and put the colt in the barn. We dont expect Wellie home Till Tomorrow morning It rains thunders & lights and foggy No cold. Wind South grass starting green Arthur built the fire This morning Expect Spafford's sugar party will be a failure though Spafford drove over for Shelly

Thursday 19 April 1900

Arthur built the fire this morning  
Wind South and chilly river full of ice  
floating down stream a steamer o some kind  
this morning working her way up through  
the ice Wellie came up this morning. Said  
he returned last night at 10 O'clock p.m.  
and that Voltie staid at the village last night  
They called at Belle's a few minutes Maud  
Washed Grace finished Mauds "pints" and  
made Arthur a shirt and Maude a dress Irene  
sowed tomato seed three Kinds Lester drove in  
here again inviting to a sugar party & said not  
one but. Shell there last night. I go fast asleep  
while writing in my diary. Arthur works like a tow  
head. Grace sets a hen on 13 eggs a big steamer  
goes up this afternoon, black one from Ogdensburg  
Maude made a clothes pin bag all night rained a  
little this morning Junior building a fence Arthur went  
to Wellies for the garden rake to make a cabbage  
bed. we lett Arthur go to Joy's sugar party and  
back at 20 before 2 a.m. over a hundred there.

37

Friday 20 April 1900

A fine day scarcely any wind

Wellie plowing in the field Grace sewing Maude

moped floors Will and Charlie running

nets off the high rocks. George McDonel

drove in here with a box of eggs for Cappt Rothwell

Wants to get them "sat on." Wish he had kept

them home The grass is growing green

Received a letter from Notty from Kingston

about Those eggs Whig and Herlad Grace goes to

Evelines after dinner and stays till after dark & I go to Wills

after tea A sugar party at Burnham Well goes ther to fiddle

Saturday 21 April 00 Jen goes to J N to stay all night. Gomy[sic] to K tomorrow & so out home

Ecpect the minister tomorrow

to dinner we accordingly make a currant pie

and a chocolate cake Grace mops the floor

Maude sweeps and dusts all the rooms

Looks like rain

**38**

Sunday 22nd April 00

A lowery morning rains some  
but and much Very warm Maud goes to church  
His Reverence and daughter came to dinner  
A quarrel on the church porch between R Reid  
and Wm Robinson and in afternoon a fight  
between the two villians down in Franks pasture  
The seconds were Charley Wooddman for Reid and  
Perley Burnham for Robinson. Result Reid got  
a black eye and Robinson a bloody nose  
Shell made us a call. A drowsy day.

Monday 23nd Apr 00 A foggy morning warm  
but a fair day Mr & Mrs Spafford Joy had to  
dinner & stay nearly all p.m. they were very good  
to bring us a two quarts of maple syrup Spafford took  
homee a quantity of raspberry bushes (Marlborough)  
Shell made us an evening Call W took up the  
dining room carpet and Maud went to school  
Maud pulled the Tacks out the carpet in Graces rooms looks like  
rain again this evening 20 past nine pm going to bed

**39**

Tuesday 24 April 00

Wind North rather cool

a fine growing time. I sent a letter to Voltie  
Grace sent one to Robert Wellie ate dinner  
with us and cultivated our garden this  
morning. Will here for rosin to make grafting  
wax Grace straightened out the three rooms  
over the parlor. I dont think we will get  
our house cleaning done before the last of  
May. A sugar party at Horns this evening  
Will & Charley going. Will going to fiddle  
Arthur learning to cultivate A letter from  
Voltie from Chicago one from Robert The Whig and free  
man Grace cleaned Three rooms up stairs  
her own room and two smaller rooms

**40**

Wednesday 25 April 00

A fine day Wind

North Wellie and Arthur working in field

all day Grace finished cleaning chamber

Maud at school Will came over for apple  
sprouts to grafts. Irene churned and made  
8 prints for market. and made soft soap

for cleaning house rooms by boiling hard wood  
ashes on the store thereby extracting the lye from  
the ashes the soap is of an excelent quality

Irene baked bread and prepared all the meals

Mr Niles & Shell came down in the evening

but Grace had gone to bed. Irene put up the  
butter after dark.

**41**

Thursday 26 April 00

A fine day Wind West and  
cool Arose this morning at half past  
4. and made Grace a cup of tea and some  
toast Arthur goes with Grace to carry the  
butter Grace gets a ride from the corners with  
Mr Geo Gillespie. Eveline goes to Town to day  
I did not sleep any last night so took a nap  
to day Dear little Maud cleaned the floors  
I took a thorough bath. Grace walked all the  
way from the dock this evening Will here for  
more grafts Arthur droped potatoes for Wellie  
this a m and in p m. hitched Jess to the stonebod  
and drew two bags of potatoes from Mr Niles'  
Grace saw Belle in town to day with butter  
one market Bell bought two flowers a  
coleus and hyderangia

42

Friday 27th April -00

Wind North cool W(?)

like the warmth of the Kitchen range to day

No open doors. Arthur cultivating by the church shed

Wellie here preparing to sow grain Arose little after

fire a m worked without ceasing. Slept well last

night. Maude home from school to day

I washed towels and white washed the

ceiling in the Kitchen the Artist brought

Gladys picture to day and I consider it

a very fine work of art I took the

frame that was on it at two dollars and

I am now ~~owng~~ ~~oweing~~ him \$2,75 cts

Arthur gone to Rattray's for hog feed Maud

gone for the mail and neither are back yet

Arthur came with a bag of feed a night Maud

came with mail a letter from Voltie one from

his father and two advertising envelopes one for

wire fence one for paints, Whig & Herald with notice

that they sent the last paper this mail if subscription not renewed

Arthur and G cut a bag of potatoes ready for planting

Saturday 28 April 00

A fine day. A warm rain would  
 be very beneficial Will gave me some fish Dear  
 old Will good brother, Wellie working here to day  
 Arthur helped Wellie in the field all a on  
 After dinner and I had cleaned all the fish  
 I and Arthur planted 12 long rows of potatoes  
 Grace moped floors and Maud swept dusted  
 and arranged all the rooms Arthur was afraid  
 he would not get time to do the chores properly  
 blustered around & said he didnt know which  
 chore to first begin. and finished all chores before  
 sundown and went wills for beeswax found Jen at home  
 she came home with John Niles

Sunday 29 April. A fine cool day

we hustle around for we are expecting Eveline & the  
 children pu for dinner but we watched in pain and  
 I went to bed Grace and Maud get dinner  
 and call me up: after dinner dishes washed I go back  
 to bed and am sleeping soundly when grace agains  
 me Saying Eveline is coming so up I got again  
~~and~~ am glad to see them and they stay to  
 tea and we ~~hang a~~ jolly visit only Welly  
 Joos[sic] home and takes Hubert with them. Welly  
 & Hubert come up again along the shore and after staying  
 a while they all go home again, wacking down the shore

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Monday 29th April 00

A clear day weather hazy; wind south

I half sick but have to work all the same

arise get breakfast skim milk wash pans and

strain milk and set it away away as usual

After breakfast I cover 4 long rows of potatoes

Tired out so rest a while. hard work

cleaning house this spring. George William

came and visited a while about the South

African war and Roman Catholicism and has now

gone to J Niles' Arthur works for Wellie cultivating

Grace and Maud ~~white wash~~ clean woodwork and paint  
kitchen

Wind North and cool Wind West in pm and

blowing a harricane Jen Woodmans clothes flapping in

wind all afternoon

Tuesday 1st May 00

Cool morning no rain and  
a warm rain would be a grand thing for the Earth  
Though farmers are hoping the rain will stay away  
till after they get all their seed grain sowed, by  
the appearance of the weather at present they need  
not worry Just wrote to Voltie and his father  
Arthur cultivating for Wellie again to day  
Well we are taking things quite easy to day so far  
I know we ought to wash and do lots of other different  
Kinds of work but I cant understand why it is  
we have to be always hurrying and hustling through  
This life Never since I can ~~remend~~ remember have I  
ever seen one day of entire freedom from worry and care  
of work If I sit down for a few minutes I am  
always thinking I ought to be doing something  
else cleaning cellar patching washing darning  
cleaning door yard hoeing in garden pulling weeds and  
every thing else perplexing and then in my mind I  
go traveling over to John's thinking he is whaling  
away at work and Flora the same Then away  
I speed on fancys wings to Belles wondering  
what she Charley and the youngones may  
be doing but I know she takes  
life more quietly with a spice of humour  
mixed with it

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Wednesday 2nd May 00

This is 19 hundred and no year, so, the century  
begins next January. The day is warm close and hazy  
Grace and Maud wash dishes and do up the mornings work  
I rip up a lot of old garments for patches and carpet rags  
After dinner Maud and Muriel go for flowers in Gillespie's  
woods. I churn and make 6 prints for market. Grace is going to  
Kingston Tomorrow to stay a week. Wellie, to day sold the  
old iron to Spaff for \$6,00 six dollars and gave us three dollars  
Arthur gathered enough old rubber to come to 30 cts  
Arthur cultivating at Wellies I ripped up Graces dress skirt  
going to have it altered After supper Grace went to  
Evelines a little while and Maud and arthur went down to  
accompany her home. Wellie came after dark to clean seeds oats  
at the grainery. Will called after dark on his way home  
from Niles' where he has been grafting and house painting  
Charley and Ethel came after dark for butter print Muriel came  
up to help Hubert carry the boiler home. Eveline going to wash

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Thursday 3rd May 00

A dreary dismal day wind North

and very cool, cloudy. looks like rain. Strong wind

Grace gone to Kingston this morning to stay a week

with Mrs Gaskin. Eveline gone To Kingston this morning

c selling calves at \$5.00 per head Grace carried To market

six lbs butter and Three dozen eggs. Arthur cultivating

for Junior. Lots of work to be done. which shall I do first?

A great washing To be done but too heavy work to bring water

from the river. Dining room to be cleaned, and two bed rooms

down stairs, parlor curtains to be washed, pantry to be cleaned, &

cellar to be cleaned, Kitchen floor to be painted, & another coat of paint

on Kitchen wall. all our garden to be made. whenever we get

one piece of work done I will draw a line over the top of each

I am glad Eveline can go to Kingston on the

Boats It will benefit her health

Friday May 4th -00

A cold, raw, chilly day. with  
 snow squalls. Every man which I have This day  
 seen wears an overcoat buttoned close. Wellie  
 sowing grain in feild wearing and overcoat I  
 washed some things; towels, curtains, napkins, aprons  
 and many other things besides. but have only began  
 cant get water. Wellie came for oats: a man  
 came to buy calves skin; we had none. Dick  
 Spoor came To measure the well; going to bring  
 a pump next Thursday. He said the ground in Kingston  
 around Fort Henry was This morning white with snow  
 I heard to day That uncle William Smith has passed  
 over to the other Shore, He will meet all his brothers and  
 sisters gone before him and his father and mother.  
 Only my mother and aunt Hannah now left and  
 note: (84 according to birthday of 1815 on their monument)  
 mother eighty three years old the 18th of last December  
 I heard to day that Mrs Alec Doctuer is not expected  
 to live: had a stroke of appoplexy followed by a parilytic  
 shock, yesterday, going up on the pierpont to Kingston.  
 and is now in the Hotel Dieu. Arthur cultivating for Wellie  
 [written sideways at the top] Will Dignams came very  
 near running over Muriel  
 and killing her only for Will [/written sideways]  
 [at the top] Dixon he would have done so but Will snached her from [/at the top]  
 [sideways right side] under his horses feet where she had stumbled and fallen [/sideways  
 right side]  
 [written sideways at the top]

Alvira

Burnham

working

all afternoon

at Harolds

grave

--

A postal

for Grace

addressed

to Mrs Rev

Gaskin saying

there is a letter

in that address

at Sault Ste  
Marie and  
if she will  
send a two  
cent stamp  
it will be  
forwarded to  
her I send  
a letter to  
Voltie  
[/sideways at the top]

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Saturday 5th of May 00

A cold, windy, snow squally day.

Arthur cultivating for Wellie Maud hung the clothes on the line and brought them in as soon as they are dry. Terrible weather for May Sun shining clear in afternoon squalls working around the westward wind blowing strong and steady This is the day old Jess jerked me off the back door step on to the stones hurl both my hands and brused. my knees and broke my spectacles but broke no bones. Coldest May day I ever saw and dry no rain Arthur comes home to supper. We set a hen on 14 eggs alone all day Till evening Jen and Will & Charley came over dark

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Sunday 6th May -00

Another cold dry day with high wind West. I sent a letter for Rev Mr Weeve to Sault Ste Marie Nich for Grace's unstamped letter. Organized a Sabath School to day in our church Maud attended service. Annie Horn called here on her way to church for their towel which had been left in Grace's market basket.

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symptoms

Monday 7 May 1900

- cold day cold enough to  
freeze I worked around all fore noon after  
dinner painted the second coat on the kitchen  
wall Wellie working in field getting  
ready to sow grain

Tuesday 8 May 1900

A very fine warm day done washing  
Wellie putting in grain here all day. Two letters  
from our absent ones Wells Sr and Voltie. The clothes  
on the line look white and clean awake in the  
night to hear the North wind blowing a harricane and  
expect they will be all mud in the morning  
Mrs Niles and Shell and Inez here this evening  
a letter from Wells Sr and one From Voltie

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Wednesday 9 May 00

Churned and made butter for market  
8 lbs washed carpet rags and dried them on  
the bushes. very cold and windy had to bring in  
the clothes from the line and wash some  
of them over again for the wind had blown  
them down to the ground so washed and hung  
them all out again

Thursday 10 May 00

Arose early this morning and  
sent Arthur to the deck with butter He  
drove Jess and the dog cart R went  
too going to cook for Whitney's Till after  
the 24 of May. Maud ironed and cleaned  
floors Muriel & Hubert called on their way  
home from school for the white wash brush  
Then Muriel came up again and brought  
me some milk pans 3 only all they could spare  
Grace came home to night from Kingston  
cold as the chickens Wind North

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Friday 11 May 00

Weather somewhat warm

wind South bright sunlight Wellie finished

sowing grain here to day. furrowed out

the potatoes land to plant Maude &

Grace not very well Rotherwells chicks

hatching wish Voltie never had allowed

them to have been brought here. Arthur cutting

potatoes in the house, makse so much noise

I wish he would go out doors and stay

there spilling the potatoes all over the ~~house~~ floor

Maud scrubbing herself taking a bath

A letter from Voltie and one from John D.B.

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Saturday 12 May -00

A very fine day Arthur  
picking up stones at Wellies working with teams  
I and Grace and Maud planted potatoes in  
field planted sweet corn in garden and a short  
ton of potatoes Flora Dixon came over and brought  
me sweet peas and I gave her flower seed  
Maud made flower bed under the window  
Grace cleaned pantry wood work and floor Maud  
moped Kitchen floor. After Arthur got his  
chores all done I let him go to Wills to play  
with Charley and he staid until 10 oclock pm

Sunday 13 May 00

A beautiful warm day Maud went  
to Sabath school and received and received her first paper  
I wrote a long letter to Johny and then.  
walk over to Wills to see mother and  
while there, up came a grand thunder and  
lightning storm it rained beautifully. Jen  
had fried fish fine cookies and cherry preserves  
and new bread for tea and I was very hungry  
and enjoyed my evening meal to hearts satisfaction  
Arthur came to see why I did not come  
home but the road is a running brooks  
mother Will and Jen and all the children  
urged me to stay all night but I  
would'nt so Arthur drove over for me with old  
Jess and while trying to get in the buggy  
by steping in to a chair the chair tipped over and  
I fell and raked the sKin off both my legs  
so went home bruised and angry. Grace done  
my shins up in salve and rags but both  
legs smart like fire a burn

Friday ~~19~~ 18 May 00

a cool day I white wash over head  
and Grace paint Kitchen doors windows  
frames and wainscoating bombay red; a  
very dark color Maud goes to school  
Art work for Wellie No letters this mail  
for any of us Grace somewhat disapointed  
although she has received two letters from  
Bob this week but- her money order  
she did not get

Saturday 19

a windy day but clear. Grace finishes  
painting the Kitchen. Maud shifts up the Kitchen  
floor and Irene cavomme[sic] the ceiling and  
churns p m Maud goes with Shell  
to Miss Irvine's for a music lesson Evening  
cold and chilly Arthur pulverizes the garden  
with rake and hoe and we sow sweet peas  
for flowers

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Saturday 20 of May 00

A very fine morning

sun light and warm a delightful sabots

morn trees just bursting into leaf Maud goes

to saboth school and church and ~~[strikethrough] Mau~~ ~~[/strikethrough] Grace~~

goes to church and Arthur and I get dinner

Afternoon grows colder and the wind sweeps

down from the North a cold backward spring

Wellie came up a little while. And not see any

of Wills family to day

Monday 21st May -00

A cold day. Wind N.W. and

rain squalls Maude goes to School. Grace

paints Kitchen floor which tires her completely poor

girlie. Arthur and I make garden and sow

seeds with the little drill, beets, carrots, turnips

sage Arthur transplants three roots of rhubarb

and plants some pop corn. Tom Dignam drove

in here for the little seed drill- said Wellie lent it

to him, we have only had it home 24 hours for the

first time in a year, but he got it He may as well

take it as any other irishman Maud thumping away at

music lesson

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May 30st The Last of the month except tomorrow  
Monday have not written in a week, but  
I we have finished painting Kitchen and papered  
dining room The whole family went to the  
24 May and as the whole family consints of  
Grace Maud & Arthur and your humble servant  
The humble servant staid home Muriel came up  
and staid with me all day: Grace walked home  
from the dock and was sick all the rest of week  
Arthur got the pouts all week after going to Kingston  
So he goes to Wellies to cool off. I am  
tired of boys of his timber Grace made him  
a near pair of pants yesterday. Edith Dixon  
came up to see her grandmother. Wellie set the  
pump and now we have fine cold water  
Eveline came up Monday when Wellie set the  
pump, and staid all day.

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Thursday 31st May 00

Alright warm day

Light South wind. Artemus drove to dock with Grace With Jess and dog cart came back and says Will Dixon wants him to help run fish nets at foot of Island So after breakfast he goes to help Will. Maud and I do house work, scrub the cellar, Maud mops Kitchen I hoe in garden. I send 18 lbs butter to market Maud & I pick 4 qrts of dandelion blossoms to make wine

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Ethel Leeman  
Orphans home  
Union Street  
Kingston  
On  
Canada

Emma Leeman  
St Lawrence Po  
Wolfe Island  
Ont  
Canada

Edith Leeman  
St Lawrence Po  
Wolfe Island  
Ont  
Canada

Ethel M Leeman  
St Lawrence Po  
Wolfe Island  
Ont  
Canada

Prince Patrick of York.

London April 5 It is that, by the desire  
of Queen Victoria. The son that was born to  
the Duke and Dutchess of York, Saturday,  
will be christened Patrick.

O, Paddy, dear, and did you hear  
The news That's going round?

The shamrock blooms as ne'er before  
All o'er The Irish ground;

The Queen has come to Dublin Town  
And right o'Top of 'that,

She telegraphs the Duke of York  
I call the baby Pat!

She might have given to the Duke  
The choice of several names:

For instance, Mathew, Mark and Luke,  
And John and Joe and James;

And Jacob, Isaac, Abraham,

But no- instead of that,

She telegraphs the Duke of York  
To call the baby Pat.

She might have wished the boy to bear  
Some Scotch or English name,  
Some chieftain of the mighty past  
That fills the trump of fame;  
But Scottish names she put aside,  
And English- Think o' That-  
And turning to the Emerald Isle,  
She said, "Let's call him Pat!"  
O Paddy, dear, 'tis very clear  
The shamrock's blooming right.  
So let's be wearing of the green  
And dance a jig to night;  
The Queen has come to Dublin town  
And right o' top of that,  
She telegraphs the Dublin of York,  
To call the baby Pat!  
-New York Mail & Express.  
and the Kingston News

Dandelion Wind

One gallon of dandelion blossoms picked when the sun shines. Pour over them one gallon of boiling water. Let this stand in a cool place for three days, then put it into a pocelain lined Kettle or one of agate ware, and add the rinds of three oranges and one lemon cut fine. Boil the mixture fifteen minutes, then strain through a fannel bag, and add three lbs of sugar, and the pulp of the oranges and lemon. When luke warm add two table spoonfuls of yeast and allow the mixture to stand one week in a warm place then strain again, and let stand three weeks, when the wine will be ready for boiling. This combines the flavoring of the best wine with the well Known medicinal properties of the dandelion.

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at Cape

Will mailed for me 3 letters ,06

I am owing Will ,08 cents

I am owing Voltie \$2,37

mary

marjorie Halliday

marjorie Halli

m

Wolfe Island

Wolfe Island

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cast on 44 stitches and Knit across plain

1 row st 1, kn 3 (over, sl1, n, bind one, over k 3) 5

times, O sl 1, n b 1, a, k1 2 p 2 tog, op 2 tog, op 2 tog.

2nd row o 2 p 2 tog o p 2 tog o p 2 tog rest plain & alternate

3rd row sl 1, k 3, o, k1, (O, K1, on K1k n 5 times) ok 1 o k2

o2, p2 tog , op 2 tog

op 2 tog.

5 row S 1, K1, n, (o, k5, o, sl 1, n, b1,) 5 times, o k 3, ok2

o 2 p 2 tog, o p 2 tog, o p 2 tog.

7 row sl 1, k 2, (o,n,k1,n,o, k1) 5 times, o or k1, n, o

k2, o2, p2 tog, op2 tog, op2 tog,

9 row sl 1, k3 (o sl 1, n, b1, o, k3) 5 times, o sl 1, n,

b 1, o k 3, o 2, p2 tog,o p 2 tog, o p 2 tog

11 row Sl 1, k2 n (o K1, o, n, K1, n,( 5 times o, sl 1, n, b1,

o, K3, O2, p2 tog, o p 2 tog o p tog.

13 row Sl 1, K 1, n, (o K3, o, sl1, n, b1,) 5 times, o k 3, o,

k4 62 p 2 tog o, p2 tog, o p 2 tog

15 row Sl 1, l2, (o, n, K1, n , o K1) 5 times, o K 5, draw

over 4 k1

16 row all plain

[sideways]

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Maud

Watson

St Lawrence

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I. D. Bamford 1899

Lookout on str North Wind  
of the grate northen S.S Line

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Grace D. Bamford.

Grace D. Bamford.

Grace R. Bamford Irene

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