

out the chicken house which I didn't quite finish. This afternoon I was out in the cornfield with Bill all the afternoon. I had to cut around a few places for him to get through and I had to turn the sheaves away from the head land so that he wouldn't turn on them. As soon as he got the field open I suppose that he could use three horses, he put old Harry in & started to shock up. He stayed at it till nearly dark and got cut up past the water hole. He was in Brant for yesterday to see Seley the rafter expert, and was so taken with his efficient methods and peculiar manners with his patients that he had to tell Dad the whole tale including the most minute details and then repeat it almost word for word to Wilbur Ryse when he happened to go past this afternoon so that delayed things a little. I had heard of Mr. Seley before as Dad. Consulted him once in Jim Coe and told of his extremely rough and vulgar speech but also his frank kind heartedness and his great knowledge of his business. He told Dad at that time there was only one smarter man at his business that he was and that was his father, but the

old man has died since so he told Bill there was just one smarter man in the United States than he was and that was his brother. He knew enough to stay home and be satisfied with \$3,000 a year while Seley was fool enough to want \$10,000 and run all over the continent to get it. And Bill judged by the way it was flowing his way yesterday he got it all right. We were surprised this afternoon by a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Millman. Paw came up to see about getting apples for his evaporator in Victoria. They stayed here for tea and went down after to see Aunty & Berty Alice and brought Mary back with them, she had been down for tea and to the teacher's meeting. The Millmans stayed here all night. Looks rainy.

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It was very cloudy and threatening early this morning and about half past six Dad noticed a perfect rainbow which seemed rather unusual but which we remembered was considered an omen for sailors to be ware of a storm, but just barely before seven it began to drizzle. The rain