

JANUARY 1878**Tuesday, January 1**

Clear and pleasant
 Went to the woods A.M.
 P.M. jobbing at the door
 Joe Richards commenced chopping for father today
 Evening went to the dance at Billing's Hall Carried Lilly Drinkwater to supper
 Large company present
 Queen Mab. was quite willing to explain the past and ask me to excuse her conduct towards me
 Said if I had given her the chance would have explained before Altogether she was pretty sweet
 after coming round

Wednesday, January 2

Got home at 4.30 this morning
 Cutting wood at the door
 Repairing Henhouse fixing nests etc.
 Evening Snowing remained at home

Thursday, January 3

Clear and cold
 Chopping in the Upper Woods
 J. Richards helping me chop today
 Wm. Commenced clearing the Swamp on Cushion Lot
 Remained at home this evening

Friday, January 4

Snowing all day
 Went to the woods
 J. Richards quit work today noon
 Evening remained at home
 Wrote to E.F.G. and Frank Clark

Saturday, January 5

Squally
 Shovelling snow A.M.
 P.M. went to the corner
 Called at Stetsons'
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Declaimed a piece made out Critics report etc.

Sunday, January 6

Clear and cool but pleasant
 Writing A.M.
 P.M. Sorting pieces for Scrap Book
 Evening went to the corner

Monday, January 7

Thermometer 10 degrees below zero
 Hauled a couple loads of wood from Cushion lot
 Evening went to the corner

Tuesday, January 8

Thermometer 18 Degrees below zero 24 degrees at the Centre
Hauled a load of wood Carried the Harness to Page for repairs Chopping at door etc.
Evening remained at home writing

Wednesday, January 9

Clear and pleasant
Hauling firewood from Cushion lot
Evening went up to the Lodge
Talked upon the Resolve That public amusements are beneficial to society
Flora Parker and Georgia Drake spent the evening with sister Fannie

Thursday, January 10

Looks like a storm
Hauling firewood
Evening H. Heal and myself played euchre at Stetsons
Commenced to Rain this evening
Mrs. Cora Fowler Died today

Friday, January 11

Rainy all day
Writing and reading
Evening went to the corner
Called at Stetsons' residence
Ella Pottle was present

Saturday, January 12

Partially clear and pleasant
Cutting wood at the door
Evening went to the Lyceum
Talked upon the Negative of the Resolve
That all men are created equal as the Declaration of Independence asserts
Ned Coose and John Payson stopped with me tonight

Sunday, January 13

Clear and very pleasant
Remained at home all day
Ave and Win were over today
Carried Win home this evening and then went up to see Olive, Alice, and Lilly
The latter two intend to start for Framingham tomorrow
Had quite a pleasant time The former expressed some surprise to see me

Monday, January 14

Rainy all day
Reading and studying also wrote a Poem for the Lyceum Paper
Evening Remained at home

Tuesday, January 15

Clear warm and windy
Chopping on Cushion lot
Evening went to the corner Singing School commenced tonight at the corner

Recd. of Ave \$8.00 more on the colt
Making \$18.00 received for a half interest in him

Wednesday, January 16

Clear and windy growing cold rapidly
Chopping on Cushion lot
Remained at home this eve
Writing

Thursday, January 17

Thermometer 6 degrees below zero
Chopping on Cushion Lot
Evening went to the corner
Called upon Fannie Rankin gave her a poem for the Lyceum Paper

Friday, January 18

Clear and pleasant
Chopping on the Cushion lot
Wm. Is clearing the swamp today
Evening went up to singing School

Saturday, January 19

Clear and lovely and warm as spring
Chopping on Cushion Lot A.M. P.M. Cut at the door
Evening went to the Lyceum
Spoke "Lochiel's Warning" with Wm. H. Hodges
Took part in the debate on the question that True Friendship exists only in name
An immense crowd present

Sunday, January 20

Clear and springlike
Wrote in Ella Pottles Album
Evening went up to see my haughty Queen Mab. Stopped till the "Wee sma hours"
"Told me I gave her no credit for favors received and would not appreciate any sacrifice or true
devotion on her part"
Oh my! What an ungrateful, unfeeling wretch I must be!
What a stony hearted monster! To be thus indifferent to the innocent affections bestowed upon
me by tender hearted and affectionate maidens!
Oh selfish wretch that I am! To withhold my confidence and trust from these angels of devotion
and live in all their innocence and constancy! All this fidelity to be rewarded by distrust, and
doubts!

Monday, January 21

Rainy
Writing and studying
Evening went to the corner
Recd. a letter from E.F. Gould

Tuesday, January 22

Warm and cloudy
Trimming apple trees A.M.

P.M. writing articles for the Lyceum
Evening went up to Singing School

Wednesday, January 23

Snowing
Writing for the Lyceum
P.M. Called upon Cousin Nancie
Evening Remained at home

Thursday, January 24

Thermometer 8 degrees below zero
Hauled a load of wood and cut at the door
Evening called upon Fannie Rankin
Flora Parker present also called upon A.E.S. Ella Pottle present

Friday, January 25

Clear and pleasant cloudy P.M.
Hauled a load of wood and cut at the door
Evening went up to Singing School also called upon A.E.S. Ella Pottle was present

Saturday, January 26

Sat. 26th
Raining
Hauled a load of firewood
Rained so hard I quit work and went to writing for the Lyceum and sorting scraps for a Scrap Book
Evening called upon Fannie Rankin
Bell Parker was present

Sunday, January 27

Clear warm and springlike
Ave and Winnie were over and spent the day
Went to the corner a few minutes
Evening Went to see my proud Queen Mab. Again Took her on a short ride
Remained with her till the "Wee Sma Hours"
Said she granted me favors accorded to no one else, that she would not ask to be treated better than I treated her that she never cared for anyone as much as she did for me But other things should be thought of wealth should be an important element with love and true regard

Monday, January 28

Stormy A.M. Writing
P.M. went to the corner Called upon Cousin Nancie
Cleared up cool and windy
Evening went to the Lyceum
Took the affirmative upon the resolve That more men are enabled by study than by nature

Tuesday, January 29

Clear and cool
Went to Camden with sister Fannie
Stopped at the residence of G. Tower
Evening went up to Singing School a few minutes

Wednesday, January 30

Cold morning moderated slightly during day
Recd. a letter from Alpheus also an article for the paper from Horace Gilkey
Evening went up to the Lodge
Election of officers
A.W. Knight F.L. Wilson and Austin Marriner
Comm. For nominating Officers
Carried Queen Mab. Home Invited me to call upon her Sunday night

Thursday, January 31

Clear and cool
Writing for Lyceum paper most of the day
Cut a little firewood at the door Fannie Rankin was here today assisting Fannie
Went to the corner a few minutes this evening Came back and wrote for the Lyceum paper till 12 O'Clock

FEBRUARY 1878**Friday, February 1**

Cold N.E. storm
Writing for Lyceum paper
Evening went over to J. Lambs thence to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.

Saturday, February 2

Clear and cold
Reading and writing
Evening went to the Lyceum
Took no part in the debate That a Republic is the strongest form of Government
Read the Paper
Was loudly applauded
An immense crowd present Avans bled till he fainted today Mather and Emma went over and staid all night

Sunday, February 3

Clear and springlike
Ave and Mrs. Lamb were over awhile today
Evening called upon Queen Mab.
Of the past she simply said forgive I know I have not done right but do not care a snap of my finger for any one else
Then I asked is it not unselfish for me to trust in you I cannot allow any further confidence or deeper regard without evidence and assurance on your part then is it not useless for me to trust in you I do not think it is she answered
Because it would be better for me to drop everything now
I do not care to trust only to have my trust betrayed
If it is only farce between you and me I must crush every sentiment and feeling of regard for you
Even at the sacrifice of my own happiness I will not waste the purest affection of the heart upon one who is indifferent to me

Monday, February 4

Clear and pleasant

Carried Fannie and Georgia to Camden to take the Boat for Boston enroute for Franklin Mass. Got home about 6.30 this evening
 Evening went to the corner

Tuesday, February 5

Cloudy and warm
 Starting wood A.M.
 P.M. Cut at the door
 Evening went to Singing School

Wednesday, February 6

Warm and springlike
 Cutting wood on the Cushion lot Evening went to the Lodge Installation Declaimed a piece
 Danced after the Installation
 Another win where I so oft have met defeat
 Professions of regard are given me Explanations and apologies follow slight and insult till I am hoaxed and flattered into the hope that I am the favorite Fool that I am! to trust again where so many acts give the lie to all professions Am I such a weak minded fool as to be unable to break such fetters
 No though the very effort is torture to one I will not be bound in such ignoble bondage

Thursday, February 7

Clear warm and springlike
 Chopping A.M. on Cushion lot broke axe handle and came home P.M. writing
 Sent for a Diary by E. Parker Got it this evening
 Oh God why must we be endowed with feelings and longings that only cause us misery and torture, that quenches all the light and beauty of earth that envelopes us in dark despair and takes away even the desire of life
 Resolved to break the fetters That have made of me a pliant fool
 "But I know the wound must rankle Ere the healing touch will come
 And I know the bleeding tendrils miss the presses to which they clung
 It is hard to bear the taking Of our childhoods planted trust And I know the hours of waking Bows the spirit to the dust"

Friday, February 8

Clear and warm as April
 Starting wood from the Hill to the road
 Evening called upon Cousin Nancie also by special request upon Mrs. Neal Drake
 Went up to Singing School a few minutes
 Restless and gloomy
 Oh God! Why must I live but to suffer Why am I not devoid of heart and feeling since they but cause me misery
 "Brief is the work of death
 But life! The spirit shrinks to see How full ere heaven recalls the breath The cup of woe may be"
 How much one can endure and live even when life is a burden

Saturday, February 9

Snowstorm
 Cutting wood at door
 P.M. Went to the corner Cleared up about 4 P.M.
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Took a part in the Debate That the Pen is mightier than the Sword Talked upon the Negative

Was Elected Vice President of the Lyceum tonight
Made the Critics report etc.

Sunday, February 10

Snowstorm raging all day
Ave was over awhile today
Copying in my Diary P.M. from Fools cap on which I have kept the present year up to this date
Went to the corner Called on A.E.S.
Came home and wrote a letter to A.A. Knight
Retired at 12 O'Clock
Supposed to be married today Geo. Rankins and Cora Rackliffe

Monday, February 11

Clear cool but pleasant
Hauling firewood
Evening went to the corner
Came home and wrote a confidential letter to E.F. Gould in which I revealed some of my feelings
in regard to my life and trials
Retired at 12.30 O'Clock

Tuesday, February 12

Hauling firewood
Clear and cool but pleasant
Evening went up to Singing School
Feeling bitter and gloomy
Rode up with Llewellyn and Sister

Wednesday, February 13

Partially cloudy
Southerly wind
Cutting wood at the door A.M.
P.M. Hauled about 9 feet of cord wood to Stephen Page
Cooler and squally
Intended to go to Belmont to the dance and take Miss Nettie R. but concluded to go up to the
Lodge first
Queen Mab. Came to me and excused herself in such a way that I was persuaded to remain and go
home with her Allowed her to coax me out of my resentment although I had resolved not to do so
as I was firm in the conviction her actions proved her preference on last Wed. evening although
she tried to convince me to the contrary
But I do not wish to prove unjust nor unforgiving God knows I am far from perfect and have need
of forgiveness
And though our confidence and trust may be betrayed through heartless pride, and selfish
motives may sway those whom we feign would believe were good and true though doubts and
bitterness sweep across the heart that sees lifes cherished hopes and golden dreams fade one by
one away. Time will surely bring its retributions and regrets to every transgressor of another
and it were better to suffer and be betrayed than ruin by injustice the happiness of one true
heart.

Thursday, February 14

Clear and pleasant, but quite cool
Hauling firewood
Evening went to the dance at Billings Hall

Carried Queen Mab
Had a very good time

Friday, February 15

Clear and pleasant
Got home at 5,30 this morning
Went to the Cushion Woods
Hauling firewood
Took the Steers with the oxen first time they were ever yoked
Evening went to the Greenback lecture at Union Hall
Met George Rankin and wife
Recently married
Dance after lecture did not stop Lame foot

Saturday, February 16

Clear warm and lovely
Hauled up with a lame foot
Made out the Lyceum Programme and reading and writing most all day
Evening went to the Lyceum
About 500 people present
Lovely evening

Sunday, February 17

Clear and warm
Went to the corner a little while Father and Mother went down to Sylvanus'
Evening went to see Queen Mab
Recd a cordial reception from her Royal Highness
Affairs of state in a deplorable condition requiring the secret council and communion to solve the plan for future action
Decided to fight it out on that line if it takes all summer
Nous Verrons
Got home wouldn't you like to know when

Monday, February 18

Clear and cool
Hauling firewood
Father Mother and Mr Robinson and family went over to Mr Lambs this evening
Went to the corner a few minutes and came back and retired quite early to sleep the sleep of the virtuous and just

Tuesday, February 19

Clear and pleasant
Hauling firewood
Evening went to the corner Called at Stetsons' residence Ella P. was present, thence to singing school
Conversing with Fannie E. Am averse to flirting as I might have escorted her home as I have done in days gone by under less favorable circumstances

Wednesday, February 20

Clear and pleasant A.M.
Hauling firewood
P.M. looks stormy Cutting wood at the door

Evening went up to the Lodge
 Talked in the negative upon the resolve that
 "Legal is preferable to Moral Suasion"
 Carried Queen Mab home
 Snowing slightly

Thursday, February 21

Clear and pleasant
 Hauling firewood
 Evening went to the Greenback Meeting at Union Hall
 Quite a large crowd present
 B.P. asked me to write a piece for her to read at the Lyceum Sat. eve
 Gave me a favorable opportunity to act as her escort but as I said before I am averse to flirting
 and do not avail myself of such chances as I used to think it fun to do What an old fogey the girls
 must think I am getting to be
 The little fools they think it smart but it is all vanity and vexation of spirit
 The time will come when they will appreciate the regard of one true heart more than all the
 demeaning flattery of those who trifle with true affection for pastime and present gratification of
 self and selfish pleasures who are as indifferent to their happiness and welfare and are as
 shallow and devoid of truth and fervor and nobleness as the empty mockery of their professions

Friday, February 22

Cold N.E. Wind
 Cloudy
 Went to the woods A.M.
 P.M. Reading and writing
 Commenced Snowing tonight
 Wrote a piece on Womans Rights for Bell Parker

Saturday, February 23

Rainy A.M.
 Reading
 Alpheus got home today
 P.M. went to the corner Foggy
 Evening Alpheus came in and I remained at home

Sunday, February 24

Clear and very warm
 Remained at home all day Ave and Win were over also Mr. Robinson and family Copied my
 compositions on Womens Rights for Bell Parker
 Carried it down to her this evening
 Went up to see Queen Mab
 Enjoy myself in her society and yet tis a pleasure that may cause regret and suffering
 The deeper the regard the harder the parting
 Which will surely come
 An idle dream of happiness | poverty what a dangerous combination to wreck that will end in
 tears and sorrow | Love Ambition and duty at the sacrifice of our happiness and fondest hopes
 and inclinations makes our resolutions weak to follow | shrink from such a sacrifice to much
 Human weakness hold most dear. Tis asking at the sacrifice of all my life for the good of others
 my to grasp to consecrate all claim when it is within win till now to renounce devotion I have
 sought to check the seeming trust and hope of love and happiness
 Ought I to fling aside all the happiness of man

Monday, February 25

Clear and quite warm
Hauling firewood A.M.
P.M. Cut wood at the door
Evening went to the Lyceum Took a part in the debate upon the Womans Rights questions Small company present and a poor time
Started to go to the Concert to the Beach and carry Ave and Win but they concluded not to go So I gave it up
Eva Thomas is 20 today

Tuesday, February 26

Clear and windy with an occasional squall A.M. went over to the Woods Hauled a load of firewood
P.M. Cut wood at the door S. Coose and family were present
Evening went up to Singing School a few minutes
Small company present

Wednesday, February 27

Clear and windy but not cold
Iron Clad Reformers had a great meeting at the Methodist house tonight House was crowded got over 50 to sign the pledge Great excitement did not sign myself although urged hard to do so
Rode up with Ernest D. and sister

Thursday, February 28

Clear and warm
Hauled a load of firewood A.M.
P.M. Learned a declamation for the Lodge
Evening went up to the Lodge but a few present so I induced Queen Mab to come to the corner to the lecture by Wm. Rust of Belfast upon the currency
Danced a few times after the lecture Enjoyed myself pretty well
Large crowd present at the lecture
Nat Clark bantered me to buy his farm today

MARCH 1878**Friday, March 1**

Clear and quite cool this morning
Feel pretty flat today Headache and lassitude of spirits
Did not do much of anything but read and poke round
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes and then went up to singing school

Saturday, March 2

Clear and pleasant A.M.
Cutting wood at the door
P.M. Hazy
Preparing for the Lyceum this evening Learning a piece to declaim also wrote a short piece upon the question for discussion
Evening went to the Lyceum
Debated upon the negative of the resolve that Tact accomplishes more than Talent

Declaimed Granelatte, Womens Rights – Are you going to see me home
 Accepted a novel invitation
 Gallantry a la mode

Sunday, March 3

Rainy
 Went to the corner
 Made several calls to get some exhibition books
 Evening remained at home studying

Monday, March 4

Cloudy showery day
 Reading and selecting pieces from The Standard Reader Cut a little wood etc.
 Evening went to the corner
 Won a decided advantage with scarce an effort on my part, that may terminate in victory
 About time to unfathom the mysteries that passeth the understanding of the uninitiated
 Innocence personified by greenness of course

Tuesday, March 5

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the corner
 Attended the Singing School
 Greenbackers held their Caucus tonight

Wednesday, March 6

Warm and foggy
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went up to the Lodge
 Carried Olive over and back
 Ave is having a bad time with his hand
 Mother went over to J. Lambs

Thursday, March 7

Cloudy and warm with a few sprinkles A.M.
 P.M. went to the corner
 Called to see Flo and Bell in regard to going to the exhibition tonight
 Recd. a letter from E.F. Gould
 Evening went up to Cilleys Hall to an Exhibition and dance Took a part in both
 Carried Flo Parker and Sister Nellie
 Did not enjoy myself very much
 Mab was unfathomable and exasperating She seems inclined to ride to many horses at once
 Perchance she may find herself unable to keep them all under her control I for one do not
 propose to play second or fill in lieu of a better at present
 First or nothing is my choice and it shall be hers

Friday, March 8

Clear and warm but somewhat windy
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the Concert at the Centre
 Playing the agreeable to Nettie R. who was quite affable and pleasant
 Mab. Was present

Was seemingly unconscious of her presence

Saturday, March 9

Clear and warm
 Cutting wood at the door A.M.
 P.M. went to the Democratic Caucus
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Presided over the meeting before Intermission afterwards conversing with Nettie R.
 Making my company as agreeable as possible to her
 She was charmingly sweet and entertaining
 Married this evening Charles H. Billings and Miss Ida Heal

Sunday, March 10

Clear warm and lovely
 Went to the corner A.M.
 Am strangely restless, dissatisfied and exasperated
 Circumstances goad me to madness, Ambition makes me restless and miserable and my
 prospects for the future make me desperate while they discourage and depress. If I were content
 to do nothing to be nothing and have nothing life might be all reckless enjoyment and pleasure
 but the ambitious desire without opportunities or means is maddening torture
 P.M. Writing, wrote a note for Mab
 Evening went up to the Meeting House Singing in the Choir

Monday, March 11

Clear and pleasant
 Went to Town Meeting today
 Geo. Young F. Levenseller and Ellis Freeman elected selectmen over R.W. Perry A.A. Knight and
 H. Leadbetter
 J. Mathews Clerk
 Helen Dickey Joe Crehore and Wm. Bragg S.S. Committee
 Evening went to the corner Felt in rather a reckless mood
 I am bayed whichever way I turn So much is there to hamper my movements and plans I get
 desperate

Tuesday, March 12

Cloudy
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the corner Uneasy and restless
 Called upon Fannie Rankin also upon A.E.S.
 Came home and retired quite early

Wednesday, March 13

Cold Rain and sleet storm
 Writing all day
 Wrote several articles for the Lyceum Paper a letter to Eph. Knight and an acrostic upon the
 name of Queen Mab.
 Evening Remained at home

Thursday, March 14

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting wood at the door
 Mailed a letter to Eph. Knight

Evening went to the corner
 Came home and retired quite early
 To sink to oblivious forgetfulness of the cares and woes of life and dream of rest and joy

Friday, March 15

Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the corner
 I and Ave called upon Emma Bell and played a game or two of Euchre After which I went up to Cilleys to a dance Small company present Danced a few times with Olive, gave her a note in which I expressed a few plain facts and which will doubtless terminate our intimacy Was quite affable and invited me to call up and see her Did not tell her whether I would or not
 Staid P.M. and evening
 A lovely evening
 Emma Bell gave me her card

Saturday, March 16

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Debated upon the affirmative of the resolve that Capital Punishment should be abolished in all the States
 Contributed to the Paper etc.
 Buzzing Nettie R. at intermission and after Lyceum
 Why not flirt a little with fickle beauties? They have no compunctions about trifling with the feelings of those who are true and devoted to them. Why should we hesitate to repay in their own coin of empty nothings, unmeaning flattery, and false devotion?
 He's a poor fool who cannot teach some of them a lesson in their own game

Sunday, March 17

Clear and pleasant
 Went to the corner
 Called upon Cousin Nancie and A.E.S.
 Flirting may destroy the purest and noblest feelings the truest impulses and most innocent perceptions of heart and mind and leave in their stead coarser feelings the hypocritical deceptions the cold distrust the unmeaning professions and the crafty semblance of true regard And yet we must substitute this mocking delusion counterfeit for genuine feeling or else be duped by those innocent Angels who teach us the lesson and call heartless deception and fickle falseness rare sport
 What ideas of womanly purity and true nobility

Monday, March 18

Sun. Continued
 Ave and Win were over this evening
 Went to the corner
 Bell P. was present
 Mon. 18th
 Stormy Heaviest snowstorm of the winter
 Writing all day Evening went to the corner Called upon A.E.S.

Tuesday, March 19

Clear and pleasant A.M.
 Breaking the steers I and Alpheus put the whole team together

P.M. Squally
 Emma Bell was up this afternoon spent the evening
 Escorted her home

Wednesday, March 20

Clear cool and windy
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to a party and dance at J. Mathews Hall
 Good time or rather a reckless one
 Flirted desperately
 Escorted Emma Bell home
 Had a confidential talk with Mother about going to Nevada She objects to having me go
 Talked over my future prospects
 With Motherly love she strove to encourage and trusted I was created for some good purpose Oh,
 if I only could meet her expectations and become of some use in the world
 What matters if I suffer?

Thursday, March 21

Clear cool and windy
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening met at Union Hall and made out the Programme for the final meeting of the Lyceum
 Association
 I and Bell P. called at F.R.'s after the meeting
 Fan wrote off my part of a Dialogue
 Recd. letter from Fan yesterday

Friday, March 22

Clear cool and windy
 Coldest morning since March came in
 Cutting wood at the door
 Mrs. Lamb was over P.M.
 Shaved my moustache off
 Called upon A.E.S. also at the residence of Fannie R. Bell P. was present Escorted her home
 Nothing like going it while your young
 Guess I've played old fogy long enough
 Sincerity meets with a poor response, fickle flattery and false devotion wins the Palm

Saturday, March 23

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting wood at the door
 Evening went to the Lyceum Mr. Hodge was not present and I acted as president
 Conversing with Nettie R. at intermission
 Recd. a compliment from Judge Miller as the smartest member of the Lyceum not even excepting
 Wm. H. Hodge
 Not flirting tonight although I had plenty of chances

Sunday, March 24

Clear and pleasant
 Very Springlike
 Went to the corner
 Called upon Emma Bell also upon Fan R.
 Bell P. was present

P.M. Writing a Poem for Lyceum

Evening went to the corner dark and foggy Called upon A.E.S.

What does it amount to – this seeming devotion and marked attention to every good looking girl of ones acquaintance Still if one does not do it and confines his attention to the lady of his choice She seems to think it is because he cannot meet with fancy elsewhere or that he is an old fog that don't dare to have anything to do with any other girl

It is well enough therefore to be attentive enough to another to convince them that you could firt if you were so disposed and to show that others are not averse to your society

Still I would not go to that extent to raise false hopes nor profess regard above a friendly interest in their welfare and happiness in this there is no deception While flirting is deceiving and this may have the appearance of a flirtation while it is very far from it With but one would I profess a true devotion and that one should be the lady of my choice

This shallow pretense is insipid and flat compared with the pure love of one true heart

But it may be necessary to pretend sometimes to make them realize this fact

Yet I would be content with her society alone if she were content to accept me as present in her affection

Monday, March 25

Clear cool and windy

Cutting wood at the door

Evening went to the corner

Called upon Emma Bell

Tuesday, March 26

Clear and cool

Cutting wood at the door A.M.

P.M. went to the chopping bee at A.M. Drakes

Evening went to the Dance at Phillips Hall

Pretty fair time

Plenty of girls present Escorted Emma Bell home

Wednesday, March 27

Cloudy

Chilly South wind

Cutting wood at the door A.M. P.M. went after the curtain at Cilleys Hall

Called upon Mab. a few minutes

Gave me a spiteful little note in reply to one previously received from me Wished to know my reasons for expressing myself as I did which I gave and reaffirmed my determination to do as I stated

She acknowledged the right and justice of the principles and professed to be willing to be governed by the same herself That is not to exact or require any right she would be unwilling to grant to me And as I stated I would not exact any allegiance or privilege that I would not be willing to grant her Rehearsed our Dialogue this eve.

Escorted Bell P. home

Recd. a letter from Fred Burditt

Thursday, March 28

Showery

Studying my parts for the Lyceum Exhibition tomorrow night

Rained this eve

Went to the corner

Rehearsed our Dialogue at F. Rankins residence

Friday, March 29

Cloudy and windy
 Preparing for this evening A.M. Exhibition
 Preparing stage and rehearsing P.M.
 Evening had our Lyceum exhibition
 Had a part in two Dialogues, an original poem, a declamation and a part in Medley
 Collected the bills for dancing I and Geo. Heal appointed to take up the Collection Got \$6.02
 Dance bills got 3.25
 Did not dance much
 Queen Mab. Invited me to come up and see her Sun. night

Saturday, March 30

Clear and cool
 Went to the corner
 Delivered the money Recd. last night to the Treasurers of the Lyceum
 Evening I and sister Nell called upon Emma Bell

Sunday, March 31

Squally
 Wrote to E.F. Gould
 Went to the corner
 Intended to call upon my proud and beauteous Queen but was obliged to relinquish the idea as it rained
 Called upon E.B.F. a little while
 Volunteered some information in regard to what Bell P. said of me in connection with herself
 Come back I want to tell you something

APRIL 1878**Monday, April 1**

Cloudy and squally
 Cut a little wood at the door
 Wrote to Sister Fan etc.
 Evening went to the corner Got A.E.S. pretty mad about Lincolnville and Boston Society
 Lots of fun!

Tuesday, April 2

Cloudy
 Split a few logs at the door
 Stowed away the Sleds
 Cleaned the Henhouse
 Drained the yard etc.
 Evening went to the corner
 Mailed a letter to Sister Fan, also mailed one to E.F. Gould
 Called upon Bell F. also Bell P. and A.E.S. Came home a little past 8 Ida D. was up on a visit P.M.
 Nellie had company Alice Mahoney Callie Robinson and Jennie Lamb

Wednesday, April 3

Clear and pleasant
 Finished cutting firewood at the door A.M. also took a stroll in the Cushion Lot
 P.M. went to the corner

Evening went up to the Lodge

Left my horse on the way and went across with Mab. Went in and had a confidential talk with her after the Lodge Said I did not know how much she had thought of me for the past 3 weeks since she supposed I had given her up Did not think she would be a pull-back to any man and that I was mistaken in thinking her aspirations were so high Thought I wanted strong evidence of a girls love, and did not put confidence in them even after they expressed it in actions and words that it took a good deal to satisfy me of their sincerity etc. More deeply involved than ever. But what can I do? Must I give her up or could I meet her expectation make any sacrifice for my sake? Could I make her happy with my present situation?

Thursday, April 4

Cold rain

Went to the corner A.M. and got the horse shod

P.M. Revising some of my Poems

Evening called upon Cousins Nancie and Ida

Got home this morning at day-break Thurs 4th

Friday, April 5

Cold drizzling rain

Wrote to Fred Burditt

Revising some of my original Poems

Got up about 3 O'Clock to carry Ave to Belfast but he concluded not to go today

Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Called upon A.E.S.

Cold and rainy

Saturday, April 6

Got up about 2,30 A.M.

Carried Ave over to Belfast to take the cars for Hallowell

Got back about 1, O'Clock P.M.

Bought a Composition Book

Went to the corner Called upon Cousins Nancie and Ida also Emma Bell

Evening remained at home

Writing my compositions

Mailed a letter to Fred Burditt

Sunday, April 7

Cold and rainy

Remained at home all day

Writing reading overhauling old letters, Compositions etc.

Evening called upon E. Bell Thomas

Monday, April 8

Cloudy and windy

Took away the Banking front of house

Trimming apple trees and clearing up things generally

Went to the corner a few minutes this evening E. Bell T. was up to see Nellie this eve Escorted her home after I returned from the corner

Tuesday, April 9

Clear and pleasant

Wrote in Florence Towers Album

Original Lines
Evening Remained at home
Mrs. H.E. Dickey called this evening folks all away but I and Nellie
Writing in my Composition Book
Copying MSS. Original

Wednesday, April 10

Clear and pleasant
Burning brush in the orchards and clearing up generally A.M.
P.M. Laying Wall
Ruth and Aubrey were up today Sprinkled some
Evening went up to the Lodge
Went across with Mab.
Escorted her home and held a secret night session terminating at the first sweet dawn of light
Said she loved me well enough to be true and constant to me and was willing to make any reasonable sacrifice for my sake That she cared more for me than anyone else and could be happy with me as far as I was concerned but there might be obstacles beyond my control to mar the happiness of each
That there was a good deal to be thought of Did not like the idea of going into a family thought by so doing there was often trouble when these might have been happiness alone once aspired to a home of her own but did not insist upon it That I misjudged her in thinking her aspirations high only cared for comfortable circumstances or would be content with as much as she could have at home

Thursday, April 11

Showery
Went up to J. Lambs A.M.
Winnie sung several new songs
P.M. Sylvane got a load of hay moved a load to the other barn etc. Emma Bell was present to see Nellie
Evening went to the corner
Returned Florence Towers Album
Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes also upon E. Bell A.A. was present Retired quite early

Friday, April 12

Heavy Rainstorm
Copying and revising some of my compositions
Evening went to the corner
Called upon E.B. Thomas

Saturday, April 13

Showery
Laying wall A.M.
P.M. Went to the corner played Bull
Went to School Meeting Was elected Agent
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes

Sunday, April 14

Writing MSS. Part of the day
P.M. Called on E.B.T.
Evening went up to see Queen Mab.

Explained to her the necessity of our parting with the views she entertained, although there was nothing unreasonable in the request

Threw off all reserve and clung to me with a fondness that proclaimed a depth of affection pure and true My God, no wonder I am exasperated and maddened to desperation when I must sacrifice every bright dream of happiness and love and cast aside the tender love of one who is dearer to me than all the world beside a true and lovely woman whose devotion would lead her to brave the uncertainties and hardships of a frontier life with me would I permit her so to do Told her how impossible it was for me to hazard her happiness and drag her down with my misfortunes should prove unfortunate for myself perhaps it matters not if I must relinquish every blessing that tantalizes by being placed within my reach only to know that I have not the power to take nor right to blast it by transplanting to less congenial surroundings if I must submit in utter helplessness to unwelcome facts I must try and bear with manly fortitude the hard realities of adverse circumstances Yet I am thought selfish and unfeeling for the noblest promptings of my nature and my high conceptions of a noble unselfish life and the requirements... of my nature which will not allow me to seek for pleasure nor find happiness in lower standard that satisfy a less aspiring and less noble nature Misery often causes me act as to seemingly belie my feeling and professions even when they do not if the act and nature were fully understood How deeply my feelings and noblest impulses were stirred my words could not express and Mab. turned away in speechless agony as we parted

Monday, April 15

Cloudy
 Laying Wall
 Miserable and dejected
 Expressed the bitterness of my feelings to Mother
 Evening went up to Wins with Nellie and E.B.T.
 Actions belie my feelings tonight What a contrast in every respect to last night without wishing to do so caused a certain person to [??] a regard for me

Tuesday, April 16

Laying Wall
 Cloudy and warm
 Went to the corner Called upon E.B.T. to bid her goodbye

Wednesday, April 17

Pleasant
 Laying Wall
 E.B.T. went home today
 Dance at the Centre tonight did not go
 Went up to the Lodge Escorted Mab. over and back Went in and had a long talk with her Was willing to wait for me two years but did not encourage her to do so

Thursday, April 18

Clear and pleasant
 Uncovered the strawberry vines A.M. P.M. took away the banking back side of the house
 Evening went to the corner
 Recd. a letter from Sister Fan inclosing one from her friend Lu. Berry
 Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes

Friday, April 19

Clear and pleasant
 Fencing A.M.

P.M. working on the apple trees
Evening went to the corner

Saturday, April 20

Clear warm and pleasant
Fencing A.M.
P.M. Went to the corner
Played ball
Recd. a letter from E.E. Lamb applying for the summer school
Evening went to the corner
Getting a list of the scholars and ages of each in District No. 4

Sunday, April 21

Sun and clouds
Went to the corner a few minutes A.M.
P.M. Writing
Evening went up to see Mab.
Who said she would wait two years or longer for me if I wished her to do so
Warned her not to bind herself by any engagement that she might regret that she might wait in vain for me to better my condition and by waiting for me might lose many eligible chances but as she was confident she should not regret her choice and resolution especially as she thought she should not love anyone else as well as myself and considered a single life preferable to marriage without love she preferred to wait for me I accepted her proposition and promised every effort to prove worthy of success and her love

Monday, April 22

Pleasant
Laying Wall
Evening went to the corner
Albert Knight and Del Hall had a fight

Tuesday, April 23

Clear and pleasant
Fencing
Evening went down to Braggs to see if I could get Nell to teach the Summer School

Wednesday, April 24

Foggy
Fencing
P.M. Went to the corner
Evening went up to Cilleys Hall
Carried Mab over no Lodge Danced a few times and went in with Mab. awhile after carrying her home

Thursday, April 25

Cloudy but pleasant
Fencing
Evening went to the Iron Clad meeting and organization at the Methodist House
Large company from Union, Appleton, Sears mont, Belmont and other places

Friday, April 26

Showery

Made out the School Agents Census Returns A.M. Fencing a little etc. P.M. and evening went to the corner

Saturday, April 27

Rainy

Writing and copying MSS.

Sunday, April 28

Foggy

Went to the corner awhile P.M.

Evening went up to Church but the minister did not come

Monday, April 29

Foggy and rainy

Reading and writing all day

Tuesday, April 30

Foggy and rainy

Laid wall awhile A.M.

P.M. went to the corner also a few minutes in the evening

Nellie Bragg agreed to keep the school at \$5.50 per week and board

MAY 1878**Wednesday, May 1**

Foggy

Driving round about all day on business

Called upon Olive P.M.

Evening went to the dance at Phillips Hall

Carried Olive D. to Supper

Pretty fair time

But a small company present

Thursday, May 2

Clear and warm

First clear day since April 23rd

Fencing

Evening pretty tired but went to the corner a few minutes

Flo. Parker got home today

Friday, May 3

Thermometer 82.0 in the shade

Fencing A.M.

P.M. Went to Camden after a Dr. for Father as he was taken very sick last night and continues to grow worse today Got Dr. Huse

Went to the corner a few minutes this evening

Saturday, May 4

Clear and very warm
Fencing
Went to the corner this evening

Sunday, May 5

Partially clear and quite pleasant
Showery P.M.
Went down to see Nellie Bragg about commencing school
Thence to see Queen Mab.
Evening remained at home or rather went to the corner and mailed a letter to Fannie and came home

Monday, May 6

Clear warm and pleasant
Fencing and hauling fencing material
Went down to Sylvanes after I was done work this evening
Was very tired
Ironclads meet again tonight
F. Russ was down this morning to see my colt

Tuesday, May 7

Clear and warm
Done our first Ploughing and planting today
S. Coose helped me
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Wednesday, May 8

Cloudy A.M.
P.M. Clear and warm
Planting potatoes Sowed Peas etc. S. Coose helped me today
Evening went up to the installation Carried Olive over and back Came home and found Father much worse and quite crazy Went immediately for Dr. Neal Found him at Dave Crosses residence

Thursday, May 9

Partially clear and quite pleasant
A.M. made a pen for a couple of pigs which I got of Frank Rankins this morning and jobbing generally
Father very sick P.M.
Sat up with Father again tonight making two nights in succession
Retired about 4 O'Clock this morning

Friday, May 10

Clear and pleasant
Planted a few hills of corn
Worked on my strawberry beds and jobbing on the farm
Feel pretty well fagged today
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Saturday, May 11

Cooler and partially cloudy

Planting corn and potatoes and ploughing
 S. Coose worked for me today
 Father seems a little better today
 By the strong spirit's discipline
 By the fierce wrong forgiven, By all that wrings the heart of sin
 Is woman won to Heaven
 N.P. Willis

Sunday, May 12

Partially clear and quite pleasant
 Almasia Drake wife of Albion Drake Died today
 Went to the corner Called upon A.E.S. also upon Carrie Thomas

Monday, May 13

Plowing and hauling off rocks all day
 Evening remained at home and burnt my brush
 Father seems a little better

Tuesday, May 14

Cold and cloudy
 Planting Sweet corn Squashes Cranberry Beans etc. A.M.
 P.M. Planting potatoes
 S. Coose helped me today
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes
 Phillips was to have a dance tonight
 Mostly strangers present Did not go
 Worked hard and late and was pretty tired

Wednesday, May 15

Olive Drinkwater 23 today
 Froze ice last night
 Clear and quite pleasant
 Plowing and planting potatoes
 Ruth helped me all day
 Evening went up to see Queen Mab. Found her as charming and loving as ever Said it seemed weeks since she had seen me
 Spoke of the note I gave her two months ago and said she didn't sleep much that night

Thursday, May 16

Got home at daybreak
 Showery all day
 A.M. Sowed some grass seed and jobbing in general
 P.M. Fencing
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes
 Ernest D. came down and got some seed corn

Friday, May 17

Clear and warm
 Sowed a piece of Oats and picked up and hauled of the rocks from the ground also plowed and planted some
 Evening went to the corner

Saturday, May 18

Plowing planting and hauling dressing
S. Coose helped me today
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Called upon Carrie Thomas
Fannie A. Knight 23 today
Mother is 59
He is but a poor fool who trusts with blind implicit confidence the fickle changing love of a woman

Sunday, May 19

Clear and quite pleasant
Went to the funeral of Bennie Richards Carried Sister Nellie
Called at Widow D's a few minutes previous to the funeral
Evening went to the Ironclad Meeting Escorted A.E.S. home
Poor rule that won't work both ways
Those who bestow particular favors upon every admirer cannot claim my undivided attention If they care for that they must grant what they exact

Monday, May 20

Hauling dressing and plowing
Also went to Camden after Dr. Paine for Father
Went to the corner a few minutes this eve
Came home and sat up with father
What a mysterious problem is life!
What thrice mocked fools are we (as the poet Willis says) if there is nothing beyond earths
feverish dreams for the aspirations of man
How selfishly thoughtless of the sickness, suffering and afflictions of our fellow man we are all
inclined to be as long as we ourselves escape their trials and their misery

Tuesday, May 21

Rainy day
Sowed some grass-seed and chaff A.M.

Wednesday, May 22

Rainy foggy day
Fencing in the Swamp
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.
Ella Pottle was present
Elvira Morrill Died today aged 21 years

Thursday, May 23

Foggy and showery
Fencing in the Swamp today
Avans got home was over P.M. but I did not see him

Friday, May 24

Clear and cool A.M.
P.M. Warm
Hauling dressing and plowing

Evening went to the corner

Saturday, May 25

Warm and cloudy
Fannie came home today
Sowed a piece of Oats and planting corn
Ave helped me today
Evening remained at home

Sunday, May 26

Foggy A.M.
P.M. Warm and pleasant
Evening went to see Mab.

Monday, May 27

Planting garden
Ave helped me today

Tuesday, May 28

Planting today
Corn and Beans

Wednesday, May 29

Clear and pleasant
About finished planting today
Evening went to the Lodge
Carried Mab did not stop after lodge

Thursday, May 30

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Highway
Went to the corner a few minutes this evening

Friday, May 31

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Highway 10 ½ hours
Evening remained at home

JUNE 1878

Saturday, June 1

Clear and warm
Working on the Highway
Evening went to the corner with Fan and Nell
Called on Nancie and Ida also upon Fan R.
Mamy Annie and Georgia Drake present also Bell P.

Sunday, June 2

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner awhile A.M. and P.M.

Ave and Win went down to Sylvanes

Evening went to see Mab took her on a ride came back and stopped till the wee Sma' hours
 Dissolved all past arrangements and cancelled all pledges by mutual agreement for reasons best known to ourselves Oh the inconsistency of womans nature! Mab wept and showed a deep emotion which proclaimed the depth of her affection and the bitterness of the parting when she knew one word from her might make a change yet she talked with deep feeling earnestness and wished me to consider her a friend and thanked me for the treatment and respect I had showed her Said if I left her as I threatened I would be married before 6 months and if I wasn't she would remain single as long as I did

Monday, June 3

Clear and warm

Finished our garden and planted a few beans which finishes our planting unless we break up a piece

P.M. Mowed the front yard sprouted potatoes and jobbing generally

Went to the corner in the evening

Tuesday, June 4

Foggy most of the day

Working on the highway 10 hours

Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, June 5

Clear and Hot

Thermometer at 90 in the shade

Laying Wall A.M. Avans worked for Alpheus

P.M. Sprouting Potatoes Sold 5 bushels at 40 cts per bushel \$2.00

Went over the apple trees and killed the Caterpillars Evening went up to L. Knights thence to the Lodge Danced after the Lodge

Carried Mab home Talked to her in a better way and accused her of a shallow love for me if it could not stand the test of poverty or make any sacrifices for my sake

Warned her that I should not have anything more to do with her nor come to see her any more

Said did not wish me to stay away wanted me to come when-ever I could Was willing to make sacrifices for my sake and would renew our former position towards each other and if I came to her if it wasn't for ten years I would find her single for she cared for me alone and would not marry where she did not love nor would poverty interfere all she asks is a home of her own where she would be no more off them at present

Thursday, June 6

Clear cool and windy

Broke up about a third of an acre and sowed to fodder corn today also set out some cabbage plants and planted a few potatoes

Friday, June 7

Cleaned out the cellar

Hauled some gravel for the barn doors cleaned out the drain back of the House hauled some rock of from the garden watered the garden etc.

Evening remained at home

Saturday, June 8

Laying wall all day

Avans went to Camden A.M. Worked P.M.

Evening commenced to rain
 Rained all night
 Remained at home this evening

Sunday, June 9

Cool and cloudy
 P.M. Went to the Ironclad Meeting
 Evening Took Mab on a ride Had a strong womans freak which she refused to explain and I could not understand Parted with cool indifference on her part and proud resentment on mine after mainly endeavoring to persuade her to explain Bade her good bye forever and told her all concessions hereafter must come from her, that I never should seek any explanation again nor even speak till she made the first advances
 Oh the strange inconsistencies of human nature where false professions seek to hide the selfish unfeeling motives that sway the heart Well may we ask Oh God! Is there anything true and noble in this fair world of false delusions
 Wrote a line or two to E.B. Thomas in Nell's letter

Monday, June 10

F.B. Duntons store was burnt this morning
 Jumped out of bed and rushed to the fire
 Worked hard for about an hour
 Burnt my face some while standing on the barn throwing water
 Ave worked for B. Robinson
 Laying wall A.M.

Tuesday, June 11

Rainy A.M.
 Working in the Shop made out some Post etc.
 P.M. Laying Wall
 Ave assisted me
 Evening called upon A.E.S.
 Ella P. present
 Lots of fun

Wednesday, June 12

Showery A.M.
 Laying Wall
 P.M. Hoeing corn and mowing round the house
 Evening went to the corner
 Called upon A.E.S.
 Flat as a pancake

Thursday, June 13

Cloudy with a little sunshine
 Shower just at night
 Hoeing Corn
 Avans worked for Alpheus
 Went to the corner this evening
 Calm and beautiful
 One of those rarely lovely nights that like the tranquil happy days of life so seldom gleams across the stormy sky of human existence

Friday, June 14

Clear and very pleasant
 Hoeing corn and Potatoes
 Avans worked for Alpheus
 Barnums Great Circus at Belfast today
 Would liked to have went but must sacrifice my own wishes and pleasure for the sake of others
 If it were or would be of any avail it would seem more encouraging

Saturday, June 15

Clear and pleasant
 Hoeing Potatoes
 Ave worked for Alpheus
 Evening went to the corner
 Got my Shoes of E. Parker Done some trading with B. Robinson etc.
 I am impatient and dissatisfied and my proud spirit frets and chafes under its fetters like a caged lion in angry fury
 And yet if I am to be estimated for wealth rather than worth I can fling aside such love and esteem with proud disdain and contempt not perhaps with regret but thank God my conscience is clear in this respect for I have tried to do my duty and prove worthy of the esteem of those for whom I care and if I have failed through lack of wealth or whatever the cause my conscience does not upbraid me with falseness nor deceit
 Distrust embitters and falseness rankles in the heart where it is betrayed by our fair ideal of purity and honor

Sunday, June 16

Clear and warm
 Writing A.M. for Austin Marriners lodge paper
 Chas Moody and Mr Thomas of Rockland were present
 P.M. Went to the Ironclad meeting Had quite a talk with Nettie Evening went to the corner

Monday, June 17

Cloudy and rainy
 Shelling corn A.M.
 P.M. Picking up and cutting wood
 Evening

Tuesday, June 18

Hoeing Potatoes and planting Beans as I hoed
 Ave worked for Alpheus
 Evening Carried Sister Nellie to Stanley Musicians and Menagerie

Wednesday, June 19

Clear and hot
 Nice hay day
 Mowed about 2 hours below the barn this morning
 Hoeing Corn
 P.M. Went to the Raising of Wm. McKinneys Barn
 Evening Remained at home Clipped the front yard and roadside

Thursday, June 20

Clear and very Hot

Mowed below the barn this morning about 2 hours
Hoeing Corn
Hauled in some Hay etc.
Evening Nellie Bragg Came up and played Croquette
Escorted her home Was introduced to Nellie Snow this evening
Bugging Abbie etc.

Friday, June 21

Clear and pleasant
Hoeing Potatoes
Avans worked for Alpheus
Hauled in about 2 tons of hay
Remained at home this evening working till about 9 O'Clock

Saturday, June 22

Ave went to Rockland
Mowed by the roadside this morning after which I Hoed Potatoes and planted Beans
Evening went to the Corner
Phillips had a Dance Did not take any part or even go into the Hall

Sunday, June 23

Dreary Rainy day
Wrote a temperance Essay
Reading etc.
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.

Monday, June 24

Mowing in the orchard P.M.
A.M. Worked in the garden
Ave got back from Rockland
Evening went to the corner
Dick Marty had a show
Did not go although invited by a young lady to carry her

Tuesday, June 25

Showery
Carried the girls down to Youngtown Mountain strawberrying
Came back and went to the corner and help reset the old Liberty Pole
P.M. fixed the underpinning of the Barn put the Hay Rack together etc. Evening went to the corner Called upon A.E.S. Ella P. and Villa were present
Went to a Universalist lecture with them

Wednesday, June 26

Clear and cool
Hoeing Potatoes
Evening went up to the Lodge
Carried Eva Miller
Mab. made advances enough to come and speak Had nothing to say or do with her except to answer her salutation
Conversed a few moments with Lilly D. E.L. and others

Such freaks are to whimsical and frequent to be agreeable and bespeaks a fickle Capricious nature that would be hardly desirable for a constant companion
And so the silken cord is severed forever and I am free from a bondage that was none the less galling because the bitter mere willingness around

Thursday, June 27

Clear and warm
Mowed a little in the orchard after which we finished hoeing our Potatoes and recultivated our first piece of Corn
Evening Nellie Bragg came up and played Croquette
Escorted her home and made arrangements for a Croquette party at Rackcliffes Sat evening 29th inst.
Spoke to her about Winter School etc.
Recd. a note from E.B.T.

Friday, June 28

Showery
Hoeing Corn and Beans
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.

Saturday, June 29

99 in the shade
Rehoeing our corn
Hauled in 2 loads of hay
Evening Carried Nellie Bragg home and we went over to Rackcliffes and played Croquette after which Nettie played upon the organ
Got home at 11,30

Sunday, June 30

100 in the shade
Went down to the pond this morning
A.M. Went up on the upper road
Called at E. Knights and R. Moody
P.M. Remained at home Ave Win and the Baby were over
Evening Called upon A.E.S.

JULY 1878

Monday, July 1

100 in the shade
Mowing A.M.
P.M. finished Hoeing
Raked the hay etc.
Remained at home this evening Feel so discouraged that I lack life and resolution to strive
Past efforts have seemed so useless and the future looks so hopeless

Tuesday, July 2

104 in the shade
Finished mowing upper orchard and mowed quite a piece in the little field
Hauled in 2 loads of hay

Remained at home this evening pretty well exhausted with work and heat

Wednesday, July 3

Haying
104 in the shade
Finished mowing the little field and hauled in 2 loads of hay
Phillips had a dance this evening Did not attend
Fan and Nell went Went to the corner a few minutes
Went into the Hall to see who was present
Queen Mab was present although I did not see her

Thursday, July 4

Thermometer nearly 100 in the shade
Working part of A.M.
Washed the wagon and repring about the Barns
P.M. went to the corner
Evening went down to Rackcliffes and invited Nettie to go to Bracketts grove with me which invitation she accepted
Got home at 4,30 July 5th
Fair time What matters if not satisfied One may find a reckless pleasure in the follies of the world when higher and purer desires are denied
Why regret the falseness of hopes bright dreams Time obliterates the sting of regret and the memories of pleasure
Life is not altogether as we make we are all dependent on one another for happiness Yet somethings are within our control as it least seem to be and of those things conducive to our happiness provided they do not infringe upon the happiness of others

Friday, July 5

Haying
Mowed Piper field and part of lower orchard
Hauled in 1 load
Evening called upon Nellie Bragg in regard to School business
Concluded to close tomorrow 6th Did not care for the Winter school at \$25,00 per month and I engaged G.E. McCarthy of Camden for that sum

Saturday, July 6

Clear and windy
Haying
Hauled 1 load
Finished mowing lower orchard and mowed some in further field
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Made out an order for Nellie Bragg
Hosmer got a load of hay
1060 lbs

Sunday, July 7

Clear and pleasant
Working most of the A.M.
Destroying Potato Beetles
P.M. Went to the corner
Called at Stetsons Lots of company while I was present
Capt Noyes Celia Nicholls Ella P and E. Pottle and wife

Evening went to the Ironclad meeting Made a few remarks when [illegible]

Monday, July 8

Thermometer 101 in the shade
Haying
Hauled 2 loads
Tried the machine again today Broke after using about an hour

Tuesday, July 9

Clear and hot thermometer 102 in the shade
Finished mowing the orchard field
Hauled in 2 loads of hay

Wednesday, July 10

Clear and hot
Thermometer near 100 in the shade
Mowed this side of the run
Cleared out the orchard field above the road
Hauled in two loads
Cleared up cooler tonight
Worked till about 9 o'clock
Frye got a load of old hay today at \$12 per ton

Thursday, July 11

Clear and cooler quite pleasant
Mowed with Alpheus' machine P.M.
Hauled in 2 loads
Worked till 9,30 this evening
Frye got another load of hay

Friday, July 12

Clear and pleasant
Finished mowing the further field which finishes our mowing above the road
Hauled in 3 loads
Worked till 9 O'Clock this evening

Saturday, July 13

Foggy A.M.
Weeding the Garden
P.M. Clear and warm
Killing Potato Bugs
Mowed thistles by the roadside

Sunday, July 14

Clear and warm
Remained at home most of the day
Reading
Went to the corner a few minutes P.M. and evening
Quite a crowd at the Ironclad but no meeting as the officers were absent

Monday, July 15

Clear cool and windy
Commenced mowing A.M. in the lower field
Hauled in 2 loads from further field which finished our haying above the road
P.M. Had Alpheus's mowing machine and mowed quite a piece

Tuesday, July 16

Cloudy and cool
Mowed awhile this morning
Repaired the Piggery went over the Potatoes destroying Beetles etc.
P.M. Went over to the Cushion Lot Raspberrying
Cocked the hay etc. Evening remained at home
Commenced to rain

Wednesday, July 17

Rainy
Writing
Revised the Poem or Acrostic upon Queen Mab
Reading Whittier, Lowell, and Longfellow

Thursday, July 18

Foggy morning
Cleared up A.M.
Sowed some English Turnip seeds
P.M. Working upon the hay
Sold our oxen to Packard today to go when we get through haying Price \$125
Nellie Varnished the Wagon

Friday, July 19

Good hay day
Hauled in 5 loads
S. Coose helped us P.M.
First help we have had in haying
But one heart lies beneath, and that is good,
As are all hearts when we explore their depths
Therefore, great heart bear up! thou art but type Of what all lofty spirits endure that fain Would
win men back to strength and peace through love
Each hath his lonely peak and on each heart Envy, or scorn, or hatred, tears lifelong With vulture
beak; yet the high soul is left
And faith which is but hope grown wise, and love
And patience, which at last shall overcome

Saturday, July 20

Poor hay day
Fog came in P.M.
Hauled in 2 loads of hay
Commenced mowing on the Western Intervale Left a piece of upland for machine mowing
S. Coose helped today

Sunday, July 21

Foggy day

Remained at home A.M.
P.M. Went to Church
Elder Boynton of Searsmont Preached
Evening Called upon A.E.S.
Remarkably sweet
Thinks perhaps I am playing lover
Why not deceive since all are false and the most heartless the most successful in life
Truth and honor, and human feelings for another misfortunes but augments our own and purest
love a dupe to false deceit
Saw Alice and Olive had a brief former invited me to come up and see them
Lucius and Nettie were riding out this eve

Monday, July 22

Clear and pleasant A.M.
Mowing on the Intervale
Also had Alpheus's machine to finish mowing the upland
P.M. Hauled in one load when a shower came up and caught the rest all flat
Rained all the afternoon
Writing and reading

Tuesday, July 23

Cloudy A.M.
Working in the garden
P.M. Cleared up and we went to haying
Finished mowing upland with Alpheus machine
Got the hay raked and Hauled in 1 load Showered again Got the load a little wet

Wednesday, July 24

Smoky and thick A.M.
P.M. Clear good hay weather
Hauled in 3 loads which finished our upland haying
Worked till near 10 O'Clock tonight
S. Coose worked today Sent him home though about sunset
Work is relief from misery and a weary body a balm for a weary spirit

Thursday, July 25

Clear and fair hay day
Hauled in 3 loads
Finished mowing Western Intervale and mowed a little on the Eastern side
Worked till about 9 O'Clock
S. Coose worked today

Friday, July 26

Rainy
Showery day
Reading and trying to pluck up courage enough to study but felt so spleeney failed miserably
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Saturday, July 27

Rained and blowed hard last night
Cloudy A.M.
P.M. Cleared away

Spread out part of the hay
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.

Sunday, July 28

Clear and pleasant
Haying most all day
Hauled in 3 loads
Bell T. Called this morning
Came up with Eva last night
Went down and buzzed her a little after got the hay in
Evening called upon Eva
Thence to Parkers residence
Got Flo to sing

Monday, July 29

Clear and pleasant
Mowing most of the day
First days mowing in the Eastern side
Hauled in 1 load
Worked till about 9,30 (Tired)
Come unto me
All ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest

Tuesday, July 30

Cloudy with a few sprinkles
Hauled 1 load of hay and stowing away in the barn
Grinding scythes etc.

Wednesday, July 31

Cleared away again
Mowed A.M.
P.M. Raked up the hay and Hauled 1 load down to Sylvanes
Evening went up to the Lodge
Writing today
Rained some
Ave Alpheus Fan and Wm. Went blueberrying

AUGUST 1878**Thursday, August 1**

Cleared away today
It was today instead of yesterday that we mowed and raked A.M. and hauled a load to Sylvane
who helped us
Rained this evening

Friday, August 2

Rainy
Writing and reading
Went to the corner P.M. and evening a few minutes

Saturday, August 3

Foggy but Cleared away about 11 O'Clock
Went to Camden with Alpheus
Thence up round by the Beach to the Democratic Caucus was Elected a delegate to the County Convention
Evening went to the corner

Sunday, August 4

Cleared away about 10 O'Clock
And we went to haying
Hauled in 4 loads
Wm. Helped us after supper
Alpheus finished haying today
Worked late and was pretty tired But not so tired in body of work, as in mind of poverty and misfortunes of doubts and discontent

Monday, August 5

Foggy
Broke away P.M.
Mowed a little A.M.
Evening went to the corner
Called upon Carrie and Eva Thomas

Tuesday, August 6

Foggy misty day
Finished mowing our meadow A.M.
S. Coose helped us 2 or 3 hours
P.M. Lila Adams was present also C. Moody and John Wiley
Evening went to the corner
Avans is 25 today

Wednesday, August 7

Foggy
Broke away just before noon
Spread out our hay and raked it up etc.
Evening went up to the Installation
Ave went up with me
Had a dance
Reconciliation between I and Mab Carried her home invited me come and see her etc.

Thursday, August 8

Clear cool nice hay day
Finished Haying or Hauled in 3 loads besides hauling an up load and horse load to Sylvane
Mowed the Oats Sylvane helped us today
Ave mowed on his meadow A.M.
Evening went to the corner

Friday, August 9

Cloudy foggy day with a few sprinkles of rain
Hauled in a load of Aves hay and a load of Oats
P.M. Breaking up in the lower field

Ave was digging a drain just below the Lower Orchard
 Evening went to the corner

Saturday, August 10

Clear and pleasant
 Helped Ave mow his meadow
 Hauled up 1 load

Sunday, August 11

Clear and pleasant
 P.M. Went to Church
 Boynton of Sears mont presiding
 Evening went to see Mab.
 Resumed our former understanding

Monday, August 12

Clear and pleasant
 Mowed the Oats A.M.
 P.M. Hauled a few rocks and laid up some wall also got the last load of Aves hay
 Evening went to a Political discussion at the Centre between Wilder Perry and Thomas Nichols
 large Audience

Tuesday, August 13

Clear and pleasant
 Went to Belfast as a delegate to the Waldo Co. Democratic Convention
 Also attended the Democratic Congressional Convention
 Alpheus and Wm. Went over with me
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes
 Ave Hauled in the Oats

Wednesday, August 14

Clear and hot Thermometer 94 in the shade
 Mowed a little Aftermath
 Cutting bushes in the swamp etc.
 Ave worked on the Highway 6 ½ hours
 Evening went up to the Lodge Took part in the discussion upon the resolve that intemperance is
 a sin of ignorance only
 Carried Mab. home
 Said she did not care to flirt anymore that she could see the folly of it and it was insipid

Thursday, August 15

Foggy
 Ave helped Alpheus mow part of his wheat
 Mowed a little more rowan and out bushes in the swamp rest of A.M.
 P.M. Plowed the knoll below the barnyard and hauling the rocks for the stone road on the
 meadow
 Evening went to the corner

Friday, August 16

Foggy and warm
 Hauling rocks in the meadow for a road and the loam for rough places in the field

Evening went to the corner

Saturday, August 17

Rained last night and pouring right down this morning
Broke away A.M.
P.M. C. Moody called upon me went to the corner and we called upon Carrie and Eva
Evening Dance at Phillips Hall Went down a few minutes but did not dance A.E.S. invited me to escort her home

Sunday, August 18

Raining hard all day
Wrote a few scraps for the Lodge Paper in reply to M.F. Stevens
Remained at home all day Reading and writing
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Monday, August 19

Squally A.M.
Hauled some fencing over to the Sheep Pasture
P.M. Ave started for Owlshead
Mowing weeds also a little rowan and pulling weeds out of the Potato patch
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Tuesday, August 20

Clear and pleasant with one or two slight squalls
Setting over fence in the sheep pasture

Wednesday, August 21

Hauling rocks for a wall in the Sheep pasture
Evening went to a political lecture at the Centre

Thursday, August 22

Clear and pleasant
Hauling rocks and laying wall in the Sheep pasture
Evening went to the corner

Friday, August 23

Clear and pleasant
Mowing Rowan A.M.
P.M. Helped Alpheus Haul in his Wheat
Evening went to the corner

Saturday, August 24

Clear and pleasant
Southerly wind
Mowing Rowan A.M.
Pulling Peas, Weeds etc.
P.M. Helped Alpheus haul in his Wheat

Sunday, August 25

Rainy

Writing and revising some of my Poems
Remained at home all day
Evening took a walk down to the Hub

Monday, August 26

High School commenced today
Mowing Rowen A.M.
P.M. gathering apples
Robinson got 10 bushels of Jenetins
Evening went to the corner
Ave got home tonight

Tuesday, August 27

Clear and pleasant
Got our Oats threshed
Hauled them up to James Mahoney Had 4 ½ bushels
Laying wall part of P.M. below the Lower orchard Bell Stetson got home today
Eva Thomas was present on a visit P.M.
Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, August 28

Cloudy and foggy
Laying Wall and hauling rocks in the Sheep Pasture
Hauled in the Rowen
Evening went up to the Lodge
Carried Mab, home and stopped with her awhile

Thursday, August 29

Clear and pleasant
Laying Wall and hauling rocks in the sheep pasture
Had the Steers on
Evening went out to Bracketts Grove to a dance Carried Mab. Had a heavy shower which made
rather a failure of the dance

Friday, August 30

Clear and warm
Commenced Hauling Kiln-wood for E. Parker at 70 cts per cord
Hauled 3 horse loads
Evening went to a Greenback lecture at the Centre
Gertie Adams was present today and went to the lecture with Fannie

Saturday, August 31

Clear and hot
Thermometer at 90 in shade
Hauled 4 horse loads of wood for Emery today
Evening went to the corner
Called upon Bell and Abbie a few minutes
Packard took the oxen this morning paying \$125.00
Married this evening Dave and Eva Thomas by F.B. Dunton

SEPTEMBER 1878**Sunday, September 1**

Rainy

Copying and rewriting some of my MSS.

Went to the corner a few minutes this evening

Monday, September 2

Hauling Kiln wood for E. Parker

Warm sultry cloudy day

Shower at night

Evening went to a political meeting at the Centre Lecture by Leo Miller of New York

Quite a company present

Tuesday, September 3

Cloudy Warm and sultry

Laying Wall A.M. P.M. Cutting bushes

Chas. Moody was up to see me

Evening went to a political lecture at the Centre by Gen James Hall of Damariscotta

Ave went to Union

Wednesday, September 4

Foggy misty weather

Laying Wall

Went to the corner a few minutes P.M.

Evening went up to the Lodge

Called at Mrs. D's

E. Whitney and F. Russ present

Carried Olive over to the Lodge

Thursday, September 5

Foggy misty weather

Sawed a little wood at the door

Layed up a little wall in the Lower Orchard etc.

Evening went to the corner

Friday, September 6

Foggy misty A.M.

P.M. Cleared up hot

Made 27 gallons of Cider

Warren R. took 11 galls also 5 bushels of apples

P.M. went round the fences

Shower just at night

Went to the corner

Saturday, September 7

Clear and cool

Pulling Beans Weeds etc.

Recd a Postal from G.E. McCarthy

Cousin Nancie and Aunt Ruth were up this P.M. also Uncle Alvin
Evening went to the corner

Sunday, September 8

Clear and pleasant
Remained at home all day
Had lots of company
Uncle Alvin came up again brought Fannie Dunton with him Ave, Win, Mr. Lamb and wife and
Lucy Sumner were also present
Evening went up to see Mab.

Monday, September 9

Townmeeting day for State and County Officers
Laying Wall A.M.
P.M. Went to townmeeting
Evening went to the dance at Phillips Hall
Not a very great time Felt rather dissatisfied Bah! to much in love and perhaps too exacting

Tuesday, September 10

Partially clear and hot
Went to Camden with Alpheus
Paid Dr. Huse \$3.00 for Medical attendance upon father last spring
Went to the corner this eve

Wednesday, September 11

Warm and Hazy
Digging drain A.M. below the Lower Orchard
P.M. Hauled in some beans
Evening went up to the Lodge Large company up from the Trap
Carried Mab over
Rained slightly coming home
Read an essay upon Temperance

Thursday, September 12

Rainy
Revising and copying original MSS. A.M.
P.M. and evening went to the corner
H. Heal and I played Euchre with Belle and Abbie this eve

Friday, September 13

Foggy rainy day
Writing and revising some of my original MSS. all day
Evening went to the corner

Saturday, September 14

Clear and pleasant
Finished digging the underdrain below the Lower orchard and Laying wall
Ave picking up apples
Evening Carried Mab down to the Trap Lodge
Went in and had a long talk in regard to our future plans and prospects
Reiterated her former assertions of remaining single if she did not marry me

Sunday, September 15

Clear and pleasant
A.R. and Fannie Dunton present today
Remained home all day
Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Monday, September 16

Monday
A.M. Pulling Beans
Digging Potatoes P.M.
Clear and pleasant
Evening went to the corner

Tuesday, September 17

Clear and pleasant
Finished digging the Potato patch by the maple tree 15 bushels on the piece of about 2/3 of an acre
Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, September 18

Clear and warm
Cutting Corn stalks A.M.
P.M. Laying wall below Lower Orchard
Ave worked for Mrs. Lamb A.M.
Evening went up to the Lodge
Carried Mab
Went in and stopped to the "wee sma' hours"
Took part in the debate upon License and prohibition

Thursday, September 19

Clear and hot
Cutting Corn stalks A.M. P.M.
Ave and Alpheus went to the Greenback Clambake
Laying wall
Evening went to the corner

Friday, September 20

Foggy and cool
Ave went to Camden
Laying Wall below the lower orchard burning brush etc.
Bought some fish barrels of E. Clark
Evening went to the corner

Saturday, September 21

Warm and sultry
Hauling E. Parkers Kilnwood A.M.
13 Horse loads in all
P.M. Hauling in Beans, Cornstalks and also hauled a load of Alders
Evening went down to the dance at Phillips Hall quite a crowd present Did not dance
Bell S. went upon the Boat tonight

Sunday, September 22

Clear cool and windy
Writing a little for Lodge paper A.M.
P.M. Went to Church
Boynton of Searsmont Preacher
Evening went up to see Mab
"Thought our prospects but little better than a year ago
Well I must admit it looks discouraging
Shall I give her up and cease to struggle against fate?
(Not yet)

Monday, September 23

Clear and cool
Pulling Beans A.M.
Ave worked for J. Lamb
P.M. Cut some Alders at the door cut some fodder corn etc.
Evening went to the corner

Tuesday, September 24

Clear and pleasant
Gathered our Pinballs Had 16 ½ bushels, also 5 ½ bushels of Nordheads
8 ½ bushels of Pippins and Limbertops and 3 ¾ bushels of New York apples
Evening went to the corner
Borrowed some Waverleys of A.E.S. and B. Robinson

Wednesday, September 25

Clear and pleasant
Digging potatoes
Dug 10 ½ bushels
5 of which were small size
Evening went up to the Lodge
Let the Drinkwater girls ride over with my team and I went across
Carried Alice, and Olive, home
Declaimed a piece and took part in the debate upon was being against the teachings of nature
and Spirit of the Bible
Abbie Gave me her Autograph Album to write in

Thursday, September 26

Foggy misty day
Digging potatoes
Dug 8 bushels
4 of which were small size
Evening rained hard
Remained at home paring apples

Friday, September 27

Clear and pleasant
Put up the Big Apple Bin and commenced to pick our Baldwins
Picked 43 bushels today and 2 bushels of New York apples
Wm. Helped pick P.M.
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S.

Asked me if I did not consider her a friend, told her I did not Said I had little confidence in her sex with the exception of a particular one

Saturday, September 28

Clear and cool
Gathering apples Wm. Helped pick today
Picked 79 bushels today
Evening remained at home writing for lodge paper and reading
Mrs. B. Robinson was present

Sunday, September 29

Clear and pleasant
Wrote some for paper
Evening went to the corner a short time

Monday, September 30

Clear and pleasant
Picking apples
Remained at home this eve writing for paper

OCTOBER 1878**Tuesday, October 1**

Foggy morning
Husking corn awhile
Ave did not pick much today Helped Uncle Samson and Joshua Thresh their grain
Sold Tim Brown 20 bushels of apples at and Brewster 1 bus at 53 cts
Picked bushels today
Wm. Picked P.M.
Evening writing for paper

Wednesday, October 2

Foggy morning
Cleared away warm and pleasant
Hauled 10 bushels of apples to mill for Dr. Neal which we sold him at 16 2/3 cts per bushel
Wm. Helped us today
Picked 45 bushels of Baldwins in Lower Orchard
Hauled 3 loads of Beans and 2 loads of corn Went up to the Lodge
Carried Alice and Olive over
Had the Paper received lots of compliments upon my paper

Thursday, October 3

Clear and very warm
I and Ave Picked 48 bushels of Baldwins today with Ally's help also hauled in one load of corn
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Came home and read the Journal

Friday, October 4

Clear and pleasant

Picked 38 bushels in lower orchard
Evening went to the Ironclad meeting

Saturday, October 5

Clear and pleasant
Picked 31 bushels of Baldwins
Evening went to the Dance at Phillips Hall
Mab was present
Dance but little Fair time
Miles Fuller Died tonight

Sunday, October 6

Partially clear and quite cool
Carried Fan up to see Abbie Moody Went over to Robert Moody myself Took dinner after which I and Charles took a ride made a call etc.
Evening went up to see Mab
Was about to retire But was so anxious for me to stop I did not care to resist
Unusually demonstrative and affectionate

Monday, October 7

Clear and pleasant
Finished gathering Baldwins in Lower Orchard
Had 115 bushels picked
Gathered 3 1/2 bush of Tolman Sweets
2 of red sweets
1 of N.Y. Greenings
1 of Pumkin Sweet and 6 1/2 White Bold
Evening went to the corner called at Stetsons to return Abbie's paper Capt Noyes and Ella present also Lucius and Herb

Tuesday, October 8

Cloudy with a few sprinkles
Husking corn A.M.
P.M. Gathered the Beets
Evening went to the corner
Composed a dedication for Clara Gilkeys Album

Wednesday, October 9

Cloudy and misty part of the day
Hauled in some corn and Pumpkins and picked 30 bushels of Baldwins
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Came home and wrote in Abbie Wadlins' Album
Also dedicated Clara Gilkeys'
Miles Fuller buried today

Thursday, October 10

Cool and windy
Picked 38 bushels of Baldwins besides 3 1/2 bushels of Greenings 3 1/2 of Russets and 3 of Baldwins and one of natural fruit which we sold to Carver of the Trap at 40, 25, 42, and 15 cts per bushel amounting to \$3.56
Evening remained at home

Friday, October 11

Clear and pleasant
Picked bushels of Baldwins
Sold Gus Fletcher 3 bushels of Russets at 25 cts for 75 cts
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes
Robinson took bushels at 33 1/3 cts per bushel

Saturday, October 12

Cloudy
Gathered the Carrots and Turnips and Hauled in some corn A.M.
P.M. Picked 5 bushels of Baldwins when it commenced to rain
Husked corn remainder of afternoon
Evening remained at home reading papers

Sunday, October 13

Clear cool and windy
Went to the corner part of the day
Evening went up to see Mab.
Minot C. present to see his affinity
"Trifles light as air may assume gigantic proportions
I will not take less than a fervent response to thoughts and acts that burn with truth and ardor

Monday, October 14

Picking up and sorting the windfalls
Picked up 38 bushels of Baldwins and put in the cellar

Tuesday, October 15

Gathered our Roxbury Russets
Had bushels
Finished hauling in our corn
Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, October 16

Foggy morning
Cleared up warm and pleasant
Finished gathering our Russets and small lots of different varieties
Sold 6 bushels of Baldwins and 5 bushels of Russets to Lucius and Frank Duncan for \$3.77
Evening went to the Lodge Took the affirmative upon the Resolve that a good natured lazy woman is preferable to a smart scold
Carried Mab and Lilly D. home
The same demonstrations once caused a coldness between myself and Stella a coldness that led to indifference on my part Will History again repeat itself under different circumstances
It certainly will on my part A like cause will produce a like result
I can exact nothing less

Thursday, October 17

Foggy A.M.
Husking corn
P.M. Warm and pleasant
Sold 4 bushels of bruised Russets and 2 gallons of Vinegar for \$1.22

Evening went to the corner a few minutes returned the papers borrowed of B. Robinson and A.E. Stetson
Put 23 bushels of Baldwins in the cellar P.M.

Friday, October 18

Partially clear
Southerly wind
Husking corn A.M.
P.M. Finished gathering our apples
Had 582 bushels of Baldwins Hand picked
Whole No. of bushels raised

Saturday, October 19

Rainy A.M.
Ave did not work today
Finished Husking our Corn today
P.M. Cleared up cool and windy
Evening went over to the Cheese factory
Organized a Lyceum association and chose a board of Officers

Sunday, October 20

Cold and windy
Went to the Ironclad Meeting P.M.
Evening went to the corner
No divisive society this evening After all there is more of animated life in a jolly crowd of old associates
More of animation but less of devotion than in the society of intelligent virtuous women

Monday, October 21

Clear and pleasant
Digging potatoes
Ave did not work today
Carried a load of Apples up home for Billy Sold him 23 1/2 bushels of Natural fruit 1 barrel of Baldwins and 1 barrel of Russets for \$4.60 Took payment in labor
Had a family Paring Bee
A.A.K. and S. Coose and family present

Tuesday, October 22

Clear warm and very pleasant
Digging potatoes
Mother and girls went to Camden
Finished potatoes in the Piper field
Ave not at work today
Went to the corner a few minutes

Wednesday, October 23

Cool S.E. Wind
Commenced Hauling dressing
Hauled 10 loads
Ave not at work today
Evening went to corner a few minutes
Rained and blowed like fury all night

Callie R. staid all night

Thursday, October 24

Wonder what this Birthday will bring forth
 "Take no thought for the morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth"
 Well it has brought a rainstorm
 Jobbing A.M.
 P.M. Went to the corner also a few minutes this eve. Came home and read the Journal

Friday, October 25

Partially clear and cool
 Cutting up firewood in the orchards and jobbing in general
 Cut my thumb with an axe
 Evening went to a dance at Phillips Hall
 Indifferent time
 Quite a company present

Saturday, October 26

Cloudy and warm
 Digging potatoes A.M.
 P.M. Took a short drive on business in regard to the Lyceum Called upon Mab. a few minutes
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Opened the debate upon the resolve "That wealthy people enjoy life more than the common class
 of people" also had a Dec. and a part in a Dia. Then went up to Cilley's to a dance took sister Fan
 Carried Mab home
 Renewed her former manifestations of affection
 Relinquished her whim as oddity without any coaxing from me

Sunday, October 27

Cloudy
 P.M. Went to the corner
 Called at Aunt Ruths'
 Ella and Nate were present
 Evening remained at home this eve
 "Oh woman! That in our hours of ease
 Uncertain coy, and hard to please
 And variable as the shade By the light quivering aspen made; When pain and anquish wring the
 brow A ministering angel thou" (Scott)

Monday, October 28

Clear and pleasant
 Ave helped me today
 Stowed away the Rack and Horse Rack
 P.M. Threshing Beans
 Evening Got my beets topped
 Wadlins twins present this eve, on a visit

Tuesday, October 29

Clear and pleasant
 Got the Horse shod A.M.
 P.M. Hauling dressing
 Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, October 30

Cloudy A.M.
Hauling dressing
P.M. Rained
Threshing Beans
Evening went to the corner
Looking over Town books

Thursday, October 31

Cloudy
Finished threshing Beans and Peas
Went round the fences etc.
Evening went to the corner
Show and gift enterprise tonight Did not go
A.E. Stetson got Prize as handsomest woman present out of 7

NOVEMBER 1878**Friday, November 1**

Cleared up quite pleasant
Last day of High School
Commenced making cider with A.A.K's Press
Evening went to corner

Saturday, November 2

Clear and pleasant
Making cider
Made 52 galls
Used about 18 or 20 bushels of apples
Evening went to the Lyceum
Conversed awhile Nettie R and Nellie B

Sunday, November 3

Clear and cool
Went to the corner A.M.
P.M. Went to the Ironclad meeting
Evening went up to see Mab Minot C. was present
Went to the Hills Schoolhouse to a meeting
Subject of Sermon (by Woods of Rockland) Heaven

Monday, November 4

Pleasant morning
Came up Squally and cold
First Snow of the Season this P.M.
Hauling dressing and jobbing
Evening went to the corner

Tuesday, November 5

Clear cold and windy Snow Squall in the morning

Hauling dressing A.M.
P.M. Carrying apples from shop to Cellar
Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, November 6

Clear and cold
Hauling dressing
Evening went up to the Lodge
Election of Officers
Carried Mab home

Thursday, November 7

Warmer today
Hauling dressing
Evening went to the corner
Disgusted and rebellious at the monotonous tediousness and obscurity of my existence With no
visibly honorable means of rising therefrom

Friday, November 8

Snow Squalls
Cool and windy
Sorting apples and putting them in the Cellar
Evening remained at home
Bad headache and nearly sick

Saturday, November 9

Cold and windy with Snow squalls
Finished sorting apples in shop to carry to the cellar
P.M. Commenced to bank the House
Evening went to the Lyceum
Debated upon the Resolve that the Negroes more cause of complaint than the Indian
Dance at Phillips Hall Girls stopped to the dance but I came home after escorting Nellie to the
Hall

Sunday, November 10

Squally and windy
Went down to Aunt Ruths A.M.
P.M. Went to Church
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Splendid eve. but I am restless, miserable, unhappy; A weary hopeless desolation stretches like a
barren waste across the life path I seemed doomed for aye to tread
Strive as I may to meet with manly fortitude the sacrifice of every ambitious hope, and cherished
dream, the spirit shrinks from the rayless gloom and my proud heart rebels at the thought

Monday, November 11

Clear or Partially clear some squalls
Banking the House

Tuesday, November 12

Rained A.M.
P.M. Cleared away

Hauling gravel to bank the house
Evening went to the corner
Wrote a Postal to G.E. McCarthy

Wednesday, November 13

Pleasant
Stormed and cleared away three times today
Finished banking house and commenced to haul dressing rained so I gave it up
Got ready to go to installation but came up a squall and I gave it up
Went to the corner a few minutes Felt downhearted tonight
Pleasant evening

Thursday, November 14

Clear and windy
Scraping the yard and hauling dressing
Evening went to the corner

Friday, November 15

Clear and pleasant
Hauling dressing and laying drain A.M.
P.M. Worked on Highway
Evening remained at home
Restless wakeful night

Saturday, November 16

Clear and pleasant
Hauling dressing
Evening went to the Lyceum
Took part in the Resolve "That Conscience is an innate principle and not the result of Education
Restless sleepless night
Perplexing thought drives "balmy sleep" away
Many a slip etc. (One step further towards the Victory referred to previously)

Sunday, November 17

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner a few minutes
Annie Adams and Georgia D. were present first of evening
I and Ave had a little business talk in regard to our plans in future
Emma went over to J. Lambs went over with her
Came home and retired quite early
Restless, wakeful, gloomy feelings oppress me and I cannot sleep

Monday, November 18

Rainy
Hauling dressing A.M.
P.M. Choring about the barn and fixing turnouts etc.
Remained at home
A.A.K. was over spent the eve

Tuesday, November 19

Cloudy Rained A.M.

Hauling dressing
Wilbur Gould and John Dean called upon us P.M.
Evening went to the corner

Wednesday, November 20

Cloudy N.E. weather
Hauling dressing on the Orchard A.M.
P.M. Hauling boughs to put round the house
Evening remained at home
Studying on the Resolve that Philosophy a better guide than Religion

Thursday, November 21

Clear and pleasant
Hauling boughs and placing them round the house
Wm. Calderwood called P.M.
Went to the corner a few minutes this evening

Friday, November 22

Rainy Foggy day
Went to Mill with 3 1/2 bushels of corn A.M.
John Dean was present this afternoon
Went to the corner this eve
Poured right down and was one of the darkest nights I ever saw

Saturday, November 23

Cloudy and foggy with some rain
Reading
P.M. went to the corner
Also went down a few minutes this evening
No Lyceum

Sunday, November 24

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner awhile
Evening went to see Mab

Monday, November 25

Clear and pleasant morning
I and Alpheus went to Belfast
Commenced to storm before we got home
Went to the corner evening
Freeman S. and son and Rollins were present when I got back

Tuesday, November 26

Clear and pleasant
Hauled about 27 bushels of apples to Mill for cider
Warren R. took 6 bushels of Pinballs
Went to the corner a few minutes
Freeman and Rollins left this morning

Wednesday, November 27

Clear and pleasant
Hauled a couple of loads of firewood and cut a part of it for the Stove
Had a talk with Father about going to Missouri
Evening went to the Lodge
Rained when I came home
Carried Lillian D. and Sarah Colman home

Thursday, November 28

Rainy Thanksgiving
Went to the corner awhile P.M.
Ave's baby died tonight

Friday, November 29

Clear and pleasant
Jobbing a little today
Evening went to the Dance at the Centre
Carried Olive Drinkwater
Fair time
Large company present

Saturday, November 30

Clear and pleasant
Got home at 6 O'Clock this morning
P.M. Worked at the School-house
Setting up the Stove fitting wood and general repairs
Evening went to the Lyceum
Took part in the debate upon the Resolve that Philosophy is a better guide than Religion

DECEMBER 1878**Sunday, December 1**

Clear and pleasant
Called on F.E.K. at E. Towers
Went to the funeral of Ave's baby this noon
Prayer and remarks by G. Sanford
Evening McCarthy came up Went down and introduced him to J. Calderwood and wife
Lovely evening
A.A.K. was over spent the eve
(Vic-)

Monday, December 2

Cloudy
Hauling dressing
Evening remained at home Studying Grammar
Heavy rain and blow tonight
Winter School commenced today

Tuesday, December 3

Rainy
 P.M. Writing and revising Original Poems
 Evening went to the corner conversing with B. Robinson
 Cleared off pleasant

Wednesday, December 4

Rainy turned to Snow
 Robinson moved today
 Got the Cider Home
 Sold Dr. Neal 14 gallons
 P.M. Winnowed the beans Had 15 bushels
 Wm. Helped me P.M.
 Evening remained at home
 Writing

Thursday, December 5

Rainy Carried James Mahoneys' Machine home Writing and revising Original poems
 Went to the corner this eve

Friday, December 6

A.M. Putting our Stove wood under cover
 P.M. Went up to mill also went over to the woods and cut some Hoop-poles
 Evening went to a religious meeting at the Schoolhouse Got my boots repaired
 Lettie McKenney and Alice Mahoney were down visiting this eve

Saturday, December 7

Clear and cold
 A.M. Writing and studying upon the Question for debate this evening
 P.M. Fitting wood at the School-house
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Took the Neg. upon the Resolve "That Machinery does not rob the laborer"
 Very good Lyceum
 First night we've had an Organ
 Buzzing Olly D...

Sunday, December 8

Clear and cold
 Went to the corner a few minutes A.M.
 P.M. Writing and revising original compositions Glorius Evening
 Went up to see Mab Wilbur G. and wife were present
 Mab said she had had the blues of late
 That she still had confidence in me and thought she could trust me
 (Loving true and womanly)
 Warren took barrels No. 1s and 5 1/2 bushels of No. 2s
 Queen of the fairies

Monday, December 9

Clear and pleasant A.M.
 Butchered our pigs S. Page and Wm. helped
 McCarthy called at my request this morning

Instructed him to be more severe in discipline
Had some talk in regard to the School this evening
Told some of the parties interested what I thought in regard to their talk and the course I should take
Sold Watts of Rockland 8 1/2 bushels of Apples for \$2, 38 cts
Warren R. and Mr. Carleton came up tonight

Tuesday, December 10

Snowstorm turned to rain today
Sorted and out up some apples for Warren R. and a Mr. Carleton A.M.
P.M. Writing and revising original compositions
Evening remained at home writing

Wednesday, December 11

Cleared up today
Warren Took 5 barrels 13 3/4 bushels of No. 1 apples and 2 1/2 bushels No. 2s at 25 cts per bushel
and 10 gallons of Cider at 8 cts. per gallon And a Pig of 254 lbs. of weight at 5 cts per lb. Recd for
Pig \$12.51
Cut up the Pig and worked on the Highway about 2 hours
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
For Apples \$11.33

Thursday, December 12

Clear and cooler
Replaced the Watering Trough
Digging ditches etc. A.M.
P.M. Setting Posts and boarded up the Shed
Uncle Abner came over on a visit
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Came home and read the Journal

Friday, December 13

Clear and growing colder
Watts of Rockland got 2 barrels of No. 1 Baldwins at \$1.00 per barrel
3 bushels Russets 75 cts and 2 bushels Nordheads 60 cts
Total \$3.35
Putting Stove-wood under cover
Evening went to the corner a few minutes
Came home and went to writing

Saturday, December 14

Went to the Cushion Lot
Commenced chopping Evening went to the Lyceum Opened the debate upon Home influence Vs.
Public training Warren and Carleton Came up tonight
Warren Got 7 barrels of No. 1s at \$1.00 per barrel 11 1/4 at 25 cts per bushel 2.81
Total \$9.81
Dance at Phillips tonight
Did not attend

Sunday, December 15

Snowy
Wm. Patched the Barns A.M.

P.M. and Evening went to the corner

Monday, December 16

Clear and cool
Went to the Cushion Lot
Chopping
Evening

Tuesday, December 17

Chopping in the Cushion lot
Evening went up to Cilleys to a dance Carried Fan and Nell
Went over and got Olive D....
Nettie R. quizzed me in regard to my absence

Wednesday, December 18

Clear and cool
Chopping in the Cushion lot
Wm. Commenced Chopping for me today
Georgia D. and Fannie R present P.M. and eve
Evening Rehearsing our Dialogue
Robinson Got 4 barrels of No 1s and 6 3/11 bushels of 2s
Recd. \$5,69 cts

Thursday, December 19

Clear and cool
Chopping in the Cushion lot
Mrs. Robinson, Mr and Mrs Page were present P.M. and eve
Robinson & Carlton came up tonight
Stopped over night

Friday, December 20

Clear and pleasant
Robinson took 10 barrels and 1 bushels of No. 1 baldwins
Recd. for the same \$10, 38 cts.
Evening went down to A.M. Drakes' and rehearsed our Dialogue
Serenade at John Woods' tonight

Saturday, December 21

Cloudy
Cutting Alders A.M.
Wm. Did not work for me today
P.M. went to the Cheese-factory Fixed up the Stage and Rehearsed our Dialogue
Evening went to the Lyceum
Snowed turned to rain during the night
Dick Marty gave an exhibition at Phillips Hall tonight
Did not go

Sunday, December 22

Clear and windy
Sloppy underfoot
Went to the corner

Carlton stopped with us tonight
 Evening went to the corner
 Spent the most of the evening with A.M. Drake and wife
 Drilled Len. Upon his declamation

Monday, December 23

Clear and pleasant
 Robinson got 6 barrels of No. 1 apples at \$1.00 per barrel
 Wm. Cut Alders on the landing
 P.M. Page helped us butcher the Cow
 Watts bought 3 barrels of No 1 apples and 2 ½ bushels of No. 2s
 Recd for the same \$3.63
 Went to the corner this evening

Tuesday, December 24

Clear and cool
 Cutting Alders on the Landing
 Robinson and Carlton came up tonight
 Evening Put up 30 bushels of Apples for Robinson
 Pretty tired and a headache

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas
 Clear and pleasant
 Robinson and Carlton left this morning
 Bought 4 barrels of No. 1s and 19 bushels of No. 2s and 20 lbs. of Beef at 6 cts. per lb.
 (Total \$9.95)
 Recd. Payment
 Wm. Not at work today
 Got Horse Shod P.M. Evening went up to Cilleys Dance Carried Mab. Fair time

Thursday, December 26

Clear and pleasant
 Cut up the Beef A.M.
 P.M. Loaded Watts with 3 barrels of No. 1s and 2 ¾ bushels of Russets Recd. Payment \$3.70
 Hauled a load of firewood
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Friday, December 27

Clear and pleasant
 Wrote a few minutes upon question
 Cut up a load of firewood
 Evening went up to the Lodge
 Carried Mab over
 Learned Lil was offended with me
 Innocent as a fool or I might have seen it Mab out of sorts
 Dissatisfied I presume with things in general and probably with myself and my treatment of her
 Doubtless tis trying to her proud spirit to be kept in doubt of my intentions or my abilities to do
 But I cannot help it
 I cannot see myself unless I relinquish all rights all claims and God alone knows how hard it is for
 me to do it Yet if she is indifferent I must do it I can claim no hand without the heart as given

What, then fling away my honor and manhood and turn where selfish interest points to a heart
 freely given with wealth thrown in
 Even if I have no love to give
 Tis the way of the world

Saturday, December 28

Clear and pleasant
 Loaded Warren with 6 barrels of No 1s Also loaded Watts with 3 barrels of No. 1s and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
 bushels of Russets
 Recd. for the above \$9.70
 Sold F.M. Dunton 2 gallons Cider 18 cts
 Eph Knight called to see me
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Talked upon Neg. of Resolve "that public opinion should be regarded as the standard of right"
 Ella P. present P.M.
 Conversed with Nettie a few moments

Sunday, December 29

Clear and pleasant
 Went to the corner awhile
 Evening went to Church at the Centre Schoolhouse
 How I long and struggle for a different life and how weary and discouraged I get in striving
 So restless - so dissatisfied! I yearn for What is it a faith in a higher power upon which to feel my
 burden may be cast with feelings of peace and rest
 Is it the proud spirit of rebellion that the path of duty seems to point to a lowly sphere that
 makes me dissatisfied with life? My faith and doubts in man and God My aspirations and hoped
 my ideas of right and duty My passions sting my feelings intense my nature sensitive My
 knowledge so limited My vision so narrow all so strangely blended I hardly know myself my duty
 or my faith Best I know I am miserable wretchedly miserable and unhappy It may be my
priorities and doubts it may be I am unreconciled to Gods decrees it may be lack of sympathy and
 love as the means and ability of doing good and ministering to the happiness of others or it may
 be the selfish desire to gratify my own wishes and pleasures
 Warren R. and Carlton came up tonight

Monday, December 30

Snowing
 Robinson Got 8 barrels of No 1s and 8 bushels of No 2s
 \$10.00 Recd for same
 Evening cleared up
 Rehearsed our dialogue at Duntons

Tuesday, December 31

Clear and pleasant
 Watts got 3 barrels of No 1s 1 barrel of 2s and 1 bushel Greenings
 Paid \$3.81 for same Evening Rehearsed at Duntons
 Cut wood at School house P.M.
 Went to the corner P.M.
 Trading Hauled a load of firewood

MEMORANDA

Marriages for the year of acquaintances
 Geo Rankins and Cora Rackliffe Feb. 10

Chas. Billings and Ida Heal Mar. 9th
 Dave Thomas and Eva Thomas Aug 31st

MEMORANDA

Deaths

Mrs. Cora Fowler Jan. 10
 Miss Elvira Morrill May 22
 Mrs. Almacia Drake May 12
 Oct. 5th Miles Fuller

Capital punishment abolished in Maine by an act approved March 24th 1876

Improvements

Wm. Mc Kenney erected a Barn
 Phillips repaired the Hotel
 Allen Parker finished Barn and House
 J. Gordon erected a workshop

CASH ACCOUNT JANUARY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1 st	To Dancing		1.60
4 th	Postage		.06
23 rd	To S. Page on Calf Boots		2.00
29 th	Of Father	\$1.00	
29 th	To Barber		.25
29 th	To Repairing Boots		.65
31 st	To Fools cap Paper		.05
			\$ 4.61

CASH ACCOUNT FEBRUARY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
4 th	Of Father	1.00	
6 th	Pass Word		.15
6 th	To Dancing		1.15
7 th	To Diary		.65
12 th	To Candy		.06
14 th	Dancing expenses		\$1.36
28 th	To Dancing		.15
			\$2.62

CASH ACCOUNT MARCH

Date	Description	Received	Paid
5 th	Contribution		.10
7 th	Dance & Exhibition		.45
8 th	Contribution		.05
20 th	Contribution		.10

CASH ACCOUNT APRIL

Date	Description	Received	Paid
6 th	To 1 Composition Book		.90
6 th	To Barber		.25

26 th	1/2 bushel Potatoes	.50
		.20

CASH ACCOUNT MAY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1 st	Recd. of Father	\$2.00	
1 st	To Dancing expenses		\$1.37
6 th	To F. Russ		\$2.00
	Actually paid out one dollar instead of two The other was really a loan \$1.00 of which Ave paid as his part of the bill		
14 th	To 1 Straw Hat		.25
14 th	Of Father	.25	
19 th	Collars and Cuffs		.16
	Contributions		.10
29 th	Pass Word		<u>.15</u>
	Which makes total paid		\$3.03

CASH ACCOUNT JUNE

Date	Description	Received	Paid
2 nd	Candy		.05
7 th	Of Ave on F. Rupes Colt bill \$1.00		
	Not really recd.		
	Actually payment of a loan which		
	Makes total recd this month nothing		
18 th	To Museum		.40

CASH ACCOUNT JULY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
3 rd	To 1 pr. Braces		.35
4 th	Dancing Expenses		\$1.20
21 st	Of J. McKenney for hay	\$1.50	
26 th	To Collars		.10

CASH ACCOUNT AUGUST

Date	Description	Received	Paid
3 rd	To Barber		.50
7 th	Dancing		.10
13 th	Refreshments		.35
14 th	Pass Word		.15
29 th	To Dance		.40

CASH ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
8 th	To dancing expenses		.30
9 th	1 pr Overalls Suspenders and undershirt		\$1.70
9 th	Of Father	\$2.00	
22 nd	To Collars & Cuffs		.18

CASH ACCOUNT OCTOBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
5 th	To Dancing		.25
25 th	To Dancing		.25
26 th	To Dancing		.10
28 th	To Collars		.10
30	To Dancing expenses		.08

CASH ACCOUNT NOVEMBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
25 th	Of Father	\$11.45	
25 th	To Shirts		\$4.00
25 th	To Barber		.25
25 th	To Dentist		.75
25 th	Gloves & Tie		.65
25 th	Dinner		.50
29 th	Dance Expenses		<u>\$1.65</u>
			\$7.80

CASH ACCOUNT DECEMBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
11 th	On credit to Wm.		.31
25 th	Of Father	\$6.00	
25 th	To Horse Shoeing		.60
25 th	Dancing Expenses		.40

AGES OF ACQUAINTANCES

Jan. 1878

Date	Name
10	Ella B. Mansfield

Feb. 1878

Date	Name
2 nd	Chas. Moody
2 nd	Chas Briggs
7 th	Willie Thomas
25 th	Eva H Thomas

May 1878

Date	Name
4 th	Abbie E. Stetson
5 th	Lilly D. Knight
12 th	James Hoffses
14 th	Aubry Coose
15	Olive T. Drinkwater
14	Aubry Coose
18	Delania Knight
18	Fannie A. Knight

August 1878

Date	Name
1 st	Bell Parker
1 st	Jesse Billings

2 nd	Mary E. Drake	21
5 th	Riley Mathews	33
6 th	Avans P. Knight	25
13 th	Emma Bell Thomas	17

Nov. 1878

Date	Name	
1 st	Lillian Drinkwater	21