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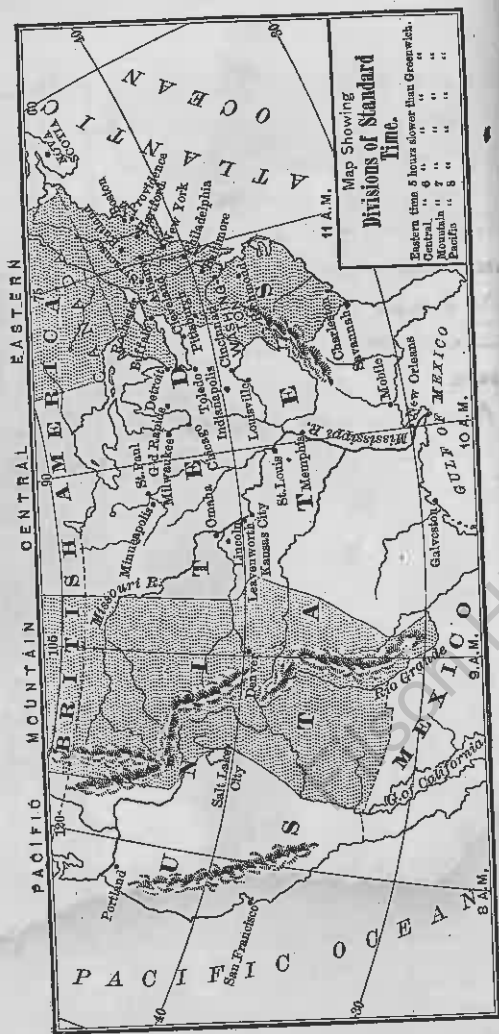
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# EXCELSIOR DIARY

FOR



# 1886



JANUARY, FRIDAY 1. 1886.

was called early to go to the depot to meet my future Uncle Received a satchel from "a young lady". Played polo all morning. Had a good many of our family at dinner. Went out to target w gun with papa. Came home tired, but went to see Mrs. Tragger. Got an invitation to a fancy party. Refused it with sorrow. Have made many good resolutions.

SATURDAY 2.

Got up late. Tried to get my lessons but they were very hard. Raining hard, and in a bad humor. Went to Coleman's. Papa is going out this evening, wish I could. They are going to commence Sunday morning earlier and are going to be very strict. I wish they were not.

JANUARY,

SUNDAY 3.

1886.

went to Sunday school and found that they had commenced to make in a new kind of way. Went to church and afterward helped to count collection. Mr and Mrs Frazer were here to dinner. I went to see Mary Galt after dinner and staid till late. After supper had trouble in getting some medicine.

MONDAY 4.

Started to school again after the holidays. Papa went to Pittsburg and is going to stay 3 weeks. Mrs Brent was around here this morning. Went with Mrs Frazier to see about a washer woman. "Darling Aunt" gave me a piece of candy, him had a puppy last night. Papa wont let me go to dancing school. Oh! my lessons are so hard.

JANUARY,

TUESDAY 5.

1886.

Got up and found the ground covered with snow. While school was in session, it snowed heavily and at recess the boys played snow ball. After I fooled around in the house a while then I tried to find George and Coleman, but they had gone down town. When they came home I went. Coleman and I staid till dark. Went to Uncle George's to supper.

WEDNESDAY 6.

Very cold, if it keeps this way much there will be skating. Know all my lessons. Mr Hill got rattled. At some boy and thought it was me, but it was not. Played shiny this afternoon and got hurt. Some boys are reckless. So sorry that I did not go to dancing school and see Mary Galt. I wish I could write poetry. I have written one verse.

JANUARY,

THURSDAY 7.

1886.

The party that was to be tomorrow is postponed, until Friday week. We are going to have a candy pulling tomorrow evening. I went over to the lot this afternoon and played shindy. The lady says that if the window is not paid for we cannot play there any more I was asked to belong to a polo club. I am staying up late to write this.

FRIDAY 8.

It is gradually turning colder and the ice will hold while school was in session. It commenced to snow and now it is falling 6 inches deep. We had our family candy pulling this evening and the chocolate creams were good. The sugar candy also was nice. Grandma said George could not have the pistol that Aunt Lizzie was going to give him. I hope I shall have fun tomorrow.

JANUARY,

SATURDAY 9.

1886.

This is the day Napoleon died. I woke up and found that the snow was nearly a foot deep. In some places where the wind has blown it into drifts it is two feet deep. I went out with my sled but soon came back very cold. It is 3° below zero. I took the dogs down to the drug store for a run and old Wood's teeth chattered so loud that you could hear them six feet off. He is now enjoying a hot fire.

SUNDAY 10.

All of us got up late this morning. I had barely time enough to reach Sunday school before they took up. was perfect in every thing. The church was so cold that I had to sit by the stove. All of us except Aunt Esther and Grandma who sat at the head and foot sat on the fire side. Have been making a puzzle all the afternoon.

JANUARY,

MONDAY 11.

1886.

Was too cold to go to school, so I staid at home and worked up arithmetic. Aunt "Ria" came early this morning to stay till Papa comes. We have not heard from him for a good while. I went out to the Infirmary with Grandma's brown food and Bessie and Aunt "Ria" and Sister. When I came home I went to Aunt Lizzie's to ask her to finish the bookshelves for our room. The girls' room is very pretty.

TUESDAY 12.

Went down with Grandma to get sister a sled and also to make my deposit of ten dollars. Oh I am so proud. I then went to see the fire and the ice formed on the front of the building is magnificent. After dinner I fixed the rope on sister's sled and took her, Margaret, and Birgin out sleighing. I did not ride at all, but helped them to ride. Tomorrow I expect to go skating. I am trying to be a better boy.

JANUARY,

WEDNESDAY 13.

1886.

After breakfast I two coal scuttles to be mended. I then went out with a sled to ride behind wagon and I played out till dinner sleighing and snow-balling. After dinner I prepared to go to the Infirmary, but Aunt "Ria" broke the glass to a frame and we could not go. I went to study my lessons, but my finger-hurt so that I could not.

THURSDAY 14.

Right after breakfast I went out to the Infirmary to help them fix up for the last time before it opens. Our room looks awful pretty. I came home and got some of my Algebra examples. I expect to go to school tomorrow. I gave Aunt Lizzie an inkstand. I played snowball all afternoon. I wish I could write poetry. After writing the preceding we had a show and made Eds.

JANUARY,

FRIDAY 15.

1886.

It rained all last night and the streets this morning were covered with slush. It has also been raining all today. This is the night for the party and a fine night it is. I spent the morning down at the store helping Grandma unpack things. This afternoon I wrote a long letter to papa. I went over to Mrs. Wetters to see Lohmays suit for the party. George Lindenberg fell over the banisters and was

SATURDAY 16.

George is all right except a bump on his head. Went around to "Darling Auntie's" to tell them about George, and Margaret came home with me. She staid till dinner. Staid in the house all the afternoon. Mary was dressed as a music girl. I wish I could have been to the party to see and dance with her. I am awful glad tomorrow's Sunday. I shall go to see her.

JANUARY,

SUNDAY 17.

1886.

Had an early breakfast and got to Sunday school in time. Was perfect. Staid to church and Coleman laughed out loud in the Litany. Mr. Mc Donald had to quiet him. On my way home I saw Mary Galt walking out Third Street with May Child. I went to Uncle George's in the afternoon. I do dislike some boys.

MONDAY 18.

Went to school and tried to get off speaking but I could not. I knew my Latin. Wrote Hope a note to get me a piece of cherry wood so that I could make Mary something. I am very busy got the wood. Received my Youth's Companion and a catalogue. I went down with Aunt "Ma" to send a telegram after supper. Have just got back.

JANUARY,

TUESDAY 19.

1886.

George and Sis got off from going to school. As I was waiting after school I heard some boy cry "fight!" I ran out and saw that Mr. Allen had just stopped a fight. The boy had his face bleeding and his <sup>hand</sup> cut. We had a big dinner here today. I tried to get a binder for the Youth's Companion, but I could not.

WEDNESDAY 20.

Jim Bullitt brought his boxing gloves to school and the boys boxed. Mr. Allen explained me a sum after school. There came near being another fight. George got a twitch worn out on him and was sent to bed for throwing snowballs at a cook. Grandma, Little Auntie and Aunt "Ria" went home. Aunt "Ria" is going to live here.

JANUARY,

THURSDAY 21.

1886.

knew my lessons. After dinner I took papa's coat to be fixed. As I was riding out in the car to the oil pond, a wagon at 4<sup>th</sup> and My ran the end of the shaft into the back of the car and split the board. I went skating and had a nice time. A boy took my skinny stick from Churchill Clark but was made to give it back.

FRIDAY 22.

Mr. Allen showed me how to do a hard example. This afternoon I went down to Blatz's to get some varnish for grandma and earned 8 cents. I have studied my lessons and speech for Monday. I am earning money fast. It is better than spending it as soon as I get it.



JANUARY, SATURDAY 23.

1886.

Went out to the oil pond skating with George and Coleman. I played shinny and larned the back cicle a little. I stayed in the house a good part of the afternoon. I went to Mr. Lewis for Grandma and played a while with him. We made a good sliding place on the pond in the common. I expect to go to cousins "Mats" tomorrow.

SUNDAY 24.

Was perfect at Sunday school. Went to cousin Mats' after dinner. Jack Beel and Nina Mae Goodwin were there when I got there. We played games and told stories and had a nice time generally. I hope I shall have time to make Mary a little mantel. We took Nina home, and Jack and George with a sack full.

JANUARY, MONDAY 25.

1886.

Got a perfect report last week that snow is 7 this year. It has been thawing all day and everything is covered with mud and slush. I gave my skates to George and Grandma is going to give me Eureka's, this year or next either I choose. I walked out with A. O. to the oil pond in search of Geo. but we could not find him. I went to Darling Auntie's with Grandma.

TUESDAY 26.

There was another fight at school today, and Mr. Allan gave the combatants, Hope and Evans a good lecture. This afternoon George and Coleman while skating in a pond had their straps taken. Coleman went with his father to the bryo house and got his straps, but Geo. does not know who took his. Grandma and Sis went to Uncle George's to supper.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 27.

1886.

Got mad this morning and was mad all day. It happened in this way. I was carrying a tough chicken and kept on trying to assist me. I asked her not to but she would so I put down and began to scold the hen. Grandma then left the room. Late in the afternoon I got sorry and told her so. She then helped me to get my lessons.

THURSDAY 28.

I staid up late last night and did not get up early this morning. Mr. Will heard our latin and I got ten. All this afternoon I have been writing latin exercises. Went up to Uncle George's and played their wille. Then I brought Grandma home.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 29.

1886.

I think I got a perfect report last week. After dinner I took the sled Grandma gave to Margaret. I then came back and played out on the pavement a while. Grandma told me to go up in loft and see if a man slept there last. After awhile we went up and found that a board had been pulled off. I told a policeman to watch and see if any went in tonight.

SATURDAY 30.

George and I went down to have our hair cut right after breakfast. Mary Galt came about eleven o'clock. At first they played dolls then George showed his theatre and showed my magic lantern. After dinner May Field came over and we went out and snow-balled. He made a slide on the pavement and had heaps of fun. George and I took Mary home on

JANUARY,

SUNDAY 31.

1886.

Papa came home from Washington at one o'clock last night. He brought George "Pocahontas" and "Saddle of Bunker Hill." As I was sitting in the parlor before any body had come down I heard the bell ring and on going to the door saw Uncle Hope Aunt "Ria" and the children. Mr. and Mrs. Hrazier were here before dinner. Papa, George, and I went to Uncle George's this afternoon.

FEBRUARY,

MONDAY 1.

Got another perfect report. While a man was fixing the clock I looked out of the window and saw Mary Galt. I went out and spoke to cousin "Matt" and Mary. She came in and left her doll and then went out to play. I went with her and we played up in front of Fields. Mary was out on behind a wagon. When they went home I walk-

FEBRUARY,

TUESDAY 2.

1886.

This is papa's birthday and we try one but "Darling Fannie" forgot him. It commenced snowing early this morning and now it is three inches deep. I made a slide on the berries in the backyard but the water did not freeze quickly. I threw some snow balls on the dining room window and sis and the girls tried to get it off by beating maps and putting them on the pane.

WEDNESDAY 3.

Aunt "Ria" lent me George's cap to wear to school, and Papa lent me his seals skin cap to wear this afternoon. While coasting this afternoon I met Anna Mc. Goodwin and Mary Galt. We coasted awhile till a careless boy got hurt and then they were afraid. Cousin "Matt" stood with "Arndt" while we were playing. Mary is coming a gain tomorrow.

FEBRUARY,

THURSDAY 4.

1886.

There is a little hill round near school where I had so much fun coasting down on a chair. Sister, Harriet, Virgin, and I had a nice ride behind a sleigh out to the House of Refuge and back. Mary Galt and Nina the Goodwin were <sup>there</sup> here again this afternoon. We had a lot of fun hitting one another with snow-balls and playing last tag. Maybe they will be here tomorrow.

FRIDAY 5.

Again I had fun at school sliding down hill on a chair. I did not go out playing this afternoon because I had a sore throat. Mary was out again this afternoon. The lesson given by Mr. Whit was too much. I made some cream chocolate this afternoon all by myself. A perfect success. George and I are going to Mary Galt's tomorrow. I am deeply in love

FEBRUARY,

SATURDAY 6.

1886.

Studied my lessons and then went to Mary Galt's. Nina the Goodwin was there and after awhile when we were playing cards Lena Bennett, came in. She did not stay very long. We made a snow woman after dinner. She was all gone when I knocked the snow off her arm. I tried to fix it but George knocked it down.

SUNDAY 7.

I got up early and was the first one down. I got my prize for being present a month. A new small card. Mr. Mrs. Trautz and Gladys were here to dinner. After dinner I played with Gladys awhile and then I read "David Copperfield". I felt so badly that I lay down on the sofa and did not get up to supper.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 8. 1886.

I was sick and did not go to school. I studied all the morning till dinner six and I got to playing and Grandma did not like it. This afternoon I made some cream chocolates and they are very good. I went out to snow-ball just a minute and Grandma was angry with me.

TUESDAY 9.

I heard it said that Mary was to have a few friends on Friday evening; hope to be asked Mr. Frazier took me up to East Louisville to the round-house and I had such a nice time. I saw two engines that were largest I ever saw. They are going on the main road. I rode back on Hanigan's engine. He is again an 937

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 10. 1886.

Went to Aunt 'Nia's house this afternoon to take a letter. I thought it was a very nice house. I played bean-bag and won the game. When I got the expected invitation, To tea Friday night at 8 o'clock at Mary's. I hope I shall be well enough to go. I have taken some calomel and cannot go to school tomorrow.

THURSDAY 11.

Did not go to school today. Took the dogs out for a run right after breakfast. Then I studied till dinner. After dinner I dressed for Coleman's party pulling. There were ten children there besides George and I. We had a nice time and staid till about fifteen minutes after seven. We went there at four o'clock

FEBRUARY,

FRIDAY 12.

1886.

Did not go to school. Went over to Clement's and studied the mechanism of a lock. After dinner played around till time to dress for the party. Took May Field to it, and came home with Will and May. Didn't have much fun. Not pleased with Mary's treatment of me.

SATURDAY 13.

Went to Cousin Matt's night after breakfast to get the umbrella. I left last night. Sent my valentine to Mary but with little affection. Chastised Jim Bullett and Alex. Robinson for ringing our bell. Sister has been sick all this week but is worse today. Have a bad headache.

FEBRUARY,

SUNDAY 14.

1886.

Was weak and had a headache when I first got up. Am near not going to Sunday school. Was perfect. Went down to Aunt Ric's with Papa. Little George and Hope were not there, having gone out to their Grandpa's. On my way home went to Marsh all Bullett to see about a ticket to Mary Anderson.

MONDAY 15.

Grandma called me and told me to look out the window. I looked and saw the most beautiful sight that I ever beheld. It had snowed during the night and the snow on the branches was lovely. The boys made a snow fort at school and at recess we stormed it. The boys on the inside of the fort got the worse.

FEBRUARY,

TUESDAY 16.

1886.

Was 18° colder today than yesterday. Went by Mr. Trajics on my way home from school and he promised to take me to see the consolidated freight engines at the shops. A. O. hit George and we ran him off their steps and smashed the balls. Mrs. Brand made us go away. I bet A. O. is mad.

WEDNESDAY 17.

Evans was in a scrape again today. He threw a snow ball at Jim Bradner. Jim threw back and knocked him down. Evans pulled out a knife and tried to cut Jim but could not. Evans has a high temper and should be dismissed from school. Did not do much this afternoon. Staid in the house and fixed the vocabulary to my Latin Reader.

FEBRUARY,

THURSDAY 18.

1886.

Changed the sleds today and I don't like it one bit. I would wear rather have the old one. They had a snow-fight at school today in which I did not join. It was too much fun! Got a postal from Aunt Mamma saying that I could come out. Have packed up my things and am going at 3.15 tomorrow.

FRIDAY 19.

Packed up my things last night so I could start early after school. Had plenty of time to catch the train and got to the depot a half hour before the train started. A man down at the depot said he would kick the policeman's ass. It has turned very cold and when the train stopped and I got off the wind seemed to carry me off my legs.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 20.

1886.

Woke up and found it as cold as blue blazes. When I went out to hunt the wind was so keen that I had to come right in. I went out several times but I got so cold that I had to come back. In the afternoon I went over to the depot and got me a pair of ear muffs. Phil brought up the Cincinnati at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY 21.

Virginia's fox hunt and John Parleton was sick so we did not go to church. We sat in the sitting room all morning and John and I talked Virginia who wanted to go to sleep. Ned Sherley came over to dinner. After dinner I took a walk over to the depot and back down the lane. Byron Hillard came out on the Shelby train.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 22.

1886.

Started out celebrating Washington's birthday by going hunting. Byron with me. I shot 7 times and killed 4 birds. Byron shot 12 times and killed 5. I gave him first shot nearly every time. I came in on the Lexington train. I saw Harison as he was in his engine about to pull out the accommodation.

TUESDAY 23.

Papa left for a 10 day hunt at Diamond Island. I hope he will bring home many ducks. Grandma and I went down town this afternoon. I got a new hat, had my hair fixed and got a pocket book. This morning Mr. Allan sent Jesse Gatheright and me to take a note to Miss Mildred Lee who was going to leave at 12:30 from the L. & N. depot.



FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 24.

1886.

Carl and I were again sent on an errand to take a note to Miss Lee and we got off our skis. George and I went down to Mr. Frazier's office and we had to wait half an hour before he came for us. When he arrived we had 5 minutes to catch the train. We saw the engines and rode back on Franzen.

THURSDAY 25.

Got out early from school in order to be at Aunt Alice's to dinner. All of us except papa who is out hunting missed there. It turned cold very suddenly this afternoon and before dark it was snowing and ice had formed on the bricks. I am very tired tonight and have not studied much.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 26.

1886.

So cold that I had to wear my overcoat to school. I have learned to play the "knocking the stick" game and beat the others. Went with George, Sis, and Grandma to Aunt Alice's to dinner. Played tops after dinner, and fixed a trap to Hope's draw. Lyle cannot open it now. George went to Colman's to supper.

SATURDAY 27.

John Bull acted mean and would not let George and me go out to the glass works with him. We went out hunting by ourselves. We went out to Carl's fire grounds. We killed one bird. I only shot once. I did not do much in the afternoon. I am mad at Mary and am not going there to dinner tomorrow.

FEBRUARY,

SUNDAY 28.

1886.

Just got to Sunday school in time. Went to church and Bishop Penick preached an impressive sermon and I have changed my heart in regard to confirmation. Margaret and Emma were here to dinner, and staid all the afternoon. Aunt Lizzie was here to supper. Grandma offered a prize to who would read the Bible first.

MARCH,

MONDAY 1.

Read three chapters in the Bible this morning. Did not go to school today. Went to Jefferson & Wright's to get some powdered sugar. I made 77 chocolate creams. Flavored them with orange. Coleman was here all the afternoon and to supper.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 2.

1886.

Two more perfect reports. 8 in succession. Hope I can get a perfect average for a quarter. H. D. and I played all the afternoon the knocking the stick game, and I beat H. D. of 9 games. My longest knock was 33 steps and my highest record for 1 go. = 74. It is late and I have not gotten my lessons yet.

WEDNESDAY 3.

Went up to Uncle George's to dinner and staid all the afternoon. Hope and I made some chocolate drops. Aunt Rosa put too much orange in them and I did not like them much. Had to study late at night.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 4.

1886.

A. D. and I play out in the lot awhile. Then with George and Cleman we got up on the stage and followed at Presly Ray and the Second street gang. We went to A. O. and played over there till Grandma called me. Then I came in and studied Aunt "Ma" and Uncle Hope came here after supper and staid till late.

FRIDAY 5.

Had neuralgia all the day. In school yesterday I thought my head would split. Came <sup>home</sup> and lay down on the bed all the afternoon. George went to Mrs. Merriweather's german and did not come home till twelve o'clock.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 6.

1886.

George and I were sleepy and did not get up early. I put on my old clothes and prepared for a days work. I cleaned out the dog house and burnt the trash. Then I cleaned out the cow shed. I went to get fresh straw but found that you had used it all up so I could put no bedding in.

SUNDAY 7.

Papa came home about half past seven and we had an early breakfast. Papa brought back from Diamond Island five topk ducks and a few geese. Mr. Frazier was here to dinner and promised to take us on Jim Mahoney. I took a message to Mrs. Frazier who was not around here to dinner on account of the horses going out.

MARCH,

MONDAY 8.

1886.

Did not go to school. Grand-  
ma went down town and  
ordered my dictionary but  
it did not come. I fixed  
a shelf to my table to hold  
my school books. I went  
to Bishop Perick's and  
talked about confirmation.  
Papa brought me an  
exercise book tonight.

TUESDAY 9.

Today is Mardi Gras and  
boys were out in full force.  
I did go out on the street  
but played played with  
some boys in our back-yard.  
Mr and Mrs Frazier came  
over after supper and  
staid till late. Mr Frazier  
showed me some trigonom-  
etry. I am afraid I did  
not understand much.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 10.

1886.

Today is Wash Wednesday  
and A. O Brand went away  
from school in order that  
he might go to church. I  
expect he wanted to escape  
his lessons. We played in our  
yard and all the boys  
could not find me for a  
good while. I was in the  
k<sup>st</sup> and they were afraid to  
come up. Went church at night.

THURSDAY 11.

Nothing happened at school  
today except that Mr. Kennedy  
showed the combination of  
the lock in the Chemistry  
room because we saw it. A  
good many boys were here  
and we played "free the yard"  
After we had played this a  
good while I hid and all  
tried to find me and I fooled  
them. 10.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 12.

1886.

Today is Sister's birthday and I gave her a dime for a present. Margaret, Virgin and Hennie were here in the afternoon and we made candy. Each made his own and we cut candy and chocolate drops. I put the chocolate on. We did not get down till late and I am very sorry to have missed Bishop Penick's Bible reading.

SATURDAY 13.

Went to Solger's for Grandma. Came home and went to Coleman's and fixed stamps. I stand there till nearly 12 o'clock. Then I came home and studied. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Fry were here. Played taps and took dogs out walking this afternoon.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 14.

1886.

Julia Burke was at church and George had no thoughts for the sermon. Mr. and Mrs. Frasier and Gladys were here to dinner. Bishop Penick was here in the afternoon and after he was gone we went out walking to the Kincaid's. On our way home we went to Uncle George and Mr. Brent but both were out. Today was so sunny that everybody was out walking.

MONDAY 15.

Today was also bright and it was a pity to have to go to school. I knew my lessons and got another perfect report. Papa took us out to the country and I carried my shot gun and George took my rifle. We went hunting as soon as the train got to Anchorage. I only shot once and I killed a hawk. We staid all night at Aunt Maria's

MARCH,

TUESDAY 16.

1886.

George persuaded papa to let us stay all day and night after breakfast we started out hunting. Before I had gotten out of the yard I hit two robbers. A hawk rose up 30 yards a head of me and I shot and killed it while it was flying. Counting yesterday's bird I killed 5. George killed a sparrow and a robbin with <sup>my</sup> rifle.

WEDNESDAY 17.

Boys at school play nothing but ball. Several of us boys found out the combination on the lock in the chemistry room and one boy told Mr Kennedy that he is going to change it. Al, Bruce, George and I played ball in the lot a little while. At 3 o'clock I went to the Bible class. was some to be in an entertainment at Macaulay's theatre but I will not accept.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 18.

1886.

It is dangerous to go about the school yard unless your life is insured. There are so many balls flying through the air. This afternoon I cleaned up the stable. I made a bin for the kindling and stopped up the holes the dogs have dug under the walls into next door.

FRIDAY 19.

Grandma asked me to clean up the lower part of our <sup>coop</sup> yard and fix the chicken, so I started this afternoon. The dirt was so thick in some places that I had to dig it away with a shovel. I worked hard all the afternoon and just had time to clean the yard.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 20.

1886.

It looked very much like  
rain when I got up and I  
was quite disappointed be-  
cause papa had promised  
to take me hunting. George  
and I got a post for the 30th.  
Next we went to papa's store  
to get some grass seed for  
grandma. Some gentlemen  
were talking to papa and  
when they went General and  
Mrs. Buckner came and staid  
till nearly 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY 21.

Forgot my marking card but  
got all perfect marks. Staid  
to church and walked part  
of the way home with Mr  
and Mrs. Wagner. The collection  
was a \$100 even. I was very  
hungry and ate a big dinner.  
I for got to say yesterday that  
I put \$3 more in Bank. Went  
to see Margaret and Virgin and  
papa came by for us.

MARCH,

MONDAY 22.

1886.

I got another perfect report.  
Only one more. I found the  
combination and now I  
think I shall always be  
able to find it. I went to  
the Bishop's confirmation  
class and came home at  
five o'clock.

TUESDAY 23.

Played ball at school and after  
coming home played a good  
while in the afternoon. Went  
to Bishop's lecture on Africa  
and enjoyed it very much.  
After supper went to Mr. Hin-  
gins to get him to go hear  
the jubilee singers and on  
coming back with him was  
much surprised to know  
that papa was going to take  
George and me also.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 24.

1886.

My scheme on the combination did not work. The boys chose sides to play ball and as I was not around when they were choosing up I cannot play. At dinner today papa gave me \$25 as a partial payment on what he owes. Went to the Bible class.

THURSDAY 25.

Nothing at all happened today. I worked all the afternoon on some repair problems. Our cow did not come home till late last night, and George and I went in search of her.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 26.

1886.

It snowed rained and sleeted this morning and I did <sup>not</sup> go to school. I studied till my head ached and then I played with George and Sis. I made a flying pigeon out of a card and it flew up as high as our second story window. Papa sent home some rubber boots and we are going hunting tomorrow.

SATURDAY 27.

Rained and could not go hunting. It has rained for the last three Saturdays. Papa's boil troubled him and he staid at home all day. Made a flying pigeon out of paper that would fly higher than the ceiling.



MARCH,

SUNDAY 28.

1886.

Went <sup>to</sup> Sunday school and church before dinner and children's service after. Went to Aunt "Pia's" and saw Beryl O. Bannon there. He came down this morning and went back to night. Mr. Arthur Robinson and Alled came in while we were there and staid all the afternoon.

MONDAY 29.

Got another perfect report and completed my average for twelve weeks. My average was 10, the first ever gotten in school. Went to Confirmation class there were eight persons five more than last meeting. George and Sister were both out to supper.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 30.

1886.

Went to Sues' to take back the rubber boots that were too large for me. On my way home I got 2 candles at Lewis' to melt and put in some eggs that I am going to blow. It is raining hard now and it has been raining ever since Saturday.

WEDNESDAY 31.

Read the Harper's Young People and then tried to fix a trick to fool papa and Sis. I blew the eggs and then tried to fill them with the candle wax but it filled so slowly that I gave up in despair. Then I tried to make some enamel water to look like milk but it set too quick and we had to give it up.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 1.

1886.

"April fool." I set the alarm clock so it would go off at three o'clock in the morning. Grandma awoke but saw the clock and went to sleep again. Did not get paid but one and that was not good. Bishop Povich came around after supper. Coleman. Their mother cut his foot with his hatchet.

FRIDAY 2.

Mr Kennedy showed Bullett and me an example that we could not work. Played backgammon this afternoon and got beaten because George and Grandma both were against me. I got mad too. I beat Grandma tonight at Russian backgammon one game and she beat me one.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 3.

1886.

Staid in the house till my headached then I went to Levi's with grandma and on coming home I dressed up and went to the bank and put in \$25. Then I went to Papak's store and staid there awhile. In the afternoon I studied some and then went to Coleman's to telephone and played a game called "Fossil."

SUNDAY 4.

George and Hope, Aunt "Ria" and Uncle Hope were here to dinner and supper. George Bayless and I took a meringue to Coleman who is still in bed. Went out walking with Papa Uncle George and Uncle Hope. We met Mr Bailey and walked home with him.

APRIL,

MONDAY 5.

1886.

Got out early from school to go to Papa's store. I was going to get a Bible when on the way home but Papa was not at the store. Went down with him after dinner got a Bible, and went down and saw the river which is rising. Came home and went to Confirmation class.

TUESDAY 6.

Knew my lessons. Mr. Allan has given us an example out of the Higher Arithmetic for tomorrow, and I have worked it. Went to Coleman's and staid awhile and telephoned to Papa but got the J. M. & J. I forgot to say yesterday that Aunt Judie sent us a sword that was Grandpa Thomas'.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 7.

1886.

After dinner I read Harper's "Young People" till Dope came down and then we went to Heissenberger & Bates' tobacco factory to get some tags but they would not give us any. We came home and I went to the Bible Class. George was down town all the afternoon trying to get tags.

THURSDAY 8.

Went out snipe hunting with Papa right after breakfast. We rode out to the race course on the cars and then walked to where we were going to hunt. We did not get but one shot at a snipe and Papa killed it. I killed two Carko one robin and a flicker. Came home in the afternoon tired and hungry.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 9.

1886.

Did not go to school today  
 Cleaned out the stall so  
 that coal could come.  
 There was a heap of saw-  
 dust in the stall and  
 I had hard work clean-  
 ing it. After that I put  
 one coat of white wash  
 on the front fence. I put  
 another on after dinner.  
 Went over to Coleman's  
 late in afternoon.

SATURDAY 10.

Tacked up the rose bushes  
 It was so hard because  
 the thorns stuck so. Made  
 part of chicken coop and  
 played with George and  
 Sis. Studied after dinner  
 and then went to Uncle  
 George's with Grandma.  
 Had devil crab for sup-  
 per.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 11.

1886.

Went to Sunday school and  
 Church. Aunt Rosa and  
 all the children here to  
 dinner, uncle George  
 being out in the country.  
 Rained or drizzled nearly  
 the entire day. Papa  
 and George and I  
 could not go out  
 walking.

MONDAY 12.

Got another perfect  
 report. Played marbles  
 in the yard with George  
 and then fooled around  
 out on the pavement. Then  
 went to Confirmation  
 class. After that I went  
 to Coleman's to get George  
 to take a bath but we  
 decided not to.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 13.

1886.

After dinner we went down town. We went to Wannamaker & Brown to get some flannel shirts. They had none to fit me but I got one for George. It was too poor flannel and Grandma sent it back. Papa got me a nice one at Deppend's, and I brought some quinine to grandma.

WEDNESDAY 14.

Had an awful tooth-ache. After dinner went to Doctor Edward's with Sis who had to have her teeth fixed. A person was a head of us and we had to wait. After that we went <sup>from</sup> to papa's store and then home.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 15.

1886.

Went to Coleman's after dinner. First we played with a flying thing then we sorted stamps and fixed places for them and played with a top. We started to telephone Marshall about some examples but he was not at home. We telephoned Fore's tobacco factory and asked for some tags. They said they would give us some.

FRIDAY 16.

Got home from school in time to bathe and dress before dinner. After dinner I packed up a few more things and after telling my all good bye went to the depot. Captain Moore, the conductor would not let me carry my valise in the car but made me pack it. Shelby met me at Shelbyville.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 17.

1886.

Got up early fixed our guns and fishing lines. Went out right after breakfast. Killed two hawks on the wing while we were going to the pond. Did not get a bite. Saw a wild duck <sup>and</sup> shot in the back but did not kill it. Killed a <sup>small</sup> snake nearly four feet long. Went to bed tired.

SUNDAY 18.

Got up late. Went to Sunday school and church. A girl named Josie Morris told Shelby's Sunday school teacher that I was her sweet heart. Went to the temperance meeting in the afternoon and saw Josie Morris. After that drove to the cemetery and around the town generally

APRIL,

MONDAY 19.

1886.

Got up early and made ready to go to Louisville. Caught the train and came safely to home, with a bad headache caused by riding on the cars so soon after breakfast. Got in street car and rode home. George went to Shelbyville this afternoon with the Mexicothers to stay a week.

TUESDAY 20.

Mr. Hill said to day that we were to have holiday all the rest of the week. Went down town with home after dinner. Wrote a letter to Shelby, got my glasses, went to the Post Office and a Youth's Companion. On our way home went to Aunt "Ria's"

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 21.

1886.

Went Harrods creek fishing today with Hope. As soon as we got there we hired a boat to fish from but it leaked so we gave it up. We did not catch but two as we had none but dead minnows for<sup>to</sup> fish with with Hope. fell in some quicksand

THURSDAY 22.

Fixed up the fence mended the side gate before dinner. After dinner I fixed the refrigerator door. I took a bath and rested. After supper I went to church and was confirmed with seventeen others. Partook of the Holy Communion.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 23.

1886.

Today being Good Friday I went church in the morning. After dinner went to Anchorage on the Lexington train. Saw Jimmie the honey and he waved to us. George and Hope went to Anchorage with me. George came home from Shelbyville this morning. He caught five fish this afternoon.

SATURDAY 24.

Went fishing this morning and fished till twelve o'clock caught forty five fish. Went to Forest home to see the game base ball club play the Anchorages. The berth seat 29 to 113. Came to Louisville on the C. & O. train.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 25.

1886.

Today is Easter. Put a dollar in Sunday school and a half dollar in missionary box. Took Holy Communion again today. We had a Sunday School celebration this afternoon and every thing passed off nicely. George and Jimmy Bickel and Anita Berry were here this afternoon.

MONDAY 26.

It is very hard to go to school after the holiday. Knew my lessons. It rained in the middle of the day. George and I played Base ball awhile then Hope came and joined in the game. Made a general settling up of accounts today and they came out even.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 27.

1886.

Got up at five o'clock and studied my lessons. Knew my lessons. After dinner played ball till about five o'clock then I had some time for white washing. It puffed up awful and went all on the clothes which were hanging on the line to dry.

WEDNESDAY 28.

This afternoon George and I went to the base ball game. The game was between the Louisville and the Columbus. The Louisville won by the score of 2 to 1. They made the winning run in the ninth inning. The umpire was a Scot.



APRIL,

THURSDAY 29.

1886.

Washed and tied my hair  
up in pigtails. It took  
me all the afternoon  
to do it. George went  
to hunt "kiss" this  
morning after school  
and did not come  
home to supper but  
staid there all night.  
Grandma was real  
worried.

FRIDAY 30.

Played ball with George  
in the commons. Did not  
come home till late. Put  
tobacco tags in my book  
before and after supper.  
I filled the book all ex-  
cept about one page. I  
have some very pretty  
tags. went to bed late.

MAY,

SATURDAY 1.

1886.

Washed a good deal.  
I finished on the inside  
and out from the front  
pane to the gate. I played  
base ball and then I  
rested till dinner. After  
dinner George went to  
Canaan school to get  
papers for the fall. I  
staid at home and  
studied my lessons.

SUNDAY 2.

went to Sunday school  
and to church. Mr. and  
Mrs. Drayer and Gladys  
were here to dinner.  
After dinner George went  
out on the pavement and  
while he was gone Pipen  
and I went to walk.  
Went to Pine Hill and  
stopped at Uncle George's  
as we came home.

MAY,

MONDAY 3.

1886.

In the afternoon George and I and Ed. Humphrey and Marshall Bullitt and A. D. Brown went to Arthur Robinson's to play ball. Marshall, Ed, and I beat Phil, and Arthur Robinson, A. D. and George 11 to 7. Had a nice time.

TUESDAY 4.

Played ball in Robinsons common next to our house. A. D., George and I, stood Phil and Arthur Robinson, Lewis Humphrey and Will Akin. We beat 17 to 8. After supper I heard Clark (our dog) barking and going to the stable with a lamp found him in the hay loft afraid to come down in the dark.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 5.

1886.

As Grandma is house cleaning and having some rooms papered I slept in an empty cot bed last night. The Socialists invited laborers to a riot and throwing dynamite bombs at the police killed and wounded thirty odd yesterday in Chicago. I did nothing particular today.

THURSDAY 6.

Washed my ball as it was mangled badly and it looked to much like rain to whitewash.