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## <u>Diaries of Lucinda Lenore Merriss - Flyleaves 1861</u>

<u>Description</u>: 5" high x 3" wide x 1/4" deep, multi-colored edges, pocket in back, black leatherette, pencil entries. Title - DAILY POCKET REBEMRANCER for 1861. New York - J.G. Shaw & Co. Blank Book Manufacturers 48 & 5 Walker St. 1861.

<u>Contents</u>: calendars and tables; includes list of Sundays for the year 1861, Rates of Postage, eclipses and a table showing the number of days from any day in one month to the same day in another month, calendar for the year, calendar for each month for moon phases and sum rises.

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Recipe for softening and improving the skin

Balsam of Mecca 10 drops Sugar 1 drachm

The white of one egg

Rose water six ounces

Mix all these articles together and strain the liquor if necessary. Use a soft linen rag to rub it on the face at night and it must be carefully washed off with clear water and mild soap in the morning. Almond oil soap is good. Sweet almond oil is good for the face if fresh and pure.

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Another recipe: take equal weight of thin sliced cucumber and lard and boil to a crush and strain. It may be colored with alkanet root while boiling and scented by a few drops of essence of roses. This is an excellent application for the skin and may be advantageously used for various eruptions for chapped hands or discolored lips. There is nothing equal to this ointment.

Liquid soap or Oleine

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Names of Scholars in Sabbath School (there are no names. The rest of the page is blank)

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I glory in the cross of Christ

page eight

[Music compositions]

[Words]: Let us walk in the light, walk in the light Let us walk in the light, in the light of God

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Tonsil wash - for throat wash: Burnt Alum, [sic], honey, and nutmeg{unreadable} 1 spool of cotts [sic] thread  $40\,\underline{1}$  No. 30 1 spool of linen thread

## page ten

For Tidy

16 to begin with

10 star points

10 stiches[sic] in star points

5 rows thick work 3 stiches in a place

5 rows open work

3 rows thick

4 rows open work

3 rows thick - work

3 rows open work

12 stiches border points

yarn 20 cts worth

## Tidy yarn/dotted veil - gloves, pins

#### Cash Accounts;

January	rec.	paid
19th woolen hood carpet sack	1.00	90 cts 75 cts
of Ms. Medic for quilting	1.00	1.50
Brest pin	1.00	
Bells picture		1.50
lost by siging[sic]		1.50
for Magazine		

#### December

Bills payable

Harriet Hart 1 pair of socks

Margaret Merriss 50 cts A Merriss \$100

## on back cover

flags	20 cts
ink	4
shoes	1.25
shally	33

<u>buttons</u>	7 1/2
bandbox	89 1/2

(some calculations on bottom of page)

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Do not forget me - Cinda Agnes - Barber

10 yds dark calico

3 yds unbleached muslin 8cts

We'll send them honest Abe Our statesman bold and true and at the and of the coming race We'll send them Galaway [sic] too

2 bolts of the narrowest of velvet - 8 yds calico 10 cts. - bird cage - & tub & bottle - Nutmeg 5 cts worth. Nealys spool No 28 - leather for six - cap forepeices.

## Last page

High pink - planted in square by the west cedar tree - also under east peony also by balm of Gilead sprout.

THE DIARIES OF MRS. LUCINDA CORNELL

1861

#### **JANUARY**, 1861

- 1 At home, quilted some, on Mrs. M's quilt, went with Frankie to Abbies, helped her all day cook for thrashers, Jerrome here with machine, Ellwood hurt his forehead on the safe, I staid night Abbies
- 2 At Abbies, helping her cook for thrashers, went with Ellwood to barn to see the machine work, Ab Whitacre here, I'd not seen him since he married before
- 3 At Abbies, helping her work for thrashers
- 4 At Abbies, done out a verry large washing & mopped kitchen, she paid me \$2, I came home on Frank colt, saw Soc Walton who told me her sister Mary McCoy died last Sunday
- 5 At home, went over to see Love McCoy who is very sick of consumption, found her verry low, sinking away, took supper to Mrs. Swishers, Sallie Shepherd went McCoys with me got acquainted with Mother & Becca Adams, we sat up all night with Love
- 6 At Mr. McCoys, went home with Sallie Shepherd, took a nap morning & breakfast, then went McCoys with Lizzie & Alice, found Love no better, company came in, I came home, found Mrs. Godown here & Kath, took dinner, Jerrome, called, Paris to Abbies, Love McCoy died 8 o'clock evening
- 7 At home, made me a black apron of my old flowered mantle, went up to Megs & twisted Abbies yarn, returend, quilted some on Mrs. Medics quilt, Father returned & said he heard that Love McCoy died last night 8 o'clock, I went Godowns few minutes evening
- 8 At home, went 2 wagons with Mother & Mag & Belle & Paris to Love McCoys funeral which was preached at her Fathers house 3 o'clock, Mag & family went home, Father & Paris went to Marts with hogs, returned \$52.41

- 9 At home, Jim Vanhorn called, Mother & I washed, I knit a mitten for Frankie, Wrote a letter to Sallie Barbee & mailed it, went eve Paris & I with Godowns to Hillard to Singing school taught by Sirene B. Phipps, I sange with Jennie Godown & Mrs. Gill, nice time, returned 10½ o'clock 10 At home quilting on Mrs. M's quilt, F. Hill took dinner with us, he came to see Paris about moving up to Richwood, Jerrome called & went Scringers with Hill, I began a mitten for Charley Rogers, quilted p.m. for Godown 20 years old today.
- 11 At home, quilting on Mrs. M's quilt
- 12 At home, quilting, Vanhorn called with his new sleigh, I took short ride in it, Mother & I knit Charley a pair of mittens evening
- 13 At home, went with Billie to church, sermon by Hallaway, returned with Meg, Austin & Percey? went after dinner to Abbies & I on horseback, gave the boys their mittens, returned after pleasant chat, retire dearly
- 14 At home, quilte-d all day & eve on Mrs. Medics quilt
- 15 At home, Father killed hogs at Godowns & Jerrome helped, I quilted all day on Mrs. M's quilt & finished it, I worked 6 days on it for \$2 Laurua Hall died at Galopolise at 4 a.m.
- 16 At home, Paris & Bill ground sausage, I seasoned & mixed it & swept & dusted up stairs, Rev. Edward Hall arrived with deceased wife of Joshua Sells
- 17 At home, regulated house some, Whitacre girls spent p.m. here, Paris & I spent evening to J. Harts, had quite a plesant time
- 18 At home, went to the funeral of Laura, wife of Rev. E. Hall, sermon by Rev. Trimble, corpse looked natural & beautiful, sermon good, I saw the wife of A.W. for the first time, returned, Lee Warren & parsons family dined here, I went Abbies & staid night

- 19 At Abbies, went Columbus on cars, got me a woolen head band for 90¢, a carpet sack 75¢, & done \$7 worth of trading for Abbie, saw Jefferson Adams, got my picture taken, gave it to him, he gave his to me & we parted, came home cars
- 20 At Abbies, she came home on Franks horse, Frank, Charley, Ellwood & I came up railroad, got dinner, went back to Abbies, staid night, lonely
- 21 At Abbies, done out a large washing, & began making cap for Ellwood, staid night
- 22 At Abbies, came up home, D. Jeys called, having been sent here by Mrs. Gerser to do something for Julia, he left her medicine & thinks he can cure her, he went p.m. to see Pete Buck, Mrs.
- Bormley, Mrs. Vanhorn & Mrs. J. Streeter, spent p.m. here, stays supper here, Dr. Jeys came back & staid supper & all night
- 23 At home, Dr. Jeys went away, I fixed over my black cloth cloak, fixed pleets in dress, made black velvet ristlets & finished Ellwoods cap, knit some, retired early
- 24 At home, Mother & I washed, I made me a lace collar, finished a stocking & began another, mended my mitten
- 25 At home, bound my calico dresses, ironed some & packed my clothes, fell down stairs, came down to Abbies on Frank horse, Mart gone to spelling school
- 26 At Abbies, came to Columbus on cars, gave Mrs. M her quilt, stopped at Simontons, got a veil, gloves & tidy yarn, also 13 yards calico of Weaver, came up to Libbie Kings in hack, fare 21¢, had quite a pleasant time eve, Sallie & Nova & Agnes Barbee came up eve
- 27 At Tommie Kings, went to the M.E. church, heard a good sermon by Weaver on the immutibility of Gods word, saw Alice Cornell & Perseus Matoon & others of my acquaitance, called at Barbees eve, went church evening, sermon by Weaver again, Behold the Man, text, returned home late 28 At Kings, got an introduction Mr. C.P. Jackson, Blendon Ohio (Address written by gentleman), Zella, Nova & Agnes spent the day here, I'm, knitting on Libs tidy, came up to Mr. H. Barbees eve,

with Sallie & Nova & Perseus, met J. Cornell & Alice in carriage, did not speak with them, staid Barbees

29 At H. Barbees, knitting on Libb Kings tidy, went to postoffice, made a call, heard organ, went in company of Perseus, Sallie Agnes & Nova to prayer meeting Methodist, returned with Perseus Matoon, who called, I staid all night with Libbie, Tomy gone to work

30 At Libbie Kings, nitting on her tidy, went afternoon with Libbie, Agnes & Sallie Barbee to Matoons visiting, Sallie came back Libbies, Sister Minerva McCoy came Perseus, Sallie Agnes & I went to prayer meeting eve, I came to Libbies & slept with her sister

31 At Mrs. Kings, knitting on her tidy, Libbie's sister here, Minerva McCrary, I came p.m. to
Barbees with Libbie, knit on her tidy, walked up street with Sallie & Aggie Barbee, returned, sang,
Laura Hanse gone Scioto

#### FEBRUARY, 1861

- 1 At home, Agnes went home, Barbees, knit on tidy, hemmed ruffles for Nova & helped her some with her grammar lesson, it rained all day, Hance & Smith returned from Scioto, Tomy called, H tells me that Aggie is at our house, I spent eve pleasantly with Sallie & Nova
- 2 At H, Barbees, came up in buggy with Tommy, knit on Libbies tidy, talked with Libbie a long time alone, knit Mollie a pair of drop stich stockings, retired early
- 3 At Libbies Kings, went M.E. churh with her, saw a few of my acquaintances, returned, Sallie called p.m., start packing, called eve, we all went M.E. church, sermon by Tippet, called to Barbees, ten to Kings with Lib & Tomie, sleep alone
- 4 At Kings, P. Jackson called, I helped Libbie washed, I knit on tidy, Perses called eve, Perses & Albert Matoon, George & Lydia Bright, Willy & W. Parks to McWhirks, Hannah Baldan, Salinda Quinton & Gilbert Barbee spent evening at Kings, the principal amusement of us was singing, which was good, we also enjoyed a few plays in which the company took a lively part in general

5 At Libbie Kings, Sallie Barbee here, having staid all night, we walked down to Mattoons, then up to Barbees with Lib & Mary, spent p.m. there, went to prayer meeting eve, returned staid Barbees. 6 At Barbees, knitting on Libbies tidy, went p.m. to Johnson Smiths, visiting Libbie & Mother, Sallie & I, went back to Barbees eve, John & Pat Jackson called eve, made a display of his good manners which I cannot easily overlook, I staid Barbees, Lib here

7 At Barbees, knitting on Tidy, I signed for Petersons Magazine \$1.25. Hanse & Smith went to Scioto, I sent a letter to mother, Sallie & I came down to Libbies in the evening 8 At Libbies, my throat quite sore, knitting on tidy, spent p.m. at Mr. Brights with Sallie Barbee, Miss Boyer from Columbus to G. Bright, visited with us & made himself very agreeable, He & Wm. walked to Kings with us, I staid night

9 At Tommy Kings, knit one mitten & began another for Louis Barbee, George Bright called evening, I went to the Presbyterian church with him & several others to sing school, had a nice time it was taught by a Mr. Pennel, some were there from Amalthea, Central College, returned 10½ 10 At Tommy Kings, went to M.E. church with Libbie King, sermon by Rev. Henry WhiteheadJesse Matoons husband, returned dinner, Sallie Barbee called, we took a walk returned, Sallie to Matoons, Perses called, Sallie Libbie Tommy & I went to church eve, sermon by Whitehead, sermon returned, I'm lonely

11 At Tommy Kings I knit a mitten for Louis, finishing a pair knit on Libs tidy, Libbie & Tommie went up street & left Mary with me in the evening

12 At Tommie Kings, Libbie washed, I finished her tidy, I am fixing to return home, went with Libbie to Barbees & returned with Sallie, Perses is here, they talked of parties & I concluded to stay til Saturday

13 At Tommie Kings, Went Columbus with Mattoons, took dinner at Medical College with Perses & Prof. Matoons wife, went to state yard, Saw & heard a speech from President Lincon, crowded into the state house & shook hands with him, the great & Learned President, returned to Kings eve 14 At Lib Kings, cut out Libbies drawers by mine, it rains, helped her sew on Tommies pants, went with Perses & Albert Mattoon up to Barbees, I staid night, we expected other young folks but it was too stormy

15 At Barbees, helped Sallie all day on her dress calico, came to Kings with her buggy, went to Mattoons eve to party, got acquainted with Mr. Baker, Miss Boyer, Lydia Bright & the Misses Jerks were there, we had a nice time music by the band. Mr. G. Bright walked with me to Kings, Mr. Baker with Sallie 2 o'clock

16 At Kings, Perses called, I came to Columbus on hack, Minerva Lanson & Jennie are along with me, going to Slys on cars, also Mrs. Sly is her sister, I came to Abbies, gave her the bird that Libbie gave me, staid Abbies

17 At Abbies, weather is bad, I staid here all day talking about the times here & at Westerville.

Paris came down, brought horse for me, Paris staid all day & talked about Augie, I staid night

18 At Abbies, done out a large washing, went in the eve with Abbie up to Mag Rogers, Eli there,
talked of Sallie Barbee to him, I went him to go with her & he seems pleased we returned, I staid

Abbies

19 At Abbies, it snows, I made a dress waist of red dot calico for Abbie, came home on Frank horse, he acted awful bad, I was afraid of him, but I got home, sang some with Paris & talked eve with our folks

20 At home, washed a.m., ironed & regulated my things p.m., had expected J. Godwn eve, Paris & Bill went to schoolhouse eve to hear lecture

- 21 At home, and cut caps for boys, Jerrome called, brought up old affairs again, I went with Belle to spend p.m. with Mrs. Hattie Skeels at her father Bromleys, had a good visit talked of her wedding & the folks generally, Harriet came a little way home with us, Blle here night
- 22 At home, read in Visitor, made a cap for Bill, Joseph Godown took supper here then home, I knit some eve, Bell here all day & night
- 23 At home, I knit some Jerrome called, I fixed handbox lid, lined fur cuffs, made 3 neck ties for boys of black silk scraps, Father to Godowns, Paris & I played for Jesse, retired 10, Nan & Em G up at Jerromes night
- 24 At home, wrote a letter to Aunt Cinda, Paris & I. I also wrote a letter to Libbie King & Sallie Barbee, went with Paris to John Harts, the girls went to Hillard to church, they carried our letters, we came home
- 25 At home, we washed, mopped, read some, I mended my dress flowered, Jo Godown took supper & went church with us, Hathaway H. Barbee called, he there, went Scringers
- 26 At home, regulated house, Dr. Jays & Hathaway the minister took supper with us, we went to church eve, sermon by Hathaway
- 27 At home, went to Abbies early, carried her her lemon tree & cactus, they are all sick with colds, I done out a washing & mopped, we had a long talk about the times, I went to church eve, sermon by Hathaway, E.G. to Megs, Jo Godown in company with us
- 28 At home, partly made cap for one of the boys, Jo Godown took supper with us, Em Scringer & May left children here & we all went to church, Jo with Emma

#### March

1 At home, went to Vanhorns, painting iris evening glass, to sleigh went to Mr. Creggs burying, then home, went to meeting eve or general class, returned, Bella & Stentz here, night Jerrome to Richwood

- 2 At home, went to Vanhorns, finished painting, Paris sleigh went up to Hilard with Vallie Vanhorn, saw Mr. Dabyns who was hurt jumpting last thursday from cars, returned, got nutmegs 10¢
- 3 At home it rained all day, I practiced singing & read pretty much all day
- 4 At home, went up to Mags, Father, Bill, Paris & I dug up & set out in front yard at home the two cedar trees I set out some other plants also & went eve to Abbies
- 5 At Abbies,Mart went to market, I done out a washing & helped some with the other work, sewed on her new dress shirt to the waist
- 6 At Abbies, paisted up paper in kitchen where it has come off, & swept round & regulated house 7 At Abbies, starched & put out window curtains, ironed some, spent p.m. to Smith Brittons, plagued Sarah about Solomon Ennis, she owned that he paid attention to her
- 8 At Abbies helped clean up & map porch & kitchen, Neely Barnett p.m., to Abbies, I knit on a sock for Charley & helped do up work eve
- 9 At Abbies, helped do work & help Ab quilt a skirt, Bill Barrett called, Abbie & I sewed & tacked down carpet in little room up stairs
- 10 AT Abbies, intended coming home & so got up early & got breakfast but it is too cold, Bill came here from church, I came up home with him eve, got letter from Libbie & Sallie Barbee
- 11 At home, read some ciphered some, John Fisk took dinner here, wanted Father to bail him out, he refused, I spent eve with Paris at Mr. Godowns, sang, ate apples & talked over the times, returned at 9
- 12 At home, sewing carpet rags
- 13 At home, we washed, I cut & sewed carpet rags
- 14 At home, Ironed, I cut & sewed carpet rags, finished 6 lbs, it is the first I have done for this carpet

15 At home, went Mags, got Belle, we came down to Abbies, I sewed carpet rags, Mrs. Woolard & Mrs. Birtton came along, Abbie went with them to see Eli Rogers who is quite sick of inflamation of the bowels

16 At Abbies, Belle & I, we intened going to town if any one went that we could go with but we were disappointed. I went with Nelly Barnett & carried Elwood to see Eli Rogers, a man by the name of Levers called for boarding

17 At Abbies, I intended to go home but it is quite cold & I have given it up, so Belle & I staid all day & night again, I wrote a letter to Libbie & Sallie

18 At Abbies, done out a large washing & mopped, Mr. Levor here to dinner & supper & night, I ironed

19 At Abbies, done housework, made some pies & ironed some

20 At Abbies, done housework, Mr. Lever boarding here, Frankie cut his eyelid quite badly 21 At Abbies, Eliza A. Huchinson died, done all the housework, she is not well, got a settled cold, Frankie sick, pain in head, Mr. Lever here yet, Frankies birthday 8 years old

22 At Abbies, made a pan of fried cakes, baked 5 loaves of bread, made 5 pies & some cookies 23 At Abbies, done work went home, left Belle at Abbies, Dr. Jays there to supper, then went to town, Mother me of Eliza Anns death

24 At home, attended the funeral of E.A. Huchins, sermon by Philips of Columbus, which was excellent, came to Abbies with Mart, Paris here, Mr. Leven went town returned eve, Belle here 25 At Abbies, washed mopped & ironed, Mr. Lever went home, it rained p.m.

26 At Abbies, sewing carpet rags, storm came eve, blew roof off church, again & part of the gabel end, spoiled altar & ruined chandalier \$30, broke chair & seats

27 At Abbies, sewing carpet rags, Abblie called at Nealys

28 At Abbies, Eliza Smith spent p.m. here, Mrs. Rogers came, staid night

29 At Abbies, went to town with Mr. Woolard, took Belle, got her picture taken\$1½, got a bird cage for Abbie & some other things, Belle & I came up home, it is quite muddy, got home 7 o'clock dar 30 At home, took Belle to Jerromes, Father & I, Betta was there, returned, Ruth Godown called for garden seeds she staid dinner, Scringer called, Ritt came, 3 o'clock & took supper with us, I went part way home with her, we had a good talk as usual

31 At home, Bill Walton came, staid all day & night, P to Bromsleys, Bill & Paris along, Ritt & I called to see Dave Smileys infant son Charley & to see the ruins of 3rd church, 2nd blown up by which roof off this, returned home eve

## APRIL, 1861

- 1 At home, cleaned pantry, it took me til 3 o'clock to finish. Mother washed, Hellen Vanhorn called, I gave her flower seeds, Paris & Bill to Godowns, boot mended
- 2 At home, hung out clothes, fussed some in yard, went up to old Katys, got some high pink seed also some snowberry, Frank & Charley came for me, I went Abbies, 2 boarders here, Mrs. Clapp from Iowa spent p.m. here
- 3 At Abbies, Mrs. Miskil called, I done work all day, 3 boarders here doing Severs work carpentering
- 4 At Abbies, washed, I done work, Neely Barnett, Severs, &c. Sarah Sanders called eve, gave me a bunch of a pretty kind of moss which I gave Abbie
- 5 At Abbies, Sarah Sanders called, I went to Birttons for plants which I got returned worked til 4 in Abbies flower garden, then went home, Frank & I with plants, set them out, it rained we staid night 6 At home, tended to plants, set out strawberrys came to Abbies brought bird a pie for Mart, & went to work, Severs here

7 At Abbies, Sewers went over the river, Father came, we had roast chicken for dinner, I done all the work, got a cold & sore throat Ab & Father, Mart & children took a walk to Sewers home, I went falls got honeysuckle roots, boys & I

8 At Abbies, washed & mopped & helped work all day, sore throat & bad cold, Severs boarding here, rained p.m.

9 At Abbies, it rained nearly all day, Severa & Mart in house I done work

10 At Abbies, Baked pies & sewes some on Ell Woods dress

11 At Abbies, baked some, went home, called at Lib Armsteads, got a syringa tree, set it out at home, also some honeysuckles & pink, H. H. Barbee here night

12 At home, H. Barbee went Scringers, I came to Abs, Jim Vanhorn paid me 50¢ for paints pans, came down with me in wagon, Abbie & Charl & Ellwood went home with him, I staid Frank & I went Barnetts, returned cooked for Severs

13 At Abbies, done all work, Abbie & tow children to Fathers, I painted pictures for Frank & Charlie, Severs went home p.m.

14 At Abbies, came up home with Frank & Mart, Abbie & children at Moohers, we had a good time, together, they went home, Culp & Bettie here at Jerromes

15 At home, washed, called at Godowns, then Crums, Jerrome & Jo with me, we also called at Doc Sells, returned, spent eve at Godowns, Paris & Bill came eve, sung some & they played checkers 16At home, set out the plants, Mat Crum gave me, & fixed borders Some? made a set of dominos of leather S. Streater called a.m. for flower seeds p.m. to bring me sing book, I came to Abbies eve 17 At Abbies, washed, mopped painted or finished two oriental pictures one for Frank the other Charley, painted the table for Abbie, Al Whitacre & wife moved in at Barnett or Walton household 18 At Abbies ironed, the military companies met in Columbus, training in the fork are on their way to Washington City, soldiers enlisting at Columbus & all over the northern states

- 19 At Abbies, helped her about the work some
- 20 At Abbies, mopped & worked some, went Jennie Brittons got dahlias, Jennie gave me her female bird, I returned Nealy Barnette called, talked about Al Whitacre & wife, went back to Birttons Frank, Charles & I got bird
- 21 At Abbies Went home, carried bird & plants, dahlia, daisies & fire pink, Father no well, Wes Walton called, I started to Abs but went back home
- 22 At home, worked in flower garden some
- 23 At home, tending to plants, Jim Vanhorn joined the army, started past here, I went to Katys, Mrs. Van spent p.m. here
- 24 At home, Dr. Jays called, Ruth Godowns called, I called at VanHorns Graveyard, Sallie Smileys, Lib Armsteads & Meg Rogers, then to Abbies, Mr. Levers here
- 25 At Abbies, washed mopped helped do up dinner dishes, ironed cleaned seed for birds
  26 At Abbies, done work, baked some she sick, I came up road called at Mag Rogers, Mrs. Vanhorns
  then home, Jennie & Ruth Godown here, Sang some eve
- 27 At home, attempted to fix up the old shed kitchen to put stove in but was not permitted to complete it, went fishing Charley & I p.m., caught a few, George called at Vanhorns
- 28 At home, Guy and Jim Van, Tom Miskil, Mary Austin & Mercy Hart called, saw Bill Brown at the gate talked with him, Father & Bill to Abbies, Paris & I called at Godowns eve, Jo no well, we are all nearly sick with colds, returned
- 29 At home, washed & mopped, p.m. west fishing with Mercy Hart, Paris & Charley, came after we went, we caught 7 fish, returned dark
- 30 At home, fixing over my green all wool delain dress, Ruth Godown called

- 1 At home, finished fixing over my green delain dress, Jo Godown here part a.m., I started to go to Jackson Scringers burying but was too late, he was buried, I called to see Orrill Davis at Bromleys then home
- 2 At home, making a dress for myself that Father got, 9½ yards of calico, Ruth Godown called for saddle Mrs. Rogers & Charlotte Howard called, I gave Mrs. R some plants, it is quite cold for this time of year, frost killed peaches
- 3 At home, finished making dark calico dress & am fixing over silk apron, it is rainingm uch talk of war
- 4 At home, made some tassals of my old blue shawl fringe & regulated house, Edwin Kelly came to Abbies & Jerromes from Columbus
- 5 At home, Paris & I were to Abbies with Charley who had been here nearly two weeks, Ben Walton took dinner to Abbies, he just from Illlo, I & P came up home, Ed Kelly here, Bell & Stant staid night
- 6 At home, Belle & Stant went home, it rained nearly all day, Paris went to Harts with butter, then to Hillards, he also went Godowns eve to get boots made, I made with mother's help, she & Julia a dress calico cheap, both today, Ed Kelly at Jerromes,
- 7 At home, Edwin came down, I made 4 aprons of my old gingham dress, Ed & I went to Jerromes, Jerrome whipped & abused Belle, we came back home, Ed staid night, Jerrome called 8 At home, I real sick last night, went to river with Ed fishing, called Scringers for Em, she did not go, rode back as far as our lane with Mart & children who had been to mill, then home, Ed to Jerromes, I slept part of p.m.
- 9 At home, sewed some on the boys hickory shirts, mopped, Ed here to dinner, he & Paris went to Hillard & Ed took the train for st, I planted my flower beds & made some borders for vines

- 10 At home, helped Mother made hickory shirts for Bill & Paris, tended some to plants
  11 At home, fixed up the borders in the front yard, washed some, finished fixing over my flounced
  black silk apron, called eve to Katys, then to John Harts, George Thrift there from Illo, Mag came
  part way home with me
- 12 At home, wrote 2 letters to Lib King the other to Sallie Barbee, Bill to Abbies, Paris & I went to Godowns where we spent p.m, very pleasantly, tho it rains
- 13 At home, sewed calico together for 3 comforters, worked in yard making borders

  14 At home, Mother washed some, I mopped up & down stairs, fussed some at borders, William

  Reed called
- 15 At home, churned, read some, intended to go to Sing school to Hiliard, but it looked like rain eve so I went to Abbies & am on my way called on Serthena Ivans, set out some plants

  16At Abbies, Mag & Ela Rogers daughter born 6 a.m. Abbie at Mags all day, I taking care of Elwood,

  Sallie Vanhorn doing the work, Severs here to his carpenters, Abie home 4 p.m. nearly sick I doctored her some
- 17 At Abbies, sewed some carpet rags, I intended to come home started & called on Meg Rogers,
  Dr. Davis there, went back to Marts thought Ellwood might have dipthera & so staid night
  18 At Abbies, went fishing there were 15 of us, in all, did not have very good luck, Abbie & children with us, we found 2 2 little flat cedars, set them out in the yard, I got acquainted with Mrs.
  Williams, real fine woman
- 19 At Abbies, came up railroad home, Sallie Vanhorn Frank & Charles along with me, Jerrome & Jim Vanhorn called, Stantie here, Mag, Zella & Jerrome called eve, took Stant home, John Hart called a few minutes, Father returned from Abbies

- 20 At home, Frankie sick here, it rained all day, men need to be planting corn as it is verry late & backward season, rainy & cold, I sewed carpet rags all day 3 lbs, & tended to plants & birds, Frank & Charly both here
- 21 At home, Washed & 2 quilts, I went to Katys, got 10¢ worth of set onions for Abbie, planted some flower seeds & a few onions, hoed out my strawberry bed, went to Abbies with Frank & Charly, stayed night
- 22 At Abbies, sewed carpet rags, Tom helped her in garden, sewed some at babys
- 23 At Abbies, sewing carpet rags, Mrs. Mishel & Mrs. Rogers spent p.m. here, sewers & carpenters here
- 24 At Abbies, sewed carpet rags, Abbie to Nealys & Ma Rogers, I came up home, brought Ellwood with me, rode up with Mr. Godown
- 25 At home, Ellwod here a.m. I sewed 1½ lbs of carpet rags, p.m. Magg called

Cunningham took dinnere here getting signers for Field Notes

- 26 At home, got pain in head all day, tried to do something for it, it got better eve, Paris & Charl went to Harts, got 5 little fish, Father took Ellwood home afoot, he Ellwood sick
- 27 At home, Sick all day with cold or some pain in head, tried everything but nothing seemed to help me, at evening I got better, John Hart called for potatoes, Charley here, he got cold 28 At home, Mother & Bill washed, I sick all day with neuralga, cold in my head, got better eve, Mr.
- 29 At home tried to sew some fixing over my flounced skirt, gave it up & doctored my head & face with cold water which help it better than all the hot stuff, Bill got sweet potatoe plants 100, I sewed p.m. 1 lb carpet rags
- 30 At home, went to Columbus with Paris & Beill, got my teeth fixed by Mr. Cune & got my small front tooth drawn & 1 front tooth filled, also 2 jaw teeth, cost \$2.25, got a shaker & gingham 62¢, called at Abbies & Mag Rogers a.m., called Abs eve, then home

31 At home, sewedcarpet rags all day, have in all 25 lbs, Jennie Gray, Ruth Godown & Annie Billingsly called at eve

### JUNE

- 1 At home, trimed shaker, mended kid gloves, trimmed hat eve & fixed over my flounced white skirt, John Godown & Guy Vanhorn took supper here, Father & boys washed sheep, eve tended plants
- 2 At home, it rained, I went Abbies p.m., Frank Nealy Barnett called eve, I intended coming home but it rained
- 3 At Abbies, she looked for Sarah Vanh-rn who had been working for her, but she did not come, so I went to work & got dinner, Ab sick, I also sewed on Ellwodds red merino dress & staid night, S.A. Douglass died 2 a.m.
- 4 At Abbies done up work, morning & rode Frank home, washed out some for myself tended plants & birds, it rained, Paris rode to Abs with me on Frank, he went home eve 5 At home, Paris came down & he & Frank & Charly went fishing, Paris took dinner here, Mr. Seweres yet here, I washed & mopped, Mr. Sever to town eve, Abbie Baby & I called on Nealy Barnett
- 6 At Abbies, got breakfast, Mr. Sever returned to breakfast & with his sweet potatoe plants, I ironed, baked 7 pies & milk pan full of cookies, baked a pan of biscuit, churned, got supper, done up all the work for 5 men & prepared breakfast
- 7 At Abbies, done the work, Severs boarding here still
- 8 At Abbies, done work, went home, Frank & I evening tended to plants & borders also birds
  9 At home, mother expected Abbie & family up, did not come, John Vanhorn here dinner, I tended
  to flowers & birds, came with Frank to Abbies eve, Mr. Sever still here
- 10 At Abbies, baked bread & pies & done work for hands working on Severs house

- 11 At Abbies, done her work, call day for boarders
- 12 At Abbies, Mr. Severs went home to his wife in Fairfield Co., I done Abbies work, Mrs. Britton & Mrs. Woolard spent p.m. here
- 13 At Abbies, done out large washing
- 14 At Abbies Ironed, Abbie spent p.m. at May Howards, I fixed little wagon & tended to plants
  15 At Abbies, mo-ped up stairs & kitchen, made cakes & light bread, went home Frankie & I tended
  plants & birds, Julia quite poorly
- 16 At home, went with Paris to Sabbath School, have a class returned Mercy & Hattie Hart dinner here, Jeanie Godown & Laura Hart & May Austin called, Paris brought me to Abbies horseback 17 At Abbies, washed, Mrs. Daymandy called, Mrs. Barnet, Abbie, Ellwood & I called on Mrs. Williams at the Wilson farm
- 18 At Abbies, ironed & baked some, spent p.m., Abbie & I at Mrs. Nealy Barnets, Eliza Smith is staying there, we did not speak or notice the Whitacres, Old Mrs. Whitacre spent p.m. with mother 19 At Abbies, gathered 4 qts of gooseberries, Charley & I made preparations for Severs & family who came & staid all night he & wife, Miss Eversole & George her brother
- 20 At Abbies, Severs & wife sister & brother went to Columbus for furniture, I sewing on Ellwood's little marino dress, it rained
- 21 At Abbies, washed two quilts & all the rest of the things that were dirty finished Ellwodd's dress, Eliza Smith called, I came home eve, heard of the death of Grandmother Merriss, got 2 letters one from Illo & Libbie King
- 22 At home, mowed the yard & tended to plants & flowers, exchanged birds with May Nelson, called at Vanhorns, Sara V came up home with me, I gave her some plants, she had given me a nice boquet of roses

- 23 At home, went with Paris to Sabbath School on the horse, Father & Bill gone over river, Paris took dinner at Wesley Walters at Libs, Emma Scringer, Ruth Godown, Angie Platt & Mag & children called, May went home, left children with us
- 24 At home, cleaned parlor, mopped & all turned carpet & put it down again, quite a big days work, Julia is quite poorly, spitting blood, boys plowing corn, Jerrome & Mag fixing up on the old kitchen
- 25 At home, cleaned bedroom & finished fixing up parlor, Jane Scofield & Mag called, Left Belle & Stant here & went to Cuffs, they here all night
- 26 At home, Old David Smiley died in a fit last night about 12 o'clock, Eliz Sells called, I washed, Eliza called eve having been to Nan Sells, I gave her some plants, I wnet part way home, her father to Smileys
- 27 At home, Jim Vanhorn called, Harriet Hart called & went with me & father to David Smileys Senior funeral preached by Hathaway, returned, dinner, nap Called at Godowns, Paris, Bill & I, evening wrote a letter to Lib King
- 28 At home, finished cleaning sitting room, finished writing to Aunt Cinda, Julia's health is quite poorly
- 29 At home, went town with Father, Bill, Father got his cloth & left there to be made, sold woold stocking yarn ¢ flannel, I got a slip of fusia & rose, Gerramina called at Abbies, school picnic, Paris went
- 30 At home, went to Sabath School, staid meeting, sermon Hathaway, saw & spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Sever, returned, May Austin, Mercy Hart & Jo Godown took dinner with us, I went with them up to Harts, home eve, Mag & family here

- 1 At home, washed, tended to plants, Father went to town with Mart, tried to sell his cattle but couldn't, times so bad. We saw a great comit in the N.W. Paris went to Godowns, got a sabath bell tp practice & Sabath School
- 2 At home, baked 2 cakes, & 5 pies, regulated house, Mrs. E. Rogers & Mrs. George Howard spent p.m. here
- 3 At home, Ironed, Jim cutting wheat, painted bird cage, went to Abbies eve, horseback staid night 4 At Abbies, churned, picked geese, went p.m. called on Mrs. Sever, her sister who is staying with her has gone to town to trade, we called again eve as Mrs. S. desired & got acquainted with their brother, Mr. D. Eversole who accompanied us (Eliza Smith & I) home eve 10 o'clock 5 At Abbies, came home, painted a little more on bird cage, practiced singing, some, regulated some, quite warm & dry weather, need rain badly, everything is drying up, is looking awfully 6 At home, regulated & cleaned some up stairs fixed at my blue braiz dress, went to Mags got a pail of water, ours tastes badly returned, water plants as it is very dry & hot, practiced some for our Sabath school
- 7 At home, went to Sabbath S. staid to church sermon by Romic (pretty good), returned took a nap, practiced singing
- 8 At home, washed for Abbie & ourselves, Billy went down on horse & brought up her clothes, I went Jerromes for bucket of water, Belle came home, we met Ann & Fanny Walton, called eve, they took my mantle (silk) to make theirs by it
- 9At home, done out a large ironing, one for ourselves & one for Abbie & went down to Abs house, carried her clothes, Miss Eversole called eve, I helped Ab get supper for harvesters, staid night 10 At Abbies, intended to come home but Ellwood was taken sick morning, sick all day, so I staid & done the work, baed & mopped cooked for harvesters

- 11 At Abbies, washedout a few things, Ellwood sick, went over to Nealy Barnetts a few minutes, Mrs. Whitacre sick, Nealy & Willie called Abbies, Bill came for my horse & handed me 2 letters, one Zidana & 1 Lib King, I came home
- 12 At home, tended plants, went Eliza Sells where I spent p.m. verry pleasantly, it rained on my way home & got quite wet when I went home, I called in at Milkah Reeds out of a shower of rain 13 At home, went to Columbus, bespoke a bonnet at Mrs. Hopperons \$5½, got letter paper 5 sheets & a pair of mitts, Paris a pair of pants & stuff for a vest, home, Jo Godown called eve, Paris & I went Abbies late evening, Abbie sick, retired 10¼
- 14 At Abbies, Paris & I came to Sabbath School (Called Sallie Smileys) Sermon by Hathaway, then home, went eve to Abbies, she went up to mothers with Paris on horseback
- 15 At Abbies, churned, mopped, washed & cooked 3 meals & entertained a caller & went eve to Nealy Barnets, Abbie came down home eve, I came home with Paris
- 16 At home, went to Vanhorns, paid Sarah what Mart owed her \$4, then called to see little Olive Crum, who is verry sick, Bill & Mat Crums daughter, then called at Godowns, then home, done out a large washing p.m.
- 17 At home, Picnic Odd fellows at Brush Lake, I staid home, wrote 2 letters one to Zidana & 1 to Lib King, went Hilliards letters, called at Bazil Sells, got Century plant & at Mrs. Crums to see Olive, she no better, then home, Wm. Armstead cutting hay
- 18 At home, Mrs. Godown called, ironed a.m., made a vest for Paris p.m. & regulated, little Olive Crum is no better we verry much fear she is not long for this world, her spine is affected 19 At home, went with Mrs. Godown to Crums to see little sick Olive, found her some better, returned went to Vanhorns, took Mary Nelson bird home, sewed carpet rags, fixed my skirt

20 At home, came to Columbus, got riding skirts, came with Paris horseback, down to Tommy Adams, skirts dirty, washed them out, made my riding skirt, enjoyed myself so well considering how tired I am riding, Paris sick stomach, drank too much water

21 At T Adams, Paris & I, we all went horseback to church, Jeff rode with me, saw Sallie Barbee who went home us, we went p.m. to Concord church sermon by Daubty, returned, spent eve pleasantly with the young folks

22 At T Adams, went with Paris to Maggie Adams & in carriage to visit Hannah Smith, formerly my dear brother Ellerrys wife, she gave me his minature pin & sold me his watch which I wanted, dinner, returned to Uncle Tommys, enjoyed eve pleasantly with Sallie & Aggie & the rest 23 At T. Adams Paris & I, bade them adieu & started for home, called at Columbus, got my bonnet of Mrs. Hopperton & Miss Forker \$5.50, came up to Abbies, called inner, home tired, Mr. Godown called, I read the awful war news of yesterday to him.

24 At home washed for ourselves a.m. Bill went down, got Abbies clothes washed here p.m. at noon went to see poor little Olive Crum who is no better but growing weaker all the time tended to plants

25 At home, ironed Abbies & our clothes, regulated & cleaned some up stairs tended plants, morning went blackberrying, P & B & I did not get any

26 At home, took Abbies clothes home, horseback, got 2 qts blackberries then home, & went to see how Olive Crum was, found her seemingly some better, returned, cleaned kitchen some, Jo Godown spent p.m. here & supper

27 At home, helped mother bake & make preparations for company, Parsus Mattoon & Mrs.

Tommy King but they did not come, I can't why unless they're sick

28 At home, it rained, Paris & I went to church horseback, not many out, no Sabath S, too rainy, Supert. did not come, (Josh Sells) Hathaway preached, returned lost a good black 75¢ fan morning, Mother & went to see little sick Olive Crum

29 At home, went to Eliza Sells & from there in carriage to Hoza Highs, Mary E. not at home, disappointed, but we visited with Mr. & Mrs. & Jane High & spent p.m pleasantly, Gray's children twins, Hoza & Fannie were there, also saw Mart High, returned early eve, home dark 30 At home, washed, it rained & beat in at doors & windows badly & stormed verry hard, I mended shoes & gloves & knit a sock foot & worked little Moll Kings panties

31 At home, ironed, mended lawn dress, went evening to John Harts to see young folks who are all sick of measles, returned verry warm

#### **AUGUST, 1861**

1 At home, footed a stocking for Julia p.m., a.m, cleaned mothers bedroom all over 2 At home, went to Abbies on Frank horse, Mart went to town, I gathered blackberrys til 2 o'clock, having got 10 or 12 qts rested 1 hour, & done out a washing & came up home with my berries, J.

Frankie with me

- 3 At home, caned 5 qts blackberries, preserved 2 qts made 6 pies, went eve to see how Hart's children were getting along with the meesles, better, Jo Godown here to supper, he & Paris to river to bathe
- 4 At home, went Sabath school returned, went eve to sing or practice for a Sunday School celebration to be one week from Saturday, returned with Jerrome & Mag in wagon
  5 At home, went to Abbies, finished Frankie a little black coat & gathered blackberrys
  6 At Abbies, gathered blackberrys & made a coarse shirt for Mart
  7 At Abbies, gathered blackberrys & washed, am real tired

8At Abbies, gathered blackberries & came home at 10 o'clock Lib & Will Armstead, little boy baby died (age 6 months) 4 p.m. we intended to have went there to sing but it was so rainy, we Paris & I went to Godowns eve & sang some

- 9 At home, made a red military shirt for Paris & went to Will & Lib Armsteads infants funeral, sermon by Hathaway, it stormed dreadfully while we were at the church & we buried baby in the rain, it got quite wet & muddy, father got the money for his cattle \$173
- 10 At home, washed & ironed & scrubbed floor, got a letter from Sally Barbee which contained the death of Mr. William Smith, Hannahs husband (second), Ed Kelly came I looked for Jeff Adams but he did not come
- 11 At home, church, sermon by Hathway, home, Betza Jenkins funeral sermon p.m. by Romic, Sing eve practicing for pic nic, Paris & I called to see Olive Crum eve she no better
- 12 At home, went to town with Jennie Godown, Emma Scringer & Fannie Walton to get stuff for Banners & flags for S.S. picnic, I got a pair of shoes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yds of shallah & 30 buttons, 2 flags & a bottle of blue ink, returned through the rain
- 13 At home, made a headdress of red, white & blue for Belle mother went to see sick child of Harts, I got dinner, Belle is here, I done out a washing, began another red shirt for boys went horseback Belle & I to Abbies
- 14 At Abbies, washed, ironed, & fixed shirt over in waist, of Abbies black silk dress I came home eve on horseback, Belle with me, we still hear dreadful news of war & they say Gen. Lyons is dead 15 At home, done an ironing & sewed some at Paris red shirt, Jennie Godown & Emma Scringer came over to help make the S. School Banners for celebration, Mag & children also took supper with me, we went eve to Crums, & supposed Olive to be dying

16 At home, it took nearly all day to finish those Banners, \* I'm verry tired having sat up half of last night at Crums, finished Paris red shirt, Father to Crums & Harts, Olive no better, they still think her dying

17 At home, went to celebration in Planks district, speeaches by Hozea Herd & Alice Phips sing teacher, there p.m., home eve, Went to Station with Jennie Godown horseback, sing school, returned, stopped Crums, Ollie died 9½ o'clock, we staid night I assisted them in dressing corpse 18At W. Crums, Paris came for me early, I home, slept 2½ hours, dressed & went again to Crums, made a collar for Martha & helped Doc fix shoes & other things for corpse, went to funeral sermon by N. Heath, I went home eve rode with Ruth Hutchins carriage, she & Ella Evertt took home with me

19 At home, came down to Abbies, they expected to thrash but the cars frightened the horses & they broke the machine, I dressed 3 chickens & done a washing for Abbie

20At Abbies, helped her to cook all day for thrashers, Jennie Armstrong called for school evening but cannot get it, they finished threshing, I intended going home but Paris did not come for me as was his intention

21 At Abbies, after breakfast started for home, called at William Armstaads, Soc Walton still there, I got a gored dress of hers to make Abbies by, which I've brought with me, cut out & sewed up seams of skirt called at Godowns & Wm. Crums, got a library book titled Long Look Ahead, talk of Sing School by Phips, home late eve

22 At home, cut out & made the waist of Abbies dress, also faced & bound the skirt & sewed it on, covered 10 buttons, Paris & Wm. went over river got soap stone, Father to Scringers

23 At home, Mr. D. Smileys sale, Rich Everett & Josh Sells called, also Old Wm. Scringer who abused & struck Josh Sells, I locked the doors, pocketed keys, stopt the fuss. I finished Abbies dress, intended to go to Hilliard to Sing School but gave it up

24 At home, Paris & I went down in wagon, took Abbie & family to town, she got Ellwood picture taken65¢, also bespoke her bonnet at Hoffertons & got \$5.00 worth of dry goods for her children & treated us to peaches, saw Jeff Adams in town who came home with us eve, staid night 25 At home, went to Sabbath School & preaching sermon by Hathaway, Jefferson went with me, returned, took a horseback ride eve, went round by Abe Sells & up to Hillard, then back home, supper, retired at 9, I real tired

26 At home, Jefferson Adams went home I'm not well & nearly tired out, called up to John Harts to see them, little sick Ida who seems to be sinking fast, we do not expect she'll recover, returned laid bed all day, Father attended Scringers & Josh Sells trial, Scringer fined \$25

27 At home, mother & I washed, I began p.m. to fix over my shally dress, went eve up to Mags, heard her flutter awhile then saw her new shally dress & came home

28 At home, ironed, John & Harriet Harts little Ida died this morning at 9, Dan came for Jerrome, he went town for coffin, Mother to Harts, Father & Dublin for Hathaway for tomorrow, P. Hart finished dressing corpse, I staid with others all night

29 At John Harts, came home after breakfast, dressed & went back to Harts, then to the church, sermon by Right of Hilliard, Ida was buried, I went with Mrs. Glover & Mrs. Sarah Latimer to Hillard to the Musical picnic, heard them sing a few times & came home, called at Harts, then home tired, tired.

30 At home, Sally & Elizabeth Shepherd visited all day with us, took dinner & supper, Mag & family here, I finished fixing over my shally dress

31 At home quarterly meeting begins 11 a.m. I went Abbies Horseback, intended to go to Columbus on cars to get Abbies bonnet but could raise no money so I returned at 11 made 6 pies a cake & cookies & 2 chickens, John Shepherd here all night, Paris, Bill & John went to church evening

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 At home, went to quarterly meeting, sermon by Jinison, the Elder, returned Lucy & May Latimer took dinner with us, went to meeting again sacrament & baptism, Mr. Buck & Joanah Streeter, Jane Scofield, Belle & Stantly, Alice Walton & Myra Armstead were baptized, D. Buck immersed at river, returned, went church eve, sermon by Hathaway, Nancy Scringer joined church
- 2 At home Washed, Ironed 3 dresses, went eve with John Hart to Abbies, carried her tomatoes & flowers, staid night, Charley has a verry bad stone bruise on his heel, I slept with Abbie
- 3 At Abbies, washed & mopped, intended to have come home with Hart & brought Ell Wood but he did not pass this way, so I staid, called over to Nealy Barnetts, spoke to Mrs. Whitacre, Mery Keller & her tribe, there having parted again
- 4 At Abbies, picked the geese, came up railroad, brought Ellwood with me, George Hutchisons little babe that Katy Davis its grandmother had the care of died, I ironed, Charl & Frank came up, Belle & Stant finaly came, all the grandchildren here
- 5 At home, I went to the fair with Father, Paris, Mart Rogers & Frankie & Wes Walton, saw a good many of my acquaintances, got Abbis bonnet \$5.00. Father staid in town to the convention 6 At home, went again to the fair, went with Mag Merriss & Bill in Jerromes spring wagon, saw the Jackson folks again, Abbie paid me \$5.00 which I paid Weever for my cloak, also got me a portmanie 50¢, home dark
- 7 At home, clean house & helped mother cook some
- 8 At home, Abbie & Mart & children came up, Also Mrs. Nealy Barnett & Willie her little boy, spent the day with us. I went home with Abbie evening staid night
- 9 At Abbies, done work all day, Keeler here to work on desk & black board for new schoolhouse 10 At Abbies, done work all day for Keeler & John Woolard who are at work here on desk & black board for schoolhouse. Keller put up window catches for Mart eve

- 11 At Abbies, it rained all day, Paris came down, I washed & hung up my clothes in the old house loft, called over to Nealy Barnetts, gave Mattie an oriental picture
- 12 At Abbies, lined the gores in her dress & helped some at work came up home at 2 o'clock, mended my veil & tended to plants & bird, went to Mags got tomatoes
- 13 At home, fixed over or pressed my hat, trimmed it, went over to Mr. Godown, Jennie & a few others visited at Mr. Crumbs, I home supper, went with Paris to Godowns again, got the spring wagon & Jennie went to Skidmores to sing by Phips, first school, retired 11
- 14 At home, ironed a shirt for a recruiting officer who came along last eve (& mother washed it), cut a few carpet rags, a Mr. Jones a recruiting officer took dinner with us
- 15 At home, went to Sabbath School, then home, Jane Godown came with me & went home before dinner, James MCCoy & wife visited us, Zipora takes Loves death verry hard, Paris & I went Godowns evening
- 16 At home, mother & Bill washed, I went Mags & got some vinegar, home, wrote a letter to Libbie & Sallie, Jerrome took it to station office, we practiced singing in Music Mirror, Jane Godown began her school in our district
- 17 At home, washed off windows & things in sitting room & did some baking, expected Mrs. Fodow to spend p.m. but she did not come. I sewed carpet rags p.m. 2 lbs
- 18 At home, I tore out a lot of carpet rags & ironed, sewed carpet rags p.m., went eve to singing school taught by Phips first night
- 19 At home, went up to Harts, twisted some cotton yarn or thread returned mother went to Scringers, visiting Jane Scofield & Meg called here having been home, I mended Fathers vest, wound thread & sewed carpet rags & got supper

20 At home, went to Abbies house, expected to help her work some but she had employed Eliz Smith, so after dinner I came home brought Ellwood, called at Jane Godowns school, she rode part way home on my horse, carried baby, we talked of our sing school

21 At home, sewed some carpet rags a.m., p.m. called at Jerromes, then at Harts dunning for money for sing school, got \$1 through Will Latimers influence, came home, May Austin with me for saddle, our boys went to Camp Chase.

22 At home, went to church, took Ellwood, sermon by Ed Hall. Abbie went & children came home with us, Mart & Father to meeting, 3 o'clock sermon by Anderson, Mart & Father went Abbie & I staid home

23 At home, I went over to Bucks to get signers for singing school, got \$1, went to Godowns, then home, washed, went to Wm. Crums, see Wilcox, Doc Sells, Abe Sells, John Howards Scringers, then home, got \$4

24 At home, went up to Harts to let them know that I could go to Howards p.m, returned, ironed & tended to my plants, went with Mag, Austin & Laura Hart to Howards, Mrs. H. not home, so we spent p.m. at Dolly Duranseron.

25 At home, went Jerromes morning to see what he had collected for singing school, returned went p.m. with Paris to Abbies, got 12 lbs of grapes went eve with Mart & Paris to singing school down to Planks School house it broke up things, not funds, we came up home.

26 At home, went grapeing with our Wm. & Emma Scringer, Salley Vanhorn, we found them, I got about 12 lbs. Father & Paris went to Fogles took corn mill Mrs. Fishingers little infant buried, Belle is here

27 At home, made a fleannel dress for Belle who is here watching every stitch I take, it is a present, we had an invitation to a party at Nealy & Wm. Burnetts but did not go, Paris & Bill went Godowns eve, I looked over grapes & studied my note book

28 At home, made 2 qts grape jelly, Emma Scringer called & got 1 gal of molasses. Mrs. Godown came for molasses, got  $\frac{1}{2}$  gal, Paris went home with her, got his shoe mended, Emma called again going to Paris

29 At home, staid alone with Julia & Bill all day, mother & father having gone to Abbies, Paris to church, then home to dinner, then right off to Godowns, mother and father home eve, enjoyed themselves tolerably considering Abbies poor health

30 At home, Leander Warren called at 1 & chatted a spell, I made 2 hickory shirts for the boys, Frankie & Charley came up eve from school for molasses, staid night

#### OCTOBER

- 1 At home, made 2 gal tomatoe preserves a.m., assisted father & in the boys in the p.m. in blading cane, eve Paris went & got Guy to help them, he staid night
- 2 At home, fried cakes, washed, went singing school with Hart girls eve, we made a raise of \$67 for the teacher Mr. Phips, I went to Abbies eve, Little Wm. Barnett got run over by wagon but not seriously hurt
- 3 At Abbies, I called with Nealy Barnetts a few minutes with Mrs. Britton returned, Abbie & I gathered grapes p.m.
- 4 At Abbies gathered grapes a.m., I also covered Marts sing book, Father to town, I came home with them eve, Eliza Smith helping Abbie
- 5 At home, boiled over juice for pie stuff grapes, & tended & changed some of my plants, went to Abbies in wagon, carried her 2 gal molasses returned Frankie & Charl with us
- 6 At home, wrote a letter to Aunt Cinda, went to Hilliard got a letter from Nava Barbee Jennie Godown with me, we called to see Nathan Buck, then home
- 7 At home, Mother & I washed, Our folks making molasses
- 8 At home, helped some on molasses & ironed evening

- 9 At home, helped mother work, went p.m. to Jennie Godowns school, She to Abbie Phips, overtook & went with us to Abbies, we sang & h-d a good time generally, went sing school eve, then I came home
- 10 At home, regulating & washing off windows, scoured floor, Sarah Smiley & baby spent p.m. & David took supper with us
- 11At home, helped some at making molasses, went p.m. to Abbies, called at Jennie Godowns school, she home on horse me Paris Jennie & I went Hilliard sing S eve
- 12 At home, Gathered some hickory nuts, helped get dinner, Jo Godwn & Bill Walton to dinner, Mart came up eve for molasses took supper
- 13 At home, Mother, Father & Bill went to church, Father to Abbies \* got dinner, Paris & I went horseback to Abbies, returned, Mag Austin & Laura Hart spent eve here, we sang some, went as far as Katys at 9 o'clock with them
- 14 At home, tended to my plants & practiced singing, Father making cain molasses, gathered some nuts, Mag Merriss & Mrs. Scringer called, Wes Webb & Guy also in the evening
- 15 At home, washed, Belle & I went p.m. hickory nut hunting, a basket full then went to Abbies & staid all night
- 16 At Abbies, Bill, Frank Charl & I were hickory nut hunting, got over a peck, then home, Mag & B. here making molasses, went evening to singing school, got complimented by Mr. Phips the teacher, home
- 17 At home, regulating as usual, Jerrome & Mag are working up their cain
- 18 At home, Mag & I went hickory nuting got 27 qts, returned, helped some at making molasses
  19 At home, went with Paris hickory nuting gathered 28 qts returned, I went up to Hilliard office
  expected a letter from Westerville but did not receive any, got a ladies jacket of Matt Crum

- 20 At home went to church sermon by Feaster a temperance lecturer & good, home, Bill went to Abbies
- 21 At home, washed, & cleaned house some, Vanhorns are making molasses
- 22 At home, I ironed & turned the carpet in the front room
- 23 At home, sewed curtains together, Wm. Armstead raised barn, I went Abbies P.m. Phip here to supper then to sing, I came back to Abbies, Jennie & I, Phips also staid night
- 24 At Abbies, Phips & Jennie Godown here, we had a nice little sing morning, Jennie to school, Phips to town, I home, Frankie with me on horseback
- 25 At home, washed some, went with Mag Austin & Mercy Hart grapeing, got our baskets full to overflowing, I called at Abbies, Mrs. Sever visiting there, then we came home, Mag & I on one horse, Jennie Godown & I went to singing school at Hilliard evening with Abe Gray Jennie home we staid night
- 26 At home, Jennie went school horseback, it rains, I ironed & did some regulating, Jerrome called, we practiced singing some
- 27 At home, Mat Crum & Wm. called with velvet for pulpit cushion which they gave me, I went down to church & measured the cushion & made calculations how much it would take, Mat gave me the money
- 28 At home, Paris & I started to town horseback but Mart going in spring wagon, we went? him. I got more velvet for cushions 3/4 yd & trimming & for myself a cord head net, my little breast pin mended, some cheese & ginger a coat for Paris \$6, supper to Abbies, then home on horses 29 At home went to the church, Sarah Vanhorn also, we made the cushion & made & tacked on curtain done at 2, called at Sallie Smileys this morning, went home, Mrs. Bromley here, did not stay to supper because we expected some ministers, one came Rev. McClintoc. We went to church eve, sermon by A.B.C., good

30 At home McClintoc here to breakfast, went to church Mother & I heard the ministers read essays, one read by Crook, Brush and Whitehead, returned, Mag & Jerrome here to dinner, went pm heard essays read, returned, started for singing school evening & were fooled out of it by a mess of lying boys, Phips came to the church & we staid against our will

31 At home, the ministerial association is over & I'm at home regulating, no Barbees came as we expected & I shall never look for them again, mended my dress, trimmed by hat over & began making a gingham sack for myself, Belle is here & is trying to amuse herself

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 At home, made a jacket for myself of dark gingham, went with Laura Hart called on Nathan Buch, saw Dan Bucks twins, called on the bride, Mrs. Saul Crum(formerly Miss Parker) went to George Sells & took supper, then to sing school it rained so, Laura & I staid night at Georges
- 2 At George Latimers, it is raining, Sarah Latimer brought us down to John Harts in spring wagon, I came home noon, practiced singing some, Libbie King came over she & Mollie Marsden Sammis brought them over, it is drizzling rain
- 3 At home, Marsden Sammis went home at noon, I visited with Libbie all day nicely, Father went to Abbies, Mart Bromley called he then went to Jerromes, Paris went with Marsden to camp Lyon it rained nearly all day
- 4 At home, Mother & I washed, I mopped & regulated house, & visited with Libbie who has the tooth ache
- 5 At home, we ironed & visited with Libbie
- 6 At home, expected company Mag & Emma but they did not come, looked some for Phips before & after school but he did not come, Libbie & Mollie King here, Harts girls called, we went to sing school, Libbie staid

- 7 At home, Mag came along, Libbie & I went with her to Abbies where we visited & enjoyed ourselves visiting verry much, staid night & Mag & children went home
- 8 At Abbies, I sick nearly all night & do not feel well this morning, thought some of going with Libbie & Mary to Jennie Brittons but gave it up, Libbie, Mary & I went down to river to see bridge 9 At Abbies, Libbie & I went to town with Mart, got Mollies picture taken, got window paper for Abbie, five sheets letter paper for myself, returned, staid Abbies
- 10 At Abbies, two soldiers called, Mart brought us up home in spring wagon, he staid til after dinner, sermon by Fleming a.m, meeting p.m. for the benefit of soldiers, I went with Halls, left Libbie & Mollie
- 11 At home, washed, mopped & ironed, spent eve Lib & I at Jerromes, Libbie staid night, I came home with the boys
- 12 At home cleaned & regulated house some, Libbie & Mollie King went with Mag & Belle up to visit A. & Mary Scringer, she returned
- 13 At home, intended to have gone to soldiers aid society at the church p.m. but I had much to do & looked some for Phips. Went to sing school eve, Libbie staid home, Phips came home with us & a good many of the Hillardettes were there
- 14 At home, Phips staid til nearly noon & helped me to sing, had his melodian & violin also with him, Lib & Moll King here, we had thrashers, it rained p.m.
- 15 At home, it rained some a.m. went p.m. with Libbie & Mollie & Mag to Mr. Wm. Scringers visiting
- 16 At home, Mag & I took Libbie home to Westerville. I went over to Barbees, then with Pers, Sallie, Nerva, Mag & Libbie went up street & back I staid with Sallie, Mag with Libbie King & Manerva McCrary

17 At Barbees, went to church with Sal, Lib & Mag, heard a good Methodist sermon spoke with Alice Cornell, saw John C as usual did not speak, returned, took dinner Lib, went with Albert & Pers Matoon Nerv McCrary Sallie Barbee & Mag to Camp Lyon, saw a number of the band whom I knew, George Bright & Baker, home at 7 o'clock eve dark all along way

18 At home, regulating house, all day, practiced singing

19 At home, washed, Mrs. Howard called to see if I would make Charlotts silk dress, I did not see her, I went to see if I could get or beg clothing for the soldiers, went Minerva Latimers nothing, Harts 1 pair of socks

20 Went to Soldiers Aid Society at the church, made one shirt, came home dinner, cut out 5 pairs of drawers went to the church again & from there to singing school in company with Mrs. Sell & Eliz Sells who stopped at Lib Armsteads, home after school

21 At home, went George Howards, sewed all day on Charlottes black silk dress, home eve 22 At home, went Howards, sewed all day Charlottes black silk dress, thought of going with Paris & Jennie Godown to singing school but it rained & stormed badly, I home

At home, Father & Paris to town, got Paris boots, coat lining, drawer stuff, mother shoes, I finished Charlottes black silk dress & Mrs. Howard paid me 75¢. I came home, practiced singing 24 At home, sewing & eat nuts til noon, then Paris & I went to Abbies, I did not expect to stay but Abbie wished I should, so wepracticed singing & Eliza Smith who is staying here had a been? Bill thrashing

25 At Abbies, done out a two weeks washing & mopped

26 At Abbies, cleaned Abbies bed room

27 Ironed, & put down carpet at Abbies, went to singing school, by Phips taught, undertook to sing quartette, am nearly pizzled

28 At Abbies, cleaned pantry & some at kitchen, got supper, sing some Mart U  $^{\ast}$ 

29 At Abbies, came up home on horse, Paris brought me, tended to plants went with Mag to Hilliard to Aid Society, 8 of us took supper to Mrs. Sells, Mr. Phips also, staid sing eve had a nice time while there, got up set coming home in mud broke wagon, Jane Godown here night 30 At home, Jane Godown went to her school, I went to Scringers, got 2 pairs of socks for Aid Society, called at F. Howards, nothing, Lewys got 1 pair of sock then home, regulating & cleaning mud off my clothing from last nights scrape of pitching into mud

#### **DECEMBER**

- 1 At home, Jane Godown came over & spent the day with us, took dinner, we practiced singing, Jane home & Paris brought me to Abbies, Frankie sick, I stay night
- 2 At Abbies, done out a large washing
- 3 At Abbies, ironed & patched up the kitchen wall some, Paris here night, brought down some molasses
- 4 At Abbies, finished patching kitchen & swept up stairs, Mrs. Williams came along, we went to Society Soldiers Aid, called at school, Jennie & Paris went with Mrs. Williams & me to Merrill Rogers for supper, Phips there, we went from there to singing school
- 5 At Abbies, done work all day
- 6 At Abbies done work all day & went eve to Mrs. Williams & took tea with her also called to Severs with Mrs. Williams then to Abbies, Mrs. W came a little way with me & we had a chat by moonlight
- 7 At Abbies done work all day & home past schoolhouse and came up road with Jennie & her scholars, Paris & Billie sick with meesles, I tended to my plants & bird
- 8 At home, horseback to Hilliard to the dedication of the new church Methodist sermon by Elder Brush singing led by our preacher, Mr. S.B. Phips, after having many solicitations to remain I home, Bromly called

- 9 At Abbies, washed, churned, mopped
- 10 At Abbies, wrote a letter to Nova & Sallie Barbee, ironed & made 8 pies, Mart to town, got a good many things that Abbie needed
- 11 At Abbies, baked & regulated house, put a comforter in frames, went sing school with Mr. Woolard
- 12 At Abbies, sick night 2 o'clock birth girl & morning another 3 p.m. a pair of twin girls Mother down night, Abbie verry verry low, Mother Mrs. Rogers staid night, Sarah Vanhorn here Jerrome called, 1 twi girl dead
- 13 At Abbies, Mag & Jerrome came down, Sallie washed, Mother & Mrs. Rogers went home, Mr. Woolard & Damande buried the little babe, Mag staid night & helped me sit up & take care of Abbie & babe, Ellwood & Charl verry sick of meesles
- called, also Mrs. Al Whitacre & Mrs. Eli Rogers, Mother Rogers came & staid night

  15 At Abbies, called Mr. & Mrs. Woolard, Mr. Deymonde, Mrs. Miskel Mrs. Lydia Rogers, Father &

  Mother, Jerrome & Belle, Mrs. Rogers here also, we got dinner, Ellwood sick measles, Sallie

  Vanhorn doing work, I don't feel well

14 At Abbies, she gaining verry slowly, Sallie baked & did a good deal of work, Mrs. Williams

- 16 At Abbies, Sarah washed, I took care of Abbie & baby all day
- 17 At Abbies, Sarah ironed, took care of Abbie & quilted another comforter
- 18 At Abbies, cleaned up & quilted a comforter, Paris came down brought Charley home, Frank went up there this morning, we went to singing school eve Sarah & I
- 19 At Abbies, cleaned up regulated took care Abbie, Phips took dinner here, Paris got a violin of him \$10, paid him 2 on it, Sarah washed some again, I done housework
- 20 At Abbies, Sarah Vanhorn went home morning, I baked dressed butter, took care Abbie & baby, Dr. Galbraith called, Mart sold cattle \$18.00

- 21 At Abbies, done Saturday work, expected Paris, down to practice on his violin but was disappointed
- 22 At Abbies, got up early, done up work, intended to go to church & to Planks singing school (Phips present) but it stormed & I was detained, read, practiced singing, eat nuts, tended baby & retired
- 23 At Abbies, done out a large washing, dinner, mopped, Mart to town
- 24 At Abbies, ironed, Mart went up to Fathers, I started to call on Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Sever but saw Mrs. W. going to Abbies so I came back
- 25 At Abbies, I sent Frank up for Paris who came down, he & I took dinner with Mrs. Williams & a nice dinner it was, I returned got supper then to singing school, rode home behind Phips, ha, ha.

  26 At Abbies, we expected Phips but he came too late to see Paris, he had gone home, so Phips did
- 27 At Abbies, washed some
- 28 At Abbies, baked & did other housework, Paris came eve staid night, expected Mr. & Mrs. Williams to spend eve they didn't come, Par practiced on violin

not stay to dinner as we expected, Abbie came out & took dinner for first time since sick

- 29 At Abbies, Par took me home horseback noon, I tended my plants, Jo & Jane Godown spent p.m. with us, we sung & talked & had a pleasant time generally, Par brought me to Abbies

  30 At Abbies, washed, mopped
- 31 At Abbies, Mart went to town, got candies & groceries for us to bake & fix for visitors, I churned & did housework busily all day
- NB. Recipe for softening and improving the skin

  Recipe for liquid soap or Oleine