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Oh! Softly on yon banks of haze,

Her rosy face the summer lays.

Becalmed along the azure sky,

The argosies of cloudland lie;

Whose shores with many a shining rift

Far off their pearl-white peaks uplift.

Midsummer Month.

1 Thursday: a pretty fair day till most night when it clouded up, and as we were putting up hay under the woods, rained quite hard. we got in five loads today.

2 A rainy morning; and continued rainy all day. we were not doing much; much rain fell.

3 A fine sunrise; but soon clouds come over the sky, and continued to thicken up, until after noon, the rain come down in torrents; rained violently all the P.M. Lewis was over, J. Bean jr. was here, went home abt. 5. George & Alonzo went fishing, they met with small success. And so ends another week, I hope we may have a time to finish haying soon. a few days of sunshine.

4 Sunday: a fine day; went to S. school & meeting in A.M. Bro. Small spoke from the words, "The path of the just is a shining light, which shineth more and more until the perfect day." got home abt. 1 o'clock; went berrying a little while, then went to meeting at Whites cor. sermon by Rev. E Knowlton, Text, "If any man will be my disciple let him take up his cross daily and follow me." A good sermon, some points were rather lacking in clarity I thought. the elder grows old fast, he has to use glasses now all the time, and it mortifies him some, but why should it, old age is honorable certainly.

5 A splendid hay day; Father went to Belfast. we mowed quite a lot of ground and hay too; Mr. Foye bought our two year old heifer, paid forty dollars for her. is to take her in the course of a week.

6 A good day, we got in a good lot of hay; come in foggy at night, our last load got some damp. very hot in the middle of the day.

7 Cleared away and was a good day in the middle of the day with hot sun; I visited Martha Carters school in Bryant dist. in A.M. she is having a fine school. in P.M. S. B. Rollins & wife, Emma & Eva were here, we had a nice time, enjoyed their visit very much. the boys mowed in orchard field. I had to stay with the company in P.M. so did not hay much.

8 Thursday: a foggy morning, guess we can hay some. I visited the Vose school in A.M. the scholars have made good improvement, I thought the interest was not quite as well sustained as is sometimes the case but Miss Spinney has been faithful and done very well; mowed some in P.M. got in one load hay, it was green, as the weather is very poor now for curing hay. went to Lodge in eve. for the first time in many months, had some interest to the proceedings but the Lodge is very low.

9 A cloudy day, very poor hay weather; I went to Freedom got the rolls etc. visited the school at Ranlet cor. they have had a good school I should judge. Miss Stevenson is a very kind teacher, and is much liked by her scholars. got a load hay from the shop field at night. Mr. Wright went home at night, he has been helping Lewis I let him have five dollars for Lewis as he wanted it very much. the fog come down again at nightfall.

10 Cloudy; I was at home all day, I started to go to Aarons in P.M. but a shower coming up, I came back. the boys patched the roof in morning; then they went on a cruise to get a chance to learn a trade. a Thompson boy was here to hire out; a picnic party went on the mountain in P.M. they were from Liberty I guess. a real old fashioned thunder shower come up in P.M. some heavy thunder. the boys got home after dark.

11 Sunday: a fine cool morning; went to church; Mary went and grandma managed Ralph; no preaching today, as Bro. Small was unwell, had a social meeting. came home, went in the orchard field raked a little after dinner, Jackson was over at night. a fine sunset.

Softly fades the twilight ray, etc.

12 Monday; a good hay day; we got in 4 loads hay, Uncle Robert & Aunt come up in A.M. Uncle helped us get in hay; a very fine day, well improved & well enjoyed.

13 A very hard wind was blowing all day; cloudy and looked like rain; George went & got the horse shod; we got in 2 loads in P.M. Uncle & Aunt went over to Alberts in P.M. I went to Aarons, to Liberty, and to Foyes to get Rennett, started at 5 got home after dark I forgot to mention that my hired boy Alonzo left monday morning, I coaxed him to stay till I finished haying, but he would not, he went to Liberty and is helping Barzilla now; I called at the shop saw him there.

14 Wednesday; a rainy foggy morning; I must to work. We went to mowing, mowed a swath or two when it come on to rain and there was quite a shower; Albert Choate was over; I went over to Alberts and to Lewis' in P.M. bought three lambs of Albert, pay him 2 dollars apiece; got them at night. D.M. Terry was here to hire to work a few days in haying.

15 Thursday: Cloudy, and dull; Lewis & I went to Liberty carried our wool, sold it to Knowlton, I had 55 lbs. it come to \$22.00. did not get home till night, went to Lodge in eve. It was a warm evening, some foggy; we got home at 10 ½.

16 Rainy all day; in P.M. it was very rainy; we did nothing scarcely all day; in P.M. George got vexed and went away, this time for good; I tried to persuade him to remain till after the storm abated at least, but he went out in the rain which fell in heavy showers. he has been here four years last may, from eleven years old till fifteen. Poor boy he does not know what is for the best. I wish he could have stayed and been contented, but he could not so he went away.

17 A warm, cloudy, muggy day; Lewis went to Belfast today. Father has gone to Aarons to day; I am not doing much this A.M. must go to town meeting this P.M. Went to town meeting, a large majority of the town was present, the house being well filled; Chose E. Knowlton moderator, then listened to a speech by Mr. Rust of Belfast, he spoke in favor of the road; Mr. Erskine then took the floor and made or rather read a speech against the road; E. Knowlton made a few earnest remarks in favor, Mr. Palmer of Belfast spoke against. Voted to adjourn to a week from next monday at 10-o'clock. night come down thick and foggy.

18 Sunday: quite pleasant; I was at home all day.; as I had a bad cold and felt unwell; Father went to Liberty on some urgent business; Dexter & Jane and George Choate come awhile before noon; we had a fine visit from them. they went home about 4 P.M. Marcena and George Bennett come towards night; George come to get a clean shirt. As George was going away, I told him that when he was hungry to come here and eat, and when he was tired to come here and rest; but as to have this for a home ever again as he had for four years past he never could again; and this is the end with him; he has left me three times since he has lived here intending not to come back; he has told me some dreadful lies, has sold that which was not his own, using the money as he liked. He has been saucy, impudent, stubborn and disobedient. I hope he will do better somewhere else, he has done badly here; yet I wish him good luck as far forth as he does right.

19 Very cloudy in morning; come off quite fair abt. 10. I picked a mess peas & got a few new potatoes. In P.M. Mrs. Averell, Cordelia, & Sue were here; I went to see a calf in P.M. belonging to Alonzo Poland; got a pail apples. a fine evening. day went down right royally.

20 Some cloudy: the workmen come to hay Mr. Wright & son D.M. Terry. now I must go to work. am not very well today. a very good hay day.

21 Wednesday: a splendid hay day; we did a fine days; Owen White was here, Jackson worked here on the lamb rack for White; Father was sick.

22 Some hazy but hay dried some; we about finished haying; a few bunches to get and a little to rake; we dismissed the crew, three men, three days, 1.50; Total, 13.50 I paid Mr. Wright; Mr. Terry I did not pay; am to pay him the first opportunity; went to rest at night feeling that haying was nearly over and I need not work so hard; It rained quite hard sometime in the night. Mr. Armor & wife were here, took dinner.

23 Rainy; Nat'l & Emma were in a few minutes in morning; Lewis & Charley were here we went in pasture to see the lambs; Amos & Exavier were top-poling fence. Quite rainy this P.M. I went over with Lewis in P.M. when we got almost over to Carrs we met a woman, she walked very straight, had a thick veil over her face, and held an umbrella so we could not see her face; we passed her, I thought it was Mrs. Hannah Whitten; but behold! it was Sister Lucy from Iowa; she wears short hair and a hat, so she looked extremely odd what I ever saw her before; I could scarcely make her believe it was Hollis. She is accompanied by Miss Hills, who has friends in Union. they come over here in P.M. Lucy said, "Every thing looked natural but Hollis, where is Hollis."

24 Saturday: quite pleasant: we picked some peas in A.M. in P.M. Lucy, Miss Hills, with Jackson & Louisa as conveys went to Union in search of Miss Hills friends; Lucy looks very natural, she appears as if she had been in company more than when she was here; and is more easy in her manners; I see too that she has developed the spiritual part somewhat, and looks after all like the sister of my childhood. Towards night Lewis & went to Aarons, I got home in season to escape a hard shower; the clouds looked black and frightful, I just got the horse put up and got in when the shower struck.

25 Sunday: Pleasant: was at home; Isaac & Ambrose come down; George Bennett & Alonzo were here in morning to get George's clothes; Mr. Farrell called took dinner with us; Isaac & I went over the farm some, Isaac went home, Ambrose is to stay and help me awhile; Towards night Mary, Ralph & I took a ride, getting home in season to milk etc.

26 Very pleasant; mowed oats & got in hay in A.M. in P.M. went to town meeting, speeches were made by Mr. Milliken & Mr. Simpson of Belfast; Mr. Pierce, Mr. Erskine, Mr. Keen, Dr. Merillis. when we voted to adjourn to a week from today at 9 o clock A.M. got home about sunset.

27 Tuesday: mowed in pasture in morning; got oats at the Cobbossee in P.M. I went over and got Lucy at noon; Jmire was here to supper. Father went to Atkinsons & to Foye's.

28 Cloudy in morning; Mother, Lucy & I started for campmeeting about 9 o'clock; we drove down to Mr. Elwells getting there about noon, had a very pleasant ride down, after dinner we went down on the camp ground, heard a good sermon on the subject of reconciliation, also an exhortation by Rev. J. Marriner, saw Father Clark and Uncle Nathan Clark there. after looking over the grounds awhile we came away, called and bade Mrs. Elwell good bye as we came by; then came up to Belfast to Capt. Beans where we staid all night. a fine day, well enjoyed.

29 A very rainy forenoon; I went down street, called at the stores; went into Caldwell's bookstore and made some selections of books etc. saw my horse was cared for and then went back to the Capt's for dinner; looked about the city until about 4 o'clock when we started for home, arriving about dark; it has been a very pleasant visit.

30 Cloudy; we mowed grain, John Tobie was here. my journey made me very tired, so I feel aweary today.

31 A pleasant day; we were cutting grain; Mother & Lucy went to Aarons in P.M. so ends August 1867. The summer is past.