

June 1866.

The Queen of the Spring as she passed down the vale,

Left her robe on the trees, and her breath on the gale;

And the smile of her promise gave joy to the hours,

1 Friday: had a litter of pigs come last night and this morning to open June with; I passed a night without sleep taking care of the pigs. In morning I went down and got Alfred to come up and see to them; watched them through the day. Louisa was over with the baby; Louisa & Jackson washed their sheep; Alonzo came over and set up with George with the pigs; we lost three in the night; have five left. We did not do a great deal this day felt rather moger.

2 Quite pleasant: Rhoda came back, she has been down to Levi's. we fenced and in P.M. harrowed down a piece for potatoes. so ends the week. another saturday night we see again.

3 Sunday: some smoky; have lots of chores to do now. Watched the cattle in the road in the A.M. in P. M. Father and George went to a spiritual meeting at A. Polands; Dexter come up in P.M. now we are talking very sociably. we went to Carrs & Lewis's and did not get back till night. had a pleasant walk. Father went and came from meeting, he said it was as good as glory to God.

4 Monday: Rainy: we went to harrowing, but it come on to rain and we desisted; George went to S. Parsons in P.M. to get a pair of boots made. rained all the P.M. quite smartly another flood almost; I got wet as sop getting the sheep & cattle. terrible rainy.

5 Foggy & wet: cleaned the cellar: I went to Curtis's in A.M. come home by Amos's. the brooks are high. in P.M. we went over the road to get a load of hay at Gregorys but did not go farther than Carrs. came home done the chores and it was night.

6 Wet and foggy as ever: Jackson had the oxen. George Sproul here in A.M. did not do very much. Geo. went and got the mare shod in the P.M. I visited our school Olive Foster, teacher; she is doing very well I think. C. P. Palmer was here just at night; did not stop long. a dark & foggy night.

7 Cloudy& some misty; went to Gregorys got a load hay; Anah Whitten & Hannah Howard were here had a smart shower at night; and so it continues wet. B. Harris was along with fish.

8 Cloudy: went to Gregorys got the rest of the hay, stopped to Lewis's to dinner then came home. this book got wet yesterday and I am so tired about it I don't know what to do. It was a pretty book but it looks bad enough now.

9 Saturday: I went to Belfast, hauled 15 bu. potatoes got 1.00 per bu. called on Mrs. A.D. Bean, they were married three weeks ago; had very good success, met with no mishap. there was no corn to be bought in Belfast. had Jmires horse. Got home quite late nearly ten I guess.

10 Sunday: was not very well, was tired; read some in my books; Jackson & Louisa were over most all day; I was reading the Dead letter in Beadles Monthly. a quiet day full of peace and composure.

11 Went to Freedom in morning, then visited Miss Grays school at the corner; she is doing nicely keeps an excellent school; took dinner at Asa Halls. Visited the school in the Bryant dist. in P.M. Miss Vose is doing quite well but the discipline is not quite so perfect as one could wish, I gave her some advice and hope she may be successful. Cordelia was up in P.M. harrowed after I got home.

12 Were planting corn planted a little. Edmonds was along gave 22cts for eggs.

13 Were planting: one of Jacksons boys helped us

14 Finished planting the corn. Henry & George Lewis helped us in P.M. went on to the potato piece to work.

15 We were fixing the potato piece worked smartly. A Bryant, Esq. was along, wanted me to keep their school I declined. a pretty day we worked till dark.

16 Saturday: we planted over an acre potatoes. Henry, George, & Newt. Helped us; in P.M. Mr. Racliff (of Unity) & wife were here staid all night. we got our piece done just at dark. So ends the weary week. we have worked quite smartly this week have planted an acre of corn and over an acre potatoes; done well.

17 Sunday: Sultry & hot in A.M. cloudy in P.M. Wil Poland & wife & babies were here towards night. Jackson also; we sung a little. Alonzo come over in morning and he & George have cut on at a great rate they ought to be ashamed of themselves.

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”

18 Foggy in morning: quite a wet day. I went to Aarons carried 30 doz. eggs, at 22 cts. \$6.60. got a barrel flour; \$11.50. read the papers some at night.

19 Pleasant: plowed some potatoes in A.M. in P.M. we washed the sheep, the water was warm and we had a very pleasant time. strung corn, done chores & it was night.

20 Wednesday: I took the track at 1 o'clock; stumbled over the pasture in search of the mare and colt and at last found them; harnesses them & got Mrs. Carr little colt went out by the side of the road and thinking Wife was of the most consequence I let him remain. Went after Dr. Billings, aroused Cordelia and got her to come as I went, the drove with all speed the light in the east was just getting strong when I reined in at Dr. Billings residence; he answered my summons in person, saying he would come immediately; I accordingly entered my carriage and returned homeward; when I arrived the little colt was here safe and sound; I thought he was a little snipe to stay at home as he did. Dr. B.

Soon arrived, and at about 6 o'clock a son was born to us, (born Wednesday June 20 1866)

"To us a child of hope is born

To us a son is given."

Another little wave upon the sea of life,

Another soul to save amid its toil and strife.

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And can it be, O my Father in Heaven, can it be that thou ever breathed the breath of life into a single soul and afterward suffered that soul to be lost, to be annihilated, to sink into a state of endless misery; my soul answers, no it can never be. Here, at first sight of my little son, the doctrine of endless punishment vanishes; endless punishment, that ghost, that phantom, that terribly unreal nightmare must go; A God of love may arise and waft away the shadowy mist unfolding the beauties of mans final restoration to my gaze. I went to Searsmont. got Ma Clark. our folks had lots of company while I was gone. Albert M. Carter, Hon. E. Knowlton, Sam'l Curtis & wife besides more neighbors. also an excursion party went on the mountain; got home about dark.

21 Pleasant: have been choring this A.M. do not feel very well; I should be pleased with the babe if it was not for the memory of Eva May, it brings her so fresh to my mind I feel sad, sad, sad. My darling Eva May.

22 Friday: Visited the Vose school in A.M. Eliza Gowin teacher; school is doing well. Miss G. appears very well indeed for a young teacher.

23 We worked on the road, on the fore side. a warm day. So ends the weary week.

24 Sunday: Pleasant; was reading etc. in P.M> Jackson & Louisa, Alfred & Sarah called a few moments.

25 Worked on the road; here on the back side of the mountain. a hard job done, I am glad.

26 Sheared sheep, got them all done; Benj. Gowin was here in P.M. also Isaac come & got his pig. N. P. Bennett was here too. was real tired, saw a fire and have since learned it was A. K. Bumps barns.

27 Very warm, we were finishing up planting.

28 Warm: we were fixing the garden if I remember right. I hardly remember what we were doing.

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