“I see now adays the ground being laid bare great cracks in the earth revealed 1/3 of an inch wide running with a crinkinling line for 20 rods or more through the pastures & under the walls (frost cracks of the past winter- sometimes they are revealed through ice 4 or 5 inches thick over them. I observed today where a crack had divided a piece of bark lying over it with the same irregular & finely meandering line *sometimes* forking.”