

May,

Thursday MONDAY, 27. 18

1876

At a late hour I summon up courage to begin a new diary and with this brief introduction I usher in 1876. Not much to write about to day. I got up an inelegant expression - about eight perhaps it was nearer nine. Papa was home all day. I spent most of the day with Mary the girl. She and I had chats on interesting subjects. I read without interest and not understandingly a little of Blackstone. In the evening Miss Jamieson, Hor. net and Mary and myself played cards the first and last named against the other two. Our side won. The game was made memorable by the boorishness of friend Hornet.

Friday 19

I was the last of the household up, the hour chosen by me for leaving my best of friends was eight. Papa to Brooklyn in 10 26 Dummy and home by seven. I had a long talk with Mary Harrison. She went to the City in the afternoon came home on last dummy and was escorted from the station by friend Hornet who dressed himself up for the occasion. During the day I read a portion of Blackstone with even less knowledge of its contents than yesterday. I was meditating on the past the thought creating past and I cared little for the present. Two or three parties were looking at the Frenchman's to day.

Saturday ~~FRIDAY~~ 20

Had a number of short talks with Mary Harrison during the day. By the 2 30 Dummy to Brooklyn. While in Court St. on a car going towards City Hall was hailed by a party in a car heading for Greenwood. Found it to consist of R. H. S. and his brother George. Joined them. They were bound for a row. I left them with Dick pulling hard the boat moving slowly and George steering wrong. I visited Judge Flanagan's office. For a wonder the Hon. John was in. He evidently did not expect me. He put me off once more in regard to my again becoming his clerk. He is to write to me when he wants me. Mary home after visit to Newark. I saw her in Court St. but she was carrying a large bundle and besides I had but five cents. We met at the Dummy Station and came home together. Mrs. Williams and Marie in Bath today.

Sunday 21

I heard. (?) 8 o'clock Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Traynor R. H. S. and Mr. Titus spent part of day with us. Before they left Mr. and Mrs. J. sang and played. In Bath Park, with Dick and his friend. First time I have been in it since this season began. Saw all four persons off that is would have seen them aboard the cars ^{had not} except a thunder storm rattled over us. Played 10 games of cards Susan Jamieson and I against J. Hornet and Mary Harrison. Our side won. Quarrels were imminent. Disputes took place.

Monday ~~WEDNESDAY~~ 22.

Papa to the City and home in a thunder storm. He brought Greenleaf for me to read. I looked over nearly pages of Blackstone. Read newspapers. In the evening wrote and talked with Aunt Mary. The children have had colds for two or three days but they are now much better. Big Kate indisposed.

Tuesday 23.

Sent Mary Harrison a dollar to buy some sort of underware; a petticoat I believe. Papa at work on his property all day. He delivered a lecture on Economy at the dinner table. Number of people down. Papa has rented both his houses. Mrs. Kerstin attempted to drown herself last evening.

Wednesday 24

In bed till 8. In the morning walked to Wrights. The first time I have been there for a month or more. Received a postal card from Maggie. Met Maggie More and spoke a few words with her. I made one or two foolish remarks after which I called myself hard names. Mrs. Tetans to dinner. A long letter of mine to Aunt Jennie was mailed to day.

Thursday 25

Mrs. Williams and Marie to their Bath house. Passed a good part of the day with Mary Harrison who was quite ill. In the evening she was better and she and J. Hornet played cards against Miss Jamieson and myself. Won by us.