

cradling the oats and Ellen came down with him this P.M.
brought me Vixen by Miss M.E. Braddon to read. I coaxed her
to cut my hair & am glad. Pulled my big turnips & divided it
Ellen got 3 butts & I two. and we dug $\frac{1}{2}$ a doz hills of potatoes & divided
them. & she had $\frac{1}{2}$ doz cucumbers. I picked a qt of blackberries &
let her have them. Read short stories in Ballou's Monthly, & read several
chapters in 1st Samuel. Worked in garden some &c. Commenced reading
Vixen. Watered the cucumber vines &c. Sang songs &c. - ♀

Wed 9.

= Warm, dry & dusty. Steamed 11 potatoes & two onions & my piece of turnip
& boiled the two beets & put them in vinegar. Picked & cooked 120 pears
fried a few small potatoes sliced with an onion, in butter & had
eaten my fill, washed my dishes, & sat down to rip the seams
to my "stand up" dress, when Sylvester drove to the door with
his wife Aphie & little Ray, so I had to plan for dinner. Aphie
helped me & we cooked potatoes & dried beef gravy, & made tea
I had the beets, a small piece of Graham bread, molasses cake
crackers, & Red raspberry jam. & I ate again & drank a cup of
tea & do not feel the better for it. but I enjoyed my visit with
"Uch & Effie". They paid a ten dollar greenback on the note.
Sanford worked in oatfield & I guess got the oats in bundles. Had
Uch & E. write in my birth-day book. They started for home
so as to get there at milking time - have 15 cows to milk. Read
in Vixen & 1st Sam. Watered vines & flowers. - ♀

Thurs 10.

= Warmer, dryer, dustier. Did not build a fire. Gathered
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a doz cucumbers & put them in salt - which makes 4 doz
Picked a qt of blackberries - a handful wild ones from
the pasture. Got some boneset, & mullein leaves. Read in
1st Sam. & Vixen - Mrs Green called & gave me Aug 10 of
the Mayflower, read some in it & studied puz. Vesta left her
key to her sisters & had to sleep here. I tried to be agreeable

Fri 11

= Muggy. Thunder showers around but not much rain here
Went to Youngs, got a lb of crackers &c & 7c worth cheese
& brought my $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel basket home full of bark. Cut
a 1000 heads of grass seed. gathered a few dry pears. dug a
hill of self planted potatoes. &c. Read most of the day
in Vixen. Vesta in and out, with her wants. Something
to stiffen a belt & to borrow shears. Read in this eve
in 1st Sam. Vesta does not offer advances ~~now~~ ♀

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