

much like the flies & snice. Mrs Cummings called toward evening & we called at Simmons. Then Vesta called in evening and thought she saw things clairvoyantly. It did not amount to much. Read in N. papers & finished 1st Kings

Sat 2nd

Cold. cloudy with streaks of sunshine. Examined my canned fruit, find a little mould on a few cans. The mouse gnawed a hole in the lower cupboard door, & I stopped his hole in back of cupboard with soap and hope to stop him out. Vesta in to borrow my stove. I guess for a curling iron, & to return it. I tried to build a fire to warm my soup. & gave up that I could not get it to burn. But when I gave up, and went to make my bed, it put itself together to surprise me and I found it burning merrily. Went down to P & Q & Young's store. got a letter from Mrs Samson, just a few words, saying she had been very sick, & did not feel well enough to write. Bought a sack of graham 25c 15 lbs brown sugar 25c 4 lbs granulated sugar 24c & smoked herring 1c a box of peaches 10c (13) peaches) gallon oil 7c. Called at Vesta's & gave her a peach, & said I thought they were better flavored than those I got of Smith. and she said she liked Smith's the best. and she said Mrs K. gave her a couple of ears of excellent corn, and that the ears I gave her were not as large as she liked. & she wanted I should give her 50cts because she was going before her month was out. I told her the rent was about 7c a day & she was not moved. I begin to see why she is a drag & a nuisance to her kin. - Went up to Sanford's and he is going to let me have a bushel & a half of oats & he will buy the 8 bushels - my half was 9 bushels - straw 50c & enough to fill a bed should I wish. I stayed to supper & Ellen gave me a pt of milk & a small chunk of bread. I wanted to buy bread but she could not spare a loaf. When I was coming home. I got 34 apples under the road side tree. & a few elder berries. Called at Mrs Cummings a few minutes & got a couple of papers that she wished one & Mrs Green to read. Ellen let me take Hortense. Rachel. Her friend Laurence & what can she do