

Finished reading Rachel. I read in Kings. Have caught the 3rd mouse - saw another go into the cupboard. I feel lonesome, no one but birdie that cares for me. She sings, & I praise her, and tell her that she is my pretty bird & that I like & do - Commence reading Hortense. Picked over the rags Vesta gave. most of them paper rags. Read in 2nd Kings & W 2d 6.

Cool & cloudy morning. Sanford came & dug the rest of the garden potatoes & put about a bushel in the cellar for me, & he put my 1 1/2 bushels of oats in a barrel in the barn. I dug a hill of self planted potatoes, pared, boiled & mashed them. Cooked a piece of the pumpkin for squash & partly stewed the rest in granite kettle. Made a cup dumpling steamed it and a small bowl of shaker oats. I made a bowl full of dried beef gravy. Pulled a few weeds swept parlor carpet. Have seen no one to speak with but Sanford. Mrs G. came to the back door & left Sept Mayflower & Mrs Cummings papers - but went away before I got to the door. Read a good deal in Hortense; find I have read it in days past & also Rachel. I am too lonesome, but I must be brave & endure until I do not care for company. Read in 2nd Chronicles & Kings

Thurs 7.

Warm & thunder showers. Stripped corn husks for a pillow. Built a fire & cooked the pumpkin some more & warmed the potatoes for my dinner. Carried Mrs Cummings papers home & left them inside her screen door as she was away. Got a Unity at P.O. & a basket of bark at Mill yard & a basket of kindling from shop that Vesta left scattered about. & some road dust for privy. Picked 1/2 a doz Bartlett's pulled a few weeds. took mouse No 4 from the trap. Took Mrs G's papers home & got my A.W's gem pans. Finished reading Hortense & 2nd Book of Kings. I began 1st Chronicles & Her friend Laurence by Frank Lee Benedict. Saw small snake &

Fri 8.

Cool morning - warm & pleasant P.M. Had a fire, cooked the pumpkin almost dry, boiled a turnip, steamed 30 smallatoes and stewed a few tomatoes. Made a batter of 12 eggs, 2 heaped up spoons brown sugar, spoon butter, ditto baking powder, & cup of water & cup or two graham flour. Steamed a cup of the batter with an apple pared & sliced. & baked the rest in long square tin and it was not bad. Made dried beef gravy. Pulled some weeds. picked 1/2 doz small cucumbers & about same of tomatoes. Simmons hens are eating the tomatoes. Sanford is pound^{ing} out the beans & has returned my 5 gallon oil can. Read in My