

Mon 18

Snows & blows & drifts. Warmed rash, brown bread, & opened
a can of currant for my breakfast. Split some wood fine
to dry in oven for kindling. Talla had a big mouse in
wood room playing with it - of course she caught it. Willie's
wings drooped with the cold this morning but when I got
a warm fire he bathed & Peri tried to sing. Made Corn meal
gruel with raisins boiled in it - Read stories &c - 7

Tues 19

Weather same as yesterday & I have not opened a door & will
not unless some one comes & raps which I do not expect. Who
cares for my welfare? Nobody. Whose welfare do I see after
nobody's only my kitten & birds. I pray night & day that I
may need no care - that I may be well so I can paddle my
own canoe. that I may meet with no mishaps. Baked a doz
potatoes warmed some of my fresh pork & made a gravy. made
6 biscuits & a 2 apple dumplings & a sauce for the dumplings.
It did not get a good rise. Warmed & ate some of my gruel
& made a cup of tea. Sewed a little - hemming skirt to old pattern.
Read - Finished Daniel & begin Hosea this eve. 7

Wed 20

Weather similar to yesterday - and I spend it in a similar manner.
Took an egg & what milk I had & the gruel I had left & made
a pudding, warmed gravy, a potato & some turnip for break-
fast & will cook an egg in hot water for supper, as I feel
some dizzy & took soda for acid in stomach. Will finish reading
Hosea this evening nothing preventing & read papers.
Dreamed of Emory & Ellen last night - wonder what I will hear - 7

Thurs 21

Freezing cold. sun tried to shine but did n't much. Warmed
a potato a biscuit some brown bread and a piece of meat
for breakfast. Went to Youngs paid school tax 2.13 - bought
5 stamps 10 cts - had a Unity, Sanford's Censor - Peoples Home
Journal a letter from Mrs Baldie - Mrs Samson & a nice
pocket handkerchief from Sadie without a word written
but the address was her Chirography. Went up to Roy
Smith's to pay my Co. & State taxes 8.39 cts - and I bought
1/2 lb crackers - a piece of cheese & 11 dried up lemons - all
2.10 cts. Met Sanford. Ellen wants me to go home with him
& remain over Christmas. I can't because of the birds
& kitten & to do him so. Emory is poorly. A W knows -
Read stories & papers & Amos this evening - Am dizzy. 7