

two broad slices of bread & 4 ginger cookies which were worth 3¢
to Jane boiled potatoes & an ear of sweet corn. made tea & I had some
ripe pears & she made a good dinner I guess. I had a cup of tea
crackers & scalded milk. For supper she boiled potatoes, made a
first best gravy with dried beef, butter flour & water. better than I can
make. & some very good baking powder biscuits. & tea. I began to feel
appetite & she thought I might eat of the dried beef gravy with the
biscuits & a cup of tea & I did and it was good. We had a good
visit. tried the talking board but can learn nothing from that. -
Jane says Virchand L. G. is a Monk - Mrs L. returned my plate

Tuesday 18

is the present & looks like rain. Jane wanted coffee with her break-
fast so I asked Mr K. to lend me some. She had none but guessed
Mrs Lee had, so I asked of her, & received. I was mean enough
to tell her how she used my umbrella & how Mrs K. had to mend
it. She pretended ignorance as I expected, but did not act
offended. Mrs K. gave us a plate of grapes for our breakfast.
We had warmed potatoes cold bread & butter, coffee pears & grapes.
I ate of all sparingly & think I am better. Kiersteads have gone
to Sheridan to stay over night & Jane went with them to Lily
Lake to attend the Women's Equality meeting. So I am left alone
& expect to remain alone tonight. Called at Simmon's & Miss
Bouguin is quite sick - under the Dr's care - & they think she
has Typhoid fever. I did not feel well enough to go up stairs
to see her. Mrs G. did not seem to have a spark of sympathy
for me when I told I had been sick - it was all "how bad it
is for us, & I am so worried lest Clara & her girls take the fever
& Miss Rollmeyer did so much for Mrs Bouguin & c." I wish
I could do good to humanity, but I find the little I can do
is not appreciated. I suppose because it is so little. But no
matter I will do "the little deeds of kindness," when I can, and
expect nothing. Read in home journal. Bought a pt of milk &
Mrs Lee called & we raked those that rake us. -

Weds 19.

Very rainy - must be because the sun soon crosses the line
I was alone as I expected & did not rest well because of my
bowels, went ^{out} back twice before I felt like getting up to day &
have had discharges that make me think of my abscess.
Feel better this evening. Finished husking my corn this
afternoon & stripped a few husks. No one has called today
I am glad that I am not too sick to paddle my own canoe. I
have had a fire in cook stove all day - boiled potatoes made "stew"
in jelly & steamed the biscuits Jane made & warmed the
coffee so I had a cup morning, noon, & night; hope it
will not keep me awake. It is evening & the Kiersteads have