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Thursday May 31st 1868

It rained hard early in the morning. I have had to train today all day, as it has been our May training. We were washed at 7 A.M. and trained until about 6 P.M. We had 1 1/4 hours for dinner. We used our new Rifle Muskets for the first time today. We had Martial Music in the forenoon and the Brass Band in the P.M. We did a hard days work but most if not all the men enjoyed it. I was tired and did not go out in the eve. There was a thunder shower between 6 & 7 o'clock P.M.

Friday June 1st

I left my work in the shop (with the promise of getting it tomorrow) and went to Ridgefield for Mr. Crofut. to get Aunt Mary for a nurse. But she had been exposed to the small pox. so I could not bring her home with me. I attended Drill in the eve.

Saturday June 2nd

Windy in the forenoon. Finishing yesterdays and todays work to do. It kept raining all day at work. I came home and hood my Peas and worked around home. We went into the street in the eve but did not get there soon enough to meet Hoarnet who came on the train and took a ride out to Mill Plain with Mr. Beatty to carry a passenger before he delivered her to her home. We did not go up to see her it was too late.

Sunday June 3rd

It was 7 o'clock before we rose this morning we being very tired last night. The day has been pleasant. Bro Pegg preached good as usual. Mrs Pegg's Father and Mother are visiting them and were present at Church. The text in the

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morning was John 11 and the first clause of the 39 vent. In the P.M. Job 34-29 the first clause of the Verse. I was sleepy during the afternoon sermon for the first time since he has preached here. It was a misfortune of my own and not the preaching for that was good. What I heard of it.

After tea as we were getting ready to go up home to see Hoarnet. Mr & Mrs Gilbert from Derby (Mrs Pegg's parents) called but fortunattly they were on their way up to see Father & Mother Hoarny so instead of letting us to any inconvenience it was a pleasure for us to accompany them up home. They started early to church in company with Mother, Gussie and myself. I waited until church time before we went...

Monday June 4th

I took our sickle to the shop in the morning to grind it. But there being no work I returned home and cut my door yard grass, and put on the finishing coat of paint on the south side of my house. After tea we put Franks plants in her mounds and borders over home. There being prospects of a shower I hastened down town to market (To Benedict & Nichols) after I came home I found one of the two pieces of meat smelt had. I hurried back with it and exchanged it for another.

Tuesday June 5th

Cloudy all day, but no rain of any account. I had work near to all day in the shop. After I came home and before tea I took some straw over to Dr Bennetts and cut it with his hay cutter and covered the ground around my Strawberry plants so that the berries will keep clean. I went down town and paid Noah Hoyt the bill I owed him

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I also paid Norris (the butcher) \$1.27 that I owed him. I went to the cars when the train arrived to meet Father & Mother Griswold just from the General Conference in Buffalo. Gussie had tea in readiness for them when they came. They seemed to enjoy their tea with us very much. After tea we went over home with them to talk a short time and to partially unpack we staid until after prayers and then came home to retire.

Wednesday June 6th 1860

I went over to Dr Bennetts before breakfast and cut some wire-straw to put around my strawberry plants. We have been very busy in the shop on small Pearl Hats. Rowena Peas and her husband called on Gussie and her folks today. Her husbands name is Peas also. her own Cousin. I believe an Officer in the Army. I went to Market in the Eve and was rather late to class. Gussie did not go she was too tired.

Thursday June 7th

Warm and showery with a south wind in the A.M. a hard shower in the afternoon. The wind got around in the west before night and the sun shone brightly. The evening was beautiful we went to Market but it took so much of the evening that we did not get to the Prayer Meeting. I have had all the work that I could do again today in the shop. Mr Smith paid to Gussie his last months rent today \$4.00

Augustus Seely was married this P.M. to a Miss Hoag.

Friday June 8th

Pleasant in the morning. A Thunder shower before dinner. Showery also in the P.M. A plenty of work again in the shop. Judge Colver

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gave a political address in the eve. The Wide Awakes turned out in the eve in a torch light procession. I went to drill in the eve but the Capt dismissed us early and I came home for Gussie to go down to see the procession she went and was pleased.

Saturday June 9th

Pleasant but cool for the season. The work in the shop not being ready in the morning I went up into Main-st and bought a new silk hat on credit for a few days \$4.00. I was rather late home from the shop. After tea Gussie and self went down to Market. I took a letter from the Office for Father Griswold and also one for Harriet Purdy.

Sunday 10th

Cool for the season. More like Sept or Oct than like June. Fest in the morning by Bro Pegg Luke 23-52 Sabbath school. Missionary Meeting at noon. Sacrament in the P.M. We were asked to go up in the choir and help sing in the morning but we refused. We expected Harriet Purdy to tea but she did not come. We went over to Abels and sang a little before church. We attended in the eve and self - Harriet - Gussie and myself went up into the choir to help them at the earnest request of Peter Parr (the Chorister) though we much preferred to set down stairs. Bro Pegg preached from 1st Timothy 1-19 subject the Shipreck of Faith.

Monday June 11th

Pleasant but cool. I have had a severe head-ache today. Our foreman being in a great hurry to ship some hats which we were at work on I staid until the lot was finished and we were paid off. then went up into the street

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and paid Chas Sanford \$4.00 for a hat I bought of him on last Saturday and then came home. Harriet Purdy called a few moments after tea on her way to her church. I did not go out in the evening except to walk up the new st between Barnum and Elmstead with Gussie.

Tuesday June 12th 1860

Warmer today. I spaded up the flower bed beside my piazza before breakfast. I worked in the shop until after-luncheon earned \$3.62 I came home very tired Harriet P. spent the P.M. with Gussie and took tea with us we had a fine dish of Strawberries from my bed. Father Griswold came home this morning on the train and mowed his dooryard before night I intended to mow it for him but could not get the time. I went to market in the eve.

Wednesday June 13th

I sowed my Lima Beans and set the polls before breakfast. I had work all day in the shop. We attended Claps in the eve Bro Corwin lead the Claps Bro Starr being absent.

Thursday June 14th

I worked in the shop as usual today. Julia Pine helped Gussie clean house it was late before she finished. I helped tack down the carpet after I came home, we both retired very tired.

Friday June 15th

I had to wait some time for work in the morning. A trial of several different mowing machines was had today by their agents near Deacon Beards just east of our village.

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Gussie went up home in the forenoon and staid all day. I came home from work and got my own tea and went to drill.

Mr Horace B. Croft our old tenant became the father of a 7 lbs boy this afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Saturday June 16th

Warm and dry. A shower passed over us in the P.M. and sprinkled a little but not enough to lay the dust. I worked in my garden a little before breakfast. We had a fine mess of strawberries for tea we gave away some to Mr Smith who gives up stork, and also some to Harriet Wheeler. Mother Griswold called just at dusk and Gussie and myself made a call on the her at Geo Starrs.

Sunday June 17th

Pleasant and warm. Brother Griswold called in and walked down to church with us. Bro Pegg preached in the morning from 1st John 3rd and the first clause of the Lord's prayer. The text in the P.M. was Galatians 5th and the latter clause of the 6th verse. I have had a severe headache all day. Mother Griswold and Harriet Purdy took tea with us. Gussie wrote a letter to Cornelia Post - Essex, we mailed it with two others for Harriet on our way to church. The prayer meeting was a good one. Mr King of Godden was there he spoke with him after meeting.

Monday June 18th

Foggy in the morning. But pleasant and warm during the day. We have been stunted in our work at the shop today on \$2.50. After I finished my work at the shop I went up to Mr. Wisc's and got some winter cabbage plants and set them out after

an account of the fact that I had to mow the dooryard

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I came home, it was dark when I finished
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I worked in my garden before breakfast. The morning was cloudy, but the sun soon made his appearance for a short time when it became cloudy and we had some rain the sun shone again before night.

We were stunted again on 21st. When I came home I found Gussie picking Strawberries. I helped her. we picked about 4 quarts and gave Mr Smith a dish of them and Harriet Wheeler also; after tea I painted the ceiling to my shop, and went to market.

Wednesday June 20th

Rain last night. A cloudy - rainy - and Sunshine at times during the day.

We have been stunted again today on our work at the shop.

Another house was entered last night on Rabbit Hill and a watch taken. After I came to the shop I painted on my Piazza until tea time.

Stormy in the eve. I went to market, but was too late for Class Meeting.

The Universalist Strawberry Festival came off at Concert Hall this eve. The weather being stormy I think their attendance must have been small.

Thursday June 21st

I went to the shop in the morning and finished 1 doz of Hats &c. that being all the work there was to be done I came home. Mother & Misworld took dinner with us. In the afternoon I mowed my dooryard. Harriet & Pandy took tea with us. We had a fine lot of Strawberries from our vines about 2 quarts Harriet relished them very

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much, there was nearly a bowl full left which we sent by Harriet up to Mother.

After tea I worked about the yard until dark and then went to Market. I saw Chas Stevens, he gave me the two Certificates which Martha brought from N. York for Clark Beers and Mrs. G., they should have been Certificates of Life Membership of the Parent Society (Mistaken) but by some mistake they were filled out for the New York East ^{Company} Missionary Society \$10 each instead of \$20.00 for the Parent Soc^y. They were sent by Chas Stevens Jr. He sent to me also another Librarian's account Book as I requested. Harry Thompson was buried this afternoon.

Friday June 22nd

A pleasant day. I went to the shop and finished 1 doz hats. that being all there was to do I came home and painted the north side of my house.

Harriet came down and helped Gussie sew and staid to dinner and tea. We had Strawberries for tea as usual. I attended drill in the eve.

Saturday June 23rd

Warm and pleasant. We have had 2 doz Hats today at the shop. I came home in the P. M.

and copied the S. School clapes in a new account Book and worked in my garden. I was so busy that Gussie went to Market in the eve. She brought home the news that the houses of Thos Benedict and Oscar Barne were entered last night by burglars.

Sunday June 24th

Warm and pleasant. Burglars to the number of 3 tried last night to enter the houses of D. A. Sutton and Widow Sheppard on Deer Hill St. about 12 o'clock

Harry Thompson did this morning at 10 o'clock

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Dr Bennett and his son William saw their mannevers for about an hour, when they were about to enter the houses, and they gave chase to them but they could not catch them.

Nearly every night they are entering and setting some houses. they have been caught but it several times but as yet no one has been able to recognize them. they are either masked or it is too dark.

It is causing a great sensation in our village and many persons are arming them selves. they will get in the wrong mans house yet and will get dealt with as they deserve. they ought to be shot down like dogs and will be if they are not careful. the people are getting so that they fear to leave their homes by day or to retire at night and they certainly have cause to fear.

The Ridgefield Minister Joseph Smith preached for us today. He and Bro Pegg exchanged pulpits. His text in the morning was Psalm 16 - first clause of the 8th verse. In the P.M. Acts 16-29, 30, 31 he is a good preacher but very different in his style from Bro Pegg. Harriet Purdy and Mother Griswold took tea with us. Clark Burr came over before tea and helped me pick strawberries and I gave him a mess to take home for his tea. We attended church in the eve. Geo Andrews son in law (Mon Field) from N. Jersey preached Text John 2-24, 25. He is a Baptist preacher. The sermon was good.

Monday June 25th 1860

I worked in the shop as usual today. G. W. Southmays shop was burned this afternoon. The burglars were out again last night. they tried to enter Mrs Sutton and Mrs Shepwards house again and Mrs McDonalds also. I borrowed

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a gun of Dr Bennett this eve so that I could be ready for them if they come around.

Tuesday June 26th

A man was wrestled last night. But not finding anything against him he was liberated today. We have been hurried in the shop today. The weather has been very warm. David Knowles called on me at the shop and came home with me to tea. I came around by the way of Mother Griswolds. David paid myself out for him. In the eve I went down town with Susan to do some trading.

Wednesday June 27th

Warm and pleasant. I have been very busy all day in the shop. There was a fight yesterday P.M. in the eve between some Irish and a ^{German} ~~man~~. The German was cruelly beaten to death almost. Mr & Mrs Knapp came over in the eve. I left them with Susan and walked down town with Abel.

Thursday June 28th

I rose a little after six o'clock and brought water from Mother Griswolds, to go head for Susan to wash with again. the second time this week as she wanted to wash up everything she could before going away. I finished my work in the shop before night. In the eve I went shopping with Susan to fit her out for her visit. I had my measure taken and a shirt cut by the shirt maker this afternoon. It has been a very warm day.

Friday June 29th

A very warm day. I think the warmest we have had this summer. I worked in the shop as usual. Mother came down to spend the P.M. and took ^{tea} with us over to Mother Griswolds

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I went to the drill room in the eve. and got excused after the roll was called and went to a special meeting of the Foot-Finishers Association to adopt or reject the doings of the National Association.

X The Wide Awakes turned out in a torch light procession in the eve. Susan spent the most part of the eve in packing up her trunk to go to Essex in the morning.

We both took a bath in a warm tub before retiring.

Saturday June 28th 1860

We arose a little after 4 o'clock. Susan went over home and helped her Mother get breakfast and we both ate there. Mr Reatys came up after her and she in company with her Father started for Essex. I went to the depot to see them off. After which I went to the shop.

X I worked hard and rather late. I am boarding with Mr Baxter across the way I went there to tea today for the first time. afterward I hoed a little in my garden. I went down town a short time in the eve.

Sunday July 1st 1860

9 o'clock A.M. I took breakfast at Mr Bayless this morning for the first time. Cloudy and some prospects of rain. I found Prince this morning over to Mother Enowolds locked up in the house he had been there since sometime yesterday he followed me over home for his breakfast. He was very hungry I went up to Dr Bennetts and got a half pint of Milk for him after going over to Harriets for some fragments of wheat!

10 o'clock in the eve. The clouds have passed away and it has proved to be a pleasant day. I attended

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Church alone. Bro Pegg preached in the A.M. from Rev 20th and the latter clause of the 10th Verse.

Text in the P.M. was Exodus 12-14 the sermon was on the Celebration of the Fourth of July. it was good. Geo came home with me from Church and helped me pick some Strawberries to carry up home for tea (as I went up there to tea instead of Mr Bayless) John Boughton being alone also he went up with us. His wife having gone to Norwalk. Susan I expect had enjoyed herself today with her old friends in Essex.

Monday July 2nd

I rose about 8 o'clock. I made my bed and went over to Mr Bayless to breakfast after which I took my dirty clothes over for her to wash. I worked as usual in the shop. before tea I darned my sitting room and returned the brush in the eve.

I went to the depot with Harriet and Geo to meet Mrs Jones. I walked up home with them after she came. I stopped at the Church and left 3.00 towards my seat in Church with Peter Starr

Tuesday 3rd

X I hoed in my garden before breakfast. I had only 2 1/2 hats to finish. I finished them before dinner and came home with my dinner and ate it. I finished painting my Pigeon in the P.M.

Father Enowold came home on the 2 o'clock train. I went to the depot when the evening train came it to see if Mrs Jones I think had come. It came. I got Mr Reatys to take it up home. I rode up with him and back again. The German who was so brutally beaten by the Irish about a week ago