

Edward J. Carpenter's Journal.

March 1st 1844.

Friday March 1st 1844 According to my Fathers advice when I came here, which I have long neglected, I have concluded to commence a Journal and write down every night what has occurred during the day worthy of note.

I am at work on a Butternut Secretary. I worked till 9 o'clock and then had some fun parching corn. I began today to take the Hampden Washingtonian of Mr. Eastman for which I am to pay him 75 cts. at the end of the year.¹

Saturday March 2nd I have not been very well today I was troubled considerable with the Cholic which was caused I think by eating parched corn last night. Uncle Jo. Frost² made a Coffin today for the daughter of Col. Orin Smith of the meadows. I received a paper from Thomas C. Williard today. It has been rather rainy this evening & the snow is going fast, I for one am glad to see it go for we have had a long & Cold Winter. I am to work on the Secretary yet.

1. *The Hampden Washingtonian* was a temperance newspaper published in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1842 to 1848. Samuel Sheldon Eastman, born in Hadley in 1816, was apprentice and journeyman to printers in Northampton and Amherst until he moved to Greenfield in 1838 and established the *Greenfield Courier* with J. C. Kneeland of Northampton. The *Courier* subsequently merged with the *Greenfield Gazette and Mercury*. In partnership with the latter's proprietor, Ansel Phelps, Eastman became editor of the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, first published in 1841 (HG, 2: 855).

2. Joseph Frost, journeyman cabinetmaker for Miles and Lyons, was born in Connecticut in 1792 (VR, p. 50; 1850 Census).

Carpenter's text is reproduced here in full. His entries were clearly dated and in chronological order. Penciled page numbers, which have been added to the manuscript in a different hand, have been ignored in the transcription. The spelling, punctuation, capitalization, abbreviations, and paragraphing of the original have been retained. Words or phrases that Carpenter added above the text with insertion marks have been silently incorporated into the printed text. Ampersands in the original are rendered '&'; plus signs or other marks intended to serve the same purpose are given as 'and.' Carpenter's deletions of complete words have been retained under overstrike marks. Editorial comments, in square brackets have been used only for clarification or to indicate words that could not be deciphered with certainty from the manuscript.

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Entries from Carpenter's journal in March 1844, in which he notes that he has been reading a novel by Timothy S. Arthur and had attended a meeting of the Literary Club of Greenfield.

Sunday March 3rd It has been a very pleasant day the snow disappears rapidly. I have been reading this evening a story called *The Insubordination or the Shoemakers Daughters*, an American story of real life by T. S. Arthur which I think is good.³

Monday March 4th This morning it snowed very fast & about 10 o'clock the wind began to blow & it blowed very hard all day.

I finished the Secretary today & began a pannel end Bureau.

Tuesday March 5th It has been pleasant today but rather cold. I went down to the Literary Club tonight held in the Fellenburg Schoolhouse and listened to a debate on the question Which is productive of the most happiness Married life or Single life, it was decided by the President in the negative. As I came up from the Club I called at the Cotillion party held at Mr. Keith's & see them dance about an hour.

Wednesday March 6th Very pleasant and thaws considerable. I bought me a pair of suspenders tonight at Allen & Root's for which I paid two shillings.

Thursday March 7th Very pleasant and the snow is going fast. I received a paper today from James M. Lyons now living in Clinton Ind. I am at work on the Bureau that I begun Monday I put the carcass together today, get along rather slow.

Friday March 8th It rains considerable this evening. Uncle Jo made a Coffin today for Mr. George Grennell aged 93 years he was the oldest man in town and has lived here I believe between 70 & 80 years. I sent a paper today to J. M. Lyons he was a school friend of mine at Shelburne Falls. My brother Timothy B. has been here today & says the folks are all well at home. Nothing more tonight as I can think of.

Saturday March 9th Nothing has happened today worthy of note Nothing but the same old story of rather cloudy in the morning & cleared off towards night & we had a very pleasant evening to loaf about.

Sunday March 10th 12 o'clock Very pleasant indeed a first rate sap day.

3. T[imothy] S[hay] Arthur (1809-85), *Insubordination; Or, the Shoemaker's Daughters: An American Story of Real Life*, first published in Baltimore in 1841, was reprinted in a seventy-seven-page, double-columned edition (Philadelphia: R. G. Berford, 1844).

I staid in the shop in the forenoon & read some old Saturday Couriers alone Dexter having gone home

I read today in the Saturday Courier a recipe for curing a burn viz. "Take a table spoonful of lard, half a table spoonful of spirits of turpentine, and a piece of rosin as big as a walnut, and simmer them together till melted, and then let them cool." Also a recipe for the Sick head ache when it arises from the want of acid in the stomach "Dissolve three or four drops of nitric acid in cold water and drink it."⁴

10 o'clock in the evening. After dinner I thought I would get ready and go to meeting but it being rather late before I got ready, I concluded that I would stay in the shop and read some old papers that I borrowed of Uncle Jo.

Monday March 11th Very pleasant, the robins begin to appear to charms us with their songs.

After 9 this evening I went over to the Town Hall to see the Aristocracy of this village dance or make an attempt to dance. The music by Mr. Temple Charles Lyons & Isaac Harkness' was good I staid till nearly 11 o'clock I think I shall feel rather sleepy tomorrow therefore I will stop my scribbling and go to bed.

Tuesday March 12th It has been cloudy all day & it begins to rain a little this evening.

I went down to the Literary Club this evening. They debated on the question "Which is the greatest evil Intemperance or Slavery," and was decided in the negative by the President, not however in my opinion according to the weight of argument, or merits of the case.

Wednesday March 13th It rained all night last night and it has rained almost incessantly all day today, and no signs of its stopping tonight. The snow has gone off rapidly today so much that the Boston stage came in on wheels. I have been reading tonight a story in the Saturday Courier called The Wolf Rocks, or the Maid of Lahasaka, it is a Pennsylvanian

4. Carpenter was reading the weekly *Philadelphia Saturday Courier* (see entry for March 13 and n. 6, below).

5. 'Mr. Temple' may have been Stodard William Temple of Greenfield (*VR*, p. 292); in 1850 he was forty and gave his occupation as 'job waggoner' (1850 Census). Charles D. Lyons (b. 1816) was a younger brother of Carpenter's employer Joel L. Lyons (*Vital Records of Gill, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1904], p. 26); also trained as a cabinetmaker, he later worked for Miles & Lyons (see Carpenter's entry for April 16, 1845, below).

tale of 76 founded on real scenes & actual occurrences, by Edward M. Paxson.⁶ I have not received my *Washingtonian* of last week.

Thursday March 14th Very pleasant & warm. I read tonight a story called *Easy Nat or Boston bars and Bostons boys*.⁷ It is the life of three boys during their apprenticeship one of them was Easy Nat who was led into drunkenness & all sorts of dissipation by his brother apprentice & afterwards became a *Washingtonian* & the other apprentice set his masters house on fire & then cut his throat. This shows the evil of drunken Companions. I finished the Bureau today that I begun a week ago last Monday and began another just like it & I hope it will not take quite as long to make it.

Friday March 15th We have a kind of a sugar snow this afternoon but I think it will turn to rain before morning. I attended this evening a Concert of Sacred Music at the brick Church by persons from this village & from the adjoining towns, and besides the audience was favored with occasional tunes from the Shelburne Falls Brass Band which were well played.

I bought me a razor today of one of the John Bulls that work in the Chisel factory⁸ for which I gave 30 cts.

Saturday March 16th It has rained hard all day & the roads are all sposh; the mail that was due here from the south this morning at eight o'clock did not get along till two in the afternoon. My brother Timothy was here tonight he came down after Mr. P. L. Cushman who came in the Boston stage.⁹ I bought me one of Chapman's Magic Razor Strap tonight for which I paid 75 cts. I look over my account tonight with Miles & Lyons

6. Edward M. Paxson, 'The Wolf Rocks; Or, The Maid of Lahasaka,' *Philadelphia Saturday Courier*, January 15-22, 1842.

7. *Easy Nat; Or, Boston Bars and Boston Boys: A Tale of Home Trials by One Who Knows Them* (Boston: Redding & Co., 1844).

8. John Russell (1797-1874) formed a partnership to make chisels and other tools in Greenfield center in 1833-34, moved to another site in the town after 1835, and later switched to cutlery making. By the mid-1840s, the Green River Works, still known locally as the 'chisel factory,' was claimed to be one of the largest cutlery producers in the United States (*HG*, 1: 320; *HG*, 2: 852).

9. Polycarpus L. Cushman (1778-1855) was a farmer and justice of the peace in Bernardston; having held various town offices and twice served as its representative to the General Court, Cushman was elected a state senator from Franklin County in 1844 (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 368). Timothy B. Carpenter (b. 1829) was Elijah W. and Vallonia Carpenter's third son (see Kellogg, *Bernardston*, pp. 331-32 and n. 3 of the introduction, above).

& if I made no mistake they owe me \$8.⁴¹ I received my Washingtonians today the last weeks having got mislaid I did not get it till today. We quit working evenings last night we shall not have to work any more evenings till the 20th of next September.

Sunday March 17th It was rather cloudy in the morning, but cleared off about noon & we had a very pleasant afternoon. I got up this morning at a little past eight, & found that the rag (a sign for my breakfast) was already hung up to the window therefore I washed up, & went over & got some breakfast come back, & staid in the shop all of the forenoon, in the afternoon I got ready, and went to the Unitarian Church. As Dexter is now making up the bed I think I will wipe my pen & crawl in.

Monday March 18th It was very clear and pleasant this morning but it clouded up before 9 o'clock & began to snow very fast. My brother Cyrus came down here this morning, & wanted to have me go home if I wanted to get some Maple Sugar so I fixed up & started in a snow storm I arrived about 11 o'clock. I went up to Uncle Justin's in the afternoon & ate maple Sugar till it did not taste good, I staid till dark & then came home.¹⁰

Tuesday March 19th It is a very cold & blustering March day. I went up to my Uncles again today after some more sugar I came home about 3 o'clock. In the evening I took some syrup that I brought from Justin's & sugared it off, & made 8 little cakes to carry home with me. I witnessed a note this evening given by Mr. Wm. Young to my father of \$5.50, after that I went down to Mr. Alvah Hastings' & got my foot measured for a pair of Calf skin shoes.

Wednesday March 20th Cloudy in the morning rained a little this afternoon. I made my calculations last night to come down with Mr. Newcomb but before I got up this morning there came a summons for my father to attend court as a witness on the case of Assault & Battery on the person of Mr. Justice Bassett therefore I rode down with him, & arrived here about 10 o'clock. When I came into the shop I found a German a Cabinet Maker here to work, he is brother to Frederick Boehmer the man that makes surgical instruments & all kinds of Cutlery he was making a Picture frame for his brother he has been in this country

10. Cyrus W. Carpenter (b. 1836) was Elijah W. Carpenter's fourth son and a clerk in Z. C. Newcomb's store in Bernardston. Justin M. Slate (1814-1901), a farmer in Bernardston, was a younger brother of Carpenter's mother (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, pp. 332, 502).

about 4 years, & learned his trade in New York city. I went to the Auction this evening at Geo. Maxwell but did not buy anything, & good reason why for I had no money.

Thursday March 21st Very cold for the time of year. This evening I cut up 2 pairs of stockings to make a wicket ball which took me till nearly 9 o'clock I then went over to the Court House and heard some of the witnesses testify on the case concerning the breaking open of the house of Mr. Bush of Whately by a colored man named Smith, I staid till they adjourned which was about 11 o'clock.

Friday March 22nd It snowed till sometime in the afternoon & then cleared off & it is very pleasant this evening, but rather cold.

The German that has worked here a few days says that in Germany every man when he is 20 years old has to become a soldier, & serve till he is 26, & he says his mother will have to pay \$500, towards supporting the army because he came away. We yankees should think that rather hard

Saturday March 23rd It is considerable cold today, but pleasant. The Jury concluded that the negro was not guilty of breaking open the house. They tried Ransom Guillow today for Adultery after they had examined 3 or 4 witnesses against him he plead guilty, & is now waiting for his sentence which will probably be a states prison I concluded today to stop chewing tobacco I do not know as I shall hold out more than two days but I mean to if I can for it is a filthy habit, & it injures my health I think.

Sunday March 24th Very warm & pleasant overhead but the roads are very muddy. I staid in the shop this forenoon & read my Washingtonian this afternoon I went to the Unitarian Church & heard the Rev. Mr. Motte preach.¹¹ Nothing else worth noticing has occurred today I believe, yes! one thing more I forgot to mention that is the death of Mr. Jarvis Prentiss he died this afternoon about 6 o'clock of the Consumption.

Monday March 25th Warm & pleasant. Uncle Jo. is making a coffin today for Mr. Prentiss. My Father has been here today and brought me

11. Rev. Mellish L. Motte was pastor of Greenfield's Third Congregational (Unitarian) Church from 1844 to 1846 (HG, 1: 495).

a pair of shoes. Ransom Guillow was sentenced today for three one years in States Prison, & I think he deserves it.

Tuesday March 26th It has been the most pleasant day we have had this year.

I went down to the Literary Club this evening and them debate on the question "Is novel reading beneficial" did not stay till it was decided. I then came up to the shop & read 2 or 3 stories in the Saturday Courier besides some anecdotes puzzles & the like.

Wednesday March 27th Rather cloudy this afternoon preparing for a storm I think. The house of Mr. Priestly Newton was burnt last night they saved some of the things from the house but the bigger part of them was burnt it was insured for about \$350 Thomas Williard & Joseph Day came up to the shop this evening & we took a hand of high low. I saw Ralph Carrier last night he said he was going to Waltham about 9 miles from Boston to work at his partly learned trade he was turned off from J. P. Rust's.¹²

Thursday March 28th It has rained considerable this afternoon & evening. I began this evening to read a novel called *The Mysteries of Paris* & as I have been considerably taken up with it I cannot write any more tonight¹³

Friday March 29th I finished the Bureau today & began another a board end with Ogee drawer. Dexter's brother came up from Springfield this morning in the Telegraph & he has gone with him up to Gill to see his mother & get some maple sugar. Married at the house of J. P. Rust last evening by Rev. Dr. Strong a Mr. Bangs to Miss Jane Pickett "May their "honey moon" last till death doth part them"

12. John P. Rust (b. 1818), was a merchant tailor (VR, 105; advertisements in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, February 27, 1844). Ralph A. Carrier (b. 1823) was from Bernardston (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 335).

13. The works of Marie Joseph Sue, known as Eugene Sue (1804-57) enjoyed considerable popularity in the early 1840s. *The Mysteries of Paris* was first published in the United States in French. In 1843 separate translations were published in New York by Harper & Bros. and by J. Winchester's New World Press. Carpenter may have read Winchester's reprint, entitled *The Mysteries of Paris: A Novel* (New York, 1843), published in ten weekly installments at 12½ cents each, which had been expressly recommended by the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, November 7, 1843, as 'one of the most interesting romances of modern times.' The *Northampton Courier*, November 28, 1843, called Sue 'the Prince of Story-tellers . . . far superior to Dickens in the delineation of his characters, while his plot, is much more deeply laid, and the events which are made to fill it up far more thrilling and tragic.'

Saturday March 30th It has snowed hard all day. Dexter has not come back yet I got Joseph Moore to come & sleep with me tonight, therefore I will drop my pen & go to bed with him.¹⁴

Sunday March 31st Very cold & windy today I believe the old saying that if March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion & if it comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb for the forepart of this month was very mild

Monday April 1st Thaws very fast today rather cold again this evening. Dexter came back this morning. Town meeting today to choose County Commissioners it is Temperance & Anti Temperance the Rum party carried the day in this town but I hope it will not be so through the County for the old board of Commissioners Licensed everything almost that applied.

Tuesday April 2nd Very pleasant indeed. I attended the Literary Club this evening now held in the town Hall & heard a debate upon the question "Which have done the most good Lawyers or Mechanics" it was decided in favor of the Mechanic.

Wednesday April 3rd Very pleasant the streets are almost dry. Nothing more of importance tonight.

Thursday April 4th A very warm day it is fast day & I have played ball so much that I am so tired I can hardly set up I dont think I shall want to have fast day come again for a year

Friday April 5th Pleasant but not quite as warm as yesterday. I am so stiff & sore today that I can hardly move all for playing ball fast day. Uncle Proctor came in to see me today¹⁵

Saturday April 6th Pleasant this forenoon but this afternoon it looks like rain. Nothing more tonight.

Sunday April 7th Rather cloudy & looks like rain. I staid in the shop all day.

14. Joseph K. Moore, born ca. 1829, was a printer's apprentice on the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* (see entry for August 10, below). After Carpenter left Miles & Lyons, Moore boarded in Miles's household in his place (1850 Census).

15. Timothy Proctor Slate (1805-83) of North Bernardston was another brother of Carpenter's mother (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 501).

Monday April 8th The warmest day we have had this year we can hardly see any snow now.

I played a game of Wicket ball tonight after I got through work. The Greenfield Artillery have been training about the streets this evening with their muskets, under the direction of Capt. Wm. Keith. Dexter's brother Frank begun his apprenticeship in Mr. Hunt's tailor's shop today.¹⁶

Tuesday April 9th A very pleasant day indeed. I attended the Literary Club this evening They concluded to adopt 2 or 3 resolutions (which express the contempt of the Club for the proceedings of the Selectmen & keeper of the town hall against the Club holding their meetings there) and have a copy of them presented to each of the Selectmen of the town of Greenfield & the keeper of the town hall. They also dissolved the meetings for this season.

Wednesday April 10th It is so pleasant I think we must have a storm before long. I finished a Bureau today & began a Butternut Board end Secretary. I had some headache this afternoon I think I shall sleep it off tonight

Thursday April 11th Another warm pleasant day.

2 years ago today I came here to learn the Cabinet trade & I suppose I must stay till 4th of August 1846, a long time to look ahead, but short to look back.

Friday April 12th Very pleasant for the time of year. I went into the town hall this evening to see the Artillery drill I think they do it up in good shape.

Saturday April 13th As hot as a July day I received my Washingtonian this evening. I heard today of the death of Mr Jerod Fox of Bernardston he died last Tuesday of the Consumption.

16. William Keith (1809-81) had been born in Enfield, Massachusetts (VR, p. 68), and worked as a chair painter in Greenfield for a time. He returned there in 1839 and purchased the hotel sometimes known as the 'American House' but usually called 'Keith's.' In addition to his militia post, Keith was a town selectman in 1845-46 (HG, 2: 791, 858). Franklin Hosley (born ca. 1829), Dexter Hosley's younger brother, was listed as living at Keith's in the 1850 census. Advertisements for S. Hunt's merchant tailor's shop appeared, for example, in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, October 31, 1843.

Sunday April 14th Very warm indeed I have not been to meeting today.

Monday April 15th Rather cloudy & showery My Uncle Seorim was down here today he says the folks are all well my father excepted he is rather feeble.¹⁷ I went to see the Artillery drill tonight.

I saw the German tonight that worked here a day or two he says when I am 21 if I cant find work to come to New York No. 46 Beekman Street & he will find me work.

Tuesday April 16th A first rate day to work the wind comes in cool. We began tonight to take supper at 5 o'clock News is rather scarce tonight therefore I shall have to stop my pen for want of something to write.

Wednesday April 17th Windy & considerable cold this evening. It is Supreme Court this week which brings in a good many folks. There was an Auction on the Common today of some old stuff that belonged to Hooker Leavitt.

Thursday April 18th A cold raw day Miles & Lyons sent off a load of furniture to North Adams for H. L. Dawes tonight, consisting of a Sofa 2 tables a Pillar work table, Dress table, Washstand, 3 Bedsteads a Set of Chairs & a Rocking chair.

Four of us came up into the shop tonight & took a hand of High low jack & the game, just for amusement for I never played for money, or anything else.

Friday April 19th A cold day & hard frost last night & I think we shall have another tonight My brother Cyrus was here today he came down after Cousin Maria Slate she came up in the Amherst stage tonight.¹⁸ Frederick Pierce came in this afternoon from Conway where he has been at work but the Sheriff having taken the key to his boss' (Mr. Williams) Ware room to satisfy his creditors, it threw him out of work.

Saturday April 20th A cold day. I have caught a bad cold, & I feel rather the worse for wear tonight George F. Gale left Mr. Eastman today his

17. Seorim B. Slate (1801-66), Carpenter's mother's brother, farmed in Greenfield near the Bernardston line (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 500).

18. Maria Slate (b. 1823) of Bernardston was a distant cousin of Carpenter (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 498).

time being out, he is going home to stay a few days & then he is going to Brattleboro, to work in the Phoenix Office.

Sunday April 21st 10 o'clock It looks very much like rain the wind is South East. I am very near sick today have a very bad cold, & headache besides.

9 o'clock in the evening. I felt a little better after supper I took a walk on to Rocky Mountain & took a view of the Connecticut and the surrounding scenery through a small spy glass.

Monday April 22nd A warm day, but rather cloudy. I finished the Secretary today, & begun another just like it. I went into Mr. Hunt's tonight and got measured for a pair of pantaloons, which will cost me five dollars I also swapped caps with Mr. Pond. There has been a Rail road Convention here today, & there was quite a large collection too.¹⁹

There has already been stock taken in this village to the amount of \$40,000. Miles & Lyons put down 3 or 400 dollars. The road is to extend from here I believe to Northampton. I took a good dose of Salts last night, & I feel much better tonight.

Tuesday April 23rd A damp south wind today, & I hope it will blow up a rain for we have not had any rain to speak of since April came in, a very uncommon thing.

Frederick Pierce stays here yet, he cannot find any work. These times are hard times for Cabinet Journeymen.

Wednesday April 24th There came up a thunder shower about five o'clock & it rained hard till a few moments ago, it will make the trees put out their leaves fast. I with three others took a game of cards tonight.

Thursday April 25th A very pleasant day I went up to the Methodist Church this evening and saw Mr. John Hopewell married to Miss. Catherine Mahoney by Mr. Marcy.²⁰ I heard tonight that my brother John had cut his foot.

19. Amos Pond (b. New Hampshire, 1813 [VR, p. 97]) was a hat and cap maker; his advertisements appeared, for example, in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, March 12, 1844. A report on the convention, which was ultimately to lead to the incorporation of the Greenfield and Northampton Railroad, appeared in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, April 30, 1844.

20. I. Marcy was Methodist minister in Greenfield from 1842 to 1844 (HG, 1: 500). John Hopewell (b. England, ca. 1819) and Catharine Mahoney (b. Ireland, ca. 1826) had a son born in Deerfield in 1847 (VR, p. 63) and by 1850 lived in Shelburne, where Hopewell was listed as a 'mechanic' (1850 Census).

Friday April 26th A rainy day & I am glad to see for it starts things right up. Uncle Jo is making a Coffin this afternoon for Mr. Boyden he died about 9 o'clock this morning of the Consumption. I went in to see the Artillery drill this evening, they was to come out in Uniform tonight but it was to rainy.

Saturday April 27th A cloudy day & rather cold this evening. The Greenfield Artillery met today to choose officers after they got through choosing officers they paraded around the streets attended by Shelburne Falls Brass Band. Dexter went home tonight, & I got Joseph Streeter to come & stay with me.

Sunday April 28th A pleasant day, I have been reading the Rural Repository, which is [f]ull of stories & anecdotes,²¹ after supper I went on to Rocky Mountain and cut me a cane. As it is after 10 & I shall have to get up in good season I think I will retire.

Monday April 29th Pleasant but rather windy.

I met my cousins Jane & Cynthia Slate²² on the sidewalk this evening very glad to see them we went up to the Methodist Church & heard a very comical preacher, he used a great many odd expression he was from Ohio. A backwoodsman I presume.

Tuesday April 30th A strong South wind which I think will blow up a rain. I went up into the printing office tonight with Joseph Moore he is making me a Kaleidscope. My Brother John was down here today he says my mother is not able to do any thing.²³ They have got Hannah Howe to do the work.

Wednesday May 1st A pleasant day. Benjamin Green of Bernardston was married today after the knot was tied they took a ride down here.

Thursday May 2nd A damp south wind today, it will rain tomorrow I think. Henry Sheldon came to J. P. Rust's to learn the tailors trade today.

21. This was probably the *Rural Repository; Or, Bower of Literature*, published biweekly (with varying subtitles) by W. B. Stoddard in Hudson, New York, between 1824 and 1851.

22. Jane Slate (b. 1821), a tailoress, and Cynthia Ann Slate (b. 1827) were daughters of Jonathan Slate of Shelburne, an uncle to Carpenter's mother (*Vital Records of Shelburne, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Salem: Essex Institute, 1931], p. 70).

23. John E. Carpenter (1827-75) was the brother next in age to Edward J. Carpenter (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 331).

They have had a wrestle tonight. Taylor the shoemaker & a chap by the name of White a great brag Taylor threw.

Friday May 3rd A very warm day indeed, we had a shower about 5 o'clock which makes it very cool this evening. I finished the Secretary tonight about half past six & I did not commence any thing else tonight. Frederick Pierce started for Whitingham today, from there he starts next Monday for Chicago Illinois.

Saturday May 4th A warm day a little showery towards night. I commenced another Secretary this morning like the one I finished last night. Cheap secretaries are in good demand. I had the Cholic considerable hard this evening but I took a dose of peppermint which I think will stop it.

I went to Mr. Hunt's tonight & got my trousers they fit very well except a little to short.

Sunday May 5th A cool day considerable windy I went to meeting today at the Unitarian Church Mr. Sylvester Allen daughter was taken into the church

Monday May 6th Pleasant this forenoon but it began to rain about 4 o'clock & it has rained most of the time since good thing for gardens that are planted. Nothing more tonight I believe

Tuesday May 7th A cold, windy, raw day & I think we shall have a frost tonight if the wind goes down. I received a paper today from Eliza A. Whitney also one from L. W. Benton. I sent one to him tonight.

Wednesday May 8th A strong S.E. wind. I caught a cold last night & I had the headache so this afternoon that I did not do two hours work rather better now I guess I shall sleep it off

Thursday May 9th A pleasant day, rather cool for May. George & Nancy Slate were down here tonight, & I had quite a train with them.²⁴

Lyons has had a hard fit of the sick headache today he has it very often.

Friday May 10th A pleasant day, but rather cloudy tonight. I received a paper last night from J. M. Lyons & one today from John B. Slate.

²⁴. George (1825-99) and Nancy Slate (1819-46) were children of Jonathan Slate of Shelburne (see n. 23, above).

Saturday May 11th A rainy day. Lyons started this morning for Hartford to buy hardware mahogany &c. There was a great riot broke out in Philadelphia last Monday which lasted till Thursday some 25 or 30 killed & 2 Catholic churches burnt besides other buildings.²⁵

Sunday May 12th Pleasant today, but a very strong north west wind, we had a thunder shower last night which purified the air. I went to the Unitarian meeting this afternoon. I took a walk after tea up to the factory hollow. My folks sent me down a shirt this morning there was a note in it which said that my mother was unable to do any thing John had cut his foot & Cyrus had fell of from the house and broke his left arm. rather a sick mess I think.

Monday May 13th A pleasant day but rather cool for the time of the year. It is now nearly 11 o'clock I staid out in the street tonight to see a fight between a saucy fellow named White & a chap by the name of Rundel. White got some hard knocks & I was glad of it.

Tuesday May 14th A rainy day. There was a meeting of the Stock Subscribers of the Northampton & Greenfield Rail Road today to see about grading the road "Go it Western Franklin Look out for the Engine when the bell rings"

I made a "Bull" today on my Secretary I got one of my doors together wrong, but concluded to let it go.

Wednesday May 15th Pleasant, & considerable warmer than it has been. I finished the Secretary tonight about 6 o'clock, & it being so late I did not begin another job, but made me a pair of trysticks. Lyons came up tonight in the Amherst Stage from Hartford.

Thursday May 16th A rainy day, but the sun set clear tonight I believe. I began a Board end Bureau with Ogee Drawer this morning. I went up to H. W. Clapp's this afternoon to the raising of a barn, & worked considerable hard & did'nt get as much as "thank you sir" for it.²⁶

25. Carpenter probably obtained knowledge of the Philadelphia riots from Joseph Moore or other friends in the printing offices. The *Greenfield Gazette and Courier's* report was not published until May 14.

26. Horatio W. Clapp (b. Springfield, Massachusetts, 1798 – d. Greenfield, 1869), had worked as a goldsmith and jeweler in New Jersey before moving to Greenfield in 1835. He became a substantial investor in Russell's Green River cutlery works (see n. 8, above) and president or director of two local banks, a railroad, a bridge company, a cemetery company

I read tonight in a Springfield paper that there was 100 tons of pins consumed in the U. States per day, rather of a large story, but I do'nt know but it is true. I did up a paper tonight to send to J. M. Lyons, and I suppose it will go down to Springfield tomorrow. Mr. Wilson began today to paint chair for Miles & Lyons.

Friday May 17th It rained this forenoon pretty hard, but it cleared of this afternoon. John & my Father was down here today, Uncle Jonathan Slate & Aunt Nancy was down tonight & I promised them that I come out there tomorrow night.

Saturday May 18th Pretty much such a day today as yesterday, rain in the forenoon & cleared off in the afternoon. I am going out to Shelburne tonight with Cynthia Slate so I guess I will be off.

Sunday May 19th A clear day but very windy. Cynthia & I started about half past 6 last night for Shelburne & it was nearly eight before we got there. This morning George, Jane, Cynthia & myself started for Meeting at the middle of the town. Mr. Chandler from the meadows preached²⁷ we got there just as he began the sermon, at noon George & I started & went out to the Falls & went to the Methodist meeting.

Frederick Townsley is most gone with the Consumption they do'nt think he can live a week. We got back about 4 o'clock. I staid there till about 7 & then Uncle Jonathan took the horse & bro't us down to the foot of the mountain & we walked the rest of the way, we got into the street about 8 o'clock. As it is nearly 10 o'clock I think I will stop my scribbling & go to bed.

Monday May 20th A cold rainy day, this is the coldest May I ever knew. There is a good many acres of corn on Deerfield meadows that have rotted in the ground

Tuesday May 21th A cold raw day & I think we shall a frost tonight. I went down to the black barber's tonight & heard him fiddle till ½ past 10, he is a good fiddler a "rale nigger fiddler"

and the gaslight company (*HG*, 2: 84). For the 1850 Census, Clapp reported his occupation as 'railroad director' and his real estate holdings at \$25,000.

27. Rev. Amariah Chandler (1782-1864) was pastor of Greenfield's First Congregational Church from 1832 onwards (*HG*, 1: 478-80; see also Francis M. Thompson, 'Amariah Chandler and His Times,' Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, *History and Proceedings* 5 [1905-11]: 385-418).

Wednesday May 22nd It is the most pleasant day we have had this long time. There was a real black frost last night it froze the ground considerable stiff in some places, & it nipped the corn, beans, &c that was out of the ground.

I took a walk tonight around the square twice, & down to the west end of the street once, it does a fellow good after being shut up in the shop all day.

Thursday May 23rd It is considerable like summer today, there was a pretty hard frost last night. I saw John Rundel & Webb Frost drunk tonight it made Uncle Jo feel bad, for he has seen the folly of it.²⁸ I received a paper today from L. W. Benton.

Friday May 24th A very warm day, the warmest we have had this year. Silas N. Brooks called in to see me tonight I had not seen him before since last thanksgiving.²⁹ Wilson finished painting chairs today, & went home. Russel Warren the tin pedlar was here today & bought a Butternut table & a couple of rocking chairs.

Saturday May 25th Another hot day. I went to the raising of Mr. Sylvester Allen house, it is a large house & a good deal of work to raise it. Mr. Avery is boss of the job.³⁰ I went down tonight after I got through work & went in a swimming the water was first rate, it made me feel cool all the evening.

Sunday May 26th A cloudy day we had pretty hard thunder shower about 5 o'clock. I have not been to meeting today, I went over Rocky Mountain, & come around by Cheapside home this forenoon. Warner Curtiss was with me, we called at the Cheapside Bridge & got a glass of small beer.³¹ I went into Mr. Mcgrath's shop this evening & had a good meal of butternuts. Dexter has gone down to Lyons to sleep with his brother therefore I shall have to sleep alone tonight.

28. Daniel Webb Frost (b. 1822) was Joseph Frost's son (*VR*, p. 49).

29. Silas N. Brooks (1825-97), Carpenter's exact contemporary, was also son of a physician in Bernardston. He remained there, working as a farmer and small-scale tool manufacturer (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 316).

30. Sylvester Allen (1783-1848) was a proprietor of Greenfield's leading dry-goods merchants, Allen & Root (*VR*, pp. 18, 243). James Avery (b. Connecticut, ca. 1804) was a house carpenter (1850 Census).

31. Carpenter's entry for June 2 (below) refers to Warner Curtis as an apprentice to David Long (1802-45), a Greenfield blacksmith (*HG*, 2: 843).

Monday May 27th A warm day, & a thunder shower about 5 o'clock, it rained pretty hard about five minutes. I took a walk this evening down to the west end of the street with Charles Brownell we called at the grocery when we came back & got some beer & then we went up to the town hall, & see them drill.

Tuesday May 28th A warm day, but some air a stirring. I finished a Bureau this noon, & after dinner I begun another just like it only a three cornered drawer instead of an Ogee.

I went down tonight and went in swimming and I feel much better for it.

Wednesday May 29th A pleasant day.

It is old fashioned 'lection today besides being training day. The Greenfield Artillery & the Cavalry trained here today, the Artillery look first rate in there new uniform, but the Cavalry looked shabby enough, they are a going to have new uniform I believe.

Thursday May 30th A cloudy day with a strong South East wind, & it just begins to rain I & the printer boys got 3 or 4 lemons & some sugar and had some lemonade, it was pretty good only a little sour for want of more sugar.

Friday May 31st It has been a rainy day but it broke away about 5 o'clock & I guess it will be fair tomorrow. I & 3 or 4 others went over to the Connecticut & seen them haul the seine for shad they did not have very good luck they did not catch but 9 & last night they catched 29.

Saturday June 1st A pleasant day. As I am going home tonight I cannot stop to write any more

Sunday June 2nd The weather is very changeable today it rains one hour, & is fair the next. Cyrus came after me last night about 5 o'clock & I come home with him I went to meeting at the Unitarian Church all day. I was homesick before night for there is not so much going on here as in Greenfield. Hannah Howe has been at work at our house for a few weeks but she went home today, & another girl came, her name is Sally Boyle.³² My mother's health is rather better. Warner Curtiss an

32. Sally Boyle was probably Sarah R. Boyle (b. 1828), of Bernardston (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 313).

apprentice to David Long left him for home yesterday I am sorry for he was a first rate fellow.

Monday June 3rd A pretty fair day. I went a trouting this forenoon up Fall River & caught 16 pretty good ones, this afternoon I loafed around.

Tuesday June 4th A first rate day to work for there is a good deal of air a stirring. I started this morning about 8 o'clock for Greenfield, my father brought me down I think I shall not want to go home again for some time. I found after I had got home that Miles, & his wife & boy had gone to Ashfield a visiting, to be gone all the week, they started yesterday. Judith & I will have to keep house this week.

Wednesday June 5th Rather cloudy today looks some rainy. My oil stone had got most horribly wore out in the middle so I took some emery this afternoon & rubbed it down level it took me about 2 hours

Thursday June 6th Pretty fair day, not very warm, good day to work. Joseph K. Moore: George N. Allen, Henry A. Willis & myself wrote a letter tonight to Messrs Wilson & Co N.Y. to have them send us 4 copies of their Despatch one year only. It is a large monthly paper, only 25 cts a year The first one I suppose will come the 1st of July.³³

Friday June 7th A warm day, we had a good smart shower this evening which will start the corn that is just hoed right straightup

Saturday June 8th Very pleasant day but rather windy. Miles got home tonight about sundown George & Jane Slate were down tonight, they called at Miss Billings as they came up to see Cynthia & found that she was sick abed & symptoms of a fever.

Sunday June 9th Rather showery today. I have not been to meeting today, in the morning I went and picked some strawberries, this afternoon I staid in the shop

Monday June 10th A cold windy day, I think we shall have a frost tonight if the wind goes down.

33. The 'Despatch' was Wilson & Co.'s *Dispatch*, published monthly in New York City from 1844 to 1849. George Allen (b. ca. 1825) was, like Moore, a printer's apprentice. The 1850 Census lists him as a member of the household of S. S. Eastman, publisher of the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*. Carpenter's entry for February 18, 1845 (below), suggests that Henry A. Willis was an apprentice or clerk in Merriam's bookstore (see n. 37, below). Willis left Greenfield for Boston in February 1845 (see entries for February 18 and 19, below). The 1850 census index lists a Henry A. Willis in Somerville, Massachusetts.

I finished a Bureau tonight that I have been to work nearly a fortnight but I have been hindered some. I was gone home a day & half.

Tuesday June 11th Rather warmer today but cool again this evening the wind blowed all night last night which kept the frost off but I think we shall have a light one tonight.

I began another cheap Butternut Secretary this morning it is Bureaus & Secretary all the time I have worked on them about a year & I begin to think it is about time to learn to make something else

Wednesday June 12th A very pleasant day rather cool in the morning a little frost last night. Aunt Mary & my sister Mary came down here tonight they are a going to stay at Mr. Miles' to night & going to Amherst in the stage in the morning.³⁴ There is a couple of girls there from Springfield which makes a pretty good house full.

I received the June number of the Despatch that I sent for, to day. Did not expect any till July.

Thursday June 13th Not so pleasant as yesterday looks like rain. I received a paper tonight from George F. Gale he works in the Phoenix office Brattleborro.

Friday June 14th Warm & showery. I went down to Green River tonight after I got through work & went in swimming. there was a boatload of girls came down the river when we was in but we did not care for them.

Saturday June 15th As pleasant and warm as any day we have had this year. Lyon & his wife went up to Gill tonight to stay over Sunday.

The Artillery drilled tonight down back of the old Fellenberg school house.

Sunday June 16th Very pleasant & warm. I went to meeting this forenoon at the Methodist & again at the 5 o'clock meeting.

I saw Martha Chapin today from Bernardston she lives with Mr. Reniff.

Monday June 17th A hot day, rather rainy this afternoon. Obed Arms has got up here to work for L. C. Munn.³⁵

34. Miriam W. ['Mary'] Slate (1807-52) was Carpenter's mother's sister. His own sister was Mary Sophia Carpenter (1835-56) (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 332, 501).

35. Obed Arms (b. 1830) was from Deerfield (George Sheldon, *A History of Deerfield, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. [Deerfield, 1895-96], 2, part 2: 44) and was listed as a shoemaker, aged

Tuesday June 18th The hottest day we have had this year. There was a thunder shower around south of us but it did not rain much here. John Slate was here today, he works in Ware factory village.

Wednesday June 19th Another hot day. I went down to night & went in swimming, when I came up I went into Hunts & got measured for a thin Sack for which I am to pay \$3.00. I look over Miles & Lyons account with me tonight & found that they owed me \$11.14

Thursday June 20th Very warm today, but rather more air a stirring than yesterday. I went swimming again tonight the water was very warm & I think I staid in most too long for it made me have the headache.

Friday June 21st It rained this morning but broke away before noon. I have not been able to work today, I had a pain in my bowels & some headache, I dont wether it was owing to going in swimming or some currant pie that I ate last night, I took a pretty good dose of Rochelle Salts this morning which physiced me off pretty well & I guess I shall come out bright in the morning, I hope so at least for this loafing is dull business for me. I received a paper yesterday morning from J. M. Lyons & I sent him one today.

Saturday June 22nd A very rainy day. Uncle Jo cut his hay on the meadows day before yesterday & it rained yesterday & rained again today he thinks if it is a fair day tomorrow he shall give it a stirring, he made a coffin this afternoon for Widow Prentice's child. I felt pretty well this morning went to work with a good stomach.

Sunday June 23rd A very pleasant day. Uncle Jo is haying, he thought it was his duty to open & not let it spoil. Mr Sol. Newton girl died this morning & I thought I should have to go to work on the coffin today but they concluded to start early tomorrow morning.

I went to meeting today at the Methodist

Monday June 24th A warm day, but considerable airy. I got up this morning about half past 4 o'clock and went to work on a coffin we got it done about half past eight I then finished my Secratary which took till most noon I then looked out some stuff for another, but concluded to

nineteen, in the 1850 Census. Lewis C. Munn owned a boot and shoe workshop and store, which he advertised in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* from June 20, 1843, onwards. He was also town clerk and treasurer of Greenfield from 1843 to 1845 (HG, 1: 325).

make some press boards to press paper with for L. Merriam & Co. which I have not finished yet³⁶

Tuesday June 25th A hot day, strong south wind. I finished the press boards this afternoon & began the Secretary but did not do much to it. Dexter was carrying in boards & had to kick the lath in his place.

Wednesday June 26th The hottest day we've had this year not a breath of air a stirring. I hope there will be a shower before morning to purify the air.

Thursday June 27th Another hot day & we've had three thunder showers this afternoon & looks as though we should have another before long it thunders some now. My brother John was down here today & Mrs. Miles & Henry went home with him.

I went over to the town hall this evening & heard a Lecture on Physiology which was very interesting by a Dr. Darling he talks of giving a course of lectures, he gives another free lecture on Saturday evening.

Friday June 28th Considerable cooler today a strong wind from the N. West. They had a hard thunder shower in Bernardston last night, the lightning struck Dr. Brooks barn & tore the shingles off some. Cyrus came down this forenoon & brought Mrs Miles back

Saturday June 29th Another cool day, just right to work. There has been considerable going on here tonight, the Engine Company met, of which Miles is Captain, and worked the Engine & the Artillery had a drill, & there was another Lecture Physiology, they concluded to raise \$50.00 for the Lecturer & have him go on with a course of lectures, they very interesting & useful I think & I think I shall subscribe something & attend them.

I went up into the Democrat Office this evening with Theodore Wells & got to reading some exchange papers, & staid till half past 11, & as it is almost Sunday I think I will go to bed.³⁷

Sunday June 30th A very fine day, considerable cool. I have not been to meeting this forenoon I went out west of the Chisel factory & dug some

36. Lewis Merriam (1811-92) was born into the West Brookfield printing family and came to Greenfield in 1841 as clerk to his brothers. He formed his own firm in 1843, to run the 'Franklin Bookstore' (HG, 2: 872-73).

37. The weekly *Greenfield Democrat* was rival to the Whig *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*. Theodore Wells was probably born in 1827 (VR, p. 132).

Sassafras root. I and Henry Root went down to Cheapside after supper, we stopped at the bridge and got a glass of small beer which went very well.

Monday July 1st Rather rainy forenoon but cleared off warm this afternoon. I & three other fellows went into Sparhawks tonight & got us a long pipe & some tobacco & "cut a swell" up & down the sidewalk. Mr. Taylor came into morning to have us subscribe for for the Physiological Lectures, I subscribed 25 cts, he came around again this afternoon to take the change & give out the tickets.

Tuesday July 2nd A warm but pleasant day. Dr. Darling gave the first of his course of lectures tonight, which I attended, he lectured this evening on digestion. He has a Model of the Human System called the French Manakin which which is almost perfect, he can take it all to peices and show every part of the body. He has another lecture Friday evening.

I received a paper this morning from S. W. Dickinson an apprentice that left here a little more than a year ago, he is now working in North Adams.

Wednesday July 3rd A very pleasant day. I have made my calculations to go home tonight to spend the 4th of July, therefore I think I shall be off, Henry Willis talks of going with me.

There is to be a Loco foco Celebration there, besides one or two tea parties.

Thursday July 4th The Anniversary of American Independence & a very good day it is very cool for the time of the year, we had a fresh breeze from the North West. Willis & I started last night about 7 o'clock to come up a foot but we walked about a mile & a half of two miles, & then got a ride almost home, we arrived at my father's about half past eight we went to bed about 11 and was awaked in the morning about sunrise by the cannon & bells.

The Greenfield Artillery & Shelburne Falls Band came up here about 9 o'clock, & they formed a procession at the meeting house between 10 & 11 & marched on to the N.W. of Purples' tavern where they heard the speakers of the day. Whiting Griswold Esqr of Greenfield delivered the Oration,³⁸ after he got through they marched back to the tavern &

³⁸. Whiting Griswold (b. 1814) was a Greenfield lawyer, prominent in local Democratic politics (*VR*, p. 56; *HG*, 2: 783).

partook of a dinner prepared by John N. Purple on some tables a little east of the tavern. There was about 250 sit down at the first table, besides some afterwards at 75 cts each. I went to the Tea Party about 3 o'clock, the table was set in Mr. A. Flint's door yard. There was a large number there of old & young, & it passed off very pleasantly. Dr Brooks gave us a short speech & a few toasts, Mr. Hawks of Deerfield gave 2 or 3 songs accompanied by the Melodian which were good. Henry Willis got a chance to ride home & so he went home while I was gone to the tea party young fellows flew around after the tea party was over and got about 15 or 16 couple together before dark & went into Purples hall and danced till nearly midnight. Mr. Hunt got my sack done after I come away last night & sent it up to me this morning on the stage, but it did not fit, it was too small, therefore I shall carry it back to him.

Friday July 5th Very much like yesterday, cool & rather windy. I did not get up this morning till after eight o'clock. I started for Greenfield about 11, & got down here at just 12. Cyrus come & brought me with my fathers old mare. I did not feel very well this afternoon had some headache.

I went & carried my Sack back to Mr. Hunt tonight he says he can fix by putting a new back & putting cuffs on to the sleeves, he says he will have it done tomorrow night.

Saturday July 6th Cool this morning but cleared off about 9 & we had a very warm day. I have not quite got over the 4th of July yet but I guess I shall before Monday. I received my July number of the Despatch yesterday morning & it is very good what I have read of it. I went into Hunt's tonight after my coat & found he had not touched it I think I shall let him take his own time for it now.

Sunday July 7th A very pleasant day rather cool for the 7th of July. I staid in the shop pretty much all day today & read the newspapers.

Lyon & his wife have gone up to Gill stay a week or fortnight, he has got Dexter's mother down here to keep house for him, & so Dexter sleeps at the house & I have to sleep alone.

Monday July 8th Very much such a day as yesterday. We had another Lecture on Phisyology this evening, he lectured on Respiration & the different temperaments in different persons.

Tuesday July 9th Very pleasant, but it looks a little like rain this evening. I finished my Secratary tonight all but putting 3 locks on my

drawers, which is something extra. When I was at home Zuba Woods wanted I should make her a work box, therefore I began one this noon & got the stuff partly cut. Mr. Eastman got out an Extra Gazette & Courier this morning with the news that Joe Smith the Mormon was dead. He was in jail with two others awaiting their trial for treason, & there was a guard place inside & outside of the jail, they fired upon the guard on the inside with some pistols they had in their possession and then went to get out of a window when he was shot through with more than a hundred balls, one of the other prisoners (Hirym Smith Joe's brother) was killed & the other prisoner was badly wounded. This happened June 26th at Carthage Ill. The Extra says also that they are having another riot in Philadelphia, & it is feared that there will be considerable bloodshed. I got Jo. Moore to sleep with me last night.

Wednesday July 10th It was hot & muggy this forenoon but we've had showers with considerable thunder & lightning this afternoon & it is much cooler. I began another Secretary today like the one I finished yesterday. I sent a paper today to S. W. Dickinson. I got Albert Field to sleep with me last night, & I must go and get somebody to sleep with me tonight for it is rather lonesome to sleep alone

Thursday July 11th Rather rainy day which is just what we want for it was getting rather dry & dusty. We had another lecture this evening, he lectured on the functions of the nervous system and I think it is the most interesting lecture we have had.

Friday July 12th Warm & very sultry, but it cleared off towards night & it is very pleasant now. We had another Physiological lecture this evening, he treated upon the bones & the skin & of the importance of bathing the body every day.

Saturday July 13th A very warm day & a damp south wind. Nothing has occurred today worth writing about.

Sunday July 14th Very warm till about 4 o'clock when we had a thunder shower & it cleared of quite cool afterwards. After I got through work I went out into the street & met Cynthia Slate, she said she was going home a foot & alone & wanted I should go with her, so I came to the shop & got ready & we started about 8 o'clock & we did not get out there until nearly half past nine. We did not go to meeting today because Uncle

Jonathan's horse was lame. George & I started between 9 & 10 and went down to the Deerfield River & went in swimming, when we come back it was so hot that we thought we should melt before we got home. Uncle had considerable hay out that he cut last Wednesday, & he went to work & raked up some of it before it rained.

My head began to ache about 5 o'clock tonight & it has ached ever since. We started for home about 7 & got down here about 8 o'clock, we come across in the boat down by Jim Newton's instead of going around by the road which makes it considerable nearer.

Monday July 15th A pleasant day, but it looks this evening as if it would rain before morning. Dr. Darling gave the last of his course of lectures this evening, he lectured on Physical Education & it was very interesting, he gave the ladies a considerable hard touch on tight lacing & Baloon bustles.

I read in a newspaper the other day that 40 years ago Congress refused Robert Fulton the use of the Hall where the Representatives meet to give an address on steamboat navigation, & that this winter Congress has past an act, granting Fulton's heirs \$75,000 for the benefit that the United States have received from his invention.

Tuesday July 16th It rained all of the forenoon & did not still till after dinner, & it is somewhat cloudy now but I guess it will come before morning.

I got John Smith to sleep with me last night, but I have got to sleep alone tonight.³⁹ Dr Darling gave another lecture this evening on the Physiology of the brain. I did not attend for the admittance was 12½ cts. & I thought I could not afford it although I presume it was well worth double the money.

Wednesday July 17th A pleasant day. The "big bugs" had a picnic this afternoon & they are a dancing now in the town hall, they would not let the mechanics in & so they staid outside & made such a noise that could hardly hear the music. Old Sir Isaac Newton died to night about sun-down.⁴⁰

Thursday July 18th Rather cool in the morning but pretty warm when

39. John Smith was probably born ca. 1821 (*VR*, p. 116).

40. Isaac Newton (1777-1844) was a landowner and former proprietor, for a brief period, of a Greenfield hotel (*VR*, pp. 88, 203, 275; *HG*, 1: 671).

the sun got up. Uncle Jo. is making a coffin today for Sir Isaac, it is to be covered with broadcloth. I have not worked much today for I have had the headache all day.

Friday July 19th Pleasant this forenoon but rainy this afternoon. I have not quite got over the headache yet, but it did not ache so hard today as yesterday. Mr Newton was buried today in the burying ground back of the Brick Church.

Mrs. Miles is sick abed today she was not very well yesterday but so as to be about

Saturday July 20th Rather rainy, but it cleared off about sundown, the moon shines very bright this evening. Mrs Miles is not much better today she can just crawl around & that is all. I got my Washingtonian there is the latter part of one good story & the fore part of another in it. Lyon has not got back from Gill yet, we expected him today but he did not come, I think he will be along tomorrow night or Monday morning. I slept alone last night & have got too tonight, Dexter sleeps down to the house with his brother Frank till Lyons gets back.

Sunday July 21st It is pleasant but warm in the middle of the day, it is cool & pleasant this evening, the moon shines bright.

Lyons & his wife got home tonight. Dexter started for Gill last night a bout sundown & is not coming back till Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. I went to meeting this afternoon at the Unitarian.

Monday July 22nd Pleasant & considerable of a breeze from the south, a good moon this evening. I went up into the barber's shop tonight & heard John Putnam & Wilson Guillow play the violin.⁴¹

I received a paper today from my brother Tim, who lives with Mr. P. L. Cushman in Bernardston.

Mrs. Miles has got considerable smart again so that she baked today besides a good many other things

Tuesday July 23rd A very warm day. I finished a Secretary today & begun another just like it, & I hope it is the last.

Wednesday July 24th Another warm muggy day, it looks some showery,

⁴¹. John Putnam (1820-95) was the 'black barber' to whom Carpenter had listened before (entry for May 21, above; see *HG*, 2:878). Wilson Guillow (b. 1827 [*VR*, p. 56]) was not listed in the Massachusetts census index for 1850.

& I hope it will rain if it will freshen the air a little. Dexter got back this forenoon. Silas Brooks was here today, & carried off a set of chairs, & a cherry table, the whole amounted to \$10. I saw Moses Wait this noon from Bernardston he says there is a good many sick there with the Cholera Morbus.

As it is nearly 10 I think I will put my pipe & pen & retire.

Thursday July 25th A rainy day. I have not felt very well this afternoon, some pain in the bowels. They have been building a large wagon, 25 feet long to go to the Whig Convention at Springfield August 9th, over to R. E. Field's, it come out today for the first time.⁴²

I borrowed a book tonight of J. K. Moore called the United States Book; or interesting events in the History of the U. States, which I think will pay for reading.⁴³ I & 3 other fellows took a game of "High low" this evening for amusement, for I never will play for anything else.

Friday July 26th A very pleasant day, & I never a pleasanter evening. My brother John was here today he brought my old chum T. W. Wadsworth he roomed with me at Shelburne Falls, he is now in Dartmouth College a studing for the ministry I believe.

Saturday July 27th Another pleasant day and evening. There was great doings in town tonight, the Artillery drilled & the Engine Company met. Edward Doty was here today from Shelburne Falls, he has gone to Northampton to work at waggon making

Sunday July 28th A warm day but cool evening I went over on to Montague plains & got some whortleberries, I went up to the factory village & then down to the Falls & as the water was low we crossed over on the dam & then went down to the plains, & back home by Montague bridge, rather of a hard walk for Sunday, but I am shut up all the week, & I like to take a tramp once in a while. I sent my first "Despatch" to J. M. Lyons today & I believe I shall send them all to him.

42. R. E. Field was a Greenfield carriage maker. The 'Whig Mass Convention' to be held in Springfield on August 9 was announced in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, August 6, 1844.

43. John Warner Barber had several editions of *Interesting Events in the History of the United States* published from 1828 onwards. The one Carpenter borrowed may have been J. W. Barber, *The United States Book; Or, Interesting Events in the History of the United States* (New Haven: L. H. Young, 1834).

Monday July 29th Rather pleasant, but looks tonight as though it would rain tomorrow. Lyons has had the headache all day, & I had it so that I have not worked much this afternoon.

Tuesday July 30th Rather cloudy, but it has not rained any yet. I finished my foreplane iron today, & flung it one side & Lyons got me a new one.

The "big bugs have another dance tonight, they had Charles Lyons, Temple & Pusha to play for them.

Wednesday July 31st A rainy day.

I finished the work box, that I agreed to make when I was at home tonight, all but varnishing I have been at work putting on the lock all the evening, & Dexter & Eb. Briggs have been making a little bee box. Eb. says he is going a hunting bees next Sunday.

Thursday August 1st It cleared off this morning very hot & muggy. Lyons has been unwell all the week so as not to be able to do much, he has had a little touch of the Disentery I believe.

Friday Aug. 2nd Very hot, & I should think the hottest we've had this summer, it is dog days in good earnest. The village have a meeting this evening to see if they could adopt some measure to stop the nightly disturbances we have here lately, made partly the village boys & partly by a lot of rowdies from Cambridge College. And they concluded to choose a committee of ten to act as a kind of police, to try to stop it by persuasion & entreaty & if it could not be done in that way, to resort to the law as a last resource.

Saturday Aug. 3rd Another hot & sultry day. I got all ready to go to Shelburne, but there came up a hard shower & I had to give it up.

My father was down here today, & John & Charles came with him, John was going to Deerfield to stay over Sunday with some of his friends.

I bought me an umbrella tonight I gave a \$1.25 for it & broke the brass on the tip end "into the bargain"

Sunday Aug. 4th It rained hard this morning till 8 o'clock, & we had another shower about noon. To day is my 19th birth day, 2 years & I am my own man. Uncle Jo. Dexter & myself have been at work all day today a making Coffins. We made one out of Bass for David Williards wife, it

is to be covered with broadcloth, & one of Cherry for an Irishwoman by the name of Lewis.

It being my birthday I concluded to quit chewing tobacco, but I don't believe I shall hold out, for the habit has got pretty well fastened on to me. I wish I never had put a bit into my mouth.

Monday Aug 5th Rather cooler today than it has been for a few days back. I finished a Secretary tonight. I found it rather hard today to quit the tobacco, I took one quid this afternoon.

Lyons & I settled today & found that they owed me \$10.87. Miles said this morning that I might have half a day to pay for what I done yesterday or he would give me credit for it.

Tuesday Aug 6th We have all sorts of weather today, it has been pleasant & rainy, hot & then cool. The mechanics had a meeting this evening to try to stop the disturbances that we have had in the streets for some time past, and they chose 25 police to try to dissuade all persons, of all classes & all parties from making so much disturbance & if they will not hear to moral suasion to prosecute them They also voted that all in the meeting should not go to Col. Chases' to drink & carouse or to spend their money in any way.⁴⁴ I began this morning a board end Bureau with Ogee drawer. There was a concert here this evening, given by Master & Miss. Sconcia. Miss Sconcia whom they say is only 7 years old plays the piano, & Master S. the Violin.⁴⁵ 25 cts admittance, but I did not go, therefore I saved my quarter. We moved the piano down to the town hall from W. F. Davis' today. I had to use a little tobacco today it comes hard to quit.

Wednesday Aug 7th A very fine day.

There was another concert this evening but there was but few in. Uncle Justin & Cyrus were here today they came down to bring Cousin Milton McCloud, he is going home afoot from here to Amherst to attend Commencement which is tomorrow. The new brass six pounders for the Greenfield Artillery arrived tonight, but I think they are heavier than the

44. A letter in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, August 13, 1844, praised a meeting of citizens 'to stop the spirit of rowdyism.' Paul Chase, from Brattleboro, Vermont, owned the hotel in Greenfield sometimes known as the 'Mansion House' from 1843 to 1847 (HG, 2: 756).

45. 'Master & Miss Sconcia's Concert' was announced in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, August 6, 1844.

company will want to handle every day. There was a negro slave taken here yesterday from her owner by a Sheriff from Northampton and set free so that she might go back with her master or stay here just as she pleased.

Thursday Aug 8th A warm day. The Whigs of Greenfield & vicinity started about 12 o'clock today for the Convention to be held in Springfield tomorrow, they were accompanied by the Shelburne Falls Band. The whigs of this village went in a large waggon about 25 feet long that was built for the occasion it was drawn by eight horses, every horse had a small flag on his head, with Clay & Frelinghuysen painted upon in large letters. They stop at Northampton tonight. The Northampton folks sent them word if they come down there today they would keep them tonight free of expense. The folks on this street are fixing the sidewalk from here up to the east end, I believe they are a going to gravel it, which will make it much better.

Friday Aug. 9th Another warm day, but cloudy. The Conventionists have had a pretty good day. Silas Brooks came into the shop today to see me, he is the same old sixpence, jolly as ever.

I have not been out of the shop this evening, it is something remarkable for I generally am loafing around the streets evenings.

Saturday Aug. 10th A real dog day, it makes me feel lazy. The big wagon got in from Springfield about 6 o'clock, before they got of the wagon they swung their hats & gave 9 cheers. This morning when the folks got up they found one of Mr. Elliots plows, a wheelbarrow, 1 or 2 signs & some other things stacked up around the town pump, & Mr. H. G. Newcombs gate was taken of from the hinges & a large box set up against his front door, but they cant lay any of it to me for I did not go out doors last night. The folks that came up from Springfield stated that there was 30,000 at the Convention, & that 16,000 came in on the Rail Road.

I went up into the Courier office tonight & Jo. Moore gave me about a dozen exchange papers to read tomorrow.

When I went home to supper tonight Mrs. Wells, Mrs Miles' mother, who has been staying there a few days, was in what they called a cramp fit, I went as quick as I could for Dr. Stone & found that he was not at home. I then came back & went up after Dr. Deane, he came down &

gave her some laudnum which quited her, the fit was caused by a Cancer on her breast, which will probably break out in a few days & kill her.

Sunday Aug. 11th A cool & pleasant day. I went down to the drink this morning & washed up. I then came up to the shop & staid here till noon, when Miles came in & wanted I should go over to Wm. Wait's and get some clothes for Mrs. Wells she only came over to stay a few days, but I dont think she ever will go out of the house till she is carried out a corpse.

Monday Aug. 12th A first rate day to work, rather cool this morning & cool again this evening.

I sawed out some stuff tonight for some frames to a couple of pictures that my grandfather brought down here the other day. The [?] says this week that there could not have been less than 20,000 at Springfield Convention, and I guess he has not set it to high. The Democrat of this week, which comes out Mondays, is nothing but Loco foco slang from beginning to end about the Whig delegation to Springfield from this town.⁴⁶

Mrs. Wells is rather better today, but it probably will not last long.

Tuesday Aug. 13th The weather today is "fac simile" of yesterday. I got the stuff for my pictures frames tonight & veneered them, I put mahogany on to one & zebra wood on to the other.

I received a paper this morning from J. M. Lyons, and I did up my July number of the Despatch & put into the post office for him.

I cannot make up my mind to quit chewing tobacco entirely yet. I have taken about two quids a day since my birthday, & it is almost impossible to reduce the quantity to nothing, nor even to one quid. Lyons brought up his Saturday Courier for me to read tonight, I read one good story in it entitled "where there is a will there is a way"⁴⁷

Wednesday Aug. 14th Rather cloudy, & a little rainy. I staid in the shop tonight & work on the picture frames. The streets are pretty full of folks

46. The *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, August 13, 1844, carrying the description of the convention, did not appear until the next day. Carpenter apparently knew of its contents by word of mouth, probably from Joseph Moore, but he read the report in the *Greenfield Democrat* of August 12.

47. T. S. Arthur, 'Where There's a Will, There's a Way,' *Philadelphia Saturday Courier*, August 10, 1844, tells of a journeyman, thrown out of work at his trade, who made good by hiring a boat, working for himself as a boatman, and using his savings to set up his own workshop when trade revived.

this week for it is court week. Lyons has had the headache today & Miles has been almost sick so we've been almost without a boss. There has been a man here today a trying to sell them a horse power, but I guess he found it rather dull business.

Thursday Aug. 15th A warm day. Miles & Lyons concluded a bargain today, & made out the writing for a small peice of land, situated on a small brook, down to the west end of the street for a small water power, I believe.

Friday Aug. 16th A very warm day.

After I got through my days work I went to work on my frames & worked till 8 o'clock. Dexter is almost sick today, has not worked much today, I made him take a couple of physic pills, that my father gave me, and I guess he will feel better when they get through with him.

There was an Auction on the common yesterday of Taylor's things he went off about a week ago & left his things to pay his debts I suppose, there was an Auction today of J. C. Boylston's things, he is going away, & did not want to carry them with him. Miles bought a tray & Lyons bought 2 or 3 stone pots.

Saturday Aug. 17th Another hot dog day. I finished a Bureau tonight about half past 6, and did not commence any other job. Lyons has had the headache today, Jo has been a haying, Dexter is sick & Miles & I have had to be boss & all hands.

I got my Washingtonian tonight & have read it all through. The temperance cause is gaining ground fast, they prosecute everyone that sells in Springfield if they can prove that he takes pay for it, there is good deal of false swearing to save there "darling poison" from destruction.

As it is after 11 o'clock I think I will stop scratching & go to bed, for I am almost asleep now

Sunday Aug 18th Another hot day, very much like yesterday. I staid in the shop all of the forenoon reading the life of Sir William Wallace.⁴⁸ This afternoon I & David Anderson went & got some apples and some green corn & roasted it.

48. Peter Donaldson, *The Life of Sir William Wallace: The Governor General of Scotland and Hero of the Scottish Chiefs* (Concord, N.H.: Luther Roby, 1843) was the most recent of several editions that Roby had brought out since 1831 or earlier.

Monday Aug. 19th A rainy day, & it is needed for it was getting rather dry & dusty. Dexter has not been well for two or three days so as he got a chance to ride went home tonight to spend a few days and recruit up, & I suppose he wants to go to Camp Meeting too, which is held in Gill, near Mr. Arnos Burrows', it began today. I began a Panell end Bureau with double Ogee top drawer this morning. I went into the Democrat office tonight & bought a book called the Omnibuss of Modern Romance, it contains six novels, for which I paid 25 cents. I began one tonight called the "Game of life," the scene is laid in London & vicinity, & I think it is good so far as I have read.⁴⁹

Tuesday Aug. 20th A very hot & lazy day, but we had a smart thunder shower about 5 o'clock which makes it quite cool this evening. There was an adjourned meeting of the "rabble" (so called by the aristocrats) this evening, but I was so much engaged reading the "game of life" that I have not been out the shop. Uncle Seorim was here today he says the folks are all well in Bernardston, which is good news. Miles went over to Montague City this forenoon & got about 300 feet of the best up river pine that I ever saw, it is so good that I am afraid I sha'nt have the pleasure of working much of it.

Wednesday Aug. 21st A cool & pleasant day. Milton McLoud came up on the Amherst Stage tonight is a going to stay with me to night & go up to Bernardston afoot in the morning.

Thursday Aug. 22nd Pleasant this morning but clouded up before noon & began to rain about three o'clock & has rained almost ever since. I have not been out of the shop today only to go to my meals. I am either at work or else reading Modern Romance.

Friday Aug 23rd It rained all night, & it rained hard this morning, but it cleared about noon, & was quite pleasant this afternoon but there came up a thunder shower this evening & it rained very hard for an hour & there was a good deal of sharp lightning. Miles started between 2 & 3 this afternoon to go to Colrain after Wilson the chair painter & we expected him back about sundown, but it is now about 10 o'clock and he

49. *The Omnibus of Modern Romance (Six Inside!!)* (New York: J. Mowatt, 1844) was among a series of cheap editions of condensed novels. This one included a version of Leitch Ritchie, *The Game of Life*, 2 vols. (London, 1830).

has not come yet I guess he has put up for the night on account of the shower.

Saturday Aug 24th A pleasant day. Miles got here with Wilson about 10 o'clock this morning, & he has been painting chairs this afternoon.

Quincy Pickett & Haynes came up here this evening & Wilson & I set down & played cards with them till 11 o'clock, so I guess it is about bed time now.

Sunday Aug 25th It was pleasant this forenoon but we have 3 or 4 thunder showers this afternoon.

I staid in the shop all day. Wilson has been painting chairs today because they were engaged to be done the fore part of this week; & they could not get them done without.

Monday Aug 26th A very pleasant day & a beautiful moonlight evening. Wilson got through painting & started for home about noon. I quit my Bureau today & went to work on an Organ case that they are in a hurry to finish. I & 3 or fellows came in here this evening & took a game of high low.

Tuesday Aug 27th A pleasant day, we had a thunder shower about 5 o'clock. I staid in the shop all the evening & read my Washingtonian and some other papers that I had.

Wednesday Aug 28th Pleasant, but we had another shower this afternoon, we have a good deal of rain lately, the ground is soaked with water.

I sent a paper today to G. F. Gale Brattleboro, I also received one from J. M. Lyons. I worked this evening making a trunk wood for Haynes till 9 o'clock I then sat down & read a periodical that Lyons takes called the Living Age.⁵⁰

Thursday Aug 29th A very pleasant & cool day. The Cavalry pretended to train here today, but there was not a dozen in the whole, & those rather shabby. I guess it is the last time they will come out.

I finished the trunk wood tonight for which Haynes gave me 25 cts.

Friday Aug 30th A pleasant day.

I finished my box & frames tonight, ready to carry home tomorrow night.

50. Probably *Littell's Living Age*, a quarterly, first published in Boston on May 11, 1844.

Saturday Aug 31st Rather cloudy & a little rainy. Tim is here now a waiting for me to go home with him. I have been at work on the Organ case all the week, have not touched my Bureau. I sent my last Despatch to J. M. Lyons today.

Sunday Sept. 1st I was missing

Monday Sept 2nd Cloudy, & it rains a little this evening. We started for home Saturday about 6 o'clock. Quincy Pickett went with us, we arrived in the city of Bernardston about 7.

Quincy stayed with me Saturday night, when we got it rained hard, but it stopped about 9 o'clock and we started, & went up to Justins. I carried up the frames I have been making, they paid me 1 2½ cts for one glass, & I took one they sent down, (which was rather small) to pay for the other, they said they would pay the rest in Maple Sugar next Spring. They gave us a lot of pears & apples. When we came back Justin came with us & we went up to his hop kiln were was drying some hops, we then came home and went to the Unitarian meeting in the forenoon, in the afternoon we took a loaf Silas Brooks with us up to the Dr. Ryther place, from there we went down to Dr. Brooks' & took supper with Silas. Quincy said he must come home so Silas harnessed up the Dr's old mare & we come down with him part way Silas & I went back & trained around with the women a spell.

I got home about 10 o'clock. I carried up the box that I have been making for Zuba Woods for which she paid me a dollar & she said she thought it was cheap at that. I got some more jobs my mother wanted I should a looking glass frame & a flower box. They are building a town-house in Bernardston, they have got it raised & shingled. Cyrus came & brought me down this morning, we got here about 11 o'clock, and I went to work & finished what I have got to do on the Organ Case, & I shall have to go to work on my Bureau tomorrow.

Uncle Jo. made a Coffin yesterday for the daughter of Mr. Chester Arms, aged 21 years.

I bought ½ of a pound of tobacco at Mr. Newcomb. store this morning before I started, because it is better than I can find in Greenfield, and I concluded that I would have that that was good for I do not chew but a little, therefore I want the best.

Tuesday Sept 3rd A very fine day indeed. Judith got back from Woodstock today where she has been visiting 3 or 4 weeks

I had to go to work on the Organ case again this morning, & worked on it till 3 o'clock, then I began on the Bureau again.

Wednesday Sept 4th Another fine day. Dexter came here a year ago today, he has got to stay 3 years longer, about 6 months after he is 21.

I sold my pants tonight that I gave Hunt \$5.00 for a short time for \$3.62½ because they was to short for me. Uncle Jo is haying today on the meadows, he hired a piece of land there. The Ladies are a getting a Mechanics fair here, independent of the Aristocracy, to raise money to fix up the village grave yard, & I hope they will put it through. The "big bugs" tried to get up one but they could not get any one to do the work for them, so they had to give it up, but the Mechanics are not afraid to work.⁵¹

Thursday Sept 5th Weather the same as yesterday. At about half past six tonight Miles saw a light and considerable smoke in the direction South Deerfield, & it flashed so that we could see the blaze about 7, it died away about ¼ before 8, we shall probably hear tomorrow morning by the Telegraph what was burnt. There was considerable many up here to look off from the platform & they all came to the conclusion that it was either in South Deerfield or Wapping.

I went into Mun's this noon & got Hunt to measure me for another pair of pants, for which he asks \$5.50. Jo. Moore paid me a \$3.00 bill on the Bank of Lebanon N.H. & 62½ cts in change for my pants that I let him have last night.

Friday Sept 6th The weather is the same as it has been for 2 or three days past. I heard today that it was a brush heap that was burnt over in Deerfield last night, a good large one I guess. I went into the Democrat Office this noon & bought a book called the Burglars or the Mysteries of the League of Honor. I think it is first rate. The scene is laid in Deerfield, & Boston. I gave 12½ cts for it⁵²

Saturday Sept 7th Weather same as yesterday except that the wind has got around into the south. My mother sent down my bosom & collar today by Mr. Ira Bates, a cousin of my father's

51. The *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, June 25, 1844, had carried a notice addressed to 'The Citizens of Greenfield who take an interest in the Burying Ground,' signed by a blacksmith, a carriage builder, two storekeepers, and a bank official.

52. Harry Hazel [Justin Jones], *The Burglars, Or the Mysteries of the League of Honor: An American Tale* (Boston: Hatch & Co., 1844).

Warren Benton was here today from the Falls I did not hardly know him, he has grown so. Hunt got my pants done tonight as he agreed but if they dont fit he will have the pleasure of making me another pair. I quit my Bureau again today & went on to a small cupboard for one of the young law students.

Sunday Sept 8th A pleasant warm day, but rather cool evenings. I went today & got some butternuts, hazelnuts, & grapes, did not get home till 5 o'clock.

Monday Sept 9th Weather same as yesterday. Silas Brooks was in here today, & John Newcomb also, John carried home my mother's flower box that I have been a making. There was a concert at the town hall this evening, 25 cts admittance, but I could not afford to go. I bought a muskmelon tonight gave a 4 pence for it, & Dexter & I had a good eat out of it.

Tuesday Sept. 10th A very warm day. I have been at work this evening on a little bedstead for the Mechanic's Fair. I finished the cupboard today & went to work on the Bureau once more, I wonder what will come next.

I received my Despatch from New York this morning.

Wednesday Sept 11th Rather pleasant but it looks a little like rain this evening. The Mechanics have a dance tonight down to Keiths. I went down & staid till 11 o'clock, therefore I think it would be well enough to retire if I want to feel right tomorrow.

Thursday Sept 12th Cloudy and threatens a rain storm. There is a considerable talk for a day or two about the potato crop, they say they are all rotting in the ground, & that the rotten ones are poison & will kill cattle & hogs if they are fed on them. Some say it is owing to the wet weather & others that it is a disease. I think there is no crop that the people will feel the loss of so bad as the potato crop, especially among the poorer class.

Friday Sept. 13th A cloudy day but no rain yet. I finished the little bedstead tonight, all but varnishing. White Dickinson was here this afternoon, he stays over to Chase's tonight, he has been sick with the fever, and he looks pretty feeble now, but he says his appetite is good.

There was a Whig meeting in the town hall this evening which was addressed by John G. Palfrey Esq.⁵³

Saturday Sept. 14th A pleasant warm day.

I finished my Bureau today & began a cradle for a Chisel Factory chap. Three or four of us went into the grocery tonight & bought a couple of good sized watermelons & came up to the shop & had a real eat, & then we took a game of cards & went to bed.

Sunday Sept. 15th Weather pretty much like yesterday. I went this forenoon & cracked a lot of butternuts, this afternoon I staid in the shop.

Monday Sept. 16th A very warm day for the time of the year. The thermometer stood at 80 I believe.

I finished the cradle tonight about 6 o'clock.

I got 3 or 4 fellows up here tonight and we played cards till after 10 o'clock, & then I read a couple of stories in the Saturday Courier, it now almost eleven.

Tuesday Sept. 17th A warm day, but not quite so warm as yesterday. I began a case of drawers for H. W. Clapp this morning, but I have had the headache so that I have not worked very hard. Dr. Darling gave a free lecture this evening on Phrenology, & I liked it very much, I would willingly have sat there 3 hours longer & heard him talk.

He examined two heads, one was Merriam & Co's pressman, the other was Mr. Moody of the firm of Jones & Moody furnacemen, & as far as I know he gave a very good description of them both.

I went into Mr. Holester's tonight & bought me a wallet, for which I gave 50 cts. & I guess it is a pretty good one.⁵⁴ We began tonight to take supper a 6 o'clock.

Wednesday Sept. 18th A warm pleasant day, the roads are very dusty, we need a little rain.

Mr. Buzzell was up here tonight & turned some ivory feet for a spool stand that he is making for the Mechanics Fair, it is going to be a nice one.

53. John Gorham Palfrey (1796-1881), in the midst of his long career as clergyman, professor, editor, legislator, lecturer, and historian, was secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1844 to 1847.

54. Joseph H. Hollister (1822-96) had been born in New York State and moved to Greenfield to set up as a goldsmith and jeweler in 1843 (*HG*, 2: 878).

Thursday Sept. 19th Another warm day.

I went into Merriam & Co's and bought me a Mitchells Atlas for which I paid 50cts in cash.⁵⁵ I finished the case of drawers & began a Secretary with butternut board end & mahogany front.

Friday Sept 20th Warm dry weather & its so dusty you can hardly get across the road without going in over shoes. They had a singing party there, Miss Hale was there, a girl that works for Hunt, she is a first rate singer, but as homely as a hedgefence.

Saturday Sept. 21st We've had a strong south wind all day & it is clouding up this evening I think. I guess we shall catch an equinoxial storm.

Buzzell has been here tonight turning some more ivory for his spool stand. There was a large fire in Northampton this morning, the American Hotel & the barns belonging to it & Dr. Graham's barn & out buildings were burnt & they had to work hard to save the Dr's house. The fire took in the tavern barn, supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Sunday Sept 22nd A pleasant day, we had shower last night, & it cleared off pleasant this morning but some windy. I went out to Uncle Jonathan's today & got some good apples.

Monday Sept. 23rd A cool day we had some frost last night. Uncle Jo. made a Coffin this afternoon for a Mrs. Amidon up on the meadows, & he has got another to make tomorrow for Capt. F. Colman, he died this afternoon of the Typhus fever. We began to work evenings tonight, it comes rather hard, but we must "come to tea". Buzzel is turning ivory again tonight for his spool stand.

Tuesday Sept. 24th A cool day, it looks some like rain tonight, we had considerable white frost last night.

There is to be a Loco Foco Convention here tomorrow, it make rather bad for them if it should rain.

My father & Cyrus was down here today. I have been at work upon a Cherry Coffin, for Capt. Colman a most all day today & I feel rather tired tonight.

55. Samuel Augustus Mitchell (1792-1868) produced a wide range of atlases and school geographies, various of which were advertised by Greenfield booksellers in the mid-1840s. This was probably *Mitchell's School Atlas* (Philadelphia: Thomas, Cowperthwaite & Co., 1839), of which revised editions were published by the same firm in 1842 and 1844.

Wednesday Sept. 25th Cloudy & it began to rain about 4 o'clock

There was a Loco foco mass meeting held here today and there was the enormous number of about 1,500 here counting men, women, children & Whigs. They were addressed by Levi Woodbury, Hallet, J. H. Wright, & a gentleman from Springfield (I have forgotten his name) who done nothing but blackguard & tell Loco lies through of his speech, & Hallet was not much better. I quit work about 11 & went and heard the whole. They were escorted on to the ground by the Greenfield Artillery (who by the way are about one third Whigs) & the Shelburne Falls Brass Band, who are all Whigs but two.

Thursday Sept. 26th It cleared off this forenoon & we've had quite a pleasant day.

Friday Sept. 27th A clear cold day, & a hard frost last night. The Mechanics held their Fair this evening It was got up in first rate style, they took about \$250. & the expenses will probably be some where from 50 to 75 dollars. The money goes to repair the burying ground. They paid the Band \$10. & all the Glee Club asked was their keeping over night. They were first rate singers, they sing Temperance Songs mostly, which did not hardly suit the rumies.

They had a Post Office which took in 12 or \$15, & the fortune teller as much more. They broke up about half past 12, & then the Band came out & played around the square. The Hall was crowded so full, that you could hardly stir, they took about \$50 at the door. I should think there was 500 in there. The bedstead that I made, sold at Auction bed clothes & all for \$2.25, & the spool stand that Buzzell made sold for \$5.00. W. F. Davis bought it.

Saturday Sept. 28th Rather cloudy & pretty cold.

There was a "young muster" down to Cheapside today The Franklin Cadets, Franklin guards & Greenfield Artillery. I went down this afternoon & see them perform.

Sunday Sept. 29th A cold stormy day, the Equinoxial I suppose. I staid in the shop all day, & did not leave it only to get my meals. I have been reading the Adventures of Handy Andy an Irish caracter.⁵⁶

56. *Handy Andy: A Tale of Irish Life* (Philadelphia: Coates, [1842?]), by Samuel Lover (1797-1868), had been reprinted by D. Appleton and Co. of New York in 1843.

Monday Sept. 30th A cold raw day. Cyrus was down here today, he came down to bring Aunt Electa, (Uncle Jonathan wife), she has been up to Bernardston visiting a week.

Mr Eastman in his paper this week says that he counted the procession at the Loco foco Convention last Wednesday, and made 663 counting the Millitary, Band, men, women, boys & babies, altogether. A great gathering surely.

Tuesday Oct. 1st A clear cold day. My mother, Mary & Charles came down here today. Mrs. Miles is very sick with the fever, it began with the Dysentery

Wednesday Oct. 2nd Rather milder, a strong south wind, & looks some like rain. Mrs. Miles is about the same today as yesterday, we have got Sarah Scoby there to take care of us.

Thursday Oct 3rd It has been cloudy all day & it rains considerable hard this evening.

Another fire in Northampton last night, it was a barn belonging to Mr. Shaw the owner of the American house that was burnt about a fortnight ago, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, we see the light of what looked to be a large fire down that way this evening, we shall probably here in the morning what was burnt.

Friday Oct. 4th It has rained pretty much all day, but the sun set clear, & it as clear as a bell now.

The barn that was burnt last night in Northampton belonged to Mr. Parsons & was probably set afire, they have taken a negro on suspicion I believe. the barn that was burnt night before last belonged to Mr. Kingsley instead of Shaw.

Saturday Oct. 5th A cold day. Dexter went home this afternoon, & Haynes is a going to sleep with me.

Sunday Oct. 6th A cold raw day, cloudy & windy. I started about 10 o'clock this morning and went out to Uncle Jonathan, & got some peaches, apples & chesnuts

Monday Oct. 7th A cold & cloudy, but it looks as tho' it would be a fair day tomorrow for muster, as I am agoing to start at 5 o'clock on the steamboat therefore I think I shall turn in, if I dont I shall sleep over.

Wednesday Oct. 9th A pleasant warm day.

I got up yesterday morning about 5 o'clock & started for Cheapside, to take the steamboat for Northampton, started about ½ past 5, & got down there about 9, had a first rate day & pretty good time. I started 5 o'clock for Amherst afoot, walked about 5 miles & got a ride the other two miles, got over to Amherst about 7. The steamboat started to come back about 5 & did not get up till half past 11. glad I was not aboard, I paid 37½ cts for riding down, & came back for nothing on the stage along with Uncle Jonathan. I staid with Uncle Lewis McLoud last night. I went up to Amherst factory village this forenoon, where I use to work, did not find but two or three there that was there when I worked there. Gov. Briggs was at Northampton yesterday, & reviewed the troops. The Greenfield Artillery was called the best company on the ground, & the Shelburne falls Brigade Band was called the best band. They took up 2 or 3 fellows there and put them into jail for selling liquor there without a license.

Thursday Oct. 10th Another warm and pleasant day. I went to work again this morning. Silas Brooks was in here to see me this evening, he came down with his father to attend a Whig Meeting, but found out after they got here that there was not agoing to be any, the speaker's (John Q. Adams' son) family was sick I understood.

Friday Oct. 11th A pleasant day but cool morning & evening. There is a Cotillion Party down to Heath's this, Charles Lyons & Temple played for them.

Saturday, Oct 12th Another pleasant day. Whitney is up from Springfield, he arrived last evening. My Brother Timothy was down here today, he says that John is a going to Bellows Falls, as clerk in a store

Sunday Oct. 13th A pleasant day, but rather cloudy this evening, we had a hard frost this morning which drops the leaves & chestnuts, Haynes & I went chesnutting today I got both of my back pockets full, I have no other time to go so I have to go Sundays or not at all

The store of L. C. Mun was shut up yesterday by a Sheriff & all of the goods were attached. Mr. Mun is gone away and some folks think he will not come back.

Monday Oct. 14th A rainy day.

There is considerable stir here today about Muns going off for he owes a good many, he hired a livery team when he went away & promised to be back Saturday night & has not got back yet. Mr. Eldridge started in search of him today.

I finished the Secretary that I have been at work this four weeks & begun a board end bureau today.

Tuesday Oct. 15th Rainy this forenoon, but it cleared off this afternoon. There is a good many stories afloat about Munn's dishonesty but as I do'nt know which is true I will not write any of them

Wednesday Oct. 16 A pleasant day. Eldridge & Munn came back this morning in the Telegraph, they left their horses at Worcester I believe, & sent for them today. Mr. Munn says that he can straighten the stories, but I think they will be rather crooked some of them at least, if they are true.⁵⁷

Thursday Oct. 17th Rather rainy this afternoon. They have had a large fire in Springfield, 4 or 5 buildings burnt. I am afraid we shall have to take it here before the winter is out

Friday Oct. 18th A rainy day, it has rained very hard this evening. I have been reading a novel called Arrah Neil finished it this evening, it is a riveting thing, if a person begins it he do'nt want to stop till he finishes it.⁵⁸

Saturday Oct. 19th It rained very hard all night, but it cleared off this morning pretty soon after sunrise, & we've had a very pleasant day.

John & my mother were down here today, John brought a letter from David E. Alexander, Allegan Mich. & wanted I should answer it.

Sunday Oct. 20th A cool but pleasant day I staid in the shop all day & wrote a letter to cousin David E. Alexander & done up the Sept. No.

57. On Munn, see n. 36, above. His disappearance had caused the stir that Carpenter reported because, as town clerk and treasurer, he was accountable for town funds as well as his own. Asa Eldridge (b. ca. 1815) was part-owner of a livery stable (1850 Census).

58. *Arrah Neil* (New York, 1844), by G[eorge] P[ayne] R[ainsford] James (1801-60), had been advertised for sale in Greenfield by L. Merriam & Co., *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, September 3, 1844. Neither the advertisement nor Carpenter's description make clear which of several available editions he was reading. Both Harper & Bros. and J. Winchester published the book that year. Harper, in addition to a 160-page octavo edition, brought out a cheaper 139-page pamphlet with double-columned text.

of my Despatch to send to J. M. Lyons & put them in the Post Office. I then set down & read the life & adventures of Jack of the Mill.⁵⁹

Monday Oct. 21st Cloudy & begins to rain a little this evening. The world comes to an end today or tomorrow according to Millers last prophecy.

We have all been at work this afternoon, except Lyon, on a coffin for old Mrs Eddy of Wisdom.

Tuesday Oct. 22nd Rather cloudy but not very cold. Today is the day that the world was coming to an end instead of yesterday, but I dont see much signs of it yet.

Wednesday Oct. 23rd A clear & pleasant day, & one of the finest evening we've had lately, the moon shines bright. Mrs. Lyons was confined this morning, has rather of a hard time I guess for Lyons came up here in a great hurry tonight & wanted Dexter should go up to Gill & get his mother, he got back about 10 o'clock.

Buzzell came up here tonight, & I got him to turn me a cane head out of a piece of Cocoa that I had.

Thursday Oct. 24th Another pleasant day & evening. Mrs Lyons has not brought forth yet. Lyon has not been here today, he is more scared than hurt, I guess. Dexter went over to Miles' to board tonight.

Friday Oct. 25th Rather cloudy today, but pleasant this evening. Lyons wife is no better, rather bad luck. I finished my bureau tonight, & began another just like it except a double Ogee top drawer instead of a single one.

Saturday Oct. 26th A warm pleasant day & light as day this evening. Lyons had a little boy come along last night about midnight, & Lyon feels rather better today. John was down here today, he is going to Bellows Falls next Tuesday.

Sunday Oct 27th A cold windy day. I staid in the shop pretty much all

59. William Howitt (1792-1879), *The Life and Adventures of Jack of the Mill: Commonly Called Lord Othmill* (New York: Harper and Bros., 1844) appears to have been the only available American edition and was most likely what L. Merriam & Co. advertised for sale in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, September 24, 1844. An undated version was also published in *The Omnibus of Modern Romance*, vol. 7 (New York: J. Winchester, 184?), but Carpenter's description gives no evidence that he was reading part of a larger volume.

day, & read the story of the Jilted Doctor.⁶⁰ Miles was in here this evening & gave me a stint for eight days to make that bureau, so I must be up in the morning & go into it, & get it done this week if I can.

Monday Oct. 28th A cold stormy day, it rains & hails, the wind is in the North East. I got along pretty well on my bureau today, I put the carcass together & some more, & got through by nine o'clock.

Tuesday Oct. 29th It has rained hard all day. I get along very well on my stint, I have got my drawer stuff all planed out, & my Ogee drawer front veneered. I see by todays paper that Governor Briggs has appointed Thursday the 28th of Nov. for a day of Public Thanksgiving & Praise.

Wednesday Oct 30th A cold, raw & cloudy day.

Miles started this noon for Hartford to buy stock, he went down on the Telegraph.

Uncle Justin was here today, he says the folks are all well as usual in Bernardston. I got my drawers veneered this evening.

Thursday Oct. 31st A pleasant, but cold day.

I have got along pretty well today on my Bureau I put my top on & got already to make my top case. Dexter went down to Lyons to board again tonight.

I received my Despatch this morning.

Friday November 1st A very pleasant day I have got my bureau along so far that I guess I can finish by tomorrow noon & gain two days & a half, I worked tonight till after 10 o'clock.

Saturday Nov. 2nd A very pleasant day I finished my stint this afternoon about 3 o'clock & gained till next Tuesday night. I then got out a couple of pieces of butternut & veneered them for a looking glass frame for my father's folks. Miles got home tonight.

Sunday Nov. 3rd I staid in the shop all day. Rather pleasant day but I had as leives stay in the shop as to go to meeting or any where else.

Miles was over here today, looking his hardware that he bought in Hartford, he had to send to New York after veneers for there was none in Hartford that was good for anything.

60. Charles Bailey, *The Jilted Doctor; Or, "Circumstances Make the Man"* (Springfield, Mass.: B. F. Brown, 1844).

Monday Nov. 4th It has been cloudy all day, & it begins to rain this evening.

I began another board end Bureau with three cornered top drawer. Politics run high now, but the more I read of the Locos, the stiffer it makes me for the Whigs.

Tuesday Nov. 5th A cold windy day. News from Pennsylvania, that it had gone Loco by about 5000 majority.

Wednesday Nov. 6th A cold & blustering day, a very strong wind from the North West all day.

Connecticut has gone Whig, & Ohio I believe.

Mr. Whiting Griswold was married this afternoon to Miss Martindale & he made a large party & asked all the village, there was about 200 there

Thursday Nov. 7th Rather pleasant day.

The Locos crowed considerable this morning because they heard that New York city had gone in their favor, but they felt rather down in the mouth this noon when a handbill came from there stating that the state, or what had been heard from gone Whig. There was a cannon fired out in the street a few minutes ago, but I dont know whether it was Loco or Whig.

Friday Nov. 8th A very pleasant day for the time of the year. There is considerable excitement in the village tonight about the New York election, in the fore part of the evening news came that the Whigs were about 3200 ahead, and 15 counties to be heard from, but Miles says that the news just came in by the Western mail from Albany, that the Locos were 9,000 ahead & 2 counties to be heard from, but it may not be true we shall probably here in the morning, the Whigs & Locos are both ready to fire the cannon in the morning if it goes in their favor. they both had a caucus tonight & the Whigs chose Barnard Nuell as candidate for Representative to Boston from this town, & the Locos put up Whiting Griswold. They got up a 4th party in this town made up of all of the other parties, & chose A. P. Cooley for Representative, it is got up to defeat the other elections just out of spite.

Saturday Nov. 9th Another warm pleasant day. The Locos are crowing considerable today over New York, the news this morning was 5000 for Polk and 7 counties to be heard from. They got out a Democrat Extra,

crowding "victory! victory! James K. Polk is elected President of the United States" but I think they had better not crow to soon. They fired their cannon most all night last night.

I have quit chewing tobacco again, but I dont suppose I shall hold out much longer than I did before.

Sunday Nov. 10th Pleasant this forenoon, but it began to cloud in the afternoon & rains a little this evening. I received a paper today from my brother John, he is in a Post office at Bellows Falls, he expected to go into a store, but when he got up there the man did not want him, so he got a place in the Post office.

Monday Nov. 11th Cloudy & somewhat rainy, we had some thunder this noon. Election today in the old Bay state. The Whigs have gained considerable in nine towns that have been heard from in this county, Deerfield has gained 33 votes, & Gill 13, Bernardston the same as last year 26 for the Locos.

The Locos got out some Whig tickets Saturday night with H. W. Cushman loco Senator at the bottom & circulated them over the county yesterday, but the Whigs found it out last night about 9 o'clock, & Eastman got out a Courier Extra & circulated it all over the County before 4 o'clock this morning, & stopped that Loco Foco Fraud. they dont catch the Whigs asleep.

There was no choice of Representative in this town today but they adjourned till 1 o'clock tomorrow, to try again

Tuesday Nov 12th Another cloudy, rainy day.

They voted twice today for Representative but did not make any choice, & adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow. They received news to-night in the Boston papers from almost the whole of the State, & it has gone 4 or 5000 for Clay, & George N. Briggs is chosen governor. I have got along so far without any tobacco, but there do'nt any thing go right.

Wednesday Nov. 13th It cleared off this afternoon pretty cold. There was no choice of Representative today The 4th party met last night & chose James K. Avery instead of Cooley, for he declined. The first time they balloted Griswold the Loco candidate came within one vote of being elected, but the last time he wanted 6 votes of coming in. They dissolved the meeting tonight, for they could not adjourn any longer, & they are

going to get out another warrant for a town meeting the last Monday in this month. The Locos are determined to carry the day if possible, but if the 4th party stick to their candidate there will not be any choice next time. The old folks say there never was such a strife in town before.

Thursday Nov. 14th A clear cold day.

My father was down here today, he says that Uncle Justin is published to Lucinda Atherton, & Richard Hoyt to Adeline Chapin, they have come out for Annexation pretty strong.

Friday Nov. 15th Rather pleasant but it is clouding up for a rain this evening. Uncle Justin & Cyrus were down here today.

Saturday Nov. 16th A pleasant day. I finished the Bureau, that I have been at work on this fortnight, last night, every thing has gone wrong this week, because I did not have any tobacco, but I hope I have pretty much over it. I think I shall not chew any more very quick. Lyons went up to Gill tonight I have got to make 6 Butternut tables for my next job. Hunt has been making me a vest, for which I pay him \$3.25, it fits very well.

Sunday Nov. 17th Somewhat cloudy & rather windy this evening. I have been to meeting today at the Methodist.

Monday Nov. 18th A cold windy day.

I got out the legs today for 7 tables

Tuesday Nov. 19th A clear cold day, the ground froze up pretty hard last night, & did not thaw much today, it will freeze harder tonight.

Dexter had a trunk full of clothes sent to him today from New York by his Uncle, & I wish somebody would send me such a lot, but my rich relation are all in the poor house. It has got to be half past 11 so I guess I will turn in.

Wednesday Nov. 20th Another clear cold day. The scholars of Goodale Academy in Bernardston had an exhibition tonight, there was a good many went up from here. I talked of going, but could not get any one to go with me.

I received a paper this morning from Eliza A Whitney dated at New Orleans. I cannot hardly believe she is there, but I suppose I must.

Thursday Nov. 21st A pleasant day, & rather warmer I do'nt know as

I ever knew a fall so pleasant as this has been. We've had fine moonlight evenings for a few nights past. I did up a paper tonight to send to Miss E. A. Whitney, in answer to one I received yesterday.

Friday Nov 22nd Cloudy & somewhat rainy. Uncle Justin was down here tonight, & asked me to come up to his house next Thursday, to see him married I suppose. There is a new firm of Merchants coming in here, they are rigging the store that Geo. Maxwell occupied, in good shape, their names are Dewy & Clark. Lyons is making 28 drawers for them to keep their groceries in & Jo is making them a writing desk, & they talk of having some show cases made, which will give Miles & Lyons a pretty good job

Saturday Nov. 23rd Cloudy & some rainy this forenoon but it cleared off in the afternoon & we have a very pleasant evening, & a good moon. I went up to David Brown's room tonight & took a hand of cards.⁶¹

I bought me a silk cravat today at S. Maxwell & Co's for which I paid 75 cts.

Sunday Nov. 24th It has been a clear day but cold & windy. I went to meeting today to the Unitarian. There was a total eclipse of the moon this evening.

Monday Nov. 25th Another cold windy day, the wind has blown hard all day. Dick Hoyt was here today & carried off his work, I suppose he will double himself about next Thursday.

Tuesday Nov. 26th Cold, & it snowed some this afternoon, but it is pretty much done now.

Wednesday Nov. 27th A pleasant day for me to go home in. I finished a couple of butternut tables about 3 o'clock, & now I am ready to go home to spend Thanksgiving. I shall not write any more till I get back.

Tuesday Dec. 3rd It looks some snowy, it has been cloudy all day. I got home last Wednesday about dark, Cyrus came down after me. Thursday it snowed pretty much all day, I went with Aunt Mary Thursday evening & see Uncle Justin "Annexed" to Miss Lucinda Atherton, the knot was tied by Mr. C. Kendal the Orthodox Minister, they was married at her

61. According to Carpenter's entry for December 22 (below), David Brown was an apprentice for the cabinetmaker F. A. Birge.

fathers, Mr Horace Atherton's, Justin took his bride home with him that night & I went with them & staid all night. Friday they had a wedding party at Justin's. Richard Hoyt was married Thursday to Adeline Chapin, they was married at 2 o'clock & they had there wedding party in the evening, ther was about sixty at the party. Saturday was a pleasant day, Sunday was rainy & I caught a pretty severe cold on top of one that I had before which made me about sick. Monday was pleasant, I was calculating to come back yesterday but concluded that I would stay another day & doctor my cold.

My father brought me down today, we got here about 11 o'clock.

Wednesday Dec. 4th A rainy day instead of a snowy one. I took some vinegar, butter & honey simmered together, last night for my cold, I think it did some good, but it is bad enough yet I also took two pills last night, which operated two or three times today.

Thursday Dec. 5th Cloudy, looks stormy I finished two more tables today, & have got three more to finish.

Friday Dec 6th Weather pretty much as yesterday, looks rainy. Nothing has ocured I believe worth writing about.

Saturday Dec 7th Cloudy & somewhat rainy till evening when it cleared off, & the blows strong now from the North West. I went up to David Brown's Room this evening & played cards a little while.

Sunday Dec. 8th Clear, but very windy, it makes the old shop tremble. I staid in the shop all day.

Monday Dec. 9th Another clear cold day, but not quite as windy as yesterday. I read President Tylers last Message to Congress this evening.⁶²

Tuesday Dec. 10th A cold day. The ground is froze up hard, & it is very rough bad going. I finished 3 more tables & begun another larger one, it is 3½ feet by 4.

Wednesday Dec 11th Cold, & looks some snowy tonight, but it will have to moderate some first.

62. This was published in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* the next day, December 10, 1844.

Thursday Dec 12th A pleasant day, we had a little snow last night, just enough to make the ground look white. I finished the table today, & began a Board end Bureau with double Ogee drawer.

Friday Dec 13th It has snowed pretty much all day, & if it keeps on till morning we shall have pretty good sleighing. The Court of Common Pleas set here this week to try to clear the docket, but they adjourned tonight, & I dont believe they have cleared one quarter of the cases from the docket.

Saturday Dec. 14th Rather milder than it has been, the snow fell about an inch last night, & cleared off this morning.

Sunday Dec 15th Colder, & some windy this evening I went to the Methodist meeting this afternoon and evening.

Monday Dec. 16th Considerable cold.

Horatio Rockwood talks of starting a dancing school here if he can get scholars enough.⁶³ I think I shall go, if I have to go alone. Terms \$4.00 per couple.

Tuesday Dec 17th A cold freezing day. There was a horse run away here today with a buggy hitched to him, he started from Col. Chases' yard & went down street, turned on to the sidewalk by the grocery, & run over & smashed to pieces 2 or 3 stones in front of the post office, & run the buggy against a tree by Dr. Hovey's & smashed the buggy considerable. Dewy & Clark open their new store today, it is fitted up in nice order, better than any other store in town

Wednesday Dec 18th A very cold day. It is good skating on Green River. David Long Jr. was married to Mrs Martha Harrington, this evening at the Episcopal Church, by Dr. Strong. I went up & see the knot tied, & did not go to work this evening for the bosses went to the wedding party, there was a general invitation, without any distinction.

Thursday Dec 19th Rather milder than it was yesterday.

I put my on to a paper, this evening, to go to the dancing school.

Friday Dec. 20th Considerable cold. Dexter & I quit work at quarter

63. Horatio Rockwood (b. 1819 [VR, p. 102]) was listed as a dancing master in the 1850 Census.

past eight & went down skating. There was a lot of big bugs there, girls & all We skated about 2 hours & concluded it was enough, for we could'nt but just stand up when we took our skates off.

Saturday Dec 21st Rather cold, but it moderated down & snowed a little in the evening.

The fellows that are going to the dancing school met at Keith's to night, & concluded to begin next Thursday night.

Sunday Dec 22nd It has rained pretty much all day, which makes it all sposh in the streets.

I went up to Birges last night, & staid all night with David Chapin, his bed fellow David Brown had gone away. I have been to the Methodist meeting this afternoon.

Monday Dec. 23rd A rainy day, but the wind has got round into the N. W. and blows pretty hard this evening, I guess it will be fair in the morning.

Quincy Pickett & myself went into J. P. Rust's tonight & got some broadcloth for each of us a cap, it was a remnant & he did not ask us but 50 cts. apiece for it. Mr. Pond is going to get it made up for 75 cts. apiece. They have got the small pox in Whitingham or a part of it called Jacksonville, & three or 4 have died with it. I finished a bureau tonight.

Tuesday Dec. 24th Rather windy, but the wind went down with the sun, & we've had a very pleasant evening. I did not work tonight, for it was Crismas Eve. I begun another bureau today

Wednesday Dec. 25th Rather mild & warm for the time of the year. It is Crismas today. I had the headache this afternoon & evening so that I did not work much, I took a couple of pills just now, I guess I shall sleep it off before morning.

Thursday Dec 26th Another mild spring day. I sleep off my headache last night, but I had a stiff neck in place of it. We had the first dancing school tonight, there was about 18 couple there, it went off first rate, we had a livery team to go around & pick up the girls. I had Frances Wells for a partner.

Friday Dec. 27th It rained this morning but it began to snow about 10 & it has snowed ever since, it has grown cold ever since, the blows hard,

& it is going to pile the snow in to heaps. I got my cap at Ponds today, he sent to Keene & got it made I paid him 75 cts for making.

Saturday Dec 28th A clear cold day, it did not snow a great deal last night, but the sleighs slip around some. I went up to Birges tonight, & borrowed a book of David Chapin called *Jacob Faithful*.⁶⁴

Sunday Dec 29th Another cold day, last night was the coldest night we've had I think. I staid in the shop all day today & read *Jacob Faithful* pretty faithful, I finished it this evening, it is one of Captain Marryat's novels & I think it is first rate.

Monday Dec. 30th Cloudy, & tried to rain a little but did not make out much. My father was down today, but did not come to see me. I suppose he was in a hurry he most always is.

We had another dancing school this evening, we began to dance with the ladies a little, did not get along very well, but as well as could be expected for new beginners, we have another next Friday night. The "big bugs" have a dance tonight in opposition to ours.

Tuesday Dec 31st Clear & considerable cold.

It is the last day in 1844. They up up to the Methodist tonight to watch the old year out & the new one in. They have just got through, it is a little after 12 and I got "Happy new year" on to Dexter first.

Wednesday January 1st 1845. A clear & pleasant day very mild for the time of the year. It is "happy new year" with every one you meet today.

I sent a paper to Artemus Carpenter today, also my last Despatch to James M. Lyons.

Thursday Jan 2nd Another mild pleasant day.

I finished a bureau to day & began another pretty much like it only a little better. My father and John was down here today. I have [not] felt very well today have got a stiff neck, my father told me to get some Tincture of Myrrh & Capsicum & put in on to my neck, so I went to Hovey's tonight & got some & I guess I will put some on & go to bed.

64. Frederick Marryat, *Jacob Faithful; Or The Adventures of a Waterman* was reprinted several times after its first American publication (Philadelphia: Carey & Hart, 1834). The most recent was a two-volume edition (Meredith Bridge, N.H.: Charles Robinson, 1843), but, since Carpenter wrote that he borrowed 'a book,' it seems likely that he was reading a single-volume edition published in New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore between 1834 and 1836.

Friday Jan 3rd It was pleasant this morning, but it clouded up & snows considerable hard this evening. We had another dancing school this evening, we danced 2 or 3 figures with the girls. I made rather awkward work of it.

Saturday Jan 4th Considerable pleasant, there was about 2 inches of snow fell last night, & the sleighs slip around considerable, but it will not last long for it thaws some today. Uncle Jo has just come & says I have got to go to work on a coffin for Mrs Murray she died this evening & the Doctor says she must go into the coffin as soon as possible. it is now 10 o'clock. Dexter went up to Gill this afternoon.

Sunday Jan 5th A warm pleasant day. I worked last night till after 3 o'clock, & did not get up this morning till after 9. Miles worked so hard that he got sweaty & caught cold & is almost sick tonight. I went up to Methodist meeting this evening. Haynes is going to sleep with me tonight & as it is almost 11 o'clock I guess we will retire.

Monday Jan. 6th Rather cloudy, looks rather stormy. I hope we shall have a foot of snow before tomorrow night

Tuesday Jan 7th Cloudy all day but cleared off cold this evening, we got five or six inches of snow last night, which makes it first rate sleighing today, it is the first we've had of any consequence this winter. We had a first rate sleigh ride tonight in Joselyn & Eldridge's new Omnibuss, a picking up the girls for the dancing school. We danced considerable with the ladies this evening, the next school, which is Friday night, we dance all of the time.

Wednesday Jan 8th A pleasant day, considerable cold this evening.

Thursday Jan. 9th It snowed this forenoon, but cleared off this afternoon, there was about an inch of snow fell. It is such good sleighing it makes business lively, there was as much as 30 loads of wood drawn into the street today.

Friday Jan 10th A pleasant day but some cold. We had a dancing school this evening, & I enjoyed first rate, we danced all of the evening till 11 o'clock, it is now about 12, so I guess I will go to or I sha'nt get up.

Saturday Jan 11th Pleasant & warm in the middle of the day if you get into the sun

It is as good sleighing as ever I see, it call a good many folks into the village, some come to trade & some for pleasure.

Sunday Jan 12th Pleasant day & very fine evening, but rather cold. I went to the Methodist meeting this afternoon & evening

Monday Jan 13th It has snowed very hard all day, and it is so very light that if the wind should happen to blow it would pile all up into heaps.

Tuesday Jan. 14th A clear cold day. The wood pours into the street tremendously. it brings from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cord according to the pay & quality.

Wednesday Jan. 15th It snowed this forenoon but cleared off this afternoon. There is a great Millitary Ball here tonight, in the town hall, it was got up by the Greenfield Artillery, it is a grand affair, the is fixed up in good shape, with flags &c. the guns were all put into the windows with the millitary cap on the bayonet.

They had the Shelburne Falls Brass band, & Temple & Lyons on the fiddle. They did not admit any spectators till about midnight, I went in then & staid till nearly 2 o'clock. I guess I shall fell rather the worse for wear tomorrow.

I finished a Bureau today, & began another with a double ogee top drawer & the front runs clear through, it is a little different from any that I ever made.

Thursday Jan. 16th A rainy day, it has not rained a great deal, just enough to make the sidewalks pretty slippery. I hope it will not rain long if it does it will spoil our good sleighing.

Friday Jan 17th Cloudy rainy & hails some besides. We had a dancing school tonight in the town hall, we danced till 11 o'clock. I danced every figure but one.

Saturday Jan. 18th Clear & cold, the sidewalks are very slippery, if a fellow don't look out he will get his cocoa nut cracked. Uncle Jo made a coffin today for Merrick Thayer up on the meadows, & I had to help him some this afternoon.

Sunday Jan 19th Clear & very cold. I staid in the shop all day & read a novel called Peter Simple.⁶⁵

65. Frederick Marryat, *Peter Simple; Or, The Memoirs of a Mid-Shipman* was also re-

Monday Jan 20th Considerable cold, but not quite as cold as yesterday, looks a little like a storm this evening

Tuesday Jan. 21st It has snowed most all day, but I think it will be clear before morning. Nothing, I believe, has occurred today worth writing about.

Wednesday Jan. 22nd A clear day, & one of the pleasantest evenings that I ever saw. There was two or three fellows came up here tonight & we took a game of cards. I have got a very bad cold. I went down to Dr. Hovey's tonight & got some of his cough candy, & he told me to take a couple of pills, when I went to bed, which I have just swallowed. Uncle Jo is making a coffin for Mr. Job. Graves of the country farms, he is 88 years old & the oldest man in town I believe.

Thursday Jan 23rd A clear pleasant day and a good moon this evening. Miles has been sick abed this afternoon, & I am not much better off. Timothy was down here today, and I told him to tell the folks to come down after me Saturday & I would go home & cure up.

Friday Jan. 24th A rainy day, & evening. I went to the dancing school, but I had such a cold that I did not enjoy myself very well.

Saturday Jan. 25th A damp & somewhat rainy day & the water runs in the roads like a brook. I expect to go home today, but it is not a very pleasant day to ride.

Friday Jan. 31st A clear cold day. I came back from Bernardston today, & as I did not take this journal with me I have to jump over nearly a week, but I must try to give a little account of myself. I started from here last Saturday about 3 o'clock in Company with my father & a Unitarian minister by the name of Hills, who preached there last Sunday, we got home about 4 o'clock. Sunday, I went to meeting in the afternoon at the Unitarian Church & heard Mr. Hills, besides doctoring my cold some.

Monday was pleasant & warm for the time of the year. I went up to Justin's in the afternoon & staid all night & did not go home till afternoon Tuesday.

printed in various places after its first American edition (Chambersburg, Pa. 1834). Charles Robinson similarly brought out a two-volume edition in 1843, but Carpenter refers only to 'a novel,' suggesting that this was not the edition he read.

Wednesday I went up there again & Justin & myself went up to Chases' to a Cotillion party in the evening, & did not get back till after 11 o'clock. I danced most all of the evening. There was a very large company there, there was eight or ten went up from here.

I staid with Justin that night, & went home pretty early the next morning expecting to come down here, but my father went to Brattleboro with his horse, & I would not come afoot if I never come, so I waited till today, I got down here about half past ten. I went to the dancing school this evening, & had a first rate time. I found a letter from J. M. Lyons, & 2 papers from Jane Slate, when I got here, also my Despatch.

Saturday February 1st A very cold day, the coldest we've had this year. It is now nearly 12 o'clock as I guess I will crawl in by the side of Dexter.

Sunday Feb 2nd Another very cold day, colder than yesterday. I staid in the shop all day today, & wrote a letter to James M. Lyons, & did up my Despatch to send to him, I also sent my big brother Jonathan to David E. Alexander & a paper to Jane Slate

Monday Feb 3rd Very cold. The thermometer stood at 14 below zero this morning, 12 below yesterday morning & 10 the day before

Tuesday Feb. 4th A very stormy day, it snows & the winds blows & makes some large drifts.

I finished a Bureau today, & began another just like it. I went over to the town hall about 1/4 past 8 & see Mr. C. Newton put Charles Perry into the Magnetic sleep, & I should not think any one that see it would doubt the truth of Magnetism

Wednesday Feb. 5th Rather squally, it snows & blows & then the sun shines. I have begun to read Kendals Santa Fe Expedition & find it very interesting.⁶⁶

Thursday Feb 6th Clear & windy.

William Holden & Eveline Warner were married today in Brattleboro, there was a large party went up. There was a paper came for me from Maria Slate when I was gone home & Lyons took it out of the office & kept it till today, he had forgotten it.

66. G[eorge] W[ilkins] Kendall (1809-67), *Narrative of the Texan Santa Fe Expedition*, 2 vols. (New York: Harper & Bros., 1844). This time Carpenter stated explicitly that he read the work in two volumes (see entries for February 9 and March 2, below).

Friday Feb 7th A clear cold day. We had a dancing school this evening, & we admitted spectators for the first time, there was as many as 12 or 15 joined us & danced, some of the scholars did not like it very, so many coming in, but I for one as lieves they would come in as not, if they will bring partners with them, there was so many there tonight without partners that it tired what girls there was all out. We danced till 12 o'clock

Saturday Feb. 8th Pretty cold. I feel rather sleepy tonight, for it was about one when I went to bed last night.

Lyons baby is sick & he has not been here for two days to work any, & Dexter has gone to Miles' to board again.

Sunday Feb 9th Clear & pretty cold I staid in the shop all day & read Kendal's Santa Fe Expedition. I finished the first volume, & left them prisoners in Mexico, & marching on foot, half starved, for the city of Mexico.

Monday Feb. 10th Very cold this morning, but rather warmer towards night & it begins to cloud up & look like a storm of some kind.

Lyons baby is rather better I believe, Lyons has not been to the shop to work any for 3 or 4 days. My father was down here today but did not call to see me. Chandler Ceever came to Miles to board tonight.

Tuesday Feb. 11th Cloudy, & snows a little this evening, but I think it will turn to rain before morning. I took a game of cards tonight after 9 o'clock, with a new pack that John Smith just bought. It is now nearly 11 o'clock & I must go to bed, for we have to get up about half an hour early to get breakfast since Ceever came there to board. Miles has turn over a new leaf about getting up, but I hope it will get dirty before long, for I don't like the plan

Wednesday Feb. 12th Cloudy & thaws considerable but the wind up tonight & I guess it will be colder in the morning. I have been a making me a backgammon board for 2 or 3 nights back. George Gilligan said he would paint it if I would make him a box.⁶⁷

Thursday Feb. 13th Very cold.

Timothy was down here today, he says that Aunt Minerva is up there from Amherst.

67. George Gilligan (b. ca. 1818 [VR, p. 51]) was listed in the 1850 Census as a painter, aged thirty-four.

Friday Feb. 14th Cold but rather cloudy & snows a little this evening. I went to the dancing school tonight, & had a first rate time.

Saturday Feb. 15th Cloudy & thaws some There has been a negro around tonight telling fortunes for a quarter, he told John Smith's he said he would be married in less than a year. He tells some things pretty correct, but I believe it is all humbug, guess work at least.

Sunday Feb. 16th It rained hard last night and this morning, but it cleared off pleasant & mild this afternoon. I staid in the shop & read a book called conquest or self conquest, which makes the Hero.⁶⁸ This evening Haynes & I went down to the bake shop & see Wilson Guillow. Hezekiah Frost was published today on the Orthodox Meeting House to Miss Mary Munsel of Ludlow, he was nineteen yesterday.

Monday Feb. 17th Mild & pleasant. I finished a Bureau today & began a Mahogany Secratary, they have sold the one in the wareroom.

Uncle Jo. Frost was 53 years old today.

Tuesday Feb. 18th Warm & pleasant, the snow is going fast. Willis is going to sleep with us tonight, he going home to Boston in the stage tomorrow morning. Bardwell & Meriam tried to scare him to make him stay, they threatened to advertise him, but he knew enough to know that they could not hold him after they had dissolved.

Wednesday Feb. 19th Another warm & pleasant day, the sleighing is getting poor. John was here today, from Amherst, he has been down to carry Aunt Minerva home. Miles & his wife & boy took a ride today over to Montague. Willis started for Boston this morning about 7 o'clock, he probably got into Boston about seven.

Thursday Feb. 20th Warm & clouded up for a rain I think.

Friday Feb.. 21st Warm & foggy, the snow is going very fast. I went to the dancing school this evening & had a first rate time.

Saturday Feb. 22nd Very warm & pleasant. The stages begin to go on wheels. Today is the birth day of the father of our country, George Washington

68. [Maria Jane McIntosh], *Conquest and Self Conquest; Or, Which Makes the Hero?* (New York: Harper & Bros., 1843).

Dexter has gone up to Gill & Joseph Moore is a going to sleep with me. I feel rather sleepy tonight, for it was after 1 o'clock when I went to bed last night

Sunday Feb. 23rd A very wet rainy day. I went down to Graves' shop & staid with Haynes most all day today.

Monday Feb 24th A mild pleasant day the snow is most gone about here. Dr. Darling is giving a course of 5 lectures here on Phrenology, gave the first one tonight, he is paid by subscription & free to all. I went in tonight & calculate to go to them all. I could set all night & hear him talk & not feel sleepy at all. Haynes slept with me last night. Dexter got home today about noon.

Tuesday Feb. 25th As pleasant a day as ever I see for this time of the year, but I think we shall have our pay for it with interest in March.

Dexter & I work alone this evening the having gone to the school meeting

Wednesday Feb. 26th Warm & clouded up a good deal like rain towards, but there has a cold northwest wind sprung up & blowed it all off.

I went & heard Dr. Darling lecture again this evening, and the more I hear him the better I like him, he has got a good deal of Imitation, & acts & feels all that he says. He gives another lecture tomorrow evening, which I must attend he is so interesting. I don't know but the bosses will think it is too much to go every night in the week I have not worked but one evening this week, and probably shall not work another, for dancing school is Friday night.

Thursday Feb. 27th Warm & pleasant the snow is most gone & the mud is dried up considerable, if this weather holds the boys will be playing ball next week. I attended another of Darling's lectures tonight, the hall was crammed to overflowing. Every one that hears him likes him. He gives another lecture Monday night, last night he lectured on the self relative organs or propensities, tonight on the society relative propensities

Friday Feb. 28th Cold & some snow squalls, today is Almanac day for next month. We had our last dancing school tonight, & had a first rate time. After we got through & carried the girls home we went to Chase's & chose C. P. Brownel, H. Warner, J. Sweet, L. D. Kenny, J. C. Mer-

riam & J. F. Cobb as managers for a ball a week from next Wednesday, the 12th of March. I paid Rockwood my tuition tonight, which was \$4.00.

Saturday March 1st We had a snow squall this morning but it cleared off quite pleasant, but not as warm as it has been, the snow has gone so much that the boys have been playing ball today.

I began this Journal a year ago today, & the more I write in it the more I like to. I also began to take the *Washingtonian* a year ago today, for which I paid 75 cts. Dexter is going to take it the year coming. Last night when I got into the shop I found a letter from my cousins David E. & Jonathan Alexander. It was 3 o'clock before I went to bed last night & I am rather sleepy tonight. I recived a paper from Jane Slate this week & I must send her one in return. My postage bill counts up considerable.

Sunday March 2nd Warm & pleasant again. I staid in the shop pretty much all day today & read the second volume of Kendal's Santa Fe Expedition. My Despatch came this morning.

Monday March 3rd It rained this morning, but it blowed off before 9 o'clock & we've had a windy day. I went to Darling's lecture tonight. It was a first rate lecture, he examined the head of Sol. Severance & told his character exactly.

I see by this weeks paper that Tyler has got Texas hitched on at last, and the postage bill is passed I believe.

Tuesday March 4th Rather pleasant today, but some cloudy this evening. James K. Polk was inaugurated as President of the United States today, & the Locos of this village fired the cannon in honor of the occasion. I attended the last of Dr. Darling's course of lectures of Phrenology this evening, it was upon the intellectual faculties, it was not as amusing as some of his other lectures but it was solid & eloquent.

Wednesday March 5th It has rained, hailed & snowed today, but the blows hard now from the N.W. which will blow the clouds away before morning I think. I bought a day or two ago a novel called *Attila the King* and have been reading tonight, I like it much it is so full of wild romance.⁶⁹ It is now nearly 11 o'clock, which is an hour later than I ought to be up. I received a paper today from J. M. Lyons.

69. This was probably G. P. R. James, *Attila: A Romance* (New York: Harper and Bros., 1837), which Harper reprinted in a two-volumes-in-one edition in 1839 and 1844.

Thursday March 6th Very warm & pleasant. I have not much to write tonight for I have been reading Attila till I can hardly think of anything else. Jane Slate came in to see me today, she had just come from Northampton with the Express man.

Friday March 7th Another warm & pleasant day, & the going is so bad that it is almost impossible to travel. George Slate was down here tonight. Jo made a coffin today for Wm. Wright's child, aged 1 yr.

Saturday March 8th Cloudy & a little rainy. Dexter bought him a flute the other day & he is blowing at it half of the time.

Sunday March 9th It rained this forenoon but it cleared off this afternoon, it is so muddy that I can hardly go out of doors without going in up to my knees. I have been in the shop some of the time & some of the time I ha'int

I heard tonight that the Orthodox meeting house in Shelburne was burnt to the ground this afternoon. I went with Quincy Pickett tonight up to see his mother, & staid & talked over old times an hour or two.

Monday March 10th Cloudy & snows some tonight. I finished my Secretary this afternoon and began a Bureau with Ogee drawer. Dexter is about sick today. I gave him a couple of Pills to take, & some Tincture of Myrrh to cure his sore throat, he went to bed before 8 o'clock.

Some of the citizens of this place are about forming an Odd fellows lodge here. They chose a Committee of five to go to Springfield & get initiated, & they started this morninø in a Barouche with four horses.

Tuesday March 11th The snow fell last night & this morning about 7 inches, it cleared off warm this afternoon & the snow mixes with the mud & makes it terrible going.

About a dozen of us went over & wash out the town hall tonight after nine o'clock, ready for the ball tomorrow night.

I worked this evening, but I think it is the last that I shall work evenings till next Sept, for the rest of the mechanics about town have quit & I think we had better follow suit.

It is now 11 o'clock, so I think I will go to bed, & sleep all I can for it ai'nt probable that I shall get much tomorrow night

Wednesday March 12th A pleasant day, it froze considerable hard last

night but it thawed out today so that the going is worse than ever. Our ball comes off tonight.

Thursday March 13th Another pleasant day. We got through dancing this morning about five o'clock & I have been so sleepy & tired that I have not struck a blow all day. It all went along right & I enjoyed myself first rate, we had a supper at Col. Chases' about ½ past ten, there was about forty couple went to the ball. The bills were a \$1.35 cts

Friday March 14th It snows & rains today. I feel rather better today than yesterday, but I feel rather dull today. I had a line from home today stating that if I wanting any warm sugar I must come up tomorrow & get some. I was so sleepy last night that I forgot to mention that John came down here & staid all night, & slept with Dexter, & started for Springfield on the stage with Uncle Jonathan, he is in pursuit of something to do. I went last night to the Lyceum & heard G. W. Mark lecture on what he called Geographocal Geology.⁷⁰

Saturday March 15th Rather cold & windy. White Dickinson was here this afternoon, he talks some of going to work for Birge.

I have made my calculations to go home this afternoon, so I guess I will be a pushing, for I expect I shall have to go afoot.

Tuesday March 18th Considerable cold, & looks stormy. I got home Saturday night about ½ past 6. I caught a ride part of the way.

Sunday was a cold day. I went to the Orthodox meeting in the forenoon & in the afternoon I staid at home. Monday it was so cold that the sap did not run much, I went up to Uncle Justin's & got as much sugar as I could eat. I went to a house warming down to Dr. Brooks last night, & did not get home till one o'clock. Cyrus come & brought me down this morning I got here about 10 o'clock.

I went over to the town hall this evening & see a 10 or a dozen fellows take Exhilerating gas, it made them feel lively. Admittance 12½ cts Daniel Fisk is very sick with the fever, the doctor says he dont think he will live.

Uncle Jo made a coffin yesterday for Daniel Allen's wife.

70. A notice in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, December 14, 1844, had announced a meeting for those interested in reopening the lyceum for the winter season. G. W. Mark (ca. 1796-1879), a sign-painter by trade, was also an artistic painter and promoted local displays of painting (HG, 2: 857).

Wednesday March 19th A cold, windy, March day I see Ann Slate tonight I have not seen her before for nearly two months. John & cousin Maria Slate came up tonight along with Uncle Jonathan, they got in about nine o'clock, but I did not see either of them, for I guess they had gone to bed before I went to the tavern.

Thursday March 20th Another cold windy day My father was down here today. I sent a paper last night to Henry A. Willis. Daniel Fisk is a little more comfortable today, but the fever has not turned yet.

Friday March. 21st It continues cold yet. I had the headache this forenoon so that I did not do a great deal, but it felt better this afternoon. I went down to the bakeshop this evening & heard Wilt. Guillow fiddle.

Saturday. March 22nd A pleasant day & evening Ann Slate was in here this forenoon, & said she was going home & wanted I should go with her, but I could not leave.

Sunday March 23rd Pleasant this morning, but looks like rain this evening. I went to Keith's last night & slept with J. F. Cobb. I went out to Shelburne today. I got out there a little after nine. I went to meeting all day & got some maple sugar for supper when I got back. I started for home about six & got here about seven.

Monday March 24th Weather is pretty much as yesterday, pleasant in the morning & cloudy in the afternoon. White Dickinson came up from Whately today, he is going to work for F. A. Birge.

Lyons has been to Colerain today to see about some lumber.

Tuesday March 25th Pleasant, but considerable cold. Mr. Maxwell spoke to me tonight about John for a clerk in his store, & wanted I should send word to him. I wrote a line tonight to send up to him tomorrow. Mr. H. W. Cushman was in here today to get the bosses to take stock in the Rail Road but they would not take any.

Wednesday March 26th Pleasant this forenoon, but it looks like rain tonight. My father was down here today & went into Maxwell's to see about getting John in. I finished a Bureau today about 4 o'clock & began a card table.

Thursday March. 27th A very warm pleasant day, the warmest we have had this year.

I went to the Lyceum this evening & heard Rev. Mr. Langstroth lecture.⁷¹ Subject the Honey Bee. It was a very interesting lecture.

Friday March 28th Very warm for the time of the year. The Chisel factory hands struck today, and swore they would not work any more till Russel would agree to pay them every month, he paid them up once in six months before. They took a game of wicket ball out in front of the shop this afternoon, there was thirty or forty of them playing at a time.

Saturday March 29th Warm & pleasant. The Chisel factory hands all went to work again today on the old terms.

I quit the card table today & went to work with Lyons on some furniture for the Odd Fellows. There is a Cotillion party coming off next Wednesday night.

Sunday March 30th Very warm. I am afraid we shall have some cold weather to pay for it before we get through with April. I asked a girl to go to the Cotillion party with me tonight & did not get the mitten.

Monday March 31st Another very warm day. John came down today & commenced his Clerkship at Maxwell & Co's. I got the April No. of my Dispatch yesterday.

Tuesday April. 1st Rainy this forenoon, but it cleared of this afternoon & is very windy this evening.

It is April fool all about town today, but they have not come it over me much. Timothy & Cyrus were here today. Tim was going to his summers work over in Wisdom, at Mr. Charles Hawks'

Thursday April 3rd A very windy day. It is fast today. I went to a Cotillion party last night & danced till half past 1 o'clock, & it was as late when I got into the shop that I did not journalize. The fellows some of them was not satisfied with dancing last night so they got up a dance in Col. Chase's dining room, the town hall being in use for the Lyceum. I went to the Lyceum & heard Dr. Washburn of Vernon lecture on the uses of the tongue. I played ball all of this forenoon & got so tired that I thought that I should not take any comfort if I did go to the dance & besides I had not the change to spare.

71. Rev. Lorenzo L. Langstroth (1810-95) was pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Greenfield, 1843-48 (*HG*, 1: 486).

Friday April 4th It snowed last night about 2 inches last night, it is fair today but very windy & the snow all when off before night.

I quit the Odd fellows work Wednesday & went to work on my card table again, but Miles sold a Bureau and I had to quit it again & make another Bureau to take the place of the one that he sold, I worked so hard on it today that it gave me the headache.

Saturday April 5th Pleasant, but windy. Father was down here today, & brought me a couple of shirts, John went home with him.

Sunday April 6th Cool & windy. I went to meeting this afternoon at the Unitarian. Jo. Moore staid with Dexter & I last night we slept 3 in a bed, he brought up his accordion & we had some music before we went to bed he left his accordeon here & Utley Chase came up here today & played on it some time he plays first rate.

Monday April 7th Pleasant, but a strong South wind Lyons has got the headache this afternoon.

Haynes' time is out today.

Tuesday April 8th Cold, windy & squally. Haynes & I went down & heard Wilt. fiddle tonight. Haynes leaves town tomorrow for Colerain.

Wednesday April 9th Windy, but rather warmer than yesterday, we have March in April this year.

Thursday April 10th Rather warmer today than it has been. My father was down here today, he says John has been considerable unwell, spit some blood from the lungs, he brought down a looking glass plate for me to frame.

Friday April 11th Warmer, but March wind yet. It is three years today since I came here.

I finished a bureau today & went to work on the card table again.

Saturday April 12th Weather the same as yesterday Isaac Burrows from Bernardston was down here today & bought \$43.00 worth of furniture for his daughter Julia, she is married or just a going to be to Barnabas Snow. He bought a Bureau of my make, worth 13 or 14 dollars.

Sunday April 13th Very windy, it blowed down Joslyn & Eldridge's sign again tonight.

Monday April 14th A pleasant day, & very fine evening, the moon makes it almost as light as day.

Tuesday April 15th Very pleasant. Mr. Burrows came down today & carried off the work that he bought Saturday. Barnabas & Julia came down with him, they took a Bureau & table of my make.

My father was down here today but I did not see him long for he was in a hurry. We began tonight to take tea at 5 o'clock. One of David Guillow's boys & one of Lennard Fisk's boys was caught today stealing money out of Jones' meat cellar, they went in when he was out & about \$2.00, when came back he missed it & went out to get track & found the boys in the hearse house dividing the plunder. He brought them up before Esq. Field & he sentenced them to thirty days imprisonment in the county jail.

Wednesday April 16th Cloudy & rains a little this evening. I have made the bigger part of two coffins today. One was for Charles Sanford's child, 3 or 4 years old the other was for a boy named Streeter, his father lives in the meadows, he fell from a cart & the wheel ran over his head & he died in about an hour after, he was 7 years old I believe. Charles Lyons began to work today for Miles & Lyons.

Thursday April 17th A cold northeastern storm today. Charles Lyon & I went down to the bake shop tonight & he & Wilt. had a good fiddle. After I got back, White Dickinson Charles Brownel, Albert Field & myself came up to the shop & took a game of High low, it seemed like old times.

Friday April 18th Cloudy & rains some. There is a dancing party a W. F. Davis' tonight, Charles has gone to play, there is another party down to Sage Newcomb's.

Saturday April 19th Another rainy day, it rains hard this evening. Miles & Lyons have sold off pretty much all the work they have got in the ware room. I never see so little work in the ware room, have not got but 3 or 4 Bureau's but what are sold. They have sold 80 or 90 dollars worth today, they want a Jour. now if they ever did. I had a paper today from David E. Alexander, it was the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Sunday April 20th A very rainy disagreeable day. I staid in the shop pretty much all day. I finished the card table last night, all but about an

hours work, & they are in such hurry that they wanted to me take a stint on a Bureau with a double Ogee drawer, so I agree to make one in 8 days, therefore I think I had better go to bed & be up in the morning and go at it. It is after nine o'clock now.

Monday April 21st A pleasant day. I began my stint this morning about half past eight. Charles & I went down to the bake shop again tonight & he & Wilt. had quite a fiddle. Charles I the best player they can scare up in these diggins

Tuesday April 22nd A very pleasant day.

Dexter was taken sick today, he will have a hard run of the fever if they do'nt check it tonight, he went over to Miles' & went to bed about 3 o'clock & they called in Dr. Stone about sundown, and they moved him down to Lyons'. I went down to Uncle Jo. Severance's⁷² tonight & heard some more fiddling, there was Charles, Horatio Rockwood & Wilt. they all together made considerable music. Charles came up to stay with me tonight.

Wednesday April 23rd Another pleasant day. They broke up Dexter's fever in part last night, but he has some today. I get along pretty well on my Bureau but Dexter being sick it throws some choring on to my shoulders.

Thursday April 24th Very warm, the warmest day we've had this year. I went down & staid with Dexter an hour or two tonight, he is pretty sick, the Doctor calls it the lung fever.

Friday April 25th Not quite as warm as yesterday. We've had a thunder shower this evening, it rains some now. I went over to Miles & slept last night the bed bugs have got so thick here that we cant sleep here.

Saturday April 26th A warm day, I am going down to watch with Dexter tonight. His mother came up from Springfield this morning.

Sunday April 27th Cloudy in the forenoon, but it cleared off in the afternoon & we had a very pleasant evening. I watch with Dexter last night & it makes me rather sleepy tonight. I took a walk around the mountain after supper.

72. Joseph Severance (1779-1871) was a hatter (*HG*, 2: 849).

Monday April 28th A pleasant day. Dexter is not as well today. I did not get my stint quite done tonight, about 2 hours work will finish it

Tuesday April 29th Very pleasant day. Dexter is better today. I finished my stint this morning about 8 o'clock, & Miles told me I might have a day & half, for I had a good many chores today. I began 3 light stands & they will pay me 50 cts apiece for making them.

Wednesday April 30th A cold south wind today. Dexter grows better. I finished my light stands about 2 o'clock, which makes a \$1.50 for spending money. I began a book case for Mrs Alvord.

Thursday May 1st Cloudy & rather cold. Dexter gains a little.

Friday May 2nd Pleasant, but very windy. Dexter's fever has left him & he begins to take a little nourishment. I heard today that my father was sick. I finished the bookcase tonight.

Saturday May 3rd A warm pleasant day. I have been moving lumber all day today, & I am pretty tired to night. There was a fire south of here last night, it looked about in the direction of Northampton.

Sunday May 4th Cloudy but pretty warm. I went down & watched with Dexter last night, he is getting better fast. Quincy Pickett & I got a livery team this forenoon & went up to the factory hollow. That fire in Northampton was broom corn stalks piled up.

Monday May 5th Cloudy & some windy.

I finished a couple of tables today that Jo began & began a Bureau.

Tuesday May 6th A pleasant day. Rather of a dry time for news

Wednesday May 7th Pleasant but windy, it is rather cloudy tonight, & looks somewhat rainy. Mrs Miles' father died this afternoon. He was one of the towns poor of Deerfield.

Thursday May 8th Cold & windy, it rained some last night. There is a party up to Mr. Leonard's tonight, Charles is going up to play for them. My mother was down here today, John & Mary came with her, she says my father is better, but feeble yet.

The Odd Fellows had their first meeting in this village last Tuesday evening, there was about 25 joined them.

Friday May 9th A cold day for the time of the year, we had some frost last night. Charles H. Dennison of Guilford Vt. had his shop burnt up last Monday night, Miles & Lyons had a lot of 4 inch square scantling for bed post some of it turned, burnt, they think it is the work of an incendiary. Dexter went up to Gill today, his uncle James Day came down after him.

Saturday May 10th Pleasant, but rather cool, we had a hard frost last night. Dexter's cousin was here today & says that Dexter is none the worse for his ride. Charles went up to Gill today.

Sunday May 11th A warm day. I staid in the shop the bigger part of the day.

Monday May 12th A very hot day, the hottest that we've had. I heard today that Dr. Darling the Lecturer that was like so well here, was in jail in Newfane for stealing \$250. out of the Bank 2 or 3 years ago. I will not believe him till it is proved, his trial comes on next Sept.⁷³

Tuesday May 13th Another hot day, but not quite as warm as yesterday.

Lyons & I have been getting in lumber most all day & I am pretty tired tonight. My father was down here today, it tired him considerable to ride so far. I bought me a palm leaf hat tonight, & gave 42 cts

Wednesday May 14th Very warm, but considerable air stirring. Miss Catlin came to Miles' last night from Athol

Thursday May 15th Very warm this forenoon but we had a hard shower about 3 o'clock and it is great deal cooler.

Friday May 16th A cold raw day. Charles & I went down to the bake shop last night & he and Wilt. had quite a fiddle.

Saturday May 17th Cold rainy day.

I finished my Bureau today, & began a dress table. I have worked on that Bureau almost a fortnight, but I have had a good deal else to do, fetching in lumber &c.

Sunday May 18th A rainy day, but a little warmer. I had to stay in doors pretty much all day.

⁷³. An outline of the accusations against Darling was published in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, June 10, 1845.

Monday May 19th Warm, pleasant day.

I finished the dress table tonight.

Tuesday May 20th It rains some of the time today & some of the time it is pleasant. I began a Bureau this morning with double Ogee top drawer. Lyons started for Hartford to buy stock this morning, & Aunt Caty started for Athol.

Wednesday May 21st Pleasant, but some windy. Russel Hills & Elmira Carrier came in today & traded about \$30.00, they took a Bureau that I made.

I went into Hunts this morning & got measured for a coat, it is about half way between a thick & a thin one, it costs \$6.50

Thursday May 22nd Pleasant this morning but it rains some tonight

Friday May 23rd A very pleasant day.

Mr. Kingsley from Bernardston was in here today he says my grandfather has been very sick but is a little better now, & Justin has cut his knee so that he can not do much.

Saturday May 24th A cool day & I think we shall catch a frost tonight, there was a little last night. I am going home tonight. Mrs. Shattuck is down here with a horse after Maria & I am going to ride up with them. I have got to wait a spell for Hunt to get my coat done.⁷⁴

Tuesday May 27th A very warm day. I started for home Saturday night about 8 o'clock & got there safe about 9. Sunday I went to the Unitarian meeting all day & the 5 o'clock service besides, it is more than I have been to meeting before this 2 months. I could not come back yesterday without coming afoot & so I loafed all day & come down in good season this morning.

Wednesday May 28th Warm & a very strong south wind. T. W. Wadsworth, my chum at Shelburne falls, was here today today to see me, he is in college at Hanover now. The Artillery trained today & this evening they have a Cotillion party.

Thursday May 29th A rainy day. I quit my Bureau yesterday & repaired

74. Maria M. Shattuck (1828-1901) was the eldest child of Nancy Miller Shattuck (1803-76) of Bernardston (Kellogg, *Bernardston*, p. 485).

an old one I got it done this forenoon. I saw a cousin Edward Carpenter tonight he lives with Hopkins down to the Chisel factory.

Friday May 30th Very cold for the time of the year.

Saturday May 31st Pleasant & rather warmer.

Sunday June 1st A very warm day

I have been reading today the Story of Mike Martin the Highwayman⁷⁵

Monday June 2nd Very warm. Miles & Lyons have bought Birge out of Cabinet business, that is they have taken all of his stock & 3 benches, the apprentice David Chapin is coming here to work I guess Birge thought he had got more irons in the fire than he could tend upon. I quit chewing tobacco again today for 2 days. I dare not say any longer for fear that I could not live up to it.

Tuesday June 3rd Another warm day but stiff south wind. Dexter came down today, but went back again at night, his side troubles him some.

Wednesday June 4th A very hot day. I heard Dr. Jewett lecture on Temperance last evening, he is a smart one, he did not show any mercy to the rumseller, he lectures again this evening.⁷⁶

Thursday June 5th A hot day, but considerable air a stirring. I finished a Bureau today & began a Secretary. Dexter got back to work again tonight. I received my Dispatch today.

Friday June 6th A warm day, but cool this evening. I received a paper today from T. W. Wadsworth

Saturday June 7th A very pleasant day, not so hot as it has been.

Sunday June 8th Very hot. I went to the Unitarian meeting this forenoon & the Methodist at 5 o'clock.

Monday June 9th Another hot day. Lyons has been tearing out today to make room for more hands, one of them S. W. Dickinson has come.⁷⁷

75. Michael Martin's *Life of Michael Martin, Who Was Executed for Highway Robbery, December 20, 1821, as Given by Himself* (Boston: Russell and Gardner, 1821) was reprinted once the following year. There is no record of further editions until 1847.

76. Dr. Charles Jewett (1807-79), of Boston, was active as a temperance lecturer and pamphleteer from the 1830s to the 1870s. His lecture in Greenfield was announced in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, June 3, 1845.

77. On S. W. Dickinson, see entry for July 2, 1844, above.

Tuesday June 10th It continues hot, and very dry. David Chapin, a journeyman came to day, & he & Dick. have been fitting up there benches ready to go into it tomorrow. It makes a pretty good shop full, 4 jours, 2 apprentices & 2 bosses, & they have advertised for another apprentice.

Wednesday June 11th A rainy forenoon but pleasant afternoon.

Thursday June 12th Cool & pleasant.

William Burnham was married this evening to Miss Gilbert, at the Methodist Church by the Rev. Mr. Mudge.⁷⁸

Friday June 13th Very pleasant.

Saturday June 14th It rained hard this morning but it is very pleasant this afternoon.

Sunday June 15th A pleasant day, but it looks like rain this evening. I went to the Methodist meeting this forenoon & again this evening.

Monday June 16th It rained last night, but it is pleasant today.

Tuesday June 17th Cool & pleasant. The stock on the Greenfield & Northampton rail road is all taken up, & the stockholders have had a meeting here today to organize.

Wednesday June 18th A pleasant day. News is rather scarce nowadays.

Thursday June 19th Weather the same as yesterday.

Friday June 20th Foggy this morning but it cleared off warm before noon. John was down here today, he is going to Amherst to try to get into a store there, he has got through at Mr. Newcomb's.

Saturday June 21st Warm & pleasant. I finished my Secretary this forenoon, and then began a card table but I did not do much on it for I have at work fixing my jointer most all of the afternoon.

Sunday June 22nd A pleasant day. I went & got some strawberries this forenoon this afternoon I went to the Unitarian Meeting & heard Mr. Motte preach on Matrimony

Monday June 23rd Another pleasant day I went to work on a dining

⁷⁸. James Mudge followed I. Marcy as Greenfield's Methodist minister from 1844 to 1846 (*HG*, 1: 500).

table instead of a card table. John came back from Amherst tonight, he was one day to late to get a place.

Tuesday June 24th Very warm we had a shower this evening. Salmon Fox & Silas Brooks were down here today, they came down to hire Temple & Lyons to fiddle for a Cotillion party on the 4th of July. They wanted I should come up. I think I shall go if they dont have one here.

Wednesday June 25th Rather cooler than yesterday.

Thursday June 26th A fine day. It has got to be very dry & the farmers growl considerable.

Friday June 28th Another pleasant day. I went down to Horatio Rockwoods tonight & had a dance, there was 4 or 5 girls there & as many fellows & we had quite a dance. I finished my table today & began a card table.

Saturday June 29th It has been clouding up all day & it begins to rain a little.

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