

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1868. St. Louis

I arose at 6.10. After breakfast received a call from Jos. Salthrop and went walking till dinner. After dinner went out with the children (Lily D. & Charlie Hand) went down to the river and saw a large lot of ice floating down. Snowed last eve and turned cold to-day. The sun came out about 10 o. and it was very pleasant at noon. The moon shone very bright this evening. Aunt E. received her share of callers. I went down to Lewis & Knoch's and got me a hat-box for a hat that I bought a week ago. I have not been the recipient of either a Christmas or New Years present with the exception of 2.00 from Father.

THURSDAY 2

St. Louis

Arose at 6 o'clock. I did not have anything in particular to do so went walking. The weather was very pleasant all day. In the evening I went out to Mr. Grant's for his wife to attend a lecture by J. B. Goff. It was a good one on the subject of "Curiosity: Diversified by witty sayings." He lectured tonight on "Habit." I drew up a plan for a writing-desk. Have not received a letter from Bro. W^m for a week or more. Mr. Goff said that if you back etched it was a sign that butter would be cheap. If a young lady put a piece of bride cake under her pillow she would dream of a man coming.

FRIDAY 3

St. Louis

I arose at 1/2 past 5. Weather very pleasant all day. Did not do anything of consequence to-day. Auntie rec^d a letter from Father to-day with \$8.00 enclosed for me. Took a good walk. Received quite a lot of presents from Lily & Charlie of nuts and other little things. The bridge at this point is progressing finely. Wrot a letter to Willie Plumb of Dubuque Iowa. Went into a carpenter shop and inquired how much it would cost to make my writing desk (2 1/2 ft. high, 8. deep, & 12 front) and he said somewhere in the neighborhood of eight (\$8) Dollars.