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Thursday, May 24 1877.

Today we marked our new cattle. Langua missed the operation. Four men went in the corral on horse back, and six or seven on foot. I held tally on a board. Began long before sunrise and I had cold work. We parted the cattle in two bands, and marked about 468 by this evening. Martin Perera also came this morning and stayed overnight. Some of the cattle were very brave, and one too broke three palm troncos in two gates. Neild, Boosey and Thompson (chico) came about noon, and had dinner with me. Kims did not work today.

I helped drive in the cattle on little bays bar back, we had a deal of trouble with the little calves. Langua rode Willie's dordelita in the corral today. We begin to cut the alfalfa green for the horses now. The other alfalfa has not come up yet. North wind began blowing today, but the day was fresh. Mr. Moulton and two Englishman from Graybe Morte also came today to look on. Broke one cow in the corral today. Herman and Johnnie and one of the women milked.

Friday, May 25. Today we marked the rest of the new cattle and all our calves. 537 is the number of new cattle. We marked 386 calves from our cattle. We also counted our old cattle 1908. Marking calves went very quick. I helped on foot. Very exciting work. Uncle held tally today. Neild and Thompson were here today but did not go in the corral. They had great trouble in driving the cattle into other corrals. The marcacion only cost us \$30.25. Langua went home this afternoon, as did all the natives. The old fellow took a linguet along. This afternoon I drove all the horses in the

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coral; they were very far; towards Kinnis well. I afterwards helped to drive in the new and old cattle. Martin Perera was quite sick last night and today; has a very bad cold. Willie is going to take him into Canada Gomez tomorrow. It was a very pleasant day, little north wind blowing. I rode the little bays today, and feed my alban to alfalfa for over night. I drank a little mate this evening for first time.

Saturday May 26 1877. I milked after drinking coffee. The rest of the forenoon I worked in the vegetable garden etc. Willie took Don Martin in to Canada Gomez after dinner, as he is going to Rosario to a doctor. I turned me off three bolas this afternoon to drive horses with Thompson with Mr. Lett, the new chieftain, called this afternoon. I drove the horses in the coral this evening with my alban. Some horses were missing but I found them at Las Rosas well later. Two Swiss fellows from San Geronimo are stopping over night. It was a delightful day. All the sweet potatoes, potatoes, bean corn etc are frozen. Angel and Vicente are taking care of the new cattle, and look them in the coral here for a few days until the priests is finished.

Sunday May 27 1877. I and Lina milked after drinking coffee. The rest of the forenoon I fired on my roads etc. I ran a race with the same we got from Brown against a native, but lost. Willie came back from Canada Gomez after dinner; just brings a few Standards

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Fighting has begun between the Turks and Russians. Roka did not come back from home today though he promised to come early in the morning. I drove the horses to the corral with the fat pains. I afterwards helped drive in the new cattle with my redman pains. He was wainers to get on, but did not luck. I afterwards pulled up water with Brown and cut alfalfa for the mares. We butchered a new sick cow this evening. It was a pleasant day, with wind.

Monday May 28 1877. I milked after coffee. The rest of the forenoon I put sticks to the pear etc. After dinner I dug a mass of sweet potatoes etc. I drove the horses in the corral on the fat red horse. My redman pains went a little lame so I caught him and trimmed his hoofs. They looked the new cattle in the corral at the puerta for the first time. Angel and his wife begin to live there also. They are going to have the horses mares Las Turbias, all manarous. Vicente helps angel herd the cattle. After supper I looked through the stereoscope at pictures. We cut alfalfa for horses that we keep up all day. Roka came home this morning and we sent him off. The paracachefla is here. It was a pleasant day, but rather a cold morning.

Tuesday May 29 1877. All of the laborers got out of the chucara last night. Today I and mother went to see Mrs. Pregarten. We started about eight o'clock in the carriage with mags and young Stiefel. We had a strong north wind blowing in our faces. We got at Las Castaneas at about 10 A.M. They were working f. l. l.

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when we passed Las Rosas. As none of the men were there when we arrived I walked and looked around the place. At dinner time Mr. Clark the mayor-dono called. Nicholson was at Las Chuleros maccacion. They gave us many plants etc. along. On coming home we stopped at Las Rosas. Mr. Eliot and Meild were there and gave us many plants etc. We arrived home at about sun down. The old water pulling horse (overs) would not go. I got on him and pulled some water. It was a very pleasant afternoon. Two German peones are stopping over night. Also seen Mr. Middleton mayor-dono of Las Tubas at Tregasthus. Brown began pulling up water at the pump, also broke the chain this evening. Pulpers here is going to buy our hides at six dollars the perrada.

Wednesday May 30 1847. — I milked right after coffee and then I went down to the well with Brown and put the chain together again, and made the chain so that it would run in the wheel. It pulls water first rate. After dinner I helped Willie load up the little wagon with ironas, tuna and posts for a puente for the puente. I also manured and hoed over a small bed for onions this afternoon. Afterwards I drove all the horses to the corral with blue legs. This evening I caught my redman, parr and cleaned him, etc. He tame him. It was a cloudy day, and viente norte, and looks like rain. We hear again of grass hoppers. Heard that little Thompson gave Nicholson a licking.

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Thursday May 31. 1847. I milked after coffee. The rest of the forenoon I planted the beets and lettuce we got from Las Rosas. This afternoon I began to work on my head stall with six rings. I have the pieces cut from the bombers; so I sewed the straps together. We put the horses in the big field today to eat the grass off. and this evening I drove them to the corral on the little pairs bareback. I afterwards helped drive up the cattle to the corral. Stung finished with the fences this forenoon, and is going to make a little duck pond yet; It rained a little last night, and the day was foggy and drizzly. The alfalfa we planted is coming out of the ground now.

Friday June 1. The horses did not come until pretty late this morning. I milked right after coffee. The rest of the forenoon I cleaned and greased the little horse wagon to go to Canada Gomez. After dinner I drove the horses out of the field in the corral with the little boys. I then dressed myself and got ready to go to Canada Gomez. I started about 1:30 P.M. and drove young Stiefel and negra. The wagon goes pretty hard. I got in there a little after sunset. Mr. James was very polite at the post office. Mr. Spencer (of the Lagunas) Mr. Roberts (of up north), and a pair of Constables were in there. I had supper at Schnack's and sleep there. I was quite a cold drive with the south wind blowing in ones face. I took a letter in for Swabey.