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out alfalfa etc. It was a very cold day. south wind blowing.

Wednesday Aug. 1. It was a cloudy morning. I went to Sharps today in the little wagon with the two pairs Steeple after corn meal and sack of flour. I started at eight, got there, loaded up, had bill made out and came home by 11:30 A.M. It rained some on the road, but I had my ponchos on. This afternoon the rain turned into snow, but it melted as it got to the ground. I turned bolas this afternoon. I drove all of the horses to the corral this evening with 'blue legs', a bad business in the snow storm, awfully cold. The snow froze hard on ones breast. Helped lock in the cattle afterwards. Locked the horses into the field tonight, and threw hay over to them. It was a very cold snowy day.

Thursday Aug. 2. Did not milk this morning because the calves were not in. It was a very disagreeable and cold forenoon. It did not rain much in the night. I turned this forenoon. Willie's leg is getting better now. It was too cold today to work and nothing to eat at Thompsons. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with the little ponies; they were scattered; afterwards helped drive in the cattle. The sun came out this afternoon, but it was very cold. Angel is sick yet.

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August 3. Friday. Lina and I milked outside of the corral this morning as the corral is too muddy. Afterwards Lina and I went over to Las Rosas to look for over negro novillos we bought of Mrs. Angel. We found him among some tame cattle also a little taste of ours which we parted out without any trouble. Got back just before dinner. I plowed a little this afternoon. Clark and his servant girl stopped in going home this afternoon taking some potatoes along. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with the fat little pair; he is bad about the mouth. Uncle and Adolph fixed the belida at the puerto today. Brown got bucked off of the overo bombas, and is now quite lame.

August 4. Saturday. Lina and I milked after coffee. There was a heavy frost this morning. The rest of the forenoon I and Adolph plowed. We cut a furrow, a crooked one. This afternoon I also plowed. They butchered this afternoon. I drove together the horses this evening on Charlie's sulley. It was a very pleasant day. Rather cold in the morning and evening.

Sunday August 5. After coffee Lina and I milked. After dressing I fixed my milking stool, etc. It also minded my rounds today. Adolph went to Parada Gomez and brought out some standards. Sam also came today and stops over night; he is nearly finished at Thompsons. I began

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taking the hair off of my longa de potro this afternoon. I drove together the horses this evening with the big white Trotter, and then out alfalfa etc. We have our black cohudo tied up as he goes with achus yeguas. It was a warm day but a strong north wind prevailed.

Monday August 6. I plowed this forenoon, for the first time with bays and overs Heinrich. Willie drove the first melle. They pulled very fast, but bays is too quick for old Heinrich. I plowed a big piece. This afternoon I plowed with Negro and Toro. Josephine and Willie visited La Posas this afternoon. I drove a part of the horses up this evening with the little bays, and then the rest with the redemon rullo, he is quite tame, and has a fine gallop. Uncle and Adolph were at the jaguel at the pueblo today. It was a very warm and pleasant forenoon but the afternoon got cloudy, little south wind blowing. Larina is harrowing the maize chala together. Ramon and his family are here yet.

Tuesday August 7. I plowed this forenoon with bays and meylito. They pull first rate. This afternoon I finished the potatoe land with negro and Toro, and began another piece at the other end of the field. Brown and Adolph also plowed today. Larina finished harrowing maize chala today, and this afternoon hunted lava, etc. I drove together the horses this

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evening with my yllian, and then drove up the rest with a redomow laguna. a miserable laguna mancarone. I tied up bays and meytis to alfalfa, to use in the morning. It was a cloudy day looked like rain; south wind.

Wednesday, August 8. As soon as I got up I gave bays and meytis man and right after coffee I harnessed up and went to plowing. Adolph and Lariana also plowed. Brown cut furrows. I plowed more this forenoon than Adolph and Lariana together. At noon I and Herman pulled up water. I plowed this afternoon with negro and toro. I drove together the horses this evening with the pairs of the tropillo yegua piasa. Willie was at Sharffe today to have the bars of iron made for the bolde pin fondo at the ajuel at the puesto. It was a warm delightful day, but a very heavy frost in the morning.

Thursday August 9. I began plowing again right after coffee with bays and meytis. I finished a land this forenoon. Lariana and Adolph also plowed. This afternoon I helped Willie haul two loads of brick dirt in the dump cart to the front of the corralpuerto. I drove together the horses this evening with the pairs, pulled up water with Herman, cut alfalfa, and tied up the two plough horses. Uncle took Bena into Canada de Gomez in

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little wagon. King comes out again in a couple of weeks to work for the neighbors. I have some hands. It was a very cold morning, heavy frost, but the day was hot.

Friday August 10. I got up early, gave boys and meztizo maid, and right after coffee began plowing. Plowed twenty-two bueltes this forenoon. Suarez, Armstrong, and two other gentlemen stopped to dinner on their way up North today, with a lot of servants. I plowed this afternoon with overs Heinrich and old negro for the first time; they go pretty good. Got 50 oranges of the pulpers for \$1.00. I drove together the horses this evening with the fat little jaino. It was a very pleasant day; quite hot. South wind began blowing again. Adolph and Larciana plowed this forenoon, and this afternoon hauled brick dirt to the corral puerto. Quele came back from Canada de Gomez today.

Saturday Aug. 11. I got up early gave boys and meztizo maid and then right after coffee began plowing. I finished one piece and began another. This afternoon I plowed with overs Heinrich and old negro. They did not go good at first but afterwards plowed a good deal. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with Charles pulper. Adolph and Larciana plowed this forenoon and this afternoon. Adolph went to Sharffe to get the two iron bars from Sharffe for the well but they were not finished yet. It was a hot day, south wind going.

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Sunday August 12. I did not help milk this morning, as Lina milks now. After towards I turned two talera handles off on the lathe. one nice one for a long lash. It was a very hot day; sultry just like in summer. I have Charles' trunk now to put the clothes in. I did not do much this afternoon. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with the big white trotter. Three Swiss fellows came from Roldan this evening; suppose to see Lina. Some apartadores also came to part out tomorrow.

Monday Aug 13. I got up earlier, gave lays and muzzles, muzzled and right after coffee I began plowing; I finished one piece and with Lina (who was also plowing) cut out two more lands. The three Swiss fellows went off again at noon. I plowed this afternoon with 'Jose Heinrich', and old negro. It was exceedingly hot today so I could not plow very much. Sr. Gomez of 'Portico' was here today. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with the little bay. They captured 8 milk calves today. It looks as if a storm was coming as it is so still hot day.

Tuesday Aug 14. I gave the lays and muzzles early before coffee and right after coffee I began plowing. I ploughed a good deal of muzzles. Willie went to Panama young this afternoon taking negro and over; as laguna would not pull and could not find the other horses. I did not plow

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this afternoon, as I found the horses in the Canada I rode the gateado, & afterwards drove all the horses to the corral. Willie went in to bring Mrs. Brant out, as she is sickly. Tania has covered my bolas at last, very nicely. I eat alfalfa this evening. There was a very heavy fog this morning and this evening it gets cloudy.

Wednesday Aug. 15. I began plowing after breakfast with bay and young steifel. He goes for the first time; he goes pretty good, but bays pulls too fast for him. I Brewer and Lariana also plowed in the forenoon, and in the afternoon Adolph plowed in my place. At noon Willie came with Mrs. Brant and a little daughter of hers. This afternoon it was quite wet and drizzly. I brought up the horses from down the Canada, and afterwards drove the rest to the corral from the other side. Silva is here with 1500 head of cattle which he locks in our corral. It was a very disagreeable day, misty, drizzly, wet &c.

Thursday Aug. 16. I began plowing this morning as soon as the horses came with bay and meztizo. I finished one piece and helped Lariana lay out another. Silva went off with the cattle early in the morning. This afternoon I plowed with negro and toro with Lariana. Uncle and Adolph worked at the aquel at the puente. I drove together the horses this evening with the fat malacaras which was 20 rings. A bath is given tonight by the wash woman.

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in the puerto in the canada. Adolph, Lima, Liza, and Lariana have gone. It was a very pleasant day, little south wind blowing.

Friday Aug. 17. The girls and Adolph came home about 5 o'clock this morning from the dance at the puerto. I plowed this morning with boys and the laguna, for the first time. The did not go good at first but afterwards went first rate. This afternoon I used meztis and young stiefel; They made a great deal of trouble at first but afterwards went first rate. This evening I drove together the horses with the lazy little white horse. A wagon from up country came this morning to sell dulce (tuna) copimillos, lassoas etc. Herman bought a sober puerto for \$3.00. There was a heavy frost this morning, but the day was pleasant. They finished putting up the balde sin fondo at the puerto.

Saturday Aug. 18. I began plowing this morning as soon as the horses came, with boys and the laguna; finished the piece. This afternoon I plowed with meztis and young stiefel, helping Adolph & Lariana finish the last piece in the bigger field. I drove together the horses this evening with blue head. The estancia 52 have a lot of novillos locked in our corral over night. It was a pleasant day north windy; heavy frost this morning.

August 1891

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Sunday Aug. 19, 1891. We had rodeo this morning so that Angel could part out some cattle from the guests. In chasing a calf Charlie's pulje bucked me off, very hard so that the bottom of my back hurt very much. He partied out about seven. I turned a bola off for the capataz this morning of Quebracho. This afternoon we capared toros out in the camp. Capared 8, I caught 3. I rode Charlie's pulje and in coming home I drove the horses to the corral and locked them in the field all night. Brown went to the pulperia this afternoon and Willie rat pumped water some in his place. When Brown came home he was half drunk, and said there were too many patronos here, and settled up and is going off tomorrow. It was a very foggy forenoon but this afternoon it was very hot. I am getting a swollen up forefinger of the right hand, where an old cut was.

Monday Aug. 20. We put the cattle on the rodeo this forenoon and capared toros. Willie, J. Maria, Adolph, Vicente, Angel and Laziana. I lassoes three. I broke my lasso into three pieces and lost the longest piece, capared about 25. This afternoon I tried to put lazo and the laguna into the plow, but the laguna would not pull, and the lazo ran off, had a great deal of trouble; hit laguna over the head. I drove the horses to the corral this evening with the little same goads. This evening I began taking Spanish lessons from the teacher. It was a very pleasant day.

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Tuesday Aug. 21st. I began plowing this morning with Vaso and old negro. In the field below the alfalfa. Adolph and Lariana cut out furrows this forenoon; the ground is very hard and negro is lazy. This afternoon I plowed with open as no horses were here; until they came I turned a talera handle for Lariana. I plowed with overo and negro. Until 4:30 P.M. when I went to drive the horses to the corral with the little parrots. They were very scattered and some were missing. I ride Mexican saddle now. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were here this afternoon. I studied Spanish again this evening with the teacher. pronouns. It was a warm day, north wind blowing.

Wednesday Aug. 22. I got up very early, gave bath and lighter mail and right after coffee began plowing; plowed a good deal this forenoon; 32 bueltas. The ground is very hard and dry. This afternoon I plowed with overo and negro. I gave Lariana a nice talera handle. Brown came back this afternoon, found work at the 51 estancia. I drove together the horses this evening in the pinto empagador. Young Stefel is missing. Afterwards I gave the plow horses hay. It was a very windy (north) warm night day.

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Thursday Aug. 23. I began plowing after coffee with boys and meztizo. This afternoon plowed with negro and ones; plowed very much today. noted but once this afternoon. A man of Langostas came this afternoon from the south and settled in the camp outside the chacras. Mr. and Mrs. Piqueras called this evening. I drove together the horses this evening with the mala cara of the overa yema tropella, and then gave the plow horses hay. The south began plowing today very hard. Adolph plows with you. Liana also this forenoon. Studied Spanish with the teacher this evening.

Friday, Aug. 24. I got up early, gave boys and meztizo, many and right after coffee began plowing. This afternoon I plowed with negro and ones. I plowed a good deal today. My plow point is very dull so I am going to take a bigger plow. Nicholson stopped here to dinner on his way to Canada Gomez and left a horse here. Willie found young Steffel at Steffel's. I drove together the horses this evening with the big white tritton. Liba and a lot of men and horses are staying over night on their way to Suarez (Aug 6). Studied Spanish with the teacher this evening (verbs) haber. It was a cool cloudy day.

August 1894.

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Saturday Aug. 25. I got up very early this forenoon, gave hay and mangel and right after coffee began plowing; I plowed a whole piece this forenoon 30 varas wide. The grass hoppers came in great numbers this forenoon, settling every where but not coming to eat any thing. I did not plow this afternoon because no horses were here. Willie and Laria went to Las Rosas this forenoon to help them capar tros. Mr. Lott called here this afternoon; he holds service tomorrow at Las Rosas. Mr. Nicholson stopped here on his way home this afternoon. Frequent's peon came this evening (drunk) after mangel and potatoes and stops over night. It was a cloudy day and looks like rain.

Sunday Aug. 26. I took a good bath this morning and put on my good clothes. I and Johnnie pulled up water this forenoon. A great many grass hoppers came this forenoon and I chased them most of the forenoon. Willie, Josephine and Mrs. Krant went to church this forenoon at Las Rosas. I made me a nice talera handle this forenoon, drilled a hole in to it and loaded it with lead. I drove together the horses this evening with the little hay. tied up the two plow horses and gave them hay. This afternoon it good to be very windy (south) cloudy day.

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Monday, Aug. 27. Before coffee I gave over and negro
May and right after coffee harnessed up. I plowed
a good deal this forenoon (34 vultes). This after-
noon I plowed with boys and negroes. Willie
and Faya went to Las Rosas this forenoon to
help them capar trees. I drove together the horses
this evening with Charles' sulps. and gave the
two plow horses hay. King came this evening
from Canada Loma, and is going to work at
Smithers' estancia. I studied Spanish this
evening with the teacher, verbs: (aus) (hubo, ser, estar).
The boil on my forehead is getting ripe. This
forenoon it was very pleasant, but this afternoon
it got north windy.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 I plowed this forenoon with
negro and over, and this afternoon finished the
piece with boys and negroes. Willie and Joseph-
ine went to Fregastine today with Mrs. Brant
and daughter who stays there a couple of days.
Mr. Suber came again with cattle this afternoon
and stops over night. He sent in a piece
of 'carne-cow-cuers'. It was an exceedingly
windy day (south). I drove together the
horses this evening with my Alisan.

Wednesday, Aug. 29. I, Uncle and Vicente
planted potatoes this forenoon in a piece of
ground between the trees. I plowed with
boys and negro and they dropped every
third furrow 18 inches apart. This afternoon
I began plowing with boys between the trees.
It goes first rate. I drove together the
horses this evening with the little pairs.

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It was a windy (south) coldish day.

Thursday 30 Aug. Today is Santa Rosa. I plowed between the trees this forenoon with *negligia*. Herman helped me cut out the furrows and then he went first rate. I gave the capataz his balas today; he likes them. This afternoon plowed with *hays* between the trees. My redimer pains was missing but they found him among the yeguas near the priest. Adolph finished the fields plowing this afternoon. I drove together the horses this evening with the skins of the yegua *picarra* *trihella*. A frost this morning and it was a pleasant day.

Friday Aug. 31. As soon as the horses came I began plowing between the trees with *negligia*. He goes first rate. This afternoon I plowed with *hays* between the trees; he does not go very well alone; in large and narrow. Mrs. Brandt and daughter came back from Tregasthuis this afternoon. Mr. Black brought her. I drove together the horses this evening with the fat *malacaras*. A native of bad reputation came this evening; got to take care of our horses. Willie was at 'La Independencia' today. There was a frost this forenoon morning, but the day was warm and windy (north) going to Granada Gorney tomorrow with Mrs. Brandt. Adolph and Vicente began harrowing today.