

St John Railroad Conductors Story.

About the Month of August 1882 Potister the European
 conductor and Crane the telegraph operator now
 Station agent at Ellsworth and a St John R Road con
 ductor went on a fishing tare down to Grand Lake above
 Princeton. The St John man put his pant legs inside
 of his stockings having on a pair of strap dress shoes
 and went from a point at the foot of the Lake where they
 camped to some logs & began to fish. While he was fish
 ing Polister laid down in the open grass ground &
 fell a sleep in mid day. A man told me some
 Bangor men were camping at the point & I went up
 to see them, I found Polister sleeping with a cloud of
 mosquitoes about his head & face. At this time the St
 John man came up with his pole & no fish, seeing
 Polister was kind of numb he said he guessed he
 would wake him up, so he began flourishing his
 hat about his head & told him or asked if he ever
 heard the story of the minister & the soldier meeting in
 the woods. Polister said no. Well the St John man began to
 bout face march &c. Said a British soldier deserted
 his army & traveling west in the woods, a calporter or
 or traveling minister was visiting families preaching &c

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going east. The two meet & sit down on a log & the minister
 said he took it the soldier belonged to the army & asked
 what army he belonged to. He said he belonged to the
 Queens Army Regiment no so & so, Well said the
 Minister, I belong to the Army of the Lord, (Christs
 army) do you said the soldier, well you have got
 a h—ll of a ways from the Barracks —
 anyhow —

This waked Polister up & Crane made his
 appearance & we all had a good laugh.

Witness

John Martin

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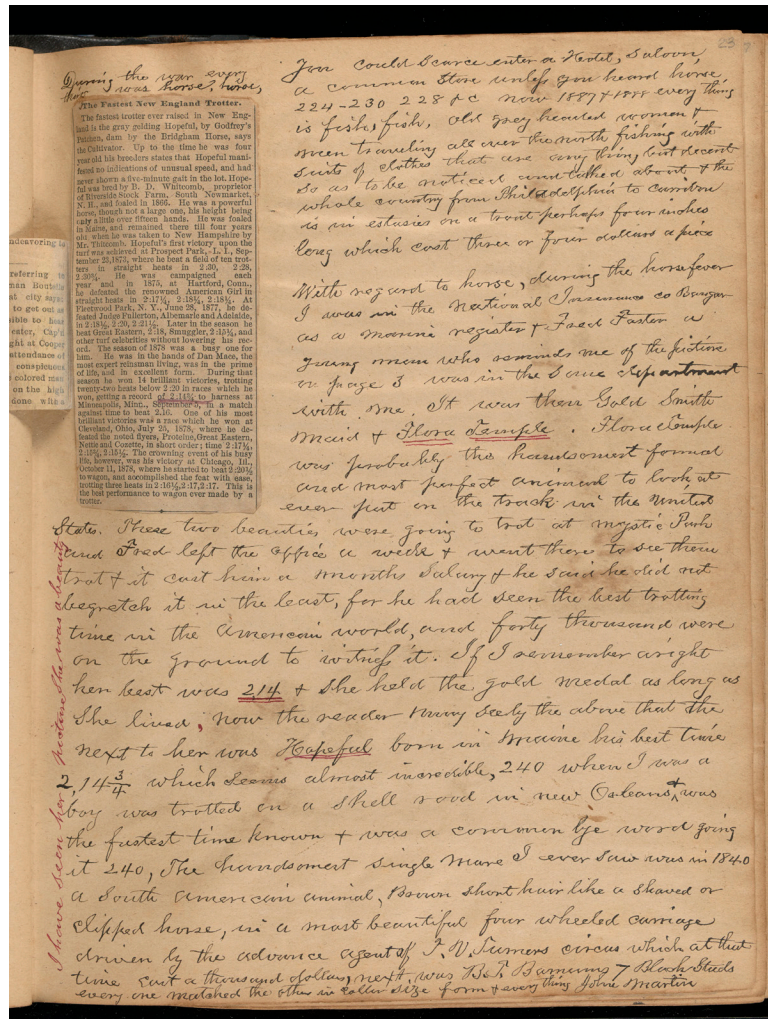
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During the war every
thing was horse, horse,

The Fastest New England Trotter.

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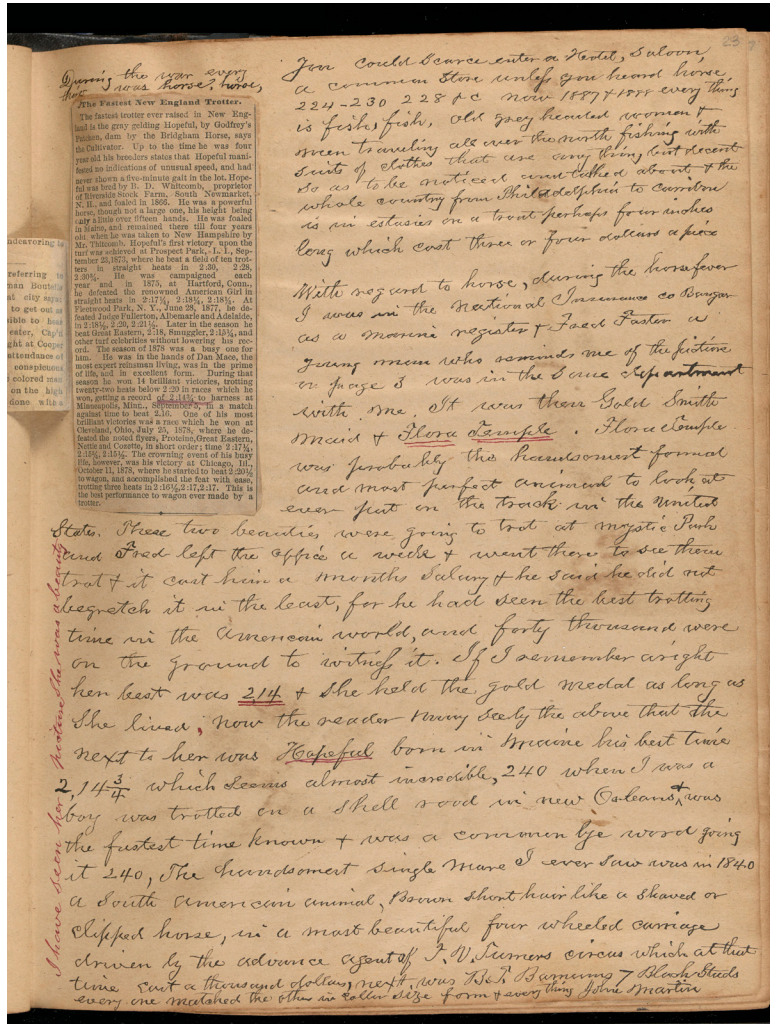
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trotting three heats in 2:16 1/2, 2:17, 2:17. This is the best performance to wagon ever made by a trotter.

You could scarce enter a Hotel, Saloon, a common store unless you heard horse, 224-230 228 &c now 1887 & 1888 every thing is fish, fish, old grey headed women & men traveling all over the north fishing with suits of clothes that are any thing but decent so as to be noticed and talked about & the whole country from Philadelphia to Carribou is in estases on a trout perhaps four inches long which cost three or four dollars a piece

With regard to horse, during the horse fever I was in the National Insurance co Bangor as a marine register & Fred Foster a young man who reminds me of the picture on page 3 was in the same department with me. It was their Gold Smith Maid & Flora Temple. Flora Temple was probably the handsomest formed and most perfect animal to look at ever put on the track in the United States. These two beauties were going to trot at Mystic Park and Fred left the office a week & went there to see them trot & it cost him a months salary & he said he did not begretch it in the least, for he had seen the best trotting time in the American world, and forty thousand were on the ground to witness it. If I remember aright her best was 2.14 & she held the gold medal as long as she lived, now the reader [?] see by the above that the next to her was Hopeful born in Maine his best time 2.14 3/4 which seems almost incredible, 240 when I was a

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I have seen her picture. She was a beauty

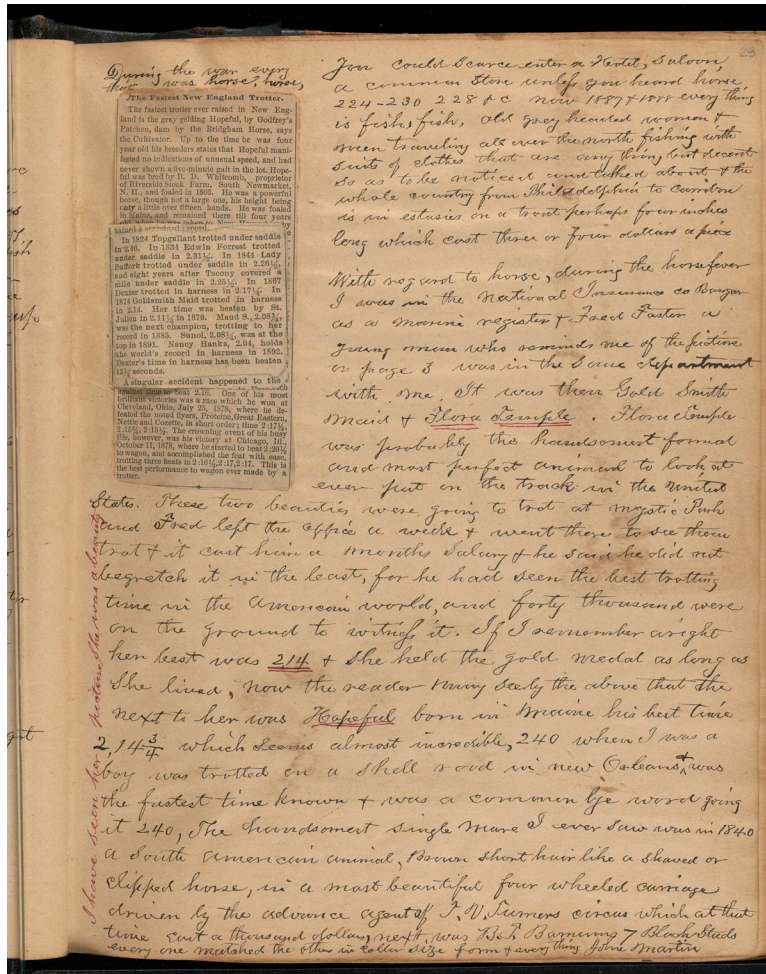
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In 1824 Topgallant trotted under saddle in 2.40. In 1834 Edwin Forrest trotted under saddle in 2.31 1/2. In 1844 Lady Suffolk trotted under saddle in 2.26 1/2, and eight years after Tacony covered a mile under saddle at 2.25 1/2. In 1857 Dexter trotted in harness in 2.17 1/2. In 1874 Goldsmith Maid trotted in harness in 2.14. Her time was beaten by St. Julien in 2.11 1/4 in 1879. Maud S. 2.08 3/4 was the next champion, trotting to her record in 1885. Sunol, 2.08 1/4 was at the top in 1891. Nancy Hanks, 2.04, holds the world's record in harness in 1892. Dexter's time in harness has been beaten 13 1/4 seconds.



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his health.

Katahdin Iron Works.

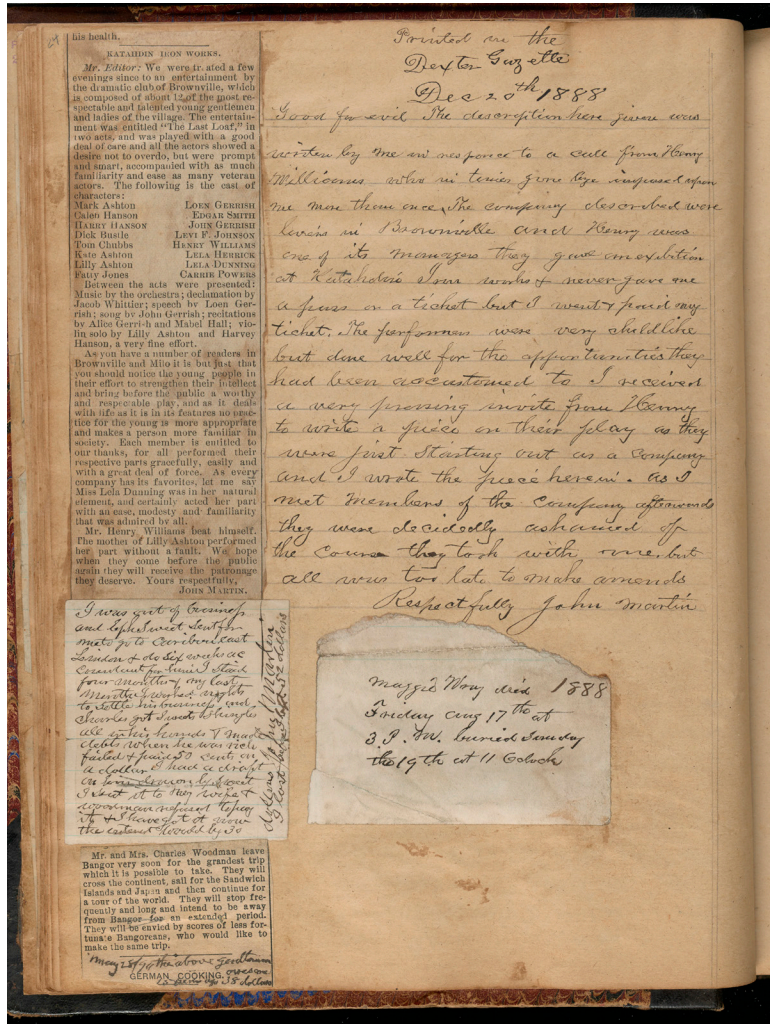
Mr Editor: We were treated a few evenings since to an entertainment by the dramatic club of Brownville, which is composed of about 12 of the most respectable and talented young gentlemen and ladies of the village. The entertainment was entitled "The Last Loaf," in two acts, and was played with a good deal of care and all the actors showed a desire not to overdo, but were prompt and smart, accompanied with as much familiarity and ease as many veteran actors. The following is the cast of characters:

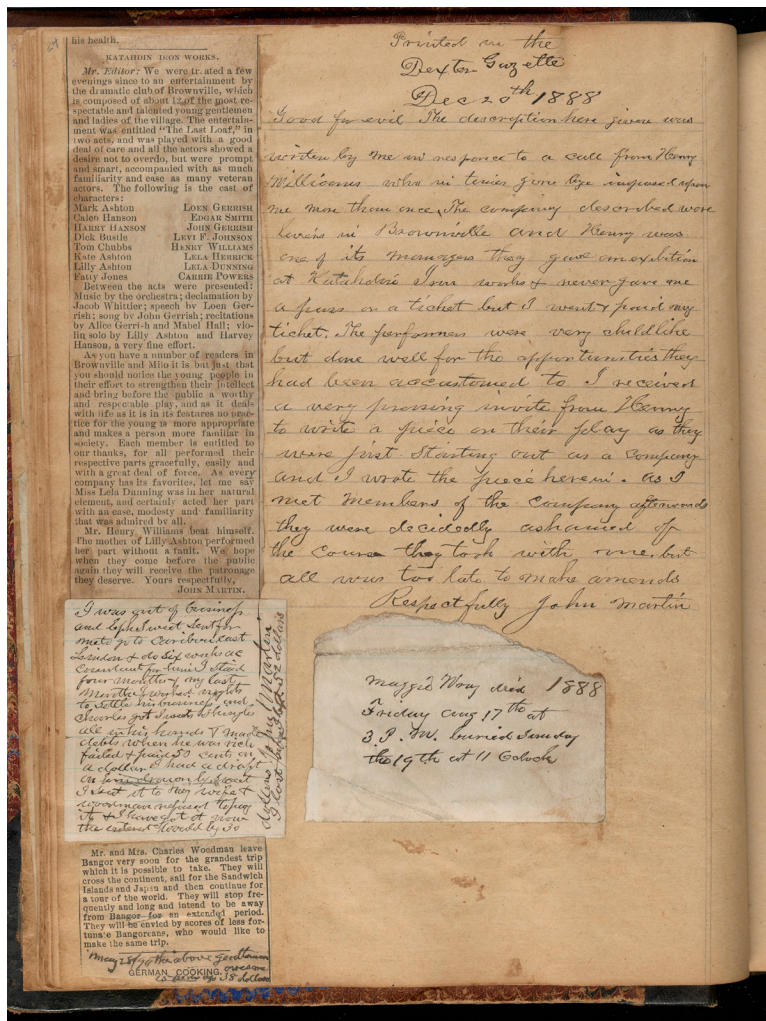
Mark Ashton	Loen Gerrish
Caleb Hanson	Edgar Smith
Harry Hanson	John Gerrish
Dick Bustle	Levi F. Johnson
Tom Chubbs	Henry Williams
Kate Ashton	Lela Herrick
Lilly Ashton	Lela Dunning
Fatty Jones	Carrie Powers

Between the acts were presented: Music by the orchestra; declamation by Jacob Whittier; speech by Loen Gerrish; song by John Gerrish; recitations by Alice Gerrish and Mabel Hall; violin solo by Lilly Ashton and Harvey Hanson, a very fine effort.

As you have a number of readers in Brownville and Milo it is but just that you should notice the young people in their effort to strengthen their intellect and bring before the public a worthy and respectable play, and as it deals with life as it is in its features no practice for the young is more appropriate and makes a person more familiar in society. Each member is entitled to our thanks, for all performed their respective parts gracefully, easily and with a great deal of force. As every company has its favorites, let me say Miss Lela Dunning was in her natural

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element, and certainly acted her part
with an ease, modesty and familiarity
that was admired by all.

Mr Henry Williams beat himself.
The mother of Lilly Ashton performed
her part without a fault. We hope
when they come before the public
again they will receive the patronage
they deserve. Yours respectfully,
John Martin

I was out of business
and Eph Sweet sent for
me to go to Caribou east
Lindon & do six weeks ac
countant for him. I Staid
four months & my last
month I worked nights
to settle his business and
Charles got Sweets shingles
all in his hands & made
debts when he was rich
failed & paid 50 cents on
a dollar I had a draft
on him drawn by Sweet
I sent it to my wife &
woodman refusal to pay
it & I have got it now
the interest would be 30
[sideways at right]
dollars John Martin
I lost before I left 52 dollars

Mr and Mrs. Charles Woodman leave
Bangor very soon for the grandest trip
which it is possible to take. They will
cross the continent, sail for the Sandwich
Islands and Japan and then continue for
a tour of the world. They will stop fre-
quently and long and intend to be away
from Bangor for an extended period.
They will be envied by scores of less for-
tunate Bangoreans, who would like to
make the same trip.

May 28th the above gentleman
German Cooking. owes me
15 years ago 38 dollars

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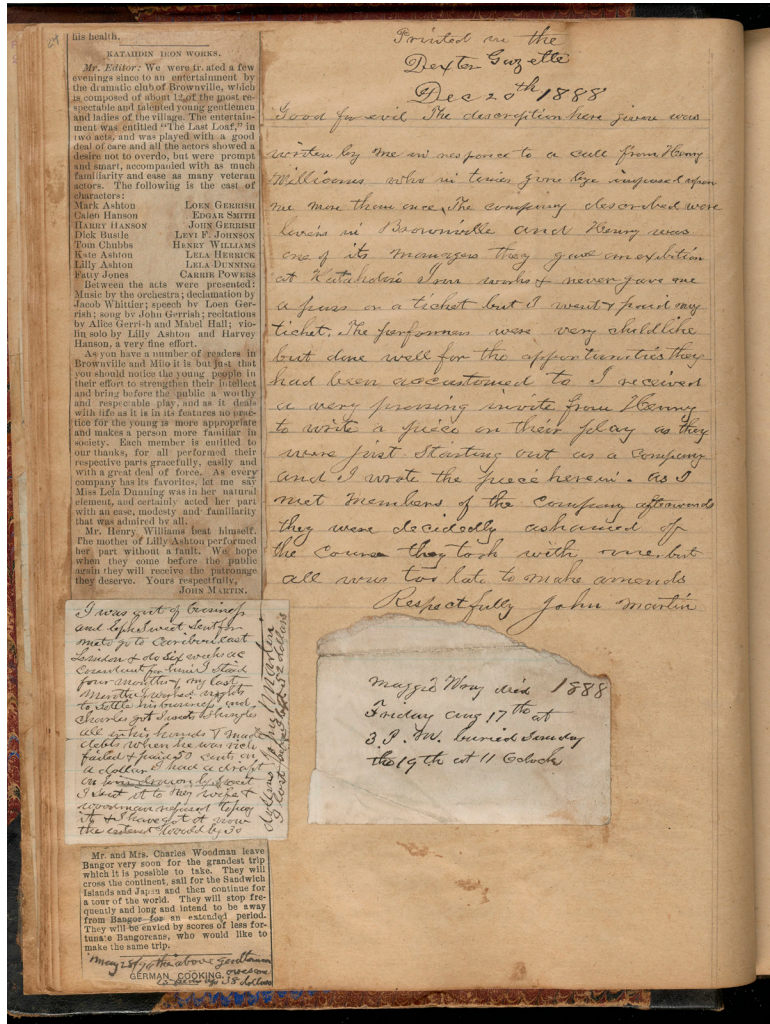
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Printed in the
Dexter Gazette
Dec 20th 1888

Good for evil. The description here given was written by me in response to a call from Henry Williams who in times gone bye impressed upon me more than once. The company described were livens in Brownville and Henry was one of its managers they gave an exhibition at Katahdin Iron works & never gave me a pass or a ticket but I went & paid my ticket. The performers were very child like but done well for the opportunities they had been accustomed to I received a very pressing invite from Henry to write a piece on their play as they were just starting out as a company and I wrote the piece herein. As I met members of the company afterwards they were decidedly ashamed of the course they took with me but all was too late to make amends.

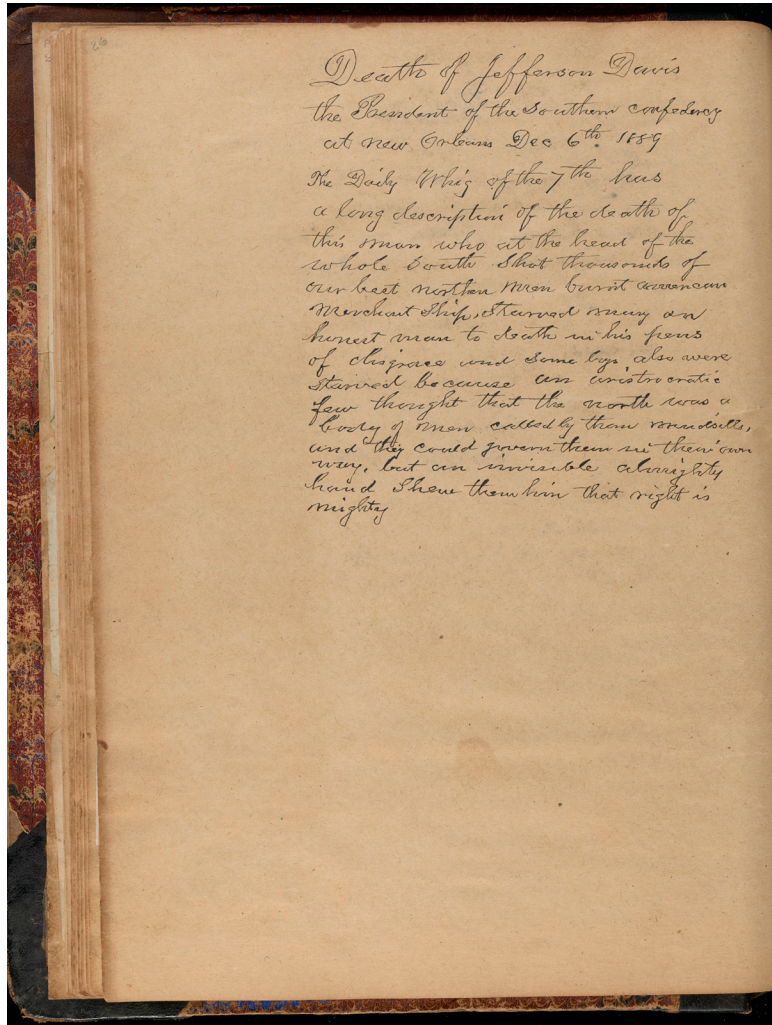
Respectfully John Martin

Maggie Wray died 1888
Friday Aug 17th at
3 P.M. buried Sunday
the 19th at 11 O'clock



Monday 11 oclock A M train
 Katahdin Iron Works I received the news
 that A P Gould of Thomaston had just
 died the night before being June 4, 1888
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Death of Jefferson Davis
the President of the Southern Confederacy
at New Orleans Dec 6th 1889

The Daily Whig of the 7th has
a long description of the death of
this man who at the head of the
whole south shot thousands of
our best northern men burnt american
merchant ship, starved many an
honest man to death in his pens
of disgrace and some boys also were
starved because an aristocratic
few thought that the north was a
body of men called by them [?]
and they could govern them in their own
way, but an invisible almighty
hand shew them him that right is
mighty

Katahdin Iron works Maine
 Friday July 6 1888
 half past 4 o'clock P.M.
 John French hauled the
 largest load of Iron Ore
 with 4 horses that was ever
 hauled from the Ore Mountain
 to the Furnace during 40 years
 I weighed the load & gave him
 the weight on a paper, it was
 mined by John Pomlow &
 weighed 12220 lbs of ore, the cart,
 weighed $\frac{2525 \text{ lbs}}{14745 \text{ total weight}}$
 John Martin
 Distance on a rough Road
 one mile down the mountain
 & up one tedious hard hill to
 the Iron works Furnace
 June 25 1889 Tuesday 1/2 past 5 PM
 John French with 4 horses & a new
 waggon just used a few days owned by
 Geo Knowles for whom he was driving
 which cost about two hundred dollars
 with war oak spokes & Iron hubs hauled
 & I weighed the load from the ore mountain
 to the Scale, Gross weight 17330
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[Illustration]

1889. The first Electric Rail Road Car run in Bangor [text to right] and the same car as it appeared on the street July 4, 1889. I have made a rough

sketch above to convey an idea how these cars are run I cut the description from a daily Paper while at Katahdin Iron works & when I was in Bangor July the 4th

I had the pleasure of seeing the 4 cars which was run on that day I was told from day break until 12 midnight

of the sights I have seen I count this as one of the finest, to see a care literally packed as they were all day & evening chiefly by strangers riding for fun and sake of saying they had - had a ride in a car propelled by no visible power, for such is the case the machinery is wholly under the floor of the car and the car is guided by a wheel on a central cord suspended

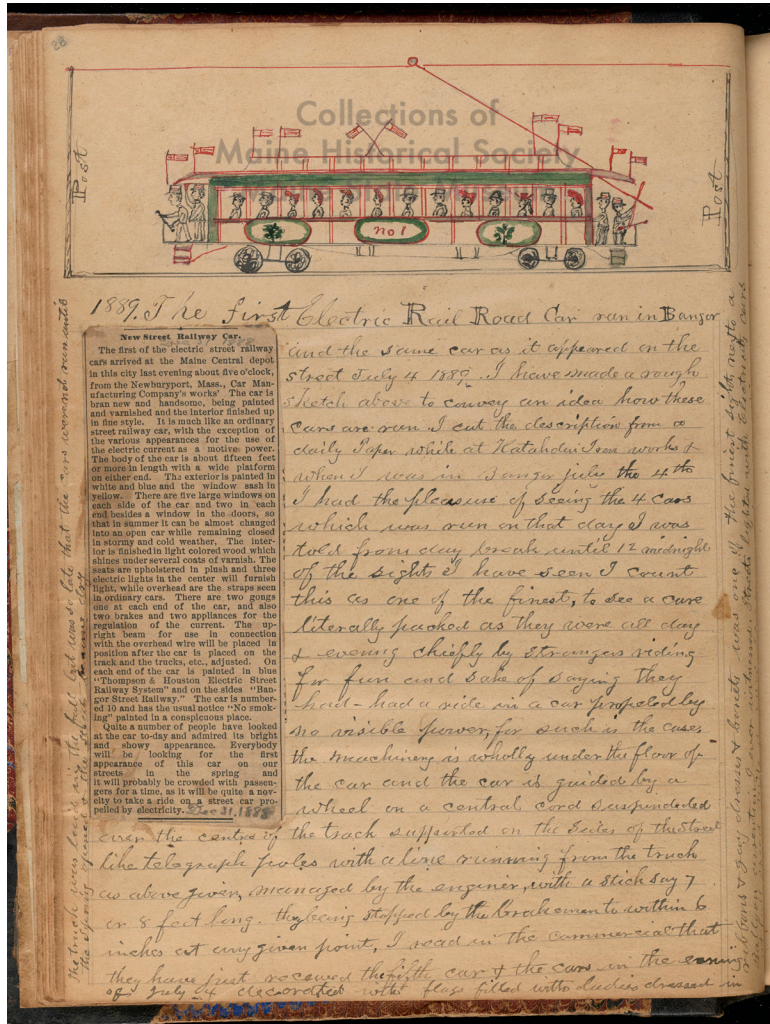
over the centre of the track supported on the sides of the street like telegraph poles with a line running from the truck as above given, managed by the engineer with a stick say 7 or 8 feet long. they being stopped by the brakeman to within 6 inches at any given point. I read in the commercial that they have just received the fifth car & the cars in the evening of July 4 decorated with flags fitted with ladies dressed in [sideways at right]

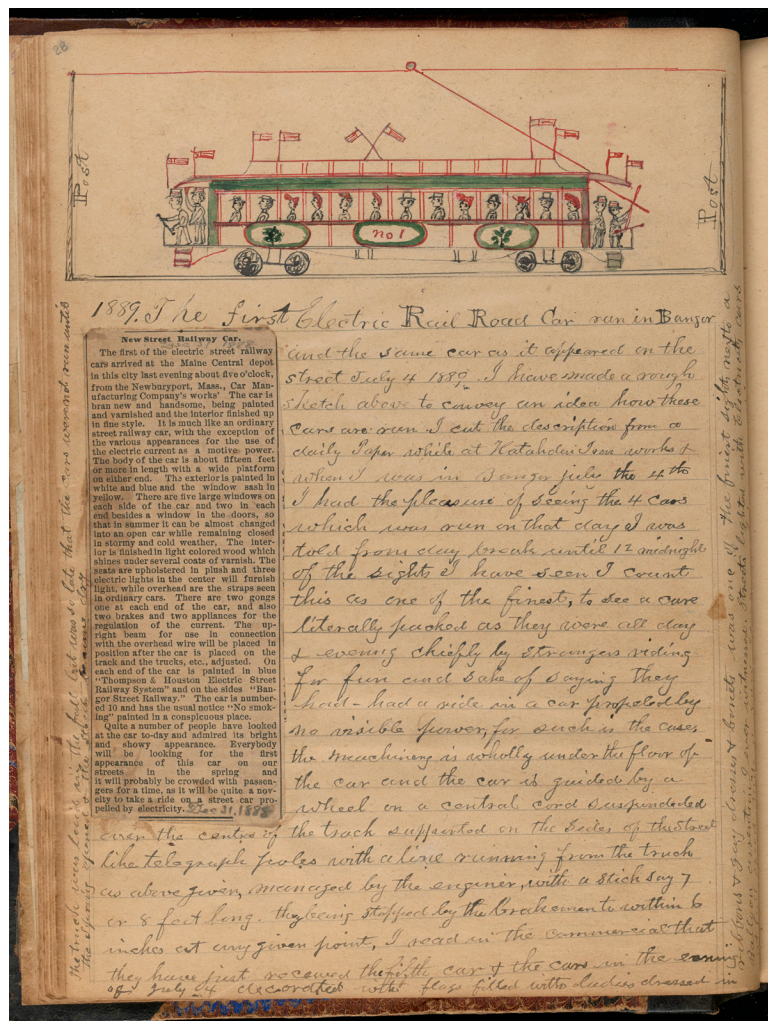
ribbons & gay dresses & bonets was one of the finest sights next to a Balloon assention I ever witnessed. Streets lighted with Electricity cars [at top left]

New Street Railway Car.
Dec 31 1888

The first of the electric street railway cars arrived at the Maine Central depot in this city last evening about five o'clock, from the Newburyport, Mass., Car Manufacturing Company's works' The car is bran new and handsome, being painted and varnished and the interior finished up in fine style. It is much like an ordinary street railway car, with the exception of the various appearances for the use of the electric current as a motive power. The body of the car is about fifteen feet or more in length with a wide platform on either end. The exterior is painted in

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white and blue and the window sash in yellow. There are five large windows on each side of the car and two in each end besides a window in the doors, so that in summer it can be almost changed into an open car while remaining closed in stormy and cold weather. The interior is finished in light colored wood which shines under several coats of varnish. The seats are upholstered in plush and three electric lights in the center will furnish light, while overhead are the straps seen in ordinary cars. There are two gongs one at each end of the car, and also two brakes and two appliances for the regulation of the current. The upright beam for use in connection with the overhead wire will be placed in position after the car is placed on the track and the trucks, etc., adjusted. On each end of the car is painted in blue "Thompson & Houston Electric Street Railway System" and on the sides "Bangor Street Railway." The car is numbered 10 and has the usual notice "No smoking" painted in a conspicuous place.

Quite a number of people have looked at the car to-day and admired its bright and showy appearance. Everybody will be looking for the first appearance of this car on our streets in the spring and it will probably be crowded with passengers for a time, as it will be quite a novelty to take a ride on a street car propelled by electricity. Dec 31, 1888.

[sideways at left]

The track was laid in the fall but was so late that the cars were not run until the spring opened & the streets became dry



The Society I have always loved from my youth up
[illustration]

The
Russell & Morgan
Printing Co,
Cincinnati

Labels

U. S. Playing cards

In

Old England

Immortal Dickens shows us

Near as words can paint

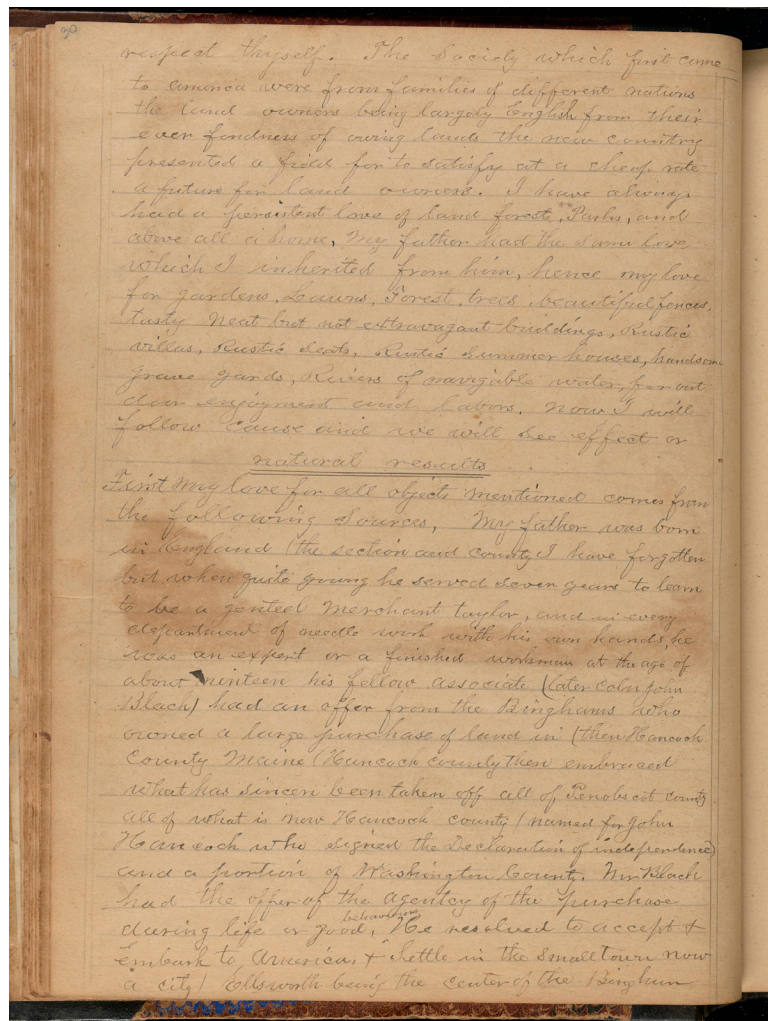
the "real Old English style,"

To us now rather quaint.

In Whist we portrayed see

the days of Pickwickian society.

English Society then and
American Society Now, 1889. The above illustration
shows very plainly the changes in ideas which
followed the current of time and also shows us
that well balanced minds in whatever age seek
refinement and will enjoy it let the general
world say what it may. I preserve this
representation of an English home to show
the reader that a house or home can be
made refined whether the members of a family
Rich or Poor respect themselves. Without positive
resolutions and strict adherence first of all



respect thyself. The Society which first came to America were from families of different nations the land owners being largely English from their ever fondness of owing lands the new country presented a field for to satisfy at a cheap note a future for land owners. I have always had a persistent love of land forest, Parks, and above all a home. My father had the same love which I inherited from him, hence my love for gardens, Lawns, Forest, trees, beautiful fences, tasty neat but not extravagant buildings, Rustic villas, Rustic Seats, Rustic Summer houses, handsome grave yards, Rivers of navigable water for out door enjoyment and labors. Now I will follow cause and we will see effect or

natural results

First my love for all objects mentioned comes from the following sources. my father was born in England (the section and county I have forgotten but when quite young he served seven years to learn to be a genteel Merchant taylor, and in every department of needle work with his own hands he was an expert or a finished workman at the age of about nineteen his fellow associate (later Coln John Black) had an offer from the Bingham who owned a large purchase of land in (then Hancock County Maine) Hancock county then embraced what has since been taken off all of Penobscot County all of what is now Hancock county (named for John Hancock who signed the Declaration of independence) and a portion of Washington County. Mr Black has the offer of the agency of the purchase

behaviour

during life or good ^ He resolved to accept & embark to America, & settle in the small town now a city Ellsworth being the center of the Bingham

purchase. He and my father John Martin were such fast friends that my father concluded to come with him, and they both came to Ellsworth together. Mr Black commenced immediately to establish a home and erected a frame house one story high and large on the ground nearly square with an L and a barn on the west side of Union River embracing a wide piece of land from the Bucksport & Orland road to the River, the house being Shaped thus and painted it yellow.

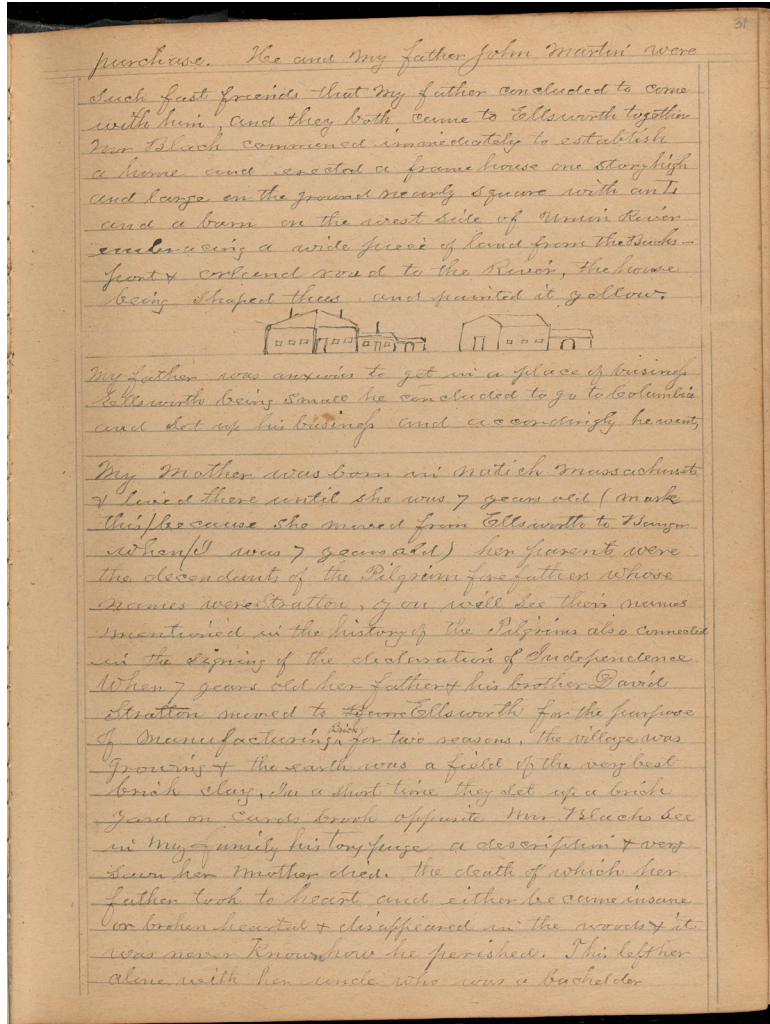
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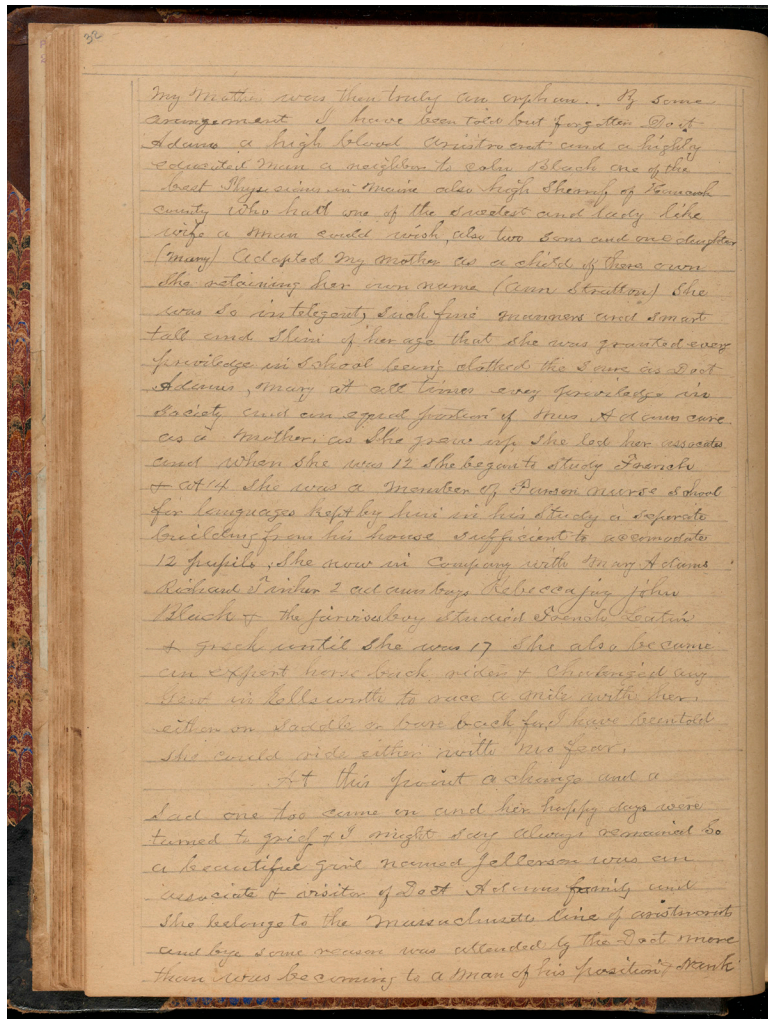
My father was anxious to get a place of business Ellsworth being small he concluded to go to Columbia and set up his business and accordingly he went.

My Mother was born in natick Massachusetts & lived there until she was 7 years old (mark this) because she moved from Ellsworth to Bangor when (I was 7 years old) her parents were the descendants of the Pilgrim forefathers whose names were Stratton you will see their names mentioned in the history of the Pilgrims also connected in the signing of the declaration of Independence. When 7 years old her father & her brother David Stratton moved to ~~Ban~~ Ellsworth for the purpose

Brick

of manufacturing ^ for two reasons. the village was growing & the earth was a field of the very best brick clay. In a short time they set up a brick yard on Cards brook opposite mr Blacks See in my family history page a description & very soon her mother died. the death of which her father took to heart and either became insane or broken hearted & disappeared in the woods & it was never known how he perished. this left her alone with her uncle who was a bachelor





My Mother was then truly an orphan. By some arrangement I have been told but forgotten Doct Adams a high blood aristocrat and a highly educated man a neighbor to Coln Black one of the best Physicians in Maine also high Sherrif of Hancock county who had one of the sweetest and lady like wife a man could wish, also two sons and one daughter (Mary) adopted my mother as a child of their own She retaining her own name (Ann Stratton) She was so intelegent, such fine manners and smart tall and slim of her age that she was granted every priviledge in school being clothed the same as Doct Adams, Mary at all times every priviledge in society and an equal portion of Mrs Adams care as a mother, as she grew up she led her associates and when she was 12 she began to study French & at 14 she was a member of Parson nurse school for languages kept by him in his study a seperate building from his house sufficient to accomodate 12 pupils. She now in company with Mary Adams Richard Tinker 2 adams boys Rebecca joy john Black & the jarvises boy studied French, Latin & greek until she was 17 She also became an expert horse back rider & chalenged any Gent in Ellsworth to race a mile with her either on Saddle or bare back for I have been told she could ride either with no fear.

At this point a change and a sad one too came on and her happy days were turned to grief & I might say always remained so a beautiful girl named Jellerson was an associate & visitor of Doct Adams family and she belongs to the Massachusetts line of aristocrats and bye some reason was attended by the Doct more than was becoming to a Man of his position & rank

he finally became violently in love with her she
 frequented his house and he used to attend her to her home
 one day my mother went through the door yard and on
 her way saw a billet in the chips she picked it up
 and found it contained a gold piece equal in size
 to a 12 1/2 cent piece silver & was worth 5 dollars
 directed by the Doct to Miss Jellerson and my mother
 shew it to Mrs. Adams but Mrs Adams advised
 her not to say any thing about it but keep it & she
 did until we lived in Hampden when I was going
 to Bangor she gave it to me to change at the Bank
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 & his sister were constant callers whenever they
 past her dwelling & I grew to be two years old
 when I was seized with a white swelling on the
 left groin My mother has related to me the suffering I
 passed through when at last it became necessary to
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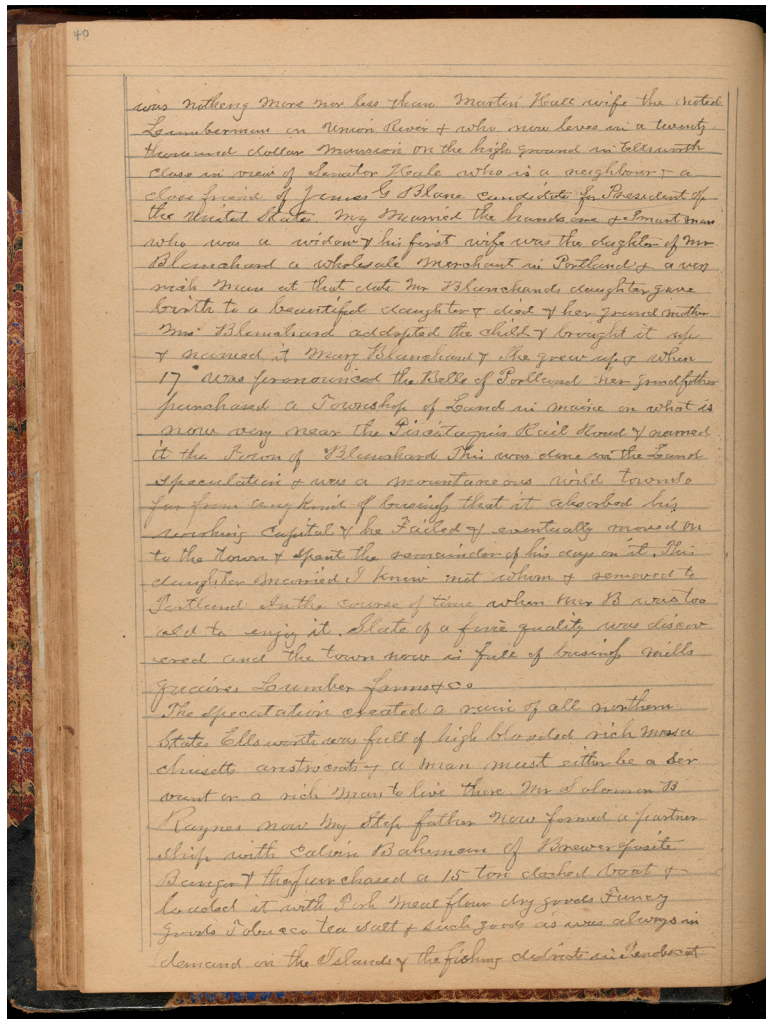
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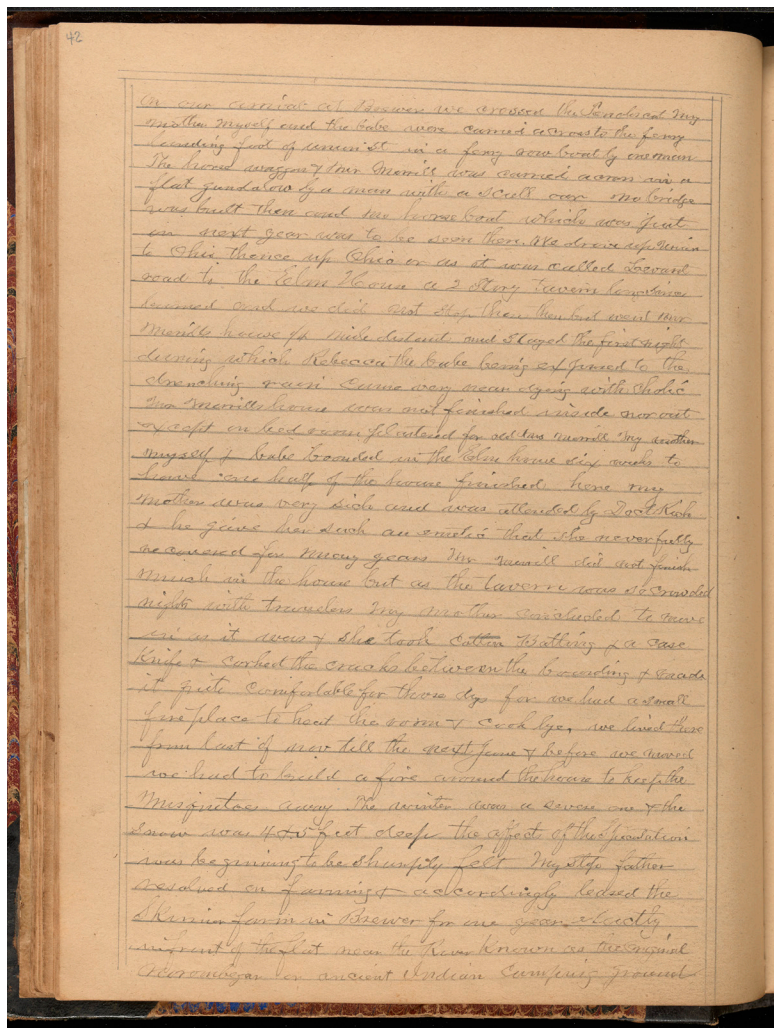
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was nothing more nor less than Martin Hall wife the noted Lumberman on Union River & who now lives in a twenty thousand dollar Mansion on the high ground in Ellsworth close in view of Senator Hale who is a neighbour & a close friend of James G. Blane candidate for President of the United States. My Married the handsome and smart man who was a widow & his first wife was the daughter of Mr Blanchard a wholesale Merchant in Portland & a very rich man at that date Mr Blanchards daughter gave birth to a beautiful daughter & died & her grandmother Mrs. Blanchard adopted the child & brought it up & named it Mary Blanchard & She grew up & when 17 was pronounced the Belle of Portland her grandfather purchased a Township of Land in maine on what is now very near the Piscataquis Rail Road & named it the Town of Blanchard This was done in the Land Speculation & was a mountaneous wild town so far from any kind of buisness that it absorbed his working capital & he Failed & eventually moved on to the town & Spent the remainder of his days on it. This daughter married I know not whom & removed to Portland In the course of time when mr B was too old to enjoy it. Slate of a fine quality was discovered and the town now is full of business mills quaires Lumber farms &ca

The speculation created a ruin of all northern States Ellsworth was full of high blooded rich Massachusetts aristocrats & a man must either be a Servant or a rich man to live there. Mr Solomen B Raynes now my Step father Now formed a partnership with Calvin Bakeman of Brewer oposite Bangor & they purchased a 15 ton decked boat & loaded it with Pork Meal flour dry goods Fancy goods Tobacco tea salt & such goods as was always in demand on the Islands & the fishing district in Penobscot



Bay up to Machias in Mount Desert SW Harbor Bar harbor Columbia Blue Hill & all ports which could be reached by boat. they traded Pork meal Tobacco & tea for Fish made for market & other goods for Butter eggs wool & wool Skins all of which were abundant in and around these points. Ellsworth being situated up Union River 20 miles from its mouth made it difficult to reach & my step father concluded to move to Bangor we had now passed one summer & one winter in Ellsworth a daughter was born which became my half sister & the next September arrangements were made for a move our furniture was taken from Coln Blacks wooden house he having moved in a Brick mansion & put on board the Bacon & Raynes Boat to go round the coast to Bangor & as no road existed as a few years afterward through direct east & west to Bangor only half way to Doct Adams My mother myself & the babe (named Rebecca Ann) was provided for to come by road from Ellsworth through Blue hill & orland to Bucksport thence up the Penobscot river to Brewer thence cross the ferry in a gundalow to Bangor 42 miles (the distance across had the road been cut through would have been 26 miles Mr Eben Merrill

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 flat gundalow by a man with a scull oar no bridge
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 to Ohio thence up Ohio or as it was called Levant
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 except one bed room plastered for old Mrs Merrill My mother
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 have one half of the house finished here my
 Mother was very sick and was attended by Doct Rich
 & he gave her such an emetic that she never fully
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 nights with travelers My mother concluded to move
 in as it were & she took cotton Batting & a case
 knife & corked the cracks between the boarding & made
 it quite comfortable for those days for we had a small
 fireplace to heat the room & cook by, we lived there
 from last of Nov till the next June & before we moved
 we had to build a fire around the house to keep the
 Misquitos away. The winter was a severe one & the
 snow was 4 & 5 feet deep the affect of the speculation
 was beginning to be sharply felt My Step father
 resolved on farming & accordingly leased the
 Skinner farm in Brewer for one year exactly
 in front of the flat near the River known as the English
 Norombeg an ancient Indian Camping ground

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 French & so could my mother we then had
 invites to Thomas Augustus Snows a merchant &
 vessel builder (Married Old Jonathan Hopkins
 daughter rich family at Hampden lower corner
 we lived here one year & took Enoch Holbrooks
 farm for one year in the Cove where all the business
 was done I now had my raft & Small dug out
 & I spent the most of my time in on & around
 the waters & Shores I began to grow stronger being
 lame I was petted by all neighbours & I began
 to visit evening parties & I fell into nice families
 I have written in my family history & therefore from
 this date up allude to My leap[?] piece Society.
 after living here a year My Step father moved to one mile
 below Hampden corner in order to work in Isaac Dunings
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 days here I had a garden of 1/2 an acre beside
 the main road my garden was admired by all
 passers by on the road I also had a punt at
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 & grace Atwood was a constant associate of my
 mothers She could dance, sing, and tell stories talk
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 invites to Thomas Augustus Snows a merchant &
 vessel builder (Married Old Jonathan Hopkins
 daughter rich family at Hampden lower corner
 we lived here one year & took Enoch Holbrooks
 farm for one year in the Cove where all the business
 was done I now had my raft & Small dug out
 & I spent the most of my time in on & around
 the waters & Shores I began to grow stronger being
 lame I was petted by all neighbours & I began
 to visit evening parties & I fell into nice families
 I have written in my family history & therefore from
 this date up allude to My leap[?] piece Society.
 after living here a year My Step father moved to one mile
 below Hampden corner in order to work in Isaac Dunings
 ship yard & ship carpenters got large wages in those
 days here I had a garden of 1/2 an acre beside
 the main road my garden was admired by all
 passers bye on the road I also had a punt at
 Smiths Landing My mother was taken sick here &
 came very near her death and for 20 years afterwards
 she was an invalid after which she became better. She
 was attended by Doct Rogers & grew worse whereupon

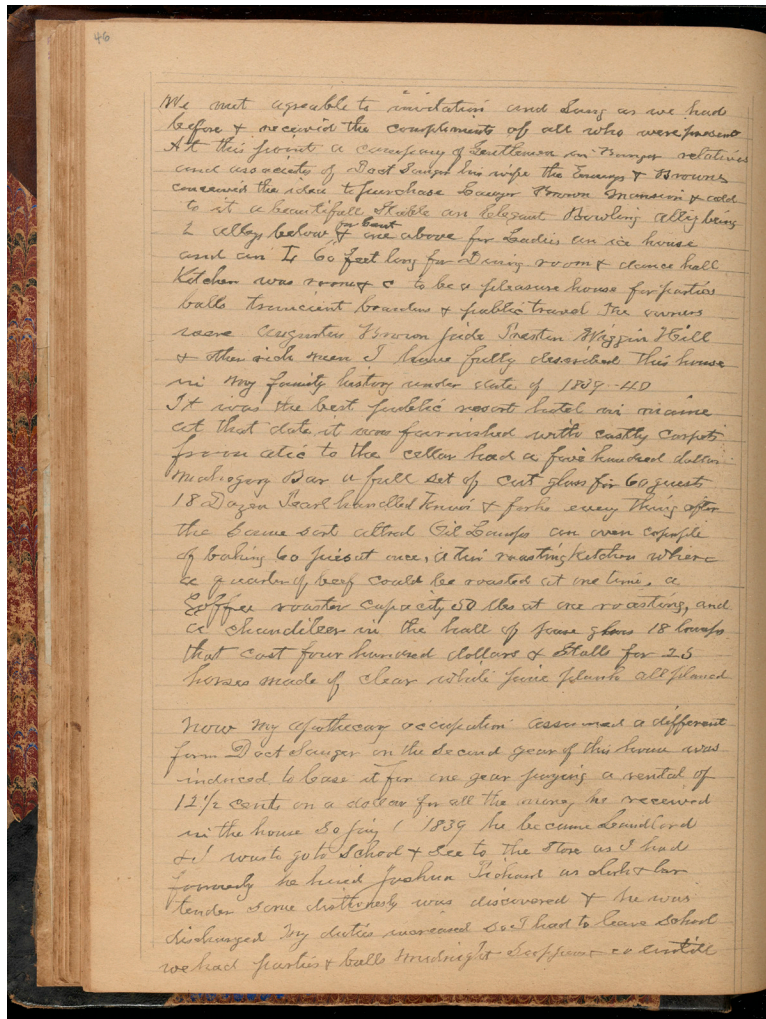
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 things & I went to compounding medicine under
 the Doct direction to fill up his chest & saddle bags
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We met agreeable to invitations and sung as we had before & received the compliments of all who were present At this point a company of Gentlemen in Bangor relatives and associates of Doct Sanger his wife the Emorys and Browns conceived the idea to purchase Lawyer Brown Mansion & add to it a beautifull Stable an Elegant Bowling alley being

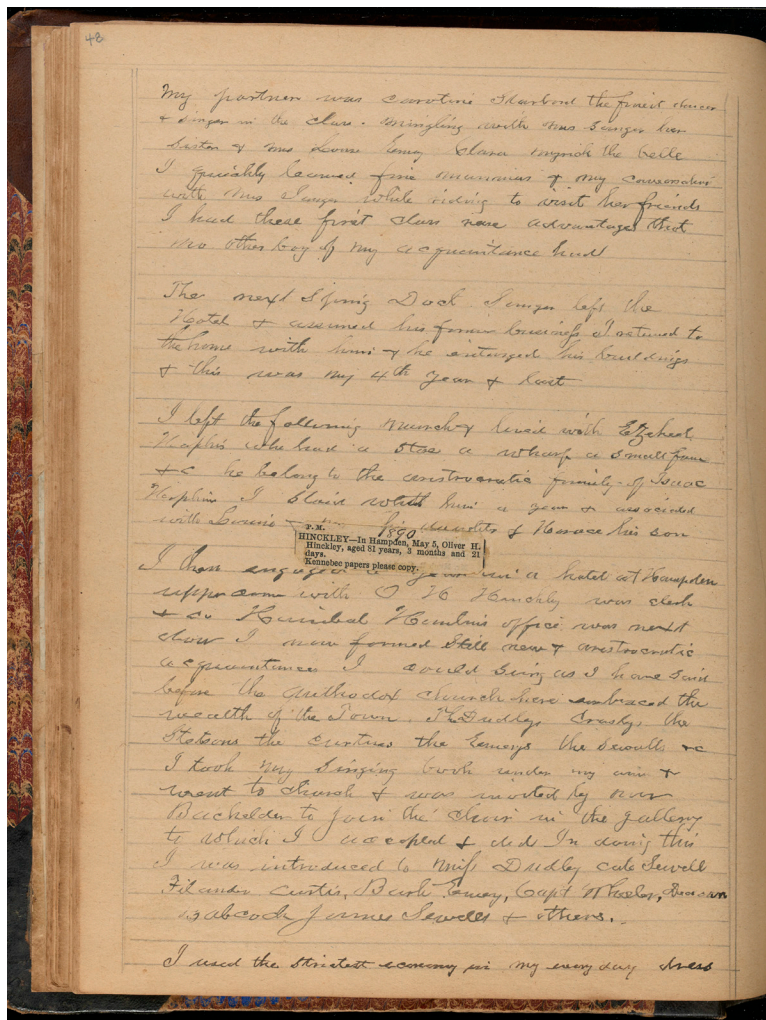
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2 alleys below ^ & one above for Ladies an ice house and an L 60 feet long for Dining room & dance hall kitchen was room &c to be a pleasure house for parties balls trancient boarders & public travel The owners were Augustus Brown Jude Preston Wiggin Hill & other rich men I have fully described this house in my family history under date of 1839-40 It was the best public resort hotel in maine at that date it was furnished with costly carpets from attic to the cellar had a five hundred dollar mahogany Bar a full set of cut glass for 60 guests 18 Dozen Pearl handled knives & forks every thing after the same sort altred Oil Lamps an oven capable of baking 60 pies at once, a tin roasting kitchen where a quarter of beef could be roasted at one time a Coffee roaster capacity 50 lbs at one roasting, and a chandileer in the hall of pase[?] glass 18 lamps that cost four hundred dollars & Stalls for 25 horses made of clear white pine plank all planed.

Now my apothecary occupation assumed a different form Doct Sanger in the second year of this house was induced to lease it for one year paying a rental of 12 1/2 cents on a dollar for all the money he received in the house So July 1 1839 he became Landlord & I was to go to school & see to the store as I had formerly he hired Joshua Pickard as clerk & bar tender some dishonesty was discovered & he was discharged My duties increased so I had to leave school we had parties & balls & midnight Suppers &c until

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house & have a general look out in Doct Sangers absence.
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all the wine cellar glass & crockery closets silver ware
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 Sister & Mrs Louisse Emery Clara Myrick the belle
 I quickly learned fine manners & my conversation
 with Mrs Sanger while riding to visit her friends
 I had these first class new[?] advantages that
 no other boy of my acquaintance had

The next Spring Doct Sanger left the
 Hotel & assumed his former business I returned to
 the home with him & he enlarged his buildings
 & this was my 4th year & last

I left the following March & lived with Ezekiel
 Hopkins who had a store a wharf a small farm
 &c he belong to the aristocratic family of Isaac
 Hopkins I staid with him a year & associated
 with Louise & Mrs. [covered by clipping] & Horace his son.

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HINKLEY — In Hampden, May 5, Oliver H.
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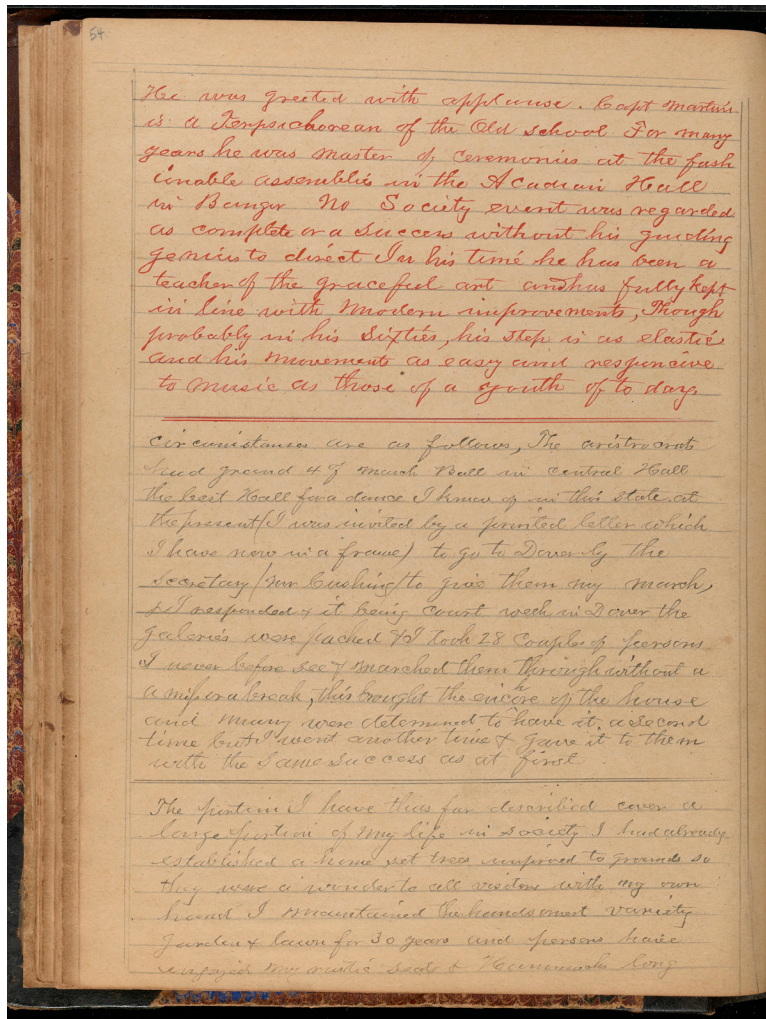
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He was greeted with applause. Capt Martin is a Terpsichorean of the Old School For many years he was master of ceremonies at the fashionable assemblies in the Acadian Hall in Bangor No Society event was regarded as complete or a success without his guiding genius to direct In his time he has been a teacher of the graceful art and has fully kept in line with modern improvements. Though probably in his Sixties, his step is as elastic and his movements as easy and responsive to music as those of a youth of to day.

Circumstances are as follows. The aristocrats had grand 4 of March Ball in Central Hall the best Hall for a dance I know of in this State at the present (I was invited by a printed letter which I have now in a frame) to go to Dover by the Secretary (Mr Cushing) to give them my march, & I responded & it being court week in Dover the galleries were packed & I took 28 Couples of persons I never before see & marched them through without a

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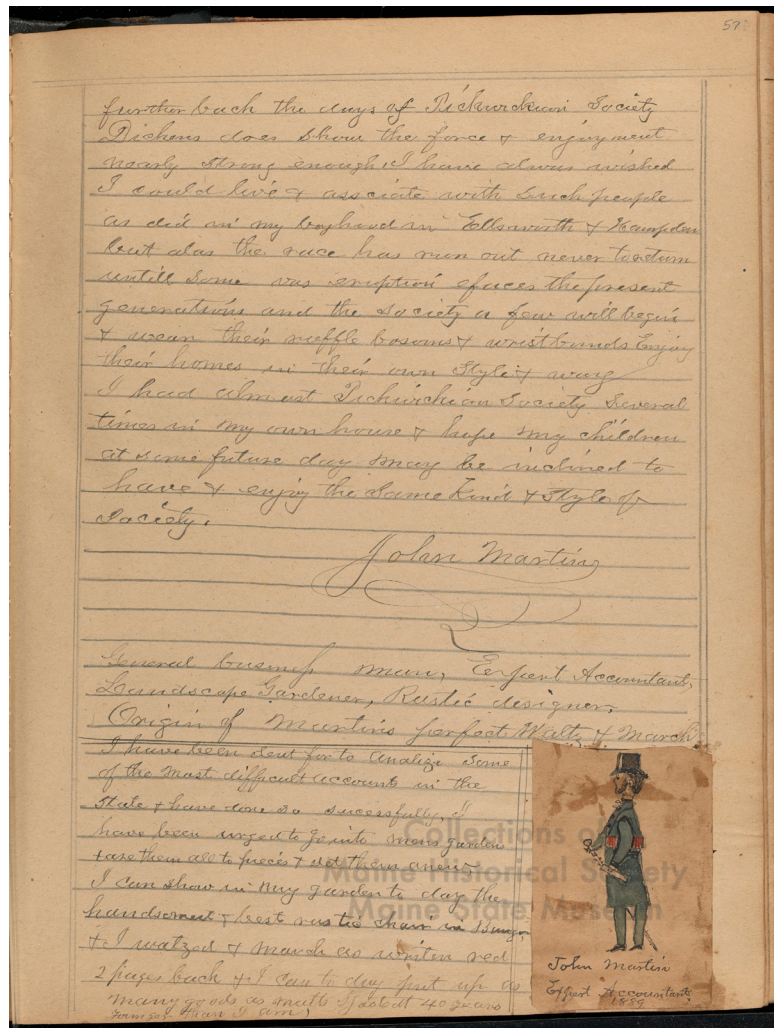
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further back the days of Pickwickian Society
 Dickens does show the force & enjoyment
 nearly strong enough. I have always wished
 I could live & associate with such people
 as did in my boyhood in Ellsworth & Hampden
 but alas the race has run out never to return
 untill some vast eruption effaces the present
 generations and the society a few will begin
 & wear their ruffle bosoms & wrist bands Enjoy
 their homes in their own Style & way
 I had almost Pickwickian Society several
 times in my own house & hope my children
 at some future day may be inclined to
 have & enjoy the same kind & style of
 Society.

John Martin

General business man, Expert Accountant,
 Landscape Gardener, Rustic designer,
 Origin of Martins perfect Waltz & March.
 I have been sent for to analyze some
 of the most difficult accounts in the
 state & have done so successfully. I
 have been urged to go into mens gardens
 tare them all to pieces & set them anew.
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1889.

Three of the thirteen Mountains which Surround Katahdin

Iron works

The Drawing on the opposite page gives an

idea in part of the scenery at certain times of the year

About the 10th day of June may be seen in every direc

tion as many as 10 different shades of green, caused

by the growth having been cut to make charcoal to

melt ore into Iron, at different periods, which when

leaving out gives a chromo rarely seen. another

cause is the growth in almost all cases grows to the

summit of every mountain which is composed of

different stratas of soil rocks decayed woods & other

material, one side of a mountain may be yellow birch,

the opposite side white birch, interspersed with Spruce

Beach, Maple, ash, and pine. The next beautiful Season

is October, every color nameable is seen as far on

as the base of each Mountain. This year 1889 being

an unusual year for heat and cold the leaves came

forward very early & consequently matured early & as early

as July 31 very many trees bordering on Silver Lake

shew the colors I have given and I drew this

profile August 12 & 13th & took neils Kullburg a natural

artv the north window in the Hotel & we looked up to the

is to

red Bridge so called & he declared my view for

the material executed with being (scrap book paper which

blots & 25 cent water paints could not be exceled by

a finished artist. I took the most pains with the

trees bordering on the head of the Lake this is very good

it being so much labor to fill the whole space I filled it

up just to show the forest portion. The furnace is complete

so is the ore Kiln. The Island in Cobbs Cove is natural, the

old Saw Mill built in 1846 by Smith & Howard 43 years ago

is run now every month. The house built for the first Superintendent

the red Bridge, the Egery farm Cobbs point and above all

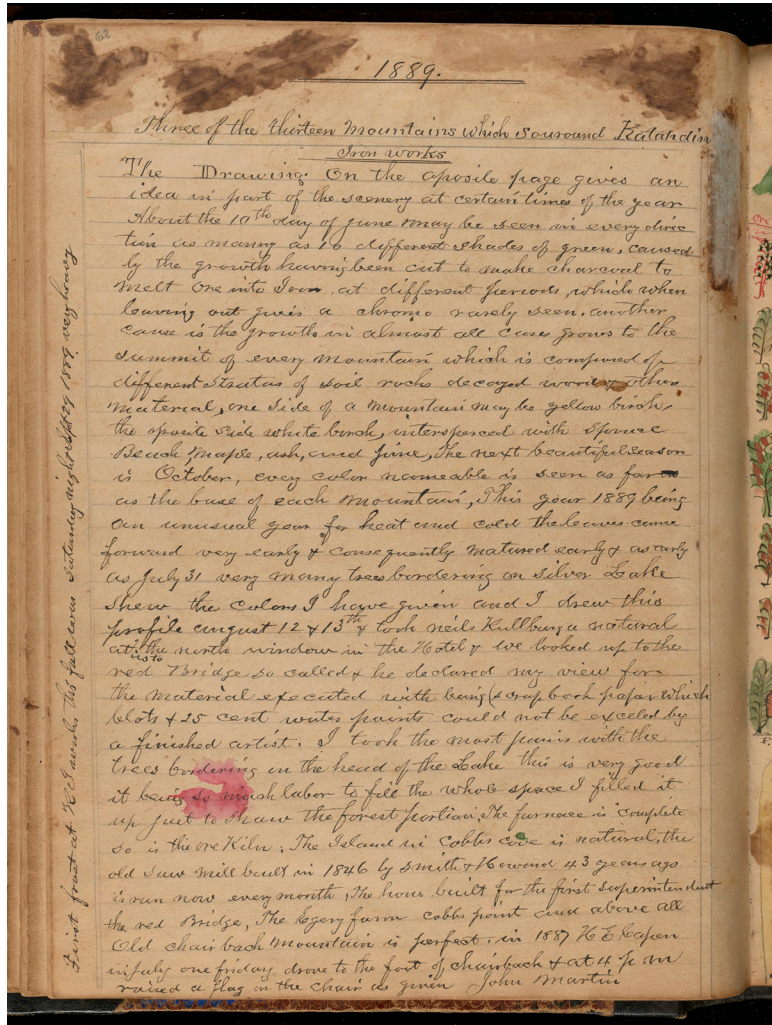
Old chair back mountain is perfect in 1887 H E Capen

in July one friday drove to the foot of chairback & at 4 p m

raised a flag in the chair as given. John Martin

[Sideways at left]

First frost at K I works this fall was Saturday night Sept 29 1889 very heavy





[Illustration]

On July 4 1889 I witnessed one of these cars pass through the

[Newspaper clipping]

Evening, August 10, 1889.

[Image]

Electric Car on Main Street.

[Newspaper clipping]

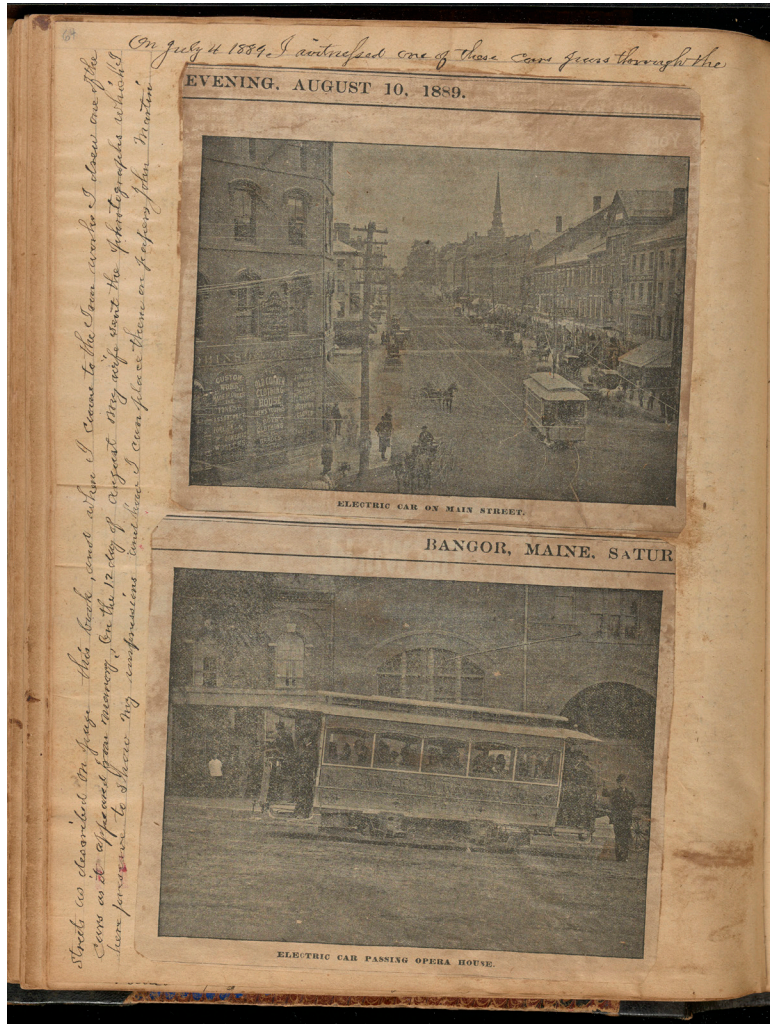
BANGOR, MAINE SATUR

[Image]

Electric Car Passing Opera House.

[Sideways at left]

Streets as described on page this book, and when I came to the Iron works I drew one of the cars as it appeared from memory, On the 12 day of August my wife sent the photographs which I here preserve to show my impressions and how I can place them on paper. John Martin



[Illustration]

A Society Lady of 1889 (My own effort)

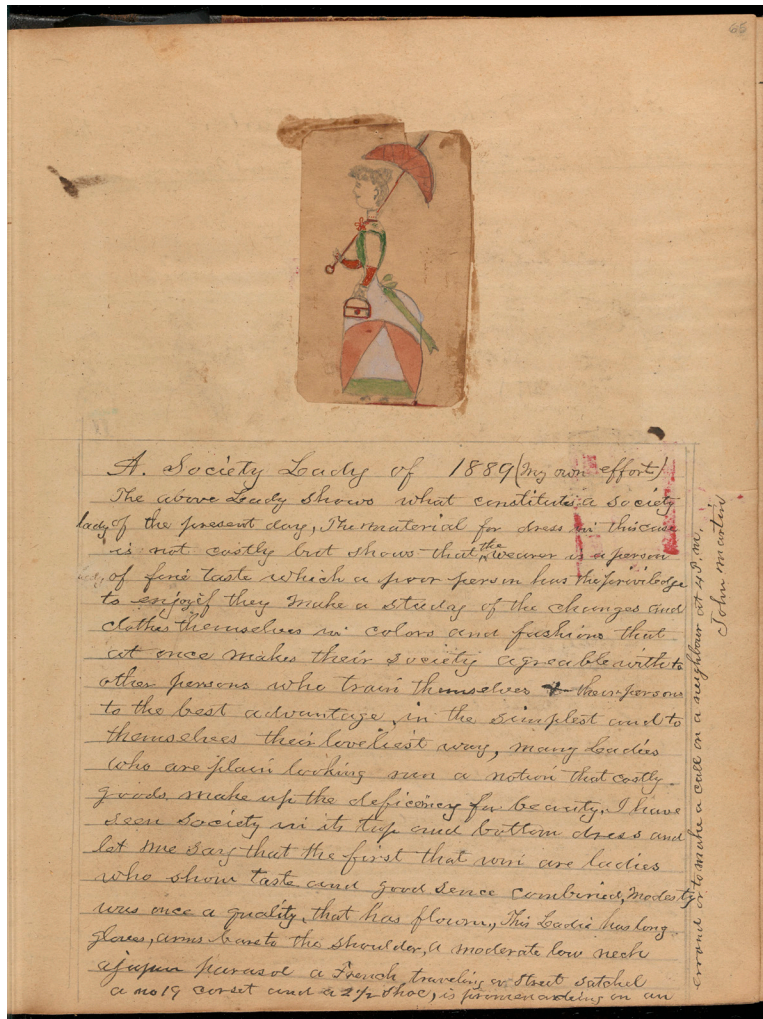
The above Lady shows what constitutes a Society lady of the present day. The material for dress in this case

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is not costly but shows that ^ wearer is a person of fine taste which a poor person has the privilege to enjoy if they make a study of the changes and clothes themselves in colors and fashions that at once makes their society agreeable with to other persons who train themselves & their persons to the best advantage, in the simplest and to themselves their loveliest way, many Ladies who are plain looking run a notion that costly goods, make up the deficeincy for beauty. I have seen society in its top and bottom dress and let Me Say that the first that win are ladies who show taste and good sence combined. Modesty was once a quality, that has flown. This Ladie has long gloves, arms bare to the shoulder, a moderate low neck a japan parasol a French traveling on street satchel a no 19 corset and a 2 1/2 shoe, is promenadeing on an [sideways at right]

errand or to make a call on a neighbour at 4 P.M.

John Martin



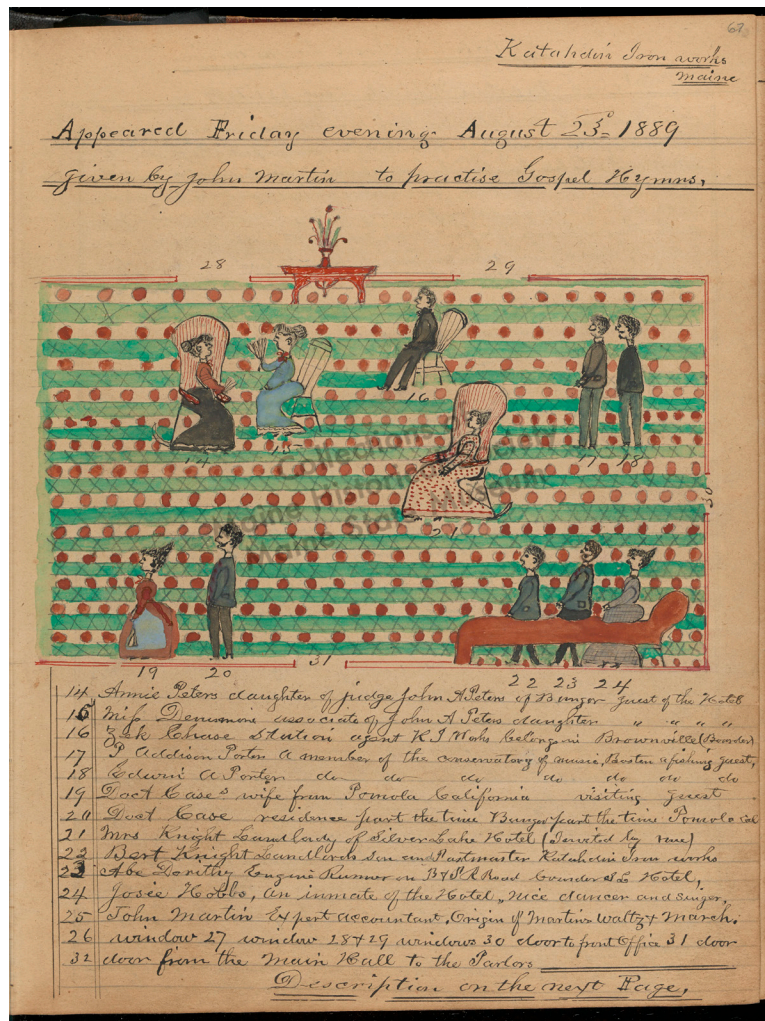
Silver Lake Hotel Parlors as they
On the occasion of a neighbourhood Musicale

[illustration]



no^s

- 1 Drucilla Russell organist & soprano voice Society Lady
- 2 Edward Russell tenore & Bass, a genteel man
- 3 W. S. Wright Brother to Landlady Mrs Knight, tenore Voice
- 4 Henry Russell tenore & Sopranos a genteel man
- 5 Hilda Johnson natural organist, plays very fast Sweede music cannot sing
- 6 Katie Gillis a natural voice, just becoming a Society Lady
- 7 Ruth Russell a natural voice & Society Lady,
- 8 Johnston Wray likes music & Dancing, only sings lightly.
- 9 Ada Russell 12 years Old sings natural voice Dances finely jumps Rope 2 Steps for one
- 10 Lizzie Wray a society girl, sings occasionally Dances Swift & fine.
- 11 Ella Wray sings nicely, dances finely, is a Society Lady
- 12 Anna Rogers from Milo, plays the organ nicely, with no effort, sings select pieces
plays music at sight, sung a piece of 12 verses at my musicale & accompanied herself.
- 13 Frank E. Morse from Boston (not invited)
associate of the 2 Porters conservatory of music



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Katahdin Iron works
Maine

Appeared Friday evening. August 23^d, 1889
given by John Martin to practise Gospel Hymns

[illustration]

- 14 Annie Peters daughter of judge John A Peters of Bangor guest of the Hotel
- 15 Miss Denismore associate of John A Peters daughter " "
- 16 Zek Chase Station agent K I Works belongs in Brownville (Boarder)
- 17 P Addison Porter a member of the conservatory of music, Boston a fishing guest
- 18 Edwin A Porter do do do do do
- 19 Doct Cases wife from Pomola California visiting guest
- 20 Doct Case residence part the time Bangor part the time Pomola cal
- 21 Mrs Knight Land lady of Silver Lake Hotel (Invited by me)
- 22 Bert Knight Landlords Son and Postmaster Katahdin Iron works
- 23 Abe Dorithy Engine Runner in B & P R Road boarder S L Hotel,
- 24 Josie Hobbs, an inmate of the Hotel, nice dancer and singer
- 25 John Martin Expert accountant, Origin of Martins Waltz & March.
- 26 window 27 window 28 & 29 windows 30 door to front office 31 door
- 32 door from the Main Hall to the Parlors

Description on the next Page

Katahdin Iron works Maine

John Martins Musicales Aug 23, 1889

When I came to Katahdin Iron Work Nov 1885 there was no form nor shape to any thing like society. Men assembled from various parts of the country to obtain work. the few families who had remained here during the time the old works were shut down went hunting fishing &c and the Sabbath day was a holly day for fishing gunning talking scandal and interfering with other folks business. The first move made to get people together was made

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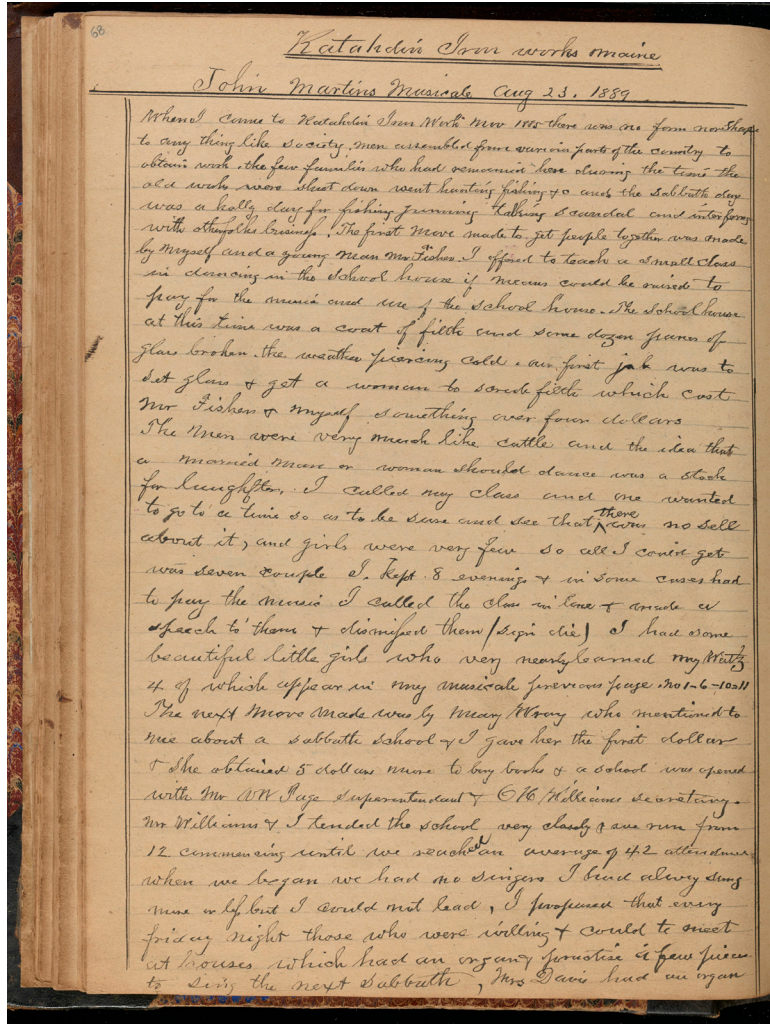
by myself and a young man mr ^ Fisher. I offered to teach a small class in dancing in the school house if means could be raised to pay for the music and use of the school house. The school house at this time was a coat of filth and some dozen panes of glass broken. the weather piercing cold, our first job was to set glass & get a woman to scrub filth which cost mr Fisher & myself something over four dollars. The men were very much like cattle and the idea that a married man or woman should dance was a stock for laughter. I called my class and one wanted

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to go to a time so as to be sure and see that ^ was no sell about it, and girls were very few so all I could get was seven couple I kept 8 evenings & in some cases had to pay the music I called the class in line & made a speech to them & dismissed them (Sign die) I had some beautiful little girls who very nearly learned my Waltz 4 of which appear in my musicale previous page. No 1-6-10-11 The next move made was by Mary Wray who mentioned to me about a sabbath school & I gave her the first dollar & she obtained 5 dollars more to buy books & a school was opened with Mr A W Page Superintendent & O H Williams secretary. mr Williams & I tended the school very closely & we run from

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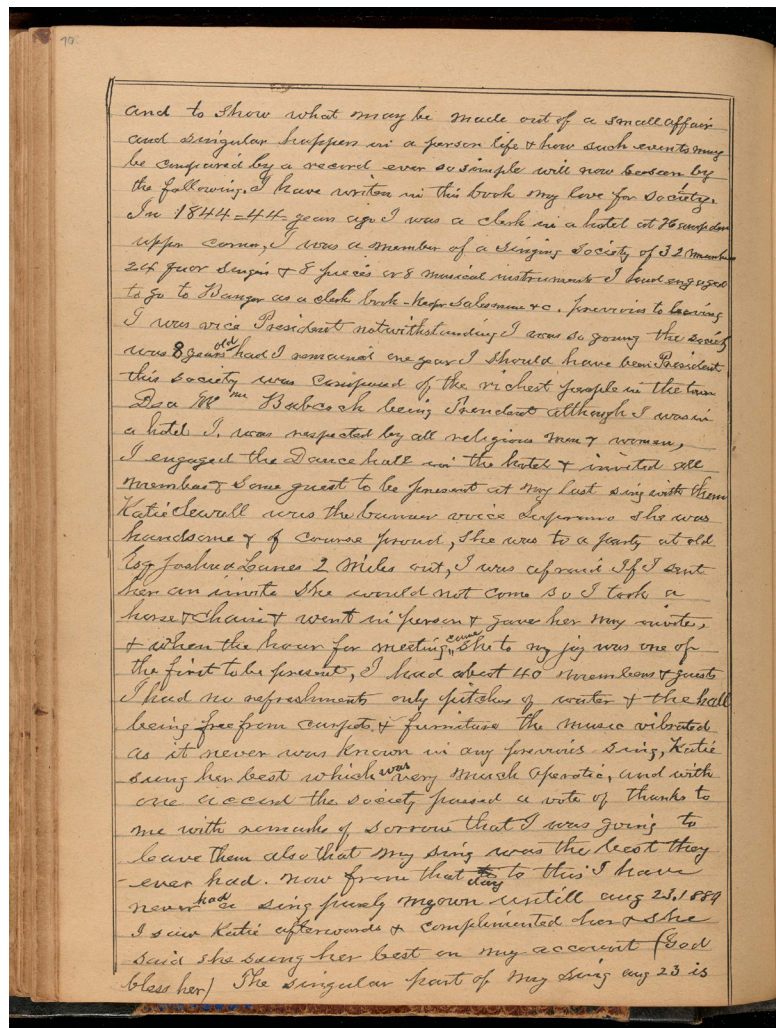
12 commencing until we reach^ an average of 42 attendance when we began we had no singers. I had always sung more or less but I could not lead. I proposed that every friday night those who were willing & could to meet at houses which had an organ & practise a few pieces to sing the next Sabbath. Mrs Davis had an organ



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 & girls who packed the houses as thought it was a free show. the
 young men brought candy would converse while we were
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I was vice President notwithstanding I was so young the society
old
was 8 years ^ had I remained one year I should have been President
this Society was comprised of the richest people in the town
Dea Wm Babcock being President although I was in
a hotel. I was respected by all religious men & women,
I engaged the Dance hall in the hotel & invited all
members & some guest to be present at my last sing with them
Katie Sewall was the banner voice Superano she was
handsome & of course proud, she was to a party at old
Esq Joshua Lanes 2 miles out, I was afraid If I sent
her an invite she would not come so I took a
horse & chaise & went in person & gave her my invite,
came
& when the hour for meeting ^ She to my joy was one of
the first to be present. I had about 40 members & guests
I had no refreshments only pitchers of water & the hall
being free from carpets & furniture the music vibrated
as it never was known in any previous sing. Katie
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one accord the society passed a vote of thanks to
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this Society was comprised of the richest people in the town
Dea Wm Babcock being President although I was in
a hotel. I was respected by all religious men & women,
I engaged the Dance hall in the hotel & invited all
members & some guest to be present at my last sing with them
Katie Sewall was the banner voice Superano she was
handsome & of course proud. she was to a party at old
Esq Joshua Lanes 2 miles out, I was afraid If I sent
her an invite she would not come so I took a
horse & chaise & went in person & gave her my invite,

came

& when the hour for meeting ^ She to my joy was one of
the first to be present. I had about 40 members & guests
I had no refreshments only pitchers of water & the hall
being free from carpets & furniture the music vibrated
as it never was known in any previous sing. Katie

was

sung her best which ^ very much operatic, and with
one accord the Society passed a vote of thanks to
me with remarks of sorrow that I was going to
leave them also that My sing was the best they
ever had. Now from that to ^v this I have

day

had

never ^ a sing purely my own until Aug 23, 1889
I saw Katie afterwards & complimented her & She
said she sang her best on my account (God
bless her) The singular part of my sing Aug 23 is

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 Boston, having been fishing near Moose head Lake came
 through this way to take the cars Saturday, arrived
 the night of my sing, and were listeners to our
 neighbourhood voices, furthermore that Judge John
 A Peters daughter & associate should be present also
 Doct Case from California & F E Morse from Boston
 the whole body of these guests said we done
 remarkably well, and not a smile was
 offered through the hour we sung, every
 thing was orderly & arranged by myself
 I was urged to Ella wray to sing (the mistakes
 of my life have been many & I done so.
 Drusilla Russell accompanied me with the organ
 Now I have given a profile on a previous
 page in my feeble manner as a reminder of the
 event. At 9 oclock Oyster Stew was served to my
 13 and the Landlord invited the 12 guests to
 partake of the Same on his own account &
 25 of us sit down at 3 tables & the Landlady
 sit at the ^ & myself at the head of my table,
 & She & her husband declared next day that
 I had the handsomest company that had been
 in the house since they had kept it. (4 months)
 Now to show how peoples ideas run about
 being in the woods, let me say that I had a
 very nice Broad cloth frock coat when I was packing
 to come to this place, I concluded to bring it & my
 ever respected wife said to me (what in
 the world do you want to carry that coat in
 the woods for, you never will need it. Let
 away we have at the occasion I have drawn
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