

August to make wreaths & garlands for tomorrow for  
Marie's Birthday. —

Friday 19  
fine

## Marie's Birthday

Æ34. IVc. 142 lbs.

Clear and bright the sun arose this morning to usher in the festive day. The boys and I got up early to make the decorations which we had prepared. It is ten years since I was at home on this anniversary and it's maybe many a year yet I will have the pleasure again, hence the more do I enjoy & appreciate the opportunity. At 8 o'clock Marie arose and was greeted upon entering the dining room with music and four happy beaming faces, and received from us our hearty congratulations. The room was decorated with garlands wreaths & flowers. The table was sumptuously laid. On it was Marie's gift - a drawing, Julius' also a drawing, Oskar's a bouquet, Mrs. W.'s a book, and for me a complete set of Dr. Kneiss' works, which I knew she desired to have. Gretel the servant had contributed the customary *geburtstags Bockel*. — Augustha had put a piece of "lada" work - her own make. — All were happy. Saward room Brontha, Dora, Gustchen, baby & Dave arrived. In the afternoon Father mother Augustha & all the preceding were with us "ghen Kaffen", when the time flitted with lively chatting. The Berliners remained with us for tea, then returned save Dora who remained with us.

Saturday 20  
fine Augustha's Birthday. She was unfortunately very ill in the morning & thus missed her own pleasures. — Good came in the