

thereof should be avoided. If the person addressed has seen the painting or heard the music, he or she will of his or her own accord reply without having the annoying interrogative thrust upon them. — Why cannot people show themselves as they are, be honest, instead of this pretence, this vanity which is so transparent. — This defect in social life is far more developed in unmarried than in married women, — marriage rubbing this vanity off to a great extent when life becomes real.

Monday 29
fine

In forenoon visited the despatching office if possible to gain information about rheostats and other matters pertaining to electricity. The chief dispatcher Mr. Woodruff apparently knew little about what I wanted & so referred me to Mr. Hallett. Although he was very willing to show me everything & did so, yet he was unable to explain to me any reasons why this should be done & not that. He knows the instruments by the rule of thumb, can attach wires, shift plugs and work the line. How much easier a man can or could do work if he knows the reason for every step and what self-satisfaction and gratification it is for one to work intelligently.

— Absence at night and leave a sigh of relief when I hear the Winnipeg Chronicle beating on the wire, heavily finishing the longitude for Peter Arthur.

Tuesday 30
fine

Take down the transit and around the zenith to escape preparation to beginning observations for latitude. Absence at night till midnight when it cleared & I had to desist.

Wednesday 31
rainy

Copy copying & observations. Had an interesting chat with Mr. C. S. Edmister M. E. of the Badger Mine. He expects his mine to pay \$100,000 profit per year, the Beaver