

Mrs. Keeper & Mr. McCullough. The weather was delightful and the trip enjoyable in consequence. Of deinstburgh has about 10,000 of a population and the surrounding country is mostly devoted to dairying interests. — After an hour & a quarter stroll about the town we returned to Brockville, ^{at 5:30} — In the way I learned from Mrs. Alex. Christie that Mrs. Keeper expressed herself as highly delighted with my conversation (travel). I was told her husband is 78 years of age while she is 50 years his junior. — The two Mrs. Christie attended a social for an hour or two while we three gentlemen chatted, Mr. Christie being in his element when relating of his 40 years service in the Hudson Bay Company. As I know so many of their past & officers we could speak of common friends. Later the ladies joined us. I had to play for them on the piano. — At midnight I again left after having spent a very pleasant day.

Saturday 29
cold
cloudy

At 8 A.M. arrived in Toronto, where I remained till noon doing some business; I also called on Mrs. Cha. Lyon at the Queen's Hotel. At 2 P.M. I was in Hamilton where I dined with Emil, and finally reached home at 5:30 P.M. where Marie & Oskar awaited me at the station. Busy in evening writing.

Sunday 30
fine
but cold

Very busy writing - correspondence. — In evening chatted with children & we all played cross-cross - a favorite game of mine for the children, for it teaches them to think, to spell properly and the meaning of words. The game consists of taking any word & forming of the letters the greatest number of words. Each one writes his own. After a given time we stop, when Oskar begins reading off his, all those

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he has begun with the first letter of the given word, the others checking off those that they have which are the same, otherwise adding any new one read, then Lulu reads any additional ones that he may have, then Max, then Marie & finally I. Then the next letter is taken & so on. Frequently one has a word - when immediately the others will say "What's that?" So & so - Well that isn't the way to spell it - Max will probably add; or the first one will say "It's a word but I don't know its meaning" which I will then decide with or without the aid of Worcester's Unabridged.

It is astonishing the number of words that can thus be formed from the letters of another word.

Later Marie & I practiced duets on the pieces and wound up with cribbage.

Monday 31
very fine

Worked at my observations & but for want of lumber would have finished it. Busy writing. Max, Lulu & Oskar have been in the city since for the past week awaiting Hallam's return. Unfortunately the night would be unfavorable for many people.

Tuesday 1
fine

Marie, Oskar & I went to St. Catherine's today, remaining at Hamilton for dinner. My object was two fold to pay a long intended visit to Carl, & also to have some beef filled by him, similarly with Marie. Dora was there on the same errand. The evening was merrily spent, mostly playing dominoes & such.

Wednesday 2
fine
warm

In forenoon Carl filled several beef for me & in afternoon I left for home. So my dinner I had to wait 1 1/2 hours for the train; this delay I missed the connection at Hamilton, hence another detention here of over an hour. As far as weariness is concerned I would soon travel to