

In buying presents I always have an eye to the useful also. Marie I gave Godeville's work, a cross-stitch chair and "fina Raika". The last is in a measure indefinite to her, altho' she will know that it means to the Pacific Coast - British Columbia, but if my plans succeed there is something further in store for her. - Music was rampant. Oskar has a flageolet, later a piccolo, clear a fife + Waldemar a cornet of some kind. Max + Lulu play together on two guitars to the surprise of the visitors. The evening was spent pleasantly chatting, whereby the uncut man was not allowed to suffer either for liquid or solid. We broke up at 1 a.m.

Sunday 25 Christmas Day. - We fortunately were all in good time for the Xmas dinner, and our turkey left nothing to be desired. Happy + profitable Xmas Day we arose from the period table. In the afternoon George + Henry + Ed, + Prof. Patterson + Fred. Clark called and were much interested in my record collections from my travels. For tea we were invited at mother's, and quite a table-full it made. After tea another "Wickiackes beskermy" took place, and as one was forgotten, the boys amused themselves with their new games - paddles, billiards + parcheesi - , and we chatted and played "anagrams" for some time.

Monday 26 Municipal Nominations Day. - I attended. - There seems to be a strong feeling among a certain class - German rabble to defeat M.A. Abbey, the most efficient councillor of the past season, the man to whom is due especially the erection of the town hall, but his shortcomings in their eyes are that he has a mind of his own and expresses it, and on the other hand does not loaf about taverns and make common with them. There is very little encouragement for a man of education + principle to attempt to participate in ^{the management of} municipal affairs, his love for the welfare of the community must be great