

January to the core of my heart were I learn such from
 any of my children. — O, magic word — home. —
 How much can be said of it, how much can be done
 for it, so that in time when memory recoils to it, it
 stands as one grand illumination surrounded by a
 resplendent halo — all betokening — the true —
 the beautiful and good.

Monday 30 Busy computing. —
 mild

we little snow

Tuesday 31 Busy computing. —
 mild

pleasant

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Wednesday 1
 mild

Made a survey for Geo. A. Case and one for Mich.
 Jaglowitz. — Evening busy writing, &c.

Thursday 2
 mild

Busy at latitude computations.

cloudy

Friday 3
 mild

Busy at latitude computations. Dora came
 down & took Max, Julia & Oscar with her to
 Berlin for a visit, and will return with them on
 Sunday. — This made a very quiet supper for Marie
 & me.

Saturday 4
 mild, little
 snow, frost

Busy computing. In evening Marie &
 I take an constitutional walk.

night some snow.

Sunday 5

cloudy
 snowy

Busy computing. In afternoon I spent some
 time at Father's. Our principal topic was 'Vola-
 pitik' — the universal language. Last night I carefully
 went through Speiser's translation of Schlieker's
 (the inventor of the language) work, and was struck with
 the extreme simplicity everywhere shown — in the words

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themselves and their inflexions. The language being agglutinative makes it the more simple. All nouns have the same terminal for the plural, the same ending for each individual case. - The conjugations are simplicity themselves itself - if you can conjugate one you can conjugate all. - No idioms - no exceptions to rules - from a grammatical point of view a perfect paradise. - I think I am not exaggerating if I say that I (and any other of ordinary intelligence for that matter) could learn to read & write Volapük in one week. - The object of this language is in the mean time only as an international commercial language, for which purpose its usefulness is very apparent.

The boys returned in the afternoon from their Berlin visit, and very tired. altho' they enjoyed themselves well yet I think they were glad to be home again - especially Oskar.

Monday 5
mild Busy computing. Max Oskar having colds remained at home.

Tuesday 7
mild, clear Busy computing - Oskar is confined to the house by a cold.

high wind at night
Wednesday 8
cold Busy computing.

windy, snow.
Thursday 9
very cold windy
-11° 7
Father & I drove to Baden, ^{14 miles} today to attend the funeral of Hoenig's father, the last of the old settlers of Wisconsin & of father's early acquaintance of nearly half a century ago. He was buried with masonic honors & father performed the ceremony. - There was a general astonishment to see father drive in such inclement weather & had roads such a distance - I must confess it was bitterly cold and aggravated by a high wind. We met a number of old acquaintances who had