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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