

Saturday 3,  
pleasant

## My Birthday

#36.

When I opened my eyes in bed Maria implanted a hearty kiss on my lips congratulating me. - After dressing I found three bright smiling faces awaiting me at the door to greet me. The table was decorated with holly & flowers, the three boys had made a letter holder for me, with decorations cleverly executed by Max. Maria had worked three handkerchiefs for me and a new cushion for my chair. - All was happy & merry.

The greater part of the day I was busy with my accounts. - At Father's things looked decidedly cloudy, it appears that last night after Carl's arrival, my purchase of the vacant adjoining lot from Father was discussed & as a return for this "privilege" (altho I pay market value for it) I am to surrender part of my present property, viz. the rear for the benefit of the present homestead, this benefit Father & mother enjoy during life as stipulated in their deed to me, & hence the benefit is intended for Jacob & Augusta, provided they remain in it. - The matter is simply this - I have paid for something which neither I nor my family have as yet enjoyed nor had the use of, and now I am to part with it simply because I have more land than belongs to the homestead. Why shall I take from my children that which is theirs & give it - to whom, - as long as Father & mother live they have the use of it & when they are dead - how does anybody know for a certainty that then Jacob & Augusta will occupy the place. - I bought lots 71 & 72 and paid a high figure for them, & allowed a reserve, I now buy lot 73 and pay a fair market value for it, altho' Father from his attachment to it, considering it as a possession, thinks the price far too little (mother had suggested the price \$150) - every thing a pure business transaction, I can not for the life of me see how any just claim can be made upon me for relinquishing the rear of lots 71 & 72. - If sentiment is to play any part, I may justly claim that I am the one who has made the rising ground



ation of Klotz - I have brought more joy into our household than any one else of the family - I have never had a serious altercation with mother or with Father. - Carl obtained his wife & happiness thro' Marie & me, I may well ask, what a thank in the life of Father & Mother there would have been had it not been for the family of me & of Carl. What has Jacob in proportion done. - Let us draw the mantle of charity over many of his actions, - and yet mother swears by him.

Mother, Father Jacob Adolph & Carl were here to tea. - Carl had a headache, made his eyesight and soon left again & I don't think he spoke one word except it was as an answer to a question put. - He came before supper mother thought she'd die but afterwards was quite cheery. - We chatted; Marie, Max, Julia & I played together on piano flute & two guitars, then we had evening feats in prestidigitation creating much merriment. - So a pleasant evening was spent. At midnight Marie & I played "Osterhas"; coloring eggs making nests (Waldemar became here alas) and hiding them.

April  
Sunday 1  
cloudy  
cool  
some thunder  
lightning

After breakfast the boys were in the search for their Easter eggs - with some hints from Mr. & Mrs. Hase they found them after some time. - I was pretty busy with my accounts. - No absurd musicischen soir. Later we spent the remainder of the evening at Mother's.

Monday 2  
cloudy

Finishing my accounts, packing &c. - The law question on the Sapi's affair, I found that Carl had put in his say "No," & had earnestly beseeched mother to speak with me to abandon the rear of my law in favor of Jacob's. Mother had been called but I remained firm in my opinion of what is right.