

goddamnation" was Charles' reply, — without telling him what he put in. "Do you put in any meat" — "No — put in some grease" answered Charles. — There is much truth in his boiling — for if not well & thoroughly boiled it never is good. — When Charles is alone he is usually chanting some of his catholic hymns, but when he has visitors he goes to the other extreme — profanity —, combination of the two extremes making hypocrisy. —

This evening I had a host of visitors at the observatory Mr. & Mrs. Harding, their daughter Clara & son Rlf., Mr. & Mrs. H. Gentry, Mr. & Mrs. L. Wood, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Crag, Mr. & Mrs. Skilop, Mr. Kline, Mr. Graham, Mr. Becker & Mr. Edmondson, & "Nicky" all save Capt. Crag & wife H. B. Co. people. Unfortunately it clouded so that I could not show them so much as otherwise yet all got a view of the crescent moon. — I took all the ladies who were that too, they all said it was the most beautiful they had ever seen. —

Later on I observed & got exchange of signals, but it being too thick obscured in Winnipeg I stopped observing.

Saturday 14  
cloudy  
raining

Busy computing. Spent an hour in the evening at Mr. Harding's and languished much. Die Leute haben wenig Ausstand, doch wollen, besonders seitdem er Senator ist bestens sein. Man nennt ihn des Abends sich setzen zu strecken & gehen bis unanständig. Dass man meine Gesellschaft nicht wollte ist nicht der Fall, das weiss ich, so war einfach Höflichkeit von Seiten Mutter & Tochter. —  
— Raining cloudy & raining I could not observe, but we had as usual our exchange of signals. —

Sunday 15  
fine  
cool  
wind at night

Busy computing. — Raining tonight I could not observe but got exchange of signals. — I was told last night by Mrs. Harding that today is St. Swinburn's (whom he was) day & that if it rained it would rain for 40 days & 40 nights. It is surprising the amount of superstition that still prevails in this 19<sup>th</sup> century, and by no means is it confined to the ignorant classes.