

pleasant  
shower at night

coming with me, getting information as he is  
shortly going to Rauff, Victoria, San Francisco  
H. 7

Tuesday 23  
fine

Busy computing. - After tea Forsyth came, to spend  
some days. He is examining our Mech. Inst. library, going  
carefully through all the classes and preparing a list  
of books for the Berlin Free library, which has numerically  
all more books than we have but as to quality is sadly  
behind us. - The work of father stands out in bold relief  
as soon as one obtains an intimate knowledge of our library.  
It shows too how much better a library can be made,  
selected, arranged and classified by one man than by any li-  
brary committee, provided that one will undertake  
the arduous (and rather thankless) task. -

Wednesday 24  
fine

Busy computing. After tea Forsyth, the boys & I  
stroll along the Speer botanizing.

Thursday 25  
fine

Busy computing. After tea Forsyth, Mann, the boys & I  
take a stroll along the Grand River with the intention of botan-  
izing but little offered itself - the banks being dry &  
too much trampled by cattle.

Friday 26  
fine

Busy computing. - After tea I pumped about  
200 pails of water for the lacon, the boys carrying  
H. 7

Saturday 27  
cloudy, close  
night light shower

Busy computing. After supper L. Forsyth & I carried the  
canvas boat built by Man & Julius to the river, accom-  
panied by them, Mann & Oskar. After having  
launched the "Lovely" they got out the other two can-  
vass boats built last year & we all embarked, two  
in each boat & glided on the placid waters of the Speer.  
It was most delightful & <sup>we</sup> all enjoyed it exceedingly.  
- - - About midnight Dave & I went to our bath  
house and had a most refreshing bath, returning

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just in time to avoid a second one - a thunder shower.  
My absence Marie had prepared a tempting  
lunch to which we three did ample justice.  
It was near 7 P.M. we have retired.

Sunday 28 Busy writing, reading &c.

cloudy, windy  
Monday 29 Busy Computing

cloudy,  
a little rain

Tuesday 30 Busy Computing. - In social life gossip  
is the worst form of disease. - I would as  
soon have the cholera enter my house  
as gossip. I would rather undergo the ordeal  
of cholera than to have my mind or character  
besmirched with gossip. -

Wednesday 31 Busy Computing. After tea Marie & I take  
a walk. - Father is having a very severe  
attack of gout (I suppose it is) in his left hand. -

August  
Thursday 1 Busy Computing. - This evening at 7-30 Paulina &  
her husband & child arrived from Ann Arbor, Marie having  
met them with carriage at Galt.

Friday 2 Busy Computing. After tea we all went out for  
a walk to the river but an approaching storm  
hurried us home. D. Forsyth was with us hereafter  
& we all played the game of "Cotters."

Saturday 3 Busy Computing. - After 5 P.M. took a walk with  
R. Kempf through the village. - After tea we all  
took a tramp to the river with its picturesque  
rocks. -

Sunday 4 Today I was somewhat under the weather and was  
pleasantly my own master, having a somewhat acute