

1883 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

*‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting,
which has often caused difficulties.’*

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
 - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
 - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
 - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses () is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, www.measuringworth.com, 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

Correspondence

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

Æ	George William Russell	JGB	John George Butcher
AJB	Arthur James Balfour	KW	Karl Walter
EVL	Ernest V. Longworth	Lady B	Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour
F / Fs	Fingall / Fingalls	LI.G.	David Lloyd George
GBS	George Bernard Shaw	RAA	Robert Andrew Anderson
GH	Gerald Heard	SHB	Samuel Henry Butcher
GWB	Gerald William Balfour		

Organisations

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ Irish Republican Army (depending on context)
CDB	Congested Districts Board	IUA	Irish Unionist Alliance
CWS	Co-operative Wholesale Society	K St Club/K.S.C.	Kildare Street Club
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	NAOS	National Agricultural Organization Society
FO	Foreign Office	NFU	National Farmers Union
H of C	House of Commons	RDS	Royal Dublin Society
HPF	Horace Plunkett Foundation	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
IAOS	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society	TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
IAWS	Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society	UAOS	Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society
ICAS	Irish Co-operative Agency Society	UI	United Irishwomen
IDL	Irish Dominion League	UP	Union Pacific
		Wyo Dev Co	Wyoming Development
		WO	War Office

General

&c	etcetera (etc.)	Gt	Great
a/c a/cs	account/s	HR	Home Rule
ADC	aide-de-camp	Inst/Inst:/Inst'n	Instruction
agricl / agric'l	agricultural	I.Q.	Irish Question
ag / agric're	agriculture	legisl'n	legislation
Amer'n	American	Ltd.	Limited
ass'n / assoc'n	association	moted	motored
ass't	assistant	MP	Member of Parliament
betw'n	between	Mov't	movement
bd	board	Nat / Nat'l	National
CC (by context)	Catholic curate	Nat's	Nationalists
	Cricket Club	o'c	o'clock
	County Councillor	Parl / Parl't	Parliament
Ch: Sec	Chief Secretary	parl'y	parliamentary
coll / coll:	college	PP	parish priest
co / co.	company or county	Powder R	Powder River
com'n/comm'n	commission	Pres't	President
Conv'n/Conv'tn	Convention	Prot	Protestant
coop/coop:	co-operative	Qn	Question
coop'n	co-operation	RC	Roman Catholic
ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtai Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl^x is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec^d"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

1883

Events:

25-7 Apr – Irish National League of America founded in Philadelphia (succeeds American Land League)

15 May - HP's cousin, Lord Fingall, marries Elizabeth (Daisy) Burke

Dec – HP's eldest brother, Randal, dies of tuberculosis

11 Dec – Parnell receives cheque for over £37,000 at public meeting in Dublin

Government:

Prime Minister: William Gladstone (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: Sir George Trevelyan

Lord Lieutenant: John Poyntz. Spencer

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £107; \$1 = \$21

Correspondence [Notes]	1883	Diary Entry
<i>(Fr Frewen, Moreton to Kemp, autumn)</i>	No date; uncertain date	
	1 Jan, Mon	Rode Officer with Wards, 7th Milestone. Long hunting run. Cecil Fetherstonhaugh dined & slept. This was my 6th hunt this season.
	2 Jan, Tue	Rode Tripod – Meaths – Philpotstown. Bad hunt. Miserable weather. Dined & slept Dean Reichel's.
	3 Jan, Wed	Rode Nebuchadnezzar with Wards Cross Keys. Good run. Letter from Pater complaining of numbness in right leg. Sims called in & proposed consultation with Jenner. At his age anything remotely like paralysis alarming.
	4 Jan, Thu	Business at Dunsany. News of Pater better. But have not heard of Jenner's diagnosis. All seem more cheerful.
	5 Jan, Fri	Hunted Officer with Meaths Galtrim. Bad sport. Invited to dance at Vice regal. Heard by second Post that Jenner had confirmed Sims' fears about Pater's symptoms. Went to Dublin by late train en route for London.
	6 Jan, Sat	Travelled by day mail & arrived London. Found Johnny at No. 7. After talking over Pater's symptoms we both came to the conclusion that the doctors had made a mistake & that the numbness in the right leg must be due to local causes. There is absolutely no other symptom to bear out the doctors' decision that it is a warning of paralysis. That decision was based, we believe, on an impression of Sims' that Pater was seized with giddiness at first, which was not the case.
	7 Jan, Sun	Pater in best of health to all appearances.
	8 Jan, Mon	[No entry]
	9 Jan, Tue	Breakfasted with Conny. Found Ami de Pöllnitz.
	10 Jan, Wed	Pater going on first rate. No return of the knee affliction.
	11 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	12 Jan, Fri	Went to the intensest melodrama I ever saw, "The Silver King" with W & Mary Blacker & Rose Lawless.
	13 Jan, Sat	[No entry]

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	14 Jan, Sun	J G Butcher dined at No. 7. I lunched 1 Tedworth Square, Chelsea with Willie Blacker.
	15 Jan, Mon	Heard from Windsor & Rosendale of purchase of Noble's herd for \$153000 on easy terms of payment. Breakfasted W. Blacker. We had a talk about our Western affairs & decided that we must raise all the money we can.
	16 Jan, Tue	Lunched with G.W. Millais. Met Mrs. Millais. Went to Lady Fermoy & had a talk about her sons' affairs. Dined with W. Cunard, 68 Cromwell Rd. Rec[eive]d telegram from Sturgis to effect that he had changed his mind & <u>would</u> put herd into a Co. Wrote Rosendale approving action.
	17 Jan, Wed	Wrote Lane – "Will telegraph about Feb. 3 what chances there are. Herbert Magniac whom I saw this morning is to decide among City friends whether herd would sell. Wrote Gilchrist & Windsor approving purchase of Noble's herd & urging caution. Went by 8.25 mail to Ireland, Pater being quite recovered.
	18 Jan, Thu	Spent day in Dublin paying bills &c. Went to Dunsany by evening train. Found telegram from Denis Lawless to meet him in Dublin tomorrow.
	19 Jan, Fri	Met Denis Lawless in Dublin. He wants to lend me £2000 at 7½ P.C. if he can see his way to spare it for 2 years.
	20 Jan, Sat	Hunted Officer, Kilcarty. Nice hunt in evening from Trotter's Gorse. Dined Killeen.
	21 Jan, Sun	[No entry]
[Raith]	22 Jan, Mon	Coop meeting in Barton's house. [Sir John F.] Dillon, Leonard, ?A/R Wilkinson & FitzSimmons present. Voted a dividend of 1/- ^{&6p} on purchases. Approved & enlarged Rait's [sic](new manager) salary. Hunted Wards 9th Milestone. Wretched day.
	23 Jan, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths Lismullin. Ran from Slator's Gorse near Duleek. Rained all day but had fair enjoyment. I dined with Mary & Henrietta Plunkett at Killeen to say goodbye before their departure for the Castle, Fingall being State Steward.
	24 Jan, Wed	Worst day I ever saw for hunting. Rained in such torrents that my boots were full before I got to the meet of the Wards at Culmullin. Rode Nebuchadnezzar but was too cold & wet to enjoy the run & was soon thrown out.
	25 Jan, Thu	Harvest Home. Went off as usual. Leonards & Murphys dined with me. Invited to Doneraile but declined to move horses &c.
	26 Jan, Fri	Telegraphed to Corlett Rosendale, Cheyenne, Wyoming, U.S.A. "Thirty thousand sent. Ten more soon. Letter will explain. Plunkett". Hunted Chesnut Drumree. Violent snowstorm & snow balling

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		under foot sent me home early. Then it cleared up, the snow melted, & it became lovely! Dined & slept Rahinston.
	27 Jan, Sat	Drove from Rahinston to Rathbeggan & hunted Officer. Slow day with brilliant finish which Fingall & I had almost to ourselves from Fairyhouse to Dunshaughlin.
	28 Jan, Sun	Dined Warrenstown.
	29 Jan, Mon	Shot Warrenstown & Dunsany. Went to Dublin by late train: Found Chum at Club where I slept.
	30 Jan, Tue	Attended Levee. Put up at Fingall's (State Steward's house). Dined with the "Strollers" in the Antient Concert Rooms. Vile dinner & club not socially brilliant. But the singing was, as far as I could judge, of a very highly cultivated order. John O'Hagan, Fingall's solicitor, was my host.
	31 Jan, Wed	Went by Special to Kilmessan to hunt outlying deer with Wards at Ballinter. Deer swam river & gave whole field the slip. Rode Chesnut. Chum went to look at Rock Lodge. I went to Drawing room.
	1 Feb, Thu	Hunted Officer at Kilmoon, Fingall driving me from Dublin. very moderate sport. Returned to Dunsany.
	2 Feb, Fri	After a night of snow & rain hunting being impossible or next to impossible I went to Dublin to see Denis Lawless at Maretimo. Fingall put me up for dinner & dance at Castle. Denis Lawless decided not to give me his £2000 as he would very likely go West & want it. I hope he may.
	3 Feb, Sat	Rode Nebuchadnezzar with Wards at Flathouse. Bad hunt, ground being deep & flooded. Rode back to Dunsany.
	4 Feb, Sun	Wrote T. Sturgis saying I could not advise him to come over trusting to me for support. See letters 21, 22 in copy book. Drove at 3.15 to Oldtown arriving 6.30. Found Emily & Tom & a Miss Paget from Kerry.
	5 Feb, Mon	George Dawson Damer & wife (sister of Ld. Nigel Kennedy) Lady Athlumney, 2 daughters, Rowan Hamilton A.D.C. arrived. Hunt ball at Naas 10 PM to 4A.M.! But enjoyable in spite of length.
	6 Feb, Tue	Tom de Burgh mounted me on his old Chesnut. Blew a hurricane all day but had a fair run in evening.
	7 Feb, Wed	Drove back to Dunsany.
	8 Feb, Thu	Hunted Meaths, Kilmessan. Drew Kilcarty, Swainston, Warrenstown, Dunsany & Killeen □ first chopped a fox, Dunsany & Killeen blank. Then had splendid run from Lismullin in evening. I rode a young horse of Willie French's & enjoyed my mount. Fingall & sisters & Col. & Mrs. Donaldson came Dunsany.
	9 Feb, Fri	Hunted Officer at Dunshaughlin. Mary Plunkett rode Tripod and Tom de Burgh whom I met at the meet rode Nebuchadnezzar. Fair day betw'n Reish & Corbalton. Very cold & miserable

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	10 Feb, Sat	Fingall to Dublin 7 A.M. Tom de Burgh to Hortland Gate 8.30. Donaldsons home and Mary & Henrietta by afternoon train to Dublin.
	11 Feb, Sun	Drove to Randlestown.
	12 Feb, Mon	Hunted horses of N. Everard. Fair day.
[X – cross]	13 Feb, Tue	Drove with N. Everard to Corbalton X roads Bad hunt. Rode Tripod.
	14 Feb, Wed	Good hunt on Officer with Wards from Dunshaughlin. Very well carried. Piloted Lady Mary Plunkett who rode her pony A.1. Went to dine and sleep Rahinston where I found Emmy de Burgh & her sister.
	15 Feb, Thu	Dined & slept Agher. Met a Colonel ?Follett who said he had been at Dunsany. I can't remember him. Spent afternoon at R[ock] Lodge discussing farm affairs with Barton & Duff.
	16 Feb, Fri	Dined too well last night! Rode a pony of Gussy Briscoe's which he has lent me, with Meath Hounds at Laracor. Gerty de Robeck rode Tripod who put her down twice. Returned Dunsany with intention of going to Ball at Castle in Dublin but abandoned idea in favor of another invit[atio]n for next Tuesday. Officer & Nebuchadnezzar lame!
	17 Feb, Sat	Business at Dunsany.
	18 Feb, Sun	Went to Church at Skryne. Lunched with Oliver Brighton, dined at Warrenstown.
	19 Feb, Mon	Rode Nebuchadnezzar with Meaths at Sion. Fine run from Bellinter by Kilmessan, Curtistown, Kilcarty, Pike Corner, Rathnally, Curtistown & Kilcarty again where they gave it up not wishing to draw gorse covert. I was very well carried.
	20 Feb, Tue	Meath Hounds Kilmore X roads. Short gallop from Warrenstown (Harry Bourke's covert). I rode Tripod. But early in day exchanged with Fingall who gave Tripod to Mary Plunkett. Went to Dublin by 4.26 train. Dance at Castle. Put up at Fingall's.
	21 Feb, Wed	Officer with Wards at Culmullin. Fair gallop. The little horse is at his best.
	22 Feb, Thu	Gussy Briscoe's Chesnut pony with Tara Harriers <input type="checkbox"/> very poor form. A most one-horse pack.
	23 Feb, Fri	Meath Hounds, Kilmoon. Bright cold day, no scent <input type="checkbox"/> poor sport. Rode Nebuchadnezzar.
	24 Feb, Sat	Rode Officer. Good run with Wards from Norman's Grove. Well carried.
	25 Feb, Sun	Church at Kilmessan. Dined Grange.
	26 Feb, Mon	Hunted Wards at 9th Milestone. Rode & cut Nebuchadnezzar in foot.
	27 Feb, Tue	Went to Dublin on sundry business. Got telegram at Drumree that Blacker's \$30,000 had not got to Cheyenne. Telegraphed Corlett that it was at 1st National Chicago whence they could get it.

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		Slept at Fingall's after dining at Strollers with M d'Arcy, going to very small dance at Castle where I was introduced to his Ex & her Ex and a very big "assembly dance" at Rotunda room.
	28 Feb, Wed	Rode unfit mount of Fingall's with Wards, Mary riding Tripod. Very fast gallop which we only saw about 3 miles of it & then my animal shut up. Wm. Knox 21st Hussars & Donegal man dined & slept. I got the 3 Murphys & we played whist.
	1 Mar, Thu	Meaths. Batterstown. Officer. Blank day excepting Dunshaughlin to Lagore to ground in afternoon! In middle of day a popular sporting Priest's horse died of blind staggers. We all subscribed to buy him another horse. It was indicative of a good healthy feeling.
[sine qua non – essential requirement]	2 Mar, Fri	Fingall rode down from Dublin to tell me that he had decided to get a Protestant steward. I had been negotiating for a new steward for him through Alston. When I was fairly on track of a canny Scot I was told that a R.C. was a sine qua non! He has now changed. There never was a better principled boy. I went to Dublin by afternoon train, looked in on Mary Plunkett who had a tea party of less objectionable people than usual & went on to London by mail.
	3 Mar, Sat	Arrived early at No. 7, found Pater in great health & spirits.
	4 Mar, Sun	Saw Blacker & Cloncurrys (young) Conny & Raymond dined.
	5 Mar, Mon	R. Frewen dined No. 7
	6 Mar, Tue	[No entry]
	7 Mar, Wed	Dined R. Frewen at Orleans Club.
[James Henry Legge Dutton, 3rd Baron Sherborne]	8 Mar, Thu	M. Frewen & wife & Havelocks dined. Uncle Sherborne died near 80. I had seen very little of him & chiefly liked him for the kindness of his father to us as children. Lunched Mrs. Gaskell.
	9 Mar, Fri	Lunched with the Millais. Dined with Mayo.
	10 Mar, Sat	Went by 9 train to Downton Hall, Ludlow. Found whole Boughton family & some rather dull Miss Hanburys, daughters of Ld. Bateman.
	11 Mar, Sun	The Boughtons are very good & their Sunday is rather more Sabbatarian than most peoples. Left to catch night mail at Chester.
	12 Mar, Mon	Arrived Dublin where I did days business & went on to Dunsany.
	13 Mar, Tue	Hunted Meaths, Bective. Rode Tripod. Long hunting run from Philpotstown. Went to dine & sleep at R[ock] Lodge where found Chum & Polly warmly & comfortably set up.
	14 Mar, Wed	Hunted Officer, Wards, Culmullin. Very fast run which I did not see very well, though not through my horses fault. Drove over to Palmerstown where besides mother & 2 daughters I found Gen. Frazer, Charly Bourke, a Colonel Digby.

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	15 Mar, Thu	Kildare Sportsman's Races. Saw all my Kildare acquaintances there. Regular muck day. Sun & snow alternately. Chum drove me back to R. Lodge where I dined & slept. Asked Lady Mayo & Daughters to Dunsany. Declined with thanks.
	16 Mar, Fri	Hunted Chesnut, Summerhill. No hunting lots of lapping. Gussy Briscoe dined & talked over his affairs with me. He is socially sunk beyond hope. I had thought the good that was in him might have been put on rather less seedy frame. But he seems to prefer the dregs of the class below him for companions.
	17 Mar, Sat	Hunted Officer at Norman's Grove with Wards. Fair hunt & as usual on the Officer I was well carried. Dined Warrenstown.
	18 Mar, Sun	Drove over to R[ock] Lodge & called with Chum at Rahinston. Found only Rob't. Fowler & discussed silos with him. They seem likely to revolutionise our whole system of feeding cattle.
	19 Mar, Mon	Hunted Nebuchadnezzar with Wards. Fair run, moderately carried. Dined the Grange.
	20 Mar, Tue	Traill dined & slept. Mary Plunkett & Fingall dined.
	21 Mar, Wed	Emily de Burgh & Gerty de Robeck came to begin preparations for Easter festivities. I hunted with Wards. Rode Officer. Good run, well carried most of it. Coleridge dined.
	22 Mar, Thu	We drove to R[ock] Lodge & lunched.
	23 Mar, Fri	Quiet day. We worked at housekeeping for the Easter party.
	24 Mar, Sat	I hunted Somerville. Rode Officer. JG Butcher rode Nebuchadnezzar. Ripping galop. Slator's to Kilbrew. Well carried. Denis Lawless, Dunbar Barton & Tom de Burgh arrived.
	25 Mar, Sun	Gillie Leigh arrived.
(Fr Frewen, Moreton to Fred [?Hesse])	26 Mar, Mon	Fairyhouse Races. Vile day. Snow & sleet off & on. Old white mare, Rankin's white horse, our chesnut & Leonard's chesnut made our team for the course. His Ex: not present & assembly generally deficient. His Ex: was warned against appearance on the course I believe. Charlie Crichton drove the Rahinston party to the course & they tea-ed with me on their way back.
	27 Mar, Tue	Sportsman's races. Another cold & miserable day. Mr. & Mrs. O'C[onnor] Morris came & Dunbar B. left with Denis Lawless.
	28 Mar, Wed	Alexis Roche arrived & also Lady Mayo, 2 daughters, 2 maids. The annual dance was fixed for tonight & we had a party of 113 guests in all. The average of looks was very high & they were well dressed. Party went off splendidly. The decorations done by Barton & Gerty de R[obek]. and the housekeeping by Emily de B[urgh]. were thoroughly successful & many said they never had enjoyed a ball more. Music, floor & company first rate. Supper very fair. I was well satisfied.
	29 Mar, Thu	Hounds met at Dunsany Castle. We managed to get through breakfast by 12 and turned out a party of 10 in the saddle, Lady Mayo, Gerty & Mrs. O'C[onnor] Morris being the house keepers. I mounted Lady Eva, J.G. Butcher, Gillie Leigh & Alexis Roche, the latter two on hirelings. Miserable wet day, no sport. S. Frewen went after hunting. Dunbar Barton dined & slept. Our party

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		seemed admirably suited to each other.
	30 Mar, Fri	De Burghs, Gerty, Dunbar Barton, Lady Mayo & Ladies Eva & Florence Bourke, Mr. & Mrs. O'Connor Morris & Alexis Roche left. I rode over to Killeen & found the small remains of their party. 'Bob' Gradwell left alone with some of the ladies to press his suit with Lady Henrietta while Fingall had gone to Dublin to a dance to meet a Miss Burke whom he evidently intends to marry.
	31 Mar, Sat	Packing up all day. Dined & slept with JG Butcher at R[ock] Lodge. Gillie Leigh mounted on Nebuchadnezzar hunted at Philpotstown & went away after the hunt. News came that Fingall had proposed to & been accepted by Miss Burke. Who she may be I don't know. She is certainly pretty but not strong. A male heir is very desirable but with the new blood in him.
	1 Apr, Sun	Declined invit[atio]n to Rathdonnells, Lisnavagh, Tullow, Co Carlow, also to O'C[onnor] Morris. JG Butcher & I dined at Killeen where poor Mary was in very low spirits about Accy's marriage. Gradwell was there pressing his suit with Henrietta. I fear it is to be.
	2 Apr, Mon	Dublin by early train. Gowran Grange with Chum by 5 PM train from Kingsbridge. Found Lord & Lady Rosse, Sir Charles & Lady Burton, Miss Fowler & a lot of Harry & Jack's friends. Weather vile & threatening for next day.
[Wedding 15th May]	3 Apr, Tue	Day glorious. Never saw such a gathering at Punchestown. Saw everyone I knew almost & thoroughly enjoyed the day. Gave Fingall my congratulations as far as I could on his marriage. Lady Mayo asked me to Palmerstown. Declined.
	4 Apr, Wed	Second day of Punchestown. Very enjoyable again.
	5 Apr, Thu	Dublin early. Called on Deases at Castle & talked over the one subject of the Dease & Plunkett family. Discussed the off chance that Miss Burke might take the position which Accy so deplorably degrades. England by night mail.
	6 Apr, Fri	Arrived 7 Grosvenor Place & found Pater looking well & fit.
	7 Apr, Sat	[No entry]
	8 Apr, Sun	Called with Pater on the Dick Moretons. Don't think I ever saw these first cousins before. Chum & Polly of a son.
	9 Apr, Mon	[No entry]
	10 Apr, Tue	Declined visit to Northian
	11 Apr, Wed	Dined & went to Gayety with JG Butcher & Alexis.
	12 Apr, Thu	Dined Frank Sartoris, Naval & Military to talk over his proposed emigration to Wyoming.
	13 Apr, Fri	Declined dance at Mrs. J. P. Vereker 72 Merrion Sq. Dublin.

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	14 Apr, Sat	Left London for Ireland.
	15 Apr, Sun	Arrived Dunsany. Church & goodbyes at Kilmessan. Dined Warrenstown.
	16 Apr, Mon	Hunted Tripod at Beau Parc. Slow hunting run. Went to Rahinston for Navan Races. Met S Frewen & wife, Emily de B[urgh] & sister, Tipping, Withington, Traill, Miss Poole.
	17 Apr, Tue	Navan Races. Miserable cold day. Cutting wind & driving snow. Emily & I drove together to Races & took Polly & Chum on our way back to Rahinston. Said our goodbyes there.
	18 Apr, Wed	Packing all day & winding up business with J Wilkinson at Dunsany. Mrs. Jameson entertained the County at night. I dined with Mary Plunkett but could not find time to go to the Ball with her. She, Mrs. J Fitzgerald & Miss Preston were at Killeen alone. George Murphy took them to the Ball. I said goodbye to poor Mary with some grief as I knew she was wanting to talk to me about her troubles & we never got a chance.
	19 Apr, Thu	Dublin by morning train. Tom Leonard lodged \$5000 to my Credit at Stebbins Post & Co. I am to invest for him & to have ¼ profits commission. Went to Castlemartin. Met Baron de Robeck Emily & Gerty in train. Heard through Willie B. that Jim Winn wanted to buy Noble's herd. Suspected that he had told my partners that I wanted to sell. Denis Lawless dined at Castle M & seemed in low spirits.
	20 Apr, Fri	Came on board with Alexis at Queenstown □ S.S. Britannic. Boughton got on board at L[iver]pool. Lady Doneraile & Tommy Peacocke saw Alexis off. I met in train Frank Fitzherbert with a young Bagnall I knew at Eton. Young Booth joined us on board bound for the Ranch.
	21 Apr, Sat	289.
	22 Apr, Sun	[No entry]
	23 Apr, Mon	[No entry]
[NPRR – Northern Pacific Railroad]	24 Apr, Tue	Wrote Mayo "Write me date of sailing & of arrival at Western point. Propose sending 2 new horses □ packsaddles. Get grub at destination. Name point on N.P.R.R. or let me choose it & give me Barber's address.
	25 Apr, Wed – 28 Apr, Sat	[No entry]
	29 Apr, Sun	Arrived New York. Stayed at Brevoort. Alexis, De Moleyns & I dined with Charles Wyndham, wife & daughter □ latter two fellow-passengers.
	30 Apr, Mon	[No entry]
	1 May, Tue	Left New York for Chicago
	2 May, Wed	Have in America 8 collars, 12 h[and]k[erchie]fs, 1 night shirt, 7 pr socks, 3 pr drawers, 7 under shirts, 10 shirts, 2 Flannel d[itt]o, 2 pajamas besides clothes (Ranch) at Cheyenne.

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	3 May, Thu	Arrived Chicago. Leland Hotel. Went to stock yards. General impression that beef prices will rule much as last year.
	4 May, Fri	Started for Le Mars with Arthur de Moleyns. Le Mars is all ablaze with R[eynolds] M[oreton]'s coal discoveries. Property jumped up some 30 p.c. Nearly 100 houses building and many large brick buildings going up. Mrs. Reynolds Moreton heartily sick of Western life but with woman's constancy she pretends to like it!
	5 May, Sat	Arrived Le Mars. Had rec[eive]d telegram in New York that R.M. wanted to see me on a cattle funding scheme. He proposes to sell his farm to a Co (at a high figure) the Co also to buy other surrounding lands. On RM's farm there is coal & probably also in the surrounding farms. The Co is to feed Western cattle & to have an eye on coal developments. M[oreton].F[rewen]. reserves his own royalties but the Co's other lands are to be bought out & out.
	6 May, Sun	Curious mixture of intense religion & intense worldliness R.M. is! Today after prayers he drove off to do parson to a Scotch community. Then he came back & talked business the rest of the day till evening prayers. In the morning he sat with me talking the new Co. & sorting tracts for his Scotch meeting at the same time. I slept at Revere house till 2.00 AM when I went to "depot" & thence by 2.40 AM train to Omaha. DeMolyns stays near Le Mars.
	7 May, Mon	Arrived at Omaha where I saw Bp. O'Connor and heard of the arrival of John Kelly whom I had sent from Warrenstown to the Bishop's charge. Went on to Cheyenne.
	8 May, Tue	Arrived Cheyenne. Found Jim Winn waiting to buy Noble's herd. Could not get down to a price he would buy at. People at Cheyenne glad to see us apparently. Things booming & people not generally apprehensive of coming money panic. Met Gilchrist & had first talk over our joint transactions.
[Tacoma]	9 May, Wed	Further confab's with Gilchrist. Like him much as a business partner. He was I believe a private in the Life Guards who has built up a considerable fortune from nothing. He has a scheme to go & buy property at the probable terminus of the Northern Pacific, Dacoma [sic], Oregon. I like the idea of getting there before the boom & the Railway.
	10 May, Thu	Saw Hoyt, Warren & Irvine on subject of Wyoming Improvement Co. The rest of the syndicate are self, Post & Judge Carey. I like being in with them.
	11 May, Fri	Meeting of Wyo. Imp. Co. Hoyt & Carey absent. We were sanguine about our agricultural scheme. I advocated selling whenever possible to pay our way.
[15 May - HP's cousin, Ld. Fingall, marries Elizabeth Mary ("Daisy") Burke]	12 May, Sat – 15 May, Tue	[No entry]
	16 May, Wed	James Pender son of a large Eng[li]sh capitalist dined with me.

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[Swan Land & Cattle Co. Ltd.]		<p>He thought he could get some information about the Northern Pacific & will telegraph Corlett.</p> <p>We decided today to form a syndicate Gilchrist, Irvine, Corlett & self to watch the western terminus of the N.P.R.R. Gilchrist is to go there shortly & telegraph me to follow if he thinks fit.</p> <p>Swan has filed on some of the Wyo. Imp. Co's lands! First reverse which will I hope make our Co. work a little harder.</p>
	17 May, Thu	<p>Left Cheyenne in heaviest rain I ever saw out here for Rock Creek. Met Charles Wyndham & Company going to play in San Francisco. Cheery party. Willie Peters along with us.</p> <p>Arrived Rock Creek to find crowd awaiting stage & I have no seat engaged.</p>
	18 May, Fri	<p>Still raining. Stage will start but poor hopes of getting through. Peters & I return to Cheyenne. One strong hardy Westerner went on. It took him a week nearly to get to Powder R & he will possibly be a lifetime getting over the effects of his exposure.</p> <p>Snowing from Rock Creek to Granite Cañon.</p>
	19 May, Sat	<p>Weather taken up again. But I am glad I didn't go on. Nothing gained by fighting the weather in this country. It always beats one.</p> <p>The Wyo. Development Co. goes on very badly. All the men engaged are so busy with other schemes that they cannot give it the necessary attention. I am afraid it won't accomplish much. I have decided to put only my own money into it as a failure with other people's capital would be worse to me than a mis-shot with my own.</p>
	20 May, Sun	[No entry]
	21 May, Mon	<p>Hay telephoned Corlett that he would join our Pacific Coast enterprise. I am glad of it. He is an A1 man take him all round. His frankness & honesty more than makes up for his slowness.</p>
	22 May, Tue	<p>Left again for Rock Creek, not looking forward to the journey at all.</p>
[La Prele Creek]	23 May, Wed – 26 May Sat	<p>Started 6 A.M. on the dreaded journey north. Cold miserable weather. Snowed, sleeted, hailed & rained on us. Blew strong & cold. We found the Cañon full of torrents & had great difficulty in getting across. Reached Point of Rocks however 7 P.M. Left 8 P.M. & got all right to Slaymaker's when we got stuck & all had to lend a hand to get coach out. This happened twice shortly after. Then we got into a long stretch of mud & walked till day light arriving at the Laporelle [sic] 5.30 A.M. This stream was an impassable torrent. There was a rope stretched across the stream with a wooden box fastened to it by a pulley. On this contrivance we all got across & then got the mails & baggage over. Our party consisted of 3 men besides self & driver & one unhappy woman and child. I had to go outside the whole night & was half frozen. After breakfast they started us off in a common "Peter Schuttle" wagon with 2 horses! These soon played out & we the men had to walk. We walked 8 miles betw'n Fetterman & Sage Creek. Then we got fresh horses which also soon played out. The woman & child had in the mean time been taken on in a buggy. We had to walk another 8 miles which after a night's exposure was rather</p>

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		hard on us. I got lame & weary plodding through the deep mud. At Brown Springs I got some supper 12 Midnight having had nothing to eat except a biscuit for 15 hours. The stage then took us to Dry Cheyenne whence we got to Powder R[iver]. without adventure but with much suffering from cold & fatigue at 8 P.M. Friday.
	26 May, Sat	Slept last night like a top at Mrs. Iron's 'Hotel' on the sight [sic] of Frewen's old store. Moreton good naturedly sent me down a buggy & I got up in comfort to his Ranche & had another good night's sleep. George Booth seems a capital boy for work, unlike the 99 moneyed ones who need no exertion.
	27 May, Sun	M.F. & I drove over to our Ranche. Found Booth & Alexis working at the garden. In our absence the cowboys had treated our house very badly & we found it in a filthy condition. Much of our property stolen & all abused. However the house is warm & will soon be comfortable. We have installed Yup Mi □ a celestial □ as cook. Hope the cowboys won't shoot him.
	28 May, Mon	Spent whole day doing housemaid's work & trying to get the house clean and liveable. Moreton Frewen rode up to Bob Stewart's & bought his pasture for \$1300. We ought to have bought it as there is no other place for us to get hay.
	29 May, Tue	Moreton Frewen went to his Ranche.
	30 May, Wed	Went to M F's Ranche.
	31 May, Thu	Rode to old K.C. Ranche on way to Round up. Found Peters & A[Iston] & Windsor C & P camped there watching the swollen river & waiting for the roundup to come to them rather than go down & across the river.
	1 Jun, Fri	T Hare £41.5/6 Pay \$200 ?AP & B (a/c T. Hare) Rode down to Blair's ranche (late Harrison's) & a few miles beyond. Could not find Round up. In evening Jack D. & Fred Hesse (foreman of Round up) came to our camp where they slept.
	2 Jun, Sat	Rode up to Frewen's. Mail had come in but I had not rec[eive]d important letters about Bulls from Gilchrist & had to wait for next mail due tonight.
	3 Jun, Sun	Rode to Post & back on small mule of M.F.'s. Got letter from Gilchrist saying he had bought 5 bulls at \$500 each for us. This is a venture but inside our pasture it ought to pay. Gilchrist much to my regret seems to be weakening on the Pacific Coast scheme. I wired him to go ahead I would support it □ I rec[eive]d Prospectus of Reynolds Moreton's scheme & assented to become director.
	4 Jun, Mon	Returned to Ranch. Jim Winn & Finch (brother of Aylesford's who is out with J.W.) came to our Ranche.
	5 Jun, Tue	Packed a horse with our beds & Jim Winn, Finch & I started for the Nowood Country. Bob Stewart piloted us over the range. Slept at Swede's Cabin on little Canyon Creek. Could learn

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		nothing of round up. Decided on the morrow to go to Harvey Booth's camp 25 miles south of Tensleep.
	6 Jun, Wed	Bob Stewart came with us to Harvey Booth's. Nooned on Otter Creek. Caught fish for dinner. Met two men who were putting up corrals in the country. They knew nothing of Round up. Went on to Harvey Booth's. No one there. Two Indians came from an encampment nearby. They knew nothing so far as our sign language could make them understand. Got a buffalo tongue from the men we met & found it a great luxury.
	7 Jun, Thu	Finch returned to EK Ranche. One of the men we met yesterday offered to take us to the camp of one Wright west of the Rattlesnake range. There he said we should be near the Round up & should find out from Ranche keeper where they were. Had a miserable cold & wet ride with our new guide (Bob Stewart had left us). In the evening we reached Wright's Camp. His Foreman had left the Round up & told us we should go back 70 miles whence we came & should find them at Tensleep.
	8 Jun, Fri	Miserable wet night. I got wet through in Wright's tent. We started early in drenching rain to recross the bleak Rattlesnakes. The rivers were all on the rise & we anticipated difficulty in getting across Nowood. However it just didn't swim our horses □ only filled our boots. Made another invasion of Harvey Booth's camp & victuals. Dried our clothes & bedding & on the whole felt comforted after our miserable trip over the Rattlesnakes.
	9 Jun, Sat	Returned to Tensleep through drenching rain and hail. Found a man in charge of the WP & Bar X Bar ranches (which are close together) and had a good feed & sleep. Passed two Indian camps on the road. 30 miles. Here we had to leave our beds as our Pack horse had got a back it would be cruelty to load further.
	10 Jun, Sun	Crossed Tensleep & was very nearly drowned on my good Horse Brownlow. He was knocked down by the torrent. Jim Winn did not follow. But told me to find the Round up & send back his foreman to Tensleep. He returned to the Ranche & the man there showing him a safe crossing, he followed me. We went to Paint Rock. Invaded another ranch (J Booth's) & according to the custom of the country, helped ourselves, finding no one at home. Returned at night & slept there with the caretaker (who also knew nothing) after a ride over the country in search of the Round up. Rode 35 miles.
	11 Jun, Mon	Winn left me disgusted & went with the Tensleep man back across the mountains. I hired Frank Sykes a trapper I found at foot of mountains to take me to a ranche on Shell Creek 20 miles off. Had another wet ride & had to share a wretched bed with a filthy cowboy. Rode 20 miles.
	12 Jun, Tue	4 A.M. Slice of bad bread & worse bacon & cup of water. Then off with my guide for Nowood Creek where it runs into the Big Horn. We had to cross a rough "bad land country" for about 30 miles. At last we struck the trail of horses & cattle & knew we were near the Round up. We had to swim Nowood which was flooded into a good sized river about 25 yards across. My horse not recovered from his narrow escape in Tensleep refused to swim & only struggled & rolled over & over in mid stream. I had to swim ashore & leave him to drown. Sykes saved the saddle & my two coats (containing important papers) & I had to swim the

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		stream having got out on wrong side. Then I struck trail of Round up. Followed on foot carrying my saddle on Syke's horse for 6 miles where we at last found the encampment I had sought for 7 days. Food in abundance & a good bed, the cheery welcome of the Country & for a change a fine evening together with satisfactory reports from Windsor cheered me up. Rode 30 miles, walked 6.
	13 Jun, Wed	Dave Reynolds & I started for home again. We dined at Tensleep & camped in the evening in the mountains taking dried buffalo meat & bread for our supper & breakfast. Windsor gave me a very rough horse which tired me a good deal. Rode 40.
	14 Jun, Thu	Reached the Ranch for dinner & was more than glad to be back. I was thoroughly worn out by hard travelling, exposure & bad food. Found one Maxwell at Ranche. Another Tenderfoot!
[Marston Tebbetts; Plunkett's spelling changes to Tebbetts in 1884]	15 Jun, Fri	Rode over to Willie Peters with Tibbetts to propose a syndicate, Peters, Plunkett, Boughton, Tibbetts (Manager) to start a hay ranch & horse breeding establishment up North. Returned home at night.
	16 Jun, Sat	Thoroughly wearied. Took an easy day. Have a boil which prevents my riding & feel generally dilapidated. Tibbetts left for the North. He is honest, thick headed, hard working. Boughton & I both backed him with \$5000 & Willie Peters is to do the same. We shall have to look after the business ourselves a bit & we ought not to lose by it. In any case we were glad to give our late neighbour who is rather down on his luck a start.
	17 Jun, Sun	D[itt]o D[itt]o
[Horace, Odes III, 1,40: Post equitem sedet atra Cura – Behind the rider sits dark care]	18 Jun, Mon	Do Do. Linseed poultice & Seidlitz powder are my prescription for myself & I think they are curing a very nasty boil. To describe the location I may say its seat is with black care post equitem [sic].
	19 Jun, Tue	[No entry]
[Boughton]	20 Jun, Wed	Rode with ESRB & ole Pete our 'bailiff' to inspect North Fork for a hay bottom. In afternoon we made a rough Theodilite [sic] – a wooden triangle on a pole with a plumb to keep our level right. Found a spot we thought could be irrigated.
	21 Jun, Thu	Came to Frewen's Ranche. Met Jack & Edmund & went over their winter's a/cs Had intended to go to Cheyenne on the morrow. But the maze of the a/cs will occupy me all day. Got a letter from Gerty de Robeck in answer to my letter of advice to that volatile young person. She took my strictures much more to heart than I had intended. Shall write kindly as I can.
	22 Jun, Fri	A/cs at Frewen's Ranch all day. Branded 265 calves to date on Powder R[iver].
	23 Jun, Sat	Woke up to find that my horse had gone back home. Spent the day getting him back. Such is the cussedness of horses. Thursday night I turned him loose with Frewen's horses & he stayed there knowing that I didn't want him on Friday. So I left him at large again with the above result.
	24 Jun, Sun	Started early. Frewen to follow with his buggy. When I had gone

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		a few miles "Tom" gallops after me with the telephonic information that a tornado has flooded the Dry Fork. So I have to wait at Frewen's till midday & only get to Powder R P.O. by evening.
(Fr Frewen, Moreton to Fred [?Hesse], year uncertain)	25 Jun, Mon	Delayed by letter from Nowood which I hear by telephone has come to Frewen's Ranche. Start 3 P.M. riding. M.F. in buggy & camp 6 miles south of 17 Mile Ranch. Blowing hard & I have next to no bed only a pair of blankets & waterproof sheet from M.F.'s bed. Don't sleep.
	26 Jun, Tue	Mosquitos drive us out of camp at 3.30 AM. Arrive at 7 at Antelope. Breakfast. Go on to Brown Springs for dinner & supper & on by Sage Creek within 12 miles of Fetterman where we camp.
	27 Jun, Wed	Arrive Fetterman where we have to sleep. For Moreton loses his horses & has to hunt them on mine. Finally we send a halfbreed Indian to hunt them & he not returning we go to bed.
	28 Jun, Thu	Horses brought back by the halfbreed & we dine at La Bonté and sleep at Horse Shoe. Here we hear that the bridge over Laramie River is almost swept away and decide to go round by Fort Laramie. At Horse Shoe I took out my desk from my bag & forgot to repack it.
	29 Jun, Fri	Camp early about 6 miles down Cottonwood from the Ranche. Breakfast on the remains of some cake brought from Powder R and 3 eggs each. While we take our siesta Moreton again loses his horses. This time they are gone beyond recovery. My horse is ridden down without result. We have to go back to Cottonwood Ranche, hire a team & make a night drive to Fort Laramie. I found that I had lost my desk & was in great trouble. Paid Ranchman at Cottonwood to fetch it to Ft. Laramie & express it on to Cheyenne.
	30 Jun, Sat	Arrived 2 AM at Fort Laramie after a miserable & difficult drive in the night over an unknown road. After wandering about the Fort for an hour I finally find the stage for Cheyenne which starts at 3 AM. Leave Frewen sleeping in a haystack & pursue my weary way. Arrive Cheyenne for supper & bed. Never slept so sound before!
	1 Jul, Sun	Rested all day.
	2 Jul, Mon	Meeting of Stock Assoc'n. Large attendance to consider freight question. I took prominent part in organising concerted action to try & break the Pooling of Railroads against us. This puts a good deal of work on my shoulders for a time. But it will pay me well if I succeed in getting even 50¢ a head reduction. But in any case it is well to take a prominent part. It helps one in getting into good things with good business men.
	3 Jul, Tue	Have temporarily abandoned idea of investing on Pacific Coast as Gilchrist & the other members of our syndicate seem to think we have not sufficient guarantee that the Northern Pacific won't foster the interests of Portland in preference to the country further North. Worked most of the day at organising concerted action among cattle shippers to oppose high freights. Started Tibbetts to Dodge

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		City to buy horses for "Tibbetts & Co."
	4 Jul, Wed	Woke with a nasty bilious attack, very sick & miserable all day.
	5 Jul, Thu	Still giddy & yellow but able to attend to business. Settled up with Banks.
	6 Jul, Fri	Business in Cheyenne for next few days. During them I did all I could to rouse up my associates to push forward the Irrigation scheme. I got Gilchrist, whose business qualities & thoroughness made him extremely valuable to us, elected on an even footing with the rest.
	7 Jul, Sat	[No entry]
	8 Jul, Sun	[No entry]
	9 Jul, Mon	Decided for Gilchrist & me to visit & report on the irrigation lands. He started today.
	10 Jul, Tue	Started with Dick Frewen on road north. ?Miserable excitement over the start. Horses plunge until one of them lies down on the pole which bends like a fishing rod but does not break. We get to Hi Kelly's.
	11 Jul, Wed	Up at 3 A.M. □ feed horses and get to Jack Hunton's for breakfast. Here I overtake Gilchrist & he & I start for the engineers' camp. Dick goes to Hat Creek. Engineer taken sick & has gone homewards to Cheyenne. Hoyt to come on by stage & Gilchrist & I go on to the camp near the Laramie River Canon in hopes Hoyt will bring back engineer with him. We find men at camp all idle, imagining that they are working for a Co with \$14,000,000 capital!
	12 Jul, Thu	In the middle of the night Hoyt & the engineer turned up. So we spent the day looking over the lands. The lands are perfect. But they lie high & there is a heavy piece of costly engineering required to get water up on to them. After a day's surveying betw'n the Laramie & Sybille we send Hoyt back to Cheyenne & start out for Laramie Plains where we think the Laramie River might be brought through the Sybille or Bluegrass creeks on to our lands. This would give us a higher elevation for our water supply. We camp near Halleck Cañon.
	13 Jul, Fri	Day spent surveying a hopeless scheme on Laramie Plains. We have 100 feet elevation against our scheme. We give it up and camp in Plumbago Cañon 7500 feet above sea. Bitter cold night & we have only 1 / 2 blankets each.
	14 Jul, Sat	Up before light. The 3 surveyors are eastern men & very tenderfooted. Hence there is no shift no camping resources or ingenuity. However they go back to survey the original scheme for getting out the water & Gilchrist & I set out for Cheyenne. We reach the "Magic City" at 7 P.M. after driving a pair of sore tired horses 65 miles. We were both very tired, having covered a large quantity of ground & done much work in a very short time.
	15 Jul, Sun	On the whole our trip had much disappointed us. Much money had been wasted on our scheme and old Hoyt had proved himself quite inefficient, almost imbecile in doing outdoor work. Consequently I find Gilchrist determined to throw up the scheme & in that case I must throw it up too for I consider under the present management it would be disastrous. We had good talk

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		with Carey & I think I frightened him about it.
	16 Jul, Mon	I have managed to get the Co. to agree to employ Gilchrist as manager on the spot. Weather very hot.
	17 Jul, Tue	Definitely settled that Gilchrist takes hold at \$2500.00 per annum & pushes through the irrigation work. This arrangement which I have brought about with great difficulty is the only hope of success. The scheme has great & very pleasant possibilities. The country chosen is pretty to look at & is in every way suitable for a farming community. If once the water gets out the country will thrive.
[Allgaier – chess gambit]	18 Jul, Wed	Spent the day giving final advice to Gilchrist. He starts tomorrow. In evening a Lieutenant in the USA[Army], a reputed chess player came to try his mettle with me at the Club. He out tricked me in the Allgaier for one game. Then I won 3 off hand.
	19 Jul, Thu	Waiting in Cheyenne for return of Committee from Chicago.
	20 Jul, Fri	[No entry]
	21 Jul, Sat	[No entry]
	22 Jul, Sun	Billy Irvine returned reporting that the Railways had decided to concede nothing. We determined to wait till tomorrow for Swan to return & advise as to future action.
[Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul]	23 Jul, Mon	Swan returned & we decided to continue our fight with the R'ys. Told all cattlemen to ship over U.P., CRI&P, & C M & St. P Railroads as they were in favor of concession.
[écarté – 2-player card game with 32 cards]	24 Jul, Tue	Alston buying outfit to go to Powder R. all day. Bought an antique horse & a young one for \$200. Played écarté for a buggy & harness & won it for \$80.
[Brush-Swan Electric Light Company]	25 Jul, Wed	Bought about £2000 worth of Stock in Cheyenne electric light Co. Alston to give me 12% interest for 1/3rd stock when he is ready to take it. He & I started from Cheyenne I driving. Buggy turned out to be wretchedly weak, harness ditto. About 17 miles out end of neck yoke came off and horses ran away. Alston fell out on his head through the back. I galloped off with the two horses, the young one kicking wildly, being almost loose from the trap. The top was up & there was no escape & I expected a fearful smash every minute. By extraordinary luck I kept the buggy right side up by wheeling round & keeping the kicking horse thrown outwards & managed to get along until the horses were ready to stop. I got round to Alston at a slow pace & he caught them by the head. We mended the breakages and went to Schwartz's where we slept.
	26 Jul, Thu	Bitter cold morning. Made Jack Hunton's.
	27 Jul, Fri	From Jack Hunton's I rode (on horse I had left there) to the irrigation lands. But I found that Gilchrist & J ?Hemicond the engineer had gone off into the mountains to survey another plan for carrying the Laramie waters into the Blue Grass. If it succeeds it will save some \$40,000 of the cost of the ditch. I slept at the camp after vainly trying to follow Gilchrist's tracks into the mountains.
	28 Jul, Sat	Rode to Cottonwood. By mistaking the route I got to

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		Teschmacher's & deBillier's ranch on the North Laramie where I dined. At Cottonwood I found Alston had gone on to Horseshoe.
	29 Jul, Sun	Got up at 3 A.M. & rode off by moonlight for Horseshoe which I reached at 6 A.M. Here I found Alston & we had a good breakfast together at the road ranche. The morning was made difficult for the traveler by frequent thunderstorms. We got off in the afternoon during a break in the clouds. But it was deceptive & we were drenched. We supped at La Bonte where we met Willie Peters who was on his way to South. He & Alston had been trying all spring to "convert" & here was the results.
	30 Jul, Mon	Left La Bonte & dined Fetterman. Got to Sage Creek at night & camped with a round up. Had heard that Alexis had had a touch of something like paralysis & had gone to McKinney Hospital. From Fetterman I telegraphed there & heard he had been discharged. That was a great relief.
	31 Jul, Tue	Brown Springs for breakfast & Antelope Springs for night.
	1 Aug, Wed	Reached Powder River P.O. where we slept at the Hotel of old Mrs. Irons, Moreton Frewen's ?Chilone housekeeper. Jack Donahue was there & gave me best of accounts of Alexis.
	2 Aug, Thu	Came up to Frewen's. Moreton came from Tongue River and broke in with the startling news that his Co. had repudiated their contract with us! M.F did not behave handsomely about it at all I thought.
	3 Aug, Fri	Arrived at Ranche. Found Alexis still somewhat numb in right leg & arm. No other symptoms whatsoever.
	4 Aug, Sat – 7 Aug, Tue	[No entry]
	8 Aug, Wed	Went over to Windsor & Coble's to settle up a/cs.
	9 Aug, Thu	Settled a/cs from Sept 1/82 to date. Returned to EK Ranche.
	10 Aug, Fri	Wrote up books from Sept 1/82 to date. Found that I had greatly improved in a/c keeping from practice. I can write more clearly & don't have to scratch out so much.
	11 Aug, Sat	[No entry]
	12 Aug, Sun	Alexis started in the buggy for home. He was looking, as he has all this year, thin & rather ill. I think the worry about his symptoms is doing him much injury. I shall be very anxious to hear how he stands the journey.
	13 Aug, Mon	Fattened beef cattle off main Fork Powder R with W[indors] & C[oble] & Peters outfits & put them into pasture.
	14 Aug, Tue	Jack & outfit started on beef round up.
	15 Aug, Wed	Very hot. But only about 6th hot day this year.
	16 Aug, Thu	Went over to Windsor & Coble's & Peters' & returned Ranche. Weather hot but beautiful.
	17 Aug, Fri	Went down to Moreton Frewen's. He wants to get out of our beef contract any way he can & I fear some trouble about it.

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	18 Aug, Sat	Day intensely hot. I devoted it to writing letters – a/cs &c &c.
	19 Aug, Sun	[No entry]
	20 Aug, Mon	Boughton & I went to M. Frewen to talk over the beef speculation contract. M.F. offered as a compromise to take 600 head saying that not one man in 10,000 would act so Quixotically. We agreed to this but he wanted us to weigh out to him unnatured & unfed cattle. We went to bed with nothing definitely fixed.
	21 Aug, Tue	Slept over our dispute with M.F. Determined to press for arbitration on question as to what a gentleman & man of honor should do in the case. Named Alston as our arbitrator, M.F. naming Willie Peters. Both parties bound by their decision. Returned to Ranche.
[NH] [cut – to separate some cattle from the herd]	22 Aug, Wed	I went over to Peters' & Alston's on my way to see the H N [sic] Beef cattle cut for market. Alston consented to act as arbitrator in above dispute.
[prob. NH]	23 Aug, Thu	Alston gave me a good fresh strong horse & we galoped off together over the long flat valley bottom turning south from the Ranche. About 18 miles took us into a fine broken grass country towards the South Fork. 5 miles on we found the C & HN [sic] beef cattle gathered. We cut beef all the afternoon & then went into camp where Alston & I shared bed together.
	24 Aug, Fri	Some calves to be branded first thing. I tried my hand at roping & managed to lasso 11 head. Then we cut the beef finally – 190 head. Rode back to P[eters] & A[lston]'s Ranche where I found Boughton with lots of home letters. Slept “good”.
	25 Aug, Sat	Returned with Boughton to EK Ranch. Mayo, long expected, not heard of. So I sent John Diemer to Frewen's telephone to see if anything could be heard of him.
	26 Aug, Sun	John Diemer returned with telegram from Mayo announcing that he would arrive on Tuesday, & telling us to send wagon.
	27 Aug, Mon	Sent wagon to P.O. for Mayo.
	28 Aug, Tue	Booth & I went to the P.O. The old story □ visitors not arrived, no telegram, no letter. But Mayo's eccentricities exciting general interest □ his doings had been passed on from driver to driver & I heard that he had bought a wagon & team of his own & had started Monday morning. He had a valet (“Dog robber”), gamekeeper & 6 dogs with him!
	29 Aug, Wed	Booth & I returned to Ranch. We shot a buffalo with our revolvers on the way. It is not a sport I like but he is new enough in the country to be keen to kill.
	30 Aug, Thu	Took it physically easy but mentally was occupied writing out our case vs Moreton Frewen for Peters & Alston to arbitrate on. The agreement was that M.F. should show cause in writing why he should not be held to his contract and we should reply.
	31 Aug, Fri	Rode with Boughton & Booth to see beef gather on ?main Powder. Then took the “Brief” to Alston & slept at Peters & Alston's.

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	1 Sep, Sat	Returned to Ranche.
	2 Sep, Sun	[No entry]
[In Victorian literature 'nigger' was often used non-pejoratively, referring to any dark-skinned person or to lackies.]	3 Sep, Mon	Booth & I rode down to Frewen's where we found Mayo, a valet, gamekeeper & 6 dogs. He had as usual a hanger on □ apparently of the shopkeeping order who was to accompany him to the mountains. We took Mayo to the Ranche. It appeared that his wagon had not been oiled for the first 6 days or so of his trip. So his horses played out & could not get to our ranch that day. Such are globe trotters without niggers to wait on them.
	4 Sep, Tue	The remainder of Mayo's party arrived. They rested & outfitted at the Ranche. In the evening Mayo boxed with his valet & with Booth to the great edification of a few Westerners assembled. Mayo certainly is a difficult guest to entertain out West. Still we were glad to have some home news.
	5 Sep, Wed	After the usual "picnic" Mayo got started. I went with him to Alston's. Introduced him to A. Then M. went into camp on Powder near A's & Millais. A & I came to EK Ranche. We went to bed about 9. In the middle of the night I had to turn out to feed & find bedding for 6 or 7 cowboys & Mayo's parasite who had lost his way & been rounded up by the outfit in the dark.
	6 Sep, Thu	Mayo's parasite followed him guided by Millais. We all set to work to round-up the pasture. Alston attended to make notes on our beef gather for the arbitration.
[Plunkett, Roche & Co.]	7 Sep, Fri	Alston & I rode to the 15 mile post where we found another bunch of beef. We examined it carefully & I rode back to our Ranche. He stayed at the Frewen's en route for his own Ranche. I fully expect a verdict in our favor by the arbitrators Peters & Alston in the case M Frewen vs PR&Co.
	8 Sep, Sat	Booth & I started off for Nowood with a pack horse. Made a late start & only got to top of mountain where we camped. He is pretty good in camp & we did ourselves well. It froze hard at night. Came right on top of 2 bears. But unfortunately had no guns.
	9 Sep, Sun	Reached the beef round up in afternoon & Windsor & I went through the WP beef. It was not fat. But the numbers showed up well.
	10 Sep, Mon	Cut some 600 head from beef herds. Gave my advice to cut more & not attempt to ship close. Then in afternoon we returned & camped at Harvey Booth's hut. Windsor much alarmed at Nichols, Beach & Co not having returned the note we paid them on Aug. 27. He thinks they are trying to foreclose on ground that we have not tendered the coin. We paid it into N B & Co's bank.
[NH]	11 Sep, Tue	Started early, nooned at H N Ranche where I gave Phil du Fran, our new foreman there, full instructions for winter. Sent a man down with telegram to Coble to lift note. Returned to EK Ranche. Boughton arrived also from Tibbetts – new venture. He reports favorably.

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	12 Sep, Wed	Went down to Frewen's Ranche. M.F. had returned with a Scotch director (Whitton) who he had talked into perfect confidence in the Manager & management. M.F. congratulated us on the ability of our reply but thought it not quite ingenuous! He said he would take our beef at 5 cents as we had shipped such a good bunch. I declined preferring not to change again. Wilton & M.F. are leading an agitation in favor of allowing American store cattle in England! It would be a great thing for us on both sides of the Atlantic. Went to Peters & Alston's where I slept.
	13 Sep, Thu	Returned to Ranche with Alston. Spent day packing up &c. This is our last day at the Ranch till next year. The rest of my time will be spent on & about R.Rs shipping beef cattle.
	14 Sep, Fri	Started for Home! Self riding. Boughton, Booth, Chinaman & Joe Eldredge in wagon. At Frewen's we were joined by G. Millais on horseback. Camped near Powder R. P.O.
	15 Sep, Sat	Up early & made 17 Mile Ranch. I had to spend the middle of the day in the Dry Fork with Jack who was rounding up beef.
	16 Sep, Sun	Got to Brown Springs.
	17 Sep, Mon	Joe Eldredge our driver hopelessly drunk. Smashed wagon at Sage Creek. With difficulty we struggled on to Fetterman where we put the wagon into dock at the Blacksmith's. Joe very sick & sorry. Promises repentance.
	18 Sep, Tue	Made 35 miles to Elkhorn where we had a delightful camp on good grass & water. Riding all day with young Millais is wearing in the extreme. He is a dreadfully dull boy.
	19 Sep, Wed	Camped on the Chug 4 miles south of Johnny Gordon's. Joe not quite over his whiskey poisoning but swearing to abstain in the future.
	20 Sep, Thu	Nooned at Jack Hunton's. There I heard that Gilchrist & Nettleton the best irrigation engineer in the West <input type="checkbox"/> perhaps in the States <input type="checkbox"/> were on the Wyo Develop[men]t land. Boughton & I rode out to them but could not find G & N so we slept at one of Swan's Ranches.
[Bard Ranch]	21 Sep, Fri	Returned to wagon early and got to Bard's for night. Bitter cold day <input type="checkbox"/> premonitions of first snow storm. Slept not a wink. Wind whistling under my canvas bed sheet.
	22 Sep, Sat	Rode early to Cheyenne. Reached the town by 11 A.M. had to ride through a horizontal snowstorm. Found the Club full. Had reserved a room fortunately. After the trip a good house well warmed, an excellent cook & warm water were "grateful & comforting" as the adv[ertisemen]t says of Epps Cocoa.
	23 Sep, Sun	Gilchrist arrived with Nettleton & a contractor. We had a meeting of the Wyo Dev't Co. & decided to go ahead with the work. There seems some danger to our title which will be attacked by the Stock interest. I want to get in T. Sturgis & Hay into our Co. We cannot be too strong.
	24 Sep, Mon	Alston arrived. He is an excellent companion & a great friend of mine. Always glad to see him. Business a/cs &c without which Cheyenne would be intolerable. Gilchrist, Billy Irvine & I are taking hold of the Wyo Develop't

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		Co & putting its sadly muddled affairs into shape.
[query in original]	25 Sep, Tue	Gillie Leigh arrived from England en route for ? as usual. Business most of the day.
[queries in original] [ménage – household management]	26 Sep, Wed	Boughton, Alston, Granny Milner, Millais, Bates? Foster? F. Kemp, Booth & self entertained at dinner in the Club, 32 Club members. I never saw such a cordial drunk. Everyone was drunk, no one beastly drunk. The singing & speaking was humorous & good. The menu was altogether beyond what I thought the capacity of the Club ménage.
	27 Sep, Thu	None the better for the spree. Boughton & I went out in a buggy to Gilchrist's. Mrs. G. cooked us a very nice supper & breakfast & did us very well in a good old country farmer's style.
	28 Sep, Fri	Rode over Gilchrist's pasture: bought in partnership with G. 45 hereford calves at 75 to be del[ivere]d in May. He & I to buy Hi Kelly's also & sell again in spring. Returned to Club.
	29 Sep, Sat	Boughton & I both feeling very seedy.
	30 Sep, Sun	Feeling wretched. Boughton had to see doctor. In evening hardly able to walk, I had to start off for Rock Creek. When I got there at midnight I found no bed available. However Palmer (of Palmer & Richman) & I got into a "construction" car on the R.R. and got into the boss's bed, he good naturedly consenting to sleep on the floor.
(Fr Frewen, Moreton to "Fred" [?Hesse])	Oct – no date; uncertain date	
	1 Oct, Mon	Found Windsor & Jack Donahue. Did my business with both & returned to Cheyenne. There I saw the doctor who gave me opium for diarrhoea & quinine to brace me up. Boughton I found had developed scarlatina. He was much better than he had been & no doubt will pull through well with his magnificent constitution.
	2 Oct, Tue	Spent day at meeting of Wyo Dev't Co. I was appointed Vice Pres. on a new election of officers. Did all I could to make Boughton comfortable. Did not tell him or anyone his complaint as he would have had to be removed from the Club & would not have got comfort elsewhere. Left by night for Rock Creek.
	3 Oct, Wed	Loaded 735 head cattle & started for North Platte. Felt better but not well.
	4 Oct, Thu	Passed Cheyenne 4 A.M. Arrived North Platte 2 PM. Splendid reports of Boughton. I keep in telegraphic communication with him in case of his getting bad. Letter from Pater says he thinks of joining Randal at Madeira if he goes there; & that he wants me to look after all his affairs if he does go away.
	5 Oct, Fri	Slept 10 hours "solid". Was horribly tired after the 22 hours run on an emptying stomach. The night's rest made a new man of me. I sent off the 2 trains in charge of Jack & Edmund & shall take a sleeper for the next stage myself. I shall then be quite well I hope.
	6 Oct, Sat	Started cattle off with Edmund Booth & another & went by

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		passenger train myself. Arrived C Bluffs. Did some banking business in Omaha. Called on Bishop O'Connor & found him absent.
	7 Oct, Sun	Had to do the next stage with Edmund & Booth, our other man not having come further than C[ouncil] B[luffs]. Had a hard night of it □ the cattle lying down all the time. Shipped on the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul R.R.
	8 Oct, Mon	Arrived early at Savanna on the Mississippi. There I left Edmund & Booth to look after the cattle & came on to Leland Hotel Chicago to see to receiving them on the 10th. I am pulled all to pieces by diarrhoea & feel very cheap.
	9 Oct, Tue	[No entry]
[price per 100 lb.]	10 Oct, Wed	Sold the cattle at \$4.15 & under, M. Frewen losing thereby \$6000. 11000 cattle in market.
(Fr Frewen, Moreton to Fred [?Hesse])	11 Oct, Thu	Booth & Edmund left for New York & home & I took train for Cheyenne.
	12 Oct, Fri	[No entry]
	13 Oct, Sat	Arrived Cheyenne & got to business. Found Boughton recovered from scarlatina & looking pretty well.
	14 Oct, Sun	Dined with T. Sturgis who proposed to me to dispose if I could of \$500,000 worth Union Cattle Co's stock in Eng'd. 5% in stock commission to be transferred to me. I to assume share in management with salary of \$3000 to \$3500. Said I would try & dispose of what stock I could on terms proposed.
	15 Oct, Mon	Here followeth a week's business – all a/cs for year to be cleared up & all winter arrangements to be made.
	16 Oct, Tue – 20 Oct, Sat	[No entry]
	21 Oct, Sun	Have had a very hard week's work. Was to have started today but Sturgis wants to negotiate [sic] for Noble herd. Am ready to sell & so shall stay over till Monday when Lane will return & an offer will be made. In conversation as to my proposed disposal Union Cattle Co's stock Sturgis agreed to make share in management dependent on sale of \$250,000 worth stock.
	22 Oct, Mon	Sold Nowood herd for \$200,000 payment with interest at 10% being long deferred but being absolutely secure. Did business from sunrise till long after sunset & at 1 A.M. left for Chicago & New York. Agreed with Sturgis & Lane that negotiations [sic] as to sale WP herd were to have no reference to any outside transactions & were to put neither party under any moral obligations except that I promised unless prevented by family circumstances or health to manage WP herd for a salary.
	23 Oct, Tue	Arrived too late at C[ouncil] Bluffs to go on that night. Slept there.
[CM&St.P – Chicago,	24 Oct, Wed	Left 9.10 AM for Chicago on C.M. & St.P.

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	25 Oct, Thu	Arrived Chicago. Wrote T. Sturgis asking (1) date up to which he would hold shares at par (2) whether capital would ever be increased (3) whether 77000 acres could be made fee simple? (4) whether shares would ever be quoted any where, any time. Said a smaller amount of sale than 250,000 ought to entitle me to share of management. Left by 5.00 train for New York on Pennsylvania train. M. Frewen came with me.
	26 Oct, Fri	Arrived New York. Found Gillie Leigh at Brevoort. Boughton & I dined Willie & Dick Peters (made latter's acquaintance for first time).
	27 Oct, Sat	Sailed at 2.30 P.M. in Britannic for Liverpool.
	28 Oct, Sun	272 miles. On board there is one J.W Barclay, radical MP for Forfarshire, a man of capital & cattle companies. He may prove useful to us if we want to stock our cattle concerns.
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	5 Nov, Mon	Arrived Liverpool 1 P.M. So did Marquis of Lorne & Princess Louise. Hence a crowd which prevented my getting to London till 9 o'clock. There I found Conny & Raymond & Pater in the lowest of spirits over poor Randal's health. He had got to Madeira from the Cape Colony & although the latter place was altogether more healthy, it was doubtful whether the disease had not gone too far.
	6 Nov, Tue	Boughton declared highly infectious, the doctor in Cheyenne having pronounced him safe! News of poor Randal very sad indeed. It appears that the best possibilities in his favor will entail a stiff knee joint & a miserable constitution. JG Butcher dined. I tried ineffectually to make him join me out west.
	7 Nov, Wed	Went into the City with Pater to take berths for Madeira for him & Mary. Saw Herbert Magniac & offered him Union Cattle Co's stock on commission of 5% (which I was to get). Was anxious to dispose of some for Sturgis & Lane.
	8 Nov, Thu	Breakfasted with Willie Blacker. He did not quite appear to notice my success with his money.
	9 Nov, Fri	Saw Dr. Ratcliffe (25 Cavendish Sq.) for general debility. He prescribed arsenic for 2 years, a diet composed less of solid meat and more of vegetables & fats. Lemon juice (not vinegar) for

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		acids. Grapes recommended. Too highly animal diet, he said, irritated my nerves & destroyed digestion. The arsenic to be taken off & on would improve circulation.
	10 Nov, Sat – 12 Nov, Mon	[No entry]
	13 Nov, Tue	Invite from H.P. Maxwell for a shoot at Finnebrogue Downpatrick. Declined. Pater gave me full power attorney to act for him in his absence.
	14 Nov, Wed	Polly arrived early en route for Randal. She looked well & fresh.
	15 Nov, Thu	Pater & Polly left for Madeira. Just before they started a letter came from Randal which certainly looked a little more cheerful.
	16 Nov, Fri	Dined JG Butcher
	17 Nov, Sat	Breakfasted Willie Blacker. Proposed a new plan for my remuneration for handling his money out west. He to give me ¼ profit on part of the money & to lend part at 7-½ %. Dined & went to see Mary Anderson play the Lady of Lyons. Acting not great but Miss Anderson's beauty quite worth sitting a whole night to see.
	18 Nov, Sun	Called on Herbert Magniac. He in bed with blood poisoning □ a luxury of modern civilisation. Left London by night mail.
	19 Nov, Mon	Arrived Dublin where I spent the day. Sundry business □ evening train to Dunsany. Weather damp & cold & though glad to be at the old place again found it impossible to keep spirits up.
	20 Nov, Tue	Meath Hounds at Drumree, but weather positively awful. Blowing, snowing, sleet. Cold simply blue. Impossible to do more than whistle through one's teeth a sharp how do you do? Had a good run from Pratt's Gorse. Rode Officer & had a pleasant ride though not on good terms with hounds. Dined Killeen. Little change under the new regime. She seems amiable & devoted to him. Not quite first rate but will become so let us hope.
	21 Nov, Wed	Asked to dine with James Barclay M.P. Declined. Went to Dublin on business. Met Chum. Telegram from Randal gives the first cheery news of his health since I have got home. "Knee & lungs both better." Slept at K. St. Club.
	22 Nov, Thu	Kilmessan by early train & drive to Rock Lodge with J Wilkinson where I spent most of the day. Called at Swainston where I found the usual anti Briscoe Crusade being preached.
	23 Nov, Fri	Hunted Tripod with Meaths at Hollywood. 2 Poor runs. Drove over to Rahinston to dine & sleep. Found Harry & Fowler & his father at home, Miss F. being in Eng'd.
	24 Nov, Sat	Hunted Chesnut at Painestown House with Kildares. Saw all my Kildare acquaintances & had very good sport. Arrived Dunsany just in time to meet Erskine Booth who comes for a few weeks hunting.
	25 Nov, Sun	Booth & I attended Kilmessan & lunched at Swainston. Killeen ladies to tea with me.

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	26 Nov, Mon	We hunted at Philpotstown. Goodish run but both got falls early & were out of it. Rode Officer.
	27 Nov, Tue	Hunted Tripod at Corbalton. Miserable wet day & no sport up to time we came home. Dined Bellinter.
	28 Nov, Wed	Went to Morris' to look at a horse for JG Butcher. Didn't buy.
	29 Nov, Thu	Shot Dunsany. Murphy, Wilkinson, GV Briscoe, 2 Dillons & N Preston. 6 pheasants, 4 cock, 6 hares & rabbits. Fingalls, Ladies Plunkett, Mrs. Trivy Murphy, Gradwell, Leonard, G Briscoe, O Brighton, Coleridge & 7 sisters joined here in a neighbourly dinner party.
	30 Nov, Fri	We hunted at Laracor. Good gallop (ring) from Kilcarty. Then found fox in Dunsany □ galloped about till dark. I rode Officer.
	1 Dec, Sat	Hunted Nebuchadnezzar with Wards at Kilbride. Goodish gallop & Booth & I both carried well. Got letter from Madeira dated Nov. 21 from Pater giving better acc[oun]t of R[andal].
	2 Dec, Sun	Spent day at Oliver Brighton's & at Lismullin where we dined.
	3 Dec, Mon	Spent day doing business at Dunsany. Letter from Polly giving very gloomy acc't of R.
	4 Dec, Tue	Booth & I (on Tripod) hunted at Kilmoon. One of best runs I ever saw. Found at Reish ran towards Lagore, wheeled by Ratoath, Sutherland, crossed Ashbourne Road & went over Garristown hill & about 3 miles beyond where they killed him. Booth saw all the run & I saw the last $\frac{2}{3}$ of it. Coleridge told me to my great grief that he was going to be moved to Lucan.
	5 Dec, Wed	Hunted the Chesnut with the Wards & had a very fair gallop. Was well carried. Petty Sessions in the morning.
	6 Dec, Thu	Went on sundry business to Dublin. Letter from Pater reported Randal better on Nov. 26. But recovery will still be very difficult. Danger by no means over. It is a hard sad struggle for health & life. Hugh Cullen dined & slept.
	7 Dec, Fri	I went to Dublin at Hugh Cullin's [sic] request & fought with the City of Dublin Steam Packet Co. over the cattle arrangements charges &c. Then he took me to Dr. Kaye (Q.C.) at the Castle to back him up in trying to interest Lord Spencer in getting the restrictions on Irish cattle in Liverpool removed.
	8 Dec, Sat	Drove over to Rock Lodge with Wilkinson & closed the bargain with Major Traill. I don't think I am showing much foresight when I say that he will be the most troublesome lodge tenant my father ever had.
	9 Dec, Sun	Church at Kilmessan. Dined at the Grange.
	10 Dec, Mon	Shot at Warrenstown. (31 pheasants, 8 hares, 2 rabbits). Pigeon match to commence with. D'Arcy, Booth, Leonard, Murphy &

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		self competing. I won 10/- □ sweep. Dined Warrenstown.
	11 Dec, Tue	Meaths met at Dunsany Castle. 2 foxes in Ry Wood – wouldn't break. Found & [sic] Dunshaughlin & lost near Corbalton □ good gallop. Rode Tripod.
	12 Dec, Wed	James Cullen came in morning & we talked the cattle together. Decided to lessen the enormous expenditure on cake & buy younger stores for the lighter lands of Closhagh & Freffans. Wards Dunshaughlin. Rode Nebuchadnezzar. Ran from Gerardstown to Moyplace. Booth & I both well carried. Good hunt. Dined Killeen.
	13 Dec, Thu	Went to Dublin to see Xmas cattle shipped.
	14 Dec, Fri	Went to Ringlestown & Booth went to Rahinston to dine & sleep.
	15 Dec, Sat	We hunted with the Kildares. Wild wet day, no sport worth mentioning. I rode Tripod. Rode back to Dunsany.
	16 Dec, Sun	Killeen family dined here, we having lunched there.
	17 Dec, Mon	Early train to Dublin. Booth & I both went to Gowran Grange for a dance at Killashee. The dance was, as is the way with dances, a success.
[International Tile Co., est. 1882]	18 Dec, Tue	The good Baron mounted Booth & me with the Kildares. But the day was wet & wretched & the sport was very third rate. Dublin after hunting where I talked business with Bulwer pere about speculating in his son's "tile" venture in Brooklyn. No conclusion arrived at except that we would both consider it.
	19 Dec, Wed	Returned Dunsany taking the Wards at Batterstown on the way. My horses being sick we rode Booths two & we were both very well carried on an excellent run of about 1¼ hour. Young Hugh Cullen came to dine & sleep & talk America. He wants to come out with me which I don't want. I hope I talked him off it.
	20 Dec, Thu	Lord & Lady Mowbray & Stourton, Miss Preston, Fingall & wife, Francis Plunkett, Mary & Henrietta, Oliver Brighton & wife & Coleridge dined. Dinner & wine both best Dunsany could do.
	21 Dec, Fri	Business & distribution of Xmas goods all day. Dined the Grange. Bad news of poor Randal. Recovery seems almost hopeless.
	22 Dec, Sat	Booth left by morning train. Coleridge & I drove over to Somerville to look at Sir T. Hesketh's horses □ some he had for sale. Sir T. not at home. Saw one horse I liked. His agent asked £180. I offered £100. No go. Went by afternoon train to Maretimo. Found Denis, Mary & Eddy, Lady C. Rose & Lizzie.
	23 Dec, Sun	Spent part of the day at Maretimo, part at K St. Club writing letters.
[query in original]	24 Dec, Mon	Went to Palmerstown where I found Colonel Inigo Jones & Mrs. J., Gen. Frazer, ? Milner, besides the family (including Mayo) and Charley Bourke. Family very kind to me always. I don't go in for either the talk or manners of society nor do I fully appreciate the importance of social standing. They do and yet they are always nice to me & I like it. They were somewhat saddened by the death

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[M.F.H. – Master of Fox Hounds]		of Johnny Forbes, son of M.F.H.) of Consumption. They knew him very intimately.
	25 Dec, Tue	A sad Xmas. Everybody very depressed on Johnny Forbes' account. Wrote Willie Blacker, I would go & see him tomorrow.
	26 Dec, Wed	Telegram arrived early saying that a "sad" telegram from Madeira had gone to Dunsany. There could be no doubt as to how sad the news was. Left Palmerstown at once & went to Dublin. There I heard that poor dear Randal had left a world of pain & sorrow on Christmas day. The shock was sudden though we had given up nearly all hope of ultimate recovery. I felt very low & broke down once. But I had a great consolation in the fact that poor R. died full of Christian hope. Surely it is better to die than live with no hope in the future.
	27 Dec, Thu	Returned to Dunsany 5.15 train after writing innumerable letters with the sad news. Smith had come over to effect a change of house-keepers. Oliver Brighton most kindly came over & dined with me.
	28 Dec, Fri	My plans are to settle Dunsany business – then Dublin business & then go to meet Pater & Polly at No. 7. JG Butcher spent day with me.
	29 Dec, Sat	Business with Barton all day. Coleridge dined. I talked with him over my changed prospects & the possibility of my having to take care of Pater & the family business. In that event I should like him to join me in Wyoming. What would make it worth his while? He said £1000 a year. That is something to go upon & may lead to a proposition. He poor fellow had to consult me on some family business of his own. His sister had married a Ceylon coffee planter who was failing in business & 4 other sisters had staked their all in the same venture. He was trustee & wanted to know how to act.
	30 Dec, Sun	Business at D[unsan]y. I could not go to Church to hear our grief from the pulpit. I believe poor Briscoe was very pathetic on our loss.
	31 Dec, Mon	Left by early train for Dublin. Met Bulwer and Denis Lawless to talk over a tile manufacturing business in which B's son had engaged in Brooklyn. Decided that if B could make a satisfactory offer Denis would go over in our behalf & inspect business. Chum came up & talked over family matters.