

Diary of Mary Jane Payne--Brockway-- Cowan
January 1891

- Thu 1 Today the New Year begins, and I hope it has something good in store for me. Stayed at home all day ~~XXXX~~/ untill night, then me and Maggie went to Jefferson.
- Fri 2 Got up very early and thought I would start for Jay Champlins but it rained and I did not go.
- Sat 3 Got up early again but it had drifted during the night and again I had to postpone. Was sick all day.
- Sun 4 This has been a very unpleasant miserable day, every body cross. I feel as if I hadn't a friend on earth.
- Mon 5 Came to Champlins today, had a very hard time getting through. Had a sick headache and had to go to bed as soon as I got here.
- Tue 6 Am sick today and all wore out, went riding.
- Wed 7 Am feeling better today, have been painting some today.
- Thu 8 Painted all day, went out to the post office and store, send some letters.
- Fri 9 Stayed in all day and painted on my picture.
- Sat 10 Painted all day, made some calls in the evening. Rec. a letter tonight.
- Sun 11 Went to Church in morning wrote a letter in afternoon.
- Mon 12 Painted nearly all day went out in evening mailed a letter.
- Tue 13 Went visiting over the river to Mr Fullers had a nice time, rec. a letter.
- Wed 14 Painted all day and rec. callers.
- Thu 15 Painted all day lots of callers.
- Fri 16 Painted all day rec. a letter.
- Sat 17 Done three Paintings.
- Sun 18 There was a wedding here this morning.
- Mon 19 Painted all day. Went calling in eveing to Mrs Holaberts.
- Tue 20 Painted all day. Rec a letter tonight.
- Wed 21 Started for Walton this morning met visitors and came back. Sent a letter.
- Thu 22 Rains hard all day, I feel very lonesome and blue.
- Fri 23 Went to Walton had a very nice time, got some very nice presents.
- Sat 24 Had visitors and painted in afternoon.
- Sun 25 Sickhead ache today. Wrote a letter. Expect visitors to dinner.
- Mon 26 Painted all day rec. a letter at night, am sick tonight.
- Tue 27 Painted all day. Went out calling tonight, said goodbye to all my acquaintance.
- Wed 28 Started for home today from Ettes. Watched Delhi at one o'clock.
- Thu 29 Got home tonight enjoyed my ride very much, was a very nice warm day.
- Fri 30 Uncle Alfreds Folks are here yet. The teacher came here tonight. I feel so lonesome and discouraged today.
- Sat 31 Went to Jefferson this afternoon, saw C. Nichols, saw G. Bennett tonight.

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Feb. 1891

Sun 1. Went to church in forenoon, took Mabel home in afternoon. Charlie Cowan called in evening. X
Mon 2. Washed today, am feeling my load of care and trouble today some times I think I can hardly carry it any farther.
Tue 3. I wanted to go to Jefferson today but it has stormed all day and I had to stay home.
Wed 4. Very cold today, Add Harris was here this evening.
Thu 5. Me and Jim went to Jefferson today, had a talk with C. Nichols.
Fri 6. Went to Richmondville after feed, am very tired. George Burnett called tonight.
Sat 7. Corkus today, stormed very hard tonight. G Burnett is going to stay all night. Sid is here, am dissappointed.
Sun 8. Headache. George Burnett stayed here all night.
Mon 9. Washed in forenoon. Deel Mattice came here in afternoon.
Tue 10. Mrs Mattice was here today.
Wed 11. Took Mrs Mattice up to Mr Champlins.
Thu 12. Took Mrs Mattice to Fred Shaffers, brought Sid home with me.
Fri 13. Ida Shaffer called here today. George Hardus folks are here today, George Burnett & A. Cowans stayed here all night.
Sat 14. John Dingham & wife was here today. Myself, Mother and Father visited at Dave Beards tonight.
Sun 15. Went to church in forenoon, and called on Mrs John Gray in afternoon, writeing letters tonight.
Mon 16. Cut out my wrapper today. Add Harris called tonight.
Tue 17. Town meeting, Mabel came here today.
Wed 18. Sewed all day, every body sick but myself.
Thu 19. Sewed.
Fri 20. Sewed.
Sat 21. Am sick, ithas rained all day. Am dissappointed had bad news from my lawyer.
Sun 22. Moped about all day, tired and sick of every thing.
Mon 23. Washed, am sick but I have to work just the same.
Tue 24. Fred rec. a letter from Lew. Went to Jefferson in afternoon, Mabel and myself got a box at the post office. Had visitors at night, Margaret Paynes folks.
Wed 25. Have lay in bed sick all day. G Vaynes folks were here today.
Thu 26. Cut out my blue waist. Every thing has gone very unpleasant today.
Fri 27. Wretched day in every respect, Feel as though I hadn't a friend.
Sat 28. Sewed all day, very cold today.
~~Sun 29. Went to church in forenoon, and called on Mrs John Gray in afternoon, writeing letters tonight.~~
~~Mon 30. Washed, am sick but I have to work just the same.~~

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March 1891

- Sun 1 Went to church in forenoon, am sick tonight and so lonesome.
Mon 2 Harrises people was here visiting tonight. Am very tired tonight.
Tue 3 Mabel and myself went up to G Paynes to stay with the children while they went to a dance. Sent a letter today.
Wed 4 Came home from G Paynes tonight.
Thu 5 Sewed all day, Father and Fred went to Bleinham to mill.
Fri 6 Mitchell and Fred Shaffer called today.
Sat 7 Went to Jefferson with Father and picked out Effies things. D Beard and wife was here this evening.
Sun 8 Went for a ride in afternoon, to church in evening.
Mon 9 Washed in forenoon, made two shirts in afternoon. Father hired George today.
Tue 10 Father let George have the place today. Received two letters today.
Wed 11 Fred went to Jefferson today, Fan threw him in the mud and he went on foot. Mabel came down today.
Thu 12 Father and Fred went to Jefferson, Father bought Fred a pair of rubber boots.
Fri 13 Very unpleasant outdoors and indoors, done some stamping for Sarah Beard.
Sat 14 Very cold, rec. a letter from C Curtis.
Sun 15 Did not go to church. Add Harris was here all day. Myself and Fred went to D Beards tonight.
Mon 16 Jim went out in Del to hire out. Washed today.
Tue 17 Went down to the post office & saw a man from Stamford, and partly hired out to him.
Wed 18 Myself and Jim went to Stamford today & I hired out.
Thu 19 Went to Warnerville today stayed to S Autizes all night, George moved here today.
Fri 20 Went to Cobleskill this morning, came back to Curtises took dinner then drove home.
Sat 21 Cut out my gingham dress.
Sun 22 Stayed at home all day.
Mon 23 Sewed all day.
Tue 24 Went to Jefferson.
Wed 25 Worked hard all day getting ready to go to Stamford to work.
Thu 26 Father brought me to Stamford today. Oh I feel so wretched and forsaken.
Fri 27 This has been my first day at working and being servant, oh how I hate it.
Sat 28 Worked today, am feeling very tired tonight.
Sun 29 Stayed in all day, Miss my little horse today.
Mon 30 Went to post office.
Tue 31 Nothing worse than nothings.

Diary of Mary Gene Payne--Brockway--Cowan
April 1891

Wed 1 Work, am so lonesome and sick of living.
Thu 2 I have been here just a week today. Jim called to see me tonight. I answered J L Smarts letter tonight.
Fri 3 Nothing.
Sat 4 Went to the post office, rec. two letters. X
Sun 5 Picked the guitar nearly all day.
Mon 6 Nothing.
Tue 7 Worse than nothing.
Wed 8 All trials and vexations.
Thu 9 I ache from head to foot but my heart worse than all.
Fri 10 Nothing but work, work, work, how I hate it.
Sat 11 Went out calling tonight. X
Sun 12 Feeling tired and sleepy all day, practiced on guitar nearly all day.
Mon 13 Cliron Read & Joe Green came here and had a little concert.
Tue 14 Washed and was never so tired and discouraged.
Wed 15 Ironed all afternoon.
Thu 16 Jim called tonight, me and Maud went to post office.
Fri 17 Nothing but hard work.
Sat 18 Freddie came to visit me today, bought Fred a checker board tonight.
Sun 19 Me and Fred went up to Churchills Pond for a walk.
Mon 20 Washed, Fred did not go home today, had sick headache.
Tue 21 Fred went home on stage today.
Wed 22 Stewarts had visitors. Worked very hard all day.
Thu 23 Received a letter from Freddie.
Fri 24 Am sick can hardly crall but still I have to work.
Sat 25 Had callers, Jim and Mr diamond was here.
Sun 26 Spent a very lonesome day.
Mon 27 George Burnett called today, had sick headache.
Tue 28 Was terrible sick all day with sick headache.
Wed 29 Mr Stewart paid me 14 dollars tonight.
Thu 30 Went out riding tonight. X

Diary of Mary Jane Payne--Brookway--Cowan
May 1891

- Fri 1 Jim, Mrs Simpson called here tonight. Rec. my dress from Jefferson, also a letter from Mabel.
- Sat 2 Went over to Brooklin to Milners store. Had callers in evening. X
- Sun 3 It has been a very very lonesome day, have wrote letters and read all day. Went to the office and mailed my letters tonight to Mrs Rinson.
- Mon 4 Washed today, sewed in evening. Jim came over from home today brought me some traps. No entries for 5th to 9th.
- Sun 10 Went to Mrs Murphy's visiting this afternoon. Went riding this evening.
- Mon 11 Washed and worked hard all day.
- Tue 12 Went to milners made my hat.
- Wed 13 Went out riding. X
- Thu 14 George Minor called here for a few moments this morning.
- Fri 15 No entrie
- Sat 16 Rained, Jim called today, A friend called in evening. X
- Sun 17 Is cold and lonesome today with no one to talk with, no company but my own unhappy self.
- Mon 18 Washed, rec letter from Mabel & Siddie. Jim called today was going home but did not.
- Tue 19 Jim went home today.
- Wed 20 Went riding in evaning, went to the store. X
- Thu 21 Went to Jonnetryman, called on Albt Hitchcox. Rec letter from Maggie, bought dress for Mabel.
- Fri 22 Put down carpet and worked hard all day. Jim brought my horse home today.
- Sat 23 Jim came after me today, bought Fred suit. Mr Stewart paid me 15 dollars. Found my folks miserable.
- Sun 24 Had sick headache all day came back to Stewarts today. Went out riding tonight.
- Mon 25 Washed, am feeling quite miserable today.
- Tue 26 Made dress for Maud. Had callers and a headache. X
- Wed 27 Went up town after nuts.
- Thu 28 Went to Shoestore this evening. G Minor called this morning.
- Fri 29 Made Maud a dress.
- Sat 30 Decoration today. Fred and Sid are here, went out walking tonight.
- Sun 31 Sunday, Sid and Fred went home today. Had callers. X

Diary of Mary Jane Payne -Brockway--Cowan
June 1891

- Mon 1 Washed.
- Tue 2 Lil Aid called here today, went out calling to C Hichcock this evening, Mrs Hichcock came home with me.
- Wed 3 Went out walking and got caught in a shower. X
- Thu 4 Went to Delaware house this morning, went to Jefferson tonight to see C Nichols came back to Stamford got here 10 o'clock.
- Fri 5 Am feeling very dull and discouraged. Went up town and got Guitar strings. Went to postoffice rec a letter from Mabel.
- Sat 6 Had callers. X
- Sun 7 Went walking with Allie Hichcocks, then went to Caviely stayed till sundown then went to Jefferson, from there to Harpesfield then back to Stamford.
- Mon 8 Washed in forenoon, called to Mrs Hichcocks in evening. Am so tired and sleepy.
- Tue 9 Rec letter from lawyer Nichols today, contained good news.
- Wed 10 Worked hard all day, went out walking. X
- Thu 11 Went up town tonight to get Maude dress out. Met a friend. X
- Fri 12 Rec 10 dollars tonight. Lawn party at Maynards, spent a very pleasant evening.
- Sat 13 Jim came for me today, went to Jefferson and fixed up the divorce business, with Nichols. Went home found Fred gone, feel very wretched.
- Sun 14 Worked untill six o'clock, came over to Stamford. Had callers, took supper at Allie Hichcocks.
- Mon 15 The day with its cares and troubles are done and I can rest for a few hours again, washed today.
- Tue 16 Went up town tonight to see about my wagon. Rec letter from C Nichols and a very discouraging one.
- Wed 17 Am feeling very much discouraged today, was dissapointed tonight.
- Thu 18 Sent a letter to Nichols today. It is a miserable rainy day.
- Fri 19 No entry.
- Sat 20 Went to Jefferson to see Nichols. X
- Sun 21 Washed my harness in forenoon, went riding in afternoon, spent a very miserable evening.
- Mon 22 Got up with sick headache. Went up to Allie Hichcocks tonight. Jesse Gilbert was here to hire Mabel.
- Tue 23 Went up town tonight, am very tired tonight, went to Mrs Camfields.
- Wed 24 Took Maud to dressmakers tonight. Met with a very unpleasant experience.
- Thu 25 Went to Toiberefs this morning to look up a matter, got a friend to help me.
- Fri 26 Mrs Hichcocks called tonight. I went home with her and herself and husband came home with me.
- Sat 27 Let the Manyon boys take my horse to ride this afternoon. G Burnell called this morning.
- Sun 28 Went home this morning, went up to Brockways after Mabel, brought her back with me. Lew was home. Am very tired and miserable tonight.
- Mon 29 Am feeling my weight of care and trouble to day very much, wish ~~if~~ I could lay it all down but cant yet.
- ~~Sun~~ ^{Tue} 30 Rec a letter from Fred today, wanted to go out riding tonight but the boy couldnt catch my horse, and I was doomed to dissapointment.

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
July 1891

- Wed 1 Went out riding tonight, am feeling sad and lonely, will the day ever come when I shall be happy and content.
- Thu 2 Mr Stewart paid me fifteen dollars this morning. Mabel came up tonight with Hers Gilbert.
- Fri 3 Had my Wagon fixed today, sent the boys a basket to celebrat the 4th with. Am nearly worn out tonight.
- Sat 4 Rained this morning, Took Mabel and went to Hobart, went for a ride. Went up town tonight. Had callers this evening. X
- Sun 5 Went up and caught my horse and took Mabel riding, went to Hears Gilberts, Mabel took horse back ride.
- Mon 6 Took Maud to have dress fitted. G. Burnette called today. Heard from home.
- Tue 7 Worked hard all day to get ready to go home.
- Wed 8 Arthur brought my horse up tonight, got home ten oclock, put my horse out and went to bed.
- Thu 9 Came back to Stewarts today, got here four O'clock. Got my driving gloves. Ali H. called tonight went out walking. X
- Fri 10 Worked hard all day, Mabel drove my horse up town tonight, and we took a ride afterwards. I called at Mrs Kickcods. Gave Mabel a pair of driving gloves.
- Sat 11 Mabel was up town tonight. Rec a package tonight.
- Sun 12 Poor little Fan was killed today (her horse)
- Mon 13 Oh what a sad unhappy day this is for me to have lost such a good little friend, one that never went back on me.
- Tue 14 Oh how it hurts me to think my poor little horse is dead. Arthur & Mabel came up tonight.
- Wed 15 Etta & Maggie came today & stayed all night with me, All went out on the street tonight.
- Thu 16 Father & Freddie came after the girls this morning. Feel so discouraged I cant work.
- Fri 17 Worked hard all day, Arthur came up tonight to let me know I could have his horse
- Sat 18 Arthur called today to let me know lawer Gilbert was home. Myself & Mabel went home tonight.
- Sun 19 Was sick with sickheadache all day. Came back to Stewarts tonight.
- Mon 20 Arthur & Mabel came up tonight.
- Tue 21 This has been a most miserable day, I feel so discouraged I cant work.
- Wed 22 Mr Decker Overseer of railroad called on me today, also station agent.
- Thu 23 Mrs Gilbert & Mabel just came on horseback, only made a little call.
- Fri 24 Went riding with Mabel tonight.
- Sat 25 Ettie & Maggie came here to see me today.
- Sun 26 Mabel came here today, Arthur came after her tonight.
- Mon 27 Mike wood called today. Overseer of railroad & Mike Wood called in after noon. Settled with him for killing my horse. 175 dollars. Hers Gilbert and J Champlin called today.
- Tue 28 Station agent called today. Arthur & Mabel came up tonight.
- Wed 29 Went to a show "Uncle Toms Cabin".
- Thu 30 Nothing
- Fri 31 Called on Mrs Hiech --- tonight.

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
August 1891

- Sat 1 Worked very hard all day.
- Sun 2 Went to Jesse Gilberts, they brought me home and took me for a ride.
J. Stewart brought his bride tonight.
- Mon 3 Called on lawyer Gilbert this forenoon. Overseer railroad gave me a check
for 175 dollars this afternoon. Mabel & Arthur was up tonight.
- Tue 4 Got my check cashed today. Went to Jefferson tonight to see Nicholas.
Lost my Pocket Book but found it again.
- Wed 5 Art brought up the lantern tonight.
- Thu 6 Deposited 150 dollars today in the Stamford bank.
- Fri 7 Worked very hard all day ironing and baking.
- Sat 8 Stayed at home.
- Sun 9 Went down to Jesse Gilberts in afternoon, they brought me back at night.
- Mon 10 Washed and worked very hard all day. Went to Post office in evening.
- Tue 11 Fearful hot day, was dissappointed tonight. Am feeling homesick and miserable.
- Wed 12 Am feeling quite good tonight, went out riding tonight.
- Thu 13 Mr Stewart paid me 15 dollars this morning.
- Fri 14 Mabel & Art was up tonight.
- Sat 15 Went up town this forenoon to engage a rig to go to Richmondville. Sent
letter to Nicholas.
- Sun 16 Me and Mabel went to country today spent all afternoon.
- Mon 17 Sid & Fred came over today to attend the circus. I went to circus tonight.
Rec letter from Nicholas.
- Tue 18 Am washing today.
- Wed 19 Myself and Mabel went home today, Mrs Stewart let me have 10 dollars.
- Thu 20 Myself and Mabel went from fathers today to Richmondville and back to
Stamford tonight.
- Fri 21 Mabel went to Jay Champlins tonight, am so lonesome.
- Sat 22 Am feeling worried and cereworn. Went up town tonight had a talk with M. Wood
- Sun 23 Alone all alone, oh what a long day, have stayed here alone all day.
Had callers.
- Mon 24 Washed in forenoon. Went up town got letter from Nicholas to come to Jefferson
after my divorce. I went got my divorce, got back 9:00 O'Clock.
- Tue 25 Am feeling much encouraged today, begin to recover on living again. Arthur
came up tonight.
- Wed 26 Went out riding tonight enjoyed myself for I feel as if I was a free niger
once more and I thank the Lord for it.
- Thu 27 Wrote some letters tonight.
- Fri 28 Feeling vary thankful tonight that I am as well off as I am.
- Sat 29 Was sick this afternoon and eving, had callers X
- Sun 30 Was sick all day. Arthur brought my saddle up today.
- Mon 31 Was real sick this morning.

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
Sept 1891

- Tue 1 Got my guitar tonight .
Wed 2 Jim and George Harder called this morning.
Thu 3 Took my guitar up to Griffins, Oh what a miserable unhappy evening this has been.
Fri 4 Am feeling a little better, have one little wray of hope left, but what miserable unhappy world this is.
Sat 5 Am going home tonight with Arthur, have worked very hard to go. Mr Stewart paid me 15 dollars today.
Sun 6 Had a nice time today, had a good visit and a nice ride back to Stamford.
Mon 7 Washed, am sick tonight. Arthur called tonight.
Tue 8 Had a sick spell today, went up town tonight.
Wed 9 Sick
Thu 10 Arthur drove up a few minutes from the fair this afternoon.
Fri 11 Sick and wretched all day.
Sat 12 Was fearful sick all day.
Sun 13 Am hardly able to crall today, Am going to Etties tomorrow if I am able
Blank till 18
Fri 18 Came to Hobart today stayed all night.
Sat 19 Went to Jay Champlins to day, Arthur took me, got there about 8 O'Clock.
Sun 20 Found Etta very miserable. Arthur went home today.
Mon 21 Washed and visited with Etta.
Tue 22 Visited hard all day.
Wed 23 Feel very Sorry for Etta.
Thu 24 Sent a letter to Arthur.
Fri 25 Visited
Sat 26 Went to store and bought a piece of muslin.
Sun 27 Arthur came tonight was very glad to see him.
Mon 28 Etta & Jay, Arthur & myself went for aride enjoyed it very much.
Tue 29 Was coming home today but it rained.
Wed 30 Started for home today, got home about 11

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
Oct 1891

- Thu 1 Stayed at home today.
- Fri 2 Home today, Arthur helped pa cut corn.
- Sat 3 Went to Cobeskill today, myself, Maggie & Arthur.
- Sun 4 Me and Arthur was home all day, came back to Stamford tonight, Fred came with us.
- Mon 5 Began work again today, Fred came over with me, Arthur came tonight.
- Tue 6 Charlie & Min Cowan called today. Fred went home today, Arthur came tonight.
- Wed 7 A rainy lonesome day gives me the blues.
- Thu 8 Arthur drove up here this morning, came here this afternoon, brought me a shawl (shawl). Took 50 dollars to the bank.
- Fri 9 Nothing of any account today.
- Sat 10 Old man Brockway called to see me tonight. Arthur called and I went up town with him, called at Hitchcocks.
- Sun 11 Sick headache this morning.
- Mon 12 Received a dispatch tonight that my dear sister was dead, oh what a fearful blow, God help us to bear it.
- Tue 13 Arthur took me home today, and oh what a sorrowful home.
- Wed 14 Today my darling sister will be brought home. Oh what a sad coming home, no answering smile or word, for those dear lips are sealed forever in death.
- Thu 15 The house is full of sad sorrowful faces, Oh I cant realize that Etta is gone from us forever.
- Fri 16 Today my dear sister will be laid away in the cold earth forever more from mortal sight. God helps us to bear it.
- Sat 17 The downsville people went back home today, oh how dark this world looks. Mrs Wood died tonight.
- Sun 18 We all went to church today. Went down and called on the woods. Oh how I pity them, it is so hard so hard.
- Mon 19 Arthur brought me back to Stamford today. We drove up and visited Etties grave. Oh how can I take up my burden again.
- Tue 20 Arthur went to his work. Have worked hard all day with such a heavy heart. No one to say one kind comeforming word.
- Wed 21 Worked hard all day with such a heavy sorrowful heart. I cant seem to realize that I have parted from my dear sister forever on earth.
- Thu 22 Such a long day oh the hours drag so slow, God help me to have patience and endure.
- Fri 23 Looked for my folks to go to Downsville today, but they did not come. Rec. a letter from Arthur.
- Sat 24 My folks came this morning, and I came with them to Downsville. Oh what a lovely home I found.
- Sun 25 Went to church in forenoon and evening. Oh my heart is so heavy.
- Mon 26 Started for Stamford this morning got here 7 A.M. Very tired, oh if I could be with friends tonight.
- Tue 27 A dark lonesome rainy day. Rec. a letter from Art. Ona, George & Jim called today, Stated for catskills and called at mirror office.
- Wed 28 Rec. two letters one from Nichols and one from Dr. Hubell. Answered them tonight.
- Thu 29 George Burnett called today had quite a long talk.
- Fri 30 Received a good old letter from Art today. Glus Rvliston? died today.
- Sat 31 Rec. a letter from Mabel today. Mr Stewart paid me 3 dollars tonight.

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
November 1891

- Sun 1 Took the train and went to South Kortright, Art met me there and I came home with him. Spent a very pleasant day.
- Mon 2 Got the childrens pictures today.
- Tue 3 Am looking for Art today, Flora went home this morning. Arthur has come and gone, I am feeling terrible today.
- Wed 4 Was very much surprised to get a call from Art, am very sorry to write we had a misunderstanding.
- Thu 5 Arthur got back from looking for a girl today, called a few minutes.
- Fri 6 Am sick this morning.
- Sat 7 Went up to the post office tonight, saw the parade. Sent a letter to Art.
- Sun 8 A beautiful day. Arthur came up a while today. Wrote 4 letters tonight.
- Mon 9 Am very very tired tonight, I would rather die than live this nigger life long.
- Tue 10 Work, work, work, the same old treadmill, life over & over, away of today.
- Wed 11 Was dissappointed in not getting a letter today.
- Thu 12 Wanted to go to the auction but couldnt. Looked for a letter today but was dissappointed again. As useal rains and is a miserable day.
- Fri 13 Am nearly down sick dont feel as though I could work another day. Received a good old letter from Art and Maggie.
- Sat 14 Had head ache all day and was sick all night.
- Sun 15 Arthur came up today about 3 o'clock, went out walking.
- Mon 16 Washed and worked awful hard all day.
- Tue 17 Sent two letters today by and old fool and she lost one.
- Wed 18 Old Mrs Rainor went home tonight.
- Thu 19 No entry
- Fri 20 Arthur took me home tonight, Mr Stewart paid me 10 dollars today.
- Sat 21 Me and Art went to Cobleskill, got back 12 ~~o~~ o'clock. Was awful sick.
- Sun 22 At home all day at night me and Arthur went down to Wort Hagers.
- Mon 23 Rained today, I didnt go back to Stamford. Art and Jim fixed the pump.
- Tue 24 Arthur brought me to Stamford today.
- Wed 25 Began work again today, found Stewarts folks cross because I did not come back sooner.
- Thu 26 Nothing but work.
- Fri 27 Went up town to hardware and postoffice.
- Sat 28 Received good old letter from Art.
- Sun 29 Arthur came up to day was very glad to see him, Stayed awhile in evening. Charlie Cowan came to Stamford today.
- Mon 30 Charlie Cowan called this forenoon. Am very tired tonight.

Diary of Mary Jane Payne, Brockway, Cowan
December 1891

- Tue 1 Arthur and Charlies lawsuit was today.
Wed 2 Arthur drove up this morning and told me they beat in the suit.
Thu 3 Went up town today, bought the boys skates.
Fri 4 Work, work, work.
Sat 5 My time is out today, looked for my folks but they did not come.
Sun 6 Spent a very lonesome day.
Mon 7 Looked for my folks but was dissappointed, made old Steuart pay me today.
Tue 8 Went home today got home just dark.
Wed 9 Went to Jefferson and got my dress cut. Father went to Stamford for my trunk.
Thu 10 Arthur came today was nearly down sick, got here after dark. Was very glad to see him.
Fri 11 Arthur has gone to get his horse wintered, look for him back tonight.
Sat 12 Was going to Richmondville but gave it up.
Sun 13 Arthur and myself went to Effies today had a very pleasant visit, came home after dark.
Mon 14 Wanted to go to Richmondville today but was dissappointed. Arthur and me went to Jefferson today.
Tue 15 Worked very hard to go to Downsville. Rains tonight.
Wed 16 Got up at 4 O'clock and got ready to go to Downsville, started at 6, rains very hard. Got to Bloomsville at 11 O'clock. Lost my valice.
Thu 17 Am feeling wretched this morning among strangers. Am going to Downsville this morning on the stage this afternoon from Coleharsar.
Fri 18 Feel sick and blue this morning, wonder if Arthur will find my valice. Received my valice tonight on stage. Am very thankful.
Sat 19 Sewed all day.
Sun 20 Have stayed in ever since I came here am not feeling well enough to go out.
Mon 21 Sewed all day.
Tue 22 Sewed and rec. callers.
Wed 23 Sewed hard all day. Rec. a letter from Arthur tonight. Mrs Abbettie took ginner here tonight.
Thu 24 Sewed again all day as usual went out again in evening with Maggie to get Christmas presents.
Fri 25 Today is Christmas and a lonley Christmas for us. Wrote five letters tonight. Rec. some presante. Today Etties picture came.
Sat 26 Is raing yet has rained all the week.
Sun 27 Went to church in morning and again in evening. Spent a very pleasant day. Heard Mr Albberti preach.
Mon 28 No Entry
Tue 29 No entry
Wed 30 Arthur came today, I was married tonight.
Thu 31 Had a bad headache all day.