

vegetables of the pasture almost unnoticed
- such is their color & so humble are they.

Johnson then describes the return of
Spring - Feb. 25 - 11 - 10

Rise of my love, my partner, & come away
For us, the winter is past, the rain is over gone;
The flowers of March on the earth; the time
of the singing of birds is come, & the voice of the
tuttle is heard in our land.

Jan 25 1860 -

In keeping a journal of our walks & thoughts
it seems to be worth the ~~while~~ while to record
these phenomena which we not interested
in at the time. But in the weather -

It makes a material difference whether it
is poor or fair - affecting much our mood
thoughts.

There then are various degrees of kinds
of poorness & fairness

It may be cloudy - or there may be
rising clouds - which threaten no storm
or it may be partially overcast.

On the other hand it may rain or snow
or hail with various degrees of intensity -
It may be a transient thunder storm - or
a shower - or a flurrying snow - or it may be
a prolonged storm of rain or snow - or
the sky may be over cast or rain threatening -

As with regard to temperature - it may be warm or cold - Above 40° is warm for winter - One day at 38° even with the day being quite bright - the next day it may have risen to 48° & the snow is rapidly changed to slush.

It may be calm or windy. The first winter day is a cold but clear and glittering one. There is a remarkable life in the air then - & birds and other creatures appear & feel it - & the water is invigorated by it.

Also warm smelting days in winter are infrequent - though less characteristic.

I will call the weather fair, if it does not threaten rain or snow or hail - or if it rains or snows or hails - or if it overcast - but we expect one or the other from time to time.

To say it is fair, though the sky is slightly overcast - but there are sailing clouds in the SW.

The river is considerably broken up by the recent thaw rain - but the banks much the most - prob. because it is winter, owing to which more fluctuating.

When the river begins to break up it becomes clouded like a waterfall.

sky - but in this case the blue portions
are where the current ~~is~~ ^{is} moving away the
ice beneath - beyond those dark - the
current by the water striking the ice breaks
it up & cuts it into portions of the same form
with those which the wind gives to vapor -

Forth all these few places which
I mentioned lately - punch enlarge themselves
each way -

Saw A Hooper approaching in his
pony - He calculated & the time should meet
just when he reached the bare plank of
the carriage bridge - as the horse
might as well stop of his own accord -
& as other excuse would be needed - for a
talk.

He says that he has seen a ~~bird~~ ^{bird} with
(cut with the knife) with mice in its claws.
Wonders what has got all the rabbits this
winter. Last winter there were hundreds near
his house - this winter he sees none.

Jan 26

Fair, but overcast - Therm. about 32°
probably just starting on the "great meadows"
slightly raised somewhat by the thaw & also
the rain (of I think the 23-4)
great revolutions of the soil will take place
before you are aware of it. Though you will

Handwritten notes in the left margin, including "Feb" and "Jan".