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Dec 1st arose a short time before sunrise, and performed the various duties of the morning. I was inattentive to my studies learned two lessons only. In the evening knit and began a Miser's Purse - Wrote a note to sister Caroline then retired.

Dec 2nd Arose about sunrise. Began to write a letter to Cousin Almira, but did not finish it. In the evening received a call from cousin George had the headache.

Dec 3rd Arose sometime before sunrise. After beakfasst learned one lesson, then walked some distance to gather pitch pine for a flower pot. Having attained my object I walked some time among the picturesque rocks, quite unconscious how the time passed away. In the afternoon Cousin George & the Misses Elys visited here. Spent the time very pleasantly was quite fatigued and retired soon.

Dec 8 Arose about sunrise. Did not learn but one lesson as Sister Caroline went away. In the afternoon quilted. Sat up until 11 o'clock was very sleepy & could scarcely keep awake.

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family;

Dec 10 [or 19?] Awoke quite early but knew I should freeze if I got up then so I lay till I could lie no longer and then concluded to make me a tent out of the sheet and dress myself in it; when I got down found breakfast almost ready; after washing up the dishes and sundry other jobs Sarah and I made our moss basket which occupied the most of the day my basket was pronounced a shabby looking thing; however I thought it about as pretty as Sarah's; I covered & lined the basket with moss and ornamented the handle with hanging moss; twisted three knots of yarn; in the evening read in the Congregational Observer.

Dec 20 Dressed much in the same way as the preceeding morning, assisted Sarah in harnessing the horse; Mother and Caroline being gone to meeting Sarah and I were left to

keep Sabbath alone; read the Youth's Companion's; Mary Eliza came with M & C, in the evening while I was undressing her I heard a knock; took Mary and ran into the bedroom ; dropped my cape and called to Caroline, to bring it to me, she brought me a shawl; I was de-