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Lockport N. Y.
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which was a very small one, I worked ten hours each day and received twelve dollars each week. The work on Mr Lewis' farm was mainly with tomatoe plants. For the first week I was watering tomatoe plants and the following two weeks I wheeled tomatoe plants to the greenhouses. From the fourth week to the the seventh week, I helped shipping tomatoe plants. At the end of the sixth week we had all the tomatoe plants shipped and Mr Lewis had no work for me. So at the beginning of the seventh week I was hired by Mr Hiron Dr' Collum. For two week I worked

at this farm, mowing grass with a scythe. This job did not suit me. And on the ninth week I was hired at the Wendt Farm. At this farm the help worked nine hours. But my pay was nevertheless twelve dollars per week. On this farm I did a great deal of hoeing. On the ninth and tenth week I pulled weeds and hoed around the corn. On the eleventh week I picked cherries. On the following week the hay was cut. And from the twelfth to the sixteenth week I was pitching hay. There were about two hundred and sixty tons of hay in the barn when we got done working with the hay. On the sixteenth and

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