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I put in eleven hours, as an average, every day of the week except Sunday and a very few recreation days, during the whole summer.

For nearly two weeks after I reached home I worked in the woods boiling sap. I was kept very busy as it was left to me alone most of the time because father was commencing his spring work.

Every minute of my time was taken up attending to garden making as soon as the syrup was made. I planted an acre of beans; an acre of corn, cabbage, turnips, and other vegetables; and half an acre of potatoes.

After the planting was over, I helped father pick stones off the plowed ground, pull mustard from the grain,

cut wood and do other general farmwork.

It was only a few weeks after the planting before the vegetables needed a great deal of cultivating, hoeing, and spraying for different kinds of insects.

When the grass was fit to cut I assisted with the cutting, raking, cocking, drawing and mowing.

Father cut four acres of wheat, which I set up; and I assisted in setting up eight acres of oats. When we drew the grain, including six acres of barley, I loaded and helped on the stack.

During the time I was not employed in the grain fields, I worked in the garden, helped with the housework, and canning.

Although the work was hard, I enjoyed it, and learned a great deal about farming which I had never observed before.

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and returned to school.

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