

- 15/1/70 Mr Woodham, Sister to Barrow Simonds died
 18/1/- Thomas May Basingstoke died
 27/10/71 Wyndham D'ath left Arborfield
 Edensor Hill sold to Wellington College
 31/1/- Prince of Wales very ill
 10/12/ - Thanksgiving Day for his recovery
 27/12/72 Thornton of Beaurepaire, out hunting
 rode down the steps from the
 Bearwood Terrace.
 6/3/- Long hunting day. Left off at Swallowfield
 Park but G.S. did not reach
 home till 8.0
 13/8/- Three Mile Cross Cottages built
 24/10/- G.S. Jr. appointed Treasurer to
 the Reading Union.
 13/2/73 James Simonds married to
 Assie Daniel
 20/2/- First signs of JS illness
 10/1/70 8/2/- 8/1/2 26^x/1- 3¹/₁- 5/2- 11^x/1- 27/1/73 17/2/-
 good Runs.

Miscellaneous 1870

- Jan 1. All went to Reading Market day
 very busy Banking
 2. Dark morning. The Hedges; I then in
 London Wyndham did the day's business
 3 Willie went hunting, to Reading Great hunting
 to Luckby Park, a large Sela Grade Daddy
 had Dogs out but did not get on him all the
 shot was over. Newman rode Raffle did not
 find (after drawing the the Blantons) until we
 got to Lanes at Quendons. saw my first fox 15 miles
 (the ground is one of the banks near - from a gun
 I heard among the hedgerows about 7. Swallow's
 over the water to 3 mile cusp, I see him here -
 near the Woods at Thorpe a capital day
4. Went to Reading also to bus safety and
 the balance.
5. The Boys to Reading. Got up early Saturday
 to go to Polans College. Bisham to see
 a modern founded by - Hopkins but it was

5th Jan 1869

so well I do not go - Gordon Whiston or to meet the Hounds at Bransford down all the country until we got to Newgate values we found and after a very good run through Glastonbury Bransford we left them at the bottom of Bransford Common near Newgate they afterwards ran nearly two miles & beat the hounds. Left in consequence of having two days at the Queen in Reading. Met Roger Wicks & 2 daughters. Mr & Mrs of May & our own party we had a pleasant evening.

6. Thank morning Willie rode Raffle into Reading he went to Henry's Grocer Tong's Lee in horses costume, staid a little while at the Paul & then went on to meet the South Park Hounds at Burghfield Bridge Newman rode with stockings & his Daddy for me a pretty boy friend. ~~He~~ has drawn Purple Wreath & James who has just in a hanging tower the day before found a hawk for a few minutes but soon released as he was a cripple. I thought horses then riding Daddy & Newman went home & for us collected & we went back to Queen's coffee

6th Jan 1869

I got on him but he has been gone too long I am going him back at Brighfield down & then toward the plantations for the next day though the Allfrey comes down to the Morgans. Drove back to the Morgans - Brighfield & back & I often see ends of many sheep & expect 3 miles off. In fact it is & it was a capital day & that end also enjoyed it.

7. Dark weather will stop rain. Travel after Reading by bus, we drove the pony from & the girls went into Reading. John staid here.

8. 4th Mile I went into Reading rather by Branksome Market & back. We went to Town afterwards,

9. Ah went to church with the excellent Master who is not well. Hypothiam read prayers. Jim Hayes preached. Visa never in the afternoon. 10 lambs

1870

Jan 10. White frost. Miller rode Roffe into Reading. Peleg took a Woodchuck to meet him at Lawrence. Newman took a Whitestoeing for John S. Long, for me to meet the horses at Copper Reed. Scratches (or what I used to hear) as large feet as John was coming from London & Mr. Quill wanted a thick skin for him we drew a cattle over to the left of Peleg's cabin & just as our men started into Peleg's a fox was hellbound straight up the road and a clipping pace straight for Wokingham turned to the right over Bakers Lane through Babblesbury and on for Wals hills being N to the left as it, for Hartshorn had one bird shot last evening and did not kill him at Babblesbury we drew the golden Wals cows for Peleg's cabin carrying Peleg Master to without finding again on the two long trail skins I often times have got on my way back home. Warren horses come. Mead West the youth clearly heard their sharp hoofs. Hunt. Wals hills had the big old copse after a long day horses being heat and will my expectation of getting him

11 Jan 1870

We traveled away back to Babblesbury over the Warren house copse, Read Wood where I found we charged against the fence wood Peleg's own son Warwick Northcote plane to Babblesbury and the horses were stopped at dark near the big Thomas' tree horses carried us under my poor little old horse. lots of falls in the day my trusty Herman L. down but not hurt into Babblesbury his horse got away. John & I had a ride for him but it was so dark that we could not see on him he was quickly bought back to T. Harvey. John slept here

11. Frosty morning, John & I went into Reading all seven. John went to Wokingham and at a litter after the black bear found that he had gone to Wokingham took back his boy. Sam took it over in a cart. we were fairly busy unloading of Wynnallam & May's wedding they dined with us.

12. There was rain frost thunder & lightning in the night, partial frost in the morning not sufficient to stop hunting Grade Master

1870

To meet the horses at the Greyhound
Inn I camped John Hargreaves over night on
the way. Newman rode "Rufus", a large
fieri horse lots of ladies walked Sunday down
the hill & but did not find what we
got to Longmorn by the time he broke any of
first to Fenchamp's Church & St Johns
round by Barnstaple, to the left in the
bay and on to Looe's cutts, which he has
by Radical Hand with the plantation
towards California where he was sent
as tried but a kind friend took up
the money for him & he changed account
or by James Park the night after our
& St Johns & one last time near to Barnstaple
we then down the Lee comes & found after
a mile he cross'd the river and they hearing
the Bramwells when he went to ground near
Larmar Hill, it was a very fast 30 miles -
and then the Tark Hill & in the afternoon got
there to the Old Park Dickness found a few
he went and horses followed Lee to
the left & passing through the road over the
Lee comes by Hargreaves goes on to
Barnstaple to the right cross'd the Bradwell

12th Jan 1870

river just below Great Bridge over the
~~Ford~~ up to ~~where~~ Capt & Mrs and at
the gate of the common turned to the left
and over the fields & meadows ready to the
Long water bridge turn there & was like
him about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of good hunting which
finishes a capital day that Charles
hunted the horses first late. John Hargreaves
I saw on our way the day much Whistling
carried away well. The girls had a ride
on horseback. John his wife & baby came from
London. Willie down to Alton to stay a day
or two with the Hales. for a dinner in the
~~13. Frost. Totnes Totnes~~ fine place

13. Frost. Totnes Totnes. taking John
with me into Reading. he & Mr Hodges
went to Henley. we were going by in
Reading & we were staying at Henley. In the
evening to the Rectory. May my poor
old Belcher 3 Heifers at 30 £ each £ 1 at 30 years

14. Rain in the night few money Newman
had a long ride Daddy & follow'd or
Woolacombe to meet the horses at Yeovil

14th Jan 1870

Called at Barnes saw changed horses &
rode on together met the hounds driving.
Butterwood did not find them but son
did in the corner. we had a very quiet
ride for an hour & eventually rode
him closer to Lord Rochester's house
he was so beaten that he would not go
to ground, we then went on to Bulmers
& Aspledeneish Moor without finding
but did in the corner to the left over
the Reading Hotel Hills often riding
a little he broke away across the hedge
when we beat a tree or took at the Newsham
church over the railway to Bulmers & thought
it to Bulmers & over the corner & it
for him to beat horses & back to
Bulmers & a full time it was
a long day's work & I enjoyed to meet
the horses hunted & Chels managed them
as well as I, carried me full rate,
Willie still at all the time went to Reading
& Wokingham. Many & good.

15. Home with Reading took up John on
the way over clay. Tracked 3 miles. very heavy
at the Bank. He walked more than I have ever
done ever know. all screen. May 3 hours under
the same to stay with us. Willie came home
16. 3 miles money. May 3 hours. Willie did not
go to church - Wokingham read paper. I sat & spent 1
in the afternoon via versa in the morning. John
stays at home. Willie & I called on John at Newhams
I am in the afternoon. I had a letter from Major
General to say his Sister Mrs. Worthington was dead
16. I got up early I went to town at 7 o'clock
money. could scarcely see before 8 o'clock had
about 80 yards far back. Willie rode
Rippled with Reading. I rode Dandy &
John Whitehorses. John stays at Sheephouse -
to meet the horses at home at New
Wood Lodge. it was 3 foggy and we could
scarcely see 100 yards. drew by the church
so I in two miles apart & after a long
we broke over the church road that we
soon lost him drew then the Wood
without finding on the hill roads
& end up with the same result back
to the corner & after running about

18th Jan 1870

with a by his seat had our boat. on
her to ~~the~~ the. Keston. He stayed
his horse & took Whiston when we
did not find our the Cattle Cotes &
Cattle Cotes when we again found but
the meet was on his death for so
dinner we could do nothing with the
Horse with Baiford who I wished to
see May. he is pronounced to have passed
new year & had a fly from Roberts
Wootton station to take him home

In the course of the day. Newman
brought me a note from Mr Waller to
say - That, my Nephew Thomas May
had died at Adelias suddenly this morning
at 8 o'clock 47 years of age

Wynsham came to stay.

19. John with Reading east taken
an hour works meeting. John went to take
me and found but. I went to Basye & -
I saw my poor sister she of course must
cut it. Long Robertson & Mrs. Brightmore
staying until her. I returned by the 10 o'clock
train. Very rather better

20. Rode into Reading in with me on
horseback. all come. Taylor & Eggington
came to the Rail & we audited the
Dishonest accounts, returned home with the
& we went shooting in the Combe. killed
a brace of Partridges & 30 rabbits. Tom, Jim
Mike & I. man the party. & Cooper Jim & Willie
came in the afternoon to look over my rather
better, the horses met at the Rail at
midnight. had undoubtly shot four plenty
of pheasants

21. John & I in to Adelias in the 4 wheel
with. Father Clark & Sweethead. taking Newman
with us. on our arrival Newman went up to Bostock
After May & poor Tom's older Boys. Robertson &
Tom John, John Wickham, etc. Davis, Stanley
John & Roger Lewis followed. Dr Pound, Valentine
the funeral attended the funeral of poor
Tom. we started from Adelias at 3/4 past 1 and
arrived at the Cemetery Bostock soon after
The number of people were great. & followed
therefore the last last ceremony. Long & wife
never as much as could be expected on our return
I drove it away dark & the horses ~~were~~

1870. Jan 21st.

badly that we got around the path
at the Lodge & broke the splinters
particularly there was no wood.

Many children came to stay.

22. With Will & I went to Reading to buy
Mabel duck & covers in piano

23. Went to church.

24. Monday

25. Went to Reading. Mr John Hargreaves give
a Ball at the Lower Hall a very large apartment
we were invited & accepted but in consequence of
the death of poor Tom May we did not go.
John & Ellen went.

26. A very severe frost. I rode with Hobbs
& Whiteham attended a meeting on my return home
to my surprise met Mr Hargreaves at his gate
with the horses going to dear. I rode with him
to found just opposite John Lullus. he said who

26th Jan 1870.

The road in the park back over the road to White-
ham Whelbys where after about 1/2 a hour they killed
him. lots of people out. several masters of hounds
to no end of trouble. Three men buried in an
hour a frost before. the horses were taken home
after they killed their fox.

27. Frost. I rode into Reading. Willie drove
a carriage from his friend Hale to stay

28. Still frosty. Hale Willie & I went to Whiteham
Wool Combs & the shooting had fair sport. A
Roberts died here

29. Willie & I John went to Readers Hale
rabbiting etc

30. We all went to church in the morning. Hale
& Willie did not go in the afternoon a change in
the weather thawing fast.

31. Wet morning. Hale & Willie went rabbiting. we
did not think it would do for hunting (after Capt
Gowen (who lunched with us.) Hale Willie
& I went to Kidsgrove. had fair sport killing

1870 Jan 5th (31)st

1 Pleasant. I Woodcreek which fell to Millic
gave 1 bird 11 Hares & no rabbits it was a
fine afternoon & we enjoyed the sport although
the frost was nearly out the hounds were soon
about Tally hills & Longmorn all day they ran
one through Kieldham & whipped off at dusk.
They killed one & ran two to ground.

Feb 1. Went to Reading attended a Dispensary meeting
which was a crowded & lasted 2½ hours. We rode
Loyds & the girls Sharpshaws & Woodham to Woking
Millic joined & they had a good ride round Sandhurst
&

2. Half an "hour, Millic, Roffe & Son's Yacht" went
to meet the hounds at Matfield green over ~~Abbots~~
I did not without finding a cub Blackwood where
we did. He was leader at first & we could not get
him away the scent was weak. we then turned to
Loyds when a fox was held to St. Petersham he
met along at a good pace to Shales copse & out to
Bramdell green & appeared as if going to Bramdell
but then headed to the Loddon on the bank when
pointed as if for Blackwood but turned back to
Shales copse away to Pethams over the last to

Pot Pethams across the park as fast indeed down
the old Loddon by the Tinkers to the right &
ran the Tinkers leaving the Bush comes to the
right and down to Tally bridge my fine hunting
& scented a check here we had two or three checks
the body of the hounds ran to the right of Tally
Bridge village but Abbot's & Charles had gone
to the left with another fox when we got
to Shipton common at the Master & Hawlman
were now with us (Total Cavy who has been
hunting the pack) that are last better shot
than to take them back which we did &
when we got back to the Master we found
that they were off the fox. we then got back
to when we had stopped the hounds & hit him
into the Merry park. but he had too good a start
& we marked him down to Woodcock lane.
There we changed faces at the bridge as a big
tail fox was seen to go back to the Bush comes
our first we must have got out of the Petham
beside the ame. a brace it was a capital days
sport & we enjoyed it much. Loyds carried Hales
in great style indeed

1870

Feb 3. John & I went to Reading the forenoon
to Hens. fair business along. Will & Hale
shooting in

4th. Wynnllawn & the children started off for
Kewstow. Newman drove them to Wimborne
in the omnibus. ~~With the dogs~~ Clary rode Woodbine leading Whitethorn to the
Wellington Arms. Mr. Gath drove me in his
coach to Shaftesbury. Capt. Bryng was of the
party we got no our horses & met the hounds
at Sherfield gate, found in right hand Prospectus
a man over four about there for one time & just as
we were passing into him he went to ground
on the road to Holes & Belles. after a short run he
ran away towards Mapledurham Turnpike but
the hounds caught up two pieces I saw him
run for a way & he appeared all right, or there
to Mapledurham Moor but did not find. Raged
over a Miles farm. found again in Bullwark
but the scent was so hot that he soon ran as
out of it, drew him part of Butcher's without
finding & came home. Whitethorn carried one
quiver note. Will & Tom & Hale had a course
party. Lodge Rishworth. All along he flew

4th Feb 1870

They had capture shot no end of hares &
they enjoyed themselves much.

5. Will John & I Hale went into Reading
the latter on his way home we were at big
wheel market in a very depressed state.

6. Weale went to church. Sir J. Haye did
all the service except the Lessons which John
read. Sacrament we all stand.

7. Newman drove Mary into Reading the
went by train to London Wynnllawn met her
at the Station & took her to Kewstow there is a
poor & sneaking John rode Puffin & Daddy
to meet the hounds at Wimbleton a long flight
down the course the other side of the bank.
found in home come over after a run to
fish away across the park to Spring Lodge
or Lammas Burford turned to the right
to the slopes back through Lammas Wood
Wimbleton Beech Wood Warren house esp-
cial Hale & pointing to King Street turn back
through Hurst Wood common charity road

8th Feb 1870

went to Bushy Leas. Spring coffee bags.
over the road Round wood to the left &
we killed him at Horwood. Lawrence Waller
it was a capital run & fine hunting. 2 hours.
the country perfectly wet. Ruffe carried after
fair rate. Daddy the same with me
we left off at 1 p.m.

I ride to my stampa John & I drove after
reading the form went to Wokingham
fair today.

10th Snow in the night ground covered in the
morning. Gerv came over he on his chestnut
& Fox Tong went to meet the hounds at
the Chequers. Gerv, went on to the Heath
& found he went away the hounds never
across the Combs & up to Bramshill
by fact I straight to ground at the Elsthorpe
bottoms. the seat was as fair on the Heath
although covered with snow. I got a good
start & saw it all nor more than
half a dozen did, was then down across
part of Bramshill & down to Mr. Stophelos

where it was expected that we should encounter
fox but we did not hear them past
of Bramshill. Gerv at the top of Elsthorpe
Bridge Elsthorpe plantation being broken
nimbly down towards Hanley where we
found he broke away as if for the ground
towards the Curries Park & fast or
to the road down over the Bridge &
leaving Brook house to the ^{left} at the end
near Elsthorpe Mount back to the
plantation. Wall Brookes to Stophelos
Park through it up to the lane where
we had a chester tried though the horse
& hit him with the little cover
where he stopped for us. we run him to
fast down to the road to the left & and
killed him in the field down at Fleet
we had some capital hunting & all
enjoy'd it. several of us enjoyed at
Mr. Stophelos afternoon. Gerv's horse carried
him well with an exception he refused
to come out of a Meadow I sent two
men to help & he then seemed to get his
head out & got it just as we killed our
fox.

1870

11 Oct Frost

12 - Frost.

Monday. 1871

Augt. 7. Very fine day nearly the 1st in the season. Began Peas hocking on Friday last. Corn scarecs fit to cut very much land busy hours turnips & swedes which are very good. we have had a very bad haymaking heat scarecs any got in well. The Bughtfield and some of the light land farms have begun reaping. Sheep very dear hives 50. to 60 sheek an average lambs 30/- to 54/-

To day is a Bank Holiday the first in Augt under the New Bank Act. Sir O' Hares John Ellen & Mandeville staying at Ryde we sold some wheat on Saturday - 20 bushels at 63/- 15 bushels at 63/. May & Wynnham dined with us. Willi went into Reading to dine with Rev'd A Roberts married a couple at Arborfield or taking Wynnham stately, while he was gone to Bembridge in the Isle of Wight to see after a cure of his poor leg. Roberts went afterwards to Arborfield Hall to gett and by some accident he broke his leg he was taken to his brother at Wokingham the small bone of his leg is broken

8. Foggy morning very fine day afterwards harvest generally commenced. Willi & I went to Reading. Willi to Wokingham afterwards Mr Roberts gives us such. we were very busy at Reading to make up for the hole day yesterday. I & the girls went in the carriage to Waltham in the afternoon

9th Weather as yesterday. Began cutting oats Watford in St Bede's a very fine crop very moist straw. Got home all day. Willi went to Reading. John & James & I to Brighton. Wynnham & May dined with us. Fine evening in the evening

10. Weather as before. began cutting Barley in Chawton's Hole. cutting oats & Ryans reaping Wheat. Churnock brought over a mule which I thought would do for Sir O' Hares Goods it slowed him he liked it and agreed to give 83 Guineas subject to Wm's examination. Went into Reading with Tom. Dined by train to Wokingham by 3-4 PM to see Mr Roberts he is going on very well. Dennis had

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with Wyndham May & the children the
two from Luton to see Roberts.
Harriet & Walter & amusing Miss
Phizzone married to Mr Digby Boycott.
Willie started to shoot (Rifle affair)

11. Same weather, all hands butting Barley
Oats & Wheat. Willie went into Reading. Cox
came over from Sandhurst to settle accounts
despite Miss Kitecat came over to spend the
day. W. Cox came to talk about his visit
to Horn Castle where he is going to morrow
to buy some horses. He takes of Godalmer with
him to speak, Wheately passed. Corrys man
sound.

12. Still very fine what all hands butting
carried past out of little bundles & tally fees
to 1. Willie went into Reading not so very
much. Leacock also saw wheel at 6^{1/2}. 3 pairs
of new wheat at market. which were both
bought by John Chapman. Leacock sides
at 62^{1/2}. one belongs to left & other the other
grown at Caversham Mills not first
rate quality.

1891

Aug 13. Very weather exceedingly warm
we all went to Church Wyndham did the
duty again in the afternoon Tom How
le dined with us Wyndham May &
Kil went to an evening service at
Berkham. Wyndham read prayers the
Parson preache?

14. Same weather, all hands harvesting
cutting wheat in New ground a very bad
job. Hobbs sent us a 100 bushels from
Witford very uneven price 5^{1/2}.
Willie drove into Reading & took Wheately
in, others came home from Brighton he
came home with me. Le. Wyndham
& Mary dined with us.

15.. On Saturday 1 Feb. went to Reading
when we enjoyed ourselves as usual, too
said I & we are very kindly from our friends
here & I spent a fortnight, the girls there,
on May Thursday there, we return
on the 30th & found all the wheat carried
& most part of the turnip crop

1871

Lst 1. Estimated hot weather Willii
went to Compton to shoot with the
Browns they killed Wyndham & I went
out in the afternoon, we killed 8 brace
of birds, on the 31st Aug I bought a
pair of chimp for which he gave £103. as
Hannett kept it to me to give the profit. He did
~~not like his long hair~~ but paid him £100.

5th Willii & I went to Rose Hill to
shoot with Rogers. we had a capital
day. killed with three guns 34½
brace of birds all shot well, we
came to dinner in the evening a large
party. Dr. Mrs Stokoe the new master
of the Grammar School, Dr. Mr. Mrs. Pattle
the Governors & Mrs. Adolphus & Mrs. Mr.
& Mrs. Powley. we had a very
pleasant evening (am cause)

Very few birds not much shooting day
over.

Mr. Gull is nearly gone too much
exertion in the heat on the 1st Sept

1871

About Sep 18. Met the horses for cat hunting
at Beaufort Lodge, rode ~~up~~^{up} the hill &
killed & found a litter could not catch
one. down the road without finding
I went over to the Compton when we found
a lot but could not catch one

Met the horses at Folly Hall down
Wyfold & Pigotts when we found a litter
but could not catch one. on then to
the St Johns found an old fox in the
field & ran him to Longmoor on through
the plantations & eventually he escaped
by the shooting party California road bags

Met the horses at Bound Oak Farm
but down great copse & found the road
was 3 hrs & we lost him down from the
Rushes now & I did not find. down Castle
copse when we did after down little hill
we lost him down West Lanes & found him
in one the Pigotts & after the Lee comes
I have went to ground. or down to Kleton

Sat 1871

when we found he ran over to the Coast
to meet the Fox hills turned & went to
ground near the Lempf (now Long)

Oct 2. Rode Long & met the horses
at 7 o'clock at Saults, and came on but
did not last a mile far. found a good
little trail and went over to the lake
found plenty of water holes another &
thus ended our short ride which was
very enjoyable. Went to see the fort
it was better I recommended him to go
to the sea & have some riding.

4th Willie on pony Dorothy & I on
Butterfly went to meet the horses
at Saults sandhills. found a few
meadows & had some pretty hunting exercised
him into the corner of the Kicks.
horses & took him, we then went on
to Lodi where we found he stopped
to be an old fox he broke my arm the
sandhill road to California as if for
the ridge turn'd around over to Lodi
Dug to Saults but to the left to

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the Fleet out at the bottom & over
the meadows near the sandhills turn'd
over the ridge to Lodi on over the
Mokelumne river to Eastlawn Park
where he was scared and sprang & turned
off to the house to Shetkin he was
left in the garden. I think he is all
right to run at least a few more
days turn'd about an hour of as fast
hurly as any short man could wish
Charles hunted the horse at 3 miles under
our horses carried us well.

Willie & Leacock & Son. burn & come
in his vehicle came from the Bank in
the afternoon we were visited by Kit & Tom
& C.

The 5th Willie Son & I went to Reading

6. Willie & Leacock & Son burnt the remains
of the Bush horses in the new ground we
were visited by Kit. Pat. Harriet Waller
& Catt who were much pleased with the job
it was a hot work I required them

6th Oct 1871

after lunch Will & I went down in the
Pony chair to Whitechapel with our guns
but of course that killed 3 pairs of birds
7 Hares & a rabbit both shot under
Wynallham & they dined at the Farmers.

7. We went to Reading Market rather
cheaper by bus than by Rail. Bank rate raised
in the day 1/2 d. to 8d. to 8½d. &
unusual on a Saturday great drain of
gold for the Continent.

8. We all went to Church Wynallham
did the duty. Sir J Hayes went to
Markham. Wynallham read prayers in
the afternoon Sir J presented us,

9th

I rode Long to meet the horses at
the Dog & Thomas Butcher's a small
porter drew the heavy cart without hardly
entering the Park when we started a cart
over the Long goes & soon followed
another found again he broke alone
to Knebworth - and so as if for trifled

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walk again to the park to run to the
King's Park down through his woods
and nearly to Worpleson church to the
left and a field runs us out of scene
on the way to London goes one has
just at the spot, I asked a shepherd
on my way how he was Lady much
better & is going to-morrow to Caversham
to have some sailing. The girls had a
ride to Reading. Kit or Daddy. Tat
or Butterfly & I were called up.

10. Willis went to Wallham to shoot
at John Stark. Turn to Rose Hill to those
with Rogers. John & I went into Reading
Furniture near to Wynallham I walked home
Tat had a ride on the new mare. Lady paid
will Ellen & Nelly Cooper they went to
ask after Mr Hunter who has had an attack
of Paralysis he is going on well.

11th Willis or Daddy. For Butterfly went to
meet the horses at Worpleson. Wynallham Lodge
to draw Chubbs - Moa & To catch a large

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fallen out. did not find in Chanty
or then to Bushy Lanes with the same
result found in the how cover after a
long I believe he broke away for third
corner but the scent was so bad that
we could not mark his line. we
back to the cover in the Park to
Spring copies without finding or then
to Hammett when we did and after
3/4 of an hour with a g bad scent
managed to handle a g firm cover
over them went to the Hackets &
second wood where we again found
the road unbroken & the Scent a
a certain cry during the game cover
much good. ran over to Ashby Wood
Wood was very well visited but we
could not catch them over broken
cover as a rule. after our return
Willie went out for shooting but did not
get a shot. Game firing began. Went
sowing in Pipers Plot. Langley wheat,
Ist sowing with Nelly at Ardford. Tab
rode Ladybird and went on with Nelly
Cooper who is staying at the Doctors

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Sir D Hayes gone to Leamington Nelly
Cooper - John & Ellen went with us

12th. Willie & I drove to Reading paid him
Banking, no alteration in the Bank rate 5/8 per
Willie went the Sleath. I am at Lockinge
staying with Cos? Simonds. Rife wife offair
John came in, "aloud the salaries of the clerks
going more. Nelly Cooper Ellen & Tab rode out
Reading or Horsham. We rode out with Harry,
Willie Tab went to stay in the Village
to meet Mr Burton. Attended a meeting
of the Poor works. matters looking better,

13. Sir John Ellen ^{Nelly} Cooper & I went
to London - I secured dinner, paid out part
in the City had lunch at Simonds which
seems much enjoyed. Paid me 5/- for the 3
train.

14. John Willie & I went into Reading after
very Market with dinner

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15 Oct All went to church. W Deth
read prayers. Sir J H preached "vis versa"
in the afternoon. Willii & I had a walk

16. 16 Janus. Parsons. Deth John
Tom & I went shooting at Fox Hill
but all the time then killed 33 Pheasants
5 Hares & rabbits & before all the party drove
with us afterwards.

17. Went to Reading

18. Horndell met here at 8 o'clock a rather
large field. Joh & Ellen came. Grand Toys
then the Coombe & found plenty of deer after
some running with a fair scent. Killed one
we then went down to the Wolds head at
Loders & found he broke away at Wick's
Meadow Laddon close. Laddon D of Kewell &
threw his tail at a clippings horse. Then rode
home. At to the Coombe open to ring a
cow we were back by the Poetry down
to Loders now the road by Loders Barn
& up through the Wood to the Coombe

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again we then got off the scent of the old fox
& ran out to 12 o'clock. And could not handle
another. It was a capital morning.

John & Willii went into Reading afterwards
Leaves my Wheat growing

19. All went into Reading for business
Willii went to Henley

20. John & Willii went to Reading for home
faring. Had a ride with the girls in the
afternoon round Bramshill common. Took up 2
rides so we enjoyed it much our horses went
well.

21. We all went to Reading for business
market & dull but not cheaper for
roast. Susan Brown came to stay. She
went into to meet her

22.

22. All went to Church. Wyndham read
prayers. Sir J Hayes preach'd. Wyndham
preached in the afternoon his farewell sermon
which was a very good one. Harry Stott

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Spoke to Roberts at Barkham

23. For Long & John & Dorothy met the horses at Bourne End Park. They had found in the 4th corner and after a ride we went away for Holloways. This down to the double from over to Bramwells common nearly to New Mill cross back to Long hills through the Lea country. up to Bramwells by St John to the Fleet back again to Bramwells by Shiplands banks to the common & eventually to ground at W Canes at Fenders we were at him an hour for for nearly 2 hours and as it was 3 warm we gave up after a continual hunting moving. Will & went to Reading early & John afterwards I going to town where in St Georges a capital scene.

24. We all went to Reading. John & Willis cutting off corners nearly all day. Broke a horse home to buy belonging to Mr Kirk. not as proposed.

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26. Mr. Grode Kirk has to Newman took Whitchlow for me and the horses at the Whitchlow Lodge Bathhouse I drew the bushes from the plantation back to the plantation opposite the bridge & out now. I did not like my mount & changed horses stacks when we passed he broke away up to the hill & back again through the plantation to South Hill Park. Turned down through Park plantation bushes across the Park to Pond wood back through the Park to the South Hill Park where they caught him. The horses hunted him furiously we had a good field out we then drew ground hills up to New England hills where we again found rather him well through the plantation to Bayshot Park nearly the service & after about an hours continual hunting he beat us. it was a fast rate money Whitchlow carried me fast rate. Willie has built on his hand & could not go hunting or to Reading. We all dined at the Rectory in the evening met Col. Western & his son the latter is to be our curate. Parson Dixie & wife &

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24. Fin set up Maypole a good crop but of
gables, Willie had so bad he could not go to
Reading Idone. taking with me Col Weston
& his son. the former to go home the latter
walked back to Town. we were not busy.
John went to Henley.

25. Got home all day fancy & country.
Willie had no better he went up to Town
& met Parson they were feeling & shooting.
Wyncham & Mary left they were going to a visit to
26. I went into Reading taking John, we saw
fairly busy Banking. Willie came in in the
afternoon to get shoulds.

27th. We all went to church. Mr Western
read prayers for the first time, absent again
in the afternoon. Sir J Hayes read prayers
Mr Western preached,

28th. Haworth met at Barnet at 9 o'clock a
large field. Grode Street a sheep moving
over the hills to the wood without passing
or down to Kitcham where we did after
a ring or two he went away out Langley

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common to Leacons brick kiln was loaded
& turned back to the horses up the
road to Abingdon down coal lane to Haydon
up to Meadows & up to the house and by the
lodge & back to Bearwood & to the Conduits
where we changed & had tea or there on
foot ran & took train but could not board
one the engine's gone up to Mr Weston
gas works. Most of the passengers came
up & repaid & we took back to West
Moor & see Conduit. Haworth goes Fleet
on & the common but did not find again
We ate dinner at the Square at 5 o'clock
& went to a concert at the Assembly rooms
Reading. Miss Reeves & we enjoyed it very
much.

30th

28. Willie had cold but he cannot work.
Idone into Reading takes John Guest by
12 o'clock to Wokingham. I settled the purchase
Redhill Hill & my school lot Sandhurst
sold to the Wellington College. Mr Haworth
gave checks for the money. Sir John Hayes
attended a Masonic Lodge in Reading (including
Charles Fullbrook) & then went to London

28. Oct 1871 - 31st Dec 1871

John dined at the Queen in Reading with the R. f'd corps Officers - & Ellen & Mr Western & Tom dined with us. Mr Hayes & Tammie came back to Abingdon Hill.

Nov 1. Broke Whistham and the hares at Lutley Park found on the plantation by R. & miles ride & had a fine run 15 minutes the hares saw him had I run him after him but he just escaped getting to ground went on and the hounds found again but the sun was hot & we let him down then on to the flat to St John's I found he went back over the water by fast to the plantation Park and the field to the Warren & to the Plough corner Bramble Common he had lost him & back again to Lutley Hill and Piggott's Cope was found again after some run & round Lutley Hill by following his Swallowfield Park was now his trifled in long cover thus ended our day a very good one without blood.

Tommy ruled Suffolk in the Bull & on my last dinner. Mr Western Ellen & John dined with us in the evening

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Spoke John into Reading dinner to Henry park having no election in the Park race 5/- b. am Bantam by allowing 3 pds & no deposits.

3. Collins, Finch Tom & went shooting at Lutley Hill but all the covers except White Hall had a culler of 12 Wiles was with us to beat killed 24 Pheasants 3 Hare 10 Partridges & 2 Pintados a fine day we enjoyed it much Collins slept & dined here.

4. John & Collins. Willies John into Reading we now found heavy weather. Market back the same. The cold & wet frequent-

5. We all went to church. Sir J Hayes & I prayed. I cannot say that Mrs Willis was much again in the afternoon Mr Western rec'd a present Sir J Hayes presented Willies & I with a walk to Lutley Hill in afternoon.

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Nov 6. Lini moray. John Whitton.
John Whitton, Hobbs & Son Whithorn
went to meet the hounds at Shalebrook Park
1st meet of the season & therefore a large field
drew the gl. Wood found one deer injury alone
the coom slopes & Billingham without much
sport, we then drew home from Shalebrook
hounds. Beech Wood & Warren have copse
but did not find again. Mr. youth said
& others the day of fairs. I have? Whitton

7th Granda Butterly to meet the gl. Park
hounds at Marldon early. their first meet
as very large field Granda a man of the Park
but did not like his. found in the coom
by the lake and in consequence of the
numbers of foot people down caught him
hotted them down to Grange & found
after a ring he went to ground under a
faygo. Hill & Calderdale, on then to
Beech Hill where we again found he broke
away for Fumland. Merton Park little
park, or as it for the Pleasanties turned to
the right to Batters Combe where we
killed him it was a fair day though

Mr. Harpeaus hounds the horses of mule
Lady Butterly carries me game.

8th Granda Torgo to meet the hounds of Breamore
Mr. gasl did not come a moderate field
found plenty of foxes but the scent was
so bad we could not catch one, we
then went over to Lord Evelyn's but we
could not draw his coom. broken then on
to Daff copse. Burrough Combe & Day ton's
where we found he broke away near the
road to Gospel Hough & back but we
could do nothing with him. Miller
was out riding Raffle.

Geacocke went to Blackwater Fair
& bought 6 deer. cost breed at £22-10. each
John George Gordon Hall home to stay with us
9th Went to Reading fairly busy. Mr. &
Miller went shooting. Dick had good sport.
All the young folk went to a Ball at Wetherby
in the evening & had a pleasant party.

1871

Nov 10. Newman took on Tong to the Coates & David Butterfly to Hartsby row we met the horses at Dagnelupins Park a moderate field down Cockmoor & found after a ring he went over Rye Common to Stretton back again & to Faulkner's & after a ring in tree we lost him found another at Redfords row, but the scene was bad & we did little with him on then to Grange & found after a short run killed him got on another but could not catch him thus ended our day Tong carried on my single sides. Mr. Gath not out.
Hale went rabbiting with Tom the latter comes with us.

11 All went to Reading fairly busy the Boys went to the Theatre in the evening.

12. All went to Cheltenham except you & I & H proceeded, the last linked with Tom they did not come to lunch in the afternoon.

13. All went to Reading in the evening
Hartshorn a few days before

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Nov 13. Hale or Daddy, John or Whitelock & our Butterfly to meet the horses at Hains Hill very frosty & scarcely safe to hunt. Mr. Gath came out but is a hard not a very large field considering the ~~old~~ day found in the lake & of poor killing soon got on another & after a ring or two ran him over nearly to Swindon turned by Hocks, taken home Mr. Gath was true the riders and who he me came home, at 1/2 past 2, did not turn off at least 12 in consequence of the frost. Hale & I went home afterwards Wilki went to Reading

14 John & I went to Readers Wilki's home with Hale. The latter dined with Tom in the evening (they went to the Theatre), we ate dinner at Swallowfield met Mr. Gathly & a & Alice Gray.

15. Hale or Daddy, Wilki or Roffe & Tom Whitelock went to meet the horses at Great Braxworth Mr. Gath not out. a moderate field down the Fleet. found in the Thist he went over to the Fleet broke away at the Waller

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up to Sandbach church & across to the Plantations where we passed an hour
for some time but lost him down the
Shropshire banks. They crossed them & in
a little while towards the Lee were found
again he went back to the plantations
but there was now no scent in them & he
lost him; down the the Wistaston comes
& found again after a long search by
crossing he went away through Wyfold &
down to the river just above the corner
form's at Bramhall corner at a racing
pace to the top & over the large fields at
the back of the Old Chapel the the scene
particularities but we kept on him along
Netherleipit across to Winstone running him
over the meadows below Hulmeholme
to Dammore - across to Garsdale & over fields
to ground at Dammore it was a very good
run & all who started enjoyed it.

The Rectory party Mr Shulow Mr Harman
and myself in the wing

16th Nov. Sandy Tony to meet the 11 Becks at
Pugis wood not a very large field. Mr Haynes
hunted the horses, found at Pugis wood
ran across & met the Bugfield & went
so fast up to Mr Thynne's where we were
in his terms with our fox & we last time
got on another & ran him & fast though
Mortimer & across to Bracalands where
we had lots of corn hunting. Mr St. John's
to him well, he came out of the cover at
last & said "he had been round & about
but would not again, he was not inclined
to do so as the poor fox went away & he
was soon pulled down close by to lodges
house at Shifnal. we ate regular here
Lunch Holmes & I under how together.
Tony carried me delightful

The young ones went to a Ball in Roding
in the evening. Archery I enjoyed themselves
very much. Bank note reduced to 4/-

17. Roger, Holmes & Gurney come shooting
late. Tony & I joined with our guns. Willer hunting
most to Hightown when we killed 12 Pheasant
Loddon River and her & Hall when we killed

18th Nov.

2 more & other rabbits. Had lunch at Fours
I had Sodden & rice bed. of poor sport
In the end saw half dozen or 29 Pheasant
5 Partridges & 2 Partridges not much thrill
considering that 15-16 tame pheasants were
seen up there. Mrs Rogers & her Daughters
Mrs H. Gurney, & Mr & Mrs Parsons joined
our party & dinner was had a very
early and all seemed to enjoy themselves
Before Miss Stoye also came.

18. We all went to Reading. (The men were
fully busy. I fear.

19. All went to church. Dr D. said prayer to
Western people, visit areas in the afternoon
Western John Wilts & I had a walk round back
tiles after dinner, some game.

20. The Boys went to Reading & I home
writers in the morning. I & the girls went to
Reading. After lunch Grand Butterfly to
see Mr Gaill. Found him certainly better but
very poor. Left Boys in bed with the point
Mr Goddard staying at Claines hill. He an

20th Nov

Early & went down to the Kennel. The
hounds never to have hunted at Easthampstead
but the first master, Mr Gaill is going to
London to-morrow. to meet a captain for
his yacht "the Psyche" & to consult Dr Seamer
about his welfare. John Eller, Annie Beauchamp
(who is staying at the Reeds) & Mr Western
dined with us in the evening & we had a
merry one.

21. Hand from Dr. The Boys went to Reading
Willis to Molyneux not very well. Wm Hodges
laid up with gout. The Reading Hunt & Western
dined again with us & we had a repetition of
the evening before.

22. Game in the night but with very appearance
of a thaw. The hounds never to have had a
December frost presented. Willis went to
Reading. The horses failing to ate dogs.

23.

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23rd Nov.. John Wild & I went into Reading
the two former went to Shalby. W Hodges
had not until gone, not much doing. The
girls & wife went up to Luton where
a dance at Mr Paffey's. They were staying
at Mr Hollaway's.

24. Norman took our dogs riding Roppe
to Cle Park. He got them in good time
& gave dogs a feed of corn hampton beans
then set trapman & started as he
had in our service a few years since
killed Butterflies & fair flocks. After the
blue cows I found he went away across
to the Roppe shot country valley of Berkby &
Bostons back to Cle repeated the run
& we eventually had him in the long
valley. Went on then to Lutonshire
Cobbs part of Varndale they were there
then. Wild riding horses & the hounds
but did not find again. Mr Galt
was not out his is considered better.
I am & Quade went to Wycombe

1871

Nov 25. John & I went into Reading in the
pomes day. Wild & I returned from Lutonshire
I went at work. W Hodges still had not & not at
work. pants busy considering the time of year
Market dull for everything except beet wheat.
The girls returned from Lutonshire (Mr Walker
a baby boy)

26. All went to church. Mr Weston read progress
Sir & H predict visitors in the afternoon
we went down to the Roppe after church an
uncomfortable afternoon.

28. Wild on Roppe & I on Malton road to
meet the hounds at the Farm Buckham &
the youth out. He is rather better a very large
flock of wood when we found after
a run or two he broke away over Lacks
Farm. Stones thrown to the Licks leaving me
& some others on the Roppe at Buckham
we got to him at last at Licks & found that the fox had found nest at
the sun then went back to the Roppe
Buckham? Paul Charlton to Wild
Roppe & while drawing that a fox

27th Nov 1871

got out of town towards 1 am hunted him back to the Readings & comes back
over & said the scent was stretched so
as my hounds many animals that he shot
us & we came home rather in despair
~~at~~ The girls claim the story is a
Reading

28. Hunted into Reading parish hunting
Mr Fullbrook went to Wallingford hunting
relating to Capt Cornwall.

29. John Eller & Miss Beauchamp & Mr
Tops went to meet the hounds at Beauford
a large field near of the Wallingford party
and down the Wood & Fox hills where we
found the scent was stretched & we could
not keep his line at all. I gave him up.
down the Bob's copse & behind the church
where we again found the track of mice
across the Fox hills. Both the copse across Lanes
Barrows down to Lushby bog to the right to
Californian Plantation Laymon Bog across to
Kilburn and over Langley common to All Saints

29th Nov 1871

Farm where he had us Col Pearson's house
or coming out of All Saints' ship on the side
at the gateway gate & very much shook the
Col. or that he was obliged to go home
Capt Wiggin & several other hounds followed &
got耽 in - could be seen there went on to
Castle copse Great do. I found again in
the forest after a run or two he went
away through West Lands, Bottles & to the
crossing between Piggy's Arched bridge
& me lost him Mr Gaill was out & is
decidedly much better, the stolen regal on
his way home to Henz. Barrow dinner at
came home with Miller in the evening for
the purpose of having the shooting

30. Fine morning. Barrow dinner at Hartman
For Sir John & I shot the Combe. 1st fair
sport Hills. 42 Pheasants. 1 Hen 20 rabbits
& 3 woodpeckers. Two of the latter fell to Jim
gun & one to mine. we only flushed three & got
them all. the shooting at pheasant was not
quite safe, the party of dinner afterwards included
I & the Miss Hartmans. Sir Hayes. John & Eller
Adolphus & Mrs General. Before Town & Miss

30th Nov 1871.

Sting with our own harvested made
18 acre prof^{it} off租地. Rent rate reduced to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ad.

Dec 1. B. Simons Tom Wil & I went to
Taft Hill but ate the corns there with
little success after lunch to Robertswood & West
hounds when we had four short killing
& Pheasants & Hares 12 rabbits & 2 woodcocks
I sent to B. S. you £1 to Wil. Tom joined
our party at dawn in the evening. the hounds
hunted at Greysack hills & had good sport.

2. Free no hunting. We all went to Reading
Barrow Inn as usual home. Market rather
stale for eating. took Mary Banbury

3. Free we all went to Church. Sir J. H. and
Prayer. sacrament also said, we went again
in the afternoon. Weston said prayer Sir J. H. heard
Wil & I had a walk afterwards

4th Hard frost. At home in the morning after
lunch. Wil & I had a walk to Whitegate
& Wilson's & on our return we were met

4th

by a very heavy snow storm which lasted us
it lasted for about 10 minutes. Wil went to
Reading. The Rectors folk went to London to
stay the week. Goblyn for cattle show.
Wynollion May & family came from
Kinnerton to stay with us.

5. Wil & I went to Reading. the former went
to Wokingham. John stayed in London, James
but Banbury, Frost, Sam. Edward. Jerry &
Elle Terry did with us.

6th Hard frost & snow on the ground
no hunting the hounds were to home and
at Lutley house. Wil went to Reading the
other of our party walked to the road in the
honey clack the hounds at the coaches. Jim
& I took our Biffs horse. late Monday
never come into our possession it requires repair
we had a look into Smallmepit church
on our return. John came from London he died and was

7th Heavy frost. Wil went to Smallmepit to the
Silchester to shoot but could not find the hounds
1 hare & 6 rabbits he broke his gun. he died
at Smallmepit. John & I drove to Reading

7th Dec 1871

The rest of the party had the Rector carriage & went to Reading. Wyndham & I sat with the horses the former returned in the afternoon the latter & myself to stay at Abingdon & return until Saturday. Alice & John & I went to Henley. Wyndham returned with us in the evening. Very cold & frosty made Prince of Wales dangerous in favor.

8th. Hard frost. Sat home passing the day. Wyndham & Weston & Katie a fine walk. Prince of Wales won.

9. Frost. Will & I went to Reading Market about the same time as my brother. John came from London & returned with us. The girls returned in the Rector carriage. The Prince won his last in diamond of.

10. Frost. We all went to church Mr W. said prayers. Dr St H preached. subscription for Hospital Wyndham Mary & I sat with the horses in the afternoon the former rec'd. prayers for Mr Paul. The others went to Abingdon - £1 2s 4d

10th Dec

rec'd. prayers Mr W. said collection amounted to £8. 10 - - Prince of Wales still in favor.

11. Frost, Skating. Sat home passing the day market for timber. John went to London. Will & I home passing the road with Katie in the evening to the theater. Prince of Wales lost the same. Throwing in the evening.

12. Throwing in the day a little frost at night. Mr & Mrs John & I went into Reading. Will & I shopping for Christmas. Prince of Wales in better.

13. Throwing. Will went to Reading & I home passing the day. Prince of Wales still in a very precarious state.

14. Throwing but frost not quite out of the ground. Frost long not in costume to meet the horses at Chalfont Green School, a rather large field down the road then back to St Johns. - Willesh Hulme - no traps - in the Bent hill old bleat of them

14th Dec 1871

went to Reading. they went on drains
to Cocks and had a very good & hot &
black day, we were at my hvy banking.
John & Will went to Henley. The Prince &
Wales were the same.

15th This morning Norman took a Raffle
for John & Whitton for no riding dogs.
John & I riding Sweetbread to meet the
hounds at Beacon Hill, (blow) got about
two regiments of Infantry marching and
made a large field Mr Gaull not
out. drew the Bushells gone & found
he went away to Cleved and open about
3/4 of an hour now we held him at
Dinhale near the school, and then drove
the other & found again ran him
over the road towards Beaconsfield & by
some lost him the scent was weak, we
then drew gradually till I or the Horsemen
commoned & found again after a ring
or two he went away to Ayles common
& Cocksmoor so to & stopped the horses
at dusk - we let the hounds kick in
the day & left for deer. Started &

15th.

but they had reward & it is hoped they
will eventually get well. This and so on
had generally in consequence of the dry state
of the weather Willie went into Reading
the Prince of Wales with him

16th. This morning rather foggy John Will & Fancet
into Reading. Early big Banking market met
the same. we bought pair of 38 & 39. John
white middling at 38/. Wagnell's rode
"Dixy" "Daddly" & Tab. Butterfy into
Reading by city, Prince of Wales still better

17th. Fairly warm within cold we all went
to church Sir J Hayes and Major Mr Weston
preached. Miss Weston in the afternoon went to
a small after service

18. This morning Willie went to Reading
John riding Whitelockes & I dogs went to
meet the hounds at White William. Fancet
joined us at leaving his house we found the
Earth & Caper Byns soon after leaving

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In Gaith Lodge we followed west by
the river till we crossed the throstle
by Harewell Bridge. Turned before we got
to Brat Bridge over from us Bridie
de Scammonde it must further than
by Lawrence Wulham we had rather
a large field above the Whitewellham
caves. At Wood Port the Hare was absent
found in the new gorge (Miford) but
the scree was so bad we could scarcely
keep on but lost him in there
went back to the Gaith Park.

To Chanty wood without finding
I back to the stone cover Bileyham
I often lost you here we lost him
indeed darkness came on but the sun
was still up so I decided off. In fact
continued not already I seemed just
safe. Kit & Sab had a ride on
horses back to Miford.

19. Tuesday for the deer. Kit & Sab
I went into Reading. We went to
Wokingham. No coders came from Shute.
Hounslow Lane open, not as busy

19th Dec 1871

Banching. Kit & Sab had a ride on
Horseback. Wightman, Mary, the girls
& Kit went the Philharmonic concert
in the evening last.

20. Wet morning Wilson Raffle & Tom Weston
went to meet the hounds at Bramshill
although the expectation was thin snow
many there several ladies, Mr Gaith Coffey
Brygg & Mr Harcourt Hermon. It blazed
wind great gusts. We drove down Hill
I ate the cones at Bramshill common
as I descended bottom into the ploughed
to Miford gorge where we found
he made his point to Fleet wood &
over the Miford banks to Hounslow by
the road & it as if for Blackwater
but the rain & wind was so violent
that we left him over there and to
Shepperton & from there will meet the
team again he says about Fleet &
& back to Fleet wood but we could do
nothing with him & he left us we
then returned to our respective homes

20th Dec 1871

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Horribly wet & cold in getting off my boat I had a pole which broke my hand & thinned my thumb John went to Reading not much doing, the Purse of Wales held,

21. John Will & I went to Reading Will to Henley we were not back John Hayes return'd from America where he had been for months. Mr Weston & Son dined with us in the evening

22. Mr Ginnors Bear Wood bought a fox "Shampy" which had been found in the wood dead, we examined it a fury duck must have been caused by being wounded by hunting dogs. another had been found dead.

Willie & John have White Stockings & I on Dogs went to meet the hounds at Tilney Hall. We forth not out, as modern foxes don't hunt end Blackwood (with no finding) or to Nightingales where we did not track away after a very long

22 Dec 1871

Ranworth College coke, Tilney Hall, Webbs, coke, Aggins, over the water by Lyde Mill, to the right Wilton Moor near to Bating to the right & on the top of Newfield to the left, to Lickfitts, and straight to the railway between Batisby & Bating, over the canal and through B Stoke corner the older race course, to the left to Blackwood where we got on bad terms with him & he fairly beat us between Blackwood & Herring, the horses hunted him favourably but the scent was not good enough for him to go so far, alas mostly hunting the horses personally., it was a slow huntly run I enjoyed it much the horses came back to Andeneill Moor but did not find & we returned to our homes.

John went to Reading. Wymondham & Mary went to Norwich to spend Christmas leaving the three children with us.

23. Damp open weather we all went to Reading Market as usual we bought some pens of Mr Thos. Parkinson at 3/- sold some also Lamb 3 miles off about £1.00 & 6/- 5/-

23rd Dec.

we were fairly busy Banking. And Chas
came home with us to spend Christmas,

24th. We all went to church. Mr Weston read
prayer Dr Hayes preached, visit recess
in the afternoon. Tom & Jim dined well at

25. Christmas day all went to church except
Tom. Mr Weston read prayer Dr Hayes preach'd
Sacrament. all others had the pray'r.

Tom Jim Will the girls & I had a walk
round Park Hill in the afternoon Tom
& Jim dined with us. 2 Lambs.

26 being about due among a general holiday
John & Middlestocks wife on Raffle & Mrs
Long went to meet the hounds at the Bull
Swallowfield, a rather large field out
Mr Weston & his Brother out walking
Mr youth not out a rather dense fog came
on & we could scarcely see over the Park
Closes & found directly he broke away over
the lane & pointed us off for the room turned
back into the Bull Closes where we hunted
him for nearly ½ an hour at last he broke

26th Dec 1871

were over Heckfort Heath past Mrs Pigots - house
to the right at the end of the common over
Highgate Park to the Brick Kiln Closes but
the hounds green when he beat us, he was
seen afterwards running his way back towards
where he was found. we then drew all
Lord Rivers' cours but without getting on
another fox that we could see. then continued
west & directed west at if a fox had been
more, stamp & met all day sat for the holidays

27. The boys went into Reading with Mr Whigham
for a short time. Groves Whitchurch to meet
the hounds at Lock Farm a rather large
field. Mr youth came out but soon went
home he is not so well. when the 2d Wood
I soon found after a ring he broke over
the railway to Pockle Closes to the right
back to - turned then back to the
Tilgham Park. to Pockle after a ring
he broke away to Brinsford to Sir W. Mathews
the Ballyngreen Park across the Mytton Park
& up to Mr Kings & we last him by his
Hounds. we then drew Long gone when we
found he broke over to the coves to the cottage

27th Dec 1877

Wife but the scut was so bad that
she immediately lost him & she went
out to the grave & found another but he
would not take & she left him & took
them over to Mr. Wiggles grave. They
had met at Wood to Buck Wood & then
do. found again in Pona wood & after
a long round by Bel Hill. They
went to Buck Wood & were obliged to
stop the horses & turn very dark.
The girls had a ride on horseback & were
all there at the Rectory in the evening
only the Hayes & ourselves, John Hayes
looking like from his December to January
sc., John & wife went into Reading in
the morning the former went to York Fair

28. Dark miles away. William & wife were at
Reading in the 4-wheel cabriolet Sir & Hayes &
John into Reading. Sir J H went to London
John & wife went to Henley, & they saw
none so in Reading returning for the dinner
to Xmas Ball. John & Ellen were going
William remaining in Reading to go to the
Pantomime at the Queen's Royal Theatre

29th Dec 1877

our servants Xmas party

29. Newman took our boys riding Tuesday
and I followed on Butterfly to W'house to meet
the horses at Symondsbury a large field
Mr. Hart not out. Blue Cocks were found
in the corner adjoining Rye common he went
back to Cockmoor & after a long walk to
Faulkner Redfurlow rows. Blue Cocks & one
lost him at Beacon Hill, down then the
Bishop gave blue cross & back to the North
Horn's Redhol. on then into the plantations I boy
found in hedge he went away to North Horns
over the Alderhol sleekly chase ground as
if for Fleet trout & now a long back to
the North Horns where we got up to him
& collected to catch him during but he got
away back to when we found him,
the horses would have furnished a fair
run with him in the dark at 5 o'clock
it was a good hunting run & the hounds
deserved him true about as how to a half
I got home at 7 o'clock not the last time
boys carried me first rate.

1871

30 Dec. John Wilts & I went to Reading
very early market day. May & Waythorn
came back from Thaxted, very day
at the Bank balance, full time,

31 We returned to Chert. Mr Weston
and myself £100 paid. us a visit
in the afternoon. So about 50 lambs got back

1872

Jan 1. Fine mild morning. I at home
farming in the morning ~~after~~ lunch
Tate & Lardner in Reading. They are selling on
rule with the balance. The hounds met at
Nantwich. I'd a run for change gone
to Macclesfield station but did not
kill. Poor Holmes had a pale bruiser his shoulder
10.

2. Mr Smith was expected here to meet Knight
Ending & us to see about timber matters.
John & Wilts went into Reading & home

2nd Jan 1872

Spent on horseback all my time balancing
between our work. Attended a meeting at Eccles
or Shiret Church. charity affairs. got a box
sent for two Widows. Mrs Davis & Mrs
Stephen White. I got home at 7th last & I
spent farming.

3. Invited Whitethorn to meet the hounds at
Bear Wood Lodge. Mr Faull did not come
out a large party drew by the Chert Hounds
copper found in a litter cover by the farm he
went away to Fox hill & after a ring & two
went into a drain at the bottom of it
killed him and after a few minutes killed
him. we then went to the Combe pond
drew 3. they rung about for some tenish
hills, one shot & wells but as he broke for the
combs the hounds were stopped & got on the
other & took last him, or the to Drymow
dog found another he came away to Kitchin
& after a ring back again to the boy across
the Shiret land to take back my nice
hunting belt in running through West Woods

3rd Jan.

2. Pickles' dog's a brace more got off our hunt & so ran away to Whitehale & Westlands and we lost him it was a very satisfactory day for hunting but not a 1st what. the Boys run so bus in Reading that they could not get out & got the balance 3^d different in the price as 1/1. for the year.

4. We went to Reading. John & Miles to Henley all hands of hounds.

5. Dark morning. Newman took on Dogs for me & Raffle for Miles & we following Sweetbriar in the cut to Holt Row to meet the hounds at Yerwell a nucleolar field. drew all about there Millwood Marldon & Hounds & Holes. Runners to Bracknell & to and back to Hounds & 3.

6. by mid morning we went to Reading market & back we came passing by Reading a very wet day. The girls went to Winchester to stay at Mrs Hayes ^{Berry Hayes}.

7. By dark weather we all went to Church in & Hayes red houses the Market town. Weymouth

A grand day

8. Miles went to Berwick in the afternoon he former read prayers in for Mr Paul turned down to the Rectory after afternoon service John Hayes had been at home but went down in the afternoon.

8. John on Whitelockys & Tom Togs met the hounds at the shoulder of Huston Bumpet a large field drew Pocket copse &c. went on to Pebblestone where our fox was at home. we had a very pretty find, after a long in cover he broke over the Wokingham & Binfield road across Mr. Bunning's Farm, over the brooks nearly to South Hall. Here the first check occurred, it was most acceptable to all the field, it was a fast run 20 minutes. the ground was packed deep & many dirty coats were displayed; but him again to the left of the railway up to Holt copse where he waited & the hounds again got on good terms with him & race well leaving Blatchford Green on the left over Mr Bunning's Farm going up to Pocket copse through Mr Fitzgerald's land Golden Ball comes to Bracknell on then through Lord Ernest Thwaites Park & mainly up to the Royal Geeseels, the hounds hunted him & flushed

8th Jan 1872

by & with the abt assistance of Chas they con-
tinued to mark his line, a welcome hollow
over the Bracknell & Surrey road by Inkpen
Road soon put Mattes right again & in the next
1/4 of an hour they raced him from Scent to view
& wound up our good fox close to the Kings Dyke,
Swindon. Time about 2 hours. Mr. Gaunt was out
& went off well to the end. J. Newman had a
fall and is much shaken. 2 hours abt 1/2 to his
knees from accidents on this day.

9th Ab ~~and~~ to Reading. Will to Wokingham
Fox hunting at Lanes. by his Banking.
all our party spent the morning at Silchester

10. Will on Raffle & I on Whetstone met
the hounds at Lutky Park a large field
than the comes there got on a distinct scent
but our fox had taken a long defile
down the bog he found in the plantations and
had soon us pretty hunting over the hedge
& I eventually ran him to ground in the
Rearing by the Wellington Hotel. went on
then to the Fleet to see Mr. W. & without
finding our Fox Pickett whom I met
in town very over to the Old Moon back

10th Jan 1872

To Westwood cross over by Whetstone
^{Willie has a fall} Rake horse over the hills Westland through
the Tally hill comes leavy Hollows & falls to
the right Waynes. Westwood over the main
Bramshill Common where we L. & some
splendid hunting up to the BB Playl through
the Common next to the Fox Warren
to the right & as far up to Palmer hill
earths where he went to ground it was
a few days ago the stag was
out & seemed to plied well the day past.

11. th Will & I out to Reading. John went
hunting with the South Bucks at 3 mile cross
riding. They found at Broad Hail & ran over
the earth to the Park comes but soon lost
him & the L. & a few days ago. Will went to
Stanley & we were all four busy. Newman
brought in Bullock & I rode him over to see
Holmes at Weyman. found him better than I
expected he was at we last broken his shoulder
& is much shaken found the Red Stage & kept
stitching him.

1872

Jan 12. Newman took our dogs for me & I rode for Miles riding Buttsby we followed in the 4 wheel Wymondham going with us to bring the vehicle back to comes to meet the hounds at Halls now gets, a moderate pace the fault not out went on at once to Woken-
cote. Much faster when we found he went on to Adlam Wood across to New Inn copse. Dismayed, he broke away for the Park but was leading a sheep dog & afterwards by the path the hounds ran closer to him & I expected every moment they would catch him but he got away back to Adlam Wood & ran so ground here to where we found him we then drove Joseph Wood ~~away~~ ^{away} never thought come to the blakethorn Dismayed and on our way the Cocks were found in a with his new Pielot he went along Hawk-
cote lane to the right Redfield Roads - back through horsham copse Leekstone
Cocks now set by Dismayed places to New
Inn where back over the park round to Rye common. Cocks now to Redfield

12 Jan 1872

at the far end of which we had two foxes on foot the hounds tried to their master and made running him through horsham copse Leekstone & so I back to the back of Pielot where he went to ground in the ^{canal} ~~seas~~ Broad. it was a very good day, though I enjoyed it much.

13. My next business morning John Wil & Grace to Reading to buy carlton Banking. Market fairly active we sold my melcholy wheat at 62/- per busk bought some few oats at 23/- had about 100 bushels. Wymondham & Mary returned from London

14. Am I went to Arborfield church in the morning Weston red bryer. Sir J. Hayes preched Wymondham Mary & Wil went to Barkham the former did duty for Robert, we all went to Arborfield in the afternoon. Sir J. Hayes preached Mr Weston preached. Wil & I had a walk after dinner

1872

Jan 15th Very hard frost and it was by questioned if it would do for hunting but we started Willie & Roffe & Son Long to meet the horns at the Warren House a pretty large field the hounds did not come until past 12 o'clock it did then pretty faint we drew off the Bellinger guns and just as we were leaving Chasity Wood a fox was called over the South Park got on him & hunted him round about at one time going up the brook as if for shelter but came back again into the park and eventually to ground in a drain at Chasity Hill we had to kill him but could not & went down into the lake & found another after hunting a little he went away by Purcombe gate as if for Swindon turned to the left across the South Park round up to the hedge into the garden back over the road to Mr Whitakers through the lake & across cross the Railings and made at if for Warham turned to the left by Allens Farm across it & very poor at the Galloway's Farm where he was killed we had some pretty hunting sent all seems to enjoy it. time about 1 hour & 20 minutes John went to Reading to buy

16. We all went to Reading Willie to Wokingham to hunt at Brugh ill with his hounds

17. Dashed money Grode Whelsthorpe & John Whitehorses to meet the horns at Broad Oak Park hill Mr Gidell not a large field drew on the top of the hill in the Grove soon found after a ring he went away by Hollaway's field by the farm colour over the water as if for the Park road turns to the left back over the river by Rudy Hill turns the fields next to the Hatch gate turns then over into the Bramble common next door to the old grove to the right I lit to the Park where after a little pretty hunting he was master to ground at Larmer hill time about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. The part of it is good. John sent Whelsthorpe home & rode Addleby we then went back to Leys hill down Pickels Wynd & again to the Grove. On then to the Coombe but did not find a gun again came on about 12 o'clock & we all got a good ducking John Chapman & the two Gardards stayed here & then very home. Will went to Reading

18. Wil & I went to Reading. I
went to London & reported from & took
dividends. called on Pearce about the Peacock
he pens it will not be in the Academy this
year failing his in Reading. Wil went to Henly
John & I went hunting with the St. Marks Company
not much shot.

19. Dam cold morning having a cold Ed
not go hunting but staid at home farmed
(what was done) Wil went hunting to the
Stockel House. They found at Horsden Common
had 1 hour & $3\frac{1}{4}$. killed at Whinfell's house at
 $\frac{1}{2}$ past one half went home by arrival
 $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3. John went to Reading.

20. We all went to Reading a very
morning. Market stile. we were fairly busy
Banking.

21. Fair morning. Mother partly we sent for Dr
Noord. he came about 12 o'clock. Ed did not leave
the house all day. all the rest went to church
twice.

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22 Jan. Mother and the same as yesterday. my cough
is cold as usually Ed did not go out all day.
my next, John met the horses at Horsden Hill
found in Shottestroot great wood & after I have 20
minutes killing. he came home with a good duckling
Wil went to Reading. Sir J & Mrs Eller went
to Boston

23. Fairly wet morning. Wil & John went to
Reading. Mother and the same. my cough is
ditter. The girls drove the pony chariot into
Reading after lunch. Mary & Lydia went for
a walk. so did I after to the Coopers Lake to Weston
& then staid with us. Tom came in afternoon

24. Got home my cough is uncomfortable

25. I went to Reading with Wil he went
to Henly.

Lydia came out to Weston

1872.

26. Sat. Newmarr took on Togo for me & Raffle for Miles riding. I rode to Wimborne about noon to meet the hounds at Hockliffe Gate. we drove Lulworth, a rather large field above Dogstail where I saw 2 or 3 very heavy Depty. Brony Court Hounds now to Loppe must be by now going to shoot at Dogstails on the following day & therefore we were prohibited from there we rode on to the the roshot corner where we soon found them. we broke away near the long valley & away to lone common by foot here we had a shot hit him again over the reedbeds & our horses Fleet but he ran us out of gear & we lost him we then drove the Cavers Lane without finding it to the fence and the same result; it was now $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 & I proposed going home but Cane wished to the plantation just over the railway bank to be drawn & Charles said the horses had not done much we went then & found he must at first at it for Fleet but changed his mind & came back over the road down the common to the Hedges which he ran all round to the right

to run. He was to Webb at Peckham leaving the Wimborne to the left & down to the railway where there was a check. 25 minutes or hard & they went on. off about sea with the Wimborne & the Caves in the number I was unfortunately not there but the check let me up & I passed them we then again towards Blashford Park across the river at the large fields (Loppe) to Hockliffe Row. into the common where the fox was not two minutes before us, close to when we met in the morning over Caves field to Wimborne house through the Woods back to Loppe, over the river again to Hethel & the horses were shot from darkness very nearly to when we found him it was a splendid run I have $\frac{1}{2}$ p. certainly the best of the season all present. Togo carried me well on side Raffle, Willie Wyndham went to Heswall.

27. Mr. Wilts & I went to Reading fairly busy.

28. All went to church and Mother

1872

29th Octo. Wm or Whistlers & Dr Whistler
meet the hounds at Locks Farm
a large field. drew & found deer & in the
gt Wood, a brace of foxes one went away
directly to Easthampt^d. the other off the river &
was broken away by Buckham round by
Barkers & back to Locks Farm & to Eastham
Park & to ground in an open earth bank
25 minutes & fast. we then then drawn
round. and the dogs rolled to me went
back & a fox was rolled but I do not
think he was new to ground he went
away over the park turn to the left through
the gt Wood over by Buckham. Packed
cups & at the Bumpers & me told him
in a little cover by Sandness of Popham
bank about 25 minutes, we then rolled back
to King St John found he broke away at
first by Turners. he did shot back into
the Grove again & away toward Loddon
Bridge turn to the right down to
Popham Mill at the Head of Loddon
round the Gannons Park over by
Giffords to Hants Hall to the right up
front corner to the Hocklets - Ashridge

1873

so bad he beat us. it was a cold day
spoke to me all day & it Whistler came in
much

30. Dark morning but clear up. Dr R. & J.
Wm Croker Son, Wyndham & I shot the Coombs
& I found that. Miles 21 Pheasants & 11 rabbits -

Dawn

31. Wk or Ruffle & Dr R. meet to meet
the hounds at the Greyhound. Standard a
large field, drew. the dogs to the church & were
going back to draw Lanes but a fox was
rolled near the 1st line got on him & run
by Nod down the lane to Buckham
church. on then through Kettans Long corner
over the Hill Spring where Westland & where
he turned & back to Dartford village down
Wile field to Pound copse when he beat us
we then drew. Westland & Lee comes & back
to Longman & in the corner beyond found
again we ran through to Hinton and saw
but a bad scurvy fox & we hunted him for
some time then at last Mr. Gifford gave him
up as dead, we then went to the Coombs

31st Jan 1872

without finding or their Master Bear
About Fox hill after drawing while the
Lads generally went home, and we were
all nearly departing when a fox was hollow
by Paulus' hounds & the horns got mele
so him hunting him down to Lodge Whys
Ridge to the right very fast to little Red
Lodge off the road & never as if for
Viel time to the right by the Saw water
over for Lanes Farns Old house across to
Nash's Plantation up the road for the 1/2 mile
to the left, through the plantation to Calais
through the plantation I pulled it up
for Easthampton Church to the left & up
to the Ridge where the hounds were
thopt from darkness it was a full 10 to
40 minutes & I never enjoyed a run
more. Long carried me fast up

Feb 1st by nice humid weather. Will &
I went to Reading. John went hunting with the
St. Marks & Shropshire Hunt & Little Head. There
was not any in Reading that day for the fair
trappers had plenty of holes for sale. We
met in Watlington

1872

Feb 2. Newman took on Whelton ridge. Daddy
Wynellman drove ~~back~~ the cart to bring me to
meet the horses at Grindale. He went not
out, a moderate pace over the Ley's when
I found directly after a ring he broke away
for Horsdean Common round it & back to
Dymersfield Cross the canal & on to
Brookham Village. Pilot W. Gunness & I
over the river & water the slopes (when I
got a duckling) as if for Euston Mount
down to the left over the railway & back
when he was ran into & killed him I have
& 20 minutes by good, Charles' horse was
not well & it was easier hunted not
to draw again & we all returned to our
respective homes and reached mine soon
after 2 o'clock and delighted with the
day that Whelton called me well
except jumping into the water until I
ran it. Great fun after my return

3. John Will & I went to Reading. Met at 12 o'clock
one more fair by Banbury. Wynellman went
to Kineton to do duty on the morning.

1872

4 Feb. Dark morning we all with the exception of Mother went to church. Sir Pitt said a prayer for Master friend. rain came on so that he could not go in the afternoon we all did Sir I preached, Willie & I went to the Rectory afterwards,

(Hunting day)

5th John rode Whitcham & I "Troy" to meet the hounds at Hareholt, a rather large field down the cover to the left of Park road back to Rhodes - where we found the run about there for some time I was killed in - Wood, we then down by Hareholt in the Rhodes direction he went away directly leaving Blymey gone to the left through the wood & over the Mulus road, or shant out at the White hills where he went the ground time about 7o an hour. Splendid hunting and I was most annoyed most of the field was left behind and many were ignorant of even the first find, one thin small quail beat by Kewal he I may repeat at the end of street to Scarlets, where we found he was beaten

at first from his point but broke away for Collected Farms turned to the right & over the Turnpike road west to Maygate turned to the left to Troppord back to Penscombe lake across to Gossenst over Hamster Lane to Port Wood & Great wood to the left through the Hayes back to the left and over as if for the King's cover back & over the fields next to Hawdene Hole to the left & over the road leading to the Whitcham lane cross, back to Banks bridge through the St. Woods to Shattock Brook house Wallham & over the railway to Scarlets, over Collected Farm again & Penscombe & through the lake covers to ground in one of Mr. Gath's fields near Stanlake Park. time 2 hours & 20 minutes it was a fine hunting run but very severe for the horses. there were many falls but no one hurt. Troy carried me delightfully all day. so did Whitcham John he went first into

Willis went to Allor on a visit to the Halls.

1872.

6th Oct. "Toys all right. Whitethorn my lame
Shelaw from a shorn in her back. John & I went
to Reading. Went to Market Cross saw an fair
buy. got 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ for hiles yesterday. rather a temptation
with regard to America. Alabama question as
to whether it will result in war.

7. Newman took on Whitethorn riding Dadley
and Vincent with Mr. Goffe to meet the hounds
at the Wellington Arms. Startled sage drew
Pithams found dead and after ringing about
the Park Swiftpurrl &c he went away to Choles;
Cope & found Blackwood back to their open
when he was killed, turn about an hour.
drew the back to the Plantation w/ the Park
& down to the common, Fair, Mo?, where we found
again he went through Tans Mead over the road
into Lord Finch's Park over to Darnmore though
Highgate Park to Pithams. Park Pithams over the
the Park comes & draws to the river where
we had three foxes on foot hunted one back
to the Park comes out to hunt at it was
a very foul stage spent

1872

Feb 8. Dark mild weather. John & Vincent to
Reading. John to Healy. Fair bus. Secured
decreases in value and gold leaving the country
but still no alteration in the Bank rate,

9th Newman took on Toys riding Dadley
& Wyndham alone we will proceed to
W^m Cane's to meet the hounds at Greywell Hill
a large field for that country drew Butterwood
when we found we had three on foot now one
on Skewers Hill. I now to Webb's copse Tilney Hall
park near the Street and turns to the right to
Nightingales & up to Shook corner. in going
back to Butterwood I saw a fox lying in an
old gravel pit but he moved off as we passed
we soon saw hunted fox & prettily through
Butterwood and the ground in the Dale at Greywell
we tried to get on another but he was
too far gone. we then drew Andover now
Shots & Rebs. Squires. College & Runtow. to
Blackwood but did not find a pair &
reached home at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5.

10th Feb 1872. We all went to Reading fair
but Banking,

11. Mother not very well. Wyotheam & Mary
went to Beaconsfield Church ~~at~~ ^{at} St John's for the
both services for Mr Paul. I only went to church
at about 12 o'clock. The girls were at Leamington 1 mile & all the

12th. Fine morning. Grode says to meet the
hounds at the Warren house. a very large field
between Abingdon Road & Faringdon, found in
the hills come to near my first ones to St Park
through Charly Road to Newgate Park &
after a little knocking about here in the
garden. unfortunately a views. found
open in the lake and after manyings
Killer in one of the youths' fields close to
Shrubs Park. unfortunately another user
was there and on to Shottesbrooke to Wiggles-
worth but did not find again.

1872

13. Grode Whistler to meet the hounds at
at the "Highway" Fenchurch a large field close the
Rugby & found in the plantations and after some
very pretty hunting lost him in a most extensive
one then drew Lewis Kilburn & found in the
common Longmore Hag and after a very hard
hunting saw him to ground in a man cut
near the Longmore Post road, it was so hunting
as the hounds started their fox
Willie came home from school.

14. A cold Wednesday. Mary, Daill &
went to B. Globe

15.

16.

17th Ich. Went to Reading Market day

18th. Sunday

19th.

20th.

21. Brode Whittlestone met the horses at
Reeds Mill while driving out of Tury Head
as far as before into Lord Evelyn's Park
then him back into Dummer though it
into the End & back to Dummer and after
driving along he broke away into the Park
across the river at the foot of the Wykeham
& the Wykeham which has taken a vicious
in the valley the horses were facts & now
exposed to them no end of cases often

21st Sat.

but did not find again

22. Greedy had caught went to Reading

23. do at home he all day

24. Went to Reading sold the old release
at 70/- Eustace & Co bought it.

25. Son of poor Father better went to
church.

26. With a Raffle & Son Whittlestone went to
meet the horses at Rosenthorn Park a very
large place where the bridges soon found he
met any estimate full through Post plantation
over the 9 miles ride to the Hat Wykeham
Bridge nearly to Dummer to the left across
the large field Hammar lodges down to the
9 miles ride & through the plantations and over

26 Dec 1872

walk to the Brakes when he went to ground, just before the horns it was an extreme fast 35-minutes & has been known to do so not for me. Willie I think had the best of it, we then drove, came in the Park. Mrs. was at Melbury Belgrave. Lt. Wood. Pocket open in Babbington. I. May that yous. Mrs. Hall & Hall open Melbury but did not find you. Wyndham & May went into Kent to see about a curacy.

27th. London to Reading. General holiday Thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. We went to church at St. Paul's with Lewis Harris, old home from Swallowfield. John & Ellen in London to see the Prince. The Queen Prince of Wales & we went to the Pauls.

28. The horns met here last Friday Dr. Willis. Park. Broadman to come to breakfast, such a capital meet. Lord & Lady Downshire & many others to night

28

Sherman, Governor &c. came to look over when the Combe & son found after many hours road. Beaufort to me lost him, came back then to the Combe & in the gorge found a pair after a rain or two he went away. By the side of the road to Hazelton by Kilmington through Bear Wood where we killed him. It was a very fair day that although we did not get far away, we were hardly able to & saw one seen. A gentle shot fired in the sun in Bearwood two gentlemen. Mr. Thorne & some one else rode down the steps on the terrace at Beaufort which rather what Mr. Walker had Mr. Thorne wrote to easily spread the report. The two Thorne's Colleen Young & her husband here afterwards. Invade "Foxes,"

29th. Grand to Reading

1872

March 1, Wynnham took me Whitehorn today riding Daddo. I & Wynnham drove me in the cart with Sweetbread to meet the hounds at Tilney Hall. a rather large field for the country, Mr & Mrs Harris' has hills we drove. Colles Runters, Nightingales do without finding or then to Blackwood in driving which we had been hallooing to them & Nightingales to which we went I sit pround to be a falcon one we then were back to Blackwood without hunting for us then went to Coopers & open driving it was heard a fox & I gone into Blackwood we got on the line but as he's gone 20 miles therefore we had slow hunting but we marked him into the Belles at Shrop. but he run off out of sight, we then drove Blackwood & part of Guyvel & went back to a small road that near Plantation when open to no little time we found he broke away very smartly to Adelane Woods then Spud & I pursued Park. land Plantations. Piles Crookham Sandhills & into Cocksdown when he beat us - it was

1872

an estimate full 40 minutes - I ate dinner
it,

March 2. Went to Reading. John went to Brighton in the afternoon his wife & Sir J. Hoyer staying there.

3. All with the exception of Mother went to church. Wynnham read prayers for Weston sacrament all stars, we went again in the afternoon Wynnham read prayers Mr Weston preached,

4th. Under Long I met the hounds at the Warren house a very large field down Ashmole Woods, Broad, Lipping, Buckshole I saw a deer near Sir W. Morlands holding to Mr Combe where we found he went away at a clifffish place through Lipping across the road & over the hills thought up to Wrights through Corryngton comes leaving Pocket Copse to the left & to the Gt Wood

4th March

Earthamp b. & through it and across Lord
Dawshires park. bircles & into the Plantation
opposite the Lodge where we had a long
chase here the fox stopped & we got on
him again & killed in the birches tree
about an hour the first half hour was
splendid I think the fastest I have seen
this season. no end of the pheasants thrown out
& lots of spile. Tony carries me pheasant
me the deer also. Ballyhurd thottishan
without finding any nearly at 5 o'clock
we went to Castle, where we soon
found a very peculiar fox he came out
close by me. he was very dark brown with
white down his neck & chest. he broke
away for Mullaghduff. like out to
Ruscombe gone over the road towards
Swindale but the scent was hot & we
lost him, we heard up him as he was
near crossing the large field near
Waggrave.

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March 5th

6th Wil or ~~Stable~~ ^{Gentlemen horses} & Mr Whitton went out
meet the hounds at Lutley Park. found plenty
of foxes & new all day now & generally
quiet. Brambley & co. out & continued to grow
at the back of Lutley Ropells. Hounds in the
dark - it was so dark we could not see
100 yards. Mr Yorks Coach Boys & the
servants horses were reported here in Lutley:
my horse & mine of tired. I charged with Wil
in the day & rode James horse he carried
me well, we did not get home till 8 o'clock

1872.

7th March. Wilk. John & Ernest to Reading
the former to Hinch, not by bus, Bunting

8. Newman took our dogs for me & Rapple
for me to Hart's Row & we went on west
the same to Stockham to meet the hounds
& party numbers here, down the Pond head
& found deer, the crop over Rye common
into Cockmoor after a long crop to Faulkmoor
where we had two foxes on foot running the
hounds into Cockmoor, round it & back again
to Faulkmoor, where we had two scents after
hounds divided, J. Wilk. down & some others
met with Charles Long 9½ couple of hours
across the Redfield roads, through out on the
North horn through the cover & away over the long
Valley Alderhol. down to the canal, Cross
common, and work his way back, towards
Fleet Road we ran up to our fox or a
fox or a couple come out into a road just
before us but the hounds did not see
him the then crop & the cover again & ran
back up to Dogmead & after it must have
been a foul fox at Cross common otherwise they

good
would soon caught him as they paid racing
nearly all the way back. the scent failed at
last and we left off in Rye common, more
than half the field over thrown and did not
enjoy a very fair run. Wilk & I got home about
7 o'clock.

9. Wilk. John & Ernest to Reading. John to
Brymton in the afternoon, Wyndham. May
the children & two maid-servants took their
departure for Knutton to stay a short time
previous to Waynham enters upon the Curacy
of Mereworth near Maidstone; they are
going to live at Wateringbury, nearly two miles
from the church. no little change in Reading

10. We all wish the exception of brother were
in church. Mr Weston did all the two service,
he dined with us afterwards

He has now got a house
near to Hinch, where he will be
soon sold to him and get off
I shall be off to Allens by Friday,

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11 March. Newman took on Whitelake riding
Sweetbread & Spallanz or Daddo's to meet
the hounds at Brudenell Green, we then the
cours on the way to the Temple, and down to
the road left in it, in which we chafed a
fine dog fox, we then struck the cours
Bisham Crookham & Lea and to Scarsdale
where we found after a ring in course he
went away over the Turnpike road & up
to Waverton hills & worked his way back to
Scarsdale but the scent was bad & we lost
him. This ended a bad day's sport.

12. Will & I went into Reading. Will to Woking
by rail, John came home from Brighton & return
with us. Will drove Tab with the pony chaise
to Wokingham, Tab to stay at Mytchett for a
few days. we took a man of Biggs to my
good luck but did not buy her as she cost
too dear.

John & I also left the town again & came
back to Bisham & rode to Wokingham
in a fast ponies & low carts obtained by

1872

13th March. On Long & Fisher & Daddo's went
to meet the hounds at the Bound Oak
Folly hill, a large field down the Hill corner
& found during he went away through the
gate and down to the Park road with a strain
in the skin Moor corner Bottoms. Spur
long before Roberts West London & Castle corner
without finding or then the Biggs, where
I believe we found but he was who worked
the ground streets we then got on a road
towards Holloway first & back to the Lea
cross but could make nothing out of it
on then to the wood where a noise was
when we found but he did not run
200 yards before he went to ground in
the middle of the field in which we
saw the fox 3 yrs ago on then the
Kittiwake & the King their force without
finding again.

14.. Will John & I went into Reading the
former to Shentz. business extremely dull
Piccadilly sold 12 barrels each ~~at £1 7/-~~
£6 barrels at 50/- the barrel. By his receipt

14 March 1872.

comes & bands were all down with lambs

15. Fine dry morning prepared for hunting but not quite up to the mark & did not go Mr. Wm. Weston Newman lead on Roffe for him to Shadwell Row to meet the hounds at Greywold found in Shugwood & ran to ground in the alleys at Lord Andovers found again in Mapledurham now he broke away to Shadwell Road. Biggles College struck Bullard's fields followed. Wrecked Biggates Bourne Court Blackwood. Petham - crossed the river in that field 3. Masterman Butlers turned & stopped the hounds at Bramley Grange it was a capital day that Mr. Gibbons at 7 o'clock. Full horn firing all the morning down with gun & kill in the afternoon to Wallingfordside, the sky became dark then second deer in the house at Abingdon Park the meet at Wokefield

16th. John Wilts & I went to Reading market & duck rather busy morning.

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17. th All went to church each North in the morning Mr. Weston did all the duty. John All went to church in the afternoon John and the dogs. Mr. Weston dined with us in the evening

18. Wil & Roffe & Son George went to meet the hounds at Easthampstead Park. a large field rather muddy drew the light West Bolom from Wokefield & came on to the Plantation, when we got on a scent but our fox had taken his departure some time before us & we could only track his line down to Easthampstead Park when he beat us we then trotted on to the Bilyham cross without finding a run but Mr. Gumble goes on Rushcombe like when we again found after muddy road about there we lost him. This ended a rather mistletoe day, John went to Reading nothing busy

19. John & Wil down into Reading. Gavode Whitchurch in nothing particular doing. & Gavode out again reading home about 10 o'clock. knew he'd come over with his horses. after lunch. Kill or Daddy

19th March 1872

I & Mr. Fox rode up the Newland Farm to meet them they had rather a long pull found a hole in the holl & had a container run for them about the hole. In & away & 2 miles of rather good shot.

20th. John on Daddy & I on Whistler went to meet the hounds at Bramble's moor - Apple mead, then Grabbins fingers, Heth and into Bramble's common where we found after a very nearly to easy we went away over the Elvetham Bottoms over the road. Elvetham Plantations & thence to Bally bushes back to the left through the plantations to Bramble's in the Park. in the Warren across the Heckford & Emsley road. Bramble's common. Holes for Tuck hill Lee comes & across the road to the hounds helped him down in a violent but new West court. it was a very good hunting run & the hounds seemed thin for me then down Mr. Stapleton's course without his & back to Tuck hill Lee & onwards into Emsley Park. when we found

20th

he went over the Park, Dunsdon & back to Heckford Heath & into the Dukes Park where we hunted him about same time but he beat us. John Hargreaves he is now valy, Tabby came home from Millblaw. our new labour & his wife came to the Clogs & the mole

21. John Wilb & I went into Reading. the former to Henry, not so busy heavy snow storm. We went in the afternoon to stay with the Hollisways at Twickenham

22. intended going to meet the hounds at Dogwings but as there was snow on the ground & a frost & was afraid to venture. they had a blustery day. I sat home writing papers &c.

23. Int. a mild day moving John & Grace to Reading. snow came on & continued all day we were Paris being market meet the same boat & Cambridge boat race the latter victorious.

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March 24. Wil, John & I went to church in the morning. Mr Weston was buried. Sir J H planted the same party & Mother went again in the afternoon. Sir J H was buried Mr Weston buried.

25. Rather hard frost. John rode Daddy & I with Mrs Weston to meet the horses at White Weston then the cows stood there, Shotteshoot & Scarlet & King Sheep gone. when a cat came out & I with others thought it was a fox (a black dog)

26. John ~~had~~ & I went into Reading the former to Wm Hayes. Wil returned from Liverpool not 3 being Banker's that Mr Hayes. Sir J C and Sir Hayes. & at the Rectory to tell our Parishioners we agreed to sell the old schools a.s.m.

27. Newman took on Raffle for Wil & Sons for our riding Daddy. to church from Wil & follow'd by my sweet bird to Wm Lunn to meet the horses at Stock's Place John Hayes went out a long time before him the Spring Lee & I found him

27th March 1872.

We rained over to Gt. Bedwyn through the Turnpike Gate where we turned back to Faulkner. Crookmoor Ridge Common Hamdene I saw the open fields where we had some sheep pasture to Readon where we got a good turn with our fox on to St Walburys and on for Stanley Grove but bairns thought we had charge? our fox & had got on a nest which he did not possess. we then came back to Peters cows bramble wood Horndown Common & but did not find any. Haywards Hatch Lord Townshend some officers. Wil & I regaled at General Poole's on our way home.

28. Wil & I John went to Reading the Boys both went to Stanley. Wm Hodges to Wymond. John went to Axford & return'd we were paid half pay. change weather

29. Good Friday. the ground is so wet that we were obliged to take the couples off Ellis Hill & put them on the grass in the Park. we all with the exception of Mother went to church met Miss & Jane there

29th March 1872

Westerneus^r prayers Sir P Hayes preached
a very wet day. we could not have an
usual walk. the Boys went up to
Newland Farm. Tom joined^s our party
at dinner. the girls went to church in
the evening.

30 John Will & I went to Reading a very
wet day. Market rather dull we were
fairly busy buying. Ellen Terry came
to stay with us.

31st We all went to church in the
morning Sir J H read prayers Mr Westmacott
Sacrament we stood all with the exception
of Mother round in the afternoon Weston
and prayers Sir J H preach'd. J Harman & Mrs
& Mr Foster came to church they had tea here
afterwards & we walked home with Ruth

April 1. Ruth and myself Easter Monday
Bank holiday. For Toys. Wil or Raffle &
Gith or Daddy went to meet the horses at
Bear Wood Lodge. a large fella Arthur Weller

out. drew King St George blanket. had to stop
over by the blind Bob's colas. I took him
where a fox was hidden under the wood where
we followed. carriage prohibited. after a long
time he went over to the Combs & eventually
to ground, drew then the gun in the Combs
where we again found he went back to the
Wood & into a drain not far from the horses
they were trying to hold him into a sack
to ascertain the sex. a man went up
the place with a sack & came out & it
was led the fox in it but he apparently took
a lot of us April fool day to work out a
lot of rubbish instead of the fox. but at last
the fox was captured & ignorantly turned down
in Rice-dale & soon killed, we then went
back to Bathurst Combs Longnor Derbyshire
& back & I did not find a gun, the Very Happy
lunch & went out with our people. Sam took
his horses to Bradford & had good time.

April 2. John Will & I went to Reading rather hazy
I went to 2 o'clock train to Wokingham to see
& Roberts. The girls down in the long chair
in the afternoon & brought me home.

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April 3. Rather dull morning, the horses met at Brook House & had a good day there I was not very well in the morning & did not go at horse racing so all day. our young ones went to the Hunt Ball & enjoyed themselves much.

4th I got up early & rode Duddo in hunting clothes into Reading to an Iron Works meeting & to the Bank. afterwards to London Bridge to meet the South West Hunt. Norman met me there with Whitelock, drew Sandford Park corner & so round to the Mebbles, when we found after being led back in the Kirtlebrook road he made his ground & went away through Amersham Elstree down to St Johns corner & to the water. I took an important turn at Balmoral & back the last 2 or 3 miles round the horses at here. John Hargraves took the horses at a cross for mine at Arlaford Bridge & was the fourth one. that his fox again in the Hampshire large fields through Dog Hunt across our place to Broadmoor round by the lake to the right & went to ground at the Temple hills but the horses took a line into the

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corners where we had two or three foxes I saw one to ground in the hill just before the house. so fancy a vision the youth was out & he gave a draw to Kidston but we did not find, or back to the Sheepfold crest but did not find again whether called me by them.

5th I rode Jugs to meet the horses at Ruislip Mill. Arthur Walter overtook me on the way, a large field drew Longmead Common, Lord Evelyn's corner to Blackmoor when we formed a brace ran one towards these corners & came back close to Cavers & I am now ~~sick~~ the horses being fit to be a vision. we then went back to Blackmoor to pass the other fox but did not see it we were halting back to Balmoral when we got on a fox & hunted him to Hill houses some down to Herting. left town to Potters field to Blackmoor where we lost it then it was seen the same vision that we shot the horses from at last. we then went to Hertingford

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when we found again he broke away
towards Hook, and about Mr. Leriola came
to several others consider'd it a vision
John Hargraves who was not thought
dangerous, he gallantly came at I was
rather angry that at the first let him
holler. The hounds were started & soon
met no dogs but did not find
any.

6th With John & I went into Reading we
were of busy Banking, Market rather lame
Mr. W. went in the afternoon to Winchester
to stay with Bevill Stevens

7. We all went to Cheltenham in the morning
with the exception of Eliza Terry who was
very poorly & kept her bed all day, Mr. Weston
and myself Sir J. Hayes friend, Miss Ruthin
& Mary Harman joined with us. The girls & I
met Mr. J. Hayes friend, Mr. Hayes the
Weston friend, I. & I went down to the
factory afterwards.

8th 1872

John & Ropple & Dr. Boys went to meet
the St. Michaels hounds at Mawley Street a
moderate tail Mr. Garth's lots of our folk
out, found drifts in Bramley field the most any
field etc towards Shelsden turned to the right through
Mawley & up to Garth's over which he had us
it was a fair rate & consider'd as good as I have
seen this season. lots of falls. Capt. Boys had one
but was not much hurt. we then came back to
Bramley field the Pleasant & Mortons comes
Brooks Lands & Brooks and were coming along
Mr. Hargraves had left the hounds, but as Boys
was taking them home a fox met them which
the horses are unfortunately caught - a rock vein
close to his earth, the cubs were round to the
day but & broken & great loss was made

9th. Wil John & I went into Reading &
returned early & went out with the girls
with George himself he had brought them
to Newland they had good shot in the
morning but of little in the afternoon while
we were out. Price Maurice came on
he dined & slept. Parson from Finsbump &
& Weston dined with us. John & Ellen also
came

10th. Willie drove Maurice into Reading on his way
to Biflow

14th. Very mild fine weather we all went to
church. It is 3rd April. Mr Weston in the afternoon
heard the first Nightingale but about Glaston he heard
the Cuckoo.

15th. Still mild, John & Will went to Reading
in order for a Continental Tour with Miss
May Burnam. They were to meet Miss Bonney
& Mrs Banks at Dover to accompany them

1872

May 10. Very cold weather. corn looking sickly for want of sun. Thunder & frequent showers. I at home farming in the morning after lunch Minnie Banks & Beauty Sat w Butterby & Son Daddy rode down to the Lake & Annie Hargens joined us in our ride round Lake Hil. Lickwood Ridges so our horses went well & we enjoyed the ride.

11th. Willie & I went to Reading Market 2 to 3¹/₂ p.m. 70° sun, fair but Banks' shares in the day. a while frosty morning. Minnie & I sat at a ride in the morning,

12. by cold morning fair all day we ate meat to church. Weston did the whole of the duty money Captain. After evening service Willie & I walked up to see Tom he dines with us.

13. Very cold and morning. Willie went to Reading raised who stay sickly got out at ab. Willie dined at the Queen in the evening

May 10. Bank raised the rate from 4 to 5 p.m.

May 11. Gold Ladybird to Chinnock for £50. I gave him £100. for his last Augt. I turn her out all the winter

1872

May 14. Rather better weather still by dusk
Willie & I went into Reading. W to Wm. H. Her-
man's but saw very little doing on the farms.

15. Willie staid at home & we went to town
in the morning. White came over for Photographs
but the weather changed so he could do nothing.
Willie took the girls out for a walk in the
afternoon rain came on & they got back
to & saw Cooper Ferry. Mr. & Mrs. Belford
Denn & Lucy dined with us in the evening.

16. Willie drove me into Reading & I went
by the fast & train to London John was to have
met me at the Paddington station but he did
not. Took a cab to Strand Square saw
Sir & Mrs. Allen & Batty. John & I took a cab
to Fetteralles. Looked over the horses & marked
down that we should like, we then went through
the Park to Park Lane Depository & saw Mr. Lewis
horses rather liked one but the price was
2000 guineas & we did not buy back then
to the Park saw lots of folks run them
back to Fetteralles but the sale had not
got on fast and as our lots would not

be sold till late we went to the St James
Restaurant, got lunch & then to the Academy
took a carriage drive at the furniture
& back to Fetteralles just in time to see
one of our pick a white horse rather liked
asked for 300 guineas. We waited to see the
other come out he was soon run up over
a 100 guineas & I bid it & just got in time
at Paddington for the 4-50 train down
Kings Banks & Potters Bar gone up in the
morning to go to the exhibition with
Cooper - they came down by the same
train, Miss Holmes who is staying with Potters
& Town went in the evening to see the two
heads of Nightingale &c

17. Wet morning & continued so nearly all
day. Willie drove into Reading Sat home
all day. John bought a horse after Fletch
Fetteralles yesterday & sent it down to day
it was one of 8 St. Johns 3rd best he had been
hunting &c in Leicestershire quiet in harness he
gave 55 guineas, Leacock told 10 guineas others
at 70/- & pounds 50 & 15/- at 48/- hand for kid
she is enjoying herself very much at Marlowe

17th May 1872

two pheasants hatched at White Hall one with
14 eggs & the other 12. all right.

18. Wet without much intermission all day
we went to market which was dull business
and the sales were even of Lucy Bunting,
a servant at the Hall missing Daughter of Hopwood
~~now~~ it is considered that she is drowned.

19. We all went to church Sir J H read prayers
the Western people's sacrament we all with the
exception of Willie stand. I dined at the Hall Mrs
Hargreaves in great distress about the great lots of
people coming down to look them is quite a flood
Mr Cobham came we all went to church. Western
read prayers Sir J H preached, both Rev'd and with us
in the evening

20. While pretty snowy eve, David got up in the
night & when & the most of the wedding presents &
friends went. Bank Holiday. Mr Ali & I faring
in the morning. Willie took Harry Banks & Pats
for a ride. I drove. We over to Smallcote in
the afternoon.

21. Frosty morning. Willie & I went to Reading
the girls drove the pony into Reading to meet
Berthe Banks who is coming from Eton to spend
the day; the girls took him for a ride. heating
etc. Tom joined our party at dinner. Norman
drove B B to Reading to go home in the
evening.

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June 19th. Bought a horse at Tattersales out
of the Ryddle stud. Hereford at 130 guineas
unusually dear. We never sold the same.

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June 3. Minnie left, she and Tabby went to London
to stay. The latter at Kensington Square.

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4. Kit came home from her continental tour
she has stayed a few days at Beaufort & Wootton Bassett

5: All behind with the teams ground only getting
on the manure & stirring in a New Ground,
began mowing upland grass with the machine
in Thackham's Hills. Willard & I soon joining
2. Father. Norah Lyon & Kit went into Reading

5: Terri moving all hands busy mowing with the
machine in Thackham's Hills & in town ground
upland pasture until 4 p.m. Willard drove to Reading
as he was going rifle shooting in the evening
Drove through the Town on my way to Reading
Thomas came on but despatched him but just after
my arrival in Reading rain came on &
continued all day

1872

July. Bought 120 Sheet at Brenton Fair last Friday
at 68 $\frac{1}{2}$. sheet stock were never known to be so dear
Tom had 200 bushels at 64 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aug 1 little Walter came to stay a week while
she & I were both good,

Aug 1st Begun reaping in Pipers field fine
looking crop, but appears to be much lighter
in the unsettled weather heavy rains & storms
in many parts of the country, a trust loan
for 120 millions more than 1200 millions
subscribed for it at 84 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5 per cent. pasture
tendency for 100,000 will get about £7500
John L went into Reading to buy. Willie
went to Alton.

2. Started to Reading & then to London
taking gold with me to Brightwells &c he
left it & other money at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent 3 days later
returned by £140. very busy in Reading. Jim
knocked up. Wells and for his holiday a week
absent. Mr Hargreaves gone to School near at the
station. we called on our old home. the two eldest boys
stayed with us. Wednesday had a sack race. Total £100.
3. Rain in the night reapers could not
get on until 11 o'clock. John L went
into Reading. Jim at work my busy day
indeed. reports at Market of unfavourable as
the wheat great complaint at the flight.
I had 33 bushels of old wheat for sale the producer
& the late rich from the Gladstone or the
right going into the house rich year a very large

3 Aug 1872

Ack thacky seed. Leacock also had a sample of Isaac Blakes which he could have sold at 6s/ but we fancy it will be dear & therefore did not sell. I bought old beams of timber at fair rates at 6s/6d a thicker board in Arborfield Park. Arrived again Thursday the former was early.

4th. Rain in the night fine morning we went to church Mr Weston read prayer Sacrament we all stand. Miss Newell came with us. we went to church in the afternoon Sir & H read prayer. Mr W. friend, the latter & his Brother dined with us.

5. Big heavy rain between 4 & 5 o'clock this morning. no raining going on. Then heavy rain & in New ground. a few plants 1st time heavy 11 o'clock raining very fast indeed (no interruptions) for the harvest & the Banks holiday which is to day, & continued without interruption all day John & Ellen walked up. I did not go away from home.

6th Day. This night & morning weather went on but at 11 o'clock rain came on again & knock'd them off for 3 or 4 hours. I went to Reading by heavy shower, W Hodges went to London. And Charles & family indeed with a gathering on her part. Fanny Stour & children staying with her. Willi not returns from Alton. Jim went to the camp at Aldermaston Park. Tom W Cooper & Capt Clifton dined with us & my son coming.

7. Will not return, as my son moving my bed for the horses soles also requires cutting. Taken him into Reading in the pony chair and Charles & family - on our return from Reading a big heavy thunder storm came on & we sought refuge in Mr Biggs' cut shed. rain came down in torrents. Ellen & John went to Wokingham. they took refuge out of the storm at the Bush. Ellen went to see her Brother as he was coming to Wokingham with his regiment (12 Lancs.) cleared up about 2 o'clock. I went to Wokingham to see Cooke about a house at King Street for Mr Buchanan

Wimhurst Lodge. Cook had written to Mr B.
I saw the Lancets they had got a good ducking
on their march from Shrewsbury. They are going
on to B Stoke to morrow on their way to the
Autumn meetings. John Hayes wrote to his
Father to say that he & several others would
come & dine at the Rectory but only he & the
doctor Tarrant came. Miss Fitzwigan
staying there. I dined there, our party consists
of only six. John had gone to meet a party
from mi at Threshfieldsay he expected to have
met our party consisting of Ellen Western
& his sister & our two girls but a very
heavy thunder storm came on again in
the afternoon & they were afraid to go
the party at Threshfieldsay adjourned to the
Wellington Arms & had a good dinner John
did not get home until 1 o'clock Mr Willcocks
came home from Alton, fearful day for
the horses Dorothy alone all day ~

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My alarm breaking many rains in
the day with thunder. Willie John & I
went into Reading not quite on the Bunting

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lot of visitors called at Newlands in the
afternoon Mrs Boiles among the rest,
return going on the afternoon, the girls down
on the thames row in the morning,

9. Fine morning although damp, all hands went
on racing and boating all day. John & wife
went into Reading where they staid a short time
then went on to Aldermaston Park, where the
volunteers had been encamped on Monday they
had an inspection, Set home racing all day
the wheat although the straw is black from blight
is not injured to much as I see. The girls
Kit & I took tickets for Dancy by the 10 o'clock
train this morning, my train from Devizes
at Arundel

10. Rather better weather. Mother, J. wife
& John went to Reading. Aunt Charles very
unwell she had a very severe operation performed
by Dr May. Saw in the presence of his Father
an incision was made at the back of the joint
bone & a probe passed in the chisel where another
incision was made but no matter found it
was considered a very favourable operation. The

10th Aug 1872.

^{in Sparta}
poor patient went through it like a hero.—
Market for wheat dinner we sold our last
at 71. bushel. Mr Cooper bought. Leacocke
sold him some of Loms at 67½ & Isaac Blakes
at great complaint about the blight in
wheat. several showers in the day but this
did not prevent harvest progressing a little

11. Threatening weather but we had fair
day. Mother Willis & I went to church
Sir J Hayes read prayer Mr Weston hymn
view views in the afternoon we walked down
to engine after Miss Carter & little hotel.

12. Fair morning all hands busy reaping
we combed out the wheat out of Pipers Plat
making a stack in the rick yard. Mr & John
Rode Cockermouth government into Reading
the first time they had mounted their
they were pleased with this going down road
into Reading to see Aunt Blacks she is
rather better but still very unwell. the
wheat in Pipers Plat is decidedly better
than I expected perished one with & began
another. I hang this may be 42s to the

12th Aug 1872.

were all through the 32 acres. all along
much blight in many places. ~~got~~ requested
Thos May to come & look over the damage done
by rabbits in the Coverts. Collyer he looked
over it. & could not decide if it was his
most likely ~~accident~~, which he is to
get in Wallingford next at 4 o'clock

13. Fair morning all hands busy harvesting. made
a wheat stack & part of oatmeal & carried into the
Barn one more full price rate condition. John
& wife went out - Reading the former to London
he got Miles & Nightingale at 3½. I rode out -
Reading on butterfly went round by 3 mil X
met Mr Smith & Corday there set out the
new cottages. John & Eliza did well as in
the evening

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Willie & Newman. Dr Long's & Newman on Cockermarrow went to meet the St. Berds hounds at Mr. Webb's at 5 o'clock got a good ducking on the road. Awake the next morning made his first appearance before 24th couple of hours Mr. W. & his two sons and - drew Ludlow Bridge copse & found directly good scent & captured big brown rabbit about 1 mile off at the door of Mr. W. for him at 7th post Y.

1st Inst. (Munday)
^{at half past 7}
Willie & Newman went to meet the
Berds hounds riding the same horses we had used
& H. Berds. at Harman's gate Newgate at 5 o'clock
found in the Lee corner a y good litter after
a little time killed one went on again
to W. fields but did not find them back
again to the Lee corner got a small cull
but could do nothing with them

Tobby or 'Lady bird' for Long. Willie & Newman
& Newman on Cock & met the hounds at Bush Bridge
Sundown 5 o'clock drew the W. hounds & found
smells after running round the Hall, Mr. Chapman, he
killed me - drew Chapman and his & found
an open & little turn killed him, it was not
a good scented morning but the young hounds
entertained much; found a y good litter,

2nd Inst. Dr Long's & Newman on
Cock went to meet the hounds at 5 o'clock
at Berds bridge drew the hounds & found a y
good litter but the scent was mostly over.
could not catch me - then went over to the
Woods by the Temple & found raw over the
Lee corner and new tracks about for some
time but could not catch me.

Wynetham & Farnet and Shaving Spurwards
I killed 2^{1/2} brace of birds & a landrail he did
not say any thing

Sept 1872

Ernest Longs Willm or Steepoor met the hounds at Bonner oak. small pieces found in St Mod but the scent was scattered & we could do nothing with him. found again in Moon copse with the dogs result after a few ale his blas' comes but did not find again it was presumed that he was down also trees. we then went over to Wyntob & Picketts & found one or two. after a very long run with an old fox across to Pinchards Barnetts copse he had been too out of scent and at the St Johns did not like to be disturbed the course we gave up.

In Longs Lode or Steepoor Willm or Whistler met the hounds at Gaddoch at the corner of the plantations on Indians Farm. drew the plantations to California & over the road & out Longs track found but the scent was perfect b'd Loxton in h. 2 three or four foxes on foot but could not catch or

1872

Oct 7. Mr Longs Willm or Ropple Newman or Daddly met the hounds at Heavens at Gaddoch a large field. drew the hounds but the scent was off but after several runs ran one away over the fields towards Wathgham where he went to a drain hotted him & the hounds soon caught him, went back to St Mod & in Lempthill found again he went over to the Coombs. where we had several on foot but could do nothing with them. found another in the gorge which they hunted beaten round the Coombs. Sochills back through the wood & to a drain by ole stable we then went to Kidgħam which was drawn blank & we put up. fancy clear also Kidgħam without a fox at this time of year - sware cards.

1872

Oct 15. Went to Readig rather early but cold. Banks into 6 p.m. Mr Banks & Connie came to stay with us.

16. Willie rose. Raffle to meet the horses. Tenharts Ridge found me too slow when he could not run. Back to Westwood where Fincham found a footpath over rented by us from Sir W Cope ran over the hills. Pickets Hollow. His swallow 6 to 8² in St Head Cope's Folly Hill. Solid red fox and also 3 after lunch Mr B & Nib went out after shooting hares 10².

17. Holmes came to Paul & Willie's about the early this comes shooting. They beat one of the hounds White Ladd & part of Westwood hounds 30 Pheasants 1 Hare 2 Partridges & some rabbits. Sir J Haig John Ellard & Roberts shot with us after. The girls walked & rode in the afternoon to see the shooting.

1872

18 Oct. Rather early did not go out much. Banks went out fishing. Blank rain came on & continued all day.

19. Banks, Mother Nib & I went into Readig in the morning. Market rather dull we sold red wheat Douglas, two hams, Scheckel & others at 68^{1/2}. Ellen brought us the girls they went to see a performance at the Opera house. Japanese figures & ornaments we were buying. Banks

20. Wet morning we all went to church Sir J Haig read prayers. Mr Beaumont preached, also with the exception of Mother & me went again in the afternoon rain continued all day.

21. Fine dry damp. Banks down so went shooting killed 2 Hares & 2 rabbits. We went to Readig.

22. This morning I went into Readig & to Green to account dividends. Banks went fishing with A Roberts in Beaumont later did not catch anything.

1872.

23rd Oct. Invited Capt & Norman Daddy to
meet the hounds at Wimborne Town at 10 o'clock
Mr. Gash, Welly, Godsal & lots of folks out
over Canes Bankton Lymore. Fleet found a
Litter Shipt he went away as if for Lymore
turn'd back to no man's land over Beaminster Park
Beaminster Rocks Lee comes Wyfold. Hollways
Loris to the Long hill & Coker & after many
wings I left them. They continued winging to
until past 4 but did not catch one.

Spent up to lunch with Tom found there Rogers
Holmes his son, Revd John Edmund Banks Capt
Clyton they had beaten Loders & Chalke and had
killed 20 Pheasants after lunch we beat the Holes
& London close But had killed 22 Pheasants when
& three rabbits, found three pheasants) etc the
party with the exception of Capt. Clyton closed
with us, Dr. Foxot Sp. did not meet W^m Wheeler did
not have a pleasant evening.

24. Thank very early came on. Banks not
such headache & gone. Will & I went to
Reading the former to Stanley, John went to
London. he was unanimously elected. Freeman
to the Reading Union. proposed by Mr. Ruselli
seconded by Mr. Porter. Mr. Simonds few resigns

1872

Oct 31. Went into Reading with Miller in hunting country all over Banks. Newman brought in traps & made him to meet the 4th Rock horses at Brightwells Bridge, ^{full neck} not a very large field. Roader & all appointed us good traps. Pigeon wood while driving a fox was heard towards the racing gal on him ran through Pigeon Wood. Deans collar & his ground at . found upon in Clay hills & had a good struggle run to Paddington it was considered that he had cross'd the Kennet but he did not turn & shot back & last sh. bounds & came home.

Nov 1. Banks down. W Cooper. I shot West London I did not start with them (as I went to take leave of Miss Mary Harmon who has sister me going to leave London to-morrow) when I got to the station they were leaving capital open, we shot Roberts & then killed in the day 28 Pheasants & have 10 colts & 2 more hounds

2. We went to Reading Mr Banks left us.

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4. John rode "Herring" out & traps to meet the hounds at Staines Hill first met a very large field not a very good place over the lake & found after many miles tiles a fox soon found again and after own pretty hunting by Rascot & over the large fields turned Mayhems back scarlets. Matthew Roseman back to shorewood. Lt Ward Hartley boat. I mounted to ground at the slopes. It was a good day for the fox. Two Eastern Officers in 1 fall & broke their collar bones. Dr Willmott acted the Tomcat. He had his mare out & clung to the dog to his Hounds.

5th

6. Will on Raffle & for Matthew went to meet the hounds at Brackles a large field did not find for a long time found at last at the bottom of Brackles corner the mare ran him of fast over the water to the sea &

8th Nov.

met road comes to ground at Wypelaw
threw then back to Wypels
to Damnor where we found directs
he went over to Gaistors & of course beat
us down how & the horses even not long
after me.

7. John rode his mare Whithakery & I
Dove stand to meet the south Bells
horses & mounted down Marrow all to late
of course but did not pierce me then
wead the Mr Thogts' where we did
but the scent was so bad that we soon
lost him. John & I came away. They
found again but did nothing

8. Norman took a long riding Hartfort
Mile & I drove over to Hawk Row & went
with Caw to meet the horses at Dronfield
not a $\frac{1}{2}$ large field draw looks more
like forest and after much very hard
the cows to kill. found again in Normand
I saw first to Horsden Cow when there
were several foxes ran our back to

8th Nov 1872

day night field & we kill many & changing scents
all day. got upon one again at Normand
& run him past of the way to Horsden corner
but the scent was of his & I can't know
it was a very hard day for horses and did
much & carried us back.

9

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11. Will under Apple & I Drove stand to
meet the horses at Bellary near a $\frac{1}{2}$
large field. of cold. took us to Dibby
roast when we found directly he broke
away. Pocke won. Went over Drove corner
to St Graths where he had done about a
little back Chancery Lane Billingsgate Sir
W Worsham to Bishop's a close of the
Lancaster City we scales his. we then
went to Pocke corner when we found
directly he broke at first as if for Wright

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turned back to Buckhurst to the left
by the old wind mills across to Boltons
cross to the left to the golden bale
crown, where he was holling over the
road (but it was a col'ly) back
towards Buckhurst just went through
the old wood Easthampstead to find Darentham
back through the heaths over the 9 mile
road. with the Heath here he made
lots of work but the hounds hunted
him splendidly hunting him over the
large fields Hammers loape but rate
across to Baxford over the Wallgate
college ground. Edgware road to our
plantation back over Ridgebottom hill
long for Ambresbury hills him to the
left before he got to the railway the
was still near to St. Ol Sandhurst
near James the calculator this was
a splendid hunt now col's enjoyed a
man shout carried on well. & so did
Raffle. Willes.

Rooke while hunting the South Woods
hounds at Selsdon was kicked by a dog
now & has his leg broken just above

Nov 11

the ankle joint

12th J. Willis & John went to Reading point
out. Bank note 7/- cl.

13th Grose Whitthorn to meet the hounds at
Hales Farm Taunton hills. Bawdy for breakfast
with John & the met at a large pile down
Westmoor cross & while driving it a fox was taken
which went over into Pockets L. My hounds out
after a ring he went away over Westmoor common
but one got after a bad start after him
but still the hounds ran him over it & into
to Bramshill when he kept up. we then came
back to the Fleet. Finedrake & H. Sheldrake
in the little Bramshill corner apparently
West Court found he went away through
Bramshill church by the church up into the
crown when am had lots of trouble but
could not catch him

1872

14 Nov. John Wilts & I went to Reading and as Mr. Hodges is out for his holiday the two former went to Reading & I only am here for my

15. Newman took on Long riding Hayford Tally down and they turned in the 4 wheel cart. I went back to start now & I went on with him to Greenwich Park. We bathed us and a moderate walk down the river I soon found there was a good show of foxes & a few but a Greenwich day. After spending some hours there we went to Andover Moor where we did not find any to shoot I shot in the latter course we found he went away over the river by the Rockies two over the River we did back to Greenwich or to Wilts & over with the others towards Starton but the scent failed I ran down him at 1/2 past 3. it was a good day for hunting Long was never better than I have ever known him.

1872

Nov 16. John Wilts & I went to Reading market rather late. we saw a big Hounds a dark chestnut dog with one ear, pointed ears turning,

17. We all went to church Sir J Hayes did all the service except the lessons which were read. G. John Simons, Western did the duty at Bemers he preached in the afternoon at Arborfield several heavy showers in the day

18. Dark foggy morning. Wilts rode Hayford & I. Brown took to meet the hounds at Bemers a very large field only Mr. Waller & Mrs. & himself Mr. Waller was seen but he was going to a meeting at Abingdon. drew for him & was coming away to leave the church when there was a hollow bark but nothing could be made of it. instead drew behind the church & removed it without finding. we then the Charles road but he went away again at Medmers up the Hayes field to Bemers where he was heard. he went back in view to Rockfield grove & to ground, there found again easily in the Hayes and he went away to the stile. loaded with his arms

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the room (he failed some of it got over the
humble back-side & left their houses over the back
I went through the rooms) to Gravelly Roding
I called to Mr Whibley but he had us. we then
went to King St George where we had several
loses or foot after a time run no one to
tell him about as if for Warren house when
turn to the left by Warren Turn down that
corner to W Gouth across his Park and as if
for junction turn'd to the right directly
from War & up to Billesby house, here
in consequence of the darkness we lost him
it was a capital run & the hounds hunted
splendidly. we had a solid pulse for this
run. soon among the rest it run'd they
said all day but it passed over our way.
home. Connis. M Shrimps & the girls walked
up to the Linch Hill got out through
cols and over a few.

Wm Hodges out for his holidays John went
to London all alone

19th. Damp morning. Wm & I went into Reading in
the pony carriage. I now took the traps with Addison's
Connis & our girls were going to sell at the Bazaar

19th Nov 1872

in the Corn Exchange. St John schools, the girls
start in Reading. I attended Show Weeks meeting
spared more expense required, Ethie & Ellen didn't
visit us in the evening, a short party,

20. Fine morning although rather doubtful
John sent on White Jackings I backed Whistleham
on to meet the hounds at New Lodge.
Started with black hounds & coal riders
"Daddy" to a laud. Lord Maybrough at the
house here. Much noise at 10 o'clock will
regard to encroaching copyholds. Warfield
Brecknock & Walkham. W H Parker & Co are
representatives. there was a case on when
Garris & Thrapston was returned. when I
could get my W Whibley & I made a
shot for the hornets. They had drawn the
true black. found in Charing cross near
the Bank. Lord Ellerton says "the shoot
was not good & the last man shot. Whibley
& I started round by Longs farm but they
had found in his garden & had gone 10 minutes
over. At King's Park - Warfield church & we
overtook them just before getting into Charing

20th Nov 1872

you again but the fox had faintly run
them out of scent and after a few ineffectual
casts he was given it & was returned to our
several homes. Daddy the little dogs will
have carried our scent. Mother Mrs & I dined
with Ellen & John at the Rectory. Sir J.
Stayes at Ramsbury. The girls walking at the
Bazaar.

21. I have a very bad cold and did not go out all
day. John & Will went to Henley. I went to
start. Ellen & Biffy from Wokingham on their
way to Ramsbury, the girls came home from
Reading. John dines here. Bazaar realized £358.
considered good.

22. Started in the day. Newman took a Raffle
riding Thringford Mill followed on Long's to meet
the hounds at Titchmarsh Park. It was a
wet day & they led no shot. The girls took Canna
Banks to Wokingham on their way home.

23. I did not go to Reading cold & cog so so
staid in doors rain nearly all day. The boys went
to Reading all served the what need the same.

1872

24 Nov. Fine morning we all went to Blundell
Mr Weston did all the duty except the Lays
which were read by Mr. Arthur Roberts at
church but did not take any part of the duty
rainied on our way home ~~too~~ we all went
again in the afternoon. The second party did the duty
Weston & John dined well as the latter slept
here.

25. Wet morning breakfasted at 7 a.m. & cloct.
John went into Reading to go to his friend Gardner
to London. Will at home rabbiting so I'm going
for him. He got 29 rabbits

26. We all went to Reading

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27. Fine morning John on Whistlingbury & Tom Bonner started
met the hounds at the Black Swallow a large
field down the Nethorn down black can be back to
Branscombe common with the same result over to
the Lea. Weston comes back so and on to
Whistlingbury where we found the hounds broke at his
house & they hunted him over Cordenay Park before
as if for long now they turned to the life side

1872.

28 Nov. This went to Reading. Before came over the men & the girls went calling on the Beckmans. H. Thordots. Pauls & Walthers,

29 November took on top for me Raffles for Miller riding Shuford we drove in the day out taking Miller to Brookhouse. Spent a long time there hunting. Redfield rows & on to Chaw where we found three foxes and one cub but we stuck to a singing one and after sending those rings for nearly 3 hours we gone him up. We then went on to the North home coming to the corner by Fleet pond when a fox jumped at chaw under Charles' horses heels the horses met & crowded him & soon after the poor animal thus ended our day

30. We all went to Reading. family having market under the snow. John went to Rosedale. Mrs Jones' Maids man came to give the letters and envelopes Dec 1. As about nine o'clock we went to church Mr Western ~~had~~ the sexty ~~had~~ did all the sexty. Sacrament also said. We went again in the afternoon

1872

Dec 2. Spent riding to meet the hounds but they later drew Sackets on to the wills hills & Patterson gone without finding back to lake & the place we did he broke away by the Kennels across the fields to Chaw wood which he skinned to the right across the fields to the left of the Park towards that, and nearly two hours the hounds took a round back across Chaw hills Park & at the end of it was evident that the hounds hunted up to & for the last had gone along that took his hounds back & left the round trip of 3 miles seawards. Having shot about to the right near to Lake Sam to the left to Rake Hill through the fence over the road to Chaw hills then back to the left over Lake Sam back to Chaw hill about the Wood Mead. I over through corner to Mr Gault through his Park in the front of the house by the Kennels Lake about gone to Tewkesbury over the large fields nearly to Wagons school back to place later Sackets back to the lakes & in the same place where he was found taken him, time $3\frac{1}{4}$ and must have changed four times or three times but we could not tell when

Dec. 27th. See entry, back.

Started Kitcham at 7a Marshalls Farm across
over Chis Park tried the earths at the corner
which were stony through to Beaverton and by
the cloud closed over the large fields to
Washburne's Work house out of the rain
to Holt copas. Matthew Green as far Kitcham
to the left over the meadows toward the
Wren house to the left to Ashridge Way
time 40 minutes, here we lost a check the
hor animal had laid down but he was
soon mounted & killed. It was the most
desirous & best run we have had for
some time & every one enjoyed it lots of
falls but no one hurt. Brown Grouse
carried me fair but the game was too
scarce for him. Whitethroat carried the pia rate.

Dec. 3. Willii & I went into Reading during
one of the Rectory hours. Willii went to Washburn
finishing business. John returned home just as we were
leaving & staid here. I went to call on the
Gurneys. Mrs Gurney & Baby Maria
were at home.

1872

Dec 4. John went to Reading. Willii & Bobbie
& I & Lucy went to meet the hounds at Lutley
Park. about a very large field. down the plantation
there over the road I found on the way to the Ridge
one had several foxes a foot the scent was
very bad & we hunted & followed the foxes for
2 or 3 hours but could not catch one now then
with a very diminished I felt equal to our bounds
& with great difficulty after half an hour I went over
to Beaverton and walked after him hunting of Lutley
Fox hills. Bobbie coped over the land & down to
the Washburne's lodge. turns to the right here
the scent mended & they ran past over the
large fields near to Lutney hill. Two miles
down to Barkham & the horses were staled
just as the men going into the woods in
consequence of the darkness & that they
~~should have been~~ ^{had} been light
Ave. The Bustamans & Mrs Steyman called
Barrow Gurney & his wife came to stay
with us.

5. B. Lennard Paston, Son, Wife & I shot at
Tulip Hill Whittle & Roberton & shot 2 backs
Killed 15. Pheasants 2 woodcocks 3 Starlings 20 Robins
& 1 sparrow. He & Jane Cook & Ellen Terry dined with
us

5th Dec 1871 -

John went afterwards to a walk at the
Boviles Fish hills, from the girls & Mrs Barrow
Timmons went to Reading. The latter three
went over Palmer's before I went away.

6. Sun. Mr Timmons came. He B.L. John, Tom,
I shot. Hazelton first killed. 20 Pheasants
2 Hares & some rabbits & then went to the
Combe. our boy in all met 21 Pheasants
2 woodcocks. (both killed & Tom) 4 Hares 36
rabbits, at dinner Mrs & Mr Timmons. Before
City, Lews, Mr & Mr Parker, our own but nearly
16. The ladies started in the carriage to go
to Hot Sandhurst but soon came on & they
returned by Fealy hills home,

7. Fine morning. John Hills & I went to Reading
market much the same fair day. B. Timmons
& Mrs. wife.

8. We all went to church at Westcott & did
all the duty both services also sent the afternoon
robust John and I. Walter joined with us
in the evening.

1872

9th Dec 8. Dark morning. horses not at
Birds green we did not go. Walter went to
Reading & John walked. They killed 27 rabbits
Pal home he ate day.

10. We all went to Reading fair day.
Walter breakfasted went with us

11. Grade boys & John, therefore to meet the
horses at Bound Oak Fish hills at large
feathers down El Chene le. Oak wood near
Coker. & to Bottoms where we found he
broke away to El Coker Fish hills but
Wyndham saw him down the
meadows to the bottom of the big bend at
the bog. & to Capt Evans. to the plantation
where we lost lot of them hunting for
some time but lost him, we then
hotted on to King Street give what we
drew black or thin to Smedes & Hale
near to the Combe and in the gorge found
again he went away over the cliff path
& across to Fox hills taken, he went to
Graards. Mr Thornton & Grattis Blagrove
regaled him. Goodwin also came to see
with us.

1872

12 Dec. John & I went to Reading fair
day. Banks rate reduced to 5/-ds.
Hale & Willy went rabbitting. Hale 17 & 23
haz day. Mr Banks & Berthe arrived about
1/2 past 8. they had been to Oxford for the
lecture to Hutchinson but he did not succeed.
Sir John. Ellen &c returned from Reading the. morn
13. A very wet day, Hale & Willy went rabbitting
they killed 34 rabbits Mr Banks walked at
the sea shore. they all day.

14. John Willy & I went to Reading a y wet
day. Banks, Berthe & Hale arrived themselves as
well as they could. very wet day.

15. We all went to Church a fog & uncomfortable
morn. Mr Weston had prayg Sir & Hayes
met Mr. all road again in the afternoon
with the exception of Hale & Willy who
went for a walk. Sir & Hayes prayg
Mr Weston preached by himself.

16th. Banks, Hale & Willy went to Shore at
Weston-super-mare. had capture of 9 1/3 Pheasants
12 blues & 3 Grizzlits did not find a woodcock

16th Dec 1872

Reading cattle market. Tom went to have a
fine shaper which won the prize £10-10. she
was sold by auction by Lomphuis for £52-10-
had the price of £5-3 for being the highest
priced animal. Lomphuis sold 10 & let
for me. Total 9 1/2 - 91- 10 cl 86/-
we sent 10 to Shute which were not taken
I went to meet the horses at White
Waltham racing days. John with me
riding Whitelocks a large pectoral deer
the White Waltham cows, found a y
bad foot one had a 3 but decent 1 after
several runs for nearly 2 hours no
last time. drew them Wippit's grace
so he without finding me came home
John Ellen & Miss Cooper were going
to the Wellington College concert,
an extreme wet night.

17th. A bad morning. Banks Berthe Hale
Willy & I went to Reading college & taking up
John in the morn (in the omnibus) with luggage
had a pretty good last. our friend went
to their horses.. Willy went to Wokingham
and are finding hunting.

1872.

Dec 18. Willie started early with Tom to go shooting at Silchester the girls went to Newmarket to hear the big race down the hill in the evening John went to Reading drove "Mountain" to meet the horses at Luton Park a big horse field by some farms he went away over into the plantations here too had there no post but the road was hideous & we could do nothing with them here Peter had a fall racing at one of the roads he was not much hurt but went home. I took Chapman our dog introduced to me then went to the Horse Trust & on to Horncross gave when we found the most any to Barnetts, Stephens horses & big ones & a couple to Kilclay a big one & a bad at Longman very across to Finsbury Park road Peter's horse had to cross four back to Gadsden the horses over the road & would have gone to the Fleet but was headed back into the river opposite Estmiles & was

18 Dec 1872

Rides him 53 minutes - it was a very good hunting run. Never an bags or Hounds he went back. Now that carried me faring the Thatched was red, chain stopped at the bottom of the lawn - Small & 2 dogs, raking it,

19 big wet money. Did not go to Reading until the evening dinner at the Queen and the Rogers' & May & the Wicks.

23. Rode Tongt to meet the hunt at Billings as a large field foxed quirk in Poor wood saw traps Bear Wood & Myatts & after some runs killed him in Mosby Lee down the Shipton Wood Corrigans comes back up & Reddins we did not find again

24. Rode Peter Sturt to Bramshill a very large field got on a trap and after getting into the common ran it heel to the North & his chas took the the hunt & got on it again & ran down the common through the cornfield & ran to ^{the} end of Wood whence he h. - I took his oblique about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour got on better terms & ran him over the meadows west & to the West over the Shipton and Longnow over the bay a copse Thicks Farm & down hill. For half a mile open as is for King Street but turns to the left & the wood is half in New wood till altogether 2 hours & 10 mins. it was a cold & hilly run & every one enjoyed it we then down to Wood corner loaded to Mrs Hayes place but did not find anyone lots of people

24 Dec 1872

26. ~~Andy says to Mapledale~~
against her nothing ready for them
25 Christmas Day. Besse came to stay & was
with us, lots of funnies. Nels & Sijes is the name
25: Christmas day. we all went to church. because
all stand but Wilkie, a very nice mild day. Tom
came to lunch. it was so wet & uncomfortable that
we only walked up to Carter's hole afterwards. Tom
& Jim didn't will us.

~~From Dec 1 to 7 by H. A. A.~~

26. Tom says. the girls on Daddy's & Multha
way to Lancaster. the girls stand at the St. Louis
& I went on to meet the St. Pauls house at
Mapledale in being a holiday there were
an immense number of poor people & children
Wilson wrote the numbers. the New York
wards but the poor people made such
a noise & disturbed the game so much that
the horses were turned off to the gardens
and the crowd gather where in one of them
we found but the horses did not run
the Hounds & he did not know the
count that we soon lost our way

25 Dec 1872

Wilkie did not run in a very happy state
it was known what he had to do
Christmas day the sky after noon
was a whole lot of clouds but did not
rain again. I left the horses near Cheltenham
the girls called at the Rogers' & Shulman
& Blount's court & made up the day.
Wilkie & Tom went to the Pantomime in Reddy

27. Norman list on Broad Street rooms
Ripplins & I followed on the 2nd street during
Senate trial taking with me W. Sellwood. one
earlier Mr. Baker & Brewster with him
for Motley's new & Michael brought two
one books, a very large file. Taylor & Mr
Shulman. then Baker's Lt. and a horse
on to Highgate & was a little cross fire
blown in. found a bear - we saw a very
large cloud of they get & afterwards was
very nearly to New Haven about one the
riding to Hartwood road to Lord Goddard
town the left over to Fulmer to West
Hartford & comes into the village
now running a long check at the gall.

27 Dec 1872

With the hounds through the villages from
this far he'd you own the common and
across by Barn Polans Mill. Coming
Letters to the left Winchfield over the turnpike
way. Mulford Farm & in his great fields
we lost him, it was a good hunting run
& but it was here for the cheffer at Warmbush
I would have lost his trail. Then I have
20 minutes run then down to Tadworth
Court. Dulls where comes goes back the hollow
of Bramble common but did not find again.
The dogs were probably for balance. Before
we lost him.

28. John Wilk & General into Reading a good day
fair being number of deer.

29. Fair day & until we all went to church
morning & many phenomena 55 in our few
Western lands here.

30. Invited to meet the hounds at Hockleton
a large field. He took the hounds into a little
turnpike field to drive a little come at the
back of old Gray's farm as he had got in a few
goat out of the turnpike & went with the come

when then we another we took any across the
turnpike road to Littleton Park to scatter across
to the railings and he ran parallel to the
railings in a zigzag way next at to Bayne.
He turned to the left to Hockleton & then
across it the hounds hunting him splendidly
through it & late Shunes place to Birch's
green where he ran with him time about
100 minutes & we a quick hunting run & al-
engaged it, we then went back to Bayne then
out in the oak hollow it found again
he went away through Park wood towards
Cherry grove too closely he thought it down to
Chalke's farm where he ran us out of scene
& we returned to our respective homes.

John went to London

31 John Wilk & General to Reading. Wilk to Woking
the hounds preparing for holcombe. In & the girls
met with Riddings.

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Jan 1. John & Willie went early with Reading
the former to York Town

Holmes & his son William came to breakfast

1st Jan 1873

Studley Brown Sturt went with the two
men he brought at Farley Court. a very large
field near Weyhill Pickett & King. went
back there to Castle Copse found in the gl
copse and after 2 hours & 15 minutes hunting
about within the space of a mile killed the
wretched animal, went then to White Hill where
a fox had been seen to come out of it when
the hounds were running the st on. got up on
hi dog but the was all on him to Kidder
minster, the old Combe and in the gate there
was then ran one over but this failed
to Landy Bottom Fox holes to the left of the
Copse to Grindon Farm to the plantations
across the valley to Loxly's just to the
of mil side by the Hartpits across to the
Beches Col Dawsom's park. Rose Plantation
and across the old Park which he went as
it was a capital hunting run for our men
and they all enjoyed it, came home with
Sir & George local Person & said
Warden of the Rectory.

2 Jan. Wet morning. Stud intended riding into
Reading & to meet the H. Park horses at London
Bridge but was afraid of the wet so had
not much hope. Newman drove me in after
breakfast. getting in well with the hounds
had a dozen hunts in the evening Mr & Mrs
Harman Mr & Mrs Paul Mr & Mrs Shorth
A. Roberts Sir & Hayes John Eller & Son in
all 16. it went off g r a c e.

3. Very wet day. our hounds was thrown
in the stag. I al how all day. had a walk in
the afternoon. the girls & Miss Davis at the
Picnic,

4. Went to Reading. Sir & Hayes did all
the duty except the before which Stud ready
Sacrament the old stirs. we went again in
the afternoon,

5. All went to church. Sir & Hayes did all
the duty except the before which Stud ready
Sacrament the old stirs. we went again in
the afternoon,

Feb 1st 1873

For Tongt & Willshaws went to meet the
hounds at Larkspur but a large field found
in the plantation near Kays bridge and
had some capital hunting round the hills
to Redthorpe, over the ploughed road
to Winklers bushes back of the Stevens to
the Valley to Colby over Hammers Ledge
& back to California and as we were runny
by the Ridge Butte & the hounds denied the
body going any with a pass for Mr. Grah.
Willis. Brown the Serval went with the
hounds a capital run. Through Lanes Lane
Bottles comes to Fox hill where they called
the ground we shot back with Blahes.
He had only 5% couple of hounds and killed
less for at the plantation of mud ridge
time I found 2 foxes & 10 marmots it was a
capital day, that. It was the same for
that we found as the many as it was
a short trifle as Kermar brought out
therefore Willis over him he were full
etc.

The girls are to Waltham

1873.

Jan. 7. We all went to Reading. Mr. & Mr.
Wrightson. settled at the millers at the Bank
Lodging profit, we came home as early as
we could & dined at Swallows ~~and~~ ^{and} went

8. For Brown shot & John on Whitelocky
met the hounds at the Bank Swallows etc
a large field we drove Rail corner to
found in Long Head, he tried to make his
point to the Rail corner but was beaten
I went across. Throbs Farm & down to the
River crossed (the forces were very alert
in consequence of flood,) the Park hill Wyfold
the deer corner over the water again to
Bramshill corner up to Bramshill Park
pels. back in the corner to French & New
Hill. went through the corner & he was
at at the top of the corner by the
old plough, we then went to Denmore
& Galters & when shooting the latter a fox
was rolled back in Denmore ran him
back throgs Galters Barnisters & and at
it for cover gave him his over the fields
to Hedges left but he had run in out
of breath and we were on our way home

8th Jan 1873

and as soon as we were on the way the hounds
hit their fox again hunting him over
to Cold Tree forge where he waits for
us. I saw him & him make to Ninalis
Tanner over the Common Lord every Post
box again to the Lodge by thickfed
Bridge he beat us it was a cold
day, short and our horses carried us well.

9. John Will & General to Reading John to
Henry Safford on his works meeting, finds his
Banky. Will went to Tewkesbury to the
Holdings. The girls went alone, our servants
feared they kept it at the Holdings.

10. Wet morning clear'd up afterwards. Nance
took on Sarge for me & Ripple for John
to the riding "Daddly" Isle 1. I followed
driving Greenhead in the cart taking
After to bring it back again from
Hart's now we went to meet the horses
at Leygate. a small field down Buttons
& soon found after half an hours party
that Henry he went to ground in the dells

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we found another in the yard & he stood
at the same and we were informed that
the other had escaped in the same way
we then went on to Middlewich where
he found again in Bales. a trax we ran
one mile over to Long wheel until
there were two foxes running my son Will
duly off ^{their line} just above Long cross & the
hounds hunted heel back of the other which
was not discovered until we got near
back to Bales again. the river being to
flooded Will could not get to his horses
we then took round roads or drove to
the Shirey roads. Anna Pittman but
did not find a pair, it was a good day
of it but an unfortunate one.
Sarge came home lame from an overreach
& his shoes being too tight follow

11. John & General with Reading along the
hong. Will came down from Tewkesbury
the evening being Banky all day. Market
met the same, my pair dog, the girls came
home from Tewkesbury they enjoyed themselves
& much shooting to

12. By four morning we all went to Church
the Master read prayers &c. I H. preached
vice versa in the afternoon. Left Hayes at
noon on long train,

13. Knole Brown Start to meet the horses
at Bld Hill a very large field found streets
in one of the round abouts in the Park
he went away over the fields towards Broad
Cumann over into Duxford wood Beech Wood
over Broad Cumman turns to the left to the
Warren house Farm into Leadenhall wood again
when he made short runnings & was constantly
running. he returning again over the fields
to Bld Hill I was soon killed in the plantation
by the house. time about an hour the horse
brought out & we had soon shelter built
we then went back to Beech wood Tiffey
where we found he broke away to Buckle
coker I tried to get over the road into the Park
but we horses he went back again through
through Tiffey leaving for the Warren house
over the end of it for Pebblecot to the left
carrying over Peckham then east for Buckland

13th Jan 1873

walked through the Park eastwards to
splendid beauty across C^o Duxford's Park
at the old stone steps to the bridge
to the left over the Park to Mile wood. Bolans
grows though it was a walk to the Golden
Wile comes back to Bolans place where he made
that evening I was constantly visited back again
to Eustonhead & over the Park into the
Buckles where he went to ground time about
1 hour & a half. the first fall was exhausted
soot and altogether a 1st cliff run & also
exposed it. Brown Start carried me is
well indeed. Neomus brought out Dadd's for
a short time.

John went into Reading. Willie rode Raffer
to Old Town stay at the Stables. Jim went to
London.

14. Started into Reading. Wynnetham a very
comes to stay a few days

1873

Jan 15. rode Whitehorn to meet the hounds at the greyhound. Tindale had John & John Slope come out a large field down the Fleet to Thupps in Shropshire over Lee cover. I ride over little roads about (S W Cope) when we found the men over the hills into Riddel across the road over to Bramshill the grouse at Carnes hill. They refused to race him all the way. I changed before we found I rode Daddy. Solis not understand him & we were kept running behind, we then came back to Hopwood Shaw, Whitehorn. Ketcham and his horses, and in the corner by Nash's plantation chapter a fox he was napping we then went on to Big Sheld grove where we again found he went very smartly to Bils hills Ashridge road over the road to Goffs Arches as if for Woburn Park to the top. Bils hills except the fields again to Ashridge Woods but he beat us. it was a good dogs sport. Daddy carried me as satisfactory in the afternoon
Ben Wood Bob.

17. Wyndham. Kit & I had a ride on Haregate

18. Wyndham went home

1873

Jan 20. For Beaver Street, I took on Shropshire road to meet the hounds at Lode's Farm a large field due the El Wood, Robert James Wild riding when we found he took away as if for Brackenhurst to the left. His son John Rule Wood. Took again & up towards Brackenhurst the road as if for Lode, gone to the left away to the Golden Bull comes to the right across to the stile house Briffitt when stopped he was heard twice shot back nearly over the same line across the brook again when the Countess de Morville got a fall not far over Brackenhurst corner. His son R. had War run the park to the left. Pond plantation across to Southgate Park across to laster called Wickham Bushes and as far as first point and just before reaching it they ran into poor Peggy. Time I have & a half. It was a capital hunting run and very well enjoyed it. Shropshire carrying John full into his hat but once and a real Hereford horn, as we came returning to Shropshire again got another for all the great ride needed him down to Nutt Wood but he was gone too long & we lost him. or then to Lode gone where we found again

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now him over to Mr Key's Park. Key's copse back again it was a very bad animal & wouldn't go away got on another which did across the meadows & took us to Mr Wiggles' Park. Back to the right and nearly up to Hawkhurst Hill to the left as if for Backbridge to the right again to Redstow & the fields below Shropshire Park & away as if for Brackenhurst onto but turns to the left as if for the White Wall Lane comes to the rear but we faint out of scent & hear us. it runs a good deal along. Then about carried me back the last & short.

21

Holt

22. For Tonge & Holloway, or Daddy (Willie never turned Holloway at the Mothlow station on the main) & Willie on Paffles. W^r Cane come went with us to meet the hounds at Bear Wood (the 1st time in the court yard) only Mr Willis there he was on foot a very large field west over

22nd Jan 1873

As far as I soon found he went away through the wood & strayed to ground at the Temple hill on then to the comb and as we were chasing he gave a few runs away out of the brambles in the plantation by Richards he went away up to the Fern Arboretum but was headed came back by Stagleton & to the Wood where he made no end of work in the Wood combes &c
I saw a number run into him at the Wootton Bassett Beech wood while we were many other men got out the other fox & we took him in a sack to West Court park & here we set him free he's little harm & hunted him towards Horncastle gone to the left of Banbury through the Thist & for Ticknall church turns to the left to the common through the plantations (California) & killed him close to the corner to Mr Gerrard (in about 25 minutes of good hunting)
Daddy carried Holloway by road & we enjoyed the day. Many more now

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23. I went to Reading. Holloway took & we went shooting in the combes. Not good there killed 3 woodpeckers a pair of pheasants & 30 rabbits.

Willie down Holloway to Wootton in the evening or his way home. Pidgeon shooting at Newlands. The Shrike & Marsh tits came

24. Newman took on Brown Street for me & riding stagfrogs for John. We went took us to the Wellington Arms to meet the hounds at Sheepfield green a small field. our boy copa round, and all the coves there without finding back them to the cove. and in a hedge row near this house copa found he went away through

copa nearly to Tuff Heath to the left at the back of Rothamsted then to Blackwood through it to Hounds green to the left about the & down the road to the cross roads back to Sheepfield where we had the 1st check hit him again but lower & then back it to Park Rotham over the Park gate back to Park corner back again across the Park. Rotham. down the road and after running to a dead at Mr. Farm just opposite the Wellington Arms time though 20 minutes past nine

24th Jan 1873.

The 1st half hour fair rate. our horses carried us well. we came home with a good

25th

26th

27th Willie on Whitestones & Fox Tongue went to meet the horses at White Waltham it was a frost. & when we got to the Kennels. that told us that we should not have till 12 o'clock. we went on to John Thack & put our horses in & had a good gossip. John Thack in poor spirits his eye sight failing him & left

Merricks share. Steffy Brown came in & we were on together. the horses came in & it was rather bad from frost at starting, we drew the Mill Water covers without finding or drawing to the off Wood. Shotes took where our former I believe a brace but we could not hear a babbler. we then went on through. Hounells Wood Spur's cover comes in the Park to Tiffey wood. while it was snowing there was no scent but of bear freezing & it changed to a fair one found in Tiffey's brook near through Pound Wood Whistler and at the far end broke over the road through Col Arches Place nearly down to Barnings Farm turns to the left over the Mandeville to Pebblestone through it Carrington comes pocket cover and runs for Buckhurst where he was leader and rider in a little cover opposite came back in view of the field to park alterations to the right I made his mount off Wood deathwards & through it Lord Dunsdens Park. Backs. across the 9 miles in through the common & plantations next to the Wellington College to the right on Hollings

27th Jy

large fields to Shirehampton Lodge but the horses rapidly recd him back throug the plantations - bricks, on the path, and the groves near to Lord Downhams house took him 1 hour & 20 minutes. scarcely a click all the time it was a fine ride over Shirehampton the run of the season. Whistling carried Will far out & so did Tonge me,

28. Went to Reading with Lucy. Noad presented for me. Anna (Mother) went to London to stay with Ella Shaw at Stamford Square to be useful

29. At home all day. News in the evening of the arrival of a little grandaughter afternoon named Elizabeth

30. Just as I was preparing to start to Reading with Willie when Richd Chapman came in rather an angry roar & wanted to know if he'd influenced the Policeman to intercept a hamper which he was going to send away by the Airmail carrier. I said yes. the Policeman came often &

30th Jy

will the banks it was decided to who married his Day before Ann lay down by Winclesea. it contained 3 rabbits, perhaps a wood pigeon a couple of chickens. 6 eggs 2 cakes of scented soap. lot of jam & a cake treacle meat no hunting.

31st Jy came up & we had Richard here we displayed to him the contents of the hamper he justified himself & friend but when I told him if he continued to do so I should give him in custody he then drew in & was very apologetic. told him he must leave the place straight. Told him & he promised to leave his cottage as soon as his father Tom had them. Kit & I had a nice round Wellington College by ground of hair.

Feb 1. Went to Reading. the girls had a ride on horseback. Mother came from London & came home with her in the Recto carriage. Mr & Miss Waller were when we arrived. The pounds bursted

2. Snow in the night & nearly all the morning. The girls & Will went to church both times. Mother & I did not go out all day

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3rd. Snow no hunting. Wil went to London
Cloudley Butcher.

4. We all went to Reading in the omnibus
back at the Queen & staid all day.

5th. At home all day.

6, 7th

7. T^r Noah came to see me. Mr & Mrs Porton
& Tom dined with us.

8. Went to Reading with Wil, Em & Puff
went in the Reds carriage to see Mr John sold
some wheat at 67/- ^{in care of John G. Hunt}.
9. Weather turned ^{worse} morning & afternoon

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10 Feb. Ruth steady at home all day.

11. Went in the carriage to Reading. Mother went
to London to see Ellen & took Puff with her

12th Grasie Tonge I took with me Newman
riding Hereford to meet the hounds at
Axbridge half a large field. Near Gay Head
& then on to Swindon and when we roared
found 4 hounds in 5 minutes it was a sound
fox but was met by the tail hounds while
burying it up another fox went away the fox
on & I ran to Pittsens Park Pittsens the
house, as long as it for Felby Hall ten to
the right down the Hertford road to Wester.
we then went back to Cope Browne over
Highfield Park. Danmore. Geston.
Bannister. Dibby open. Burrow Court &
Doptail's without finding the a lot came along
but the hounds went on but did not find
the fox. Weston ran all day. Left me at
Doptails. Wil & Tom went to London to be

12th Feb

ready for Ginn's wedding to-morrow
Feb went into Reading to stay out in the
morning.

13th Feb I went to B. Stoke to see Mary from N her
ill in bed, though in rather less pain than she had
been

13. Ginn married to Miss Daniel. Wils left on
his wednesday. Mother & I invited to the
wedding. Not well enough to go. Iah
went up to London to stay with Ann. She
Buck Staff & Friends dined at the GWR Hotel in the
Lewes. Tom Mills removed to Redruth.

14. Iah home all day. Wil & Wils came from
John came down the stony road, came back for him
from the Muchfield station, gave him breakfast
Whithorn was sent to Lanes. Iah met the
hounds at Dogmersfield. That evening in the
afternoon by Whithorn met him on his return
he had a good day out. he dines with us
in the evening

15th. Wil & I went to Reading taking John with
us, we were fairly busy Baaing market not
so dear. Arthur Puxton rode Daddo to meet
the hounds at Lundy Park. he had fair sport.

16th Sunday. Mother & I went to church in the
poor class. morning & afternoon I walked back
Mr Weston did all the duty, he said will us in
the evening. Mr Weston & his son Arthur called.

17. This morning rather cold. Sold red ge hounds
Wil rode Raffle & me a Parson. Therefore
to meet the hounds at Bellaypearl drew all
the covers over & Mr Barth without finding
they came back to High St. Gove found at the
full 3. he broke away for Bala hill. Whithorn
Woot, Powd, to Lipping cross the Brifield road
at 1/2 for Bettleton to the left by Night's Pocket
open to the right of wood Easthamps was leded
but made his point afterwards, through Dr Dourhams
Park of Briches. through the plantations to the
Wellingon College back over the fields to Mr Hanbury
where he went to ground it was a capital run
considered the best of the season till 1 hour & 20
minutes the first half was a rather. Therefore
carried Parson full rate & he went well so did
Wil by all accounts (Charles Wiff very ill) Thomas
Hunter the hounds and they made a cap for him
after St John the & Tom dined with us.

17th Feb. 1873.

The new keeper Loder came in last
evening the house that Miles came out of at
White Lake. Loder has a wife & 5 children

18. Dr. Noad came to see me, specimens gotten
from him Reading will take alarm &
Swallowfield in the 4 o'clock very cold. In which
died at the Throats in the evening

19. rode to George & Newman Brown's to
meet the hounds at Farley court a large field
above Holloway's farm. Park wood Mon copse
& bottom where we found he went along over
to Spig copse. Long copse West lands thought
by most to fail his turn back to meet Park
wood skirting mon copse. Hounds away, Mr. C.
Turn up to Arbutus farm & followed
Middle Brook branch. Park court by the
stiles in the wood down to Mr. Hormans
where we had a long sleek & under lost him
many regaled at Mr. Hormans farm & the
number running Capt. Chapman there.
we had a little game & went on well, the
hounds towards Bear Wood almost home

nearly it a fox was hollowed down by Mr
Chiss won the job or it ran down by A
Roberts to the kitchen. I came out. He fled
jerkily most vigorously & howl out the same
to Farley court & lost them for I did not find
again. Mr. Harmon 1 hen & 2 Knepples
culver, kid & Whl about at Swallowfield they
told. Weston he was going the same at the
Roupeles, he lost his way coming home & did
not reach it until 2 o'clock.

20. Whl & I went to Reading. Whl to Steag.
Gillay & Dr. Noad came to examine me, the
same physical rubbings as before were prescribed
they recommended a little hunting not too much
fatigue. My ride of yesterday did me
good. Mr. & Mrs. Buchanan called

21. Indoors all the morning, Mr. Buchanan
called and sat an hour, had a little talk
after lunch. Whl went to Reading. John
came down by SW Rail to meet the hounds
at Silbury Hall. Rode to see Roberts to add
a cockade to my whip.

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Feb 22. Wiles I drove the pony to Reading going round to the Rectory to call for John Monkton dull, vanity busy at the Bank, Sir John brought Pussee down to stay with us again, Jim & Kit went in the carriage to Swallowfield to call on Miss Butcher who is staying there. Shipton 25th 2nd of February acts for sale of Mr Bambridge or 25th date?

23rd. Fine morning we all walked to church Mr Western read prayers Sir John preached, a little snow fell as we were coming home, we walked again in the afternoon Sir John read Mr W. preached, Rita & Will went for a walk afterwards. Rain came on in the evening

24th. Snow had fallen during the night and continued all day, did not go out of doors Will went to Reading

25. Will & I went to Reading in the omnibus lots of snow on the ground?

26. Too much snow for hunting rain came on & rain and sleet covered them

1873 27th Feb

Mother Bill & I went into Reading in the carriage called on the way at Mr Vix's to see the furniture to be sold next month along splendid I went to the Market after luncheon in the Square on our return Mother & I called at Miss Daniel's we met hunting at Long Meadow Shropshire the found drifts over all day did not call on.

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28th. Nervous took on Raffe riding Whitethorn & Will followed on Brown Grouse to Wincanton to meet the hounds at Stowhouse they joined at Horseshoe common & off on home to Holes here they shot Dogwood first & and at 1st post I found again in Grouse. Skinned him in Faulkner's Arrotham 1/- per gun. Will did not get home until past 8. Father all day building a new room at late Wiles cottage

Mar 1. Nervous drove Will & me into Reading in the omnibus on a very bad road had some unfortunate buttings. S. J. found out by Bawtry. Mother met the same cold snow weather. John his wife & baby daughter

1st March.

came home to the Rectory. We also came
home.

2. Mother & I went to church in the fore-
noon, Weston and myself. Sir H. Hayes the
Curate who had 3 Miles run also walked
in the afternoon. Sir H. and myself Weston
met at the walk home with us at all
Weston,

3. We went to Reddington going hunting
with John. met Eastham Park but it
was so wet I was afraid to venture
rain continues now 2 o'clock. John called on
his return they had no spire. seems bad news

4. We drove John & me in the 4 wheel with
a pair of horses to Reddington not a very
a spring day very mild

5th. Wet morning. I have