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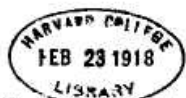
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Foreword

The original notebook which contained the "Real Diary of a Rochester Boy" was found in a dust-covered heap of old books in a second hand dealer's shop. Its faded covers and age-dimmed ink were invitations to explore its store of reminiscence and wealth of youthful pictures of life in Rochester more than half a century ago.

Throughout the year of 1864 the author of the diary faithfully recorded the minutes of his actual life. The larger things that were stirring the nation and world apparently were of little moment to him, and the fate of battles was of lesser interest than the weekly tragedy when he "washed and went to church." It is this very attention to the minor events of a boy's life that were magnified to major importance by juvenile eyes, the ingenuous recital and the naive attempts always to disclaim blame that are sufficient excuses for publication of this faithful journal.

If there be incidents related in the diary that are not easily recalled in fact, the editor pleads his license to inject interest into a recital that at times threatens to become tiresome in its repetition of uninteresting boyhood experiences.

J. H. T.

Rochester, November 30, 1917.

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JANUARY

January 1—It's 5 degrees below zero and we had oysters and company to-day. The oysters was good. Played a game of uker on the sly. I am going to keep this diary this year or bust. Last year I stopped in March. I have got it locked in a box in my room. A diary ain't much good unless you keep it.

January 2—Very cold. Am convalescent from New Years dinner. Nothing happened. Hattie says she dreamed we had a organ. Amen. Ma thinks somebody stole her frute cake yesterday. Guess if she knew how sick I was in the night she wouldn't have no doubts.

January 3—Sunday. Washed and went to church.

January 4—Started in school after two weeks vacation. Stayed in school all day. Went down town after school and froze my foot. I put snow on it and made it worse. I couldn't get my boot back on and had to be took home. Guess I won't have to go to school to-morrow. The way I got my