diary, Feb. 21, 1875--box 2

--Swan and Webster walk with Roberts sisters.

Mr Webster & I took breakfast at Mrs Roberts this morning--Brown Bread baked beans & fish balls cooked splendidly we then took a walk with Miss Mary & Dolly...
blaze within the bones
Swan becomes swain
"Cupid's dart" of wedding ceremony had imbedded in him.
More than likely, in the eyes of the town he made himself an old fool over her.
Swan as sugar uncle to a 16-year-old choirgirl
the Pt T choir a very tiny angelus
(possibly)
Webster, Henry A.

Married to Mary E. Roberts in P'lo, Ap'3, '75

S gifts to Dolly

D 24, '74 -- (Indian?) work basket box (bead basket to Mary)

Jan 2, '7 -- shells

Jan 6 -- basket...some moss

Jan 8 -- two dress patterns for her dolls and a toy tub, pail, and wash board

F 9 -- market basket

F 16 -- scallop shell & a new inkstand

Mar 17 -- writing desk

Mar 26 -- earrings

May 30 -- picture (painting, evidently)
Who would have thought the clerkish whiskeyfied aging dabbler had such steam in him? But of course he did:...
Dolly: a bittersweet time, which at least is better than bitter.
The canyon between their ages perhaps did not gape as widely as it would in later eras, but it was chasm enough. The diary entries go on with Swan's uncle-like blandishments; (quotes)

(Jan 6, '75) Dolly full of fun...(Jun 3) Dolly weighs 127 pounds and measures 5 ft 4½ inches...