Sept. 12, 1874

(S at Gerrishes, Sequim Prairie)

...in the evening Mr Brown, Leighton and Watkins came and we had a grand frolic till 12 PM. Watkins played the fiddle and Brown and I sang, accompanied by Mr & Mrs Gerrish. I have not had such a funny time nor laughed so much for years.
S to B, Feb. 6, 1883

I do not believe all the fur seals of the North Pacific Ocean assemble on the Pribiloff Islands any more than I believe all the flies of this coast alight on one or two carcases of dead animals...
behave generally as if he were practicing to be rich
s's Boston trip?
1869 diary (Bancroft), p. 30—Movable Feasts and Fasts for 1869
(examples: Ash Wednesday, Easter, Whit Sunday)
black, with tongued flap that slips thru a loop to close it.
golden crownlike crest on front cover, saying DIARY 1869
Page-edges glint like dull gilt
1870 diary (Bancroft)
near-twin of 1869, but spine is worn thru, cover flaking and
nearly torn off -- consequences of Utah trip.
battered, fraying
1871 diary (Pacific diary; evdty not Bancroft)
dark green among the somberer years.
page edges glint brightly
2/3 size of the 2 previous years
1872 diary (Pacific diary; same size and format as 1871, but with fold-over cover rather than clasp; purple binding)
Has a San F'co insert, but was pub'd in NY
quote beneath calendar page: "Make your words agree with your thoughts."
1873 diary (same frontispiece ill'n as Pacific diaries of 2 previous yrs, tho format is different
deeper purple than '72, almost black
top of each page, clear across, band of red-blue-red lines, like
servicemen's decorations of WWII
has clasp cover
1874 diary (A.L. Bancroft)
largest of the bunch, about size and fatness of paperback
purple with angled streaks, like pinstripe suit of colorblind
gangster (Detroit Purple Gang?)
deep-blue diary within the above raffish cover
inside back cover, trio of little green-stitched pockets, evidently
for loose coins.
1875 diary (publisher not listed)
black, with a tension (tense?) cover which laps onto cover
headings in red in frontbook matter; calendar months named in
cheery red, Sundays marked with cursive red S
atop each month is scene of gods, gamins: do they correspond with
astrological periods?
(I am taken with August: a bare-breasted lady around whom a
troupe of cupids perform acrobatics on long line of flowers.)
1869: S's resolve of tidier entries lasted 00 days. Midmonth in February, the ink quits, pencilled jots begin again.
Possible handling of Swan's Pt T years:

These years of Swan's slide by me more easily than they did for him...
Swan reverts to pocket diary after leaving Neah Bay in 1866. Next items to show up in the ledger-diary are his specie merchandise bought in Boston in spring of '67, and his letters to NP in '68-9.

--use this as motif: S putting what is important in the ledger.