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LONA ELIZABETH VOELKER.

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Saturday April - 9 -

We have been cleaning house all day & little Sona has been so good needs hardly any attention.

So far I have kept her diary in a note book but now I have made her a very pretty book into which it shall be copied and kept for her. Mrs. Douglas came in to play with the baby a few moments. They had a lovely time together.

Sunday April - 10 -

Sona was good all day. We did not take her over to Grandpa's account of the house being all torn up for house cleaning.

Papa & I took Sona out to the this forenoon and afternoon. She enjoyed it ever so much.

Monday April - 11 -

We have been cleaning house all day today and Souda has been very good. Mrs. Dr. P. R. Allen called to see the baby this afternoon and kissed her a dozen times.

She thinks so much of the baby I am having quite a time with the baby to get her to sleep alone in her little bed at night. She does not get accustomed to it.

Tuesday April - 12

We are still cleaning house and little Souda entertains herself most of the time. She is getting more playful every day. She is learning to pull our hair and rub her little hands across our faces.

Wednesday and Thursday -  
13 - 14

The two days have been much alike. The weather has been

lovely and I have taken Sona out-  
in her cab both days. So many  
have seen her for the first-  
time while I have had her out.

Friday - 15 -

It is a rainy day and I should  
have taken Sona down to Aunt-  
Carr's as Grandpa is there.

Grandpa came in a few moments  
to see the baby. He loves her so  
dearly. We are going home next-  
Sunday and Grandpa seems delighted.

Saturday April - 16 -

It is a lovely day but in some  
ways Sona took cold yesterday  
and so I must keep her in today.  
Aunt-Carr came down this off-  
and almost-loved her to death.

I went down street and left  
Sona with Yvonne Fred and Anna.

Hazel and Sola Cotton gave our  
Sona her first-colored Easter  
egg today.

Sunday April - 17

Emma Soud<sup>and</sup> I are going out  
to Grandpa today to spend the  
week. The day passed off  
nicely. Soud took the trip  
through the wind storm nicely  
and seemed happy and well all  
day. She made them all laugh  
many times with her cute little  
tricks. Monday April - 19 -

We have cleaned house all day  
and are very tired every one of us.  
Grandpa bought Soud her little  
cab over this morning so she has  
been very good all day. Her cousins  
Arthur, Alfred<sup>and</sup> Jessie Rowland  
saw her for the first time today.  
They thought her such a bright-  
baby for her age. Seemed delighted  
to see her.

Tuesday<sup>and</sup> Wednesday -  
20 - 21 -

It has been clear clear all the  
time and Soud could not be  
any better than she has been



so far at Grandmama's. Her Papa  
comes over every night - & she  
seems to miss him during the  
day for she calls for him every  
time. Thursday - 22 -

Today for the first-time little  
Loud played paddy cake with  
her little hands all alone. It  
surprised us all very much. We  
were all delighted - We were  
saddened to hear today of the  
death of Mrs. Lewis. One of my  
dearest-friends. She died alone  
on the street and had perhaps  
as many friends as any one in  
this city. Heart-disease was the  
cause. She was present at my  
wedding & among the very  
first to call on me after the  
baby came. She called only about  
two weeks ago in Loud & me.  
Loud she wanted to love & kiss  
little Loud a few moments.  
Our knowing how perfectly  
prepared she was to go seems

all there is left to cheer us. We shall surely miss her every where and many times. Our little Sona would certainly have learned to love her had she lived.

Friday<sup>d</sup> & Saturday -

230 - 24 -

We are nearly through cleaning and I think can be at home again next week. Uncle Herman had the baby out for her first ride in her Car on her Grandpa's farm. She seemed just delighted. She has been such a comfort for her Grandma. She has forgotten her misery in caring for the baby.

Sunday - April - 25 -

Papa came over early to see the baby. She seemed delighted to see him. Aunt Carrie & Uncle John came over too. Much was made of Sona as usual.

Monday April 26 -

I spent our more day at Grandpa's to do some few little things she wished me to. It has been a

very pleasant - week we have  
spent together but - I must  
take little hour again tomorrow

Tuesday April 27 -

I almost feared Louisa would  
not know her home when we  
got back but - she did feel as  
glad as she could be. She showed  
her delight by looking around  
and laughing. Her Papa was  
delighted to have her home again.

Wednesday April 28 -

Emma and I took little Louisa out  
for a ride in her cab this afternoon  
and it was the first of time  
Emma had had an opportunity  
to be with me when I had her  
out. She seemed to enjoy it as  
much as the baby did. And on  
our way back I called at Mrs.  
Soylas. She seemed to love the  
baby so much.

Thursday April 29 -

Mrs. Cotton our next door  
neighbor moved into another

house on this same street - today.  
We dreaded having her go so much  
as the baby had learned to strike  
so much of both her and the  
children. Miss Sizzie Whipple  
called to see the baby for the  
first time. She said "what a dear  
sweet-baby," and kissed her many  
times. Friday April 30 -

Mrs. Mary Ambrose came down  
and spent the day. While her  
dad a good visit. The baby  
seemed her greatest pleasure all  
day. Saturday May 1 -

The weather the most of this  
week has been rainy & bad & I  
could not take baby out any  
but she has been very good.

Aunt Bertha was in for a  
few minutes and the baby  
seemed happy over it. -

Sunday May - 2 -

Our Emma came to us the 19<sup>th</sup>

day of October just. our month  
before the baby came <sup>and</sup> was with  
us untill this morning. She has  
gone from here to Aunt-Carrie's  
where she will help usher another  
little stranger into this world. We  
have learned to think very very  
much of her. We hope she will be  
cared for as tenderly as she has  
cared for baby <sup>and</sup> I if ever she is  
sick or in trouble. Emma will not-  
only miss the baby but the baby will  
miss her for she loves Emma very  
dearly. Monday May-3-

This is the first-day that Sona  
and I have ever spent all alone  
as Emma has gone home. But-  
we get along very well. Sona has  
been a good baby <sup>and</sup> I could do the  
work very nicely. Papa sent Sona  
a high chair this afternoon <sup>and</sup> when  
I put her into it she fairly clapped  
her hands with joy and began  
to talk in her cummy way. She  
is beginning to reach for things <sup>and</sup>  
put her hands into forbidden  
things. How often I look into  
her little eyes <sup>and</sup> wonder what-

she will grow up to be. I hope a  
useful lady.

Tuesday May - 4 -

It seems as though little Sora  
has never been any better than  
she has been today. She has been  
out in the yard in her cab while  
I have done a little raking. This  
afternoon her Grandpa came in  
a few moments to see her. He  
thinks she looks even brighter  
since he saw her last. Aunt Carrie  
has not been feeling very well  
of late so I put Sora in her cab  
and took her down to cheer her  
auntie which she did. Aunt Carrie  
said when we left "Sora has  
made me well." Many saw her  
for the first time today -

Wednesday May - 5 - -

Sora's Uncle Frank was in this  
morning and loved her haul for some  
time. He says he is coming to  
take her out in her cab now  
that she is old enough to go.  
She became thoroughly frightened

at the factory whistle today for  
the first time. She just trembled  
and cried. I am sorry for I do  
not like to have her frightened at  
anything if I can help it. Mrs.  
Morganthalen was down a few  
moments to see the baby. Aunt-  
Ida took Sona & I out for a short  
drive this afternoon. Sona was  
amply overjoyed. Mrs. Miller  
brought Marion down to see the  
baby a little while this morning.  
Mrs. W. H. just came in to see  
Sona a little while tonight.

She loves & kisses her always.  
I know she loves the baby dearly.

Thursday May-6-

This has been rather a hard day  
for us all. Sona woke up  
early, happy, & well but everything  
else went wrong. Grandma  
came down with Grandpa to  
see the baby a few moments & a  
while here Grandpa tied a horse  
to the back of the buggy to lead  
it home & it became frightened  
and overturned the buggy with

Grandma inside. She was not hurt as badly as she might have been but was hurt some. She stayed with us tonight. Aunt Carrie came down to spend the day. So many have been here today to see the baby.

Friday May-7-

Grandma seems to be bruised and jammed quite badly but does not seem to be hurt in any other way. She spent this day with us again and went home tonight.

Sona is always a great comfort to her. Saturday May-8-

This has been one lovely day. I took Sona down street this afternoon. So many saw her for the first time. Mrs. Putney and Hattie Bates were here to see her again this afternoon. Uncle Henry stayed all night with us tonight as Papa cannot get home before early morning. It being Saturday night.



Sunday May - 9 -

This has been our great-day for little Sona. She was awake bright-<sup>and</sup> early as happy as a little lark. I washed <sup>and</sup> dressed her early <sup>and</sup> we took her out-to church for the first-time. She was very good <sup>and</sup> never attempted to cry until I pricked her with a pin accidentally. Then she only gave one faint cry. She talked out-loud quite a little. Everyone seemed so glad to see her. The young <sup>and</sup> old crowded around her alike. The baby seemed just-happy.

Then we took her over to her Grandpa to spend the day for it will be the last-Sunday Uncle Fred will be here before fall.

He comes home to stay all night with us. Sona has been good a this day.

Monday - 10 -

Papa <sup>and</sup> Uncle Fred went to

Grand Rapids to spend the day. They are looking for something to give Uncle George when he is married as a gift. Sona<sup>and</sup> I are going down to Aunt-Carrie to spend the day. We had a most-lovely time. Mrs. Waugh a very dear friend of mine was there also. She has been very sick of late and so could not come down here to see the baby. She was most-delighted with our Sona. Thought her a very lovely and pretty child. Papa brought Sona<sup>and</sup> I a dozen carnations<sup>and</sup> a pound of candy.

Tuesday May-11-

Sona has been a good child all morning. She does not interfere with my work at all. Uncle Fred left for N. Y. City this morn. He took his last-meal with us before going. He dreaded to lose our Sona more than anyone else he said. He wished he

could take her in his arms  
and then send her back after  
all had seen her there.

Mrs. Ben Morse, Mrs. Kate Gates,  
Mrs. Ben Vosper & Mrs. John Black  
saw the baby for the first-time  
today. Wednesday May - 12 -

I could not imagine why our  
baby did not feel very well today  
until I felt two little teeth  
already peeping through the  
gums. She made her Papa<sup>and</sup>  
& my happy to think she had  
cut them so easily. Mrs. Louie  
and Mr. John Robinson saw  
her for the first-time today -

Thursday May - 13 -

Baby seems as happy as ever  
this morning. She seems to be a  
great confidant to Mr. Alden the  
old gentleman who lives in the  
other half of our house now. He  
says he is sure she will know  
him before long for he loves  
babies so. I look her down

street - with Miss Whipple and  
so many saw her for the first  
time & loved her so much -

Friday - May - 14 -

It was rather too windy & cold  
to take Louisa out - much today.  
I kept her in quite a little. I took  
her over to Mrs. Kulebrock's a little  
while and she cheered Mrs. K. quite  
a little.

Saturday May - 15 - -

Our dear little daughter has lived  
to just six months old today. To  
honour her ever remember the day  
and just how she looked at this  
time I took her down to art gallery  
and had her photo taken. I shall  
keep one of every position I have  
taken of her for Louisa - I know  
if she lives she will appreciate  
it so much as she grows older.

We go over to Granddad's  
tonight to spend a few days.

Sunday, May - 16 -

Louisa woke up early this  
lovely morning as bright as the

merry birds in the trees, after  
I had given her bath her Grandpa  
carried her out-into the garden  
among the blossoming trees. He  
said what-a happy baby. She is  
not afraid of any thing she sees,  
not even the horses, Aunt-Carrie  
came over and took her out-on  
the porch and spent-some hours  
with her there. In the afternoon  
Papa baby and I took a very long  
drive. Some six miles and Louie  
slept almost-every moment-  
we were out.

Monday May-17-

Louie has been so happy all  
day. Has been out-on the porch  
with Grandma most-all day.  
She is such a comfort-to her-  
She sleeps and eats and is happy  
all the time on the farm-

Tuesday May-18-

We are still at-Grandpa's and Louie  
seems very contented to stay

I have been able to do some  
little things for Grandma that  
she has been hoping I could do for  
some time.

Wednesday May - 19 -

Papa came over last night <sup>and</sup>  
said that Mrs F. S. Thompson a  
very dear friend of mine had  
telegraphed that she would be here  
on this noon train. So I must  
hurry home. Genie came <sup>and</sup>  
was simply delighted with  
the baby. She is not well. Had  
to crawl on crutches, but seems  
proud of effort in seeing Sonny.  
She dropped into the first chair  
she could <sup>and</sup> just loved the baby.

Thursday May - 20 -

Mr Thompson also came today.  
He saw Sonny for the first time  
today <sup>and</sup> loved her very much too.  
He only stayed over train. They  
both returned home this afternoon.  
Happy to think they had seen

our own dear baby -

Friday May - 21 -

I had planned to do several little things for Soud today but - Aunt Carrie came down bright <sup>and</sup> early and wanted us to go over to Grandpa's to spend the day, so I left everything and went. Soud made everybody happy as usual. Emma Johnson our girl I had when Soud came was there <sup>and</sup> she had not seen her for some time weeks <sup>and</sup> she thought Soud had grown very much both big <sup>and</sup> fat.

Saturday May - 22 -

Soud has worried quite a little today. I think her teeth are troubling ~~her~~ quite a little. Aunt Carrie came in to see her a few moments today. Just to kiss her she said. We are going over to Grandpa's again tonight. Soud <sup>and</sup> I. as Papa does not get home until so late -

Sunday May - 23 -

We spent the day at Grandpa's  
Aunt Bertha slept with Lora  
and I for the first time last  
night. She was not used to  
sleeping with babies and so I  
had to look out for the babies  
life and could not sleep very well  
myself. Our baby simply delighted  
her Grandpa and Grandmother's heart  
more than I can tell -

Monday May - 24 - -

Papa took us out this afternoon  
to get plants for the flower garden.  
Lora seemed to enjoy it so much.  
Received cards of invitation  
to Uncle George's wedding.  
Soon our Lora will have an  
Aunt - Grace - Mrs Rounder called  
to see Lora.

Tuesday May - 25 - -

Took Lora down to Aunt  
Carrie while I did some  
shopping for the baby and



her Aunt - Bertha's Aunt -  
Cunie was delighted with her  
Sizzie Whipple called to see  
the baby today. A little girl  
or rather quite a young lady called  
and said I had the prettiest  
baby in town. I hope this will  
not make Sona as of vain  
as it does me when she sees  
it. She was in her Papa's shop  
for the first time today -

Wednesday May - 26 -

Sona almost - lives outside  
this lovely spring weather. She  
sits in her cub outside & plays  
by herself & has a most - lovely  
time. Mrs Kulebroog h<sup>d</sup> Mrs.  
Harrish & her babies were down  
today. Sona seemed quite  
delighted over a fly the first  
she has ever seen. She laughed  
& talked to it for a long time.

Thursday - May - 27 -

I took our Sona out - to make

our first formal calls today.  
She was a most lovely girl,  
she called at eight different  
homes & was quite good  
natured after that; she fell  
asleep today in her high chair  
while I was working around  
her quite busy. She made a  
very handsome picture too,  
I was delighted.

Friday May - 28 -

This has been a rainy gloomy  
day & Sona & I stayed in quite  
closely. She has been very good  
natured all day however.

Saturday May - 29 -

Sona has been unusually happy  
all day. Mrs Morgenthau came  
down to play with her a few  
moments this afternoon.

Aunt's Carrie <sup>and</sup> Bertha came  
down to see us this afternoon

and we had a good time  
together. Lona & I go home  
tonight - over to Grandpa's &  
meaw -

Sunday May - 30 -

This is Grandpa's birthday &  
we are all helping celebrate.  
Lona has done most of it  
as she always does when  
here.

Monday May - 31 -

This has been the first-  
decoration day that our little  
daughter has ever seen  
celebrate. She sat in the  
front window & watched the  
procession as it passed.

Grandma came down to  
spend the day with us and  
we had a most-delectful  
time. Many of her friends  
were in to see her.

Tuesday June - 1 -

Sonia passed a hard night - last night all because of her teeth. She has cut two <sup>and</sup> is going right on with the good work. Two of our friends from Woodland took chimneys here to see the baby. They were simply surprised <sup>and</sup> also very much delighted with her.

Wednesday June 2 -

Sonia seems to have trouble continually with her teeth. We down to spend the day with Aunt Carrie. She sent up the horse <sup>and</sup> carriage for us to come down -

Thursday June - 3 -

Friday - June - 4 -

Both were rather cold days

too cold to take Louisa out -  
any so we spent the days  
inside mostly -

Saturday June - 5 -

Aunt Bertie came down to  
spend the forenoon with us  
and in the afternoon we went  
over to the farm, to Grandpa  
to spend Sunday. Louisa was  
truly delighted with her  
ride and then her sister  
too. Mrs Souphie <sup>and</sup> Douglass  
came in to see her a few  
moments this afternoon.

Sunday June - 6 -

It having been the first  
Sunday that Uncle George  
has been married we spent  
some time talking and  
thinking about him - Papa  
came over to Grandpa's as he  
always does to spend the  
day. Monday June - 7

We spent this day at-Grandma's  
too doing little things he  
had left-for us to do. Some  
was a comfort-to each <sup>and</sup>  
very one. Grandmas health  
seems just-a little better I think.  
Tuesday June 8-

Today we received a letter <sup>of</sup>  
a box of wedding cake from  
Uncle George. He is having  
a most-delightful trip he  
thinks. I am so anxious to  
see what-he will say when he  
first-meets Lora--

Wednesday June 9--

We came home this morning,  
Lora seemed glad to get-back  
as she always does. There is  
no place like home to her--  
There were quite a number in  
to see her today.

Thursday June - 10 -

This morning Papa took us out for a long drive of about thirteen miles in search of a girl to help run during George's stay with us. Lona took the drive splendidly. Her face became burned yet she was delighted all the time. Her first long ride she had ever taken -

Friday June - 11 -

Aunt Carrie came down to see Lona this morning. She is old enough to sit in her little rocking chair on the porch now and how much she seems to enjoy it - too.

This afternoon I took her down to visit her Aunt Carrie - She still suffers -

quite a little with her teeth.

Saturday June 12 - R -

This has been a happy day for our Son. Little Ethel Fuller came down to spend the day with her <sup>and</sup> also her Grand-mother Cutler. Mrs. Horigan <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Caspender came to see her for the first time in the afternoon <sup>and</sup> in the evening we went over to Grandpa's to spend Sunday.

Sunday June 13 -

This has been the first very hot day this Summer <sup>and</sup> Papa kept Son out in the yard most of the time. Grandma and I went out for a ride and spent a little time at Aunt Carrie's. Son slept well all night.

Monday June 14 -

Grandpa brought Son <sup>and</sup>



2 hours this afternoon. She  
was delighted to get home  
again - We are getting very  
anxious to know Uncle Geo.  
comes - It seems as if Sara  
was planning too -

Mrs. Phelps came to see the  
baby tonight - -

Thursday - June 10 -

It rained most of this day  
and was also very warm  
so little Sara and I stayed in  
all day. She enjoyed being  
outside this evening however  
very much. The nearer  
the time comes for us to  
welcome Uncle George and Aunt  
Grace however the more anxious  
we are getting. I only hope our  
dear little Sara will keep  
well.

Wednesday July 18 -

It has rained down this

moring but - little Sona has  
been very good. Aunt - Carrie  
came down this afternoon  
to visit with Sona. They  
always have a big time  
together. She is getting more  
playful every day. <sup>and</sup> we are  
beginning to have a big time  
together.

Thursday June - 17 -

Sona has been out in the  
yard sitting in her cage  
entertaining herself very well.  
She is such a good child.

This afternoon she <sup>and</sup> I were  
going to call on Aunt -  
Carrie but - could not find  
her house.

Friday June 18 -

This is our last - day  
before Uncle <sup>and</sup> Auntie

come. They are coming  
on the first-train in the  
morning. We are all very  
anxious to meet-them.

Sona was up and cheered  
Aunt-Carrie quite a little  
afternoon. She fell asleep  
while at-play on the Parlor  
floor today. She seems  
very happy.

Saturday - June 20 -

This has been a very interesting  
day for us all. Early this morning  
we were planning for the  
hour-coming of your brother and  
new sister Grace - Our little Sona  
welcomed them with all her  
heart and with all her smiles.

She seemed to enjoy it so  
much as we all did.

Her Uncle sat down on the  
floor in front of her and said

So this is the first-Cutler baby,  
How lovely she is, He thinks  
no other baby in the family  
can ever excell her, <sup>and</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
I went-over to the farm  
with them & came back  
tonight. We spent-the first-  
day very pleasantly together.  
Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> -

This has another pleasant day.  
We have all met-together with  
Uncle George & Aunt-Grace  
& Grandpa & had a  
most- lovely time. As usual  
Sond did her part-most-  
naturally & well toward  
giving all a jolly time.  
Aunt Carrie came over in  
the afternoon too & loved  
our Sond nearly to death.  
Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> -

Sona did not sleep very well last night - on account of the excitement of yesterday. But woke up as good & contented as ever -

Uncle Tracy<sup>and</sup> Aunt Grace<sup>and</sup> were here today for dinner & supper. We had a most lovely time together.

Tuesday<sup>and</sup> Wednesday

It has been our continual entertainment<sup>and</sup> visiting all the time. Uncle John came and took us all out for a drive this afternoon. There were eight of us with the baby.

Thursday<sup>and</sup> Friday.

Aunt Grace<sup>and</sup> Uncle Geo. were here to tea<sup>and</sup> several meals and we always had

a very good time, Mrs.  
Miller came and called  
on Uncle <sup>&</sup> Aunt - but did  
not find them in, Baby  
is loved almost to death  
each day,

Saturday 26

Has been a most lovely  
day <sup>&</sup> we are looking  
forward to Sunday, Lona  
has been happy all the  
time. Aunt Martha is  
here most of the time  
as she is not well at all,  
She seems to have a good  
time with the baby.

Sunday June - 27 -

This has been almost a  
perfect day and Lona so

glad too as it is the  
day we have chosen for the  
baby's christening day. We  
were all together. All the  
family and Aunt Grace  
and Uncle George -

Dr. Barnes, our pastor <sup>and</sup>  
his wife were both here -  
The baby never cried once  
during the ceremony <sup>and</sup>  
every thing was most beautiful.  
Aunt Grace held the baby  
and she did it most  
gracefully too.

She had quite a number  
of gifts too. Uncle George  
and Aunt Grace gave her  
a silver knife, fork and spoon  
and her Grandpa <sup>and</sup> Grand-  
ma gave her money for  
her bank and so did her

Auntie & Papa - We  
enjoyed a most- lovely ride  
together this evening too -  
It is a day I shall always  
remember. The baby took  
sweet too. She wore pure  
white shoes <sup>and</sup> all. No strings  
and looked dear -

Monday - June 28 - 1877 -

This has been quite a warm  
day. Uncle George <sup>and</sup> Aunt-  
Grace were here to dinner <sup>and</sup>  
we had a double carriage <sup>and</sup>  
took a drive together over to  
the prison and took Soda  
with us.

Tuesday June 29

Aunt-Grace and Uncle  
George were down this



So this is the first-Cutter baby,  
How lovely she is. He thinks  
no other baby in the family  
can ever excel her. <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~  
I went-over to the farm  
with them <sup>and</sup> came back  
tonight. We spent the first-  
day very pleasantly together.  
Sunday - 20 -

This has another pleasant day.  
We have all met together with  
Uncle George <sup>and</sup> Aunt Grace  
and Grandpa <sup>and</sup> had a  
most-lovely time. As usual  
Sond did her part-most-  
naturally <sup>and</sup> well toward  
giving all a jolly time.  
Aunt Carrie came over in  
the afternoon too <sup>and</sup> loved.  
our Sond nearly to death.  
Monday June 21 -

happened in there just as  
they were giving it its first  
tath, Aunt-Carrie is doing  
nicely. July - 1 -

This is another hot-day.  
Aunt-Bertha Lona <sup>and</sup> I had  
a horse all morning. We drove  
around and invited a few  
in to meet Aunt-Grace at  
our home tomorrow afternoon.  
We also drove over home. We  
had a good time together.

July - 2 -

We have been very busy  
preparing for today and Uncle  
George came down this  
morning on his wheel a few  
moments. Aunt-Grace  
looked very sweet. She sure

moring but-little Sona has  
been very good. Aunt-Carrie  
came down this afternoon  
to visit with Sona. They  
always have a big time  
together. She is getting more  
playful every day. <sup>and now</sup> we are  
beginning to have a big time  
together.

Thursday June 17 -

Sona has been out in the  
yard sitting in her cub  
entertaining herself very well.  
She is such a good child.

This afternoon she <sup>and I</sup> were  
going to call on Aunt-  
Carrie but-could not find  
her house.

Friday June 18 -

This is our last-day  
before Uncle <sup>and</sup> Auntie

were all very happy together.  
Sara seemed very lovely as  
usual. She entertained them  
simply lovely as usual.  
Her Grandpa loved her as  
much as ever.

July - 5 - - Monday -

Uncle George <sup>and</sup> Aunt-Sarah  
have very suddenly made  
up their minds to go, or at  
least start for home this  
afternoon. We thought they  
were going to wait until  
tomorrow. While our being  
together was lovely. The  
parting was very painful.  
Uncle George kissed Sara  
many times. He dreaded  
to leave his own family  
dreadfully but we could  
all bear it. We shall all miss

quite a little with her teeth.

Saturday June 12 - R -

This has been a happy day for our Son. Little Ethel Fuller came down to spend the day with her <sup>and</sup> also her Grand-mother Cutter. Mrs. Horgan <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Carpenter came to see her for the first time in the afternoon <sup>and</sup> in the evening we went over to Grandpa's to spend Sunday.

Sunday June 13 -

This has been the first very hot day this summer <sup>and</sup> Papa kept Son out in the yard most of the time. Grandma and I went out for a ride and spent a little time at Aunt Carrie's. Son slept well all night.

Monday June 14 -

Grandpa brought Son <sup>and</sup>

warm and tired -

July - 9 - Friday -

Soud and I started out bright and early this morning to call on Aunt Carrie and the baby. We found them both going very nicely. Soud was simply delighted with the baby. It rained in the afternoon and gave us quite a relief and especially Soud was made happy.

Saturday July 10 -

Soud and I have kept ourselves quite busy this morning and this afternoon Aunt Bertha came down and took us both out for a short drive. We

We spent this day at-Grandma's  
too doing little things he  
had left-for us to do. Some  
was a comfort-to each <sup>and</sup>  
very one. Grandmas health  
seems just-a little better I think,

Tuesday June 8-

Today we received a letter <sup>of</sup>  
a box of wedding cake from  
Uncle George. He is having  
a most-delightful trip he  
thinks, I am so anxious to  
see what he will say when he  
first meets Sara--

Wednesday June 9--

We came home this morning,  
Sara seemed glad to get-back  
as she always does. There is  
no place like home to her--  
There were quite a number in  
to see her today.

been inside all day, We  
were glad however as we  
how needed the rain so  
long and so much. Louie  
seems to have a little  
trouble with her teeth-

Tuesday July - 13 -

Louie began the day bright-<sup>and</sup>  
happy <sup>and</sup> has been so ever  
since! She <sup>and</sup> I spent the fore-  
noon together and this afternoon  
we went down to Aunt-Carrie  
with Aunt-Lou <sup>and</sup> Bertha.

She seemed so glad to see us,  
The baby has very sore eyes  
at present but we hope it  
will all end well and no  
trouble come out of it.

Louie Elizabeth gave Aunt-  
Carrie three cold pills for her



Tuesday June - 1 -

Soua passed a hard night -  
last night all because of her  
teeth. She has cut two <sup>and</sup>  
is going right on with the  
good work. Two of our friends  
from Woodland took chimneys  
here to see the baby. They  
were simply surprised <sup>and</sup> also  
very much delighted with her.

Wednesday June 2 -

Soua seems to have trouble  
continually with her teeth. We  
down to spend the day with  
Aunt Carrie. She sent up the  
horse <sup>and</sup> carriage for us to come  
down -

Thursday June - 3 -

Friday - June - 4 -

Both were rather cold days

very good.

Thursday July - 15 -

The baby is just eight-months old today. It is a most lovely day <sup>and</sup> we are going out calling on our near neighbors this afternoon. She ate two crackers today the first thing she has ever swallowed beside her milk. She seemed so surprised at our letting her have them to eat. One of her Aunties said today that she was the prettiest-sweetest baby in town.

We took her out to the band concert last night - <sup>and</sup> she was just as good as she could ever be. She loves the music -

our first formal calls today. She was a most lovely girl. She called at eight different homes & was quite good natured after that; She fell asleep today in her high chair while I was working around her quite busy. She made a very handsome picture too, I was delighted.

Friday May - 28 -

This has been a rainy gloomy day & Sona & I stayed in quite closely. She has been very good natured all day however.

Saturday May - 29 -

Sona has been unusually happy all day. Mrs Morgenthau came down to play with her a few moments this afternoon.

Aunt's Carrie <sup>and</sup> Bertha came down to see us this afternoon

This has been a very warm day. Souda <sup>and</sup> I stayed at-home very closely. Aunt-Bertie <sup>and</sup> our Emma were here to see Souda this afternoon for a few moments. There is a little girl here in the neighborhood that Souda seems to love very much. She loves to play <sup>and</sup> laugh with her so much.

Sunday - 18 - July -

Souda woke up early <sup>and</sup> was very happy all the whole day. Uncle Henry <sup>and</sup> Hennie came down after us to spend the day at Grandpa's. We all enjoyed the day so much.

We spent the day at Grandpa's  
Aunt Bertha slept with Lora  
and I for the first time last  
night. She was not used to  
sleeping with babies <sup>and so I</sup>  
had to look out for the babies  
life <sup>and</sup> could not sleep very well  
myself. Our baby simply delighted  
her Grandpa <sup>and</sup> Grandmother's heart  
more than I can tell -

Monday May - 24 - -

Papa took us out this afternoon  
to get plants for the flower garden,  
Lora seemed to enjoy it so much,  
Received cards of invitation  
to Uncle George's wedding.  
Soon our Lora will have an  
Aunt - Grace - Mrs. Rounder called  
<sup>to see Lora.</sup>

Tuesday May - 25 - -

Took Lora down to Aunt  
Carrie while I did some  
shopping for the baby and

Tuesday July - 20 -

Sona has kept quite comfortable during this very warm day & I have tried to keep her so too.

This afternoon Miss Cavanaugh came to see her for the first time. She thought the baby so plump and nice. Christine Waterling came down <sup>in</sup> quarters to take her out for a ride in her cab and I let her go she seemed to have such a good time too. She has good to rest for this day.

Wednesday July 21

It has been most lovely today. The weather has not been nearly as warm, so Sona

I have been able to do some  
little things for Grandma that  
she has been hoping I could do for  
some time.

Wednesday May - 19 -

Papa came over last night <sup>and</sup>  
said that Mrs F. S. Thompson a  
very dear friend of mine had  
telegraphed that she would be here  
on this noon train. So I must  
hurry home. Gene came <sup>and</sup>  
was simply delighted with  
the baby. She is not well. Had  
to come on crutches, but seems  
pail for effort in seeing Sonny.  
She dropped into the first chair  
she could get and just loved the baby.

Thursday May - 20 -

Mr Thompson also came today.  
He saw Sonny for the first time  
today and loved her very much too.  
He only stayed over dinner. They  
both returned home this afternoon.  
Happy to think they had seen

This has been rather a busy day for Mrs. But-Sona has been very sweet & good.

Aunt-Bertha <sup>and</sup> Ida came down this afternoon <sup>and</sup> we all went up to Aunt-Carrie to see the baby together. In the evening I took her in her cab over to a lawn social that she might see the lights and hear the music. She seemed like the happiest among them all until after nine o'clock. ~~In~~ In the afternoon late I took her to a lawn social given by the little children of our church. They were as much delighted with her as she with them.

Saturday July-24 -

It does seem as though Sona had been exceptionally good today. She has been playing with herself most of the day. This evening Uncle Henry was here to supper with us, and after that I took Sona up town,



street - with Miss Whipple and  
so many saw her for the first-  
time & loved her so much -

Friday - May - 14 -

It was rather too windy and  
cold to take Louisa out - much today.  
I kept her in quite a little. I took  
her over to Mrs. Kulebrock's a little  
while and she cheered Mrs. K. quite  
a little.

Saturday May - 15 - -

Our dear little daughter has lived  
to just six months old today. To  
how her ever remember the day  
and just how she looked at that  
time I took her down to art-gallery  
and had her photo taken. I shall  
keep one of every position I have  
taken of her for Louisa - I know  
if she lives she will appreciate  
it so much as she grows older.

We go over to Leander's  
tonight - to spend a few days.

Sunday, May - 16 -

Louisa woke up early this  
lovely morning as bright as the

and is only for eight months  
old. Today she kissed me  
just as nice as could be. She  
is a very affectionate little child.

Tuesday July 27-

Today has been rather a disagreeable  
day. Has rained part of the time  
and in here had sunshine part  
of the time. I made a great  
mistake with Sona this afternoon.  
I took her out - or over to one of the  
neighbors <sup>&</sup> coming back it  
sprinkled just a little, <sup>and</sup> this  
evening her cut on the porch a  
little while. It did not seem  
to be the thing I should have  
done <sup>&</sup> she took more cold <sup>and</sup>  
had a hard attack of croup during  
the night. - We had a doctor <sup>and</sup>  
one of the neighbor ladies, Mrs.  
Cotton stayed with us.  
Sona feels much better  
toward morning.

Grand Rapids to spend the day. They are looking for something to give Uncle George when he is married as a gift. Sona<sup>and</sup> I are going down to Aunt-Carrie to spend the day. We had a most lovely time. Mrs. Waugh a very dear friend of mine was there also. She has been very sick of late and so could not come down here to see the baby. She was most-delighted with our Sona. Thought her a very lovely and pretty child. Papa brought Sona<sup>and</sup> I a dozen carnations<sup>and</sup> a pound of candy.

Tuesday May-11-

Sona has been a good child all morning. She does not interfere with my work at all. Uncle Fred left for N. Y. City this morn. He took his last-meal with us before going. He dreaded to lose our Sona more than any one else he said. He wished he

enjoyed it immensely for so  
young a child every one said  
She never took her eyes from  
the parade, Mrs. Cotton <sup>and</sup> Mrs.  
Hurler took me with us  
over her Papa's store to see her  
enjoy it: Sonia's Uncle Frank  
came to see Sonia to-day to  
He has not been here for so  
long a time she hardly knew  
him. Saturday - July 30

Sonia seems to cough a little  
less every day <sup>and</sup> today Papa  
says if the weather is good  
we are going out - south to  
Woodland to visit our relatives  
there a few days with Sonia  
so we are rushing around getting  
every thing in shape to go!  
Sonia played out in the  
yard some time this after

Grandma inside. She was not hurt as badly as she might have been but was hurt some. She stayed with us tonight. Aunt Carrie came down to spend the day. So many have been here today to see the baby.

Friday May-7-

Grandma seems to be bruised and jammed quite badly but does not seem to be hurt in any other way. She spent this day with us again and went home tonight.

Sona is always a great comfort to her.

Saturday May-8-

This has been one lovely day. I took Sona down street this afternoon. So many saw her for the first time. Mrs. Putney and Hattie Bates were here to see her again this afternoon. Uncle Henry stayed all night with us tonight as Papa cannot get home before early morning. It being Saturday night.

Sabe Odessa at-noon where  
we took our dinner <sup>and</sup> then  
drove over to Uncle Schulers.  
We found them all at-home  
and they made us more than  
welcome. Sona just delighted  
every one. At-first she was  
just-a little afraid of her  
Uncle but-it soon passed  
away <sup>and</sup> before she left-she  
loved him most-clearly.

Monday Aug - 2 -

Sona slept-very well after  
her long trip yesterday. After  
breakfast-we drove over to  
Woodland center about-five  
miles from Woodland to  
call on a cousin and wife  
Sona slept-most-of the way  
with her head against her

she will grow up to be. I hope a  
useful lady.

Tuesday May - 4 -

It seems as though little Sora  
has never been any better than  
she has been today. She has been  
out in the yard in her cab while  
I have done a little raking. This  
afternoon her Grandpa came in  
a few moments to see her. He  
thinks she looks even brighter  
since he saw her last. Aunt Carrie  
has not been feeling very well  
of late so I put Sora in her cab  
and took her down to cheer her  
auntie which she did. Aunt Carrie  
said when we left "Sora has  
made me well." Many saw her  
for the first time today -

Wednesday May - 5 -

Sora's Uncle Frank was in this  
morning and loved her hand for some  
time. He says he is coming to  
take her out in her cab now  
that she is old enough to go.  
She became strongly hly frightened

& charts and here the young  
people as well as the old  
made so much of the baby.  
They loved her almost to death.  
She was very good to. After  
this we drove over to Spices  
and took Cousin Sam Julia  
and Lydia over to Lake Ochesy  
and had ~~some~~ ice cream.  
The drive was most lovely  
and Sam slept all the day.  
Wednesday Aug. 3 -

It rained quite hard early  
this morning and we feared it  
must surely foil our plans for  
a drive over to Nashville because  
of the babies coughs. But Auntie  
thought it could not if she  
were well wrapped, so we  
started. We reached Nashville  
about noon and surprised  
our Cousin Millie Hough



house on this same street - today.  
We dreaded having her go so much  
as the baby had learned to strike  
so much of both her and the  
children. Miss Sizzie Whipple  
called to see the baby for the  
first time. She said "what a dear  
sweet-baby," and kissed her many  
times. Friday April 30 -

Mrs. Mary ambulates came down  
and spent the day. While her  
dad a good visit. yet the baby  
seemed her greatest-pleasure all  
day. Saturday May 1 -

The weather the most of this  
week has been rainy & bad & I  
could not take baby out any  
but she has been very good.

Aunt Bertha was in for a  
few minutes and the baby  
seemed happy over it. -

Sunday May 2 -

Our Emma came to us the 19<sup>th</sup>

a very pleasant - and happy  
week among our friends. We  
were surprised that Papa would  
stay so long for he thought  
when he left - a few days  
would be the most. This  
was the first visit - in ever  
made away from home -

Friday Aug - 5 -

Sora did not sleep quite as  
well last night. I think it  
was her last drive home it  
was quite windy & I think  
she took just a little more  
cold. Our people & the neighbors  
were glad to have her back.

I have been busy today doing  
quite a little mending for her.

Saturday Aug - 6 -

This has been a lovely day  
and so I took Sora in her

all there is left to cheer us. We shall surely miss her very much and many times. Our little Son would certainly have learned to love her had she lived.

Friday<sup>d</sup> & Saturday -

23 - 24 -

We are nearly through clearing and I think can be at home again next week. Uncle Herman had the baby out for her first ride in her Car on her Grandpa's farm. She seemed just delighted. She has been such a comfort for her Grandma. She has forgotten her misery in caring for the baby.

Sunday - April - 25 -

Papa came over early to see the baby. She seemed delighted to see him. Aunt Carrie & Uncle John came over too. Much was made of Louie as usual.

Monday April 26 -

I spent our morning at Grandpa's to do some few little things she wished me to. It has been a

and Mrs. Whipple very kindly  
came to spend the evening  
with me. Sora had a very  
restless night - too <sup>if</sup> I did  
not shut my eyes except  
a few moments in the  
morning.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 -

Sora seems quite a little  
better today. I only hope her  
night will not be so trying  
as it was last night. Mrs.  
Kulmbach was in this afternoon  
and she says she looks  
much better.

Sora was simply overjoyed  
this afternoon to think she  
could speak my name so  
much plainer than she  
has. She would speak it  
and then as hard as she  
could.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 -

Sora seems to be getting just  
a little better each day. She  
has learned some new

Emma Soud and I are going out  
to Grandpa today to spend the  
week. The day passed off  
nicely. Soud took the trip  
through the wind storm nicely  
and seemed happy and well all  
day. She made them all laugh  
many times with her cute little  
snaps. Monday April - 19 -

We have cleaned house all day  
and are very tired every one of us.  
Grandpa bought Soud her little  
cab over this morning so she has  
been very good all day. Her cousins  
Arthur, Alfred and Jessie Rowland  
saw her for the first time today.  
They thought her such a bright-  
baby for her age. Seemed delighted  
to see her.

Tuesday and Wednesday -  
20 - 21 -

It has been clear clear all the  
time and Soud could not be  
any better than she has been

but when I got there with  
Sonia she had so much company  
we could not. On my way  
home I stopped at Dr Talbot's  
to call on his wife. They were  
delighted with the baby & think  
she grows like a little seed.  
She has six little teeth now,  
Four above and two below.

Saturday Aug. 14-

Sonia & I had to rush around  
quite a little to get ready to go  
over to Grandpa's tonight. And  
Carrie will be there too. And we  
hope to have a lovely time.

Mrs. Putney & her little Emma  
were here in the afternoon & they  
were having a most lovely  
time with her. Mr Putnam  
had a good visit with her tonight.

We had a most lovely ride  
over to Grandpa's tonight with  
Muche Henry & a very pleasant  
evening there.

Sunday Aug. 15--

Monday April - 11 -

We have been cleaning house all day today and Souda has been very good. Mrs. Dr. P. R. Allen called to see the baby this afternoon and kissed her a dozen times.

She thinks so much of the baby I am having quite a time with the baby to get her to sleep alone in her little bed at night. She does not get accustomed to it.

Tuesday April - 12

We are still cleaning house and little Souda entertains herself most of the time. She is getting more playful every day. She is learning to pull our hair and rub her little hands across our faces -

Wednesday and Thursday -  
13 - 14

The two days have been much alike. The weather has been

found him gone -  
Tuesday Aug. 17 -

We have been rushing around  
this morning getting ready to  
make a short-visit at Lansing.  
Aunt Bertha is going with us.  
We are going to spend a few  
days with our friends Mr<sup>and</sup>  
Mrs. F. S. Thompsons of Lansing.

Sona had never been inside  
of a car before and she did  
not take very kindly to it.

She became very tired long  
before we reached our stopping  
place but - I shall never forget  
our first-trip together.

She soon became quieted down  
after we got there & seemed  
very happy -



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