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- Monday April 17 - 1899 -

My little Lona, you were certainly a good little girl this forenoon. As soon as your little curls were dry you played by yourself out in the yard until dinner time, then after dinner you had your nap and when you opened your eyes again Mamma was at Grandpa's. Emma says you did not miss Mamma, but - when I came in you said you were very glad to see me and seemed much delighted. You stayed out until the little stars began to come out - then you struggled out of your bed.

Tuesday April 18-

You seemed to have a most-lovely time this morning outside all by yourself the most-of the time and some of the time with one of the little neighbor girls. You could not take the time to come home to your dinner so you stayed over to Grandma Beede then after you had your sleep Aunt-Carrie called and took us all over to see Grandma Cutler. We had a lovely time and on our way back we seen caught-in a very pleasant little rain storm. Your children seemed quite happy as the little drops of rain moistened your faces.

— Wednesday April 19 —

This has been rather a pleasant day for us ~~Sumner~~ and it almost seems to me that you have enjoyed it too for Grandma and Grandpa came down this afternoon and it made Mamma so happy.

Then a little later Aunt Carrie came with Helen and little Mavis. You then just did have a big time. You were out in the yard and on the lawn the most of the time.

This morning you were up town with Mamma and you seemed to enjoy yourself very much. Many remarks were made about how very nice you were and what a good little girl you seemed to be.

- Thursday April 20 -

This has been a very happy day for you my little lady. You started out after dinner and crossed the road for the first time in a long time and ran over where there were several other children at play and you played in the sand and simply had a big time.

Then you had a short-ride with Papa on his wheel and you seemed to enjoy that as much as a little boy would. This morning Papa worked in yard among the roses quite a little and you were every where with him and had a lovely time.

Friday April 21 -

You played outside untill
you were driven inside
by the little drops of rain
this morning my little one
and then you could scarcely
find the time to stay in,
I placed you on the piano
stool and you spent about
an hour there as happy as
a little bird down. Then
after dinner you took a
nice long nap and then
you were ready for another
afternoon of solid play. Papa
and Mamma were out for a
drive and when we
returned you were outside
ready to welcome us
home and you were
having a most lovely
time I can tell you.

- Saturday April 22 -

You are a dear happy little one, my Louie. You have had such a good time with your little friend Ethel today. She came down right and early this morning and you had a good time.

You were outside most of the day and it has done you very much good. This evening you made another trip down town with your friend Hattie. This noon you did not wish to take the trouble to go to sleep and Mamma had quite a little time with you to gain her point.

Monday April 23 -

Sona if ever a little girl
made the most of every
minute you have today.
You started to run out and
play as soon as your curls
were dry today and then
Papa took you over to
Grandpa's for a drive. You
did have such a lovely time.
Then after your nap, and by
the way you fell asleep
out on the lawn and Papa
carried you in and put you
on the. You were ready
for a ride in your cab with
Russell. It was the first
time you and your little
brother were ever out riding
together in your cab. After
your ride you walked out
with your little friend Mable
and then tonight you a tied girl.

- Monday April 24 -

Today you were at church again the first time in a long time. It was the first time that Mr. York preached after his return from England and we were all very anxious to hear him so we took you along.

You were indeed a very good baby. You could not have been better had you tried.

Then after dinner we simply enjoyed having Papa with us and he enjoyed being here too. You were out walking during this afternoon. Then tonight found you a very tired baby indeed. Mamma loves you more and more all the time.

Tuesday April 25--

This forenoon was the first forenoon that you ever went out to gather greens with me my little one and you seemed so eager to pick greens that even grass seed good enough to you. We soon had our dish full to overflowing.

Mamma could not get you started for hours so Papa had to come in on the scene and help pick greens too. After your nap this noon we started out into the air again. You took a walk and then a ride in the air with your little friends untill the drops of rain drove my little tired girl into the house for the night!

— Wednesday April 26 —

This morning bright and early you helped your Papa set-out-roses. The first we have ever tried to raise.

I am sure they ought to bear very well after our little Soda carries so much earth to cover their little roots. Then this afternoon we drove over to Grandpa's and we had a most- lovely time. The Rex dog frightened you for the first time in his whole life. Then after you came home you played very nicely for a time and then you took a little ride in your wagon and at last you fell asleep in your cot and ~~Mama~~ carried you in her arms to your little bed.

Thursday April 27 -

Well I am glad you have indeed had another good time today. As soon as you were dressed this morning you were out and ready for fun. Then you were out again as soon as you had your nap after dinner. Aunt-Ida came down this afternoon and you played as fast and hard as you could until this evening. Tonight after supper you had your first ride in an open wheel barrow and you did enjoy it more than I can say. You play every minute with some of the little girls and they all seem to love you ^{much}.

- Friday April -28-

This forenoon you became
very tired, you did play
so hard and long. So you
fell asleep early, and Mamma
took the opportunity to just-
run and leave you this
afternoon to do her shopping.

She found you having a
very good time when she
got back. Emma had locked
you and all of us out-by
forgetting to take off the
night-lock, so my babies
were both hungry and
thirsty when the house
was opened to admit-
you inside. You seemed
to get quite a little fun
out of it. however as you
do out of most every thing
that comes in your way.

- Saturday April 29 -

Mamma was quite busy all of this day doing a little sewing for your babies and you had a good time just the same. You were outside all the day with our girl or the other and then this evening you were up town with Emma to get Mamma's hat. You did come home so very cross and tired. It almost made Mamma wish she had not allowed her little girl to get quite so much fun out of the hours after tea until bed time. It is so pleasant outside now that Mamma can let Louisa remain outside all day along.

- Sunday April 30 -

This has been another very happy day for you my dear little girl for you have had your Papa every minute today. This morning you, Papa, and I all went to church together and we were getting along very nicely until Papa became sick then you and he started for home. This afternoon you have been playing outside all the ^{time} ~~morning~~.

This evening we all seem very tired and so are going to our little beds very early and we hope to become much refreshed and ready to work again.

-Monday- May 1- 1899.

This morning you have had a most- lovely time. Mamma has been obliged to call you from across the street- several times for we cannot- let- you have your own way about crossing the streets. This afternoon you slept- until long after four o'clock and then as soon as your eyes were open there was a little friend of yours here ready to take you out- for a walk and ride either one you loved best. You were ready too as you always are for a good time. Tonight- you sat- on the porch until quite- late having a good- time.

Tuesday May 2-

This morning you seem to spend the most of your time at- Grandma Reed's,

About eleven o'clock you came in and told Mamma that you did not feel very well and then took you in my arms and you were soon in the land of nod. Your troubles were all over then and you soon felt better.

You have had a good time all of the now first with one little friend ^{and} then with another.

Mamma loves to see you have a good time too.

I hope you will always be as free and happy as a little bird as you are now.

— Wednesday May 3 —

My dear little daughter
you have found it rather
disagreeable both in and
outside today. Inside we
have been cleaning house
and outside it has been
cold damp and rainy, but
you have been both brave
and good and Mamma
loves you for it. You and
your little brother have been
a real comfort to your Mamma
today for Papa has gone out
of town for a few days as
he has not been at all well
and we thought he might
feel much better if he did.
You, Russell, and Mamma
have loved one another dearly
while we missed Papa much
you stood in the door waving
your paddy as long as he could
be seen.

Thursday May 4-

Today you have been very good inside all the morning while Mamma was very busy and tonight you feel very tired after a hard days play. Mamma loves her little ones more and more all the time and simply could never get along without them any more I hardly think.

Tonight you said you wanted to be a little boy like Russell and sleep in his bed so you tried it and you found you did not enjoy it as much as you had so you said you did not want to be a little boy anymore but a little girl again. You say many nice things.

- Friday May 5 - -

This has been one of spring
most lovely days, and you
my little Soud have made
the most of it. You have
been outside from early
morning untill late tonight.

You have just had a most
lovely time. Papa again has
made you a little yard all
fenced in and you are
having lots of fun playing
in your sand box. This
afternoon you have been
around more or less with
the little girls and outarow
with your little brother.

You are tired tonight.
Your Papa came home this
forenoon and now you
are happy again. You
seem contented when he
is near.

Saturday May 6 - 1899

Since you have had a most lovely time today as your little friend Ethel came to spend the day with you. This forenoon you spent most of your time in the yard in the shady places and this afternoon you, Mamma, Ethel, and little Russell, all went down town. It was the first time your little brother was ever up town and you can imagine how much and many times he was admired.

You would walk all the way and so you became very tired before we reached home again. I know you will sleep well.

- Sunday May 7 -

This has been your most-happy day of all the weeks for your Papa has again been with you all of this day. We did not go out to church this morning as Papa does not feel very well of late and Mamma thinks it is too much for Papa to get-up so early after such a long days work. You and Papa have been together all of this day and this afternoon you and little Willie and Papa and I all went down to help Papa take his steamer bath of a Mrs Smith. She came and took lunch with us and we spent a very pleasant-evening together. You were a very tired little lady this evening I must not forget that an old bus man came and took you for a ride this afternoon etc.

Monday, May 8.

Today you have been a very busy little girl, first making mud pies and cakes this morning and then playing with the children after dinner you took your very refreshing nap and then you, Papa Russell and Marwa took a long ride this afternoon.

Your old friend the bus man stopped and gave your hands full of flowers after we came home this evening. He seems to love you more and more as the days go by. After supper tonight your Papa took you out for a nice little evening walk and so ends another day of your little life.

Tuesday May 9 -

This has been another big day for you my little lady for Papa has been home all day. He is spending the whole week at home as he does not feel very well. This morning you were down to the chimney and at several different places.

This afternoon you took another long ride with Mamma and Papa and little Russell brother. You did seem to have a very good time indeed. Then this evening you have played with the little ones around here. For the first time in your life you drank water from a spring. You said it tasted good.

- May 10 - 1899 -

Sonia girl you had a very lovely day with your Papa today. You walked and helped him about the yard all the morning and then it rained this afternoon so you could not go out any.

About five o'clock it stopped for a short time then you took a short drive. This evening you have been most happy with your Papa to whom you have become most attached.

You were up on the cemetery this morning and helped Papa do a little on your dear Grandma Volkers grave. The Grandma you have never known. Aunt Ida called a little while today and you were happy with her.

Thursday May 11 - 1899 -

Would you have enjoyed this day that - Mamma knows.

This morning you spent outside with Papa, in the front-yard and near by and this afternoon after you nap you took a ride in the carriage with Papa and then you had a good romp and play with your nearest-neighbor children. You were out to your supper tonight; Mamma does not enjoy having her little girl stay out - to her meals but - I did not know you were staying. I think I shall be obliged to keep my eyes on you better the next - times.

Friday May 12 - 1899.

Well Soud you have again had a most-lovely time today. Early this morning almost-before your curls were dry you went-up to Aunt-Sophias and stayed all the forenoon and to dinner you came home with great-stories to tell of the big time you had had.

You said Uncle Soud seated on you at-the table just-as if you were his own little girl. Then this afternoon you had a good nap and then you took a nice long ride with Papa Russell and Mamma. And this evening again finds my little girl to

- Saturday May 13 -

This forenoon you spent your time going outside quite a little though it has been very cold for this time of the year. This afternoon you have been outside more and it has made you much better natured. Your cheeks in evening were just as red as a rose and you seemed more like yourself than you have all day. This evening you tried on several dresses that Mamma has finished for you for this summer wear. Mamma loves to sew for her dear little girl and only hopes she may be spared to keep right on.

- Sunday May 14 -

Today has been another big day for my little folks almost too full for their comfort. You had a lovely dinner over to Grandpa's after-
latter in the afternoon Aunt Carrie came over with little Helen and Mavis and then you did play and have such a good time. You enjoyed such fun with the good old dog and pet lamb and many other things that just suited you. When you reached home it found my little Iowa girl quite well tired out and ready for her little bed. But you did much to cheer your
and parents.

-Monday May 15-

This has been a very cold day for this time of the year and my little girl could not go outside as much as she has because Mamma did not wish to put her flannels back on her so she entertained you the best that she could inside. You took it very good naturedly however and Mamma is very proud of the way her little girl submitted to it; Uncle Herman came about dinner time and that pleased my little Sora more than ever.

Mamma loves her little girl and boy more all the time.

- Tuesday May 18 -

Dear little Louisa you
have been very much better
natured today than you
were yesterday. It has been
a little pleasanter this
afternoon so that you could
go outside a little all by
yourself and then you
took a walk up town
with Emma and our
little brother. You came
home looking as cheery
and happy as a child could.

You told Mamma today
that no one liked you after
I had corrected you a few
times at - brought a smile
from Mamma for you did
say it in such an old way.

- Wednesday May 17 -

This has been another
very disagreeable day for
little folks like you, my
little girl and especially
as active ones like you.

Mamma tried to entertain
you the best she could in
the house this morning
and then this afternoon
you played and walked
outside quite a little.

This evening you took a
long walk with Papa
down to the creamery
after some eggs. You
seemed quite tired out
and ready for sleep
after you reached home
tonight. I am thinking
my little girl has a
better time each day outside.

- Thursday May 18 -

Well my little tired girl
you have done well today.
You have had such a
good time today playing
from early morning until
this night. It has been
down what cold otherwise
you have been happy.

This afternoon you picked
the first-penny blossom
of this year and made a
bouquet and placed it
right near your Papa's
plate at the table for his
enjoyment when he reached
home. Then after supper
you walked part of the
way to the shop with
him and Mamma noted
for you to come back.

Friday May 19-

This has been rather a big day for you again my little maid for you played outside a good share of the morning running over to play with one of your neighbor little friends some and then this afternoon took a ride over to Grandpa's. You, sister and Emma and Mamma. We found Grandma able to sit-up and had a good time the short-time that we could be there. You did enjoy yourself outside with Aunt Ida so much you just simply picked flowers and played all sorts of things.

- Saturday May 20 -

This has been another very happy day for you my little one as you have had your little friend Ethel here to play with you all of this day. You had a very good time this forenoon with your dollie and this afternoon you took a walk up town and then you came home a tired girl and was ready for your little bed very early this night. Mamma is so glad to see her little one have a good time but dislikes to see her get so very tired. Russell is beginning to enjoy having you play with him very much more than he did.

- Sunday May 21 -

Today you have again spent a most happy day. You have been sick with your very much loved Papa most of the time. After your little curls were dry, you and Papa started for Sunday School and then you came home to your dinner very hungry and tired. You seemed very happy every minute. You and Papa then took a long nap then you were again ready for another walk. This time you took your little brother and Mamma with you. We enjoyed it very much, then your Uncle Harry and Heuric came down to lunch and you were

- Monday May 22 -

Today my little maid you
were outside very much
of the time. It was very
uncomfortable I am afraid
for it has not been at all
warm but - it did not
seem to frighten you any.

Then this afternoon our
Emma took you and little
Russell out for a walk.

You seemed so very happy
that I could not help
but enjoy it for you. You
seemed very ready tonight
for Mamma to rub you
and put your nightgown
and get ready for your
little bed. You seem to
sleep so very well of late.

Tuesday May 23 -

Today you were out in your little yard at play quite a little of the time.

Papa has fenced you off quite a little space in the yard and you play there so nicely all by yourself. Mamma and Russell sit there with as much as they possibly can. And we have lovely times together. You had a long walk this afternoon with Emma again and you always seem so glad to get out and have a good time. Mamma thinks you are growing out on your walks.

Wednesday May 24 - 1899

You spent a happy forenoon
out in your little yard.
this morning my little girl,
Mamma was there about
as much as you were
too. You seemed very anxious
to have Mamma play with
you today. Then this aft-
noon you took a long walk
with Mamma and you
had a nice ride back
with the bass man. He
seems to have taken an
unusual liking to my
little girl and it makes
Mamma feel good to
think you love him
too. You were a very tired
girl after sleeping three
hours this morning.

Thursday May 25--

Sonia this has been another very bright and happy day for you. Early this morning you spent a great deal of time outside and you seem to get more little ones around you every day in your little yard. Today you have had about three more than yesterday. Uncle Harman came to dinner today and you did have such a good time with him and then this afternoon you were out for a long walk after which you had a good romp with the girls who had just come home from school. You are very tired tonight and Mamma must not see you to your little bed.

- Friday May 26 -

Today my little girl you
have been busy helping
Mama sweep and playing
outside almost at the
same time. Then this
afternoon you took a long
ride out in your cab. It
rained very hard
toward evening so Mama
started a pleasant fire
in the grate and (Uncles
Fred, Harry, and Herman
were here to supper and
you all had a big time
together. Papa had been
fishing all day and came
home and surprised us
all with a great number
of fish and you were
as happy as any of us.

-Saturday May 27-

Today you and little brother entertained yourselves very nicely outside during the morning hours and then this afternoon you put on your bonnet and took a ride in your cab outside. One of Mamma's very dear friends came in this afternoon and saw you and a very dear met-balee and she seemed so very much surprised at the color of your little brother's hair. It is almost a red and Mamma almost wishes it would remain so for it would be a treat in our family to have it so Mamma thinks.

Monday May 28 -

This has not been a very pleasant day for you little folks outside again yet Mamma kept you out as much as she could

This afternoon you took a walk and also a short ride with Uncle Herman and then you made a short call on one of your little friends and had a good time and then Hattie took you out for a nice long ride up town tonight.

You came home rather tired tonight and I hope will sleep very well for you did not seem to feel as well as usual today.

- Tuesday May 28 -

Today my little girl you
were quite happy again as
your Papa was at home
all day and gave most
of his time to you and
it made you very happy.

He took you out for
a long walk this aft.
and while out one of your
little friends and his
mother stopped and took
you into their carriage
for a ride and you did
not get home until bed
time, tired and glad
to have Papa take you
into his arms and put
you snugly over your
head for the next day.

Tuesday May 30-

This has indeed been a very big and short and happy day for you my little man.

Sorry before Mamma had you dressed and ready for fun this morning Mr Parsons called to take you out for a ride. Then after you spent a happy hour with your little brother and other neighbor children your Uncle Fannie came and took you over to the farm house to spend the short of the afternoon. Then you came home and played hide and go seek with Papa in the tall grass for some little time and then took another ride with Aunt Fannie and then to bed.

— Wednesday May 31 —

It was not quite as pleasant-out this morning for it had rained very early leaving the grass rather damp for little ones like you still you were out for some little time. You took a long nap after dinner and about four o'clock you opened your eyes only to tell us you were again ready for a good long walk which we gave you. You seemed very tired tonight. So Mamma put both you and little brother in your cab and took you for a long ride, and you soon became ready for bed.

Thursday June 1 -

Well some this has been another rather full day and I think the most of them are for you. This afternoon after you had your sleep Mamma took a ride with a lady and let you and little brother go out with Emma. Some one it seems picked you up and gave you a ride also. This has been rather a red letter day for us for you have another boy cousin. A little baby boy came to Uncle George this forenoon and it filled our hearts with thanksgiving when we heard that the Mamma was well and very our happy.

Friday June 2 -

You have been a dear good
baby all of this day and
Mama feels very proud of
you tonight. You took a
very long walk this
afternoon and had a good
ride in your cab after
that was over. You seem
to enjoy the walks and
rides you take during the
afternoons more than your
sleeps - Mama scarcely
knew how to act - for while
we were out - this afternoon
I heard a lady make this
remark about us. There
goes the lady with the
prettiest babies in the whole
town. Mama always was
of that opinion but did not
know anyone else was of the ^{mind} same.

- Saturday June 3 -

Today you have had more fun than you have had for some time back for little Ethel came to spend the day with you. You both played and took a trip down town this forenoon and then after your nap you took another walk down with Mamma and this time you became rather tired before getting back. Then this evening Emma took you down again and you did indeed have a most- lovely time.

You got so tired during this days play that you could scarcely get to sleep tonight. Mamma let you make she strikes

Sunday June 4 -

Today you have had Papa all day again and this is always a treat to you. You went to Sunday School this morning with Papa and spent the afternoon at home playing with Papa. You did have such a good time.

You always have your best times when Papa is home on Sunday. And Papa says he looks forward to it with as much pleasure as you do he knows.

Grandpa came down and wanted to take us home but we could not go for Mamma & Emma go home for a weeks vacation today and I needed quiet and rest today for this week -

- Monday June 5 -

Today has been a very hot-day. You were not used to the heat-and Mamma tried to keep you in as much as possible out-of it-and you were very good about-it-and obeyed nicely.

Then this afternoon she went-to call on Mrs Hatch up stairs and took Russell with us. You seemed delighted over it-and we were very good untill Papa came home to tea then you had a good romp untill bed time. I think soon you will be a help to Mamma Today you picked Russell off from the floor and tried to carry him you found him heavy and dropped him down near in the ^{the time} room.

Tuesday June 6 -

This noon an Auntie came and surprised us and thinks she will stay and make us a good visit at least untill Friday. After you and Russell had your nap we went up town with Auntie Ida to stay with her untill she took her message then after tea. You, Russell, Auntie and Mamma went up town to get each of us a glass of Soda water then after rushing home for fear we would get caught in the rain storm we put your little ones into your little beds for the night and you enjoyed a good nights sleep. You both seem to have latter a very hard cold, coughing.

-Wednesday June 7-

This morning quite early you visited your Grandmother Toelker's grave. You put several roses in the cup of water to help make up her bouquet. Then after your nap this noon you spent a part of the afternoon with Mable Reynolds and then during the evening you were with Father more or less then after you became sleepy it did not take you very long and you were in the land of nod. You did not rest at all well last night, I think you must have been too tired for you could not settle down and rest.

Thursday June 8 -

This forenoon you spent
most of the time playing
about - most lovely and
this afternoon you took a
shot-trap and then we,
Russell, Mamma, Auntie^{and}
yourself took Uncle Henry's
horse and went over to
call on Grandma Cutter
from there we took Auntie
to see the new cemetery
and then we called on
Aunt Curran a few words
then after supper you
had a good romp with
the little girls close by
and then the day was
ended for you and you
were ready to have Mamma
put on your night-gown and
give you the time for rest.

Friday June 9 -

Well soon you have had a very fine time today. This morning you played about the house the most of the time helping Mamma do this and that and then this afternoon you took a long ride with Mamma and Mrs. Hatch. We went up on the hill to Mr. Kide's rose yard and enjoyed looking at the most beautiful flowers that ever blossomed. You seem just happy among them too. You are such a dear happy little thing anyway.

- Saturday June 10 -

This has been another
a real letter day for you
e my little lady for Ethel
came down bright and
early to see my little
- Iowa girl and this
morning you took a
walk up town and this
afternoon you were up there
again and heard the
band play and went to
the church to hear the
little ones rehearse for
childrens day tomorrow.

You had a good time
and came home fast-
asleep in Ethels arms.

Sunday June 11 -

You have had a jolly good time today all day my little girl. Early this morning you were outside enjoying the most-beautiful morning,

You seemed very happy until Papa came down from his room then you both dressed yourselves for Sunday School. You then came home to find Grandpa here ready to take you Papa and Mamma and Russell over to spend the afternoon there. We all had a very pleasant-time only little Russell was sick the most-of the time.

Uncle Fred brought us home and we were glad we had gone as we found Grandma feeling badly.

- Monday June 12 -

This forenoon you played about the yard untill about min o'clock and then you spent the rest of the forenoon with little Dorris Wilcox.

You took your nap after dinner and then you were ready for a walk in the open air with our Emma and little brother Russell.

This evening after supper you went up town with Emma again to hear the open air band concert; I am sure you are a very tired and worn out little maid simply from sleep and play, but our good night's rest will straighten you all out again.

Tuesday June 13-

This has not been a very
pleasant-day for you my
little girl to play outside
for it has rained more or
less all day and Mamma
feared it would be too
damp for you. You, Russell
and our Emma started out
this afternoon for a little
airing and you came
home after a little time
having spent most of
your time at Aunt Sophia's.
You were compelled to
stay there because of a
very hard thunder shower
that came up very
suddenly. Little Russell
has been sick for several
days because cutting teeth.

- Wednesday June 14 -

This forenoon you were a little good girl and Mamma loves you for it tonight very much. Then this afternoon soon after you had your nap Mamma and you only started for Grandpa's and we surprised them all at the farm house very much. We brought Aunt Ida down town with us for a drive and she seemed to enjoy it very much. Then tonight you seemed to sleep very well and Mamma thinks you need rides as much as any thing to make you sleep well. You a dear good baby.

Thursday June 13--

You have had a big time playing around the house today and this afternoon took you and Russell out for a ride in your cab as usual then this evening Hattie took you out calling on some of her little friends. You came with no end of stories to tell and Mamma was very happy to hear them and then to put her little girl to rest for the night.

You did have such a good time all of this day and Mamma is glad you do.

- Friday June 16 -

Today I am sure has been rather a big day for you again. You have had a most lovely ride this morning with Mrs. Hatch and she took us over to Grandma's and she then took us over to a strawberry patch where you just did pick your first berries from the vine. You seemed to have a most lovely time there too. This afternoon you took a walk up to Aunt Carrie and you had a good time there as you always do where the babies are. You were glad to get home too as you were very tired out;

- Saturday June 18 -

Now you have been a very happy baby all of this day. Mamma loves you for being so very good too.

Early this morning after your bath you went out for a walk and little brother for a ride in his cab with little Hattie. You all had a most lovely time and Mamma was glad you were in such good hands.

Then this afternoon you were out with our Emma for a walk and this afternoon Hattie had you out again. You were a very good girl all day.

You seem very tired tonight but:

Sunday June 18 -

Today you had a most-delightful time and Mama did not see much of you either my little girl.

Early this morning you started out with your Papa and you attended Sunday School together. Then you went out for a ride with several friends and had your dinner on a lawn. After you came home you fell asleep and Mama, Papa and baby Russell went out for a nice long drive.

We had a most-lovely time and called at Grandma's and enjoyed it much.

- Monday June 19 -

Today you have been very happy again. You spent most of your time outside this morning and this afternoon you went out for a walk with Hattie and this afternoon Mamma played outside with you the most of the time. You seemed so much delighted that Mamma would be there with you and I enjoyed it too. Then this evening Papa took you to his room with him and I hope my little maid will sleep well.

Tuesday June 20

Well my little lady you
have been almost-miserably
happy today. This morning
you have been over to
Grandma Reeds more or
less and this afternoon
you were outside most-happily
with Mamma. This evening
you were at the band concert.

We took little Russell
for the first-time and
stopped at Aunt-Sophias.
You seemed most-delighted
and walked about and
danced some too. Then
you returned home with
Mamma about-nine o'clock
about-as tired as a little
girl could be.

- Wednesday June 21 -

Today you were again most-delighted for Aunt-Bertha came to visit you today as she returned from Flint-yesterday. You were most-delighted and happy. You had a happy time with Aunt-Fannia Putney too and she goes to live in the next-corn. You took a walk up town tonight with Mamma and it left you very tired indeed. You were a good girl today and have made Mamma scarcely no trouble at all. Mamma loves you more all the time.

Thursday June 22 -

This forenoon we were
very busy for our Cousin
is going over to the farm
to help Grandma for a
few weeks. You have been
playing outside the most
of the morning with Aunt
Bertha then this afternoon
you were out in your cub
for some little time. This
evening we took a walk
with Aunt Bertha up to
Aunt Carrie's. You saw
little Helen and what a
most lovely time you did
have. Then Papa came
home with us very
early and we put you
little pocket to bed.

- Friday June 23. -

This has been a very warm day and my little girl has found it very warm to play outside so she has been in more or less. You have been playing on the lawn now today. This forenoon Aunt Bertha took you out for a walk and you reported a lovely time.

This afternoon you were up town with one of the little neighbor girls and you both came home very happy and it did Mamma lots of good to see you having such good times,

Saturday June 24,

It has been rather warm again today. You were outside playing more or less this morning and Mamma was quite busy outside. This forenoon little Ethel Fuller came down and took you with her to her home to spend the day. You had a most delightful time. You came home with many stories to tell of your happy first day spent at Ethel's home. You seemed to have more of a catch than you have had for some time back.

- Sunday June 23 -

Today we spent the whole day over at Grandpa's and such a good time as we did have. Helen and Morris came too and we all had a big day together. You seemed so delighted at our farm house. You are more than you have for some time back and Maurice had a good time too. We all of us love very much to go for our day is always very short and very happy too. You both came home very tired

- Monday June 26 - 1899

This morning you and Aunt-Bertie started out and took a good long walk again. You were not gone so very long but had a good time.

This afternoon you, Aunt-Bertie and I started down to the depot together to see Mrs. Putney off for she is going to Manchester to live. You were almost frightened when you heard the train come in but you soon learned to understand that it would not hurt you any.

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- Tuesday June 27 -

Well my little lady
you have been very
happy today. You have
played by yourself all
of this day and this
evening. Your Uncle
Fred and Aunt Bertie
took you to the band
concert. Then you will
come home most-happy.

You also saw for the
first time Mrs. Seroy's
baby. Mamma was most
delighted to see it herself
and you seemed glad
too. Your cough seems
no better today than
it ever yesterday. Mamma
hopes you may be better
soon.

- Wednesday June 28 -

Today you have been rather a good girl today. You were playing around outside this morning as happy as you could be. Then this afternoon you were obliged to stay in more or less before the burning fireplace. You have had a good time however. This evening Dr. Allen came to call on Aunt's Hatch and you had a good time with him as usual. Mamma loves her little girl very much when she is as good as she is today.

— Thursday June 29 —

Today has been a very lovely day and Maria has had her little ones out - to have a good time, doing nothing herself more than sitting on her little ones. You were invited with the rest of us down to spend the day with Mrs. or rather Aunt-Sophia. You had a lovely time there ^{and} then this evening you were invited down to West-Carrick to see Grandma. We all had a good time there too. We feel very tired this evening however.

Friday June 30 -

This has been a more
busy day than yesterday
for you and Maria. Aunt
Hatch was taken sick
and we were quite busy
over that - and then Aunt
Sey's came to spend the
afternoon with us. And
Carrie came down this
afternoon and you babies
had a most lovely
time together after
which you had a good
long ride with Maria
and Auntie Sey. You
cooed more or less
all night - and Maria
was very sorry.

-Saturday July 1-

This forenoon you and
Aunt-Bertha took a
lovely walk together.

You rode part-of the
way and walked the
rest-of the time as you
did not feel very well.

This afternoon you had
a good time lounging in
the hammock with Mamma
and this evening you

were almost sick enough
for your bed. But you

are coughing a little
less late I-I-all around
I think. You are happy
because tomorrow you
are out-for Grandpa's.

Sunday July 2 -

This has been another
hard day for you my
little one for it was
very warm and we
spent the day at Grandpa
and you are always so
active there that you
come home almost sick.

You did indeed come
home all tired out and
Mama hopes you will
soon be better from your
terrible cough for you

are growing very thin
and it worries us very
much. Though you seem
very much resigned to it,

- Monday July 3 -

Today Mamma has not made herself very busy but has spent most of the time with her babies. You have been very happy all of this day after spending such a hard night as last night. Mamma is so glad it was no worse. Aunt Bessie came and stayed all night with us. We were glad for as that way we learn to know her better. For she will be with us my soon now.

Tuesday July 4-

This has been rather
a very quiet day for
the family but - Mamma
was glad for she
could not go out - any
with you and to other
sick anyway. Papa
was home all day and
we had a very good
and quiet time together
although we could not
take you little ones out -

You seem to rest well
this evening and
perhaps you may
sleep. It would
please Mamma so much.

- Wednesday July 5 -

There is not much to say for my little girl today for she has been inside and quite sick all of this day and it has been raining outside too. Mamma feels very sorry for her little one tonight. To think she has had such a hard day.

But Mamma thinks you have gotten over the worst now. Your Grandpa feels very much concerned for his little Son and will be very much delighted when it is all over.

Thursday July 8 -

Today you seem to feel
very much better my
little girl and Mamma
is very happy indeed
over it too. You rode
out in your little wagon
this forenoon and this
afternoon Mamma seems to
think you have had a
very good time playing
with Helen for she was
here the most of the
afternoon. You have
had a good time with
Grandma too for she
has been down to spend
the day with us. You
are Mamma's own little
girl too.

- Friday July 7 -

My little Louisa you had rather a quiet day today mostly because you were feeling so badly. Your Aunt Lida came down to take her bath this afternoon and as usual you were glad to see her. Aunt Bertha was out to spend the day and you missed her very much you were delighted when she returned home tonight.

Uncle Harry came down a little while this evening and you were having quite a good time in the park together -

- Saturday July 8 -

This has been a very busy day for you. Mamma and you did not worry about it much of any for you had your little friend Ethel with you all of this day. You took walks and drives and swung in the hammock and played games and you were happy all of the day long. You are very accommodatary for once for you went to dream land early so that gave Mamma a little time to visit Aunt Bertha.

- Sunday - July 9 -

You were out - all of this day. You were at Grandpa's. You went over quite early with Grandpa for the call after church and we went over with him.

Your little cousins Hal and Morris were there too and you had a most-delightful time.

In the morning you went to church with your Grandpa and we a very good baby all the time too. You seem very glad when Maria came however.

- Monday July 10 -

Today Mamma has been very busy most of the day for she has been getting ready as well as helping to get Aunt-Bertha ready for Bay View.

Tomorrow they all start for Mt-Pleasant where your Uncle Henry is to be married.

Well soon you are feeling much better today and Mamma is very thankful for that for she is beginning to be quite tired out.

-Tuesday July 11-

This has been rather a surprising day. When Mamma left her room this morning little did she think that she and Russell would sleep in Mt. Pleasant tonight.

Papa was disappointed and could not go to the wedding so Mamma had to go. When you awoke from your afternoon nap and found Mamma all dressed and ready to go out you were quite cross until you found you were obliged to stay at home. They tell me you never once called for Mamma.

-Wednesday July 18-

This has been Father's a
lovely day and it has
been Uncle Henry's wedding
day. You my dear
one remained at home
with Papa and you were
very good too while Maria
left you. Every thing moved
along most lovely and
we were glad we went.

Uncle Henry looked
very happy and so did
Aunt Bessie. You have
gained another Auntie today
my little maid and one
that I think will love you
very dearly. We all reached
home safely tonight and
found my little Lona well
too.

-Thursday July 13 -

Today Mamma has been very tired and so has not done very much except waited on you and little brother and you both were very good in spite of the very damp day. This afternoon Aunt Carrie brought little cousin Helen down to stay with you this afternoon and you both had a good time together.

You played so hard this day together that you were very much tired out. Mamma loves to have you two little ones together.

Friday July 14-

You have been outside
more or less today again
and it has been quite
warm too. This afternoon

Mamma took you down
to see little Dorothy and
this afternoon Aunt Carrie
also came down and
you and Helen had a
most lovely time
together. You always
play so nice together
and you seem to be so
glad to be together too.

Mamma is going to
get to rest early with
you both tonight and see
if we can get rested.

- Saturday July 13 -

Today Mamma has been rather busy and your little ones have been very good too all of the time. Aunt-Ida came down this afternoon and Mamma took her to her bath and this afternoon you took your good long refreshing nap too. Emma and Aunt-Ida were down town this evening and ~~they~~ both had a very pleasant time.

You retired early and hope will sleep well and be good tomorrow.

- Sunday July 16 -

This has been a very
quite day and a very
restful one. to us all
today as we stayed at-
home all day. You and
Papa did go out - to church
this morning and this
afternoon we all took a
good long nap and this
mornig Hatch let us take
drive and we had a
nice long drive too.

Grandpa and Grandma
came down this afternoon
for a few minutes and
we did enjoy seeing
them very much.

Monday July 17.

Today has been a very pleasant day and you and little brother have been out most of the time. This afternoon little Doris Wilcox came down to spend the afternoon with Auntie Hatch and she took you up stairs and you had a most lovely time together.

Papa has been home quite a little this afternoon and you have enjoyed that so very much. You are always happy when Papa is around

Tuesday July 18 -

This has been a happy day for you my little one for you have been over at the farm home spending the day with your Grandma and Grandpa. You always have such lovely times when there and you did especially today.

You enjoyed your ride home so much today. It was a most lovely evening for the ride too. Little Willie Russell was very tired when we reached home.

- Wednesday July 9 -

Today you spent the most of the forenoon out in the lawn and had a most lovely time of it too and this afternoon you were obliged to stay in the most of the time for the rain just poured right down and you have such a cough Mamma could not let you go outside any. You were very happy to think you could go up to Aunt Carrie and have a good time this evening playing with Helen and Henry the bird.

Thursday July 20.

Today you spent the most of the forenoon up town having your photo taken and also the first one little Russ had. You were both very good babies. You were not quite as happy this afternoon as I was out to see afternoon gathering and Mamma heard that you were exceptionally lovely without her.

But you have never been left without Mamma very often and Mamma does not enjoy leaving her little ones either.

- Friday July 21 -

Today you have been
very happy for after
you were all dressed
for the day then your
little friend Ethel
came in to spend the
day, and you did have
a happy day together.

This afternoon you
went down town and
had your ice cream
soda together and also
saw the proofs of the
pictures that you set
for yesterday and they
are quite good too -





