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Sona Elizabeth Voelker.
Monday April 17 – 1899

My little son, you were certainly a good little girl this afternoon. 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. Mamma 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 grow out then you tugged at your mother’s hand to come out from your bed.
Tuesday April 18 -

You seemed to have a most lovely time star moving outside all by you self the most of the time and some of the time with one of the little neighbors girls. You could not like it here to come home to your own so you slayed over to Grandma Reeds then after you had your sleep Aunt-Carrie called and look me all over to see Grandma Cutters. We had a lovely time and in our in our back in rear drought it a very pleasant little rain storm. Your children seemed pretty happy as the little drops of rain moistened your face.
Wednesday April 19

This has been rather a pleasant day for us and it almost seems to me that you have enjoyed it too for Grandma and Grandpa came down this afternoon and it made Mama so happy. Then a little later Aunt Carrie came with Helen and little Morris. You then just did have a big time. You ran out in the yard and on the lawn the most of the time.

This morning you were up down with Mama and you seemed to enjoy yourself very much. Mama remarked so much 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 during the roses quite a little and you were every where with him and had a lovely time!
Friday, April 21

You played outside until you were driven inside by the little drops of rain. This was most my little one, and then you could hardly find the time to stay in. I placed you on the stairs, stood and you just about an hour there as happy as a little bundle 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 lonely time I can tell you.
Saturday April 22 -

You are a clear happy little one, my dear. You have had such a good time with your little friend Ethel today. She came down bright 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 move you did not mind to take the trouble to go to shop and Mama had quite a little time with you to gain her point.
Monday April 28 —

Some 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 and the lumber and Papa
Carried you in and put you
on the. You were ready
for a ride in your cub with
Russoed. It was the first-
time you and your little
brother were ever out-riding
together in your cub. After
your ride you walked out
with your little friend Noble
and then tonight you a teddy
Monday April 24

Today you were at church again the first time in a long time. It was the first time that Mr. Yorel 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 boy. You could not have been better had you tried.

Then after dinner we simply enjoyed having Papa with us and the enjoyed being here too. You were out walking during this afternoon. Then tonight we found you a very tired boy indeed. Mama loves you more and more all the time.
Tuesday April 26 --

This farm was the first farm 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.

Mama could not get you started in house so Papa had to come out on the canoe and help pick greens too. After you map the room we started out-out into the air again. You took a walk and then a ride in the car with your little friends until the drops of rain drove my little tried 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 Sand Carrie 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 nap in your cradle and at last you fell asleep in your cot and Miss Laura carried you in her arms to your little bed.
Thursday April 25

Well soon you have indeed had another good time today. As soon as you rise, dusted this morning you ran out and ready for fun. Then you run out again as soon as you had your nap after dinner. Aunt-Dela came down this afternoon and you played as fast and hard as you could until this evening. Tonight after supper you had your final 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.
Friday April-25

This forenoon you became very tired, if you did play so hard and long. So you felt asleep early, and Mama took the opportunity to just-snap 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 seem to get quite a little fume out-of it, however as you do out-of most every thing that comes in your way.
Saturday April 29 -

Mama was quite busy all of this day doing all little serving for you to the end you had a good time just the same. You were outside all the day with one girl or the other and then this evening you came up town with Emma to get Mama's hat. You did come home so very cross and tired. I almost made Mama wish she had not allowed her little girl to get quite too much from out of the house after she went to bed. Time to go to bed outside.

It is so pleasant out outside now that Mama can let some remain outside all day long.
- Sunday April 30 -

This has been another very happy day for you my dear little girl for you have had your Papa ever since today. This morning you Papa, and I all went to church together and you were getting along very nicely until Papa became sick then you cried and he started for home. This afternoon you have been playing outside all the morning. This evening we all seem very tried and so are going to our little beds very early and we hope to become much refreshed and ready for work again.
Monday—May 1—1849

This morning you have had a most lovely time. Mama has been obliged to call you from across the street—several times for us cannot let you have your own way about crossing the streets. This afternoon you slept until seven after four o'clock and then as soon as you awoke were often there was a little afraid of your here ready to take you out for a walk and ride either over your land best. You were ready too as you always are for a good time. Tonight you sat on the porch until quite late hoping a good time.
Tuesday May 2 -
This morning you said to speak the most of your time at Grandmama Reed's.
About Eleven o'clock you came in and told Nannie 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
line all of the nurse's first
with one little friend
then with another.
Nannie 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 kind and good and Mama loves you for it. You and your little brother have been
a real comfort to your Mama today for Papa has gone out
of town for a few days as he has not been at all well
and as though he might feel much better if he did.
Your Russell and Mama have loved one another dearly
while we missed Papa much
you stood in the door waving
and paddly as long as he could
Thursday May 4

Today you have been very good inside all the money while Mamma was very busy and tonight you feel very tired after a hard day's 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 cute things.
Friday May 6th

This has been one of Spring's most lovely days, and you and your little sister 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 outside with your little brother.

You are tired tonight.

Your Papa came home this afternoon 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, Mama, 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 reach 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
shopping day of all the
weeks for your Papa has
again been with you all of
this
day. We did not go out
to
lunch this morning as Papa
does
not feel very well of
late and Mama thinks
it is too much for Papa to
get up so early after
such
day's work.
You and
Papa have been together all
of this day and this afternoon
you and little brother and
Papa and I all went down
to help Papa take his team
both of a Mr. Smith. She came
and took lunch with us
and we spent a very pleasant
evening together. You were
so very tired little lady
this being I must not forget
that an old bear man came
and took you for a ride stuck
abdomen too.
Monday May 8.

Today you have been a very busy little girl, first making mud pie and cakes till you were quite worn out and then playing with Cress. Then after dinner you took your very refreshing bath and then you, Popy, Russell and Maude took a long ride this afternoon. You told your friend the bear mean old Jed and gave your hands full of flowers after we came home this evening. He seems to love you more and more as she chapel goes by. After supper tonight you, Popy 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 any little lady. 

Papa has been home all day. He is furnishing the whole week at home as he does not feel very well. This money you need down to the cleaning and at several different places.

This afternoon you took another long ride with Mama 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 men around here. For the first time in your life you drank water from a spring. You said it tasted good.
May 16 - 1899

Sora girl you had a very lovely day with your Pappa 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 we took a short drive. This evening you have been most happy with you Pappa to whom you have become most attached.

You were up on the country this morning and helped Pappa do a little on your dear Grandma Voelkers farm.

The Grandma you have never known. Aunt Celia called a little while today and you were happy with her.
Thursday May 11, 1899

Since you have enjoyed this day that Maria knows this morning you went outside with Papa in the front-yard and never by and this afternoon after you nap you took a ride in the carriage with Papa and then you had a good company and play with your nearest neighbors children. You were late for your supper tonight. Maria does not enjoy leaving 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 time.
Friday, May 12, 1899.

Well, some you have again
had a most lovely time
today. Early this morning
almost before your curls
were dry you went up to
Aunt Sophie's and stayed
all the forenoon and afternoon.
You came home with
great stories to tell of the
big times you had had.
You said Uncle Sour
vented on you all the
tale just as if you were
his own little girl. Thus
this afternoon you had a
good nap and then you
took a nice long ride
with Papa Russell and
Marrie. And this evening
again finds my little girl...
Saturday May 13

This morning 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 natures. You came in with your cheeks just as red as a rose and you seemed more like yourself than you been all day. This evening you tried on several dresses that Mamie has finished for you for this summer wear. Mamie loves to see her little girl and only hopes she may be spared to keep right.
- Sunday May 14 -

Today was then another big day for my little folks almost too full for their comfort. You had a lovely drive over to Grandpa's after dinner today and then late 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 Sara girl quite well tried out and ready for her little bed. But you did much to cheer your grand parents.
Monday May 18

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 naturally however and Mamma is very proud of the way her little girl submitted to it. Uncle Herman came about dinner time and still pleased my little Sonnie much like ever. Mamma loves her little girl and boy more all the time.
Tuesday May 16

Dear little son, I am sure 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 chaff cut.

You told Mama today that no one liked you after I had corrected you a few times at school—a smile from Mama for you did keep it in such an old way.
Wednesday May 15th

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, isn't she?
Thursday May 18—
Well my little love 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-pamy blossoms of this year and made a bouquet and placed it night near your Pop's plate at the table for him to enjoy while he read his letters. Then after supper you walked part of the way to the shop with kim and Mauve wrote for you to come back.
Friday May 19—

This has been called a big day for you again. I'm your little maid for you played outside a good share of the morning over to play with one of your neighbors little friends and then took off our book a ride over to Grandpa. You, uncle and Emma and Matron. 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 Lela so much. You just quietly picked flowers and played all at things.
Saturday May 20 -

This has her another very happy day for you only 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 till from eating your dinner and the afternoon you took a walk up town and then you came home a tired girl and ready for your little bed very early this night. Manuel is so glad to see her little one have a good time but dislikes to see her yet so very tired. Russell is beginning to enjoy having you play with their very much more than he did.
Sunday, May 21

Today you have again spent a most happy day. You have been both 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 Papachieved took a long nap then you went again ready for another walk. This time you took your little brother and Maurice with you. We enjoyed it very much, then your Uncle's Army and Uncle came down to lunch and your and Uncle's
Monday May 22

Today my little maid you
were beside very much
of the time, I 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 Mamie to rub you
and put your nighties on
and get ready for your
little bed. You seem to
sleep so very well of late.
Tuesday May 13 -

Today you set out in your little yard at play quite a little bit of the time. Papa has fenced you off quite a little space in the yard and you play there so nicely all by yourself. Mama and Russell sit there with as much as they possibly can. And we share and share together. You had a long walk this afternoon will Emma again and you always seem so glad to get out and have a good time. Mama thinks you are growing out of your Walks.
Wednesday May 24 - 1899

You sent a happy forecast out in your little yard this morning my little girl. Mama was there about as much as you were too. You seemed very anxious to have Mama play with you today. Then this off you took a long walk with Mama and you had a nice ride back with the bear man. He seems to have taken an unusual liking to any little girl and it makes Mama feel good to think you love him too. You were a very tired girl after sleeping three hours this morning.
Thursday, May 28th

Snoa's little lake has been another very bright and happy day for you. Early this morning you and a great deal of tennis outside and you seemed to get more little ones around you every day in your little yard. Today you have lived about thirty miles 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 nap with the girls who had just come home from school.

You are very tired tonight and Mamma must not see you to your little
Friday, May 26

Today my little girl, you have been busy helping Mama sweep and playing outside almost all the time. Then this afternoon, you took a long ride out in your car. It rained very hard toward evening, so Mama started a pleasant fire in the grate and Charles, Fred, Henry, and Harry 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 27th

Today you and little brother entertained yourself very nicely outside during the morning hours and then this afternoon you put on your bonnet and took a ride in your car outside. One of Mamie's very dear friends came in this afternoon and said you were a very dear and beautiful and she seemed so very much surprised at the color of your little brother's hair. It is almost a red and Mamie almost wishes it would remain so for it would be a treat in our family to have it. Mamie it strikes.
Monday May 28

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

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

You came home rather tired tonight and I hope you will sleep very well for you did not seem to feel as well as usual today.
Tuesday May 18

Today my little girl you are 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 afternoon and white out some of your little friends and his mother stopped and look you into their carriage for a ride and you did not get home until late in the evening, tried and glued to have Papa take you into his arms and put your naughty over your head for the next day.
Tuesday—May 30th—

This has indeed been a
terribly big and short and happy
day for you my little niece.

Long before Mamma had
you dressed and ready
to go out for 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 neighbors. Children you
Uncle Harrison came and
took you over to the farm
horses to spend the rest
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
look another ride with
Aunt Fannie and then to bed.
Wednesday May 31

I hear not quite as pleasant out this morning for it had rained very early leaving the grass rather damp for little me like you till you went out for some little turn. You took a long nap after dinner and about four o'clock you opened your eyes only to tell me you were again ready for a good long walk which me gask 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 Mauve took a ride with a lady and let you and little brother go out with Emmie. 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 baby cousin. A little baby boy comes to Uncle George this forenoon and it filled our hearts with thanksgiving when we heard that the Mauve were well and very one happy.
Friday June 2

You have been a dear good boy all of this day and Mauna feels very proud of you tonight. You took a very long walk this afternoon and had a good ride in your cub of a that-rac over. You seem to enjoy the walks and ride you take during the afternoon more than your sleep. Mauna as rarely knew how to act for a while we were out this afternoon I heard a lady make some remarks about us. There goes the leader with the prettiest babcia in the whole town. Mauna always read of such honorary red -did not know anyone else was of the same.
Saturday June 3

Today you have had more fun than you have had for some time back. For little Elsie came to spend the day with you. You both played and took a trip down town this forenoon and then after you napped you went another walk down with Mama and the ladies. 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 day you played that you could scarcely get to sleep tonight. Mama let you read the stories.
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 Maurice Mr. Essna go home for a week’s vacation today and I needed quiet and rest today for this week.
Monday June 6

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 upstairs and took Russell with us. You seemed delighted over it and are very good until Papa came home to tea then you had a good romp until bed time. I think soon you will be as well as Mamma. Today you picked Russell off from the floor and tried to carry him. You found him heavy and slung him over your neck in the same way.
Tuesday June 6 -

This morn an auntie came and surprised us and thinks she will stay and make us a good visit at least until Friday. After you and Russell had your nap we went up town with Auntie Ida to stay with her until she took her massage then after tea. You, Russell, Auntie and Mamaw 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 down - in put your little ones into your little beds for the night and you enjoyed a good night's sleep. You both seem to have latter a very hard cold journey.
Wednesday June 7

This morning quite early you visited your Grandmother Toehkee's grave. You put several roses in the cup of water to help make up her bouquet. Then after you map this noon you spent a part of the afternoon with Mable Reynolds and then during the evening you were with Hattie more or less thin after you became sleepy it did not late you very long and you went 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 5

This morning you went most of the time playing about, most lovely and this afternoon you took a chald-shrap and then saw Russell, Maurice, Auntie and yourself took Uncle Henry's horse and went over to call on Grandma Cutter from there you took Auntie to see the new centuary and then we called on Aunt Currow, a few months then after supper you had a good romp with the little girls close by and then the clay was mended for you. Does you were ready to leave. Maurice put on your night robe and bring your the two for rest.
Friday June 9 -

Well since you have had a very fine time today. This morning you played about the house the most of the time helping Mama do this and that and their stiff aftermorn you took a long ride with Mama and Mr. Halse. We rode up on the hill to Mr. Halse rose yard and enjoyed looking at the most beautiful flowers that ever blooms. You sound just happy among them too. You are quite a dear happy little thing anyway.
Saturday June 10

This has been another dead letter day for you. My little lucky for Ethel came down bright and early to see my little Scots girl and took
money you look a walk up town and the afternoon you went up there again and heard the band play and went to
the church to hear the little ones whose for children's day tomorrow.

You had a good time and came home fast asleep at Ethel's 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. Then came home to find Grandpa here ready to take you Papa and Mama and Russell over to spend the afternoon there. We all had a very pleasant time, only little Russell made 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 until about nine o'clock and then you spent the rest of the forenoon with little Dorrie 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 merry old little maid simply from sleep and play, but one good night's rest will straighten you all out again.
Tuesday June 13

This has not been a very good day for you. My little girl is not playing outside for it has rained more or less all day and Maxine 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 sent most of your time at Aunt Sophie's.

You were compelled to stay there because of a very hard thunder storm that came up very suddenly. Little Russell has been sick for several days because cutting teeth.
Wednesday June 15

This fortnight you were a little good girl and mamma loves you for it tonight very much. Then this afternoon you and mamma and you only started for Grandpa's and we surprised them all at the farm house very much. We bought And Ida clown 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 anything to make you sleep very well. You a dear good baby.
Thursday June 18--

You have had a big time playing around the house today and this afternoon took you and Russell out for a ride in your car as usual this evening Hattie took you out calling on some of her little friends. You came with no end of stories to tell and Maurice seemed 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 long and Maurice is glad you do.
- Friday June 16 -

Today Issie has been rather a big day for you again. You have had a most lovely ride this morning with Mr. Halteh and the 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 vines. You desired 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 17 -

- I have been a very happy baby all of this day. Mama 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 car with little Hattie. You all had a most lovely time and Mama was glad you were in such good hands.

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

- You seem very tired tonight. 
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 very.
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 Halter and this afternoon Marwae played outside with you the most of the time. You seemed so much delighted that Marwae would be there with you and I enjoyed it, too. Then this evening Papa took you to his room with him and I hope your little maid will sleep well.
Tuesday June 20

Well my little lady you have been almost incredibly happy today. This morning you have been over to Grandma Reeds more or less and this afternoon you were outside most of the time with Mama. This evening you were at the band concert. We took little Russell for the first time and stopped at Aunt Sophie's. You seemed most delighted and walked about and danced some too. Then you returned home with Mama 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 Finland yesterday. You were most delighted and happy. You had a happy time with Aunt Fannie Putney too and she goes to live in the next room. You took a week up town tonight with Mama and it left you very tried indeed. You were a good girl today and have made Mama nearly no trouble at all. Mama loves you more all the time.
Thursday June 28 -

This forenoon we were very busy for our Emu is going out to the farm to help Grandpa 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 cab for some little times. 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 me very early and we put you little folk to bed.
Friday June 8th.

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 some 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 Mum lots of good to see you having such good times.
Saturday June 4th

It has been rather warm again today. You were outside playing more or less this morning and Mammy was quite busy outside. This afternoon little Ethel Keller came down and took you with her to her house 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 house.

You seemed to have some of a cough since you came back.
Wednesday June 25th

Today we went to Grandpa's and had such a good time as we did before. Helen and Morris came too and we all had a big day together. You don't seem so delighted at your farm home. You ate cornbread and Mayrose had a good time too. We all of us have very much to go for our day so always very short and very happy too. We both came home very tired.
Monday June 26 - 1899

This morning you and Aunt Berthia started out and took a good long walk again. You were not going to many long but had a good time.

This afternoon you, Aunt Berthia and I started down to the depot together to see Mrs. Putney off for she is going to New York. You were almost frightened when you heard the train coming but you came home to understand that it would not hurt you any.
Tuesday June 27

Well my little lady, you have been most happy today. You have played by yourself all of this day and this evening. You讲话 Fred and Aunt Rebbie took you to the band concert. Than you will come home most happy.

You also saw for the first time. Mrs. Edwards baby. Mama was most delighted to see it herself and you seemed glad too. Your cough seems no better today than it was yesterday. Mama hopes you may be better tomorrow.
Wednesday June 18

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 had a good time however. This evening Dr. Allen came to call on Auntie Hatch and you had a good time with him as usual. Mama knew her little girl very much when she is as good as she is today.
Thursday June 8, 1889

Today has been a very lovely day and Mama has had a little one out to have a good time doing nothing herself more than entertaining her little ones. You were invited with the rest of us down to spend the day with Mrs. or nutter Aunt-Sophia. You had a lovely time there and then this evening you were invited down to Aunt-Carrie's to see Grandma. We all had a good time there too. We feel very tired this evening.
Friday June 30

This has been a more
busy day than yesterday.
I stayed home and Mama,
Aunt Hatch read baby
books and we were quite
busy over that and then Auntie
Seymour came to feed the
affluence with me. Aunt
Carrie came down this
affluence and we talked
and then you had a most
lively time together after
which you had a good
long ride with Mama
and Auntie Eroy. You
slept this night or last
night and Mama
read very many.
Saturday, July 9th

This afternoon you and Aunt Benicia took a long 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 Mama and this evening you were almost asleep except for your bed. But you are coughing a little less now. Mama is all around I think. You are happy because tomorrow you are out for Grandpa.
Sunday July 2nd

This has been another hard day for you and my little ones for it and very warm and we just the day at Suzzalo and you are always so active here that you come home almost sick. You did indeed come home all tired out and now I hope you will soon be better. From your humble one for you are growing very thin and it worries me very much. Though I see very much I love it.
Monday July 3

Today Marine had not made herself very busy but had 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. Marine is so glad it was no mistake. Aunt-Bessie came and stayed all night with us. We were glad for the chat way we heard to know her better. For she will be with us any room now.
Tuesday July 4.

This has been a very quiet day for the fourth but Mama was glad for she could not go out any with you and brother 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 tonight. I wonder please Mama so much.
Wednesday, July 3rd.

There is not much to say, for my little girl today for she has been miserable and quite sick all of this day and it has been raining outside too. Mama feels very sorry for her little one longing to think she has had such a hard day. But Mama thinks you have gotten over this most now. Your Grandpa feels very much concerned for his little sister and will be very much delighted when it is all over.
Thursday July 3.

Today you seem to feel very much better now. The 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 has been down to spend the day with us. You are Mamma's own little girl too.
Friday, July 7

My little Son, you had

rallied a quiet day today

mostly because you were

feeling so badly. Your

Aunt Leta came down

to take her bath this

afternoon and as usual

you were glad to see her.

Aunt Bertha was out to

feed the calf and you

missed her very much.

You were delighted when

she returned home tonight.

Uncle Harmon came
down a little while

this evening and you

were talking with a

good time in the park

together.
Saturday July 8th

This has been a very busy day for you, Maman, and you did not worry about it nearly as much of a day 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 this day long. You are very accommodating for you used to dream and early so that your Marnie could have little time to visit.

Dear Bertha -
Sunday—July 9—

You went out—all of this day. You went at Grandpa's. You went over quite early with Grandpa for the cello after church and some sundries with him.

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

In the morning you went to church with your Grandpa and me a very good baby all the time too. You send very glad when Muma came however.
Monday July 10

Today Mamma has been very busy most of the day, for she has been getting ready or rather been helping to get Aunt Bertha ready for Bay View. Tomorrow they all start for M-Pleasant where your Uncle Harry is to be married.

Well soon you are feeling much better today and Mamma is really thankful for either for she is begin to be quite tired out.
Tuesday July 11

This has been rather a surprising day. When Mama 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 Mama had to go. When you awoke from your afternoon nap and found Mama 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 were called for Mama.
Wednesday July 18.

This has been rather a lovely day and it has been Uncle Henry's wedding day. You may dear one remain at home with Papa and you were very, very good too - while Mama left you. Everything went along most - lonely and we were glad we went.

Uncle Henry looked very happy and so did Aunt Bessie. You know I gained another Auntie today. My little maid and one that I think will love you very dearly. We all received letters safely and we all bade my little Lorna well - too.
Thursday July 13

Today Mama has been very tired and today has not done very much except wanted on you and little brother and you both were very good in spite of the heavy damp day. This afternoon Aunt Carine brought little cousin Helene 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. Mama does 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 Mama took you down to see little Dorothy and this afternoon Aunt Cana 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.

Mama is going to get to rest early with you both tonight and see if we can get rested.
Saturday July 15th

Today Mamma has been really busy and your little ones have been very good too all of this time. Aunt Leda 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 Leda went down town this evening and stayed both read a very pleasant time. You retired early and hope will sleep well and be good tomorrow.
- Sunday July 16 -

This has been a very nice day and a very
restful one to us all
today as we've 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 then
Auntie Hatches let me take
Ahsin and we had a
nice long drive to
Grandpa and Grandma's
came down this afternoon
for a few minutes and
we did enjoy seeing
them they didn't.
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 Hathl and we took you upstairs 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 and
Tuesday July 18th

This has been a happy day for you and 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 they send you out especially today.

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

Louis and Sarah Brown
Wednesday July 19.

Today you feel that most of the forenoon out in the lawn and find a most lovely time of it too and think often you were obliged to stay in the most of the day for the rain just poured right downlade. You have such a cough Lheure could not let you go outside any. I am very unhappy to think you could go up to Aunt Carrie and have a good time this evening playing with Helen and Henry Stedd.
- Thursday July 20

Today you sent the most of the favor

up soon having your photo taken and also

the first our little Rush

bad. You were both very
good babies. You were

not quite as happy the
of course as I was out to-
care of lemon gathering
and Mama heard

that—You were exceptionally
lonely without her.

But you have never
been left without—Mama
very often and Mama
does not angry 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 Elliot
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
cola together and also
saw the proofs of the
pictures that you saw
yesterday and they
are quite good too.