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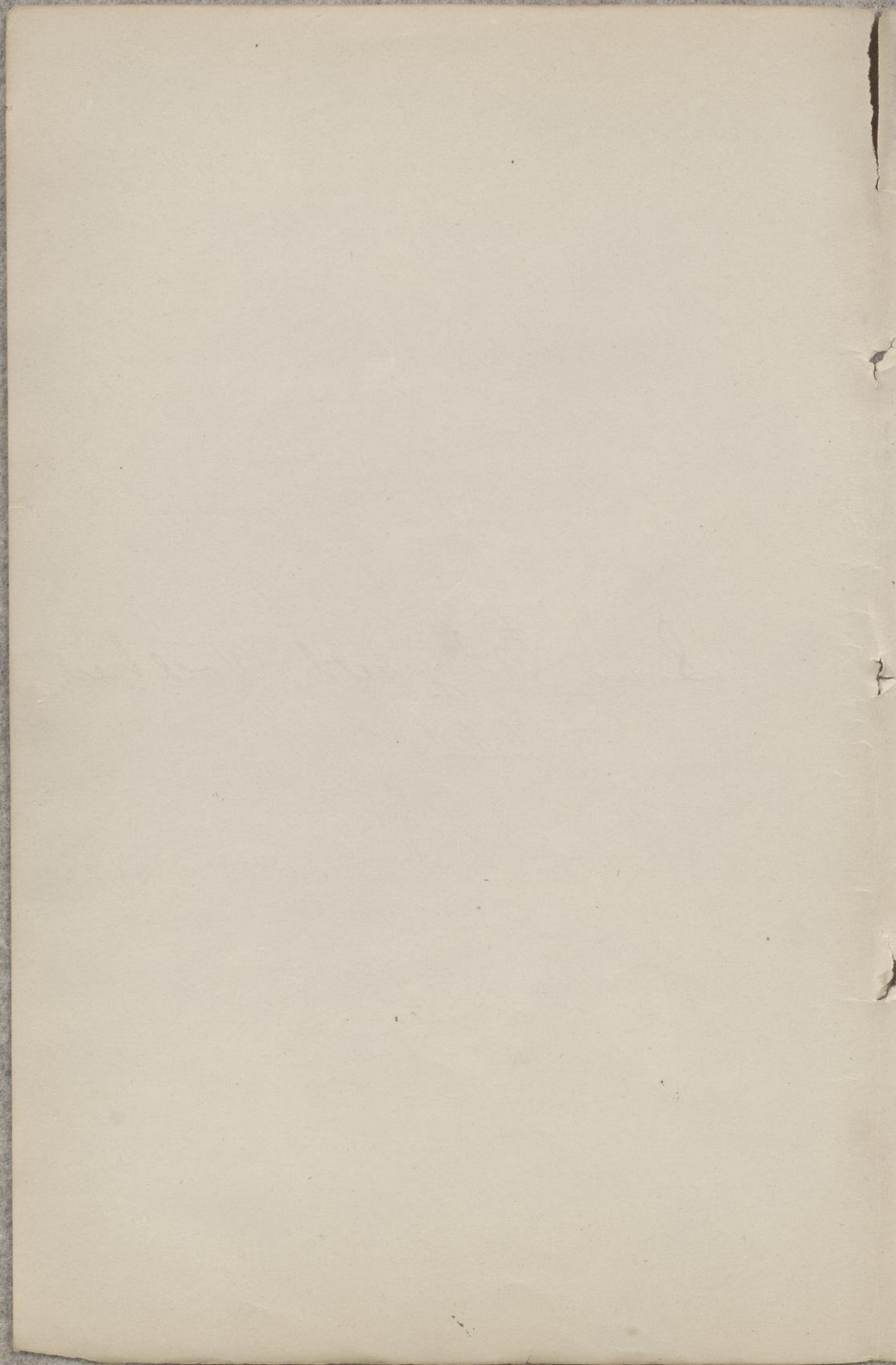
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Soua Elizabeth Voelker.

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Saturday Oct-28-1898

This has been another very unpleasant-day for little half sick folks like my little Sona girl. But after your bath this morning and your little curls were dry we took a little walk over to Aunt-Bessies this morning and it has been the only time you have been outside today. This afternoon you have been exceptionally cheerful and it has made it very much easier for Mamma.

You have entertained your little brother much more today than yesterday.

Sunday Oct-29-

This morning you, Papa, little brother and Mamma went over to Grandpa as to spend the forenoon. We had a very good time and you and Russell did so much toward making Grandpa happy. He always loves to have you little folks come and be with him if only a little time. Then this afternoon you and all of us took a carriage of Grandpa's and we rode all the afternoon. We rode toward Uncle Frank's but it was so very far that we were obliged to turn toward home.

Monday Oct-30

This has been a very lonely day and you my little one have been outside to enjoy it all you could,

This afternoon Mamma was out with Auntie Hatch to make several calls and our Emma took you and brother out for a ride in your little wagon. You seemed to enjoy it very much and it did Mamma good when she came home to find how refreshed you did look. You cannot enjoy the weather any too much now for it is simply very good for you both.

Tuesday Oct-31-1899

This has been another
perfect-fall and just-
fine for you little folks,
Our Emma and Papa have
been over to Grandpa's
all day helping them
with the threshing and
you little ones have
been home with Mamma.

Then quite late this
afternoon Aunt-Bertie
came down and took
you both out for a ride and
Mamma too. We did enjoy
it so much. You fell asleep
and were rattled out of
patience when we stopped
home.

Wednesday Nov. 1 - 1899

Last night who should
come to the door and
surprise Mamma but Uncle
Frank Smith. You were
very much pleased to
have him here over night
and during this forenoon.
You had such a good
time with him. It
has not been very pleasant
and you could not go
out any this afternoon and
it has kept Mamma busy
entertaining you but I have
enjoyed it very much.

You and Mother did
have such a good nap today

Thursday Nov 8 - 1899

Aunt-Bessie came and stayed all night with us last-night as Uncle Henry has been away. You did think that was so much fun. She helped entertain you last-night quite a little. Today it has been so cold that you could not burn as much fire outside as usual. Mamma put you asleep after dinner and then made a call with Auntie's Hat. You did seem so pleased when Mamma came back tonight and I was happy too.

Friday Nov. 8-

Today has been another
very disagreeable day and
my little girl could not
go out again after taking
her little walk this morning,
but your little cousin Helen
came down this morning
and spent the greater part
of the forenoon playing
with you and you three
did have such a very
good time. I think you
had more fun than you
have had for some time
together. You were very
happy after that and
Mamma was glad to
have you spend the day
with her & a change.

Saturday Nov. 4 -

This has been another very lovely day for you my little maid for your little friend Ethel came down to spend the whole of this day with you.

You have been out-part of the time too playing with little neighbor children. This afternoon

Ethel took you up town and gave you a nice ride in your cab. You helped

Mamma a part of the time this afternoon to do some clearing up stairs and you seemed as devoted to your work as I was.

Sunday Nov. 5--

This has been another very pleasant-day for you were over home to Grandpa's with Mamma and Papa and we had a good time together. We stayed there to dinner and supper and when we came home took lunch with Auntie Hattie up stairs. This did please you very much. You almost longed to stay there all evening forgetting bed time and every thing else. But you and Rochee were two very tired little folks. Mamma was very tired too.

Monday Nov. 6 -

This morning after my little girls curls were dry we took a ride with Auntie Hatch and we had a good time shopping too. You were anxious to help Mamma by carrying her pocket-book and parcels and you were certainly a little comfortable in many ways.

Mamma always takes you with her whenever she possibly can and you are always very glad to go with her too. Then you started out with me to make some calls too.

Tuesday Nov. 7-

This has been another
very lovely day and Mamma
and you and brother stayed
in this morning almost
closer than we ought to
have done, but we were
interested in our work
and found pleasure in
it too and then this
afternoon we were out-
making a few calls again.
Mamma took you where
there were quite a number
little folks playing
together. You did enjoy
seeing them have a
good time and at last
you joined in too.

Wednesday Nov. 8-

This has been another very ideal day. You and little brother have made the most of it - again this afternoon by going out - walking with Mamma.

We went up as far as Auntie Benjamin's and she called us in there.

We went in and had a big time playing with her little baby boy.

You did enjoy Bowditch play things so very much. You asked Mamma if I did not think baby things were nice than yours.

Thursday Nov. 9-

This has been almost-a perfect-day. I am so glad it has been so pleasant-as you little folks have enjoyed the weather so much. You and Papa and Mother and Mamma took a short-ride this afternoon and then made several calls. You seemed very much taken up with your calling and told Mamma you thought-it fun to go. Then this evening you saw the moon and seemed very much anxious for you thought-the time had come to be home-

Friday Nov. 10 -

This has not been at all a pleasant-day. It has rained most of the time but we were out this afternoon most of the time just the same.

Your little ones stayed at home. You told Mamma as she started out that you were going to have a tea party with Emma after Mamma was gone. And I see you did have for you were still feasting on nuts when Mamma came back. You were both wanting to sit on Mamma's lap at the same time when I returned. You have been very good in spite of the weather.

Saturday Nov. 11-

This has been a very busy day for Mamma and she has pulled through it nicely too. Papa started for New York today and there has been much extra to do.

You did dread to see Papa go so much. You would not bid him good bye. You simply put your arms around his neck and loved and him and eyed as hard as you could but you could not bid him good bye. I am almost wondering how you will endure it without him all the time he is away.

Sunday Nov 12 -

This has been another
very pleasant-day though
the sun has not been
shining any. We were
here about and Papa on
his way to New York.
so we went-over to
Grandpa's to spend the day.

Mamma was so glad we
went-for you little folks
did do so much to cheer
Grandpa. It did us all
very much good to see
you enjoy yourselves so
much over there. Grandpa
loved to see you play
about-so much and have
a good time.

Monday Nov. 13 -

Today my little Soree
has played outside all the
afternoon. You did have
such a good time. You
were there with your
little friend playing
across the road having
a lot of fun. Then you
came home and helped
entertain your little brother
Russell. He was most
happy to have you and
it is evening when I put
you to bed you asked
how much longer is Papa
going to be away Maria
and how I wish he would
come home. How I will
put my arms around him

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This has been quite a happy for you my Lorna. Mamma made a mistake by telling you that it was your birthday today and it is not until tomorrow.

You had three birthday gifts given you and you were much delighted over it. I can tell you. This afternoon you went up town with Mamma and rode back with Auntie Hatch. You did enjoy your ride so much too. You said you wanted to hold your dress up like Mamma does up town and so you did. You have a good time most every day.

Nov. 15 - 1899 -

This has been a very lovely day and especially as it has been your birthday. Your Grandpa has been here all of this day and you have had such a good time.

It is the first time he has been here since his accident and you and he played all day as though you were both children again.

It has done Mamma lots of good to see you both so happy. You have had many little things given you today and you did seem so surprised over each and every thing you had given you. Your Papa has been away for the first time over your birthday.

Nov 16 - 1899,

This has been another very lovely day for little folks and you and Russell have made the very most of it too. You have been outside most of the day you were out playing all the morning with little ones and this afternoon you rode out and walked part of the time. You stepped into a mud hole once and how surprised you were to find you did sink. But it seems to please you nevertheless. We are trying to keep happy while Papa is away.

Nov. 17 - 1899 -

This has been another very lovely day for little girls like you and you have all made the very most of it too. You have all been together and have been playing outside all the morning while Mamma has raked the yard. You have been so happy watching Mamma burn the dry leaves and grass. Little Rochie has been outside too which has been a delight for you too.

Then this afternoon Emma took you out for a walk and ride in your cab and Mamma made several calls. We have tried in every way to keep happy with Papa's army.

Nov. - 18 - 1899

This has been another almost perfect-day for you for this morning you played outside with the little folks and then your little friend Ethel came down to spend the day with you and you did enjoy that so very much.

This afternoon you were outside with them while Mamma did again make a few calls. You seemed as happy with them as I think you could possibly have been with me. You seemed like a tired girl tonight and Mamma put you into your little bed and you were soon fast-asleep and in dream land for the night.

Nov. 19 - 1899 -

The sun shone bright this morning when my little Iowa girl opened her eyes this lovely Sunday morning.

Very early Aunt-Bertie phoned for you and I to be ready to go to church this morning with her. You are always ready for most any good thing and so of course you and I went. Then after church we went over to the farm house to spend the afternoon because Papa is still in New York; we had a most lovely time. Your little cousins Helen and Morris were there and you all made the most of the time.

Monday Nov. 20 - 1899 -

This has been another very lovely day and you and Mamma went out for making a few neighborhood calls together after you had your nap and you did enjoy it so much for we found several of the little folks at home. You were very much loved at Dr. Allen's as you always are there.

You always have such a good time with their dog Barnie and he seems to love you too. We heard today that our Papa was going to come home with the train tomorrow some time and you are more than glad to hear it too.

Tuesday Nov. 21 - 1899.

You had another good
time today with Mamma,
for we were out-calling
together. You had such a
good time with one of your
little friends. One who
Mamma loves to have you
play with too for you
always learn some very
good little ways that
Mamma loves you for. You
are growing a little harder
in some way to control.
But Mamma hopes to be helped
through it all. Your Papa
came tonight at ten ten
o'clock. You were fast asleep
but soon opened your eyes
and loved him all night to death.

Wednesday Nov 22 - 1899 -

Today you were having a good time with the stumps. Papa brought you from the East. Russell seemed very much taken up with your little colored doll. Then this afternoon Grandpa came over and spent a little time with us which you always enjoy more than I can tell. Papa stayed home quite a little time tonight after tea and had quite a romp with you and then I never saw a more tired little girl than you were.

You seemed very willing to get into your little bed.

Thursday Nov. 23 -

You have been rather a good natured little girl today. This forenoon you played very nicely with your little brother and after your nap you and I started out to make a few more calls. We had a very good time and especially where we called there were little ones. You had a good time with each and every one and made the most of your time too I can tell you. You seem very tired tonight and no doubt you are for you have reached a little

Friday Nov. 24 -

You have had a happy forenoon of it my little Sona. There were several little friends of yours over today.

You had a little tea party together this morning and had a lovely time together. Then this afternoon Mamma went out with Aunt-Carin to do a little shopping and you took your usual afternoon walk and then a short-ride in your cab.

Today you also for the very first-time opened the outside door you very own self. It did you so much you scarcely knew what to do. You simply smiled all the day long when ever it was mentioned.

Saturday Nov. 25 -

This has been another very lovely day and Mamma took you and little Willie both out for a ride in your cab this afternoon. You have not felt at all well nor have you looked well any of this wretched day. You always seem to be troubled with your throat - the moment you take the least bit of cold. You simply cough and cough the whole time.

This evening you were both very full of play but went to bed very tired and seemed very glad to get to bed, but do not rest very peacefully.

Sunday Nov. 26 -

This morning after Mamma had little Russell quietly layed away for his morning nap. You Papa and I took a ride over to Grandmama^{my} Grandpa's house. We just had a good visit with them and then this afternoon we had another good time riding over there again with little brother this time.

We did enjoy ourselves very much. You seemed very happy to have Papa with you all day and seemed almost afraid he would leave you before bed time. You asked him many times whether he would stay at home with you after supper.

Monday Nov. 27-1899-

This forenoon you were out a little of the time but you did not care to play alone much of the time and Mamma could not persuade you to either.

Then this afternoon you went out with Emma for a ride in your cab and you seemed to have had a good time. You ride a little time and then walk part of the time.

Then this evening you were surprised to see your Uncle Frank Lornis. He came in late but came to see us just a few minutes. You were up the latest this evening that you ever were before.

Tuesday Nov. 28 -

This forenoon my little girl had a most lovely time playing house with her Mamma. You were dressed up in a long skirt just as Mamma was and said your name was Mrs. Peacocks. Mamma thought your name rather appropriate for you were dressed in blue from head to toe.

You did have a good time. Then this afternoon Uncle Frank came up before taking the train to take you out for a ride in your cab but you were not as yet awake from your lovely sleep you had had.

Wednesday Nov. 29 -

Today it has been very unpleasant outside so you could not be outside much of any. So we made the most of the time inside. This afternoon we dressed up and had another tea party. You of course had Mamma by the hand and went through what you had seen Mamma play as a dance. We did everything we could think of and had a most lovely time together. Aunt Carrie came down a little while this afternoon and we were glad to see her.

Thursday Nov. 30 -

This has been another very lovely Thanks giving day. We were all down to Aunt-Carrie's and you babies did enjoy yourself so much. You and Helen were busy very much and laughed and played very nicely together. Little Russell did not go with us, but came in a little later. Then you were doubly happy after his coming for you did love him almost - to death.

You both came very tired and were glad to lie down with Mamma and close your little sleepy eyes.

Friday Dec. 1 - 1899.

It has not been very pleasant this forenoon so my little ones could not walk out any but - Mamma did let you go over to your little friend Hatties and play untill dinner time. Then this afternoon your Uncle Frank Toebes came in and surprised you and we were very glad to see him. You are always so glad to see him. You did have a big play with him this afternoon and he enjoys you as much as you do him. Mamma is always glad to have him come for you love him so much.

Saturday Dec. 2 - 1899 -

Today has been another great day for you my little girl. You have spent the whole day with your little friend Ethel. You did have a great time there. And you do know to play with her little brother Roger. You and he have great romps. You do know to be there and stay long to have fun. Then this evening you had a good time with Uncle and your little brother. You seem very tired tonight though. I think perhaps you have played so hard today.

Sunday Dec. 3-1899-

This has been our almost-perfect-day for us all as all came from the farm house to spend the day with us and we had a most-happy time together. Some you were just simply delighted to have so many Uncles and Aunties here at the same time.

Tonight Papa put you into your little bed and told you little stories until your little eyes closed in sweet-sleep. You loved him many times and kissed him often before you could give him up for the night.

You were as always a great-comfort to your older parents.

Monday Dec. 4-1899

This has been a day of almost a puzzle to you for you opened your eyes this morning and found to your great surprise the ground all covered with frost and a light cover of snow. This morning you started out to burn a day of fun and the first thing you did was to slip down and you were very much surprised and frightened too. This afternoon as you stepped outside you asked where the snow had gone, for the sun had melted every flake. You could not quite understand until Maria explained often but you seem to be thinking it over.

Tuesday Dec. 5 - 1899

This is another very cold day. It has been snowing all the afternoon. Uncle Frank Trocker came back this morning and you have had a lot of fun. I took you and little brother out in as great a storm as you ever have been out in this year I think. You took a ride in your little sled as far as Aunt Carrie's and you both looked like little snow men when you reached home. You have been rather cross this afternoon. I think you have not felt very well for it has worried Mamma quite a little.

Wednesday Dec 6 -

This has been another very queer day. It has snowed and rained some.

You have had to be quite a little more quiet than usual today as little Russell has not felt at all well today. He has worried us all more than a little for he is quite sick. Emma took you out for your usual ride this afternoon and you got quite a little fresh air and came home feeling rather good. You always look so rosy and fresh after taking your little outings that it does Mamma good to look into your young healthy big face.

Thursday Dec - 7 -

This morning quite early Uncle Frank took you up town and over to see his Aunt-Jennie. You came home almost-noon and you said you had a most-delightful time.

Then this afternoon Emma took you out-for a very short-time. You came home very happy both times. Your little brother seems not-much better as yet-and Mamma is much worried about him. You love him and kiss him as much as you can and he had much rather you would not-just-at-present-but he does not-take kindly ~~to~~

Wednesday day Dec 8-

Today you were up town again and your little cousin Helen came in to play with you for a little time. This gave you much happiness and Mamma was glad too for it made us all happy to see you have such a good time. Then this evening you had a big time with your Uncle Frank. He said with us for the last time for this vacation.

Mamma finds that you are a very tired and sick baby tonight. Mamma finds you very much objecting to sleep and I am sorry too.

Saturday Dec. -9-

It has been very disagreeable today, but Aunt Bertha came down this afternoon and took Mamma out for about twenty minutes drive for I have not been outside in four days and it seemed good too. Then this afternoon later you sent down town in your coat, you always come home these days with such great tales to tell about Xmas things, and Santa Claus you have seen, you can scarcely wait to tell about Xmas and your stockings you are going to hang for him to fill.

Sunday Dec. 10 -

This has been another
very happy day for you
for you have had your
Papa with you all this day.
You have enjoyed him
so much. It did you so
much good to have a
ride out into the country
with him for he had to
go out and see a sick
man and you always
take the ride for the
air. Then this afternoon
Helen came down and
spent part of the afternoon
with you. You did have
such a good time as
you always do. Mamma
loves to see you play
together and have a good time

Monday Dec 11 -

This morning when we
opened our eyes it had
been raining the most of
the night - and it means
little girls like Lona can
not go outside any today.

I feel very sorry for you
my little maid for I know
it's a cross to you to stay
in but you are brave. Papa
surprised us very much
at tea time by telling us
he would remain at home
this evening. We had a
lovely time. He planted
himself on the couch and
while you brushed and
combed his hair I read
aloud to him. We all had
a pleasant time together.

Tuesday Dec 12 -

It has been snowing and blowing all the day although it has not been very cold outside. But-
Mamma could not let her little girl go out to play any. But this afternoon you were out in your cart and saw many new xmas things that you enjoyed so much.

You came home and told Mamma that you saw a doll that reached way up to Heaven. And that you told the man to tell Santa Clause to bring it to you. I can hardly wait until xmas to see what my little girl will do with her new xmas.

Wednesday Dec. 13 -

Today we very much enjoyed having a short-ride in the afternoon,

Little Russell is feeling some better so that - Mamma felt she could leave him for a short-time. You did enjoy the ride as much as Mamma did and I think you always do.

Mamma had good things to tell Papa about - you today for you have been a very good little lady.

You have enjoyed yourself didn't you very nicely.

It has been very cold outside

Thursday Dec. 14-

Mamma went out a little while this afternoon and left you both with Emma, I think she must have had her hands very full for she looked tired when Mamma got back. You have been a very good little girl and have tried to help Mamma all you could. You were out a little while after Mamma had returned but only a little while. You seemed very thankful for the little evening hours -

Friday Dec 15 1894

Today you have been
rather restless but are
looking forward to the
fun you are going to
have tomorrow when
Ethel comes. Emma gave
Russell a little new
book the other day and
you have simply kept
Mamma busy reading to
you every day since.

It's the story of Little
Silver Socks. You do
think that's the nicest
story of all and I tell
it over and over again
to you and yet you
never tire.

Saturday Dec 16 -

Today was another big day
for you my little ~~gambler~~
for Ethel came down and
spent the day with you.

In the morning she took
you out for a long ride
in your cab and this
afternoon you spent in
dressing and redressing
your dolls and having
a jolly good time all round.

It made it very pleasant
for both you and Russell.

Aunt Bertha came down
a little while this afternoon.

Every one is talking Xmas
and they have you about
excited over it too.

Sunday Dec 17

Today after dinner

Uncle Henry brought over
his horse and buggy and
took you, Russell, and
Papa out for a ride. We
had a very lovely ride
and then stopped at John
Schembler or rather Aunt-
Jennies. You had a most-
lovely time, you enjoyed
seeing Russell so happy
for he had not been out-
for so long that he was
the merriest little lad you
ever saw. Then this
evening you and Papa
had such a good time
too, after a short-rough
we all went to bed early
and got a good nights sleep.

Monday Dec 14 -

This morning Mamma sent you over to Aunt Bessie's right- and early so that she could dress a dollie for you. It was a very pretty one too. All dressed in pink and white. You will be very much delighted with your babies I know.

It will be so nice for you to have Xmas come.

You came home after dinner and took your nap and then you went down town with Emma for a ride in the open air. You came in with cheeks that looked as though they were painted red.

Tuesday Dec 19

You were being this morning helping to entertain Russell and to sweep the parlor. You did all you could to help Mamma, You took your little broom and did quite a little sweeping. Little Brother took a hard cold I am very much afraid for he seems to act very much like it. I think. He was a very good boy I think and Mamma feels very proud of him too. You are a good little girl too most of the times and Mamma feels very proud of both of her little ones.

Wednesday Dec 20

Russell has been feeling
very badly all day and
it has made it doubly
hard for you my little
maid for you have had
to keep so quiet. We try
and tell you about all
Santa Claus and all those
things to keep you still
but it comes very hard

You think old Santa
comes so slow. This will
be your first Xmas, that
is the first you can
celebrate with a tree for
you, for Mamma was sick
last year and before you
were too young. But we
will make up for that time

Thursday Dec 21 -

You spent most of this forenoon up stairs with Auntie Hulse for Mamma wanted little brother to have a good rest - this morning for we had a very hard night.

But you could not stay news long you said you had so much work to do down here that you must see to it right away.

Then this afternoon you went up town with Emma to see about getting some Xmas things. You say you feel very sorry for sick little brother but I think you cannot keep still anyway. However if he does get less sleep you think

Friday Dec 22-

Today you spent part of the time over at Aunt Bassier again and little Russell could rest much better for you are such a little lively girl you must have some thing to do every minute of the time and mostly when little brother wants sleep. Dr Allen says your brother is a very sick baby and Mamma feels terribly about it too. I asked you what you would do if little brother should close his eyes and die and you said "you would tell Dr Allen to bring another baby for he has lots and will".

Saturday Dec 23

This has been a very anxious day for us as little brother has been very sick and Mamma has been afraid all day that he would not live the day out. You have been spending the day at Aunt Bessie. You have had a very good time and Mamma was so glad to have it very quiet for little brother. This afternoon Grandmother and Grandpa came down to make it easier for Mamma and help treat Russell. I think little brother would not have lived had she not come and helped Mamma. You came in just a few moments before they went home, they were so glad to see you. Aunt Bertha and Uncle Herman were down and stayed all night and help decorate your Christmas tree.

Sunday Dec 24

We celebrated our Xmas today as they want all that can to come to the farm house tomorrow to help celebrate there. If ever two little eyes were surprised it was yours my little girl. You were simply dumbfounded. You could not take all in fast enough. You asked for every thing on the tree at once. You endless number of gifts.

You had very many other things

- Mamma gave you a pair of slippers,
- Pap " " " " doll,
- Uncle Gray & Aunt Alice a book & pen,
- " Fred gave you a card and book,
- Aunt Carrie a raphia ring,
- Uncle Henry - a tin horn ball & can,
- Aunt Bath Uncle Harriet min pins & the,
- Aunt Sewy a handkerchief,
- Grandma Vorker & doll -

Monday Dec 25-

You spent this lovely
Xmas day over at
Grandma's. Papa and
Mamma could not go so
you went over with Uncle
Henry and Aunt Grace.
They say you were very
good without Mamma
and that you and little
Helen had a table all
by yourselves. They
say you cried when the
train came for you to
come back home for
you were enjoying every
minute of the time. Little
brother is a very sick baby
but now feel he is gaining
soon all the time I think

Tuesday Dec 26

This day, for your little sick brother's sake, you spent at Mrs Wilcox's with your little friend Doris,

You little ones always have such lots of fun when you are together and Doris is such a lovely child that I love to learn you go there too. You always come home a better little girl,

Emma gave you a long ride in your cart and then you were ready for a good night's rest.

You never slept any better your Papa says.

Wednesday Dec 27

This morn your Papa
came home to dinner
and wanted to know
where his Louie was and
he found you on the bed
fast-asleep. He missed
you at dinner time very
much. You were not very
good natured before your
sleep, but-after your nap,
you were a very good little
girl. Then you took a
walk and came in with
such a rosy color. Then
this evening you spent-
in asking Mamma to
tell you stories and read
to you. You have been
very good since your nap.

Thursday Dec 28 - 1899

Well soon you have had another big day for you have spent all forenoon and the most of the afternoon at Margery Haight's. You came in about three o'clock with your cheeks all a glow and said you had had such a good time. You almost enjoy having your little brother sick I am afraid, but Mamma knows your heart and knows you would much rather have him to play with than anyone else. Then later this afternoon you have taken a walk up town with Emma. It will do you good.

Friday Dec 29 -

This has been another
cold day but it has been
a happy day for you my
little girl. You were out-
to Grandpa's farm with
me today just for the
ride. Mamma has been
shut-up for a long time
and she enjoyed it so
much too. Then you have
been such a goodnatured
baby today which has
been doubly pleasant
for all. Mamma loves
to have her little ones
happy. You are taking
a good long nap this
afternoon too.

Saturday Dec 30 -

My little Sora has been a very good little girl today. You have helped us do our work this morning and you mixed some dough and baked your first-cake too. You enjoyed it very much and Mamma did too to see you. This afternoon you went out with Emma to get your exercise. You had a very good time and Mamma was very glad you did. This evening Uncle Henry came over a few moments to see you.

Sunday Dec 31 -

This has been another very lovely day for you my little girl. This morning you went out to Mrs. Sumpter with Papa and you had a very lovely ride. Then this afternoon the snow fell so beautifully that Papa could not resist taking you out for a little ride on your sled. You did come in so fresh and rosy that it did us all good to see you.

Then you had a good time having Mamma and Papa read to you and tell you stories. This evening Aunt Bertie came in just a moment to see how we were all prospering.

January 1 - 1900.

This has been about as lovely a New Year Day as I ever saw. The sun shone most-beautifully and it made our happy to see it-shine. You and Papa had a great-romp after your bounteous dinner.

You learned for the first-time to lie down and go down hill as you have seen the little boys do and it-made you quite happy. Mamma did enjoy seeing you have your sport more than I can say. It-will soon be now when little brother can go out-with you and enjoy those sports.

January 2 - 1900 -

You have made the most
of this day to my little
girl. This forenoon you
had a good time playing
with your dolls and this
afternoon after our call
you and Mamma took a
little airing. Mamma
lucked you into your
little sled and we went
down to Auntie Wilcox's
for a few moments.

You always have such
fun with the little
ones down there. You
were quite surprised to
find your tie gone
this morning. -

Wednesday Jan 3 -

This afternoon Maria
let you go down to Aunt-
Carrie with Aunt-Berta
a little while and you
had such a good time
too. Then this afternoon
Aunt-Berta and Ida came
down to dinner and
Uncle Frank and Roy
Roubard were in too.

We had rather a reunion
and were telling that-
my little son likes
too. You had a big
time too. How you
did laugh when
your Papa came in and
saw so many here -

Friday Jan 4 -

Today Mamma has not been outside only as she went after her little girl and boy were fast asleep and then rushed home with Papa. Mamma was glad of the air and it did her lots of good.

My little Sonu was outside with Emma and Emma how feeling like a new little girl.

You always look so fresh and nice that it does one good to see you out-as much as possible. You are so well and strong now.

Saturday Jun 5-

This has been a very busy day for Mamma and a very happy day for you for your friend Etzel spent the day with you again. You did enjoy it so much. You took a good long ride in your cab and then came home and played hitelen most of the afternoon. Then this evening you were as happy as a little lamb.

You were invited with Mamma over to Aunt Bessie's to lunch and we had a good time there -

Sunday - Jan 6 -

This has been a very happy day for us. You were with Papa from morning untill night - and just enjoyed every minute.

He took you with him this morning to make a call. You took your doll Jennie with you to give her an airing you said. Then he took us all over to Grandpa's and we spent a part of the day there then we came home and had very pleasant - called the rest of the day. We were all very tired when night came but had a very pleasant time together.

Monday Jan 7

It has been rather pleasant today but very cold. Mamma took a walk up town just before supper and took you in your little wagon.

You seemed to enjoy it so much to be out with Mamma again that Mamma did too. We tried hard to induce Papa to stay with us after tea but he thought he could not but we spent quite a happy evening together. You are always happy with Mamma.

Tuesday Jan 8 -

This afternoon has been very unpleasant and Mamma had a hard time calling and yet she made some very pleasant calls indeed.

You could not get outside because of the weather and it made Mamma almost unhappy to think her little ones could not be out any.

Then this evening you and Mamma had a big time playing together.

Mamma will soon be down making her calls and that will be a happy time.

Wednesday Jan 9 -

Today you did not seem inclined to take a nap and Mamma did not get out for her calls until four o'clock.

Mamma took you down to Aunt Carrie and left you until she returned from her calls. You had a good visit with Maria and Russell and had a lovely time too. Then this evening you came home like a good girl and very good natured too. Mamma loves you so much when you

Thursday Jan 10-

You were a dear little
girl today and took your
nap right-after dinner
and had a good rest-
then while you were
both asleep Mamma went-
out-for several calls.

You were very good
Emma said and made
her very little trouble.

Mamma came home
to find you had had
a good time with your
dollies and glad to
see Mamma. Mamma
was very tired herself
and glad to get-her
very much needed rest.

Friday June 11

Mamma has not felt very well today so she has been inside the most of this day.

You have enjoyed having her too. We all three took our nap, as you call it - after dinner today and then we spent the afternoon in play together. You and Russell had Mamma all dressed up in all sorts of dresses before you got through. You both have a very hard cold and Mamma does not seem to be able to break it up either but she has been rather patient about it too.

Saturday Jan 12 -

This is not a very pleasant-day my little Lona but your little friend Ethel has come down to spend the day and you and she are having lots of fun out-of-it. You and she spent-most-of the forenoon at-Aunt-Bessies and this afternoon you are spending in exercise outside.

You always have a great-time when you are together.

You were in the boat but when she came and could hardly wait-until you were outside for fun. Little Walter has missed you much and yet-has been a good little boy.

Sunday June 13

Last night we had quite a surprise for Aunt Bertie Toelker came from Reed City about six o'clock and we had not looked for her at that time. You took to her from what Mamma had told you as though you had always known her and she loved you many times. You will no doubt be fast friends. We all drove over to the farm house this afternoon and had a good time and met all the folks there Aunt Bessie was here to dinner.

Monday June 14.

It has not been at all pleasant today but we went up town to do a little shopping. We took the bus and this was fun for you. Then this evening Aunt-Bertha Cutter took the train for N. Y. C. and we all went down.

The ground was covered with snow and so you had a ride. It was fun for you, for coming home we all threw snow balls and had a big time over with the other. It was fun for you & can tell you

Tuesday Jun 15.

This morning you and Aunt-Bertha F. and Aunt-Bessie C. had a sleigh ride together, the first of the season for you and it may be the last. How you did make things merry with your little rick of laughter.

It did them all good to hear you. I can tell you it's fun Maria you said when you came in and Maria thought you looked as though it was too.

Wednesday Jun 14.

Today you had a jolly
good time too as Mamma
had company in to
dinner. You did behave
just as Mamma would
have you you were a
good little girl sure and
Mamma was proud of
you and loves you
for it. Mamma hopes
her little girl can always
do as well. This evening
you went to bed a very
tired little girl and
Mamma had quite a
little time to make you
a new mistake -

Thursday Jun 17.

Today after our
noisy day yesterday
we were rather quiet-
and we had a good
time staying in. We
did take a walk
outside this afternoon
but outside of that-
we did nothing more.

Now tonight was
the first time Maria
did not lie down
with you when you
went to bed, but she will
not after this for you
are getting old enough
to go alone now, though
Mama has always loved to-

Friday June 18

Today we did not
go out much though
Aunt-Bertie did take
you and Russell out
for a ride in your
cab and you seem
to have a good time
and she loves to do it.
I think Maria will
miss her very much for
she will have a spoiled
baby and little girl
now but you will soon
have Maria's ways
I think after we are
alone as you always
have -

Saturday - Jun 19.

As usual you had a big trim for Ethel came down as almost every Saturday and spent the day with you and Russell. This afternoon Hattie and Ethel each had one of you and you went up town and had a good trim and lots of fresh air and then you came home and were soon ready for bed. You did not rest very well either you or Russell.

Sunday June 20 -

It has been rather a
pleasant day but we
did not go over to the
farm so we all took
a little walk after
dinner and walked up
to Aunt-Jemmas. They
have no babies there
and you and Russell
kept things quite well
strid up for them and
you all had a good
time. We came home
there and took our little
beds quite early and
we all felt better in the
morning.

Monday 21 -

Today we stayed at home and did quite a little toward getting a computer tied but this evening we all went out to a show and you my little one as usual took your little ride down to Papa's shop and he took a happy little girl home who thought she had seen as much as though she had been to the show her very own self. Papa tucked you into bed himself which was a treat for you more than anything.

Tuesday June 22 -

Today you both had a good time, Russell as well as you for we were at Grandpas to spend the day. It did them about as much good as it did us for we had not been there in such a long time that they were almost lonely with out us.

You neither one had a wink of sleep so consequently we had two very unruly children after reaching home but - quit and rest did much for you.

Wednesday June 23.

Today we did not go out any, but stayed in quite close and tied a comforter and you little ones were so good we had no trouble in finishing it quite early. Then this evening Aunt Bertha was out spending the evening and you little ones went quietly to bed and got a good night's sleep which was very much needed I can tell you. You are a good girl the most of the time however -

- Thursday June 24 -

This has been a very
great day for you my
little girl for you went
out into the country
with Aunt Bertha to
find the day and as
they had little girls
and boys there you
made the very most of
your time. Auntie said
you behaved very well
and that Mamma need
not worry but let you
go out more for you
are very good. You
looked so fresh after
your ride outside today -
It did you lots of good.

- Friday Jun 25 -

Today you and Mamma
were at the furnace
house to spend the day
and you did have
such a good time there
about four o'clock Uncle
Herman brought us
home. Then this evening
we hurried you and
little brother to bed for
you were tired and
then Aunt-Bertie and
Papa and Mamma
spent the evening at Aunt-
Bessies. We were not
out-late and you had
been very good while we
were out.

- Saturday June 26 -

Today your little friend Ethel came down to spend the day with you and brother again and you all took a walk this forenoon and then you and she took brother out this afternoon.

This evening you were invited over to Aunt Berriens to dinner at six.

Mamma came home soon after but you and Aunt Bertha stayed until late. You phoned to

Mamma while there and told me you were dancing and that Aunt Berriens was phoning.

- Sunday June 27 -

You did have a very pleasant day although you were not outside.

We had Uncle Herman and Uncle Roy here to dinner and you were simply in your element.

You were outside too this morning. Mamma nearly fainted for you were out in the country with Papa and helped cheer a sick man who looks for your visit continually. You always do him lots of good and you must not neglect him.

- Monday Jun 28 -

This afternoon Mamma
went out to a Club to
show Aunt-Bertie &
how it was conducted

You were at-home
alone with Emma.

You seemed to have
a good time and was
very happy when

Mamma returned. Little
Emma was good natured
too. Then this evening

Popa stayed at-home

to spend the evening with

us and you were very
much delighted over

that. We all had a big time

Tuesday June 29.

It has been a very cold day and yet many seemed to be outside and enjoying the evening.

Mamma took her little man out this afternoon to call on Aunt Sophie,

You were so bundled up you scarcely felt the weather and it certainly could not have done you the least-bit of harm and you had a big lining I can tell you. Sister was there to spend the day and my bought her horse

— Wednesday Jun 30.

Today you have been
very good natured my
little one and Maria
has been pleased over it.
It has been below zero
all day but - I think we
will take a short walk
up to Mrs. Hinshaw
any this afternoon as
she has been sick and
you will enjoy seeing
Gutrie too. It will
do you good to get out -
again for a little time
Maria tries to get you
out a little every day
and has done it most
any day. You have had
such a good nap today -

Thursday Jan 31 -

It has not been at all
a pleasant day and
Aunt Bertha went out
to spend the day so you
my little Sona stayed
quite closely at home
with Mamma and
helped her all you could
about the house and
then this afternoon Emma
took you out for a short
walk as far as the
Creamery and back.

You seemed to have a
very good time and
came in happy. Then
you helped Mamma
entertain callers and
that was a pleasure too.

