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Sona Elizabeth Voelker
-1899-
Saturday Oct 28 - 1898
This has been another very unpleasant day for little half sick folks like my little Suesy girl. But after your bath this morning and your little curls were dry we took a little walk over to Aunt Bessie's 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 Maerie. You have entertained your little brother much more today than yesterday.
Sunday Oct. 9th

This morning you, Papa, little brother and Mama went over to Grandpa and to feed 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 rode all the afternoon. We rode toward Uncle Frank's but it was so very far that we were obliged to turn towards home.
Monday Oct 80

This has been a very long day and you may little one have been outside to enjoy it. All you could.

This afternoon Mama was out with Auntie Hatich to make several calls and our Emma took you and brother out for a ride in your little mare. You seemed to enjoy it very much and it did Mama good when she came home to find how perfect you did look. You cannot enjoy the weather any too much now for it is briefly very good for you both.
Tuesday Oct 31 1899

This has been another perfect fall and first few for you little folks. Our Emma and Papa has drew em to Grandpa's all day helping them with the threshing and your little ones have been home with Manea.

Then quite late this afternoon Aunt Bertha came down and took you both out for a ride and Manea too. We did enjoy it so much. You fell ashy and were salted out of Palavas where we weighed home.
Wednesday Nov. 1 - 1899

Last night who should come to the door and surprise Mama 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 Mama busy entertaining you but I have enjoyed it very much.

You and bothie did have such a good nap today.
Thursday Nov 8 - 1899

Aunt Berrie came and stayed all night. We 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 have as much fun outside as usual. Mamma put you asleep after dinner
and then made a call with Auntie's Hulch. You did seem so pleased
when Mamma came back tonight, and I was happy.
Friday Nov. 3

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 Minnie was glad to have you spend the day with her.
Saturday No. 4-

This has been another very lovely day for you. My little maid for your little friend Etta 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 Etta took you up town and gave you a nice ride in your car. You helped mamma a part of the time this afternoon to do some cleaning up stairs and you seemed as devoted to your work as I was.
Sunday Nov. 6--

This has been another very pleasant day for you. We were over here to spend 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 Bhattie up stairs. This did please you very much. You almost longed to stay there all evening forgetting bed time and everything else. But you and Roehie were too tried little folks. Mamma was very tried 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-books and
parcels and you were
probably a little comfort-
in many many ways.

Mamma always takes
you with her wherever
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 Mama and you and Kochie kept in their evening 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 went out making a few calls again. Mama took you where there were quite a number little folks playing together. You did enjoy seeing their home I guess and at least 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. we going out-walking with Nancy. We went up as far as Auntie Benjamin's and she called us in there. We went in and had a big dinner playing with her little baby boy.

You did say anything towards play itings so very much. You asked Nancy if I did not think they always were merry there.多年。
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 brother and Mamma took a short ride this afternoon and their minds revolved calls. You seemed very much taken up with your callers and told Mamma you thought it fun to go. Then this evening you saw the movie and seemed very much anxious for you thought the train had come to be home.
Friday Nov. 16-

This has not been at all a pleasant day. It has rained most of the time but we are out this afternoon most of the time from the house. You little ones played at home. you told Marone she started out that you were going to have a tea party with Emma after Marone was gone. And I see you did know for you were still dancing on mute while Marone came back. You were both wanting to sit on Marone'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 Mama 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 kissed and cried 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 alone and Papa on his way to New York. So we went over to Grandpa's to spend the day. Nannaw 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 enjoying yourselves so much and have a good time.
Monday Nov. 13 -

Today my little Sue 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 this evening when I put you to bed you asked how much longer in Rome going to be away Mama and how I wish he could come home. How I wish.
This has been quite a happy day for you my son. Mama made a suitable toy 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 Mama and rode back with Auntie Hutch. You did enjoy your ride so much too. You said you wanted to hold your dress up like Mama drew 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. He has done Mama 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 ever your birthday.
Nov 16 - 1879.

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 men and this afternoon you rode out and walked part of the time. You slept with a mud hole and how surprised you were to find you didn’t need to please your nurse. We are hoping 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 Mama has rubbed the yard. You have been so happy watching Mama burn the dry leaves and grass. Little brother has been outside too which has been a delight for you too.

Then this afternoon Emma took you out for a walk and rode in your car and Mama made several calls. We have tried in every way to keep happy with Papa dear.
Nov. 18, 1899

This has been another almost perfect day for you for this morning you played outside with the little folk and then your little friend Etta 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 dreams land for the night.
Nov. 19 - 1899

The sun shone bright this morning when my little daughter opened her eyes this lovely Sunday morning. Very early Aunt Bertha 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 I course you and I went. Then after church we went over to the farm home to feed the animals because Papa is still in New York just had a most lovely time. Your little cousins Helen and Morris were there and you all made the most of this time.
Monday Nov. 20-1899-

This has been another very lovely day and you and Mama 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 Barney 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 sure 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 of who Mamma loves to have you play with too for you always learn some very good little songs that Mamma loves you, for you are growing a little handle in some ways to control. But Mamma hopes to be help through it all. Your Papa came tonight at ten till twelve. You were fast asleep but some opened your eyes and loved him all most to death.
Wednesday Nov 22 - 1899

Today you were having a good time with the stump 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 longer tonight after tea and had quite a tummy 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. 28

You have been such a good, natural 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. How 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 one. 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 Mama went out with Aunt Carrie 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 of your very own self. Did you so much as scarcely know what to do. You simply smiled all the day long whenever ever it was mentioned.
Saturday Nov. 25-

This has been another very lovely day and mamma took you and little brother both out for a ride in your cab this afternoon. You have not felt at all well now and you looked ill any of this whole day. You always seem to be troubled with your chest--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 go to bed, but--do not rest very peacefully.
Sunday Nov. 26 -

This morning after Maude had little Russell quietly laid away for his money map. You Papa and I took a ride over to Grandpa's home. 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. 27-1849.

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

Then this afternoon you went out with Emma for a ride in your car and you seemed to have such a good time. You rode a little distance and then walked part of the time.

Then this evening you were surprised to see you Uncle Frank Somers. He came in late but came to see me just a few minutes. You were up the latest time always that you ever were before.
Tuesday Nov. 24

This forenoon my little girl had a most lovely time playing house with her Marion. You were dressed up in a long skirt just as Marion used and said your mammy was Mrs. Peacock. Marion thought your mammy rather inappropriate 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 cub but you were not as yet awake from your lonely sleep you had had.
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 Maurice by the hand and went through what you had seen Maurice play at 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 Thanksgiving day. We were all down to Aunt Carnegie and you babies did enjoy yourselves 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 company for you did have almost to death.

You both came very tired and were glad to lie down with Ma 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 Mama did let you go over to your little friend Hatfield and play until dinner time. Then this afternoon your Uncle Frank Torres came in and surprised you and we were very glad to see him. You are always so glad to see him. You did draw a big play with him this afternoon and he enjoyed you as much as you do him. Mama is always glad to have him come but you love him so much.
Saturday Dec. 2 - 1899 -

Today had been another great day for you my little girl. You have spent the whole day with your little friend Etta. You did have a good time there. And you do love to play with her little hostie Rogers. You and he have great romps. You do know to be silly and silly love to play with you. Then that evening you had a good time with Uncle and your little hostie. You seem very tired tonight though. I think perhaps you have played too hard today.
Sunday Dec. 3-1899.

This has been our almost perfect day for we all came from the farm home to spend the day with us and we had a most happy time together. Some you have just simply delighted to have so many Aunts and Uncles 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 kissed 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 spend your energy this morning and found to you great surprise the ground all covered with frost and a light cover of snow. This morning you started out to haul 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 away plate. You could not quite understand until James explained after but you seemed to be thinking it over.
Tuesday Dec. 5 - 1849

This is another very cold day. It has been snowing all the afternoon. Uncle Frank Crocker came back this morning and you have had a lot of fun. I took you and little brother out-nice in great a storm as you ever have been out-nice this year I think. You took a ride in your little cabin as far as Aunt Carrie and you both looked like little snow men when you reached home. You have been sittin cross this affliction. 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 2 or 3 times. 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 sneezed all over the place 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 sorry and fresh after taking your little outings that it does Mama good to look into your very healthy big face.
Thursday Dec. 4

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 Mary is much upset about him. You love him and kiss him as much as ever and he had much better you never not just at first but he does not take kindly.
Thursday 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 your much happiness and Mamma was glad too for it made us all happy to see you know such a good time. Then this evening you had a big time with your Uncle Frank. He said with us for the last times for this vacation. Mamma finds that you are a very tired and sick baby tonight. Mamma finds you very much suffering to sleep and I am sorry too.
Saturday Dec. -9-

I have been very disagreeable today but Aunt Bertha came down this afternoon and took Mamie 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 some in your postcard.

You always come home these days with something to tell about Xmas dinner, and Santa Claus. You have seen. You can scarcely wait to tell about Xmas and your stocking 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 know 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. Mama lives to see you play together and have a good time.
Monday Dec. 11 -

This morning when we
went out early it had
been raining the most of
the night, and it means
little girls like Sara can
not go outside any today.

I feel very sorry for you
my little maid for I know
its a cross to you to stay
in but you are brave. Papa
surprised me very much
at a time by telling me
he would remain at home
this evening. We had a
lovely time. He planted
himself on the couch and
while you kissed 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 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 coat and saw many new and nice things that you enjoyed or much.

You came home and told Mamma that you saw a dock 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 tomorrow to see what my little girl will do with her outcoat.
Wednesday Dec. 13-

Today we very much enjoyed having a short-ride in the afternoon. Little Russell is feeling some better so that Mama felt she could leave him for a short-time. You did enjoy the ride as much as Mama did and I think you always do. Mama had good things to tell Papa about you today for you have been a very good little lady. You have enjoyed yourself without very nicely. It has been very cold outside.
Thursday Dec. 14

Maame 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 Maame got back. You have been a very good little girl and have tried to help Maame all you could. You were out a little while after Maame had returned but only a little while. You seemed very thankful for the little dining bowens.
Today you have been much restless but are looking forward to the
three years you are going to
known foreman there
Ethel comes. Emers you
Bennell a little new-
book the other day and
you have simply slept-
Mama hung reading to
you every day since.
Dwite story of little
Silver book. You do
think I tell the neces-
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 girly for Ethel came down and spent the day with you. In the morning she took you out for a long ride in your car and this afternoon you put on dressing and redressing your dolls and having a jolly good time all day. It made it very pleasant for both you and Russell. Aunt Bessie came down a little while after and everyone is gathering around and they have you all expected me to.
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 Scheurleer's or rather Aunt Jennie's. You had a most lovely time; you enjoyed seeing Russell so happy for he had not been out for so long that he saw the nearest little deed you ever saw. There this evening you and Papa fixed such a good time. Then after a short-sleep we all went to bed early and got a good night's sleep.
Monday Dec 15-

This morning Mamie read you one of Aunt Bernice's bright and early so that she could dress a clothes for you. It was a very pretty one too. All dressed in pink and white. You will be very much delight with your pretty I know. It will be so nice for you to have yours come. You came home after dinner and took your nap and then you went down down with Emma for a ride in the open air. You came in with cheeks that looked as through they were painted red.
Tuesday Dec 12

You were busy this morning helping to entertain Russell and to sweep the parlor. You did all you could to help Mama. You took your little house and did quite a little sweeping. Little Brother took a bad 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 Mama feels very proud of him too. You are a good little girl too most of the time and Mama feels very proud of both of her little ones.
Wednesday Dec 20

Russell has been feeling very badly all day and it has made him doubly hard for you. My little maid for you how I 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 year we celebrate with a tree for you, for Mama was sick last year and before you were too young. Boys will make up for lost time.
Thursday Dec 21

You spent most of your freedom up stairs with Auntie Helen for Mamma made little brother to have a good rest this morning for we had a very hard night. But you could not stay very long you said you had so much work to do down here that you must try to get it right away.

Then this afternoon you went up stairs to see about getting some x'mas things. You say you feel very sorry for sick little brother but I think you cannot keep still anymore. Whenever if he does yet less stick you think...
Friday Dec 22

Today you spent part of the lesson over at Aunt Bassir again and little Russell could rest much better for you are such a little lovely girl you must know some string to dorey snail of the lesson and mostly when little brother wanted sleep. Dr Allen says your brother is a very sick baby and Mama 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 knew lots and will.
Saturday Dec 23

This has been a very trying day for me as little brother has been very sick and Mama has been afraid all day that he would not live this day out. You have been spending the day at Aunt Bessie. You have had a very good time and Mama was so glad to have it very quiet for little brother. This afternoon Grandmama and Grandpa came down to make it easier for Mama and help little Russell. I think little brother would not have lived had she not come and helped Mama. You came in just a few moments before they went home, they were so glad to see you. Aunt Bessie and Uncle Herman were down and played all night and helped decorate your room.
Sunday Dec 24

We celebrated our Xmas today as they want all that can to come to the farm homes tomorrow to help celebrate their. Of course little eyes were surprised it was your very little girl. You must simply drunk fences you could not take all in fast enough. You asked for every thing on the tree at once. Your endless number of gifts.

Mammie gave you a pair of "Pep" "" "" "" ""
Uncle George and Aunt Bessie a book "" "" ""
Aunt - Curtiss a scarf in a box "" ""
Uncle Henry a horn from "" "" "" "" ""
Uncle Brice Uncle Hume min. piano "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""


Monday Dec 26

You sent this lovely Xmas day over to 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 train. Little brother is a very sick baby but now feels he is going somew how all the better I think.
Tuesday Dec 26

This day, for your sick brother, cake, you spent at Mrs. Wilson with your little friend Doria. You little ones always have such lots of fun when you are together and Doria is such a lovely child that I love to have you go there too. You always come home a better little girl. Everyone gave you a long ride in your cart and then you were ready for a good night sleep. You never slept away better your Papa says.
Wednesday Dec 27

This noon your Papa came home to dinner and wanted to know where his shoes were and he found you on the bed fast-asleep. He missed you at dinner twice very much. You were not very good natured before you sleep, but after your nap you were a very good little girl. Then you took a walk and came in with such a sorry color. Then this evening you went win asking Mamma to tell you stories and read to you. You have been very good since your nap.
Thursday Dec 28-1897

Well done you brave lad another big day for you have
spent all forenoon and the
most of the afternoon at Mayne
Height. You came in about
thirty o'clock with your
cheeks all aglow and said
you had had such a good
time. You almost crying
leaving your little brother
sick. I am afraid, but-
Mama knows your head
and knows you would
much rather have been
to play with them anyhow
der. 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 and it has been
a happy day for you and
little girl. You went out
to Grandpa fixing with
me today just for the
ride. Mama had been
about for a long time
and this enjoyed it so
much too. Then you have
been such a goodnatured
very lucky which has
been doubly pleasant
for all. Mama loves
to have her little one
happy. You are taking
a good honey nap this
afternoon too.
Saturday Dec 30 -

My little Sonja has been a very good little girl today. You have helped us do our work, nice mending and you
mixed some dough and baked your first cake. You enjoyed it very much and Mama did too to see you. This
afternoon you went out with Emma to get your bicycle. You had a very good time and
Mama was very glad you did. This evening Uncle Harry came over a few moments hence.
Sunday Dec 31 -

This had been another very lovely day for you my little girl. This morning you went out to Mrs. Semister with Papa and you had a very lovely ride. Then after 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 very happy that it did me all good to see you.

Then you had a good time having Mama and Papa read to you and tell you stories. This evening Aunt Binnie 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 breakfast dinner.

You learned for the past twelve to lie down and go down hill as you have seen the little boys do and it made you quite happy. Mama 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 days.
January 2-1400

You have made the most of this day too my little girl. This forenoon you read a good time playing with your doll and later on we conversation after one called you and Mama took a little airing. Mama rubbed you and your little clad and we went down to Auntie Wilcox for a few moments. You always have such fun with the little ones down there. You are quite surprised to each your tree given this morning.
Wednesday June 3 -

This afternoon Mamma let you go down to Aunt Currie with Aunt Bertha a little while and you had such a good time too. Then this afternoon Aunt Bertha and Ida came down to dinner and Uncle Finwick and Roy Ronhardt were in too. We had quite a reunion and something that my little done like too. You had a big time too. Now your did laugh when your Papa came in and saw so many here -
Friday June 4th

Today Mauie has not been outside only as she went after her little girl and boy once just asleep and then rushed home with Papa. Mauie now glad of the air and it did me lots of good.

My little Emma was outside with Emma and came home 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 Mama and a very happy day for you for your friend Ettie spent the day with you again. You didn't enjoy it so much. You took a good long ride in your cub and then came home and played kitchen most of the afternoon. Then this evening you were as happy as a little lamb. You were invited with Mama over to Aunt Blossine to lunch and we had a good time there.
Sunday—June 6—

This has been a very happy day for me. You were with Papa from morning until night—just enjoying every mile. He took you into town this morning to make a call. You took your doll Jessie with you to give her an airing you said. Then he took us all over to Grandma's and we spent a part of the day there then ran home and had very pleasant caller 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 miserable pleasant today but
very cold. Mamma took
a walk up town just
before supper and told
you to your little room.

You seemed to enjoy
it so much to be out
with Mamma again and
Mamma did too. We tried
hard to induce Papa to
stay with us often
but he thought he
could not but was
sent quite a happy
evening together. You
are always happy with
you
Tuesday June 8

This afternoon has been very unpleasant and Mama 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 Mama almost unhappy to think her little one could not be out any.

Then this evening you and Mama had a big dinner playing together.

Mama will soon be done making her calf and that will
Wednesday June 9 -

Today you did not seem inclined to take a nap and Mama did not get out for her calls until four o'clock. Mama took you down to Aunt Carrie and left you until she returned from her calls. You had a good visit with Marie and Russell and had a lovely time too. Then this evening you came home like a good girl and very good natured too. Mama 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 Marion went out for several calls.
You were very good Emma said and made her very little trouble.

Marion came home to find you had had a good dinner with your dolls and glad to see Marion. Marion never very tried herself and glad to get her very much needed rest
Friday June 11

Mama has not felt very well today so she has been inside the most of this day. You know engaged having her hair. We all three took our naps as you call it after dinner today and when we awoke the office men play together. Your aunt Russell had Mama all dressed up in all sorts of dresses before you got through. You both have a very bad cold and Mama 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 for my little one 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 afternoon at Aunt Bessie and this afternoon you are spending in exercising outside. You always have a good time when you are together. You went in the boat but when she came and could hardly wait until you were outside for fun. Little brother has missed your uncle and yet has been a good little boy.
Sunday June 13

Last night we had quite a surprise for Aunt Bertha. Mother came from Reed City about six o'clock and she had not looked for her at that time. You look to her from what Mama had told you as though you had always known her and she loved you many times. You all do not be fast friends. We all drove over to the farm house this afternoon and had a good time and met all the folks there and Aunt Bertha was there as well.
Monday June 13

It has not been still pleasant—today had no
need—up down to do
little shopping. We took
the bus and this has
been fun for you. Then this
morning Aunt Bertha
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 battle
one with the other. It
was fun for you & me.
Tell mom.
Tuesday June 13

This morning you and Aunt Bertha V. and Aunt Bessie C. had a sleigh ride together, the first of the season for you and I. May be the last. How you did make things merry with your little rig of laughter. It did them all good to hear you. I can tell you it's fun. Mama isn't sure where you came in and Monica thought you looked as though it were love.
Wednesday, June 16.

Today you had a jolly good time too as Mama had company in to dinner. You did behave just as Mama would have you you were a good little girl once and Mama was proud of you and loves you for it. Mama hopes her little girl can always do as well. This evening you went to bed a very tired little girl and Mama had quite a little lecture to make you are your mistake.
Thursday Jan 17th.

Today after our rainy day yesterday we went rather quiet and our head a good bit worse. I was staying in. We did take a walk outside this afternoon but outside of that we did nothing much.

How tonight? Was the first time Maria was not in the room when you went to bed, but she will not often stay for you. You are getting old enough to go on your own, though Maria has always lived to...
Friday Jan 18

Today we did not go out much through Aunt Beatrice did take you and Russell out for a ride in your cub once and you said to have a good time and she loved to do it too. I think Marica will miss her very much for she will have a spoiled only and little girl one but you will come down Marica way I think after we are alone as you always have.
Saturday June 19th.
As usual you had a big time, for Ethel came down an 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 time and lots of fresh air and then you came home and were sound asleep for bed. You did not rest very well either you or Russell.
Sunday June 20th

It has been rather a pleasant and cool day but we did not go out in the sunny sun so we all took a little walk after dinner and walked up to Aunt Jennie's. They have no babies there and you and Russell slept-strings quite well and stood up for them and you all had a good dinner. We came home there and took our little beds quite early and we all felt better in the morning.
Monday 21-

Today was stayed at home and did quite a little work 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 but very soon self. Papa kicked you into bed himself which was a treat for you more than anything.
Tuesday June 32 -

Today you both had a good time, Russell as well as you for we were at Grandpa's to spend the day. It did seem about as much good as it did as far as we had not been there in such a long time that they were almost lonely with our run.

You mother's one had no wish of sleep so consequently we had to very unruly children after reaching home but quiet and rest did much for you.
Wednesday Jan 23.

Today we did not go out any, but stayed in quite close and tried a computer and you little ones sure do good we had no trouble in finishing it quite early. Then this morning Aunt Bertha went 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. The two of them had little girls and boys that you made the very most of your time. Auntie said they behave very well and that Minnie need not worry but let you go out some for you are very good. You looked so fresh after your ride outside today—It did you lots of good.
Friday June 26th

Today you and Mama were at the farm house to spend the day and you did have such a good time that about four o'clock Uncle Herman brought me home. Then that evening we hurried you and little brother to bed for you were tired and then Aunt-Bethie went to Papa and Mama just the evening at Aunt-Bessie. We were not out late and you had been very good while you 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 their forenoon and then you and she took brother out this afternoon.

This evening nieces and aunt invited come to Aunt Bessie to dinner at 2:00. Marrie came home soon after but you, Ethel and Aunt Bessie stayed until late. You phoned to Marrie while this end told one you were lucky and that Aunt Bessie was phoning.
Sunday June 29th

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

We had Uncle Henry and Uncle Roy here to dinner and you were simply in your element. You were outside too this morning. Mamie nearly fainted for you were out in the country with Papa and helped cheer a sick man also looked for your mite continually. You always do him lots of good and you must not neglect him.
Monday June 28

This afternoon Mother went over to a Club to show Aunt Beatie T. how it was conducted.

You were at home alone with Emma.

You seemed to have a good time and were very happy when Mother returned. Little Emma was good natured too. This evening Papa stayed at home to spend the evening with us and you and I were very much delighted with that. We all had a big time.
Tuesday Jan 29.

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

Marie was out with her little

Mama took her little

Marie out this afternoon

to call on Aunt Sophie,

You were so bundled up

You scarcely felt the

Marie and I certainly

would not have done

if you had known you

had a big illness. I can tell

Sister can't help

to spend the day in

my brother's house.
Wednesday June 30

Today you have been very good natured my little one and Mamie has been pleased over it. It has been below zero all day but I think we will take a short walk up to Mrs. Hiresbridge this afternoon as she has been sick and you will enjoy seeing her too. It will do you good to get out again for a little turn. Mamie likes to get you out a little every day and has done it most any day. You have had such a good rest today.
Thursday Jan 31

It has not been still a pleasant day and Aunt Bertha went out to spend the day so you my little Son stayed quiet. 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 come in happy. Then you helped Mamma wash utensial called and that was a pleasure too.